

Pillaton Skittles League Match Reports, 2010-11 Season

October 2010



The opening three matches of the 6th year of Pillaton's Skittles League had last year's joint winners Knackered Monks set a fine start with wins over Hill Billies and Quasimodo, returning after a year's absence. Despite a good score from Quasimodo's of 161, Knackered Monks returned an impressive 183 to win 5-2. Evelyn Brewer and Len White with a score of 49 were Knackered Monks top scorers. Hill Billies had a fine 7-0 win over Quasimodo's with both Carol and Des Hoskin and June and Brian Hutfield all scoring freely. Brian Henderson and Sheila Bridle being Quasimodo's high scorers.

In the second of the October fixtures Wild Indians suffered big losses against both Gargoyles and Dare Devils. Dare Devils also ran out 5-2 winners against Gargoyles. Roy and Audrey Levack and Roger Hoskin all scoring well. For the Gargoyles, Shirley Floyd, John Tucker and Ian Edwards all scored over 30 in their matches. Jenny Shawcross was top scorer for the W.I.

November 2010



In the November Matches, Dare Devils continued their fine start with 6-1 and 5-2 wins over Hill Billies and Knackered Monks, Roy Levack with scores of 48 and 34 in his 2 matches and Captain Dave Dolley ably supporting with 37 and 38 scores, were Dare Devil's stars. The game between Hill Billies and Knackered Monks was a much closer affair with Knackered Monks finally winning 4 -3 , Paul Brewer and Sue White being KM's top scorers and Des Hoskin and Julie Bazley being Hill Billies top scorers.

In the second of the November matches Wild Indians again suffered heavy defeats but did win their first point in a tied game against Quasimodos. Margaret Palmer being Wild Indian's top player. In the game between Quasimodo's and Gargoyles, a fine 24 game (9, 9, 6) by John Tucker and 34 from Ian Edwards saw Gargoyles win 5 – 2. Jennifer Woollins also scored over 30 in the match against W.I. Owen Borlase and Kevin Edwards were Quasimodo's top scorers. Dare Devils now top the league, three points clear of Gargoyles in second and Knackered Monks, 5 points further behind in third.

January 2011



The New Year brings joy to the Wild Indians with a fine 5-2 win over Knackered Monks and an overall win over Quasimodo's for a 3 point success. Rosemary Long, captain Helen Edwards and a fine 41 from Lindsay Rust, all scored over 30 in their games. In a high scoring match between Quasimodo 171 and Knackered Monks 161 there were 5 scores over 30, Giles Greenhough, and Richard and Maire Warwick for Quasimodo's and Gary Sims and John Wheeley for Knackered Monks. Quasimodo finally winning 5 – 2.

In the second of the January matches league leaders Dare Devils seemed to be still hung over from New Year and suffered defeats against both Gargoyles and Hill Billies who had Captain Carol Hoskin with a 40 and hubby Des with 31 to thank for their score of 167.

However in the very close Hill Billies v Gargoyles match, a 4-3 win for Gargoyles 145 to 144 came with Des missing the 6 skittles left with 2 ball to play , gifting a drawn game with the Gargoyles and an overall win by 1 skittle.

Gargoyles now take over top spot with 30 points from Dare Devils in second on 27 and Hill Billies third on 21 points.

February 2011



In the first of the February fixtures second to bottom Quasimodo recorded fine wins against third placed Hill Billies and top team Gargoyles , both 5 to 2 wins. For Quasimodo, Kevan Borlase was the star player with scores of 43 and 31, ably supported by captain Richard Warwick and Maire Warwick . In the other match Gargoyles won 7 to 0 against Hill Billies although the second game was won by a single skittle difference. For Gargoyles, Ian Edwards had scores of 34 and 31 with Val and John Tucker scoring 29 and 35 respectively in their matches. Top scorers for Hill Billies were Andy and Julie Bazley.

In the second February matches perhaps the biggest upset so far occurred with bottom team Wild Indians inflicting defeats on both high flying Dare Devils and Knackered Monks, scoring their highest ever game score of 69 in the last game against Knackered Monks. Captain Helen Edwards lead the way with scores of 29 in each match, ably supported by Trisha Bobbin, Lesley Allibone, Janet Willcocks and Wendy Wyatt all recording spares with Rosemary Long topping all with a fine 39 score. In the match between Dare Devils and Knackered Monks, Dare Devils owe their win to an excellent 40 from stand in captain Roy Levack. John Stannard scored a 28, whilst Paul Brewer with 32 and Marie Sims with 29 for Knackered Monks just failed to overtake Dare Devils, going down 153 to 155.

With only one more round to go Gargoyles have extended their lead at the top of the table to 5 points from Dare Devils, whilst Quasimodo leap to third place, a further 5 points behind.

Wild Indians remaining bottom, have now closed the gap to 4 points from Hill Billies with Knackered Monks 1 point above. With 14 points up for the taking in the last matches the final positions are still any ones guess.

March 2011



Each of the matches played in March were double header games with Wild Indians playing Hill Billies twice, likewise Dare Devils against Quasimodo and Gargoyles against Knackered Monks.

Wild Indians improved performances came to an abrupt end with Hill Billies winning both games 7 to nil, although a couple of the games were decided by only one or two skittles difference. Andy Bazley and Brian Hutfield were Hill Billies high scorers and Lindsey Rust Wild Indians best scorer.

In the other two pairs of matches the results were identical, so Gargoyles maintained the 5 points difference over Dare Devils who came second in the league. Star performances for these matches were Audrey Levack with scores of 39 and 40 in her two matches and Paul Brewer with a game score of 24 two times 9 plus 6 with the third ball. Despite Gargoyles winning the league they also recorded the lowest match score of the season with 125 in their final game.

With Hill Billies maximum score over Wild Indians they leaped up to third place in the league followed by Quasimodo and Knackered Monks, Wild Indians having the Wooden Spoon position.

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2010-11 dates and results

Final table (end of March 2011).

Photographs from some of the league matches