

1976

Loch-style Home International - Spring

Lough Sheelin - 8th May 1976



England
D.E. Fulcher (captain), A.A. Dighton, R. Draper, S. Marsh Smith, J. McCormick, E.J. Pastore, W. Poole, R. Purves, J. Snelson, P. West, S.W. Wood & D. Young.

INTERNATIONAL FLY-FISHING

Win for Wales in Ireland

WALES WERE convincing winners of the first of this season's two International Fly Fishing Association matches, fished on Lough Sheelin in the Irish Midlands on May 8. England came second, Ireland third and Scotland last. Trout caught under 14 ins had to be returned.

Every member of the 12-man Welsh team caught trout and their total bag of 36 fish weighed 50 lb 11 oz. Their win was a repeat of their success in last year's August match on Loch Leven, and a repeat success also for Merfyn Williams, who, with six fish at 8 lb 8½ oz, again had the heaviest individual catch to win the Brown Bowl twice in succession (picture, page 87).

England, in second place, had a total of 20 trout weighing 28 lb 10 oz. Best individual catch in the team and second heaviest weight was by S. W. Wood, with five trout weighing 7 lb 10½ oz. Three team members failed to catch

sizeable trout. Third placed Ireland had a total of 18 trout at 24 lb 9 oz, with only one member failing to weigh in, and Scotland had 18 trout for a total of 24 lb 6 oz, with five members failing to weigh in.

Welsh championship

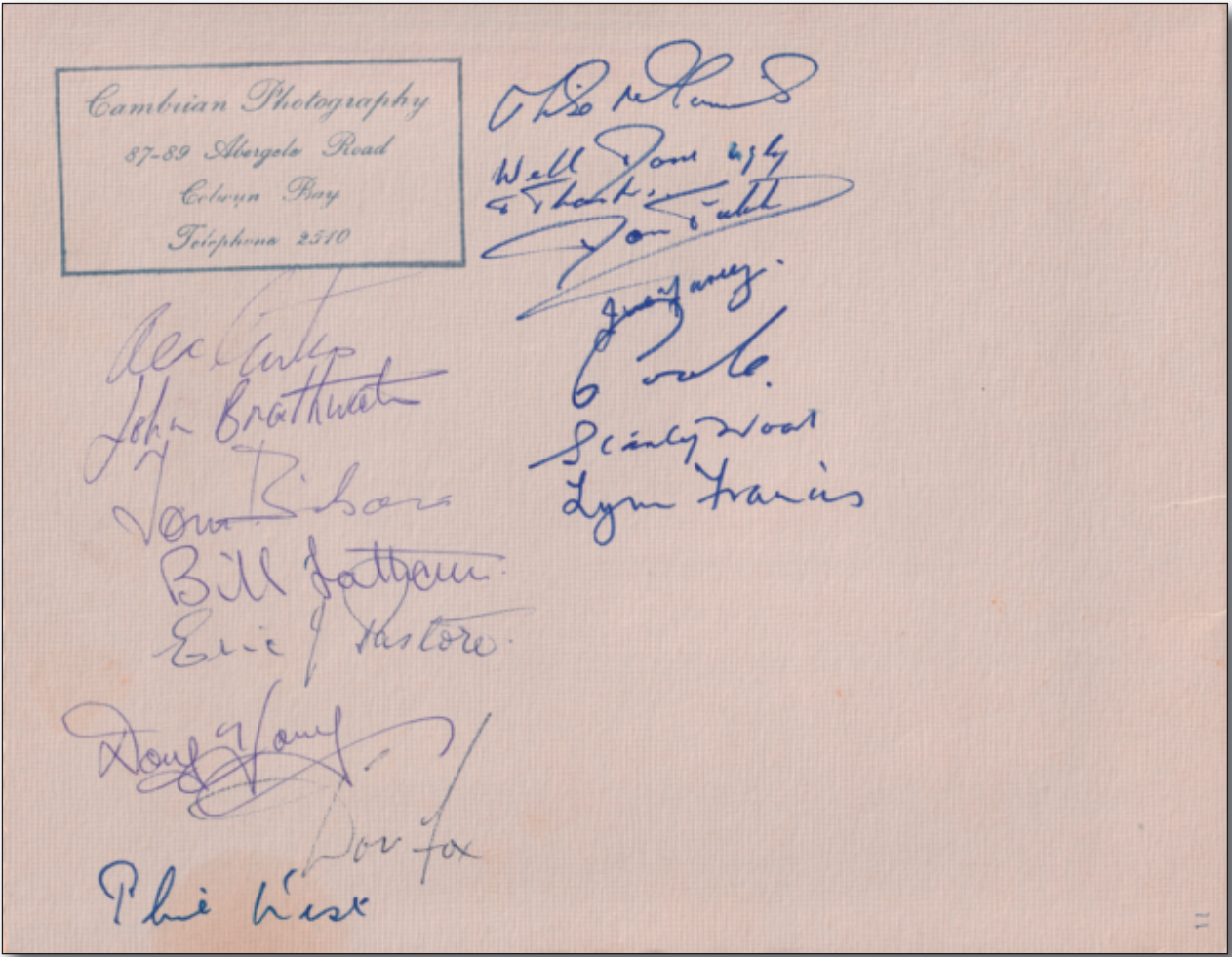
THE WELSH FLY-FISHING championship on Llyn Clywedog on May 1 was fished by 124 anglers, of whom 59 caught a total of 87 trout weighing 57 lb 4½ oz. First three places were: 1, R. I. Jones (Cilgain AC), five trout weighing 3 lb 6 oz; 2, J. Jobling (Llanidloes AC), three trout weighing 2 lb 3½ oz; 3, T. E. Hirons (captain of Welsh team), three trout weighing 2 lb 1 oz. Best fish of 1 lb 2 oz was caught by J. W. Thomas (Elan Valley). The team shield was won by Llanidloes AC with seven trout weighing 4 lb 5 oz.



