Most Improved Male AC player 2019

Callum Johnson

The Apps Memorial Bowl for Most Improved Male AC Player of 2019 is awarded to Callum Johnson of York Croquet Club.

20-year-old Callum started the 2019 season as a handicap 2 and finished as a handicap 0.5.

During the year, his ranking dynamic grade improved by 221 points from 1743 to 1964, representing a rise from 138th in the UK to 80th.

He achieved his first triple peel in April at the Surbiton Easter Weekend and by the end of the season was confidently trying the feat in competition with regular success. Callum represented Yorkshire in the AC Inter-Counties in May, where he won 9 out of his 10 games. He won the Middlesbrough Weekend in June 2019, was again runner-up in the Yorkshire White Rose Advanced Tournament in August where he achieved three triple peels over the weekend.

Callum was then entered for the Selectors' Weekend in September and won the tournament undefeated in all nine of his games (mostly against minus players) and conceded a low number of hoops in the process.

His final tournament record for 2019 shows wins in 24 of his 32 ranked games (75%) and the achievement of seven triple peels and one sextuple peel.