



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 16th September 2011

Things don't seem to have been going our way for the past two weeks, but at least we gained two points per match each time. There have been a couple of teams who, as yet, are still trying to break their duck. This week we were playing at The Victoria Bowling Club against The Falcons. Although they have yet to win a match this season they have in fact been slightly more successful than us because they are just above us in the table with six points to their credit. This could prove to be an interesting match.

Playing first set for us was Grant, Steve T. and 'edgehog. The set began fairly well with Grant and Steve both hitting 6's. We thought that things were beginning to go to plan when all three players managed to hit a few 8's and 'edgehog scored a good 9. The breakdown for this set was a 3, five 5's, four 6's, three 7's, four 8's and a 9 which gave us player totals of 38, 34 and 42 giving us a set total of 114. The Falcons playing on their own alley and knowing how it was running seemed to have the upper hand to a certain extent because they managed to hit a few 9's. One player did, however, only manage to hit a 1 on his third hand which was a shame for him. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, two 5's, three 6's, four 7's, four 8's and four 9's. This gave them player totals of 38, 42 and 45 and a set total of 125. They had won the first set by 11 pins and also had two points on the board. We didn't really want, or need this sort of start to a match. Could we improve on the proceedings?

The second set consisted of Andy M., Doug and Andy G. This set began rather badly for us because Andy M. could only muster a score of 2 and Doug only did a little better by hitting 4. Andy G. seemed to be keeping the set alive by his self because he hit a 7. Things didn't improve much on the second hand either for Andy M. and Doug because they could both only manage to hit 4's. Andy G. seemed to sense that he needed to pull something half decent out of the bag and did so by hitting an excellent 14 spare. This seemed to lift our spirits a little which meant that the other scores seemed to improve a little too. Andy G. seemed to be on fire and went on to hit our highest score of the night and also the season so far of 50 so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, four 4's, a 5, two 6's, five 7's, four 8's and the 14 spare. The other player totals were 30 and 36 which gave us a set total of 116 when added to the 50. The Falcons seemed not to realise what had hit them for this set because they seemed to lose a little focus. They did manage to hit a couple of 9's but no spares were forthcoming for them though. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, a 3, two 4's, four 5's, two 6's, five 7's, an 8 and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 38, 33 and 34 and a set total of just 105. We had won the second set by 11 pins which meant that the match was totally tied at this time with both teams on two points each. Could this now be our time to shine in this match?

The third set consisted of Paul, John C. and Neil. The set began well with us having a firsthand total of 20. Things improved some more when Paul hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand but because he had had a couple of slightly poorer hands previously, this didn't really give him as high a score overall that he had hoped. The player breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, two 5's, five 6's, five 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 13 spare. The player totals for this set was 38, 40 and 37 which gave us a set total of 115. The Falcons regrouped their attack. K. Tozer hit an excellent 17 spare on his third hand which helped catapult him into hitting their highest score of the match of 51 so well



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done to him. S. Chilcott also had a good set because he hit a 14 spare on his second hand and went on to score 47, again well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, two 5's, seven 6's, five 8's, a 9, the 14 spare and the 17 spare. The other player total was 38 which helped them to gain a set total of 136. They had won the third set by 21 pins and had taken the lead by points too. Things seemed to be slipping slightly from us. Could we pull together and gain a much needed victory?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. The set got off to a good start with Al hitting a good 9. This was a little short lived and his good fortune soon began to subside. The rest of the set was populated with many 7's but alas no further spares were forthcoming, which was a shame. The breakdown for this set was a 2, six 5's, four 6's, four 7's, an 8 and two 9's. The player totals were 34 and two 38's and a set total of 110. The Falcons began from where they seemed to leave off from the last set with M. Gregory hitting a good 14 spare on his first hand. This meant that he managed to hit a good score of 44 so well done to him. The strange thing was though that A. Wiseman also hit 44, but he hit his without a spare! The breakdown for this set for them was three 4's, two 5's, two 6's, five 7's, two 8's, three 9's and the 14 spare. Their other player total was 38 and their set total was 126. They had won the final set by 16 pins. The overall match totals were 492 to The Falcons and 455 to us. We had lost the match by 37 pins.

So there you have it, our match was another fatality. We had come away from the match again with only 2 points. But we were, however, not the only casualty of the match that night because during the game a crane fly (daddy longlegs) was zipping up and down the alley minding his own business, then, midway through the match he had a rest, right on the centre of the alley just as one of the players rolled his ball down. The balls, being heavy and the insect being oh, so very small, when one meets the other what do you think happens?..... Yep! "Road Kill!" – Poor poor crane fly!!



Next week we will be back on our own alley against The Century A whom at the time of this report were only just above the Falcons, also with 6 points. The Cup match details for the following week are now also available on the Cup Match page.