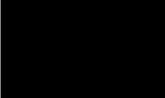
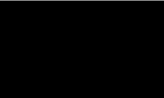
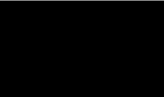
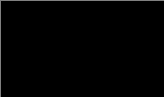


2025 MASTERS HOME INTERNATIONAL SCOTLAND

Event Dates:	Friday 2 nd - Saturday 3 rd May 2025		
Location:	Edinburgh Sports Club		
England Teams:	Men's O45	Women's O45	Men's O65
	Alistair Coker (Captain) Mick Biggs Tim Burrell Adam Giles Matt Holland Paul Warner	Natalie Townsend (Captain) Kate Bradshaw Kate Fuller Caroline Hazlewood Catherine Ruffle	Nick Gollaglee (Captain) Allen Barwise Tom Burton George Kousseff Richard Millman Robert Warner
	Women's O65		
	Julie-Anne Pegram (Captain) Karen Hume Susan Pynegar Lesley Sturgess		



MENS OVER 45 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		3	8	17	28	3
	20		18	20	58	1
	14	6		17	37	2
	7	0	4		11	4

MENS OVER 45 REPORT



The Edinburgh Sports Club hosted the O45 and O65 age groups this year and as captain, I was honoured to lead a great bunch of lads, Matt Holland, Mick Biggs, Paul Warner, Tim Burrell and debutant, Adam Giles.

England v Ireland

The tie that is always the 'big one' in this age group and we were straight into it on Friday afternoon with Ireland first up on a secluded court in the west-wing of the club, surrounded by table-tennis players and overlooked by a 'Punch & Judy' style viewing gallery above. Unique but kind of cool.

On first at No.5, our England debutant, Adam Giles. Physically, surely not the kind of person to get nervous but no one could blame him for a twitchy start against a super-experienced Home Intl's campaigner, Ronan Peyton. Giles overcame a few scares in the first two games but grabbed a 2-0 lead, Peyton then fought back to take the 3rd but Giles powered on (quite literally) and took the 4th in style and got England off to a great start. More importantly, it was great to finally see an England player, who's shorts didn't look like they could double-up as a 6 man tent.

On next at No.3 was Mick Biggs, who on his day is a match for anyone. Narrowly losing the first, Biggs fought back hard to take the second but his opponent, Kevin Knox was hitting some crazily accurate shots from all four

corners throughout the match and eventually Biggs fell a little short and went down 3-1 to Knox, who would've looked at home playing No.1 this weekend.

At 1-1, the Number one string was an enticing prospect between Matt Holland and the ex-World No.7, Derek Ryan. Ryan got off to a good start, taking the first, Holland unsurprisingly looking a touch tense. Holland upped his game in the second and started to look like the bouncy shot-maker we all see in the England Masters....often at our expense. Ryan took a tight 3rd, 11-9 but Holland punched right back, taking the 4th, 11-4 as Ryan started to wilt a little (and take lots of time out to argue with the ref). Holland was in his stride and took the 5th comfortably, to the delight of his team-mates who dreaded the prospect of going 2-1 down with two to play.

Next on at No.4 was 'The Banker', Paul Warner, another featherweight player who oozes endless energy and lovely touch. Warner was simply far too strong for his opponent, Paul O'Brien and it was clear from the first 7-8 points that there was no way he'd lose this one, coming home an easy winner, 11-2, 11-5, 11-4.

An unassailable 3-1 lead, Captain Coker could go on and enjoy himself, having already expended 500 calories on nervous energy. His opponent, Abhishek Thapur looked a little lost playing up at No.2 and was quickly defeated for just 11 points. Match sewn up 4-1, a collective sigh of relief..... but no complacency over our Saturday opponents.

England v Wales

Up next were Wales, underdogs on paper but never to be taken lightly. Matt Holland stepped down at No.1 so the team was all pushed up the order. Tim Burrell started his campaign off at No.5 and cruised through in style, winning in three, his opponent unable to match Burrell in any aspect of the game.

