

WELSH CUP 2013/2014

The triples are complete. Now eight teams play knockout to decide the trophy. As well as the two seeded teams that were exempted to round 2, two more teams have been seeded, based on Gold Points. The draw was made so as to keep seeds in separate quarters, and to minimise North v. South matches in round 2 (one such match was unavoidable as an odd number of teams had qualified in each half of the country). Teams who played each other in the triples were kept apart.

This is the full draw – there will be 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 24th February 2014</div> <div>32 board matches</div> <div>Winners' MP award: 2 green points*</div>	<div>Semi Final</div> <div>to be played by 21st April 2014</div> <div>48 boards</div> <div>4 GP*</div>	<div>The Final</div> <div>to be played by 6th June 2014</div> <div>64 boards</div> <div>8 GP*</div>
Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew, Gary Jones, Tim Rees [†]	Tedd	Tedd
Keith Davison, Anne Davies, Colin Thomas, Lavinia Thomas		
Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero, Alan Stephenson, Stuart Matthews	Edwards	
Paddy Murphy, Matt Foster, David Stevenson, Liz Commins [†]		
Filip and Diane Kurbalija, Pat Shields, David Jones, Tony Ratcliff and Paul Denning [†]	Best	Penton
Mike Best, Mark Roderick, David Birt, Trevor Towers, Simon Richards		
Barry Wennell, Beth Wennell, Morag Clare, Mike Clare	Penton	
Roger Penton, Tony Disley, Julian Pottage, Rob Charlesworth, Laura Woodruff, Mike Close [†]		

[†] Seeded team

Green Point awards*:

Each triple match	1.25
Round 2 (QF)	2
Semi-final	4
Final	8

* The Management Committee has reviewed the MP awards for this competition. They have reduced slightly to reflect lower entry numbers

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THE TRIPLES

The first round is now complete. Murphy, Edwards, Wennell, Best and Penton go through as winners of triples. Davison qualifies as the highest scoring second, with a total +64. These six join the two exempted teams to form the second round.

Team no.	Team members
3	Rod Sheard, Sarah Amos, Mike Amos, Sarah Hurst, Kevin Jones
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	Hand beat Murphy by 20, Murphy beat Sheard by 70, Sheard beat Hand by 44 Murphy win the group with Hand second scoring -24
5	Bob Pitts, Barry Lloyd Jones, David Keen, Jean Keen
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	Simon Edwards, Chris Pope, Peter Kaufman, Andrew Prothero, Alan Stephenson, Stuart Matthews Joan Marray, Julian Merrill, Paul Roberts, John Hampson Edwards beat Marray by 88, Edwards beat Pitts by 32, Pitts beat Marray by 33 Edwards win the group with Pitts second scoring +1
6	Barry Wennell, Beth Wennell, Morag Clare, Mike Clare
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	Wennell beat Thorne by 34, Wennell beat Screen by 65, Screen beat Thorne by 85 Wennell win the group with Screen second scoring +20
12	Roger Penton, Tony Disley, Julian Pottage, Rob Charlesworth
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	Herbie Rowley, Jeff Thomas, Margaret Hathaway, Roger Boyle, Virginia Willey, Brian Thomas Keith Davison, Anne Davies, Colin Thomas, Lavinia Thomas Penton beat Rowley by 77, Davison beat Rowley by 125, Penton beat Davison by 61 Penton win the group with Davison second scoring +64
14	Mike Best, Mark Roderick, David Birt, Trevor Towers
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	Gwynn Davis, Sue Ingham, Chris Rochelle, Liz Atkinson Jennifer Wardell, Adrian Micusan, Colin Nash, Chris Morley Davis beat Wardell by 44, Best beat Davis by 24, Best beat Wardell by 32 Best win the group with Davis second scoring +20
17	Filip and Diane Kurbalija, Pat Shields, David Jones, Tony Ratcliff and Paul Denning (<i>seeded through to round 2</i>)
15	Mike Tedd, John Salisbury, Patrick Jourdain, David McAndrew (<i>seeded through to round 2</i>)

Notes on the format:

This was the draw for the first round of the Welsh Cup. The draw was made regionally as far as possible – to achieve triples, the teams from Mid-Wales were drawn one with the North Wales teams and one with the South Wales teams (who are kept in their areas, West and East as far as possible).

There are 17 entries. Two teams have 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 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. 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 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, as well as $\frac{1}{4}$ green 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.

Please try very hard to complete your triple matches *by the 6th of January 2014*. 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.

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).