

2023 MASTER HOME INTERNATIONAL WALES

Event Dates:	Friday 21 st - Saturday 22 nd April 2023		
Address:	Sport Wales National Centre Cardiff and Cardiff Squash Club		
England Teams:	Men's O50	Men's O70	Women's O50
	Matthew Stephenson (Captain) Paul Boyle Mike Gregory Stuart Hargreaves Jeremy Krzystyniak John Simpson	Paul Reader (Captain) Terry Belshaw John Goodrich Ian Graham Tony Pensom Geoff Walton	Alison Goy (Captain) Vivienne Berkemer Wendy Hiscox Alex King Sarah Parr Linda Pritchard

MENS OVER 50 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		17	17	20	54	1
	8		20	17	45	2
	4	3		19	26	3
	2	4	5		11	4

MENS OVER 50 REPORT

Friday Evening vs Ireland Cardiff Squash Club

First up what looked on paper the most important match of the weekend on a battled scared court at Cardiff Squash Club.

John Simpson was first onto court against the tricky player John Dullaghan, Simpson did not allow his opponent to settle and secured a 3-0 win.

Next up was Paul Boyle vs Dara O Flynn, Dara came out all guns blazing and took the 1st game, Paul then settled in the 2nd game to level the match, the next 2 games were nervous affairs, but Paul came through both and won 3-1.

Stuart Hargreaves at 1 playing the legend Steve Richardson, Steve was just too strong, solid and ran out 3-0 winner.

Matthew Stephenson was next up against Adrian Leeson, the first 2 games did not go to plan and at 2 down a stern talk followed from Paul Boyle, Stephenson turned the match around and won 3-2.

Mike Gregory was the final match up against his former junior team mate David Ayerst, David raced ahead taking the first 2 games, another stern talk from Paul Boyle and the Showman Gregory upped his level taking the next 2

games to level the match, the 5th game was nip and tuck but Mike ensured his 100% record against David remained and won 3-2.

4-1 win for England what a start!



Saturday Morning vs Scotland Cardiff Squash Club

First up was Jeremy Krzystyniak having been rested the evening before he wasted no time running out 3-0 winner.

Paul Boyle was next up and unlike the previous evening hit form straight from the off and won 3-0.

Stuart Hargreaves at 1 playing club pro Simon Boughton, Simon put in a master class of ball control and ran out 3-0 winner, so the match was back on.

John Simpson was next on at no 4, John was clearly focused for this match and won 3-0.

Mike Gregory was last up onto to court and clearly feeling the effects of his tough match the evening before, he lost the first game 15/13 to Angus Woodward, this matchup was two players of very different styles and Mike turned the tide to win the next 3 games and won 3-1.

Another 4-1 win for England

Saturday Afternoon vs Wales National Squash centre

First up was Jeremy Krzystyniak and like the morning match he soon found himself running out a comfortable winner 3-0

Paul Boyle was next up against Richard Tailby and he put in a quality performance moving his opponent all around the court and won 3-0

Stuart Hargreaves at 1 was against Dallas Hayvice, clearly was not playing with his normal confidence, lost the first game then started to find his range and won 3-1

Matthew Stephenson was next up against Marcus Thomas and he ensured no repeat performance of the evening before and won 3-0.

The final match of the weekend was Mike The Showman Gregory against Dave Robertson, the 1st game was very close 13/11 to Mike, he then won the next, but Dave fought back and won the 3rd game before Mike won the 4th and won 3-1.

5-0 win for England

Overall, what a fantastic weekend hosted by Squash Wales and thanks to my teammates.

Matthew Stephenson
Team Captain

MENS OVER 70 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		20	20	20	60	1
	2		8	3	13	4
	3	17		15	35	2
	2	17	8		27	3

MENS OVER 70 REPORT



Despite the rail strike and traffic in Cardiff city centre, all the players arrived in good time for the start of our campaign at Cardiff Squash Club.

Friday afternoon vs Ireland

Tony Pensom took to the court for his England debut. He set off rather nervously but soon got into his hard-hitting game and ran out a 3.0 winner.

Next up was 3rd string John Goodrich who soon got into his stride and won 3.0.

Terry Belshaw at 1 steadily got better as his game progressed and won 3.0.

Crafty and determined Geoff Walton at 4 won 3.0.

Ian Graham was looking in trouble when 1.2 down but pulled it round and won 3.2 (20pts).



Saturday morning vs Scotland

Paul Reader played at 5 in this match. After spending a few weeks practising a length game, he played his normal short game and won 3.0.

John next and steady as ever - 3.0 winner.

Terry dropped the first game but, again, got better as the match went on - 3.1.

Geoff, after talking players through their games, stepped up to follow his own advice and won 3.0.

