



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 4th November 2011

You could say that in extreme cases one or two skittles matches could be like busses. You don't see one for what seems like ages, then, two come at once. This is what seems to have happened here. Last week we were playing in the successful cup match at The Balmoral against The Breakaways, and here we are this week playing on our own alley, once more against them. Could we do the double and win again bearing in mind that they are a lot higher up the table than we are currently.

Playing first set for us was Doug, Grant and 'edgehog. Doug had a bit of a slow lumbering start with a 3, but soon picked up a heavy weight of pins when he managed a couple of 8's and a 7 with a good 14 spare on his fourth hand. This gave him a player total of a good 46 which was not a bad opening for the match. 'edgehog played a good steady set with consistent scores, then on his final hand, he too managed a good 14 spare which gave him a player total of 47. The strange thing about these two scores was that they were not the highest. This was to come later in the match. The breakdown for us on this set was two 3's, a 4, a 5, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the two 14 spares. The other player total was 35 which gave us a set total of 128. The Breakaways began well with a firsthand total of 20. Things looked very much like they were going to break away from the pack when B. Mousley and P. Phillips hit spares on their fourth hands of a 10 and a 12 respectively. None of these gave them their highest score of the match; this was to come a little later. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, two 3's, four 5's, two 6's, three 7's, four 8's, the 10 spare and the 12 spare. Their player totals for this set were 44, 30 and 40 which gave them a set total of 114. We had won the first set by a good 14 pins and had the first points on the board. This was beginning to look good.

The second set consisted of Paul, Swifty and Grandad. Paul played a really steady set which consisted of mainly 6's with a 7 at the end for good measure. Grandad played a good set too but just couldn't quite get the spare he was after. He did very well though to end up with a player total of 45. The breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, a 5, six 6's, four 7's, three 8's and a 9. The player totals for this set were 37, 31 and 45 which gave us a set total of 113. The Breakaways didn't quite have the break that they wanted on this set because they could not get any higher than an 8 of which they hit seven. S. Sharland played their most productive set which consisted of 7's and 8's which meant that he hit their highest score of the night of 46, so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's and seven 8's. Their player totals for this set was 37, 46 and 38. They had won this set by 8 pins which meant that we were now only in the lead by 6 pins and we were all level as far as points were concerned.

The third set consisted of Dixie, John C. and Neil. The set overall was a bit of a mixed bag as far as scores were concerned because they ranged from a couple of 2's up to and including a 9 spare. Thankfully all the pins counted and there was no cause for any real concern. The breakdown for this set was two 2's, three 5's, six 6's, a 7, three 8's and three 9's including the 9 spare. The player totals for this set were two 37's and 39 which gave us a set total once more of 113. The Breakaways also seemed to have a mixture of good and bad hands but G. Bond did manage to hit a 10 spare on his third hand but this only gave him a total of 38. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, four 5's, four 6's, four 7's, three 8's, a 9 and the 10 spare. Their player totals for this set were 39, 38 and 42 which



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gave them a set total of 119. They had won this set as well by 6 pins which meant that the game was now level as far as pins were concerned, but they were now ahead on points. This was going to be a very close match and was looking to end with a nail biting conclusion.

The final set consisted of Andy G., Dave and Captain Woody. It looked like things were going to go badly wrong for us on this set because all three of our players hit a 4 on one of their six hands. Captain Woody picked up the pace very nicely when he hit an excellent 15 spare on his second hand and a good 9 spare on his fourth. These helped him immensely and gave him our highest score of the night of 50 so well done to him. The complete breakdown for this set was three 4's, three 5's, two 6's, four 7's, four 8's, the 9 spare and the 15 spare. The player totals for this set were 35, 38 and 50 which gave us a set total of 123. The Breakaways took a while getting going on this set because one of their players suffered with a V/C on his fourth hand. S. Malone hit a good 12 spare on his third hand which helped as did the 9 spare by J. Trenchore and the 9 spare by D. Pigott on his final hand. Their breakdown for this set was a V/C, a 1, two 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's, two 9 spares and the 12 spare. These gave them player totals of 30 and two 44's. These gave them a set total of 118. We had won the final set by 5 pins.

The final totals for this match were 477 to us and 472 to them and we had scored 10 points to their 4. This was a much needed victory. Would this be enough to drag us up from the bottom of the table? We won't know if this is successful until the rest of the weeks results are published on the main CSL website next week.

For the record we are back on our alley again next week, but we are playing The Wookurs, we, though, are the away team because we both play on the same alley which is very strange indeed. See you all next week.