

WELSH CUP 2011/2012

In the final, played on 31/8/12 in Newport, the holders Filip Kurbalija's team (Filip Kurbalija, Dan Macintosh, Tony Ratcliff and David Jones) beat Adrian Thomas's team by 50+ IMPs.

The triples are now completed and eight teams now play knockout to decide the trophy. As well as the seeded team that was exempted to round 2, three more teams have been seeded, based on Gold Points. The draw has been made so as to keep seeds in separate quarters, and to avoid North v. South matches in round 2. This is the full draw – there will not be a new draw for the semi-final.

The first team is at home in each match.

<div>Round 2</div> <div>to be played by 26th March 2012</div> <div>32 board matches</div>	<div>Semi Final</div> <div>should be played</div> <div>by 7th May 2012</div> <div>48 boards</div>	<div>The Final</div> <div>64 boards</div>
Paddy Murphy, Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, David Stevenson, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero	Murphy (by 62 Imps)	Kurbalija
Bob Pitts, Barry Jones, David Keen, Jean Kean		
Filip Kurbalija, D Macintosh, Tony Ratcliff, David Jones	Kurbalija	
Alan Screen, George Novak, P Gagne, Di Harris, Andrew Young, Chris Blackman		
Adrian Thomas, Paul Denning, Patrick Shields, Jill Casey, Diane Kurbalija, Peter Goodman	Thomas (by 46 Imps)	Thomas (by 11 Imps)
Jennifer Wardell, Adrian Micusan, Colin Nash, Graham Fifield, Horia Maior, Chris Morley		
John Jamieson, Bob Alderdice, Denys Maddock, Eleanor Price	Tedd	
Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, Gary Jones, Dafydd Jones		

Green Point awards:

Triple matches ¼GP for each 8-board stanza, round two 2, semi-final 3 & final 5 GPs

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The triples are now complete. The winners of each group and the “best-second” (Jamieson with +31 Imps) went into the draw for round 2. Captains will be informed directly.

Team no.	Team members
10	Jennifer Wardell, Adrian Micusan, Colin Nash, Graham Fifield, Horia Maior
13	Keith Davison, Anne Davies, Colin Thomas, Lavinia Thomas
17	John Jamieson, Bob Alderdice, Denys Maddock, Eleanor Price
	Wardell beat Davison by 2, Jamieson beat Davison by 44, Wardell beat Jamieson by 13
14	Adrian Thomas, Paul Denning, Patrick Shields, Jill Casey, Diane Kurbalija, Peter Goodman
8	Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, Chris Rochelle, Ken Richardson
1	Steve Webb, Tim Barsby, Terry Parkes, Liz Atkinson
	Davis beat Webb by 8, Thomas beat Webb by 49, Thomas beat Davis by 24
7	Roger Penton, Tony Disley, Julian Pottage, Rob Charleworth, Trevor Towers, Simon Richards
9	Mike Best, Mark Roderick, David Birt, Geoff Evans
12	Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, Gary Jones, Dafydd Jones
	Tedd beat Best by 76, Tedd beat Penton by 33, Best beat Penton by 28
19	David Spalding, Catherine Spalding, Mark Spalding, Mike Thomas
11	Nigel Worthington, Rod Sheard, Gwen Hurst, Elwyn Roberts
5	Bob Pitts, Barry Jones, David Keen, Jean Kean
	Pitts beat Worthington by 72, Pitts beat Spalding by 174, Worthington beat Spalding by 43
2	Alan Screen, George Novak, P Gagne, Di Harris, Andrew Young, Chris Blackman
16	Arthur Orme, Louise Orme, Paul Holt, Peter Sumption
18	Patrick Mullally, Joseph Mullally, Marie Topp, Brian Clarkson
	Screen beat Mullally by 50, Screen beat Orme by 17, Orme beat Mullally by 6
4	Paddy Murphy, Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, David Stevenson, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero
6	Mike Clare, Morag Clare, Beth Wennell, Barrie Wennell
15	Jean Hand, Peter Hand, Sheila Shea, Wyn Williams
	Murphy beat Clare by 1, Murphy beat Hand by 82, Hand beat Clare by 83
3	Filip Kurbalija, D Macintosh, Tony Ratcliff, David Jones (<i>seeded through to round two</i>)

Notes on the format:

The table above was the draw for the first round of the Welsh Cup. The draw was made regionally as far as possible – to achieve triples, the Mid-Wales team was drawn with the North, and one West team was drawn with the East.

There are 19 entries. One team has been seeded (by looking at gold point holdings) through into round two. The other 18 teams have been drawn into six ‘triples’, from which the winners of each triple and the best second-placed team will qualify for round two. The eight teams left at that stage will play knockout matches to decide the eventual winners.

In each triple, each team plays a 32-board match against each of the other two teams. If one team wins two matches, they win the group. If a team loses both matches they are bottom of the group. Otherwise group position is decided by aggregate IMPs. The winner of each group always proceeds to round two, and the bottom team is always eliminated.

The second-placed team with the highest net IMP score will also proceed. To ensure the fairness of this comparison, teams are expected to *play the whole 32 boards in each triple match*, using groups of 8 boards. To ensure there is still something to play for, each 8 board stanza will have $\frac{1}{4}$ green point at stake, rather than having a point for winning the match.

Within each triple, the first team listed is at home when playing the second team, the second is at home when playing the third and the third is at home when playing the first. Entry fees will be cancelled for teams that do not reach round 2.

Please try very hard to complete your triple matches *by the end of January 2012*. When matches in round one are largely complete, a new regional draw will be made, probably with some extra seeding.

All players must be members of the WBU. Up to a maximum of 6 players in a team, extra players who have not played in the event may be added at any time, but notification before they play must be received as explained in the Journal.

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Make sure that you send the result of each 8-board stanza as well as the overall result, and for teams of more than four, make clear who played in the match (and in each stanza if more than four play in the match).

For your interest, the draw for Welsh and Cambria Cups is done by sending just the team numbers to someone else for randomising (consistent with regionalisation).