Paul Warner stepped up to No.3 but that wasn't going to phase him, brimming with confidence after his Irish win, he showed zero mercy, dropping just 11 points in another dominant 3-0 display.

Coker was on next at No.1 and was warned about his opponents 'flicks' and despite being sent the wrong way on at least 3-4 occasions and being without his lob serve due to sub-optimal ceiling height....he too came through to a convincing 3-0 win.

Match sewn up, Giles was next on at No.4 and faced a determined opponent but in truth, sweat volume aside, he never looked in any trouble and another one in the bag, 3-0.

On last at No.2, Biggs was keen to get his first win. His Welsh opponent, Paul Johnson, (who sounded more English than Derek Trotter) had allegedly lost 5 stone over the past year. A tricky customer who didn't lie down easily but Biggs rolled with the punches and dismantled Johnson's game, winning in three.

England v Scotland

Having seen Scotland beat Wales 4-1 the previous day, we knew we were in for a battle against the host team.

This time Captain Coker dropped himself in favour of early bar offerings. On at five was Burrell again against Euan Allison who hobbled onto court for the knock-up, looking like he'd rather be anywhere else. A deceptive ploy perhaps as he made Burrell work for it in a typically resilient Scottish display but Burrell had seen it all before, sporting his retro 1990's England kit reflecting his long Home Intl's career, he ran through as the 3-0 winner.

'The Banker' (Warner) was back on at No.3 against the larger of the Gray brothers, Grant. Gray's size belied his ability to retrieve almost anything and return it....with interest, he would not go down without a huge fight. Warner took the first and the second narrowly (13-11) and throughout didn't show any sign of emotion. Straight to the bar with 3 x 3-0's under his belt, epic display and looked like he could've played three more !!

Next up were the No.1's, Matt Holland vs the other brother from a 'Gray' mother, Chris.

Having shocked Derek Ryan 3-1 the evening before, Gray was on a mission for another big-name scalp and worried the onlooking England supporters by taking the first, 11-7 with some crazy racket skills and array of deceptive shots. Ever so slightly bamboozled, Holland knew he just had to tighten up and not get dragged away from his game as he gradually wore his opponent down with his own mix of guile and floaty speed. Holland coming out on top with a gritty 3-1 victory.

On at No.4, Giles's 3rd game in 24hrs against Barry Masson. Again, the Scottish player refused to stop retrieving from all four corners, a dogged display that frustrated his English opponent. In the end though, Giles literally powered Masson off the court with his clean, HARD hitting, coming home a 3-0 winner and a clean sweep of three wins for our debutant!



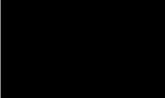
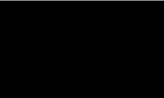
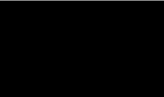
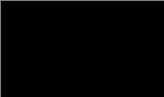
Thoughts of the evening party were put on hold as Biggs was back on at No.2 against Andrew 'Smiler' Spiers. Biggs soon wiped the smile by taking the first 11-5 but then Spiers, even grittier than his teammates shocked the England side of the balcony by taking the next two games. Pressure back in Biggs who took a tight 4th, 11-8 to take the tie to a 5th. His teammates could no longer handle the pressure as the first beers made an appearance on the balcony ledge. Thankfully Spiers' engine was cooked and Biggs' flat-bat forehand drops from half-court finally took their toll, taking the tie 3-2 and another 5-0 victory for England.



What an honour and pleasure to captain this group of players in my last year of the O45's. A fantastic group of humble guys who made my job so easy by believing in themselves when it counted. Final memory together was on Sunday morning at 3.30am in an Edinburgh bar, we went out in style !! Thank you boys and see you all on the other side in the 50's.

