



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 23rd September 2011

So far, this season, things don't seem to be going our way because we have only managed to score 6 points from the last three matches, which is an average of just 2 per game. Add to that the death on the alley last week (see previous report!) and this season is yet to really get started for us. Either our opponents are better this season than last or we cannot get the balance of players' right on the various sets to give us the much needed edge. Could we improve this week back on our own alley against The Century A. Read on and see...

Playing first for us was Doug, Kojak and 'edgehog. The set began fairly well with us hitting a first total hand score of 19 thanks to Doug's opening 8. He played a relatively strong set throughout only dipping a little on his fourth hand when he could only manage a 5. Kojak tried valiantly to help with the onslaught by hitting a string of four good 7's. 'edgehog supported the others well with his efforts. Our breakdown for this set was a 1, three 5's, three 6's, seven 7's, three 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 43, 35 and 38 which gave us a set total of 116. The Century A seemed a little uncomfortable on our alley this season and their scores seemed to reflect this because a 3 and a couple of 4's crept into the mix to upset their apple cart. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, six 5's, two 6's, two 7's, three 8's, and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 37, 35 and 37 and a set total of 109. We had won the first set by 7 pins. Not a bad start to the match. Could we continue with this good fortune?

Playing on the second set was Paul, Grant and Grandad. This set didn't quite go the way of the first set because we were unfortunate enough to hit a 2 and a 3 amongst the various hands which slightly dented our run a little. The breakdown for this set was a 2, a 3, two 4's, a 5, three 6's, seven 7's and three 8's. This gave us player totals of 33, 36 and 40 and a set total of just 109. The Century A seemed to sense a change of fortune. L. Clark played a good set to achieve their highest score of 45 and without a spare, which was quite a feat to say the least. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, two 5's, five 6's, four 7's, three 8's and two 9's. This gave them player totals of 35, 45 and 38 which gave them a set total of 118. They had won the second set by 9 pins which meant that they were now in the lead by just two pins but we were all square on the points at two each. This was beginning to look very interesting indeed.

The third set consisted of Swifty, John C. and Dixie. Dixie was off to a good start on this set when he hit a good 13 spare on his first hand. This was monumental in him gaining our highest score of the night of 46, which was only one more than that of The Century A in the previous set. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 4, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's and the 13 spare. The other player totals for this set were 36 and 34 which gave us a set total of 116. The Century A didn't quite know how to respond to that because again they hit a couple of lower scores of a 2 and a 3. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, a 3, a 4, four 5's, five 6's, five 7's and a 9. This gave them player totals of 35, 29 and 39 and a set total of just 103. We had won the third set by 13 pins so we were now in the lead by just 11 pins and now had 4 points on the board. Things certainly were looking up for us at this point in the match.

The final set consisted of Neil, Dave and Captain Woody. This seemed to be a bit of a mixed bag for us as far as scores were concerned because a nasty V/C crept in along with a 1 and a 2.



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Things looked up a little when Dave hit a good 13 spare on his third hand but it only gave him a player total of just 45. Not a bad effort though. The complete breakdown for this set was a V/C, a 1, a 2, a 3, a 4, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. The player totals was 29, 45 and 32 which gave us a set total of 106. The Century A seemed to pull out a few stops but they could still only hit mainly 7's with a couple of 8's thrown in for good measure. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, two 5's, five 6's, seven 7's, two 8's and a 9 which gave them player totals of 37, 39 and 42 and a set total of 118. They had won the final set by 12 pins.

The overall totals for this match were 447 to us and 448 to The Century A. They had won the match by a single pin overall thus taking the final available match points which meant that we lost 4 points to 10. This was certainly a better result than we had had previously so things do seem to be on the up, a little.

Next week sees the start of the various cup competitions. As you already know we have a bye into the second round in the George Davis Cup, but we are playing at The Lamb against The Depoteers on Friday 30th September in the Knock Out cup. So see you all then.