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Match Report Friday 9th December 2011

Last week's result was a bit of a shock disappointment after gaining a draw on the first set, then it went pear shaped for the rest of the match. This week we needed to re-focus and move on and go for a much needed win. Could this be possible on our own alley against The Box Tops, who at the time of writing this report are currently sharing joint first place with the Choppers, having won their last seven games in a row! So just how did we do? Read on and see...

Playing first for us was J. Cowgill, Doug and 'edgehog in his usual spot. The set began well with our players hitting 20 between them. Most of the remaining set followed well with Doug hitting an excellent 13 spare on his final hand to give him a set total of 44. 'edgehog on the other hand played a cracking set with some 7's. His crowning glory came on his fourth hand when he hit an excellent 12 spare which gave him our highest score of the night of 48, so well done to him. The breakdown for us on this set was three 4's, a 5, four 6's, six 7's, an 8, a 9, the 12 spare and the 13 spare. Our other player total was 33 which when added to the other two gave us a set total of 125. The Box Tops tried to get their act together, but alas things didn't quite go to plan because they hit a few lower scores which consisted of a 2, 3 and 4. They did, however, manage to hit seven 7's, which was not bad going. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, a 3, a 4, two 5's, two 6's, seven 7's and four 8's. Their player totals for this set were 38, 32 and 42 which gave them a set total of 112. We had won the first set by 13 pins and had the first points on the board. So far this was looking fairly good.

The second set consisted of Paul, Swifty, and Grant. This was not as high a scoring set as the first, but all the pins counted and we didn't suffer any V/C's which on a match such as this is a bonus to say the least. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 3, two 4's, a 5, five 6's, four 7's, three 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 42, 34 and 33 which gave us a set total of 109. The Box Tops once again seemed to have a little difficulty in getting anything decent on the board to play with especially as one of their players could only manage to score a 1 on his first hand. Their breakdown for this set was a 1, a 2, a 4, six 5's, five 6's, a 7 and two 8's. Their player totals for this set was 35, 30 and 32 which gave them a set total of just 97. We had won this set as well, this time by 12 pins. So we were now 25 pins in front and also now had 4 points on the board for good measure.

The third set consisted of Grandad, John C. and Dixie. This set seemed to be a battle of players when the overall scores were looked at en masse. The breakdown for us on this set was a 1, a 5, eight 6's, five 7's, an 8 and two 9's which gave us player totals of 42, 35 and 38. Our set total was 115. The Box Tops pulled their act together and seemed to match our pins fairly closely which made it a very close set indeed. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, a 4, two 5's, five 6's, two 7's, four 8's and a 9. These gave them player totals of 35, 37 and 44 which gave them a set total of 116. The 44 turned out to be their highest score of the night by S. Farrow, so well done to him. They had won this set by a single pin but we were still in the lead by 24 pins. Were we going to hold on? Or was it going to crumble once more before our eyes?

The final set consisted of Cockney Al, Dave and Captain Woody. This set turned out to be our highest grossing set as far as total pins were concerned. Two of our players hit 45 which accounted for 90 of them, which was a bonus. Cockney Al hit a good 13 spare on his second hand,



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but alas he couldn't sustain his good fortune for the rest of the set but a valiant effort was done never the less though. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, a 4, a 5, a 6, seven 7's, five 8's, a 9 and the 13 spare. Our other player total was 38 which gave us a set total of 128. The Box Tops tried to emulate our performance but had the misfortune to hit a couple of 3's which didn't help their cause much. Their breakdown for this set was two 3's, four 5's, three 6's, four 7's, three 8's and two 9's which gave them player totals of 36, 35 and 43. Their set total was just 114 which meant that we had won this final set by 14 pins.

The overall totals for this match were 477 to us and 439 to The Box Tops. We had beaten one of the division leaders by 38 pins which in my opinion is an excellent accolade to a team who are at present battling to get further up in the table and to extinguish The Box Tops winning streak for the time being. We had also gained 12 points in the process.

Next week we will be playing against Weston AFC on their Alley 2 which will be our final match before the Christmas break. Can we do the double and move on into 2012 with a couple of nice monumental wins under our belts? Call back next week and see.