

WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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Wales – v – Merseyside.

Wales met Merseyside in their third clash of the season on Sunday 7 July. The Home venue was Brymbo BC and the Away, Windle BC.

A keenly fought match with the players from both teams knowing each other well. Giving support for the afternoon was WCGBA Deputy President, Simon Walker with Patron John Percy and EGB Member Peter Higham on hand. The Referee for the day was John Shooter from Yorkshire assisted by Ashley Zepeda and Arthur Peake.

In the first four blocks, Merseyside led away strongly and won all four games. Paul Hallett (Llay) drew Matty Gilmore at the number one spot and kept pace with him most of the way. Paul had the closest finish at this stage and lost 21-19.

For the second four, each one started confidently. For most of their game, Daniel Hughes (Llay) and his opposite number James Fitzpatrick were neck and neck.

Daniel was our first winner at 21-18. John Bonatti (Llay) also chalked up a win in this section 21-19.

In the final four, Robin Bennett (Cunliffe) stormed away to a convincing 21-11 win, which earned him the Player of the Match Award for the Wales Home team. Hot on his heels was Martin Jones (Cunliffe) with a 21-16 win. Wales' final chalk at Home, Andrew Hughes (Cunliffe), came in winning 21-15.

Final Home score Wales 195 Merseyside 226

At the Away venue, we had the same number of winners. Mike Riley (Cunliffe) at Number 2 won 21-11, with Kevin Nicholas (Gresford Colliery) not far behind with a 21-12 win. Adam Penlington (Broughton) romped away to a 21-6 win as did Kris Fearnley (Colwyn Bay Legion) with the same score. Kris Charlton (Abergele) was our last winner Away with 21-13.

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Overall Merseyside won the match by 27. Wales now qualify for the Supplementary at the beginning of August.