

# Meet the Team:

## Mens Singles

Cardiff's Dan Salmon will be looking to continue where he left off on the greens of Broadbeach as he prepares for his first Commonwealth Games.

Picked in the blue riband Mens Singles event, Salmon will be keen to continue the form shown winning the World Junior Championships at the same venue in March 2017



The 2018 Commonwealth Games caps the end of an incredible 2 years for 23-year-old Salmon, a painter and decorator from Cardiff.

Having discovered bowls via his father Ben at Whitchurch Bowls Club at the age of 10 Daniel has always shown plenty of progress on the junior circuit.

He first hit the headlines in 2010, becoming the youngest player to be capped by the national senior

team indoors during the annual Home International Series.

Individual success wasn't far around the corner claiming his first of many national titles on a growing CV by winning the Welsh Under 25 Singles in 2012/2013.

It is however his success over the last few seasons which has propelled Daniel into the Elite Squad and subsequent Commonwealth Games selection.

A treble of indoor titles in 2015/2016—Pairs, Triples (alongside Damian Doubler & Mark Harding) & Champion of Champions was followed by the outdoor Under 25 title in the same year.

A productive indoor season followed winning another Under 25 title and reaching a first major TV final with Doubler—losing the World Pairs final to the last bowl of the match.

The greatest result of significance however was the World Junior Singles title in March 2017, an event traditionally dominated by southern hemisphere players.

It was this form shown on the fast Australian greens and in subsequent warm up events in Broadbeach which make Dan a real medal contender at the 2018 Games and definitely one to watch.

When asked about preparation, Dan added "I will use different woods to what I use back home, I have been to Broadbeach twice now, so I know what conditions to expect. The greens are fast so by practicing on our indoor greens back home is a big help."



**Daniel with 2017 World Junior Singles finalist Corey Wedlock (AUS) whom he beat 21-17 to claim a first world title.**