

BCGBA Veterans Team Championship report for 2019

The team arrived at Dilhorne Recreation BC, Stoke-on –Trent on a hot and sultry day to be faced by an extremely tricky green with a very big crown. This green is used most years by the Potteries senior team and is thought to be a very good home green.

Unfortunately we had to play Potteries first, and with no practice on the green and facing a very good side on their own green, it proved to be a difficult initiation. Our players all played admirably, but the inevitable happened and we lost by 38 points and by 6 games to 2.

In the second game against Gtr. Manchester the players again played very well and won 6 of the 8 games to win the match by 28 points. The players were, by now, learning the green and things may well have been different had we played Gtr. Manchester first and the Potteries second.

By the third game against Cheshire, tiredness was setting in on a very hot day, and with Potteries dominant throughout the day, a little of the sting went out of the match. Nevertheless all our players played with great commitment and pride before losing the match by 6 games to 2, and by 25 points.

There appeared to be no way that Potteries were going to be beaten on that green, and they did, in fact, win all 3 games convincingly to qualify for the final day.

All the Welsh players can be pleased with their performance on the day. In particular, Barry Harris won all 3 of his matches, and Kevin Nicholas's match with Noel Burrows (21-16 for Kevin) was perhaps the game of the day.

I would like to thank Colin Evans for stepping in to run the Welsh team on the day, and also to thank our President, Dave Mathias and Amanda Nicholas for all their help.

Many thanks to everybody involved (players and spectators) for giving of their all throughout the day.

Mike Barrodale (Team Manager)



