

WELSH CUP 2012/2013

Congratulations to the Kurbalija team who beat Tedd by 39 IMPs in the final to win the Welsh Cup 2012/3. In a high-scoring match they won by 195 to 156 IMPs.

The triples were completed and eight teams played knockout to decide the trophy. As well as the seeded team that was exempted to round 2, three more teams were seeded, based on Gold Points. The draw was made so as to keep seeds in separate quarters, and to avoid North v. South matches in round 2. Teams who played each other in the triples were also been kept apart.

This was the full draw – there was no new draw for the semi-final.

The first team is at home in each match.

<div>Round 2</div> <div>to be played by 25th February 2013</div> <div>32 board matches</div> <div>Winners' MP award: 2 green points</div>	<div>Semi Final</div> <div>to be played by 22nd April 2013</div> <div>48 boards</div> <div>5 GP</div>	<div>The Final</div> <div>to be played by 7th June 2013</div> <div>64 boards</div> <div>10 GP</div>
Bob Pitts, Barry Jones, David Keen, Jean Kean	Pitts	Kurbalija
Mike Clare, Morag Clare, Beth Wennell, Barrie Wennell		
Filip Kurbalija, Patrick Shields, Tony Ratcliff, David Jones	Kurbalija	
Alan Screen, George Novak, Paul Gagne, Diana Harris		
Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, Gary Jones, Tim Rees	Tedd	Tedd
Roger Penton, Tony Disley, Julian Pottage, Rob Charlesworth		
Paddy Murphy, Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, David Stevenson, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero	Murphy	
Joan Marray, Julian Merrill, Paul Roberts, John Hampson		

Green Point awards:

Each triple match	1.25
Round 2 (QF)	2
Semi-final	5
Final	10

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The second place scores were Murphy +31, Pitts +25, Best +11, Wardell +10, Jamieson -39. So Murphy and Pitts go through to round 2 as the two best seconds, to join the group winners (Screen, Penton, Tedd, Marray and Clare) and the holders.

Team no.	Team members
11	Jennifer Wardell, Adrian Micusan, Colin Nash, Chris Morley
6	Alan Screen, George Novak, Paul Gagne, Diana Harris
7	Dewi Jones, Dai Hayes, John Evans, Dylan Raw-Rees
	Screen beat Wardell by 60, Screen beat Jones by 32, Wardell beat Jones by 70
9	Roger Penton, Tony Disley, Julian Pottage, Rob Charlesworth
8	Keith Davison, Connie Warren, Colin Thomas, Lavinia Thomas
10	John Jamieson, Bob Alderdice, Denys Maddock, Eleanor Price
	Penton beat Jamieson by 76, Penton beat Davison by 69, Jamieson beat Davison by 27
12	Mike Best, Mark Roderick, David Birt, Trevor Towers
13	Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, Chris Rochelle, Liz Atkinson
15	Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Gary Jones, Tim Rees, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew
	Best beat Davis by 46, Tedd beat Best by 35, Tedd beat Davis by 13
4	Jean Hand, Peter Hand, Sheila Shea, Wyn Williams, Sarah Amos
1	Bob Pitts, Barry Jones, David Keen, Jean Keen
16	Joan Marray, Julian Merrill, Paul Roberts, John Hampson
	Hand beat Pitts by 8, Pitts beat Marray by 33, Marray beat Hand by 60 So Marray win the group with +27 and Pitts are second with +25
5	Paddy Murphy, Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, David Stevenson, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero
3	Mike Clare, Morag Clare, Beth Wennell, Barrie Wennell
2	Rod Sheard, Sarah Hurst, Gwen Hurst, Dorothy Phillips
	Clare beat Murphy by 27, Murphy beat Sheard by 58, Clare beat Sheard by 24
14	Filip Kurbalija, Pat Shields, Tony Ratcliff, David Jones (seeded through to round two)

Notes on the format:

This was the draw for the first round of the Welsh Cup. The draw has been made regionally as far as possible – to achieve triples, one team from the West has been drawn with the two Mid-Wales teams. The shortage of entries from East Wales has led to one triple which may amuse the onlookers if not the three teams!

There are 16 entries. One team has been seeded (by looking at gold point holdings) through into round two. The other 15 teams have been drawn into five 'triples', from which the winners of each triple and the two best second-placed teams will qualify for round two. The eight teams left at that stage will play knockout matches to decide the eventual winners. When matches in round one are largely complete, a new regional draw will be made, with some extra seeding.

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 two second-placed teams 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 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, as well as $\frac{1}{4}$ green point for winning the match. The awards for subsequent rounds will be given here when finalised, but should be higher than last year.

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.

Please try very hard to complete your triple matches by the 6th of January 2013. Any difficulty in achieving this should be referred to the organiser in ample time for the issue to be resolved.

If circumstances require it, such as teams failing to agree dates, the organiser will exercise discretion. The organiser also has discretion to resolve disputes and make whatever adjustments are necessary in the interests of the competition as whole. In extremis, a team may be disqualified.

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.

Address queries and send results to me, Mike Tedd, preferably by email to mike.tedd@aber.ac.uk, by telephone 01970 611518 or by post to Llys Blodau, Iorwerth Ave, Aberystwyth SY23 1EW.

For first round matches, make sure that you send the result of each 8-board stanza as well as the overall result. For teams of more than four, make clear who played in the match (and for round 1, who played 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).