



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Friday 18th November 2011

Due to our success last week over our Away/Home Match against The Wookurs we managed to climb up the table to eleventh place, which is the highest we have been so far this season. Now we seem to be having a good run of luck we'd hoped that this good fortune would continue this week against The Cannonballs whom at the time of this report, were sitting quite comfortably in fifth place.

Playing first for us was Steve T., Andy M. and 'edgehog. The set began a little on the slow side as we could only manage to get a hand total of just 18. There were a few 5's creeping in to see what was going on, along with some 6's too. The pins and balls were not connecting the way they ought to do because we could only just about score a single 9. The breakdown for us on this set was two 4's, three 5's, seven 6's, two 7's, three 8's and a 9 which gave us player totals of 36, 37 and 38 and a set total of 111. The Cannonballs seemed to also have the same amount of luck as we did at the start of the set. Surprisingly though they couldn't even get a 9. They did, however, manage to score a few 7's and 8's. Their breakdown for this set was two 5's, three 6's, seven 7's and six 8's which gave them player totals of 39, 45 and 41. These gave them a set total of 125. They had won the first set by 14 pins and had the first points on the board.

The second set consisted of Paul, Doug and Grant. This turned out to be quite a good set overall because Doug managed to get our only spare of the night of 16 on his first hand. Alas his other hands were not quite as good. With the spare it meant that Doug ended up with a player total of 49 which turned out to be our highest score of the night, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was a 4, three 5's, five 6's, three 7's, two 8's, three 9's and the 16 spare. The other player totals for this set were 36 and 44 which gave us a set total of 129. The Cannonballs seemed to suffer a little on this set because most of their players seemed to be hitting either 5's or 6's. P. Taylor managed to get their first spare of the night on his final hand of 15 which gave him a player total of 44. This though was not their highest score, this came later. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, four 5's, six 6's, a 7 and the 15 spare. Their other players hit 30 and 31 which gave them a set total of 105. We had won the set by 24 pins and had levelled the match at two points each. We were now in the lead as far as pins were concerned by just 10 pins. We needed to keep up this pressure and see it through to the end and make it really count.

The third set consisted of Kojak, John C., and Andy G. The set for us took a bit of a downward turn because the overall scores seemed to be a little low overall but we did manage to get a few 8's. The breakdown for this set was a V/C, two 3's, two 4's, three 5's, a 6, five 7's and three 8's. The player totals for us was 30, 26 and 43 which gave us a set total of just 99. The Cannonballs couldn't do much better in the long run, but D. Walker managed to get a 9 spare on his first hand. He ended up with a player total of 44, so well done to him. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, two 4's, three 5's, three 6's, two 7's, three 8's and three 9's including the 9 spare. Their other player totals for this set were 37 and 31 and their set total was 112. They had won this set by 13 pins which meant that they were now 3 pins ahead in the match overall. It was certainly turning out to be an interesting and very close match indeed. Could we up the ante and secure the victory we so desperately needed?



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The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. The set on the face of things looked like it was going to be a close thing because player for player the pin totals were very similar for both teams. The pins for us dipped a little towards the end of the set with a couple of 2's being hit which didn't do very much for the morale. The complete breakdown for us on this set was two 2's, a 3, five 5's, a 6, four 7's, four 8's and a 9. The player totals for us on this set were 36, 39 and 32 which gave us a set total of 107. The Cannonballs had slightly better luck when J. Thomas hit a good 16 spare on his fifth hand which upset the proceedings a little because this ensured that he got their highest score of 46 so very well done to him. A. Earl did fairly well too because he scored a 9 spare on his second hand. Their breakdown for this set was a 3, two 4's, four 5's, three 6's, three 7's, two 8's, two 9's including the 9 spare and the 16 spare. Their other player totals for this set was 37 and 38. Their set total was 129. They had snatched this set out from under our noses by a dramatic end to the set thanks to the 16 spare. They had won the set by 22 pins. The overall match totals for the game was 446 to us and 471 to them. They had won the match by a whopping 25 pins and had taken 12 out of the available 14 points. It wasn't a total disaster especially because we didn't come away completely bereft of any points.

It's going to seem a little like Groundhog Day again next week because we have two cup matches to play. The first is on Wednesday and our opponents for this match are once again The Cannonballs. Can we turn the tables on this match? We will have to wait and see. The Friday Cup match is the first round of the Front Pin where we meet The Depoteers once again. Can we also turn the tables from our previous encounter and beat them? You'll just have to drop by again next week and see how we get on.