

Welsh Veterans Team Report 2017

This year, the qualifying rounds took place at the Davenham Recs Green in Cheshire. The organisation was not up to the usual standard which caused the event to run late all day, much to the annoyance of the local club who had a league match, which should have started at 6.30, but in the end had to be postponed.

Our first game was against the Potteries, and although no one played badly, Wales only managed one winner and lost the aggregate by 21 points (142 to 163), which proved decisive at the end of the day.

The second game was against Greater Manchester. The team played extremely well and won 6 of the 8 games, with the other two being narrowly lost 21-20. The aggregate was won by 31 points (166 to 135)

The final game against Cheshire was close throughout. Each side won 4 games, but Wales won the aggregate by 152 to 149, and this resulted in Wales finishing in second place.

No player won all three games, but Des Hey, Merfyn Jones, Kevin Nicholas and Graham Bennett all won two games.

The final table was

| | P | W | L | D | Pts | Agg |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Potteries | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | +22 |
| Wales | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | +13 |
| Gt. Manchester | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -6 |
| Cheshire | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -29 |

My thanks to Colin Evans for stepping in to manage the team on the day, due to my unavoidable absence at WJEC in Cardiff.

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