



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 6th January 2012

Welcome back to the skittles season and the first match for us in 2012. I trust that you all had a good Christmas and New Year Celebration and that you had much needed breaks where possible. So now it's on with the show and the start of the second half of the season. If you remember from the last few weeks, we were fortunate enough to have won our last couple of matches and moving out of the relegation area of the table. For our first match we were playing against The Depoteers, they beat us on our first match on our alley back in September, if my memory serves me correctly; this is our fourth meeting this season. They beat us again at the end of September in the Knock Out cup. The tables were turned in our favour when we beat them in the Front Pin Cup around the end of November, so could we continue our good fortune and beat them again but this time on their alley at The Boro Club? So without further ado, let's get on with the action...

Playing first set was Swifty, Steve T. and Doug. The entire set seemed to be a fairly close mix of pins when looked at as a whole, but individual scores looked to be telling a bit of a different story. We did suffer a little with a couple of low scores, but this being the first match after Christmas and with us all being a little rusty we had to get the muscles warmed up and active again. There was nothing really special about our set except that we did manage a good range of 6's, 7's and 8's to make things interesting. The breakdown for us on this set was a V/C, a 2, a 5, five 6's, five 7's and five 8's. These gave us player totals of 28, 39 and 45 which gave us a set total of a good 112. The Depoteers looked like they were doing a little better when D. Sharp hit their first spare of the night on his fourth hand of 13. This though, didn't really give him much of an edge because he could still only score 37! Their breakdown for this set was a 1, three 4's, three 5's, three 6's, two 7's, four 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. Their other player totals for this set was 38 and 39 which gave them a set total overall of just 114. They had won the first set but only by 2 pins, so it was still very close and we certainly had a good chance of improvement.

The second set consisted of Grant, Grandad, and Cockney Al. This set was certainly a good set for us as far as spares were concerned because Grant hit a 13 spare on his second hand to give him a player total of 42, but Grandad hit a 14 spare on his fourth hand which gave him our highest score of the night of 53, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, three 5's, two 6's, four 7's, four 8's, a 9, the 13 spare and the 14 spare. Our other player total for this set was 36 which gave us a set total of 131. The Depoteers battled on furiously to gain the upper hand. It looked like they would do it too when G. Davis hit a 12 spare on his second hand to give him a player total of 41. J. Nipper, on the other hand, hit a good 15 spare on his final hand to give him their highest score of 52 so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's, four 8's, a 9, the 12 spare and the 15 spare. Their other player total for this set was 38 which resulted in them also having a set total of 131. We had drawn this set to give us a point each. We were still trailing by two pins and two points, but it was certainly still very close indeed going into the third set.

The third set consisted of Kojak, John C. and Andy G. This set seemed not to have as much pace as the previous two sets because there were a few lower scores cluttering up the board. This was soon dispensed with when Andy G. hit an excellent 17 spare on his final hand which gave him a



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player total of 50, so well done to him. This almost gave him the coveted 18 spare prize so that will roll over a little longer! The breakdown for us on this set was four 4's, two 5's, a 6, four 7's, two 8's, two 9's and the 17 spare. The player totals for this set were 35, 39 and 50 which gave us a set total of 124. The Depoteers couldn't really match the performance of Andy G because they couldn't hit anything above an 8. Their breakdown for this set was two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's and five 8's. These gave them player totals of 39, 37 and 38 which gave them a set total of 114. We had won this set by 10 pins which meant that we were now marginally in the lead by 8 pins, but we were all square on the points. This was certainly turning out to be an interesting match to say the least.

The final set consisted of Neil, Dave and Captain Woody. We couldn't really rest on our laurels with the match being in such a crucial place so the pressure was well and truly on and it showed too when a 2 was scored during the third hand. Things took an upturn when Captain Woody hit an excellent 16 spare on his fourth hand to give him a player total of 51 so well done to him. The complete breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 5, four 6's, five 7's, three 8's, two 9's and the 16 spare. The other two player totals for this set were 35 and 47. Our set total was 133. The Depoteers fought back valiantly and didn't hit anything lower than a 6, but by comparison they couldn't quite get the spares that they seemed to be playing to get. Their breakdown for this set was three 6's, five 7's, seven 8's and three 9's. These gave them player totals of 45, 43 and 48 which gave them a set total of 136. They had won this final set by 3 pins.

The overall totals for this match were 500 to us and 495 to them. We had won the match by just 5 pins and had secured 9 points on the match. We had won our third match in a row and equalled the defeats and wins over the last few times of playing The Depoteers.

Next week we shall be back on our own alley playing against The Reptiles, last time we played them we lost 12 – 2. Can we pull it out of the bag and win this match too?

The Cup draw for the Front Pin has also been announced and you can find the details on the Cup Match page of this web site.

See you next week for the next thrilling instalment of the Con B Skittles team.