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Welcome

LATE SUMMER sees the start of the acceleration in tungsten activity throughout our sport. From your local league restarting their main season right through to the rush of ranking majors contested by the PDC elite, this final quarter, running into the following year is played at breakneck speed and with barely a break until January next.

As you can see from our cover image there have been three ranking majors, since our last publication, within the PDC system alone. Peter Wright salvaged what was looking like a poor season with his second European Championship title, Luke Humphris emphatically backed up his World Grand Prix win with a second, back-to-back, Big 5 event at the Grand Slam the year's second visit to a raucous Minehead saw Cool Hand collect the Players Championship Finals title and complete a rare hatrick.

As if that was not enough to be going along with the WDF's valiant attempt to relocate their Lakeside World Championship, so as not to clash too strongly with PDC events, sees the 2023 kick hosting off next week. Despite the complication of player withdrawals the WDF deserve credit for the attempt and Lakeside presence in the calendar is a highlight for many devoted fans and players across the UK and beyond.

DWExtra 13 concentrates on those major events whilst both reviewing recent action and looking forward at the same time. In addition there are several features focusing on recent results and firsts in our sport. The ADC's Women's Tour finals added yet another layer to the fast developing Women's game and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Keep an eye out for a special edition of Darts World Extra being released on December 15th. Our now almost traditional mini guide to Ally Pally is due for release on the day the event begins so don't forget to add downloading it to your **'Palace Preparations'**!





The Tinkermen

There is a somewhat annoying habit amongst darts fans to go all Claudio Ranieri when things are going well for our sport. Sometimes these ideas for tinkering may work, either short or long term, but often it's simply messing with something that ain't broke.

The whining about it being possible to draw a player from your Grand Slam group only two rounds later is one of those dancing on a pin head things that dart fans love to grouse about. But look at it the other way. It's like a rematch on a grander scale, with possibly much more at stake.

This year Stephen Bunting managed to overturn Stow Buntz's earlier win and Luke Humphries and Gary Anderson produced a L16 classic. Careful what you wish for folks.



Fingers Crossed

MANY DARTS'S FANS EYES will soon turn toward Surrey to see whether the WDF can finally shrug off their troublesome years and settle Lakeside into their new calendar place. The shift has in effect caused a 6 month, or more, delay, and cost them Eurosport coverage to boot.

The player withdrawal due to PDC qualification has also caused upheaval but is also an opportunity for many. Especially John Scott who leapt into a seeded position from failing to qualify!

All hiccups aside, you can see from the interview with General Secretary Nick Rolls, within this volume, that there is a genuine wish to establish the history and prestige as well as to stage a modern and popular event. Sensible darts fans would wish them well.



Terminal Decline?

A member of the DW has been pointing out, for quite some time, that MVG has a ranking event problem. From his dizzying peak of c2016 the Dutchman has seen a fall off in major ranking wins.



The Green Machine still picks up plenty of high value trophies but nowhere near as many of the 'Big 5' or even the 'mini majors' as he once did. If he is to return to the summit he must reverse this trend.



THREE OUT OF FOUR AIN'T BAD

HEROIC HUMPHRIES CLAIMS MAJOR HAT TRICK

LUKE HUMPHRIES became World Number 3 and a treble PDC Major winner ahead of the upcoming 2024 World Darts Championship, finding a six-leg surge to come from 9-5 down to defeat defending champion Michael van Gerwen 11-9 in the Final of the 2023 Players Championship Finals.

Cool Hand Luke continues to dominate the PDC Circuit ahead of the Alexandra Palace, with the Englishman producing a rare spell winning three of the last four majors: Players Championship Finals Grand Slam of Darts and the World Grand Prix.

Words: HARRY MASTERSON
Images: KEIRAN CLEEVES/PDC



Fellow Red Dragon star Peter Wright captured the European Championships to prevent a clean sweep of Autmnal trophies from Humphries

Mighty Mike had a striking tournament, despite defeat, including a 9-dart finish in the Final to send the watching crowd into overdrive, the 7 times champion also produced a superlative record average of over 118 to halt Ross Smith in the early rounds.

Newbury born Humphries started his campaign with a hard-fought victory over Martin Lukeman, recovering from 4-2 down to beat Smash 6-4 in a repeat of the 2022 German Darts Grand Prix Final.

Humphries claimed consecutive breaks of throw to battle back on Friday evening to set up a Last 16 showdown with Players

Championship 27 winner Radek Szaganski, who beat Ian White 6-2 in the First Round.

The 28-year-old put down a marker in the Second Round, whitewashing his Polish opponent 6-0 with a 107.36 average in Minehead. Cool Hand Luke showcased a ruthless display on the outer ring, hitting a 100% checkout rate against Szaganski who was only afforded 2 darts at double.

Luke went through to face Ryan Searle who he had recently beat at the 2023 Grand Slam of Darts, at the Last 16 stage in Wolverhampton. The former World Youth Champion defeated Searle by a scoreline of 10-7 for the second time in the space of 10 days, with Heavy Metal despite defeat finding the better checkout rate at 53.85%.

The scoring power from Humphries afforded him more darts at double,

averaging 103.70 over 17 legs played including an opening 105 finish to break throw instantly. The 28-year-old went through to face another player he beat in his winning Grand Slam of Darts campaign, this time James Wade who beat former Matchplay winner Dimitri van den Bergh 10-6 in the Last 16.

Cool Hand Luke was really tested by James in Wolverhampton, and the same can be said at the Players Championship Finals with the Machine fighting back to lead 7-6 in a race to 10 legs.

Humphries has showed on many occasions an ability to reel legs on the spin like that of Peter Wright, with the Englishman coming from 7-6 down to defeat Wade 10-7 in a four-leg surge.

Ryan Joyce enjoyed a memorable run to the Semi Finals of the Players Championship Finals, beating Damon Heta 10-7 in the Quarter Finals. An off performance, possibly tiredness, from the Newcastle born player allowed Luke to take control of the tie, winning 11-3 with a 106.46 score including a 50% finishing rate and 2 ton plus finishes.

Luke set up a Final with 7-Time and defending Champion Michael van Gerwen, who beat Gabriel Clemens 11-6 with a 101.54 average in his Semi Final.

Mighty Mike found a whopping 118.52 average in defeating former European

Championship winner Ross Smith 6-1 earlier in the tournament, with Smudger scoring 104.54 himself despite defeat in a ruthless display from MVG who missed just a dart at double.

The defending champion and 3 Time World Champion found the first 9 darter of the tournament, to break throw before the first break with a 141 finish after successive maximums.

Van Gerwen pounced at the start of the 3rd session with an instant break to lead 7-4 in a race to 11 legs, putting the recent Grand Slam champion under pressure with a 90 checkout. This turned out to be the only break in the third session of the Final, with the Green Machine moving within 2 of defending his title at 9-6 up.

Cool Hand Luke produced an astonishing comeback in the Players Championship Finals, breaking for the first time in the 16th leg to claim his first successive legs of the Final. Humphries produced a 6-leg surge to defeat Van Gerwen 11-9 in the Final including a 142 checkout to break in the 18th leg and becoming a triple major champion in the Professional Darts Corporation.

The 28-year-old moves to World Number 3 after earning £120,000 in prize money, with the Englishman putting himself into the same half of the draw



as Michael van Gerwen for the 2024 World Darts Championship.

A dominant display once again from Luke Humphries, who swooped his third PDC Major title in the space of 7 weeks at Butlin's Minehead Resort.

Can he make it a remarkable Quartet and lift a first world title at Ally Pally? Well he did tell us in Darts World 583:

"I am one of the most difficult players in the world to beat..."



