



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 16th December 2011

Still on a high from last week's excellent win against the Division 2 leaders The Box Tops, we were in good spirits because we were due to play against the third position team the WAFC, who had also suffered a defeat last week at the hands of The Reptiles. Could we continue the trend of beating better, higher placed teams? Read on and see what happened...

Playing first for us was Andy M., Steve T. and 'edgehog. The set began fairly well with a hand total of 21. Things trotted along quite nicely with some of the scores matching those of The WAFC. The main turning point for us came in the fifth hand when Steve hit an excellent 13 spare which gave him a score of 47. This though, was not the highest score, that would come later in the match. The breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, two 5's, six 6's, two 7's five 8's and the 13 spare. Our other player totals for this set were 39 and 34 which gave us a set total of 120. The WAFC played a steady set but couldn't score anything higher than a 9, but by contrast their lowest was only a 4. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's and the 9. Their player totals for this set was 40 and two 37's and their set total was just 114. We had secured first set victory by 6 pins and had the first points on the board.

The second set consisted of Dixie, John C. and Andy G. This set didn't quite go the way it had been planned to do but we did manage to hit seven 7's over the duration of the set but alas we couldn't get above a 9. Despite all that the overall scores were reasonable. The breakdown for this set was a 3, three 5's, three 6's, seven 7's, three 8's and a 9. Our player totals for this set were 38 and two 40's. The WAFC did, however, pull a so say rabbit out of the hat when S. Carter hit an excellent 12 spare on his fourth hand which in turn gave him their highest score of the night of 48 so well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was a 5, six 6's, four 7's, five 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. Their other two players' scores were 43 and 39. Their set total was 130 which meant that they had won the set by 12 pins thus levelling the score at two points each and they were now 6 pins in front. It was beginning to look interesting.

The third set consisted of Grandad, Paul and Doug. This set had its highs and lows with one of the players hitting a 3 and a 4, but Doug hit a good 12 spare on his second hand and continued to play well throughout the remainder of the set to end up with a score of 50, so well done to him. But this was not our highest score either! That would come later in the match! The breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, three 7's, seven 8's and the 12 spare. The other player totals for this set were 40 and 33. The WAFC seemed to have been caught napping a little because they seemed a little off the mark with a couple of 4's and some 6's being thrown in for good measure. They could only get as high as a 9 during the set but at least they did manage to get two of them. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's, four 8's and two 9's. Their player totals for this set were 35, 41 and 43 which gave them a set total of just 119. We had won this set by 4 pins which meant that they were just slightly in the lead by 2 pins, but we had a nice 4 points on the board. It couldn't be much closer as we head on into the final set of the final match of 2011.

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. Cockney Al began well, or at least that's what we thought when he got a spare, but alas it turned out only to be a 9 spare which



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was rather a shame to say the least. Captain Woody not wanting to be outdone on the spares front hit a fantastic 16 spare on his second hand thus giving him a set total of 51 which was our highest score of the night so well done to him. Dave, not wanting to feel left out as far as the spares were concerned cannoned through a good 12 spare on his final hand but alas he only ended up with a score of 42. Still a valiant effort though. Our breakdown for this set was a 4, two 5's, five 6's, three 7's, two 8's, the 9 spare, the 12 spare and the 16 spare. Our other player score was 42 which gave us a set total of an excellent 135. The WAFC did not want to be left out in the cold so they too tried their luck with a couple of spares. M. Evans hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand which gave him a player total of 44 and M. Poland hit a 14 spare on his fifth hand but only ended the set with a score of 41. The breakdown for them on this set was three 4's, two 5's, three 6's, seven 8's, the 13 spare and the 14 spare. The other player total for this set was also 44 and their set total was 129. We had won this final set by just 6 pins.

The final match totals were 492 to The WAFC and 496 to us. We had beaten them by just 4 pins thus adding a nice 12 points to our overall season total. We can now enjoy the festivities over this Christmas time until we begin the second half of the season on 6th January when we shall be playing at The Boro Club against The Depoteers.

This is the final report for 2011 as we move forward into a couple of weeks break. Don't forget to come back and join us in 2012 as The Con B's continue the onslaught in Division 2. This just leaves me time to wish all my readers a Happy Christmas and better 2012. See you all next year.