Alistair Coker
Team Captain

WOMENS OVER 45 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		7	20	19	46	2
	16		20	20	56	1
	3	0		7	10	4
	5	2	17		24	3

WOMENS OVER 45 REPORT

"No one will be any trouble for us"

An excited England women's over 45 team travelled via plane, car, train and tram to Edinburgh with the aim to retain the trophy of over 20 years. Cathy has been spying on the opposition at the Nottingham Home Internationals the week before and reported to our what's app group "Noone will be any trouble for us". Either this sounded noticeably confident, given how strong Scotland looked this year, or like she had threatened them!



Natalie Townsend (Captain), Catherine Ruffle, Kate Bradshaw, Caroline Hazelwood and Kate Fuller.

Session 1 England vs Ireland – Court 3 – the one with the low-level lights

#5 Kate Fuller v Olivia Kennedy

Kate was first up making her debut England appearance. An incredibly positive start for Kate who took the first game confidently 11-2. Her opponent was finding Kate's serves tricky and making errors. The second game had a mirrored scoreline. Her opponent came back with some good volleys but with Kate's solid serving and consistent form it was a straightforward third game securing the match 11-3 and bagging her first England cap.

#1 Cathy Ruffle v Saoirse O'Sullivan

Cathy dominated the first game maintaining a great T position. She played attacking volleys continually putting Saoirse under pressure winning the first game 11-2. The second game included punishing rallies, but this didn't faze Cathy and she won it 11-5. In consistent form Cathy secured the third game 11-4 to take the match in 3.

#3 Natalie Townsend v Suzanne O'Shaughnessy

Natalie started off confidently taking the first 11-4. Playing tight lengths and using the pace off Suzanne's hard hitting. There were more good rallies in the second and third game and Natalie closed it out comfortably 11-6, 11-4 winning the match 3-0 meaning we had now beaten Wales.

#4 Caroline Hazlewood v Niamh Darcy

A solid start for Caroline playing an accurate and fast paced game winning the first 11-2. Niamh started to read Caroline's game with the rally length increasing. Caroline took a hard hit to the face but still managed to come back from 6-9 down to win the second game 11-9 with her lip partially intact. The third game was almost as tight with some great rallies. Two perfect winning lobs unfortunately hit the low-level lights which made the game more of a challenge. Nevertheless, Caroline secured the match winning the third 11-8.

#2 Kate Bradshaw v Sandra Walsh

In the warmup it looked like Kate could be in trouble as Sandra cracked the ball with incredible accuracy and pace. Once the match started Kate remained unfazed and played extremely accurate and hard shots back in equal measure. Kate continued to dominate most rallies closing out the match in three 11.5, 11.6, 11.2.

Session 2 England vs Wales – Court 3 – the one with the low-level lights (again)

Unfortunately, the Welsh fifth string had to withdraw injured giving Kate Fuller a rest for the final in the afternoon. Walkover 3-0.

#3 Natalie Townsend v Rhian Davies

We didn't find out Wales were missing their fifth string until we arrived in the morning meaning Natalie possibly ate one too many courses at the breakfast buffet. This may have attributed to her slightly slow start in the first game losing it 8-11. Some tough rallies continued in the second game and Natalie managed to find a better length to counter act Rhian's quick game at the front and Natalie won it 11-3. The last two games consisted of

great rallies with both players hitting some good lengths. Natalie remained dominant winning the next two 11-6 11-8 to take the match 3-1.

#1 Cathy Ruffle v Helen Barnard

Helen was looking in good form so we knew Cathy would have to play well. There were hard-fought rallies in this match and great retrieving from both players. A close first two games with a 10-12, 13-11 scoreline. At 1-1 the gruelling rallies continued with exceptional hard-hitting shots from Helen. Cathy kept her cool and won the third 11-9 taking a 2-1 lead. The fourth game was of equally high quality and Cathy pounced on any loose balls to win the game 11-6 and match 3-1. A fantastic match.

#4 Caroline Hazlewood v Jill Griffiths

Caroline controlled the rallies in this match with some nice holds and cross courts. Jill played three or four lovely volley drop winners but couldn't do this enough to match Caroline's consistent power and speed. 11-6 11-5 11-7 win to Caroline.