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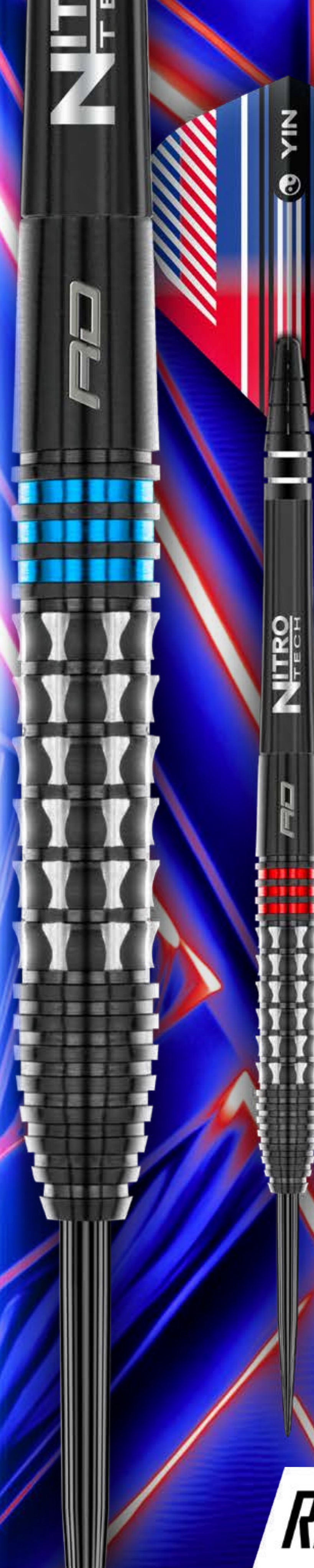
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LAKESIDE READY TO ROLL AGAIN?

SECURITY AND LEGACY KEY TO DISRUPTION RISKS

Words: THOMAS BARTLEY
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After a longer than usual wait, WDF Secretary General Nick Rolls is delighted that the WDF World Championship is finally about to hit the road.

The event, which was last held in April 2022, was delayed to this December in order to settle the organisation into a new 12-month calendar.

The move has come with its obvious difficulties, but for Rolls, the body is now in an excellent position to put on one of darts's most prestigious shows.

"It's been a long time coming!" Rolls joked. *"Things are in a good place. We are making the final touches and making sure everything is ready."*

"The team are in from the middle of the week to make sure the whole venue is ready and we will then head over from Friday to help induct the players, especially important this year seeing as there are 44 debutants."

A new early December slot marks a departure for the Lakeside World Championship, previously a staple of early January under the BDO. It is one, however, with clear potential for Rolls and his team.

“There were a lot of things which played out after April 2022, which itself was obviously delayed by Covid, so we took a lot of learnings from that,” he reflected.

“It proved very challenging after that edition to identify the next suitable slot. We were also juggling with the Q-School dates and trying to avoid a clash there.”

“We also thought that this time in December would attract the Christmas party crowd and that has borne out in some of the sales which have been excellent. It also gave us a bit more time to think about what we would do and select a slot.”

“At the same time, we absolutely knew the change would be disruptive for players, hence why we have called it a transition period. Thankfully, we have that agreement in place with Lakeside to return in 2024 and 2025 so this should provide clarity for all going forward.”

It was not just logistical problems that



ensued too. The sad death of Bob Potter, the Lakeside’s owner, in April drew questions about the future of the body’s relationship with the iconic venue.

But despite this and other choppy waters, the Club have remained steadfast in their support. *“We have a great working relationship with the Lakeside and they are very keen for the competition to continue there as a legacy to Bob,”* Nick explained.

“We do have some plans to remember Bob during the course of the week and there will be a piece in our programme reflecting on his contributions, all done in agreement with his family.”

The WDF have also had to grapple with the PDC’s decision back in September to prohibit any of its World Championship’s

qualifiers from also competing at the Lakeside. This was in contrast to an agreement made ahead of the last WDF Worlds to allow a small group of qualified Tour Card holders to participate.

Whilst frustrating, it was not a decision which deterred the WDF too greatly, nor imperilled its relationship with the professional body. *“I have a great relationship with Matt Porter and we speak regularly,”* Nick told Darts World.

“Although we may not agree with the decision they have taken, particularly on the women, it is a business and he has to make the calls for the PDC which he thinks are right. The days of public arguments with the PDC are hopefully now long gone.”

“We are very happy with the roster of players we do have. They have really earned their spots, travelling around the world and doing what they needed to do, particularly with the challenges that period has brought. In a strange way, it has made it a lot more interesting even if we now hope there will be stability on the timings front.”

Broadcasting has been another quandary to present unexpected rewards. Whilst the event will not be aired on

Eurosport, as it was in 2022, it will be available on Ayozat.com for the duration of the tournament, Ayozat TV from the quarter-finals onwards (Friday 8 to Sunday 10 December) and Fubo in the United States.

Crucially, however, the competition will also be broadcast live on YouTube, something which offers new potential for exposure.

“Initially Eurosport did put forward dates in early 2023, but after a lot of contemplation and discussion we decided against going ahead because the dates clashed with other televised darts tournaments,” the WDF’s Secretary-General detailed.

“The Eurosport/BT Sport merger into TNT didn’t particularly help us as they were reluctant to develop longer-term commitments and that hampered our cause quite a bit.”

“The YouTube broadcasting will however really boost our exposure. Television viewing habits have changed and plenty of people stream YouTube on their tellies anyway, so we hope it won’t be too much of a barrier. It is up to us now to provide an excellent service on the broadcast to make sure



moved on and this is the WDF, but we also hope it will be a similar level of party experience for fans.”

“For some of our team, it is their first World Championship, so they will come in with their new perspectives and ideas. We hope this edition can really re-establish the event and get things back on track for 2024 as we settle into our new calendar slot.”

“The players are really looking forward to it and they have been really supportive of us. The field this year is very international and so it is an excellent chance to see plenty of new players. Many of the field also have stage experience from other streamed events and I think this will prepare them a lot better this time around.”

that the level of production is well up to scratch.”

Some things, including the venue, may not have changed, but what does Nick hope fans take from this second edition of the WDF World Championship? “We obviously do want to show that we have



The WDF World Championship gets underway on Saturday at 1pm. Tickets remain available [here](#).

CONFIDENT DE GRAAF SEEKS LAKE SIDE PRIZE

DUTCH OPEN CHAMPION ON FINE FORM

Words: THOMAS BARTLEY
Images: WDF/CHRIS SARGEANT

There are plenty of sources of intrigue to this year's WDF World Championship, and you arguably need to look no further than the women's field for a fair amount of that.

Can anyone stop Beau? How will the debutants fare? Will any of the seeds fall early? They are all questions that come out of a look at a very interesting draw.

One player who will fancy her chances of capturing the Lakeside trophy is the Netherlands's Aileen de Graaf.

On her ninth World Championship appearance, it is perhaps high time to call her a veteran of the women's scene, even if she is just 33 years old.

