

WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

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Wales- v- Staffordshire.

Wales took their second County match win of the 2019 season when they played Staffordshire on Sunday 2nd June. The Home venue was Esclusham and the Away venue Heath Hayes Cons Club.

WCGBA Deputy President, Simon Walker was there together with Patron John Percy. The Referee for the afternoon was Ian Hulse from Lancashire assisted by Ashley Zepeda and Tom Lockyer.

The first four games took to the green and enjoyed mixed fortunes. Paul Hallett (Llay) led off well to take a 10-1 lead. His opponent was unable to catch him throughout the match and Paul finished with a well earned 21-13. At number two, Adam Penlington (Broughton), looked smooth and in command. He led well and was to take the best score at Home a 21-7. Kevin Nicholas (Gresford Colliery) started well before his opposite number began to catch up. The game was very close at the middle stage. Kevin lost 21-17.

In the second four the games and players were more evenly matched and there was little to hint which way the chinks would go. Nick Jones (Chirk AAA) won 21-19, Matt Worden (Cunliffe) won 21-15, Daniel Hughes (Llay) won 21-14 and Joey Williams a comfortable 21-13 win.

In the final four, the pairings were equal once more. Richard Zolman (Llay) had an epic game and lost 21-20. Mike Riley (Cunliffe) won 21-15. Robin Bennett (Cunliffe) played well to win 21-16 and Andrew Hughes (Cunliffe) brought home the last game with a 21-13 win.

The final Home score was Wales 231, Staffordshire 188.

At the Away venue, Wales won half of the twelve games with an excellent 21-5 from Geraint Booth (Llanfair PG), and a 21-10 win from Kris Charlton (Abergele). The other winners Away were Jason Jones (Abergele) at 21-19, Lewis Scott (St Asaph) with 21-15, Graham Rogers (Cunliffe) at 21-18 and Leighton Roberts (Esclusham) with 21-17. Final score Away Wales 196, Staffordshire 210.

Wales won their second match by 29 points.

Player of the Match went to Matt Worden at the Home venue. Last season's British Junior Merit Champion has more than earned his stripes into the Senior team.