#2 Kate Bradshaw v Clare Catto

Hard hitting again in this match. Kate played tight shots with both players pulling out really accurate drop shots putting each other under pressure. Kate maintained her attacking edge consistently winning in three games – 11-4, 11-7, 11-9. A great game to watch.

Session 3 England v Scotland – THE FINAL!

Championship Court – The Gladiators Arena – Live stream – No pressure – Coach Nicky Green

#5 Kate Fuller v Emma Robinson

Kate was first up in the Gladiators Arena. A confident start dominating the T taking the first 11-5. Emma came back with a different game plan and put Kate under more pressure. Kate chased every ball down and managed to save a match ball in the second going on to win the second 14-12. Kate played great lengths and covered the court well in the third to win the first rubber 11-5.

#3 Natalie Townsend v Sabine Mackenzie

Natalie got off to a good start in the first game taking the lead, but it was short lived as Sabine's quality shots troubled Townsend, and she narrowly lost the first 9-11. Sabine put Natalie under consistent pressure with her fast pace, and she lost the second 11-2. After a talking to from coach Nicky Green who was watching on stream Natalie managed to find a better length in the third, but it wasn't enough to challenge the Scot, and she lost the third 7-11 meaning we were one match a piece.

#1 Cathy Ruffle v Katy Temple

Having recently lost to Katy in a GB Vets match Cathy was resolute she was turning the tables. Cathy took advantage of Katy's nerves and wasted no time taking the first game at lightning speed 11-1. The second game was closer with good rallies, but Cathy was still dominating and playing clever squash winning the second 11-7. This form continued and Cathy won the third and the match 11-6. We were now 2-1 up.

#4

Caroline Hazlewood v Jenn Saldanha

A fast start from Caroline with confident volleying to take the first 11-4. Jenn started to read Caroline's shots more in the second winning 7-11. Jenn was not giving up on anything, she chased every single ball down and Caroline lost the third narrowly 10-12. Caroline came right back with outstanding match play quickly taking the fourth 11-3 forcing errors from Jenn. Caroline put everything into the fifth game and couldn't have done any more but Jen was absolutely resolute in getting everything back and played her best game making it very difficult for Caroline to provide an answer losing in the fifth 5-11.

#2

Kate Bradshaw v Lisa McKenna

And so, it all came down to this match, the whole tournament championship. At this point I was feeling the weight of being captain heavily on my shoulders with a million what ifs going through my head. Thankfully before stepping on court to play the deciding rubber, Kate was oblivious to the fact, she was playing ex world number 37! We all knew it was going to be a tough ask. What followed was an exceptional class act performance from Kate Bradshaw.

The first game was tense. Absolute quality squash from both players and Kate lost it 9-11. A big strength of Kate's game is her ability to attack at the earliest opportunity. She took Lisa by surprise by playing killer drop shot winners early in the rally closing out points quickly. The scoreline was still extremely tight and Kate fought back to take the next two games 12-10, 11-9. It was nail biting close. Only now one game away from the title. Kate continued to chase and run down the quality of Lisa's consistently precise shots and attack as soon as possible. With a few points lead in the fourth game and three amazing kills Kate took the fourth 11-7 winning England the match and title! Kate said she looked up at us all on the balcony and the feeling she'd won the match for the team was just incredible. 9-11 12-10 11-9 11-7.



Notable outcomes from the presentation evening are us debating who the England captain in 2013 was as the trophy appears blank. Answers on a postcard.

Caroline managed to sustain her second injury of the day but this time it was self-inflicted with her taking a blow to the face with her champion's medal during excitable dance floor activity.

And finally, **Kate Bradshaw** – awarded **Player of the Tournament**. **Huge congratulations.**

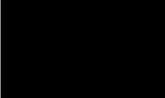
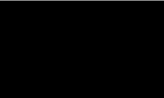
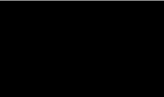
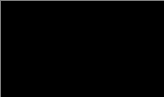
This could not have gone to a more well-deserved player; saving us from the first loss in 20 years playing an outstanding game of squash under such pressure and expectation against a top-quality player. It was emotional to say the least!

