

LADIES 035/040 TEAM DUBLIN 2016



There was snow in the north and early starts in the south but ladies team of Helen Barnard, Jill Griffiths, Rachel Cooper, Rhian Penikett and Lynne Davies all made it to Dublin to start the weekend in time for some retail therapy!

A flight and its holidays!!! No first match on Friday night against England-always a tough one. Everyone tried hard and played well but England were just too strong we all went down 3-0. A team chat in the bar followed by an early night and ready for business on Saturday.

First match on Saturday was against Ireland who are always very strong at home. Jill started us off playing really well and went 2-1 up but eventually lost 3-2 to Sarah Berkeley. Next to play Rhian Penikett, who showed how some coaching can improve your game, won the 3rd but lost 3-1 to the very experienced Jenny Dillon. Helen gave us something to cheer about winning a very tight first game 10/9 but still carrying an injury from the previous weekend eventually lost 3-1. "Newbe" Rachel Cooper playing in her first international beat the experienced Rosie Barry 9/6 9/3 9/3-great start to her masters career and the first win of the weekend for the team. Olivia French was too strong for Lynne who did not get into the match until the 3rd which she lost 10-8 but lost the match 3-0. Match to Ireland 4-1.

Saturday afternoon and Scotland were unable to field a 5th player against Jill so Wales 1 up. Rhian played out of her skin and defeated the very experienced Scottish masters player Moira Atkinson 3-2. Helen was up against Helen Nicholls who was too strong and despite some hard fought rallies Helen lost 3-0. "Newbe" Rachel continued her winning streak and powered her way past Debbie Cornell with another great 3-0 win. Lynne lost 3-0 to Fiona McLean but Wales defeated Scotland 3-2.

Ireland/England 045 men battled into the early evening and held up the meal but a great evening followed. Always a pleasure to go to Dublin and the Fitzwilliam club, thanks to Ceiran/Rosie and the team for all their hard work.

Well played team and thank you all for a fantastic weekend! Red hair at breakfast.....

Lynne