



2023 Coors Meole Open

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For the Doug Marrs Trophy

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Commencing at 11.30 a.m.

Referee: Louise Cotton

Player Profiles

1. Scott Simpson (Sir John Bayley & Willenhall Nordley)

Scott has won the Staffordshire Merit as well as the Shropshire Premier League Merit. He has won the Wrockwardine competition in this county four times.

2. Nathan Dawes (Dudley Dell)

Nickname: Rupe or Rupert

Nathan won the 2022 Penn Open after finishing runner up in the Autumn Waterloo. Also has won a competition just down the road at Severnside.

3. Ryan Prosser (The George)

Nickname: Crunchy

Ryan has won many top competitions including the All England, Meole Open and Warwick & Worcester Merit.

4. Darren Plenderlieth (Greville Arms & Newdigate)

Nickname: Shark or Plenders

Darren has won plenty of big competitions including the All England, North Midlands Merit, Wigan Subscription, Castle Private, Rudheath and two competitions in Shropshire at Wrockwardine and Donnington Wood.

5. Lee Brown (Fenton Private)

Nickname: Bomber

Lee is a former Midland Masters winner and will be in tune having ran and played in a successful Winter competition over in the Potteries in the close season.

6. Dave Worthington (Parkfield & St Anne's Ex-Service)

Dave won his first games in this competition at the third attempt and managed to qualify. He won the 2019 King & Queen competition, and has played for North Lancs & Fylde.

7. Carl Fielding (Kings Heath Park)

Carl has won the Warwick and Worcester Merit and has been a top competition bowler over a number of years.

8. Clay Flattley (St Georges)

Nickname: Flatters, Drivble, Gordon, Flat Eric & Simon Cowell

Clay has won a number of competitions including the Woodley Spring Classic, Jim Halstead Trophy, Eagle & Child, Leek Open and the more local competitions in the Pontesbury, Bowring and Burway Opens.

9. Jamie Bramley (Lloyds)

Nickname: Pea Launcher, SPC (Straight Peg Charlie)

Jamie is a former Semi Finalist here, also winning the Woodley Spring Classic and the Lune Road competition. Was part of a treble winning Lloyds' team last season.

10. Dave Jackson (Railway & Mobberly)

Nickname: Jacko

Dave has won the Isle of Man, Spring Waterloo as well as many other competitions including the Grange Classic, Royle Classic, Dobbies, Allens Green and the Nursery Open. One of two remaining over 60s in the field.

11. Daniel Jones (Llanrwst)

Dan has won plenty of competitions in Wales including the Junior Merit, Players Association and the Champion of Champions.

12. Ian Howell (Adderley)

Nickname: Howeller

Ian reached the final of the Cheshire Merit last season, and showed his form when losing out to Callum Wraight in the Winter Series Final just last week.

13. Callum Wraight (Castlefields)

Nickname: Lionel or Malinga

Callum is one of the most committed and top players in the game of Crown Green Bowls. He has won pretty much everything on the calendar, including the Meole Open for the last three years, and will be the man to beat today.

14. Andy Hughes (Cunliffe)

Nickname: Hugs

Andy won this competition back in 2015 after being runner up twice before. He has won the Helsby Open and the Frazer Homes before, and captained the Welsh County team.

15. Dan Williams (Hanwood)

Nickname: Chopstick

Dan is a former player at Meole Brace, and has won many competitions in the Shrewsbury area such as their Handicap. He won the Chadderton League Merit and reached the last 16 of the Cleckheaton last season.

16. Geraint Booth (Llanfair PG)

Nickname: Boothy Boy

Geraint was Welsh Junior and Senior Merit Champion in 2002 and 2019 respectively, as well as winning many comps in North Wales.

1st round		2nd round		
Player	Score	Player	Score	
1. Scott Simpson (SJB & WN)				
2. Nathan Dawes (Dudley Dell)				
3. Ryan Prosser (The George)				
4. Darren Plenderleith (Gre & New)				
5. Lee Brown (Fenton Private)				
6. Dave Worthington (Park & St A)				
7. Carl Fielding (KHP)				
8. Clay Flattley (St Georges)				
9. Jamie Bramley (Lloyds)				
10. Dave Jackson (Rail & Mobb)				
11. Daniel Jones (Llanrwst)				
12. Ian Howell (Adderley)				
13. Callum Wraight (Castlefields)				
14. Andy Hughes (Cunliffe)				
15. Dan Williams (Hanwood)				
16. Geraint Booth (Llanfair PG)				
17. Mike Beer (Castlefields)				
18. Rich Goddard (Castlefields)				
19. Reece Farr (High, Stile & Brad)				
20. Matt Beeston (Hanmer)				
21. Sam Millward (Wrock Wood)				
22. Dan Bodley (Willen Nordley)				
23. James Wilcox (Crossgates)				
24. Tom Vickers (Wharton Cons)				
25. Danny Statham (Heath Hayes)				
26. Darrell Handley (Penn)				
27. Cliff Massey (Formby Sports)				
28. Peter Grimston (St Georges)				
29. Kiah Roberts (Burway)				
30. Gary Neal (Castlefields)				
31. Paul Evans (SJB & Nordley)				
32. Ash Wellings (Hanwood)				

Quarter Finals		Semi Finals		Final	
Player	Score	Player	Score	Player	Score

17. Mike Beer (Castlefields)

Nickname: Fitz

Mike is a top quality bowler having won the Champion of Champions, Talbot Trophy, Ray Leath Memorial and the Les and Mel Evans MBE Memorial as well as other local comps.

