

Below is a report on the home game at BETWS-YN-RHOS against Merseyside as seen through the eyes of Gareth Hughes.

Very difficult to keep your eyes on every game but this will give you an idea of the way I saw things in what was a very good performance.

1. Jason Jones always performs for Wales and this was another excellent performance highlighted by a great run of 11.

2. Great game from Nick Hughes, with another great break of 12, his placing of the jack to an edge was near perfect and on another day would certainly have given him man of match award.

3. Keith Bailey Had a great run of 9 with the block but struggled without the jack, a fighting performance without being at his best.

4. A good score from Lewis Scott without being at his best, he battled to the end and 19 was a very good score with 7 2w's in his score. His opponent was awarded the Merseyside Mom award.

5. Ivor Jones not at his best winning more points on his opponents block than his own. Probably played better last year scoring a lot less. Pulled out some important bowls when it mattered.

6. What a game, entertaining and full of good striking on both sides. Chris Slater races into a 13 nil lead but struggled without the block. The score was levelled at 14 all when Chris got in with 2 good bowls to finally close out the match.

7. Excellent performance from Barry Harris, hardly bowled a loose end. Fully deserved Mom award.

8. John Short struggled but to his credit fought back from 18-9 and was unfortunate not to win, good spirited performance without being at his best.

9. Geraint Jones always looked in control, but his opponent really played a very good second half on a mark in and out of the basin and caught Geraint out.

10. Craig Richardson not at his best by his own admission, but his opponent was mentioned by their manager as one of their better players on the day.

11. Steady performance again from Neale Charlton, who is never far away. Finished the game off well.

12. Another steady performance from Gwerydd Buckland who always plays a good game and gives his best.

Overall an excellent performance with 2 or 3 outstanding performances. The green was difficult as the wind was strong and gusty which had an effect on woods.

Congratulations to the away side in what must have been a brilliant display. Well done to the whole

team and the selectors whose selections have been more than justified. This is something to build on, and with a good team spirit shown at both venues this could be an exciting season for us. Well done to all.

Gareth Hughes

