



CON B SKITTLES

Match Report Knock Out Cup Round 1 Friday 30th September 2011

You can always tell that the skittles season has well and truly started when the cup matches get under way. We should have been in action on Wednesday 28th September but due to the way the fixtures are worked out by the Central Skittles League we had a bye into the second round so that is something to look forward to in the next few weeks.

This week though we were playing in the Knock Out cup, in Round 1 at The Lamb pub in Worle High Street against The Depoteers. We played our first match against them at the start of this season, but unfortunately, we lost the match overall but did manage to gain two valuable points in the process. Based on this previous result, we had a feeling that this could potentially be an interesting match. We did have a bit of a slight advantage because we had played on the alley many times before in previous seasons. Could we follow through with our dreams and desires and become victorious?

Playing first set for us was Andy M., Dixie and 'edgehog. Andy M. had a really bad set overall because his highest hand was only a 6 propped up with a range of 4's and 5's which was not a good start. There was a few 3's cluttering up the score board too, which didn't really give us much of an edge. The complete breakdown for this set was three 3's, two 4's, four 5's, six 6's, a 7, an 8 and a 9. This gave us player totals of 27, 37 and 31 which gave us a set total of just 95. The Depoteers, on the other hand, seemed like they were suffering too because they had a few 5's littering the board too. They couldn't get anything higher than an 8. Their slight upset came on their last hand with their last man who was unfortunate enough to hit a V/C. It happens to the best of them sometimes. Their breakdown for this set was a V/C, a 4, four 5's, two 6's, seven 7's and the 8. This gave them player totals of 38, 42 and 28 which gave them a set total of 108. They had won this first set by 13 pins. As you already know from following both skittles in general and these reports on the site that the cup matches are done on overall pin totals and not points, so potentially we could still pull something interesting out of the bag.

The second set consisted of Grandad, Steve T. and Doug. The set began well with a hand total of 19. Things trotted on fairly nicely for us with a couple of 8's and a 9 coming into the mix. Unfortunately though, there were no real high points for us on this set except that all three players seemed to match each other's scores. The breakdown for this set was two 4's, a 5, five 6's, five 7's, two 8's and a 9. These gave us player totals of 40, 36 and 40 which gave us a set total of 116. The Depoteers seemed to find the best way to play the set because P. Dawson hit a 12 spare on his third hand and a 15 spare on his fourth hand which added to him hitting their highest score of the night of 52 so well done to him. The breakdown for them on this set was a 2, four 5's, three 6's, five 7's, three 8's, the 12 spare and the 15 spare. As well as the 52 the other player totals was 39 and 35 which gave them a set total of 126. They had won the second set by ten pins which increased their lead to 23 pins. Things were not looking great for us at this stage in the game.

The third set consisted of Swifty, John C., and Kojak. Once more things were not going our way because we couldn't get anything higher than an 8. But to our credit we did manage to get four



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of them! The breakdown for this set was a 1, two 3's, three 4's, a 5, four 6's, three 7's, and four 8's. This gave us player totals of 23, 41 and 37 which gave us a set total of 101. The Depoteers kept up the onslaught when P. Richards hit a good 13 spare on his first hand which helped him get a player total of 47. The rest of the scores were a bit of a mixed bag with a few 3's, 5's and 7's in there for good measure. Their breakdown for this set was a 2, three 3's, four 5's, two 6's, three 7's, two 8's, two 9's and the 13 spare which gave them player totals of 41, 23 and 47 and a set total of 111. They had won this set by 10 pins which now meant that we were trailing behind by a massive 33 pins. This is not really a position we would have liked to be in at this stage in the match, but in games gone by the fickle finger of fate has poked in and we have stormed to victory!

The final set consisted of Paul, Grant and Captain Woody. We had a moral boost on this set because Captain Woody hit an excellent 15 spare on his first hand. This had the added bonus of him hitting our highest score of the night of an excellent 49 so well done to him. By comparison though many of the other scores were not quite as high, but they all counted. The breakdown for us on this set was a 2, two 4's, four 5's, six 6's, a 7, three 8's and the 15 spare. As well as the 49 the other player totals were 27 and 36 which gave us a set total of 112. The Depoteers tried to keep up with our good fortune on this set but alas this was not to be because they could only hit up to a 9. They had another slight problem on their hands because they were a player short which meant that they had to play a low score which unfortunately for them was the 23 they had hit on the third set. Could this have been the break we were looking for in this somewhat low scoring match? Their breakdown for this set was a 2, three 3's, a 4, three 5's, two 6's, four 7's, three 8's and a 9. Their player totals were 44, 36 and the low score of 23. Their set total was just 103. We had won this final set by 9 pins reducing the deficit to 24. The final match totals was 424 to us and 448.

We had lost the match adding another defeat to our already growing list thus throwing us out of the Knock Out cup for future rounds this season. We will have to concentrate on the George Davis and Front Pin cups instead.

Next week we will be in action at the Green Baize club on Wednesday 5th October against the Choppers which means that we will get a Friday night off to enjoy the weekend. See you all then.