18. Rich Goddard (Castlefields)

Nickname: Gonzo

Rich has been a top bowler in Shropshire and further afield for many years, winning the Shropshire Merit twice as well as open competitions such as the Wharton Cons Open.

19. Reece Farr (Stile, Highley & Bradmore Starting Gate)

Nickname: Reester

Reece has won the Junior George Masters, as well as the last winner of the Junior Midland Masters. He has featured for Staffordshire County before.

20. Matt Beeston (Hanmer)

Nickname: The Beast

Matt won the North Shropshire Parks Senior Merit last year and captained his Winter team to success in the District Winter League. He reached the final 32 last season too.

21. Sam Millward (Wrockwardine Wood)

Nickname: Enos

Sam is back in the competitions after going on the circuit a few years ago. He has broken into the Shropshire county side since then, and been part of a record breaking Newport side.

22. Dan Bodley (Willenhall Nordley)

Nickname: Boddors

Dan made his open competition breakthrough last season when winning the Woodfield Open, and will be looking to build on that today.

23. James Wilcox (Crossgates)

James has won the Isle of Man June Festival twice, as well as the Gambart Baines four times and the Spen Masters. Has qualified for all three major competitions this season.

24. Tom Vickers (Wharton Cons)

Tom has won the All England and the Cheshire Merit twice along with many other competitions.

25. Danny Statham (Heath Hayes)

Danny reached the final of the Reg Miller at Stockingford last week showing he has the form and knowledge of reaching big competition finals.

26. Darrell Handley (Penn)

Nickname: Forky

Darrell has been taking part in open competitions for years winning the Stockingford and Moor Lane Opens.

27. Cliff Massey (Formby Sports)

Cliff has won the Fleetwood Festival Shield twice, as well as many competitions around Merseyside. Also reached the last 8 of the Autumn Waterloo and Isle of Man. He is battling for the best Senior.

28. Peter Grimston (St Georges)

Nickname: T Bag, Grimper or James

Peter has won a few competitions including the Hawksbury Open as well as the more local Bowring and Edgmond Opens. Has established himself in the Shropshire County side.

29. Kiah Roberts (Burway)

Nickname: Mush

Kiah has won the Dennis Lewis Open at Sir John Bayley, as well as being a rare bowler to have won the Shropshire Junior and Senior Merits. Has also won plenty of south Shropshire competitions.

30. Gary Neal (Castlefields)

Nickname: Nealer or Trousers

Gary is a former Shropshire Junior Merit winner, and reached the final of their Senior Merit in 2009. He has won the Shrewsbury League Handicap four times and earned a place in the Senior side.

31. Paul Evans (Willenhall Nordley & Sir John Bayley)

Nickname: Evo or Meatball

Paul has won the George Masters three times as well as the Staffordshire Merit. Has now earned a place in the Shropshire Senior County side.

32. Ash Wellings (Hanwood)

Ash is another former Shropshire Junior Merit champion, and his form in the Premier League with Hanwood has earned himself a place in the Shropshire Senior County side.

Today's Prize Money

Winner - £1000

Runner-Up £500

Semi Finalists £240

Quarter Finalists £140

Last 16 £100

Last 32 £70

Welcome to the 2023 Coors Meole Open Finals which consists of 32 top quality bowlers having battled through qualifying to get through. The winner of this competition the last three times, Callum Wright, is favourite to add a fourth successive victory. However, there are so many top quality bowlers who will be challenging him, including Scott Simpson, Nathan Dawes, Ryan Prosser and Darren Plenderleith, and they're just the top four players in the draw! Further down sees Callum's team mates Mike Beer and Rich Goddard face each other, while there are other local hopefuls such as Kiah Roberts, Pete Grimston, Ash Wellings, Gary Neal and Clay Flattley. Dave Jackson and Cliff Massey are battling for the best Senior prize, while Akeel Duncan and Jess Lacey shared the best Junior prize.

Thank you to all 241 bowlers who entered this year, and to all those members at Meole Brace who have helped mark and measure in the qualifying session and at finals day today. Also those behind the bar for keeping us fed and watered! Thank you to Terry for also stepping in for me last weekend to run a qualifying session.

Thank you to Louise Cotton for refereeing today, we are short of referees in the county unfortunately so I am very grateful for her support.

Thank you to Mark Thomas for preparing two very good greens, especially after being under four inches of snow the week before this competition started!

Thank you to our sponsors Coors once again.

Good luck to all the players!

There are a couple more one day competitions in Shropshire I am running at £20 entry, please see me to enter.

Newport Open - Sunday 28th May at 10 a.m.

LPP Open at Bylet, Bridgnorth - Sunday 9th July at 10 a.m.