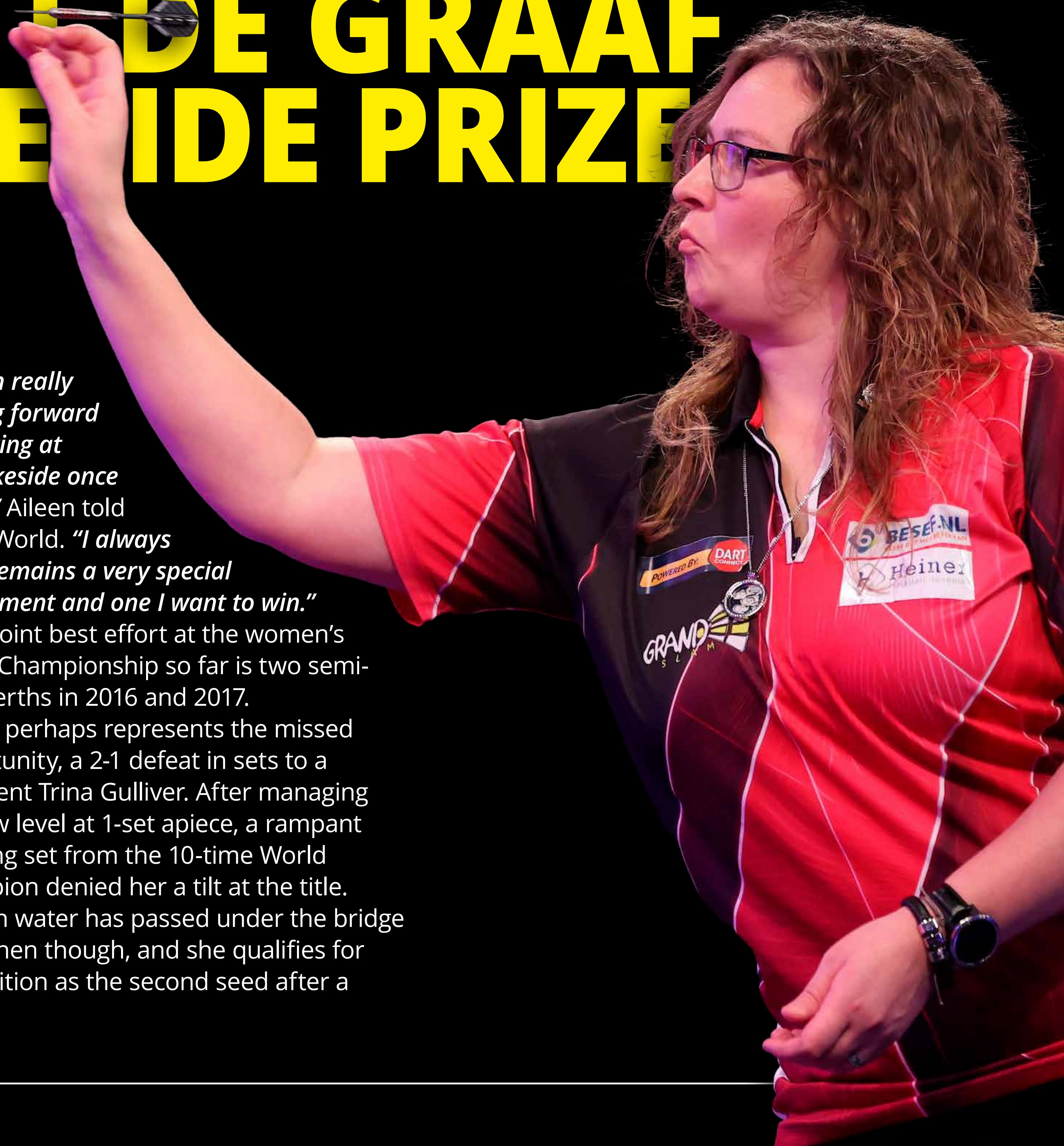
And there is only one notable exception from her trophy cabinet, having won the World Masters, World Trophy and the former Finder Darts Masters.

"I am really looking forward to playing at the Lakeside once again," Aileen told Darts World. "I always do. It remains a very special tournament and one I want to win."

Her joint best effort at the women's World Championship so far is two semi-final berths in 2016 and 2017.

2016 perhaps represents the missed opportunity, a 2-1 defeat in sets to a resurgent Trina Gulliver. After managing to draw level at 1-set apiece, a rampant deciding set from the 10-time World Champion denied her a tilt at the title.

Much water has passed under the bridge since then though, and she qualifies for this edition as the second seed after a



strong qualification period.

“My form can always be better,” de Graaf suggested, *“but with darts you never know how you will play and whether you will win.”*

A fourth Dutch Open victory of her still relatively short career was without doubt the high-water mark of her season to date.

It significantly involved a scalp of the top seed and defending world champion Beau Greaves, a victory which will no doubt leave her more confident going into this championship.

“The win was very special,” Aileen said. *“The Dutch Open is one of my favourite tournaments and to manage the win against Beau on that stage was absolutely fantastic. It certainly gave me a lot of confidence that I could beat her too.”*

It is a confidence that may well prove important, after another season in which Beau has excelled. Importantly, since her last WDF world title, she had extended that dominance beyond the WDF to the PDC’s Women’s Series, where she has picked up a string of titles.

As the saying goes however, a rising tide lifts all boats, and the



Women’s Series has undoubtedly helped the whole circuit.

De Graaf is yet to break her title duck, but the benefit of the Series to her own game has been huge.

“It makes such a difference to be able to play 4 events in a weekend and play women of a very good level,” she commented.

Her performances on the Women’s Series this year, which included 5 semi-final placings, granted her qualification to the second Women’s World Matchplay in Blackpool back in July.

Unfortunately, however, it did not match the success of her 2022 performance (when she lost in the final to Fallon Sherrock). She fell to former World Champion Mikuru Suzuki 4-2.

“You’re always upset about every match you lose,” Aileen observed of her defeat, *“but Mikuru threw a great game against me. If that’s the case, you will always be more at peace with it.”*

De Graaf’s half of the draw features four-time



champion Lisa Ashton, former finalist and World Master Lorraine Winstanley and last year’s runner-up Kirsty Hutchinson.

How does Aileen rate her chances amongst that talent? *“I am not a person who will say I’m going to win the tournament. I just try to first win*

one match and then the next. That is the best way to go about things.”

By that metric, Aileen’s attention will be on a first round opener against either Nicole Regnaud or Anna Forsmark, both qualifiers of impressive pedigree.

Some have Greaves’s name already etched on the trophy, but given the twists and turns that any world championship brings, that feels mightily premature.

A dose of De Graaf’s calm and poise may well work wonders:

“It is important to never rush too fast and too much self-confidence is not good either. I know what I can do, but it just has to come out. Just be yourself and try and do the best you can.”

THE BEAST LOOSE IN FRIMLEY GREEN

BELGIAN STAR FAVOURITE FOR STORIED LAKESIDE TROPHY

Words: ALEX MOSS Images: PDC EUROPE

Andy Baetens is hoping to cap off his 'best year' in darts so far by winning the men's title at the WDF World Championships at Lakeside.

'The Beast' heads to Frimley Green as the top seed and the favourite with the bookmakers to be the first player from Belgium to become a men's world darts champion.

It has already been a 2023 to remember for Baetens, with the 34-year-old picking up eight WDF titles – a haul which has moved him to the top of the organisation's men's rankings.

And now the man from Nieuwerkerken is aiming to lift the WDF's flagship trophy as he looks to win through what appears to be yet another open men's tournament at Lakeside this year.

"I think this has been my best year," Baetens said. "I feel pretty good. The last five or six months

have been very good and I'm confident I can have a good run at Lakeside.

"I'm not thinking too much that I'm the number one seed. I want to just be normal and train a lot in the last week before I go to Lakeside.

"If I can win it that will be great for Belgium. There's a lot of talent that's coming now from Belgium and there are a few good young darts players.

"I think if I win the title I can maybe be an example for the young guys. It will be good if I can be a world champion for Belgium."

Along with his eight tournament wins on the WDF circuit this year, Baetens also caught the eye with an impressive showing in his home PDC European Tour event, the Belgian Darts Open, back in May. The WDF number one averaged 102 and missed a match dart in a 6-5 defeat to Luke Humphries in the last 16, a

performance which left a lasting impression on his opponent who has since gone on to lift major silverware in the PDC ranks.

"That was a very good feeling," Baetens said. "I beat Jermaine Wattimena and Andrew Gilding and went all the way against Luke, who I think is now for the moment the best player in the world.

"Luke said on stage after I'm a top 32 player and that I should go to Q-School next year. That was good for my confidence. Luke and I send messages to each other every week now."

The WDF World Championships get under way on Saturday, December 2. The men's event carries a £50,000 prize for the winner, with Baetens' bid for Lakeside glory starting against either Scott Marsh or Sebastian Bialecki on Monday, December 4.

