

## Interclub Championship at Moreton Morrell Oct 2024

Danny Dawson, Michael Llewelyn-Jones and David Phillips recently had the honour of representing Wales in the National Interclub at Moreton Morrell. Historically this fixture used to be an invitational competition between the best singles and doubles players in the UK played at both Moreton Morrell and Leamington tennis clubs. Over the years this competition has changed and in 2024 there were 12 invited teams which included each of the home nations, the USA as well as a variety of UK clubs. I have attached the full set of participants and results.



Lloyd Pettiford, assistant Pro at MMTCC, who has been inspirational in the development of the Welsh team joined the photo shoot. On Sunday, Lloyd had the mammoth task of marking all the matches at Moreton for 8 hours without a murmur of discontent. Well done Lloyd.

Singles	Team	Opponents	Results	
Danny Dawson 40.4	England	James Richardson 45.3	6/0	James was hit in the eye by a ball off his own racquet forced at Dedans defending chase ½ yard. The result was a walk over.
	MMTCC	Simon Hobson 36.5	3/6	
	Manchester	Pablo Smith 50*	2/6	* Handicaps capped at 50 for singles and 55 for doubles.
	Scotland QF	Dan Worboys 39.9	5/6	

<b>Doubles</b>				
Michael L-J and David Phillips 51.3	England	Martin Harris & Richard Cherry 55	5/6	
	MMTCC	Tony Branfield and Jon Lambdon 43	6/2	
	Manchester	Steve Cunniffe and Andy Sprowell 55*	1/6	
	Prested QF	Ian Hawkey & Bruce Hogarth Jones 48.8	6/3	
	Manchester SF	Steve Cunniffe and Andy Sprowell 55*	1/6	
<b>Winner of Singles</b>	Prested	Josh Pike 50*		
<b>Winners of Doubles</b>	Leamington	Mike Lay & David Wells 55*		
<b>Overall, Team winners</b>	Prested	Josh Pike, Ian Hawkey and Bruce Hogarth Jones		Wales 8th

Wales was one of the few teams to have both singles and doubles qualifying for the quarterfinals. Sadly Danny, despite a very spirited effort could not quite overcome the tenacious and fit Dan Worboys in what was a thrilling match. Michael and David probably played their best tennis against Prested calling their Bisque at what turned out a pivotal moment. Sadly, in the Semifinals, they could not mount an attack against the Manchester doubles pairing who effectively had beaten them in the box matches. Despite licking our wounds, it was an absorbing weekend of tennis. There is always next year.

Welsh Captain and match manager David Phillips