YOUNG ADMIRERS for Merfyn Williams, of the Welsh International Fly-fishing Team, and the net of fish which won him the Brown Bowl for the best individual catch for the second year in succession at the recent International on Lough Sheelin. Report, page 84.

1. Wales	36 fish	50-11-8
2. England	20 fish	28-10-0
3. Ireland	18 fish	24-9-0
4. Scotland	18 fish	24-6-8

Full Results >>



England

D.E. Fulcher (captain), T. Bilson, D. Braithwaite, R. Curtis, R. Draper, D. Fox, W. Latham, J. McCormick, E.J. Pastore, P. West, S.W. Wood & D. Young.

Wales win at Trawsfynydd



The victorious Welsh team at Trawsfynydd. Second from the left is R. R. Jones the individual winner. On the extreme right is Moc Morgan, Welsh team secretary and acting International President.

OF ALL the stillwaters in the United Kingdom, Llyn Trawsfynydd was probably the most unlikely to produce good bags in this near tropical season. Indeed, during the whole of the practice sessions not one fish was caught. Fortunately, the weather changed just in time and the day of the International, August 28, was nowhere near as hot and sunny as the previous days.

Wales were once again victorious with a total bag of 18 fish weighing 20 lb 12½ oz. This was the third win for Wales in succession. Scotland who had been the recipients of the wooden spoon on the last two occasions did better and came in as runners-up. Their catch was 17 fish weighing 15 lb 5½ oz.

The individual winner, and winner of the Brown Bowl was R. R. Jones of the Welsh team with five fish for 6 lb 2½ oz. Second was the Scots captain, W. Nairn, with five fish for 5 lb 6½ oz.

England had been expected to do

better on this predominantly rainbow fishery, but they were beaten to third place by the Irish team who had 14 fish weighing 12 lb 13½ oz. So England, with two second places in the last two International matches, and having beaten the Scots in Scotland and the Irish in Ireland, had to take fourth place with 11 fish weighing 7 lb 2½ oz.

Mr Emyr Lewis the captain of the Welsh team and the International President was unable to be present at the match because of ill-health. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is making a wonderful recovery.

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Next year's spring match will be held at Grahame Water on June 4, and the autumn match at Loch Leven on August 27.

Moc Morgan


1. Wales	18 fish	20-12-8
2. England	17 fish	15-5-8
3. Ireland	14 fish	12-13-5
4. Scotland	11 fish	7-2-12

English National at Grafham

A DAY which started in fog with fish rising freely proved eventually to be a difficult one for the 60 anglers fishing in the English National Flyfishing Championship at Grafham Water on September 18. This was reflected in the total catch of only 38 fish, with half the competitors having a blank.

Top weight of 7 lb 14½ oz, with the best of three fish at 4½ lb, went to John Ketley, of London, who does much of his fishing at Chew and Blagdon and who was representing the South-west Federation of Flyfishers. His prize is a day's fishing on the Test awarded by Fribourg and Treyer, the tobacconists and cigar merchants, who sponsored the event. Second was A. Grover (Midlands) with 4 lb 6 oz and third B. Furzer (Midlands) with 4 lb 4 oz.

Others gaining a place in the first 16 and thus qualifying to fish for England in next year's international matches were: R. Dickenson (North); T. Woodcock (M); G. Topp (South); D. Shrive (M); R. Wheeler (M); I. Neale (M); R. Saint (M); K. Beech (N); S. Pope (SW); E. Weight (S); D. Allard (M); and J. Barratt (S); with a tie for last place between T. Coles (M) and T. Bilson (M).



John Ketley, who won the English National at Grafham. His best fish, which he is holding, weighed 4 lb 4 oz and was also the best caught in the match.

1. J Ketley (South West)	3 fish	7-14-8
2. A Grover (Midlands)		4-6-0
3. B Furzer (Midlands)		4-4-0
4. R Dickenson (Northern)		
5. T Woodcock (Midlands)		
6. G Topp (Southern)		
7. D Shrive (Midlands)		
8. R Wheeler (Midlands)		
9. I Neale (Midlands)		
10.R Saint (Midlands)		
11.K Beech (Northern)		
12.S Pope (South West)		
13.E Weight (Southern)		
14.D Allard (Midlands)		
15.J Barratt (Southern)		
16=T Coles (Midlands)		
16=T Bilson (Midlands)		

60 anglers competed