

WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

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Wales v South Staffordshire.

The Welsh Ladies 2019 campaign started off with a South Staffordshire match on Sunday 19th May. The Home venue was New Brighton BC and the Away, Penn BC. Our President, Dave Mathias travelled to his first Away Ladies game to support the team.

At the Away venue, our ladies were faced with a very interesting and testing green. With no practice, as is standard for a Ladies County match, the need to pick up the pace and peculiarities of the green as quickly as you can and to settle into your game, takes some doing.

In the first four two of our ladies struggled with this. Despite both of them playing some excellent woods it just slipped away. Sue Vayro (Eirias Park) was to be our only winner at 21-16 and Marilyn Lea (Mochdre), whose game was very much touch and go for the most part, stayed with it and a lucky knock brought her game to 20 across. She was just pipped on the last end and finished 21-20.

The second four faired better with a brilliant 21-9 win for Jackie Egerton (Penyffordd). Stepping in as reserve, Megan Morris (Rhuddlan) appeared not to feel the pressure and played well. She did the job of gaining every point and lost to 17. Bev Taylor (Highbury) also had a tough game and was narrowly beaten, like team mate Marilyn, to 21-20.

As the final four took to the green, Sarah Hey (Sychdyn) had a stunning 21-6 win and Linda Williams (Hawkesbury) came in with a 21-12 success. Belinda Lloyd (Penyffordd) played a game that was even for most of the way. There was little to choose between Belinda and her opponent. In the end, Belinda lost 21-19. The final Away score – Wales 199, South Staffordshire 210.

At Home, the team faired much better dropping only three games from the twelve. The best wins came to Amanda Nicolas 21-6, Aileen Coleman 21-7, Kelly Richardson 21-8 and Emily Gowen 21-10. The final score – Wales 226, South Staffordshire 185. This gave Wales an overall win by 30 points.

A big 'Happy Birthday' rang out after the game for Team Manager Des Hey who turned 70 at the weekend. Not a bad birthday present, Des.

Also this weekend saw the WCGBA Ladies Merit which was played at Craig Y Don. This years winner was Jenny Hadwin (Trefnant). Jenny and the losing finalist will represent Wales at the British Ladies Merit later in the season.