Full interview with WDF men's number one Andy Baetens on episode 332 of the Weekly Dartscast podcast. Available on all good podcast providers.





BEAU'S BACK

ENJOYMENT AND LOYALTY
KEYS TO GREAVES' LAKESIDE RETURN

Words: ALEX MOSS

Images: WDF/CHRIS SARGEANT

Beau Greaves says it was the enjoyment of playing at Lakeside which led her to choose the WDF over the PDC for her World Championship campaign this month.

The teenager made history some 20 months ago becoming the youngest winner of the women's title in the WDF World Championships, at the age of just 18.

That victory at Lakeside in April 2022 is just one of 50+ titles Greaves has won in the last two years, along with 20 tournament wins in the Women's Series and the Women's World Matchplay over in the PDC.

In September, the PDC ruled that players who competed at Lakeside this year would then not be allowed to play at their World Championship a few weeks later. It left several players, including Greaves, with a decision to make.

"I knew it was coming," the WDF women's number one said. *"I wasn't shocked at all. As soon as it came out I knew what I was going to pick."*

"I didn't announce it straight away though. I thought 'what's the point? I'll just milk it for a bit!'"

"It's one of them. With the Women's Series and the way ladies darts is going, I feel like I'll get back to Ally Pally and be able to do that full-time at some point."

"I think I'm a ladies dart player and to me Ally Pally is like a men's competition. I just prefer playing against the women at the minute. That probably will change in years to come."

"I loved it when I played Lakeside last year. I absolutely loved it and I just felt like I'd enjoy it more. I just wanted to go back and that's a really simple reason behind it. I just preferred it and I enjoyed it more, so I chose that."

After her historic world title triumph at Lakeside in the spring of last year, Greaves has dominated all facets of the women's game, winning a record number of Women's Series titles and completing a clean sweep of the WDF's top prizes.

This year's Women's World Championship is notable by the absence of both Mikuru Suzuki and Fallon Sherrock, two players who did not qualify for Lakeside, but will be playing at Alexandra Palace in the PDC's event later this month.

The reigning Lakeside champion believes it is important for the ladies to back the WDF, who are currently the only code offering a



World Championship solely for the ladies to compete in.

"I had a decision to make and the PDC Women's Matchplay, that's not a World Championship for us," Greaves said.

"I know the WDF have had some really good moments and some bad moments, but at the end of it they have a ladies World Championship."

"That is the main goal to get to and work towards. Lakeside is the ladies World Championship and we don't want it to go anywhere. We always want to keep playing in it and to just keep improving ladies darts."

The top seed Greaves opens her bid for world title number two in the second round on Monday, December 4, with her two possible opponents Lorraine Hyde or Laura Turner facing off on the opening day on Saturday, December 2. Deta Hedman and Rhian O'Sullivan are amongst the other obstacles the holder could face on her way to the final.

The tournament is boosted by the return of four-time champion Lisa Ashton,

who features in the opposite half of the draw along with last year's runner-up Kirsty Hutchinson, 2019 finalist Lorraine Winstanley and former World Master Aileen de Graaf.

"If I play well I know I've got a good chance," Greaves said. *"If not I move on from it. I don't crucify myself for losing."*

"It's been absolutely amazing to be 19 and travel everywhere. People have so much respect for me and stuff. It's really nice. I'm so lucky and I absolutely love the life I have."

After being a dart away from topping her group at the recent Grand Slam of Darts and qualifying for the knockout stage, talk has already heightened about Greaves' plans for 2024 and whether a trip to Q-School to try and win a PDC tour card is on her radar.

"I don't really know. I'll probably see how Lakeside goes," she said. *"I'll probably not go to Q-School, but then again I keep changing my mind!"*

"I've just got the time now to play in what I want. I can save my money up and then when the time comes to think 'right, I've got to do this professionally now,' then I'll do it. Now it's just about enjoying it."

Listen to the full interview with the reigning women's world champion Beau Greaves on episode 332 of the Weekly Dartscast podcast. Available on Spotify, iTunes and all good podcast providers.

WEBBY'S WORLD

As we come off the back of a fantastic summer/ Autumn campaign our sport is looking in a really healthy place. No longer can the 'big three' of MVG, Michal Smith and Gerwyn Price be considered assured for the major titles.

Huge congratulations to Luke Humphries on breaking his major duck at the recent World Grand Prix and then backing it up twice! Determination, hard work and patience have paid off!

Nathan Aspinall's earlier World Matchplay win was a fabulous watch and the atmosphere was superb.

The WDF must keep their flagships where they now are in the calendar and offer a reliable structure if they are to remain relevant. One excellent feature of Lakeside is its openness and chances for unheralded players, such as Neil Duff, to burst through. The venue has an almost mystical quality for some players and is still an intriguing event.

As a former Lakeside World Champion the WDF circuit obviously served a purpose for me, but I don't see that players need to chase round the globe any longer. If you can qualify for their main events then so be it. But, if I am honest I would not chase their circuit, as an amateur, as there is a lot more out there now for players.

As a self-employed dart player I can understand Beau Greaves decision to defend her WDF title. She

is a massive favourite to retain her title and £25,000 in prize money is the biggest purse in dedicated women's darts.

However, I think the PDC expecting those who play their system, and benefit from it, all year round to then attend the flagship event at Ally Pally is perfectly understandable. They have put a considerable amount, year on year, into the development of both youth and women's tours and want the best results from it.

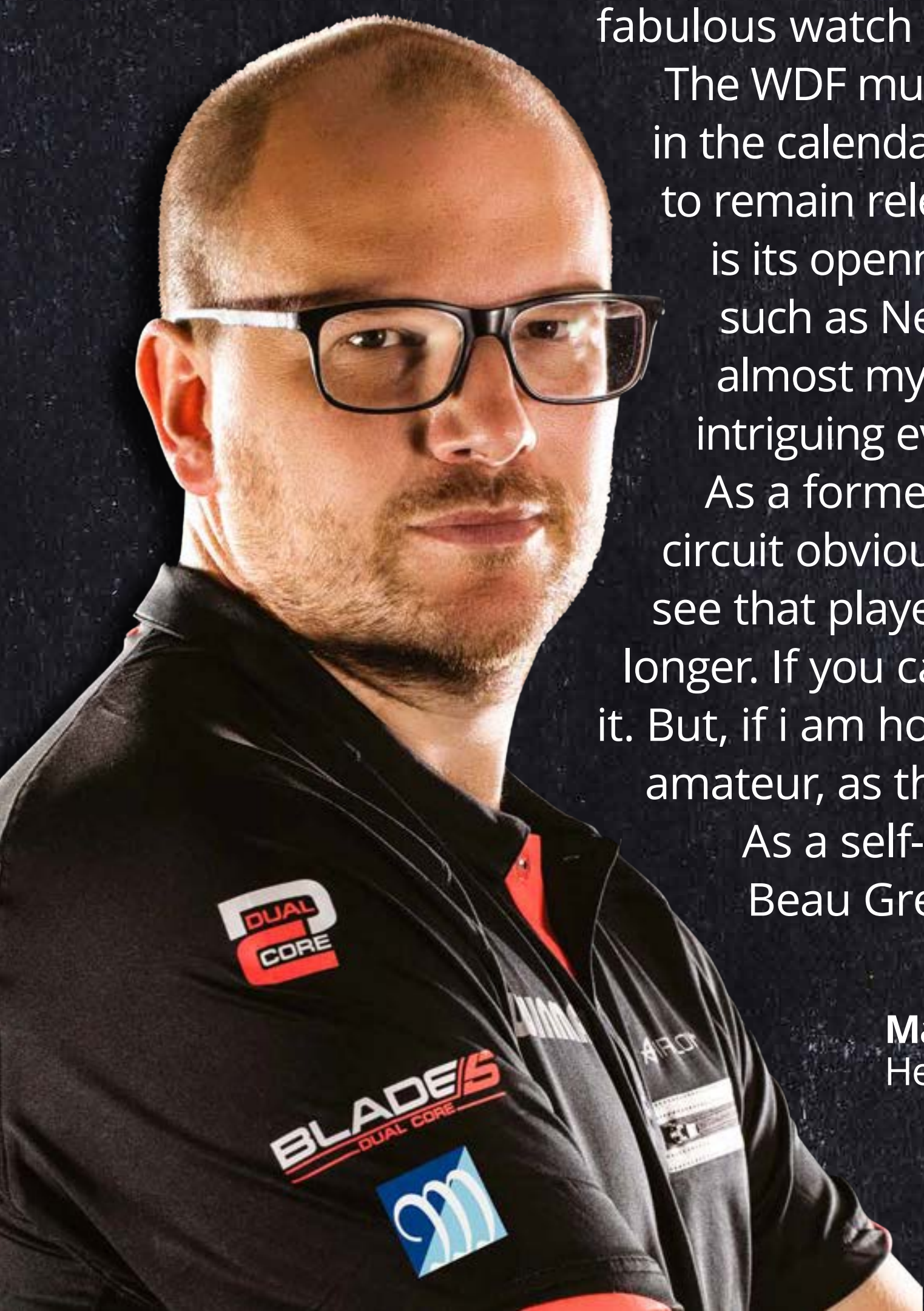
The battle between Beau, Fallon, Lisa and Mikuru has been developing over the last 18 months and could be the foundation of a hugely successful future for the women's game.

