

Ladies O50 Report

Commiserations to the team who narrowly missed out on coming second in the internationals in Cardiff. They were pushed into third place by Scotland who had one more point than them, despite the Welsh team winning two matches.

The weekend got off to a tense start with the opening match against Scotland. First on was Kath Horler- Clee who began well going 2/0 up only for Scotland to level the match at 2/2. Kath eventually won the match 3/2. Next to go on was Heather Charles and the reverse was true here. Heather went 2/0 down but fought back well and won 15/6 in the fifth game.

Wales were looking good with a 2/0 lead. However, Scotland pulled back one match claiming the no:1 tie. Jenny Jones was up next and played a disciplined game and despite losing the first game won her match 3/1. Last to go on was Lynne Davies and expectations were high. The match was a stressful affair with two of the games going to 14/16 and Lynne having opportunities to win the match in the fourth game. However, the match went 3/2 in Scotland's favour. A good team performance and a good start to the weekend for the Ladies winning the match 3/2.

Saturday morning saw the team play Ireland. Wendy Norris was first on court and began in a positive manner winning 3/0. Heather was on next and took a 2/0 lead, which soon became 2/1. The fourth game was very close with Heather eventually winning it 16/14 and avoiding another 5 set match. A two nil lead soon became three with Sian Johnson winning 3/1. This was followed by Kath Horler-Clee who had a comfortable 3/0 win at 4. The match was concluded with a 3/0 win for Lynne and ensuring a 5/0 win for the team.

Things were looking good for the runners-up spot with two wins under our belts. This however was short lived as Scotland pushed England all the way picking up two matches. With Wales losing 5/0 to England in the afternoon and Scotland beating Ireland 5/0 it meant that the final score was Scotland 37 points and Wales 36 points.

May I take this opportunity to thank the team for their commitment and determination on the court and their support and company off the court.

Captain – Sian Johnson