We would all like to say a big thanks to Edinburgh Sports Club, Allen Barwise and all the organisers and referees for a fantastic weekend.

"No one will be any trouble for us"

Natalie Townsend
Team Captain

MENS OVER 65 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		5	20	18	43	2
	17		20	20	57	1
	2	0		6	8	4
	6	1	17		24	3

MENS OVER 65 REPORT



It was a great honour to be asked to Captain England and I was determined to make it a memorable occasion (for the right reasons). The team consisted of Allen Barwise, Richard Millman, Nick Gollaglee (Captain), Tom Burton, George Kousseff and Robert Warner. Barwise prepared by winning another European event. Millman and Gollaglee took on the US Open contesting the final. Richard coming out on top. Burton had been challenging himself by continually playing 20-year-olds. Kousseff and Hampshire won the inter counties. Warner and his team won the Bath veterans Cup. The team therefore travelled to Edinburgh in buoyant mood despite rumours of Scottish confidence.



Team order was pretty easy to set as in the list above. First opponents on Friday night were Ireland. England's plan was to rotate at 4 and 5 (barring any injuries) throughout the weekend ensuring everyone played at least two matches. Burton was the first to be rested allowing debutants Kousseff and Warner the chance to get a game in early. Warner at #5 playing Gerard Connaughton started steadily and was soon in his stride running out a confident 3-0 winner allowing his opponent only 1 point in the third. Gollaglee at #3 followed this up with his usual mixture of drops and lobs despite the lowest ceilings in living memory. He also achieved a comfortable 3-0 victory over Shay Hickey. Barwise at #1 ensured a team victory with a straightforward 3-0 victory over James McSweeney. His speed and power proving too much for the Irishman. For Kousseff at #4 there was some history to overcome. This was his debut but 5 years later than planned. He was selected in March 2020 only for Covid to strike. He thought his chances of selection may have passed, but a fantastic season ensued he was at last selected on merit again. He was determined to put up a good showing. He started a little nervously but after taking a nervy first game 11-7 he ran out a comfortable 3-0 winner. Millman at #2 put together a steady and controlled display that bamboozled his opponent, and he too completed a 3-0 win that gave England a strong 5-0 victory. A great start to the weekend.

Saturday breakfast was a little disruptive not having a specific start time for our early morning match with Wales. We were due to follow the Ladies O65 encounter with Wales. This turned out to be an epic encounter. Eventually our #5 Warner, relaxed from his debut win the night before started and soon he had dispatched Chris Owen for an early bath. His strong drives and killer boasts proving far too accurate as he cruised to a dominant 3-0 victory. Due to the late start Barwise #1 and Gollaglee #3 played at the same time. Barwise cruised to a confident 3-0 victory against Richard Barrett. Once again, his speed, fitness and powerful game proving way too strong. Gollaglee meanwhile was having a tough encounter with Dai Lewis. Despite a high ceiling Gollaglee was not having everything his own way. He did recover however to take the first 12-10 saving game ball. He won the second more comfortably, but tired legs were starting to show. The Welshman took a titanic third 12-10 saving match ball. Gollaglee was by now a little worried as the little Welshman was getting to everything and displaying a quality of drop shot that Gollaglee could not reach. The fourth game was also an epic but finally he summoned up the strength to take it 11-9 and the match 3-1. This ensured a team victory. Burton #4 then produced a dominant display of length squash and tight drops to blow away Adrian Alderton. He took the third 11-5 with a wonderful display of quality length and power. Millman #2 then completed the rout with another steady display against the

fast-running Ceredig Emanuel who had no answer to the accuracy and deception of Millman that gave England another 5-0 team victory.

