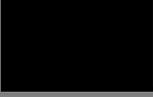


2019 MASTER HOME INTERNATIONAL SCOTLAND

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| Event Dates: | Friday 10 th - Saturday 11 th May 2019 | | |
| Address: | Edinburgh Sports Club, 7 Belford Place, Edinburgh, EH4 3DH | | |
| England Teams: | Men's O45 | Men's O65 | Women's O45 |
| | Matthew Stephenson (Captain) Ashley Bowling Paul Boyle Jamie Goodrich Jonathan Gliddon Jeremy Krzystyniak | Ian Holmes (Captain) Terry Belshaw John Goodrich Paul Reader Joe Richardson Geoff Walton | Sam Mueller (Captain) Izzy Bramhall Rachel Calver Louisa Dalwood Linda Pritchard Isabelle Tweedle |



MENS OVER 45 RESULTS SUMMARY

| Team |  |  |  |  | Total | Position |
|---|---|---|---|--|-------|----------|
|  |  | 20 | 17 | 20 | 57 | 1 |
|  | 5 |  | 17 | 20 | 42 | 2 |
|  | 5 | 6 |  | 20 | 31 | 3 |
|  | 0 | 3 | 6 |  | 9 | 4 |

MENS OVER 45 REPORT



First up on Friday evening Wales, Jeremy was first on court and set the tone for the whole match with a clinical 3:0 win and four more quickly followed.

After a good night's rest our opponents were the host nation Scotland, again Jeremy was first up and after a close first game with Chris Turlik he delivered another 3:0 win. Ashley was next up and he shared the first two games with Peter Buchan, he then upped his game and took the next two games for the loss of 4 points. Next up the No 1's, Jamie against club pro Simon Boughton, but after three close hard

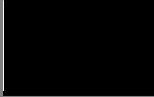
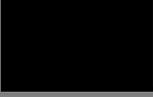
fought games Simon was the victor. Following was Matthew against Douglan Emery after trading the first two games, Matthew increased the pace and ran out a 3:1 winner. Finally, on court National Champion Paul took on Angus Woodward, after three tight games another win for Paul.

The final match and title decider was against our nemesis's Ireland, first on Matthew against the skilful John Dullaghan, Matthew took the first game with some intensive hitting and did not allow his opponent to settle, John fought back and took the second game on a tie break, the third and fourth games followed a similar pattern to the first and England went 1 up. Ashley was next on court against David Ayerst and on paper this looked like a close contest, Ashley came out of the blocks quickly and imposed his game on his opponent and won the first, David then took control of the of the second and third games. Ashley then fought back with some good quality squash and levelled the match. At the start of the fifth points were traded, but it was the Englishman that pulled away and secured the crucial victory. Jamie was next up against John Hurley and it was clear from the start that the Irishman wanted to disrupt Jamie's style of play, this did not affect him and he took the first game. The second game was very stop start, with the referee becoming more and more involved, but the Englishman did not lose his concentration and took the game on a tie break. Jamie came out strongly in the third and it was clear now that John was becoming incensed by some of the decisions and Jamie took the match. 3:0 to England and Home International Champions! But the fun was about to start Jonathan against Nick Staunton, Jon started the stronger player and was clearly enjoying himself on court and took the first game. Nick came back and took the second, Jon won the third, then Nick the forth. Down to the final game; Jon had built up a small lead at the end of the fifth and Nick then seemed to hit the ball down, but the referee called it good and Nick totally agreed with her, with a sarcastic grin! Jon not deterred by this went on and won the next two points and delivered the victory. The final match of the weekend was Paul against the Irish captain Dara O'Flynn, this match was played at a terrific pace, Paul nipped the first game and was always in control thereafter and another 3:0 win for him.

We had a fantastic weekend with thanks to Scottish Squash and Edinburgh Sports Club for hosting the event. I would like to thank my team for their unbelievable level of squash over the weekend and the celebrations went on long into the night!

Matthew Stephenson
Team Captain

MENS OVER 65 RESULTS SUMMARY

| Team |  |  |  |  | Total | Position |
|---|---|---|---|--|-------|----------|
|  |  | 19 | 17 | 17 | 53 | 1 |
|  | 7 |  | 3 | 19 | 29 | 3 |
|  | 8 | 18 |  | 16 | 42 | 2 |
|  | 9 | 8 | 7 |  | 24 | 4 |

MENS OVER 65 REPORT



England's over 65 team were made to work hard for their victory in the Home Internationals held in Edinburgh. The top players from this season's points list, with the exception of Geoff Redfern, who preferred the Barbados option to Edinburgh, played Wales in their first match. First on court was Joe Richardson, making his Masters international debut. He had a close battle with Clive Morgan, but came through 3-1. Terry Belshaw swapped games with long time Welsh international player Alan James, but made sure that he won the all important fifth. Ian Holmes went down in three to newcomer in the age group David Wright. Paul Reader fought back from 1-0 and 2-1 down to beat the stylish Tony Bevan and

John Goodrich recovered from a slow start to beat a fit Phil Thomas 3-1. This gave England a 17-9 win, but with Scotland beating Ireland 18-3 the home nation were on top of the pile on Friday evening.