Away from the cameras the controversy surrounding the midweek Pro's Tours is understandable but as a professional sport it can only be good for players long term.

With four streaming lanes and possibly more to come, players are getting more exposure, thus earning power, earlier and the step up to Euro Tour or TV stages is once more smoothed out.

The PDC have been promising this mid-week plan for a number of years and yet have made it clear that if it does not work it is not fixed in stone.

All in all, the business end of the season is well under way, the depth now present means any one of perhaps ten or twelve players can, remarkably, win the sports biggest crown in December.



Mark Webster is the 2008 WDF World Champion and twice finished in 3rd place at the PDC World Championship. He is sponsored by **Winmau** & **Monarch Water**

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND - ROUND 1

AFTERNOON - 13:00 GMT

SCOTT MARSH V SEBASTIAN BIAŁECKI
 JO CLEMENTS V VERONIKA IHÁSZ
 AARON TURNER V RICKY NAUMAN
 JORDAN BROOKS V DENNIS NILSSON
 PAULA MURPHY V ALMUDENA FAJARDO
 DAVE PRINS V REECE COLLEY

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

JAMES RICHARDSON V CHRISTIAN GOEDL
 ALETTA WAJER V PAULA JACKLIN
 PATRIK KOVACS V JIM WIDMAYER
 JONNY TATA V SHAUN MCDONALD
 LORRAINE HYDE V LAURA TURNER
 DANNY PORTER V ARJAN KONTERMAN

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD - ROUND 1

AFTERNOON - 13:00 GMT

LIAM MAENDL-LAWRANCE V MIKE GILLET
 KIRSTY HUTCHINSON V MAYUMI OUCHI
 LASZLO KADAR V EDWIN TORBJÖRNSSON
 MORENO BLOM V GÁBOR TAKÁCS
 KYM MITCHELL V PRISCILLA STEENBERGEN
 JAMIE LEWIS V JARNO BOTTENBERG

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

THOMAS JUNGHANS V DAVID PALLETT
 SUZANNE SMITH V VICTORIA MONAGHAN
 BENJAMIN PRATNEMER V DAVIE KIRWAN
 LEONARD GATES V BRIAN CORBETT
 NICOLE REGNAUD V ANNA FORSMARK
 ANTONY ALLEN V DENNIE OLDE KALTER

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH - ROUND 2

AFTERNOON - 13:00 GMT

PETER MACHIN (12) V RICHARDSON/GOEDL
 ANCA ZIJLSTRA (8) V MURPHY/FAJARDO
 MARK BARILLI (9) V KOVACS/WIDMAYER
 GARY STONE (16) V TURNER/NAUMAN

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

BARRY COPELAND (8) V TATA/MCDONALD
 BEAU GREAVES (1) V HYDE/TURNER
 ANDY BAETENS (1) V MARSH/ BIAŁECKI
 JAMES HURRELL (4) V BROOKS/NILSSON

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH - ROUND 2

AFTERNOON 13:00 GMT

ALEXANDER MERKX (13) V PORTER/KONTERMAN
 RHIAN O'SULLIVAN (5) V SMITH/MONAGHAN
 MARTYN TURNER (15) V MAENDL-LAWRANCE/GILLET
 WESLEY PLAISIER (5) V PRINS/COLLEY

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

JELLE KLAASEN (3) V KADAR/TORBJÖRNSSON
 DETA HEDMAN (4) V WAJER/JACKLIN
 NEIL DUFF (2) V BLOM/TAKÁCS
 JOHN SCOTT V GATES/CORBETT

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CHRIS LANDMAN (7) V PRATNEMER/KIRWAN R2
 LORRAINE WINSTANLEY (7) V CLEMENTS/IHÁSZ R2
 KAI-FAN LEUNG (10) V JUNGHANS/PALLET R2
 DARREN JOHNSON (14) V ALLEN/OLDE KALTER R2

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

DANNY LAUBY (6) V LEWIS/BOTTENBERG R2
 AILEEN DE GRAAF (2) V REGNAUD/FORSMARK R2
 BAETENS/MARSH/BIAŁECKI V STONE/TURNER/NAUMAN R3
 PLAISIER/PRINS/COLLEY V MACHIN/RICHARDSON/GOEDL R3

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH

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COPELAND/TATA/MCDONALD V BARILLI/KOVACS/WIDMAYER R3
 WENDY HARPER (6) V HUTCHINSON/OUCHI R2
 HURRELL/BROOKS/NILSSON V MERKX/PORTER/KONTERMAN R3
 LANDMAN/PRATNEMER/KIRWAN V LEUNG/JUNGHANS/PALLET R3

EVENING - 19:00 GMT

KLAASEN/KADAR/TORBJÖRNSSON V JOHNSON/ALLEN/OLDE KALTER R3
 LISA ASHTON (3) V MITCHELL/STEENBERGEN R2
 DUFF/BLOM/TAKÁCS V TURNER/MAENDL-LAWRANCE/GILLET R3
 LAUBY/LEWIS/BOTTENBERG V SCOTT/GATES/CORBETT R3

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH - QUARTER FINALS - 13:00 GMT & 19:00 GMT

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH - FINAL - 17:00 GMT

BIG WILLIE'S BOUNCE BACK

**BORLAND
BACK WINNING
AGAIN AT MSS**

Words: HARRY MASTERSON
Images: PDC

William Borland claimed the opening weekly win of Series 6 at the MODUS Super Series, after beating Nico Blum in the Final, to take the £5,000 winner's bounty.

The Scotsman picks up his first success at the Live Lounge and will hope it's a catalyst for more glory in the future.

"It's about time I won something as big as that, I haven't played to my fullest standards before when I have reached Finals Night, but I'm happy to win and move onto bigger and better things now."

Borland, known as 'Big Willie', was drawn into Final Group 2 alongside WDF Boys World Championship Finalist Charlie Large and Group B winner Jarred Cole, with the 27-year-old securing his spot in Finals Night via finishing 3rd in Group B.

"I knew Charlie had a big following, he had most of the room there. Jarred being a local lad as well meant it was a tough group, but I thought I had enough in the bank to get through to the Semi Finals which I did and I'm happy with that."

Willie will return in the New Year for the opportunity to earn up to £20,000 for the MODUS Super Series 6 Champions Week.

"I'm going to prepare myself well obviously I've got Q School coming up, so I'm looking forward to having a couple weeks rest, getting ready for Q School and if not that Champions Week."

