



# CON B SKITTLES

## Match Report Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

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Finally the wait is over. The new season has got off to a flying start. Some teams have returned to their original divisions, while others have either been promoted or relegated. But one thing remains certain, we are all ready for the same things, these being playing skittles and hoping to win along the way. The first match kicking off our second season in the second division was played on home soil against The Depoteers.

Playing first set for us was Andy M, Paul and 'edgehog. Things began quite well with two of us hitting 8's. Things seemed to keep on a fairly even keel with a few nice 7's. Alas, however, a couple of 4's and 5's crept in just to keep things interesting. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, two 5's, a 6, eight 7's and five 8's. These gave us player totals of 38, 39 and 43. The 43 was one of our highest scores of this first match. The second one came in the second set. Our overall set total was a reasonable 120. The Depoteers seemed to take a little while to get going because each of their players hit three 5's these were broken with a few 7's and 8's. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, nine 5's, three 6's, three 7's and two 8's. These gave them player totals of 30, 38 and 35 which gave them a set total of just 103. We had won the first set by a nice 17 pins and had gained our first points in this new season. Things were certainly looking good.

Playing on our second set was a new player by the name of Grant. He was supported by Grandad and Doug. Doug got off to a flying start by hitting our only spare of the night on his first hand. This was an excellent 13 spare which contributed in him also scoring 43 which meant he shared the high score crown for this week with 'edgehog, so very well done to him too. Nothing else in this set really stood out worth mentioning in this report. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, a 4, six 5's, four 6's, two 7's, two 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. The player totals for this set was 32, 38 and 43 which gave us a set total of 113. The Depoteers now seemed to have got back into the swing of things because two players hit spares. B. Gregory hit a good 13 spare (also on his first hand) and J. Nipper hit an 11 spare on his fifth hand. Despite these spares neither of them managed to gain enough overall pins to get their highest score of the night. This was to come in the third set. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, three 5's, four 6's, three 7's, three 8's, a 9, the 11 spare and the 13 spare. These gave them player totals of 34, 47 and 42 which gave them a set total of 123. They had won the second set by 10 pins thus reducing our overall profit to just seven pins and the match was now even as far as points were concerned. It was still anybody's match.

The third set consisted of Swifty, John C. and Dixie. This set for us seemed to be going ok with Swifty hitting a couple of good 8's. There were a few 6's too to add to the scores but towards the middle things began to look a little shaky. The breakdown for our players on this set was three 3's, three 5's, six 6's, three 7's and three 8's which gave us player totals of 38, 28 and 39. Our set total was 105. The Depoteers on the other hand seemed to sense a slight chink in our armour and began to hammer the balls home. D. Sharp played a phenomenal set with him not scoring anything lower than a 7 but he also hit a fantastic 12 spare on his fifth hand which helped catapult him into gaining their highest score of the night of 50 so very well done to him indeed. Their breakdown of scores for this set was a 3, a 4, two 5's, a 6, seven 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 12 spare. The other player totals for this set was 36 and 39. Their set total was 125. Unfortunately this meant that they



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had won this set by 20 pins and we were now trailing by 13 pins and were now behind by two points on the game. Could we pull it back on the final set?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Andy G. and Captain Woody. Just when we thought things could not get any worse, they did. A few 4's crept in to the mix meaning that we would need to get some better scores as the set progressed. Alas this did not quite go the way we planned, but we were holding our own where we could. The breakdown for us on this set was a 3, two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's, three 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 38, 36 and 37 and a set total of 111. The Depoteers played a steady set ensuring that as many of their balls counted as possible. The real upset on this set came when R. Richards hit a good 13 spare on his second hand which meant that their team had hit four spares during the night compared to our single one. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, three 5's, six 6's, five 7's, an 8, a 9 and the 13 spare. These gave them player totals of 41, 37 and 41. Their set total was 119. They had won the set by 8 pins and had taken the final points of the match. The final totals for this match were 449 to us and 470 to them. We had lost the match by 21 pins and 12 points to 2.

So there you have it, the first match over and we were unfortunate. At least we had scored something on this match so it wasn't all bad. Next week we will be playing at The Workingmens club against The Reptiles. Last time we played against them we were in the third division so in theory it should be a good match. Only time will tell...