

# OPEN CZECH BOCCIA CHAMPIONSHIP 2009



April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

The last weekend of April saw a group of 10 English athletes make the now annual pilgrimage to Prague for the Open Czech Boccia championships.

The England team of four consisted of: BC1 Matthew James, BC2 Jaco Roux, BC3 Therese Hunt and BC4 Charlie Wilkinson.

The Great Britain team of 8 consisted of 6 from England and 2 from Scotland, the English contingent being: BC1's David Smith and Andrew Morgan, BC2's Dan Bentley and Ali Lalani and BC3's Liam Beresford and Ce Turk. The Great Britain squads last 2 athletes being BC4's Stephen McGuire and Jamie McCowan making his Great Britain debut.

Competition started early Saturday morning with group games for everyone. Matthew James was drawn against David Smith in the very first game, resulting in a 10 – 0 victory for David.

Another interesting group match paired Jaco Roux with Ali Lalani. This time the England squad player came out on top winning 4 – 2.

The individual results are as follows:

## BC1

Matthew James	0	-	10	David Smith	
Matthew James	3	-	4	Machuta	
Matthew James	0	-	8	K Zujic	

Andrew Morgan	3	1	-	0	3	J Urban	
Andrew Morgan	4		-		2	M Popisil	
Andrew Morgan	12		-		0	P Skultety	<b>Quarter Final</b>
Andrew Morgan	6		-		4	I Smolik	<b>Semi Final</b>
Andrew Morgan	6		-		2	M Grusser	<b>Final</b>

## BC2

David Smith	10		-		0	Matthew James	
David Smith	14		-		0	J Machuta	
David Smith	12		-		0	K Zujic	
David Smith	0		-		6	M Grusser	<b>Quarter Final w/o</b>
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Jaco Roux	6		-		1	P Thomas	
Jaco Roux	3		-		5	L Vondracek	
Jaco Roux	4		-		2	Ali Lalani	
Jaco Roux	6		-		3	F Petrack	<b>Quarter Final</b>
Jaco Roux	2		-		3	M Korinek	<b>Semi Final</b>
Jaco Roux	9		-		0	P Hudence	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> play-off</b>
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Dan Bentley	3	0	-	1	3	F Serbus	
Dan Bentley	11		-		0	J Fronek	
Dan Bentley	2		-		3	P Hudecek	<b>Quarter Final</b>
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Ali Lalani	8		-		0	P Tomas	
Ali Lalani	2		-		4	Jaco Roux	
Ali Lalani	6		-		0	L Vondracek	
Ali Lalani	7		-		2	M Fajkus	<b>Quarter Final</b>
Ali Lalani	2	1	-	0	2	P Hudecek	<b>Semi Final</b>
Ali Lalani	2		-		5	M Lorinek	<b>Final</b>

## BC 3

Therese Hunt	0		-		5	M Kovacic	
Therese Hunt	6		-		2	M Dvorak	
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Ce Turk	9		-		0	J Danihelka	
Ce Turk	8		-		0	G Divoka	
Ce Turk	3		-		3	M Svoboda	<b>Quarter Final</b>
Ce Turk	1		-		6	D Vuic	<b>Semi Final</b>

Ce Turk	<b>2</b>	-	<b>5</b>	Liam Beresford	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Play off</b>
Liam Beresford	<b>7</b>	-	<b>1</b>	A Bidlas	
Liam Beresford	<b>14</b>	-	<b>2</b>	H Teicmanova	
Liam Beresford	<b>15</b>	-	<b>0</b>	M Kovacic	<b>Quarter Final</b>
Liam Beresford	<b>1</b>	-	<b>6</b>	V Milkova	<b>Semi Final</b>
Liam Beresford	<b>5</b>	-	<b>2</b>	Ce Turk	<b>Final</b>

#### **BC4**

Charlie Wilkinson	<b>0</b>	-	<b>11</b>	J McCowan	
Charlie Wilkinson	<b>6</b>	-	<b>1</b>	P Hubalovsky	
Charlie Wilkinson	<b>4</b>	-	<b>2</b>	M Rybarcak	

#### **Final Placings:**

##### **BC1**

Andrew Morgan	1 <sup>st</sup>
David Smith	6 <sup>th</sup>
Matthew James	15 <sup>th</sup>

##### **BC2**

Ali Lalani	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jaco Roux	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dan Bentley	5 <sup>th</sup>

##### **BC3**

Liam Beresford	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ce Turk	4 <sup>th</sup>
Therese Hunt	9 <sup>th</sup>

##### **BC4**

Charlie Wilkinson	9 <sup>th</sup>
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Congratulations to all athletes on a very successful weekend for English Boccia, whether competing for England or Great Britain. I

believe the strength in depth in English Boccia is shown in these results, with English athletes finishing above two of our Paralympic gold medalists.

English Athletes played 39 matches over the course of the two days, winning 28, an exceptionally good result.

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff for their positive contribution over the weekend and their continued support, giving time freely, without which it would be impossible for the athletes to achieve as highly as they do.

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