



# CON B SKITTLES

## George Davis Cup Rd 3 Match Report Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

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It's always strange when we have to play the same opponent at skittles in quick succession, because we can usually still remember quite vividly what transpired in that match, especially if at the end of the day it was a match that we would rather forget due to suffering quite a dismal defeat. This week's match though was to be played on a fairly neutral alley because it was a cup match. We were playing at The Bristol against The Cannonballs. We needed to get back in action, dust off our balls and try to hit 'em just where it hurts, metaphorically speaking.

Playing first set for us was Cockney Al, Andy M., and Andy G. The set began fairly well with us getting a hand total of 20 which meant that we were almost in the driving seat nice and early on in the match. Andy M. managed to get our first spare of the night of 11 on his third hand which gave him a set total of 45 which wasn't bad. This, however, was not the highest score of the night. That came later in the match. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, a 5, seven 6's, three 7's, an 8, three 9's and the 11 spare. This gave us other player set totals of 37 and 40 which gave us a set total of 122. The Cannonballs took a little while getting the fuse lit because they couldn't seem to get anything higher than an 8. Their breakdown for this set was seven 5's, five 6's, two 7's and four 8's. These gave them player totals of 39, 34 and 38 which gave them a set total of 111. We had won the first set by 11 pins which was a good start. Could we keep up this good fortune?

The second set consisted of Paul, Steve T. and Doug. Once again the set began well with a hand total of 25. The range of pins we hit were fairly even with the majority of them being 6's. Alas we couldn't get higher than a 9 but all pins counted in this match and the result was going to be determined only by the number of pins hit during the match. The breakdown for this set was a 3, eight 6's, three 7's, four 8's and two 9's. Our player totals for this set were 42, 37 and 43 which gave us a set total once more of 122. The Cannonballs by now seemed to have found the dryer matches because N. Wride hit a good 14 spare on his first hand, but then hit a 15 spare on his fifth hand which gave him a set total of 54. M. Sinclair also had a good set because he hit a 16 spare on his final hand. This spare also helped him score 54, so well done to them. These were not their highest scores this was to come a little later in the match. Their breakdown for this set was three 4's, four 6's, four 8's, four 9's, a 14 spare, a 15 spare and a 16 spare. The other player total for this set was 41 which when added to the two 54's gave them a set total of a phenomenal 149. They had won this set by 27 pins which meant that they were now in the lead by 16 pins. We needed to get a grip and bring things back into profit.

The third set consisted of Grandad, John C. And Grant. The set began with us getting a first hand total of 20. Grant played a good strong set by hitting an average of 8 pins per hand which gave him a set total of 48 which turned out to be our highest score of the night and without a spare too. In fact none of our players on this set could get a spare because the highest score this set was a 9. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 4, two 5's, two 6's, three 7's, eight 8's, and a 9. The player totals for this set were 38, 39 and 48 which gave us a set total of 125. The Cannonballs seemed not to play as well as the previous set on most of the hands except D. Walker hit mainly 7's with a couple of 9's thrown in for good measure, but then on his final hand hit a good 16 spare



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which catapulted him into the lead for their players and took the highest score crown with an excellent score of 55 so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, three 6's, six 7's, three 8's two 9's and the 16 spare. The other two players for this set were 39 and 36 which gave them a set total of 130. They had won this set as well, this time by just 5 pins which meant that they were now in the lead by 21 pins. We needed to have a good final set if we were to be victorious in this match and progress on to the next round in the George Davis Cup.

The final set consisted of Dixie, Dave and Captain Woody. The set began on a good solid footing when Dave hit an excellent 15 spare on his first hand. The rest of his set tailed off a little but he still ended up with a score of 47 which was still very good, so well done to him. Alas we couldn't get any more spares on this set. The breakdown for this set was four 5's, five 6's, four 7's, an 8, three 9's and the 15 spare. The other totals for us were 44 and 37 and our set total was a good 128. The Cannonballs tried to emulate us on this set because J. Thomas hit a good 14 spare on his first hand then kept an even keel which consisted of mainly 8's and a 7. This gave him a player total of a good 53. The breakdown for them on this set was three 4's, seven 6's, two 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 14 spare. Their other player totals for this set was 32 and 38 and their set total was just 123. We had won this final set but only by 5 pins. The match totals for this game was 497 to us and 513 to The Cannonballs. We had lost the match by 16 pins, this was disappointing to say the least which meant that we were now out of the George Davis Cup.

We shall be in action again this week on Friday when we shall be playing at The Century Club in Worle against The Depoteers in the Front Pin Cup, so look back sometime over the next few days for the report on that important match.