Lunch was a disjointed affair due to our late start in the morning. Everyone had to eat as soon as their morning match had finished. Fortunately, Kousseff had been rested in the morning and was ready to lead the charge at #5 in a winner takes all match with Scotland. Kousseff again displayed composure and solid tactics, keeping his opponent (Bryan Jackson) guessing. After a comfortable first game things became tighter in the second before our man converted the big points. He then went on to win the third in a resounding 3-0 win to get England off to the perfect start. Next up Gollaglee #3 against an old foe but a new boy for Scotland (Robbie Blair). Gollaglee was feeling tired after the morning exertions, but Blair is not renowned for his fitness. He is however a good shot player. The match was very close in all aspects. The low ceiling nullifying the Englishman's lobs. Despite this he found a way to use what little height was available to take the first. Blair countered in the second with a strong effort to level at 1-1. Gollaglee improved to take the third. The fourth was very close and could have gone either way with Blair's ability to reach some indifferent drops from Gollaglee keeping things interesting. Gollaglee was tiring but the thought of a fifth game and the knowledge that Scotland were pretty strong at #1 & #2 spurred him on as his shots became tighter and ultimately his fitness proved crucial to ensuring a 3-1 victory. Barwise #1 was looking to start the party by defeating an old foe in Robin Ridley. Barwise was not his usual self in the first game with mistakes and poor shot choice seeing him lose it 11-6. After a brief chat with the Captain it was clear he only had to stick to his usual game plan to get back on track. Unfortunately, the errors continued, and Ridley maintained his steady approach. Despite the error count Barwise ran hard and had chances to take the game but Ridley dug in to take it 13-11. Still there was hope as he has come back from here many times before. Unfortunately, the third followed a similar pattern with Barwise error count again holding him back. He rallied hard but Ridley played steadily and with fewer errors eventually taking the third 12-10 and the match 3-0. He was as ecstatic as Barwise was distraught. This gave the Scots hope. In the next match Burton #4 took the wind from their sails with a comprehensive victory. Showing no nerves, he easily defeated David Gillies 3-0. The first two games were tight but in the third Burton played a perfect game to win 11-0 and give England victory. The final match #2 had expected to be pivotal as Millman matched up against another blast from the past in Alan Thomson. Now the result didn't matter but try telling the players that. Millman has been on top form of late - recently winning the US Open. He hadn't been tested over the weekend, and this proved his most difficult match. Thomson took the first due to a poor error count by Millman. The second proved crucial as the Englishman gradually imposed his game and in a tight game levelled the match at 1-1 and then more comfortably the third to lead 2-1. The fourth was a tight affair as Thomson started to read some of Millman's deceptive shots. In a close finish however Millman had the stronger game to come through 13-11 and win 3-1. Victory for England 4-1.

In the end England were comfortable winners of the O65 Home Internationals with only one defeat in the 15 matches. Everyone played their part in ensuring victory. The wives and partners also played a major role in supporting all the players. Often standing for several hours on the balcony.



Before the official presentation the England team gathered for an informal celebration, with the Captain Presenting mementos to all the players and their partners. A special award to George Kousseff as player of the weekend and for being especially patient in waiting for his first England cap because of Covid. Victory was toasted with something fizzy before joining the main presentation.



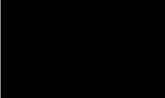
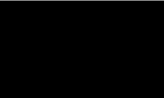
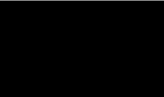
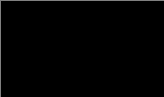
Many thanks to Scotland for hosting the event and putting on a wonderful meal by the club chef who is also a squash player. I must also praise him for having Gluten Free options that were delicious. Everyone involved in the organisation did the event proud. As always, a special thank you to the markers for giving up their time.



The Captain finally ran out of steam after the presentation and headed for bed leaving his teammates to party on long into the night.