"I'm happy to get a bit of form back as I look onto Christmas, where it will be time for local competitions which will be great practise for Q School. If I don't qualify then I will have the Challenge Tour and Champions Week to look forward to and I'll take it from there."

Big Willie topped the Scottish region in the Vault 4.0 Series with 118 points with an overall tournament average of 80.42. Borland bagged a whopping 13 titles over the 7 weeks played, in a dominant display from the Winmau player.

"I've played in two Vault Series and done very well, every time the regional Finals come up, I seem to get invited to MODUS so that's why I've never played in one. Obviously, the calibre of players you're playing like Gary Stone and Steven Johnstone, it makes you want to play more. Winning the region was a bonus, but obviously you want the prize of being on MODUS."

Borland has started to build his form

up again having put his darts away at the beginning of the year due to personal reasons but has now returned emphatically with tournament victories at local and television level.

"At the start of the year I was going through a difficult time, and I wasn't ready for Q School, but I still gave it my best shot. Unfortunately I didn't do very well, and the same followed at the first Challenge Tour so I put my darts away, stopped practising for a few months and spent time with my friends."

"After that I missed playing, so I started gradually practising again and started playing the ADC Vault competitions, which was best of 3 legs all the time. You must be on your game right from the start, which has given me the competitive edge back and it's just spurred my game on."

Willie will return for UK Qualifying School on the 8th of January in Milton Keynes, whilst the European Qualifying School heads to Kalkar in Germany again with PDC Tour Cards for 2024 up for grabs.

Big Willie will be joined in Champions Week by compatriot Andy Boulton after X Factor captured Week two of the latest phase of the MODUS Super Series. The

experienced Scot came through a tough week with a fine finals night performance seeing off young form horse Dom Taylor 4-2 in the decider.



MODUS Super Series Series 6 Week 1 Results

SEMI FINALS

Nico Blum 4 - 1 Charlie Large
Willie Borland 4 - 2 Harry Ward

FINAL

Willie Borland 4 - 1 Nico Blum

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Colin Osborne is a multiple Pro Tour title winner, Championship of Darts winner (2009), and a UK Open finalist. **@colozzy180**

Whether you are a keen local dart player, an elite professional or anywhere in between from Autumn through the new year is bumper time.

The peak season seems to have moved earlier this year with the PDC Autumn/Winter majors and now the WDF's flagship Lakeside championship coming hot on their heels.

Since Raymond came across to the PDC in 2006 it's never been easy to predict the winner of the men's Lakeside title. But that year could also provide a fairytale this year with the return of Jelle Klassen who has certainly put in the miles this year and could bring his career full circle 18 years after his remarkable victory of Barney.

A name that I just have an inkling for this year is Darren Johnson. DJ has long been a very dangerous foe in any level of competition but hasn't quite come through on the TV stages. But, he is playing very well indeed and has had more stage TV experience via the World Senior Tour.

In the ladies it is difficult to see past Beau Greaves to defend her crown and join a small club of women's world champions to replicate their effort. But, if it's to be a fairytale year, don't write off Aileen De Graaf's effort to complete her trophy cabinet.

Speaking of the Women's game my warmest congratulations to my sometime practise partner and friend, Natalie Gilbert. I have known Nat for quite a few years and we share some friends and team members. Not only is she a serious talent, she has put in the hours and clocked up the miles. She deserves every bit of success that comes her way. It could not happen to a nicer person.

Out in the amateur or semi-professional circuits there are a vast number of ADC and Open events to keep us busy. I thoroughly enjoyed the Bardon Premier League for example and not just because I won the trophy!

It was a quality field, playing up to 13 legs per match, with finals night for the top 4. I overcame the breakthrough talent of Chris Wickenden and the veteran dangerous Andy Hibbert. This kind of event is both superb in itself and the best kind of practice you can get.

Chris Wick is staging a Women's equivalent featuring Rhian O'Sullivan Chrissy Manley and next year's men's event looks even stronger with Danny Lauby and Ricky Evans joining the group!

Regardless of where you play your darts, the opportunities are out there. Go get them!

Bullseyes & Bounce-Outs!

Our regular lighthearted look at who's hot, and who's not, in world darts. Small incidents can have big consequences. Players and even companies and codes come from nowhere, suddenly move up a level or even dramatically collapse. The signs were there if you'd known where to look.



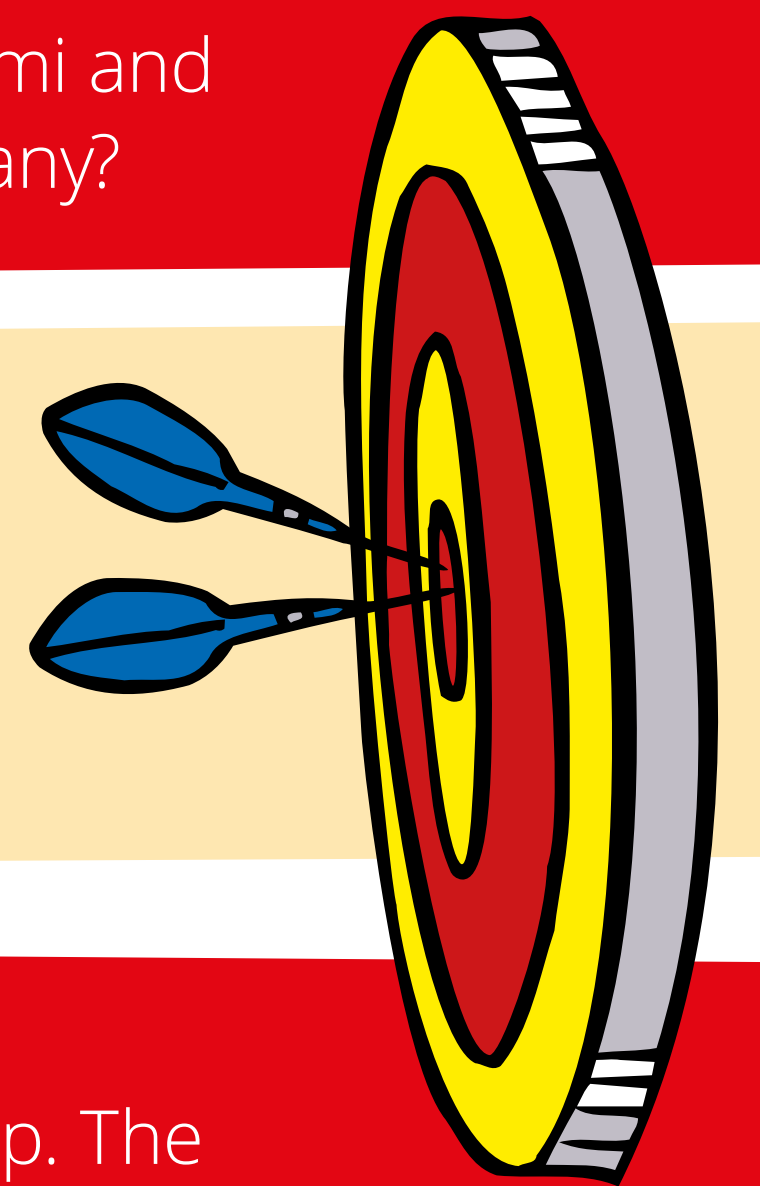
Luke Humphries: *Cool Hand* bagged two ranking majors since our last DWExtra and is simply THE form player right now. He may have also mastered the knack of timing as a place in the Premier League is now a certainty.

Natalie Gilbert: Our Columnist claimed the final Womens Series title of 2023 and set herself up for a bumper 2024 season. Natalie has clocked up a vast array of qtr, semi and final appearances across the codes and events. Could this victory be the first of many?

