

WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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Junior County Match Wales – v – Yorkshire.

The third Junior game of the County calendar was played on Sunday the 11th August. The Home venue was Craig y Don and the Away venue, Crossland Moor BC.

WCGBA President, Dave Mathias was our Host, well supported by Association Officers and Officials, including the Deputy President, Simon Walker on his day off. Our Referee for the afternoon was Peter Fishwick ably assisted by Wales' Arthur Peake and Alan Davies.

At Home, our first four started well. As the games progressed things began to change and we had two winners and two losses. At number one, Ryan P Williams (Penmaenmawr) had an excellent game against Lewis Cooper and won to 21-15. Ryan also received the Player of the Match Award for the Home venue side. The second winning block came from Vice Captain, Harry Lawton (Rhos Park) with 21-14.

In the second four we were to have no winner, but were treated to sharing the debut matches of three future 'starlets'. Jack Davitt (Bangor), Ben Turner-Renshaw (Penrhyn New Hall) and Cerys Parry (Academi Llanfair) all playing for the first time and displaying surprising calm under the pressure.

The last four games were much closer with Haiden Williams (Penrhyn New Hall) and Daniel Owen (Beaumaris) reaching 17 and Nia Jones (Coed Talon) reaching 19. Home final score. Wales 172 Yorkshire 239

Away, the prospect was even tougher. Ethan Barlow (Garden Village) won 21-14 and Keira Edwards (Johnstown) won her game 21-10. Cody Edwards (Esclusham) had a close one to lose 21-20.

Away final score. Wales 177 Yorkshire 234.

As always, there was tremendous support from family and friends. Wales Juniors have one more match to play against Staffordshire next month. It is a crucial match for them. A win would see them stay in their current group, a line up seen by many as the toughest one.

Our Junior squad are almost at the close of another season. It has not been as successful as 2018, but the side is changing as our players move out of the age limit of 18 and new faces move in. Exciting times.