



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 11th November 2011

Thanks to last week's excellent win over The Breakaways for the second time and The Persuaders losing another match we were fortunate enough to move up the table by a place, which is always good. Our opponents this week were The Wookurs who were in the position above us in the table and were only four points in front. If we were to be successful in this match we would need to win by at least 8 pins to ensure that we would either stay in our current place or even move up another place. The strange thing about this match though, was that we both play at the Conservative Club but on alternate weeks. Although we were on our home alley, we were in effect the away team. So, how did it go? Read on and see...

Playing first for us was Andy M., Doug and 'edgehog. The set began fairly reasonably because between us we managed to score 23. During this set we all had a slightly bad hand where a 3 and some 4's were scored, these seemed to upset the momentum a little. There were no spares hit at all on this set but that didn't seem to bother Doug because he managed to score a good 43 without one, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, three 4's, four 6's, seven 7's, two 8's and a 9. The other two player totals were 35. These helped to give us a set total of 113. The Wookurs on the face of it played a strong set which was enhanced by G. Porter who didn't hit anything less than a 6 but alas could not get a spare either. His total was 44 which, as it happened, turned out to be their highest score of the match so well done to him. The other two players tried valiantly to keep up the pressure, but alas could just not seem to make the grade. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, two 4's, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, five 8's and a 9. Their other two player totals were 33 and 37. This gave them a set total of 114. They had won the first set by a single pin and had taken the first points of the match. It was starting to look very close.

The second set consisted of Kojak, Grandad and Andy G. This set didn't quite go the same as the first one because there seemed to be a few more 3's and 5's. Once more though, none of the players could hit above a 9 so again there was not any spares to write home about. The breakdown for this set was two 3's, six 5's, three 6's, four 7's, two 8's and a 9. This gave us player totals of two 35's and 37 which gave us a set total of 107. The Wookurs on the other hand seemed to be having a slightly worse time than us because one of their players suffered with a 1 and a 3. Things didn't seem to improve very much for them because they could not get above an 8. The spares were definitely not coming out to play for this match. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, a 3, four 5's, six 6's, four 7's and two 8's. Their player totals were 38, 29 and 36 which gave them a set total of 103. We had won this set by just 4 pins. This meant that the match was all square as far as points were concerned and we had edged into the lead by just 3 pins. Could this continue?

The third set consisted of Paul, John C. and Dixie. Once more the spares were not going to show their faces, but at least we did manage to hit six 8's which was a bonus, except that a couple of 3's crept in to upset the proceedings a little. The breakdown for this set was two 3's, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's and six 8's which gave us player totals of 38, 33 and 42 and a set total of 113. The Wookurs seemed to be having the same bad fortune too because one of their players hit a 2 on his first hand but then suffered with a V/C on his fourth. Once more they couldn't get a spare with their highest score being a 9. Their breakdown of this set was the V/C, a 2, a 4, four 5's, five 7's, five 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 30, 43 and 37 which gave them a set total of 110. We had



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won this set by 3 pins which meant that we were in the lead by 6 pins and now had 4 points on the board. The match was looking like it was going to go to the wire. Would we be lucky?

The final set consisted of Grant, Cockney Al, and Captain Woody. For us this seemed to be our strongest set, because Grant managed to get the only spare of the match on his fifth hand when he hit a 12 spare. This gave him our highest score of the night of 46 so well done to him. By comparison the other players couldn't seem to get the connections that they so desperately wanted because they couldn't get any higher than an 8. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, five 5's, two 6's, four 7's, four 8's and the 12 spare. The other player totals for this set was 36 and 35 which gave us a set total of 117. The Wookurs seemed to move up a gear by playing a fairly strong set which consisted of mainly 6's and 7's. They did have a slight dip when a couple of 4's crept in, but they manage to get a 9 too. As I have already mentioned above Grant hit the only spare of the night. The Wookurs' breakdown for this set was two 4's, seven 6's, six 7's, an 8 and a 9. Their player totals for this set were 38, 42 and 38 which gave them a set total of 118. They had won this final set by just a single pin! The overall totals for this set was 445 to them and 450 to us. We had won the match by just 5 pins! This meant that we had secured a much needed win and had put a nice 10 points on the board. This should mean that we ought to move above them in the table and depending on how The Persuaders performed would determine if they stay at the bottom or not. We won't know this until next week when the Central Skittles League publishes the other results on their site.

Next week we will be back on our alley against The Cannonballs. This should be a good match too because they seem to be having a good season so far and are riding fairly high in the table. The following week we will be busy with the George Davis Cup Rd 3 on Wednesday and the Front Pin Rd 1 on Friday. The details about these matches can be found out the Cup Match page of our site and the fixtures page.

Well that just about wraps things up for this week. Call back next week for the next instalment of life with the Con B.