Gary Anderson: *The Flying Scotsman* is back, close to his very best on the floor and now showing signs of returning to his fluent stage best as well. Second overall in the Players Championships Order of Merit and seeming happy and content to play again.

Peter Wright: After a bizarrely mixed year *Snakebite* strung together some fine performances with some MVG darts and bagged a second European Championship. The 53-year-old may not hit the heights every week but is a threat to anyone on any given day.

James Wade: *The Machine* has always played through peaks and troughs but this can be tougher as sportsmen age. James however also has a fine sense of timing and just as things were looking dicey he finds a major final at the Euros and then a semi at the Grand Slam!



Bounce-Outs!



Michael Smith: Bullyboy is having one of those spells. New kit from Shot darts, defending champion in places and with the biggest target on his back. The Englishman is playing well but then seems to find an average performance. Can he turn things around before the big defence?

Peter Wright: As we hinted above Peter has had the strangest of years. His Grand Slam exit seemed lacklustre in the extreme and such a contrast to the 'Bullseye' of the Euros!

Indian Darts: First the Indian qualifying spot was won by a player born in Rugby, based in the UK and plays for Warwickshire. To add insult to injury it appears that the player may miss the event and need to be replaced!

Ross Smith: It's been a year of truncated title defences with Danny Noppert, MVG and Michael Smith all producing underwhelming efforts at ranking major defences. Smudger's fairytale 2022 win left many wanting him to do a 'Joe Johnson' and go on a run again...

Lakeside: The WDF's rescheduling has left the venerable old event with more pull-outs than a second rate 90's porn movie. Hopefully it will settle after their first year's teething troubles.

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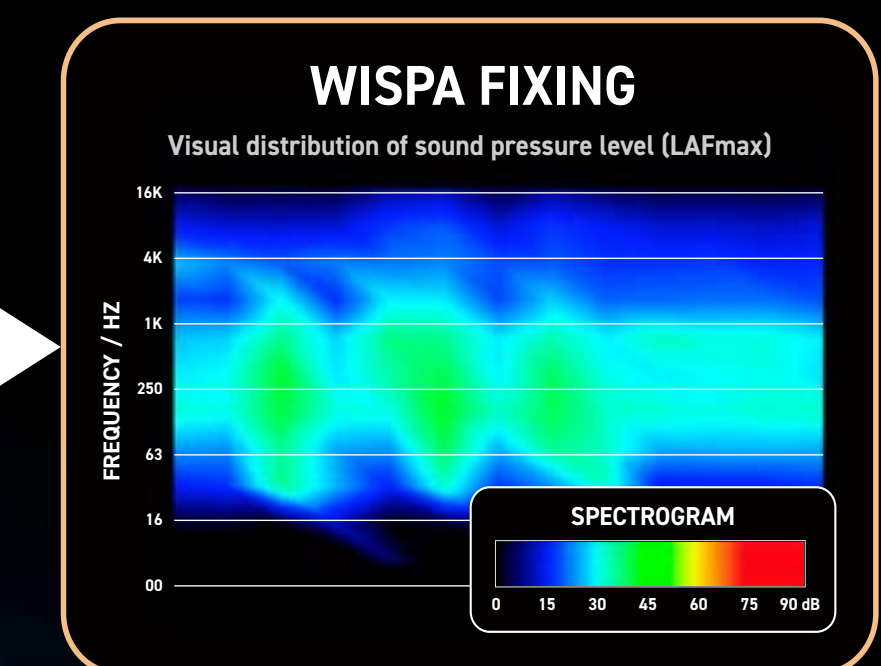
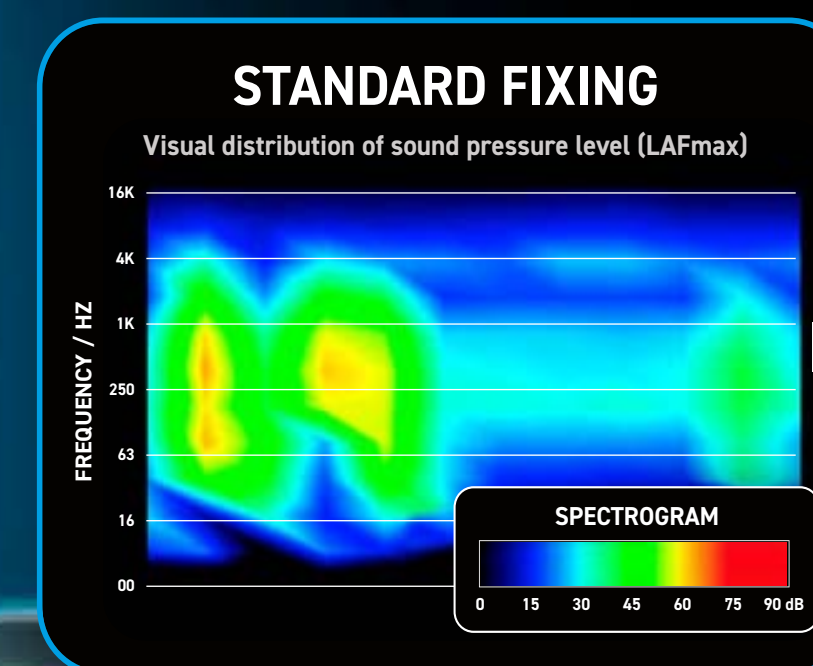
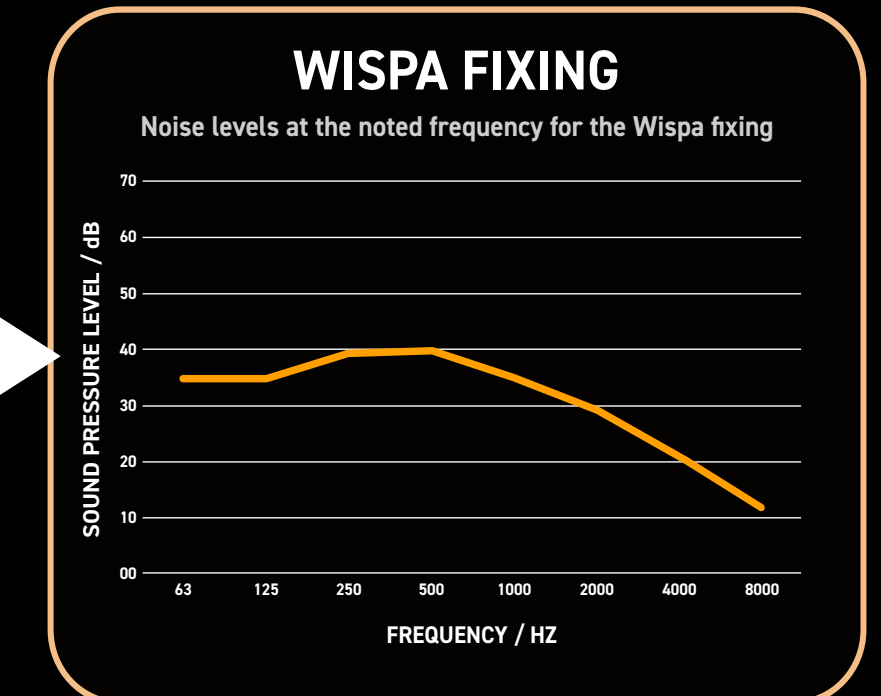
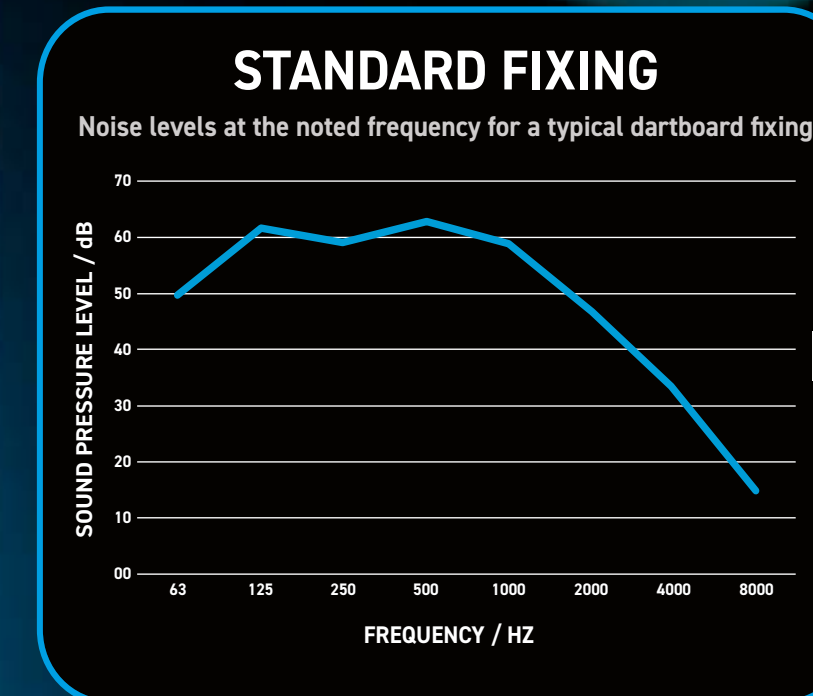
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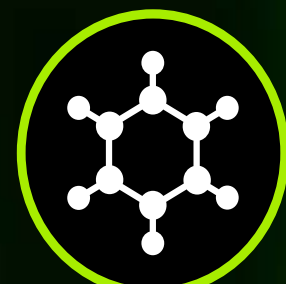
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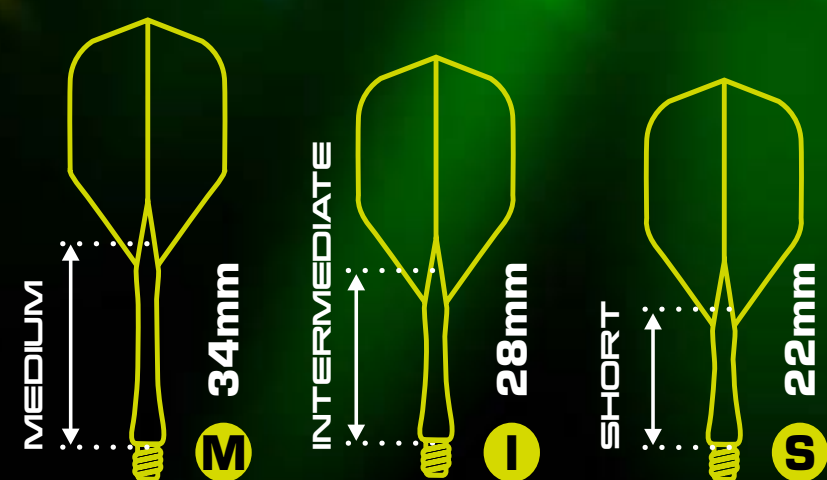
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LANCS' LEAD LENGTHENS

