



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 9th September 2011

After our somewhat disastrous start to the season last week against The Depoteers, we needed to get our act together this week and get something decent going our way. This week we were playing at The Workingmens club against The Reptiles. After looking at their scores from the main CSL skittles site for their first match of the season we knew that we might have a slight uphill battle on our hands with them having a 12 – 2 win over The Falcons. Not wishing to let this get to us we pressed on with the match.

Playing first set for us was Andy M., Kojak, and 'edgehog. It began ok with us hitting 18 between us on our first hand. Not a huge amount but any pins we hit would be added to the overall score in a bid to be successful on this match. Things dipped a little on the second hand when we only hit 17 between us. Things picked up a little towards the middle of the set which was good to see. Our breakdown for this set was two 4's, four 5's, five 6's, a 7, five 8's and a 9. Our player totals were 36, 37 and 41 which gave us a set total of just 114. The Reptiles, still on what seemed to be a high from their first weeks' success, appeared not to put a foot or should I say a ball wrong because all three of their players hit a spare. None of them, however, hit enough to give them their highest score of the night. This was to come later in the match. Their breakdown for this set was a 4, three 5's, six 6's, four 8's, a 9, a 10 spare, a 13 spare and a 14 spare. These gave them player totals of two 45's and a 43 which gave them a set total of a massive 133. They had won the first set by 19 pins and had the first points on the board. Not the sort of start to a match we had envisaged.

The second set consisted of Steve T., Paul and Doug. This set for us seemed to go a little better because both Paul and Doug hit our first spares of the match. Paul hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand which gave him a set total of 45. This in fact was our teams' highest score of the night so very well done to him. Doug also had his spare on his fourth hand. His was only a 10 spare but he just couldn't get above Paul's score. He only managed a 43. It was still a very good effort though. The overall breakdown for this set was two 4's, a 5, five 6's, seven 7's, an 8, the 10 spare and the 13 spare. Our other player total was 35 and our set total was 123. The Reptiles did not have such a good set as their previous one but R. Millett hit two spares, a 13 spare on his fourth hand and a 14 spare on his final hand. These contributed in him getting a massive score of 55. Their complete breakdown for this set was a 3, a 4, a 5, four 6's, five 7's, three 8's, a 9, the 13 spare and the 14 spare. As well as the 55 the other player totals were 39 and 37 which gave them a set total of 131. They had taken the second set as well increasing their overall lead to 27 pins and they now had four points on the board.

The third set consisted of Andy G., John C and Dixie. Both Andy G. and John C hit spares. Andy hit a good 12 spare on his final hand and John C. hit a good 13 spare on his fourth hand. These contributed in them hitting 43 and 35. It was still a very good effort. The complete breakdown for this set was a 1, three 3's, two 4's, two 5's, four 6's, three 7's, an 8, the 12 spare and the 13 spare. Dixie could only manage 28. The set total for us on this set was 106. The Reptiles seemed to not have such a dynamic set as before because none of them could manage a spare this time. They did, however, hit three 9's. The complete breakdown for this set was two 3's, three 4's, three 5's, four 6's, three 7's and three 9's. Their player totals were 30, 37 and 38 which gave them a set total of just 105. We had taken this set by a single pin thus reducing the overall pin deficit to just 26 pins



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and we had gained two valuable points as well. Things seemed to be changing a little. Could we continue this good fortune?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Grandad and Captain Woody. This set seemed to dip a little as far as the scores were concerned as they were hit, but as you look at the entire score grid it did not look quite so bad. Alas we couldn't get anything higher than an 8, but we did soldier on as best we could. Our breakdown for this set was two 3's, a 4, three 5's, five 6's, three 7's and four 8's. These gave us player totals of 35, 33 and 40 and a set total of 108. The Reptiles fought on with style. P. Stacey hit a good 17 spare on his second hand which gave him a score of 49. The breakdown for The Reptiles was a 3, six 5's, a 6, two 7's, six 8's, a 9 and the 17 spare. The other player totals were 38 and 49 which gave them a set total of 127. They had taken this set by another 19 pins. The overall totals were 496 to them and 451 to us. The Reptiles had won the match by 45 pins and had won the game by 12 points to 2 the same as we had done in our match last week.

Next week we will be in action at The Victoria Bowling Club against The Falcons who as per the latest table on the CSL site also had had a bad start to the season like us. Can we be victorious on this match? We'll just have to wait and see.