



PSA gives Open a boast!

Llantrisant Leisure Centre was graced with the presence of no less than 8 of the current/former **top 300 players in the world** for this year's **Open 2019**. After taking the plunge and registering as an **Official PSA Satellite event**, the response was positive and we were able to welcome and witness an extremely high standard of squash onto our courts.

The beauty of this PSA event was not just the calibre of player that participated, but that it was held **alongside the non professional** grass roots grades. The amateurs that we have come to know and love over the last **5 years** of hosting the tournament were spilling into the endless reserves list from the moment we opened entry. The appetite to come and play tournament squash, even out of the main season months, is plain to see, but with the added bonus this year of being treated to a showcase of fantastic **world class squash**.



Top seeds **Nathan Lake, Peter Creed, Patrick Rooney** and **Tom Ford**

all made it safely through to the semi finals on Saturday, before **Patrick Rooney** came through to beat **Tom Ford** in an epic energy sapping **five setter** that sealed him the coveted title of **Llantrisant Open Champion**. Even the parents of **Joel Makin** were avid spectators to this year's event, with the knowledge that Joel's name is firmly etched into the shield of former winner's names. This was some time before he elevated himself to **12th in the World**.



The **B event** saw **Sam Weeds** overcome Llanelli club mate **Matthew Thomas** to take the crown, then **Justin Nemeth** and **Ollie Cann** won the **C** and **D** Events respectively.

Once again, the whole club at Llantrisant would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many people that help to make this event happen. Sponsors through to spectators and participants alike. Until next year, adieu.

