



Wales Records Excellent Results at European Team Championships

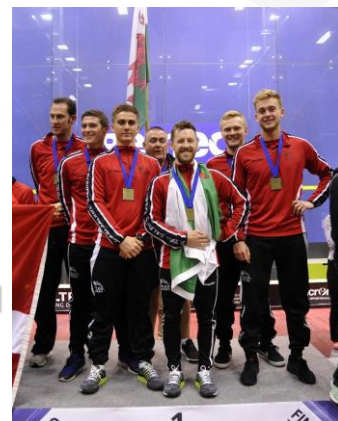
Team Wales have returned victorious from the European Teams Championships (ETCs) in Helsinki, Finland, having recorded huge success against some of the finest players and strongest teams from across the continent.

At the annual tournament, held from April 26-29, Wales' women performed remarkably to claim the bronze medal in Division 1; while the country's men have returned to the top table for 2018, after sweeping all before them to finish first in Division 2.



Despite being drawn in a tough pool, the women got off to a fast start with the team of Tesni Evans, Deon Saffery and Jenny Haley making light work of Belgium (2-1) and Denmark (3-0).

Consecutive 3-0 defeats to England and France respectively might have dampened the spirits and ambitions of the squad, but they were not to be denied a medal position; and a strong 2-1 win over the Netherlands in their final play-off match ensured an excellent podium finish.



There was similar success for the men, who stormed to the top of their group with 4-0 wins over Portugal and Austria, with the squad of Emyr Evans, Joel Makin, Elliot Morris-Devred, David Haley and Peter Creed all playing their part.

A resounding 3-0 quarter-final win over Belgium, courtesy of Creed, Makin and Haley; followed by victory against the Netherlands set the team up for a final with Denmark – a tie they never

looked like losing as the team finished on a high and topped the division with another comprehensive 3-0 win, ensuring they will be among the elite of Europe once again next season.

Congratulations to Elliott Morris Devred on gaining his first senior cap for Wales and Chris Neye refereeing at his first European Team Champions 2017.



Wales Squash thanks and congratulates all players on their fine efforts and excellent results at the ETCs in Finland.

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