Nick Gollaglee
Team Captain

WOMENS OVER 65 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		9	10	1	20	3
	6		12	5	23	2
	3	3		1	7	4
	12	11	12		35	1

WOMENS OVER 65 REPORT



Session 1 - England v Ireland

First match at string 3, Susan Pynegar (England) v Marian Mullen (Ireland)
 Strong start from Sue who got to 10/0 with not mistakes. A masterclass on how to play on a court with such low ceilings! After taking the first game 11/1 she continued to win the next 2 games 11/4 11/3. A comfortable 3/0 victory for Sue.

Next up Lesley Sturgess (England) v Maureen Duke (Ireland)
 Lesley made a positive start taking the first 2 games 11/8 11/5 with the use of tight serves and good court movement picking up some tight drop shots from Maureen. The match was much tighter in the third game and Maureen gained more control beating Lesley 7/11.
 However, the fourth saw Lesley forcing a few much-needed errors and Lesley took the fourth 11/7

The last match at string 2 saw Julie-Anne Pegram (England) make a decisive start against Dympna Riordan (Ireland) winning the first game 11/7. Then Julie-Anne lost her nerve and started making unforced errors in the second game losing 9/11. Julie-Anne fought back to win the 3rd but it was not until the fifth game that she finally increased the power to gain a 3/2 victory winning the final game 11/5.

A good start to the weekend for England winning 3/0 v Ireland



Session 2 - England v Wales

First match at the unearthly hour of 0930 and a different court gave England a good start to the day with Julie-Anne Pegram (England) beating Wendy Norris (Wales) 3/2

However, Julie-Anne got off to a nervous start losing the first two games 8/11 and 7/11

With grit and determination (and some interesting refereeing) Julie-Anne fought hard to secure the next 3 games 11/9 11/9 11/7

The second match was always going to be challenge for Karen Hume (England) v Jill Campion (Wales)

Karen returning from injury did not hold back and both ladies were closely matched. Karen just losing the first game 10/12. Superb powerful serves, touch shots and volley drops gave Karen a great lead but due to a couple of errors she just lost the second game 9/11

There was no holding her back though as she powered up and gave full concentration to win the third 11/4. The fourth game was a masterful battle with both ladies showcasing their skills, shot choice and superb angles. A very close 13/15 gave Jill the 4th game and match.

The final match for England saw Lesley Sturgess (England) v Lynne Davies (Wales)

Lynne started well dominating with some tight lobs and drops winning the first game 11/7

Lesley fought back doing the same and levelled the match (11/9). The third game was demanding for both players but Lynne took the game 14/12

Unfortunately for Lesley and England Lesley ran out of energy and Lynne took advantage quickly to secure victory for herself and Wales winning that game 11/5 and the match 3/1

Wales beat England 2/1

Session 3 England v Scotland

England had great hopes that they could secure victory against Scotland

Susan Pynegar (England) made an impressive start against the no 3 string Marion Paton (Scotland) winning the first game (11/7) with tight serves and boasts catching Marion out.

Unfortunately, a few points into the second game Sue had to retire from the match with sudden back pain.

Karen Hume (England) v Pauline Douglas (Scotland) gave us an impressive performance with some terrific quality squash.

Once again Karen powered up the serve, but Pauline did not hesitate with tight returns and the rallies were continuous with both players demonstrating their skilful drops and volley nicks. Karen continued to be positive and assertive and won the first two games 11/7 and 11/2.

The third game was even throughout with both ladies pushing themselves hard. Just a couple of mistakes gave Pauline the third game 11/7. Karen fought back hard with 2 match balls at 12/11 and 13/12. A couple of unforced errors lost her the 4th at 15/13

The last game was still hard fought, but Pauline managed to pull a few tight shots out the bag and took the final game 11/6

Lesley Sturgess (England) took on Maureen Carroll (Scotland) in the final match and had a convincing win 3/0. She never really gave Maureen a chance to get into the game with strong tight serves and tricky angles

England lost to Scotland 2/1



We would all like to say a big thanks to Edinburg Sports Club, Allen Barwise and all the organisers and referees.

Congratulations to Wales winning the ladies Over 65 Home International 2025.

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