

European Veterans Report: EVC 2019 Budapest Hungary.

In June this year the following Welsh Veteran Table Tennis players travelled to Budapest to compete at the European Veterans event held in Budapest in Hungary:

- Helen Levy;
- John Hook;
- Dennis Bromage;
- Gareth Dommett;
- Steve Eades.



Also, in attendance were Rhian Pearce of the Table Tennis Wales (TTW) and Owen Rodgers who represented a group from the Cardiff Metropolitan University (MET).

Both Rhian and Owen were reviewing the event as part of Wales EVC2021 preparations.

Both Steve Eades and Dennis Bromage qualified from their respective age groups and progressed into the main draw following strong performances.

Dennis Bromage progressed to the quarter finals of the over 80s Singles and Doubles, which is a significant achievement. I was privileged to watch Dennis's quarter final match against the German Mr Langer, who went onto the final with the strangest bat covering I have ever seen.

Helen Levy, John Hook and Gareth Dommett made good progress in the consolation event, with John Hook just losing in the 5th set of the over 60s quarter final. I was privileged to watch John's quarter final match and it was a great effort just losing 13-11 in the fifth, John had all the luck against him as well

Everyone forged new friendships with players across Europe and re-kindled old ones.

Rhian and MET had a good time meeting people and picked up a lot of information from event partners that will assist with the planning of EVC 2021.

I enjoyed meeting a number of future potential partners that will assist Welsh Vetts in the future with opportunities, and the hospitality of the Hungarian people was terrific.

I look forward to competing and seeing our players at the World Veterans Tournament in Bordeaux in 2020.

Regards

Steve Eades

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