Saturday morning's match pitched together the two winning teams. First on court was Joe Richardson, who lost the first game to Emilio Fazzi, to give the Scots some hope. However, Joe picked his game up to take the next three and give England the lead. This was extended by Terry Belshaw who comfortably disposed of Ian Ross, playing down from the over 70s. Ian Holmes's losing ways continued, despite close second and third games, ex tennis pro John Howie taking a 3-0 win. When Geoff Walton lost the first two games against Dave Sturman, the outcome of the match was in some doubt. However, Geoff knew what he needed to do and made sure that in the next three games he did it, to ensure that England would be victorious. John Goodrich then faced Jim Dougal, who had beaten him earlier in the season. John lost the first and trailed again 2-1, but a string of tight serves put Jim under too much pressure and John won in five. England the victors 17-8.

The final match against Ireland started with Paul Reader twice leading against Martin Maher before the Irishman took the final two games. Paul claimed he only lost to make the captain feel better! Terry lost the first game against Irish captain Pat Hanley, but then was much the stronger player in the next three. This completed an unbeaten weekend for Terry. Ian was easily beaten in the first by Kyran Hurley, but managed to win a tie break second before Kyran took the third. The Irishman was carrying a thigh injury and coupled with the morning's five setter he faded through the final two games to give Ian a win. Geoff continued where he had left off against the Scots and beat Robert Peel in three. John lost the first to a very fit Bert Cotter, but then got his game going and forced enough errors to win the next three. England victorious 19-7 and Home International champions.

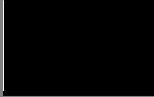


Over the weekend six of the fifteen ties had gone to five sets and out of those six England had won five. This stat I think says something about the attitude of the team - never say die. A very enjoyable weekend on and off the court - we'll gloss over the chaos that was Saturday breakfast!!!! I'd like to congratulate and thank all of the team members, just a shame the captain couldn't win as many as the rest of the team!



Ian Holmes
Team Captain

WOMENS OVER 45 RESULTS SUMMARY

| Team |  |  |  |  | Total | Position |
|---|---|---|---|--|-------|----------|
|  |  | 20 | 19 | 20 | 59 | 1 |
|  | 1 |  | 4 | 14 | 19 | 3 |
|  | 7 | 19 |  | 20 | 46 | 2 |
|  | 1 | 10 | 3 |  | 14 | 4 |

WOMENS OVER 45 REPORT



Team Arrived safely at Edinburgh and we all met up for team photos and organised the following team line up with a slight change as Isabelle was slightly injured.

Team:

1. Rachel Calver
2. Sam Mueller (Captain)
3. Louisa Dalwood
4. Izzy Bramhall
5. Linda Pritchard
6. Isabelle Tweedle

We kicked things off against Wales on the Friday evening where first up was No 5 string - Linda Pritchard v Rachel Stevenson, Linda stormed first game 11-3, second game was 11/2 and third game 11/1. Quick work by Linda with a 3-0 win. Next on was no 3 string Louisa Dalwood v Lynne Davies hard hitting Louisa controlling the court well with some good lengths and accuracy at front and took the first game 11/5 then stormed the rest of the games 11/5 11/6 taking a 3-0 win to Louisa. No 1 string Rachel Calver v Helen Barnard - Rachel holding her own steady and calm as always, controlling game well and volleying and holding T position finishing strongly 11/6. 2nd game finding her rhythm well volleying and doing what she does well at winning next 2 games very convincingly 11/1 11/4 to give Rachel the win 3-0. No 4 string - Izzy Bramhall v Sally Davis, Izzy controlled with her volleys and drops and made her opponent work hard and made quick work of it and won 3-0. No 2 string Sam Mueller v Jill Griffiths- first two games was dominating with her lengths and Jill couldn't find an answer, Sam lost concentration for third game and lost that game but then closed the match out in fourth by reverting back to the length game and using the front of court to follow Sam went on to win 3-1. Great win overall for England 5-0

On Saturday morning, after an interesting start at breakfast with 4 bus queues for breakfast at the hotel, we had Scotland first up. We started off with wins from Linda (3-0), Louisa had a tough match with some dodgy calls in the last game where it was a 3/2 loss to Louisa 11/9 in the fifth. Next on was 1st string Rachel v Sabine a lot of tension on this court with very hard hitting Sabine smacking it all over the place of which Sabine took the first game 12/10. In 2nd game Rachel now finding her feet using her shots well into the front took the next 3 games 11/4 11/8 11/3 and winning the match 3-1. Next on was cool calm and collective Izzy who took her match 3/1. Last on No 2 string Sam v Ashley it started off tense after first few points Sam asked for a let in 2nd point and the quote by Sam to her opponent "your not the referee he is". It was a very close match all the way through but Sam managed to pip the win 11/9 in the fifth which gave England 4-1 win over Scotland.

Final match of the day Ireland v England, this was all very straight forward England took the win 5-0

WO45 Champions!





Thanks to all my team players for playing and providing a great weekend overall, including a great idea from Rachel quick tour of Edinburgh followed by drinks by Captain at Cocktail bar before going on to the presentation evening. Congrats to all the other England teams winning in their relevant age groups.

Sam Mueller
Captain