
Team Wales Tournament Trip

Scotland Grade 2 & International Events

July 2019



Team Wales (six out of the fifteen players involved)

Aditi Chezhan, Gracie Hurley, Elina Pickerd-Barua, Oliver Page, Felix Bockelmann-Evans, Neirin Gilani

Tennis Wales ran the largest trip it has done for some time over two weeks in Edinburgh in July. All fifteen of the players joining the Team Wales trip were provided with coaching support and 24 hour loco parentis care at a subsidised cost. The players ranged from 11 to 17 years old.

Rhodri Vaughan and Fran Lewis captained the trip with Joely Lomas providing additional support. Some of the team travelled up to Edinburgh by minibus while some flew and joined the team there. Players competed in the domestic national level event as well as the U14 and U18 international events the following week.

It was a busy two weeks to say the least with so many players and matches to look out for. The tournament were having a hard time fitting in the matches during the first week with play finishing as late as 10.30pm on one of the nights! The U12 event had been played at an alternate venue in recent years but with all age groups at the same venue this year it was really busy for everyone involved.



Danny Flynn (pictured left) provided the highlight of the first week by winning the U18 Boys singles event. Danny had won the U16 event last year and obviously enjoys the surface and conditions in that tournament. There were other successes too with Hugo Cochlin and Aditi Chezhan reaching the semi-finals of the U16 Boys and U14 Girls singles events respectively.

The doubles events were also a good hunting ground for the Welsh players with Nicole Kells, Hugo Cochlin, Jonathan Evans, Harri Lloyd-Evans, Aditi Chezhan and Elina Pickerd Barua all reached the semi-final stages.

At the end of the first event those players who weren't playing the international events the following week travelled home with Fran leaving Rhod and Joely to captain the remaining players for week two.

The best result of the international week came from Megan Davies who reached the final of the U18 ITF doubles. She lost out narrowly in the final (12-10 in the match tie-break) but had won her maiden doubles title in Belfast a couple of weeks prior to that.

Danny Flynn had gone into the second week with a lot of confidence after his performances the week before but he lost out to the eventual winner from France in round two.

The team left for home exactly two weeks after it had arrived there at the end of a long and successful trip. A big thanks to Rhod Vaughan who was with the team from start to finish and who led the trip brilliantly.

Chris Lewis (Team Wales Manager).