



Llantrisant Open 2018: Bigger & better than ever!

Despite the sun, despite the heat and despite the World Cup, squash **supporters** turned out in droves and enjoyed a fantastic spectacle for **squash** in **South Wales**.

Entry numbers were up again this year, to **70**, and an even greater mixture of **youth** and “**experience**” was represented across all grades. Lots of new faces appeared alongside familiar faces from Clubs far and wide in **England and Wales**.

Spectator numbers were high right from the off at 5pm on Friday through to the main event on Sunday afternoon. Players were enthusiastically supported by **club members**, **travelling supporters** and **proud parents** alike.

A large number of evenly matched draws went the distance and threatened the tight schedule. Those matches provided **great entertainment**, and thanks to the service of **Beca Smith, Defiance Sports Therapy**, players were able to seek a **sports massage** to ease the aches and pains between rounds.





At the end of a **gruelling 5 setter**, newcomer **Luke Bishop [1]** hailed victorious over **Greg Tippings [2]**. Congratulations Luke! Congratulations to all our Grade Winners and Finalists from main draws and plates who shared a **Prize Pot** of **£745**. Full **results** are now **available online**.

Our thanks go to all our **sponsors, competitors, spectators, helpers** and the host venue: **Llantrisant Leisure Centre**, who oversaw the **refurbishment** of **all 4 courts** in the two weeks leading up to the tournament. Watch this space as we try to **elevate the Open** once again in **2019**. See you next year!

