

BOXER COLIN WELSH SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Jones the voted big



Welsh Sports Personality of the Year Colin Jones is pictured with Tim Davies (left), who finished third, and Wales soccer manager Mike England, who collected Ian Rush's award for finishing second.

AFTER TWO years to become champion Jones had the 24-year-old off the magnificent Sports Personality of the Year award.

Fifth in 1980 and 1982, former British champion Colin Jones, "points" winner of the Liverpool and Wales

driver Tim Davies from Lampeter. More than one third of the readers' votes were for Jones in acknowledgement of his two memorable fights for the WBC title in America.

At Reno in March, he and Milton McCrory boxed a draw for the welterweight title vacated by Sugar Ray Leonard and when they met again in Las Vegas five months later, "Iceman" McCrory from Detroit took the title on a disputed split decision.

"I thought I edged the first fight but I was convinced I won the second," said Jones after receiving his trophy from another boxing great — former British heavyweight and light-heavyweight champion, Jack Peterson.

"That's why I'm so delighted to win the Western Mail trophy. People didn't wait for me to become world champion before voting for me. It's a prize every Welsh sportsman would love to carry off and it's come at a nice time when I am

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Tim third

THIS year's national FF2000 champion Tim Davies had an unexpected surprise in store last week, when he attended the annual BBC Wales 'Sports Personality of the Year' contest.

With Wales being something of a desert for circuit racers, and with the competition being decided entirely upon public response, Lampeter-based Tim was very surprised to find himself voted into third place, behind boxer Colin Jones and Liverpool striker Ian Rush.

Although his plans for 1984 had "gone completely dead" about a month ago, Davies is now busy trying to cement an F3 deal for next season, while there is also the intriguing possibility of some endurance racing.

mates. Becoming wealthy was a bit of a bind at first. 'If he's got all that money let's see him spend some of it' was how some people reacted.

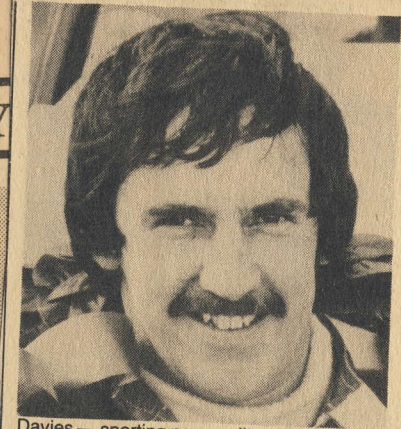
"But you don't lose your genuine friends if you remain the same. I still enjoy a game of snooker down the club and I love to play bowls and to go fishing."

Married, with a young son, Jones is the first boxer to take the award since the late Johnny Owen won it five years ago and the fifth since the competition began 30 years ago. The others were Joe Erskine, Brian Curvis and ex-world featherweight champion Howard Winstone, only man to win it three times.

Ian Rush polled the second highest number of votes for his exceptional scoring feats for club and country. He is a truly world class player who would command a place in any international side but as Wales manager Mike England put it, "Thank heaven Ian is Welsh."

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Davies — sporting personality.

Tim third in Wales

Tim Davies, the rapid Lampeter driver who won this year's Racing Displays British FF2000 championship (and the November 'TV' race at Thruxton for the third year running), carried the colours of his sport, rather than his country, with typical dash last week.

The Penistone Hardmetals Reynard driver finished third in the annual Welsh sporting personality of the year competition — behind boxer Colin Jones and footballer Ian Rush — recognition indeed for his on-circuit achievements and an increasing awareness of motor sport in Wales.

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