

DEBUT DELIGHT FOR RACKETBALL INTER COUNTY

Words by Damian Burgess 22.9.2012

South East Wales made their debut on the weekend of the 22nd September in the English Inter County Racketball Championships 2012, the team were paired with Hampshire and Cornwall for stage 1 of the event and their first stop was Winchester.



The team captained by myself, Damian Burgess included Mike Dickins, Dave Haley, Joel Makin and Dan Bergin, a young and energetic team that included the Welsh National Racketball Champion Joel Makin.

We set out nice and early on Saturday morning, meeting at Newport Squash Club packed and ready for a day in Winchester, muffins, sweats and

plenty of fluids were in hand, our chauffer for the day was Dave Haley in his fathers giant 7 seater people carrier.

Arriving in Winchester just after 10am the team headed for breakfast before taking to the courts and Winchester Squash and Tennis Club, the team played three quarters racketball before warming up ready for their first match vs Hampshire.



The team are all fairly new to racketball but have been playing more and more over the last few weeks in preparation for this weekend. In the first match SE

Wales nearly took maximum points with a 4 – 1 win, Dan Bergin the only loser at 5 losing 3 – 1.

In the second match of the day that started straight after the first was against Cornwall who also had a youthful team and it paid off with three of the matches going all the way to 5 games, team captain Damian Burgess and Mike Dickins both lost 3 – 2 and the team finally lost 3 – 2 meaning Cornwall won the event by 2 points.

South East Wales could still achieve promotion if they are the runners up with the most points, we will wait and see, stage 2 takes place in February and the squad are looking forward to it already.

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