Ian was determined to get his monies worth this weekend and lost the first two games in his match. His 3rd game was 'nip and tuck' for a while, but he took that one and the next two to win 3.2 (20pts).

Saturday afternoon vs Wales

Tony back in for this one on a very warm court, and no nerves this time. Playing some excellent squash, he won 3.0.

Geoff, up to 3rd string for this match, lost the first game. Steadily got his game back on track. A well fought 3.1 win.

Terry played some of his best squash of the weekend, after losing the first game, to grab a 3.1 win.

Paul at 4 loved the warm court and drove the ball to the back a few times. Won 3.

Last on for the weekend was steady John. Not a thought of him being the only loser, he won 3.0 (20pts).



What a dream to captain this side.

Paul Reader
Team Captain

WOMENS OVER 50 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		18	7	16	41	3
	5		3	7	15	4
	16	19		9	44	1
	8	19	14		41	2

WOMENS OVER 50 REPORT

England vs Ireland

First on playing at number 5 was Wendy making her England debut. She started nervously but soon got into her stride and took each game relatively comfortably, winning 3-0.

Next on was another debutant Vivienne, again she was a little nervous to start with as was her opponent who was also making her debut. She took a 2-0 lead and then made a superb comeback from 6-9 down to win the third 11-9.

Our number 1 seed Linda was up against it playing the talented Orla O'Doherty. The first two games were very close, but she found herself 2-0 down. She managed to win the third comfortably, but Orla pulled it round to win 3-1.

Captain Ali G at number 4 started well powering her way through the first. After over hitting for the next 2 games found herself 2-1 down, she then managed to compose herself to take the next 2 games comfortably. With the match already won Sarah was able to relax and never looked like losing to the larger than life Irish captain Lynda Dunlop. 3-0 comfortably.

A 4-1 win for England.

England vs Scotland

First on court at 9:30am was Alison knowing that we needed a good start. After losing the first game 12-10 she came back well to win 3-1.

Next on was Vivienne. No sign of nerves this time, she took the first game. In the second game her opponent slowed the game down and levelled 1-1. Vivienne then picked up the pace and reverted to lengths & drop to take the next 2.

Linda was next on against ex pro Senga. Linda pushed her all the way in the first game losing 11-8. She continued to play and move well but Senga had too much in her locker. No shame in a 3-0 loss.

Alex was next on. Probably the hardest debut of all as she had sat a watched `Friday night and then watched another 3 matches before getting on court. She started very nervously that said her opponent was on fire

everything she went for paid off resulting in a 3-0 loss for Alex.

Last on and everything to play for was Sarah. She was up against it playing a very strong Scottish number 2. It was a tight match, but Scotland managed to take a 2-0n lead. Sarah battled well to take the third and had game ball in the 4th before losing it 12-10.

A 3-2 loss to Scotland who had earlier lost to Wales so everything still to play for.

England vs Wales

We went into this game knowing that we had to win to stand any chance of a medal. First up was Wendy, much more composed from the start this time. A close first game taken 11-9. After establishing a 6-1 lead her opponent clawed it back taking the second game 11-7. Wales then took a 2-1 lead. Her opponent was full of confidence going into the 4th and went 8-1 up. Somehow Wendy managed to turn it round winning 12-10 facing a match ball in the process. She took the 5th comfortably the comeback in the 4th seemed to knock the stuffing out of her opponent.

Vivienne was up against ex England player Jill Champion and found her style of play tough going losing the first two games relatively comfortably. She came back well to win the third but found Jill's serves and boasts difficult to cope with and lost 3-1 Next up was Linda, just like her earlier match she was moving well and took the first 11-9. Her opponent came back well in the second taking it 11-5. Helen took an early lead in the third but Linda clawed it back to 9-10 before conceding a stroke. The 4th came was quite similar but without the stroke, she played well but unfortunately lost 3-1.

Alex was fully focused and in the zone taking the first two games comfortably. The third was closer but she hung on and won 3-0.

So all eyes on Sarah with the math poised at 2-2. She cruised the first 11-3. The second was much closer with Sarah winning 11-9. Playing through pain in the third she managed to win it 11-9.

A 3-2 win, we needed Ireland to put up a good fight against Scotland to have any chance of winning. Unfortunately, the Scots were too strong for the Irish winning 4-1. So, with 3 teams all winning 2 matches the scores were close. Scotland winning with 45 points and England & Wales tied on 41. So as per the rules it then went on highest number of match wins. This was also a tie 9-9! So, it was really down to the wire and then went to highest number of points for. Unfortunately for England Wales scored 517 and England had scored 513 meaning we finished 3rd overall.

Some excellent squash played by all countries, a thoroughly enjoyable weekend even though the result did not go our way.

Alison Goy

Team Captain