Following game three the UKDA National League remains intriguing throughout. The Cosmo Darts Premier Division sees Lancashire and Glamorgan hold on to their respective first and second places in the table with Lancashire winning 26-10 at home against Hampshire, while Glamorgan's 20-16 win at Cornwall puts them on sixty-five points, eighteen behind.

Despite their defeat Cornwall actually move up one place in the table to third, ten points adrift of Glamorgan on fifty-five points.

Humberside got their campaign going as they played their first game of the new season and returned from Essex with an 18-18 draw and although they are residing at the foot of the table they have games in hand on all of the teams above them.

Individual highlights included Humberside's Scott Williams who had the men's 'A' top average

(36.44) in his straight 4-0 win over Brad Halls (Essex). In the 'B' games Warwickshire's Noah Rose recorded the top average of 32.85 in his 4-0 win over Richard Hubbard.

The ladies' standouts featured Stacey Ellis (Essex) (23.37) beating Humberside's Mel Spicer 3-2. Hampshire's Becca Edwards (20.88) topped the B charts in a 3-0 win over Lancashire's Annemarie Millership.

No change in the top four teams in the **Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division** with London continuing to lead the field, their 19-17 home win over Cambridgeshire giving them a four points advantage over second placed Kent who had a 20-16 win away to West Midlands.

Third in the division Northamptonshire are on the same sixty-eight points as Kent after chalking up a convincing 25-11 home win over Cleveland.

Fourth placed Derbyshire finished on the wrong side of a 22-14 result in their home tie with Hertfordshire.

Oxfordshire got off the mark winning their first fixture of the season 19-17 at home against Sussex and although they remain at the foot of the table they have games in hand on all of the teams above them.

Top averages were Joe Croft (Hertfordshire) who had a 32.85 average in his 4-0 win over Derbyshire's Gary Fenn. Oxfordshire's Deta Hedman who was the top lady with her 25.05 average and her 3-0 win over Julia Saldanha (Sussex).

Peter Gallacher (London) took 'B' men's honours with his 4-2 win against Cambridgeshire man David Mayle and 32.60 average. Shellbie Simmons' 20.31 average and 3-0 win over Samantha Venes earned her the award. ▶



TOMORROW'S TAKE

▶ With Black Country's **National League L-Style Division One** home fixture with Berkshire being rearranged they lost the top spot for a couple of weeks. The game then resulted in a 23-13 win for the hosts, zooming them back to pole position some six to the good on second placed Gwent who had a similar result away to Somerset.

At the other end of the division Buckinghamshire moved off the foot of the table with a 19-17 home win over Tyne and Wear and despite the close scoreline Buckinghamshire chalked up three of the four top averages for the weekend.

Cameron Menzies winning the men's 'A' for his 36.44 average and 4-0 win over Eddie Ashman, Fallon Sherrock (26.37) and Kirsty Gibbs (20.00) in turn won the 'A' and 'B' awards for their respective 3-0 and 3-1 wins over Karen Docherty and Sheila Douglas. Top men's 'B' average went to Suffolk's Paul Williams (33.40) who beat Gwynedd's Alwyn Thomas 3-0, close behind were Scott

Bannerman (Gwynedd) and Tony Brown (Merseyside) who both had 31.98 averages.

It's as-you-were for the top three in **Division Two**, leaders with Salopian adding a 23-13 home win over Norfolk to keep them top of the pile with a lead of six. Wiltshire hold second spot and won their home tie with Clwyd 20-16 to keep them a slender one point ahead of third in the division Worcestershire who also won away against Surrey.

Clwyd's defeat has seen them drop two places in the table to sixth and be replaced in their former fourth position by Middlesex whose 25-11 win at County Durham has put them on the same as Worcestershire.

Salopian scooped both the ladies 'A' and ladies 'B' awards with Evonne Taylor taking the former with 22.77 and 3-0 win over Norfolk's Mandy Gray while Sue Lane was the top 'B' side player. Surrey's Darryl Pilgrim (35.79) won 4-0 against Worcestershire's Kev Mason in 'B' games Norfolk's Chris Earll clocked

a 29.47 in his 3-0 win over Salopian's Dean Rogers.

Breconshire have doubled their lead at the top of **Division Three**, their huge 27-9 win at Isle of Wight. Northumberland take over the number two spot, their 23-13 home win over Gloucestershire.

Wirral, who were second, lost 19-17 at Shropshire and drop to fourth on the same points as Cumbria whose 22-14 home win over Bedfordshire has seen them move up two places in the table to third.

Montgomery and Radnor man John Williams-Jones (30.27), in a 4-1 win over Pembrokeshire's Daniel Castle, and Pembrokeshire's Angharad Bessant with her straight 3-0 win over Sharon Shepherd (Montgomery and Radnor) took the 'A' awards.

Shropshire's Rob Pitt's 30.67 in a 3-0 win over Wirral's Harvey McPartland and Natalie Evans' 19.27 (Breconshire) and 3-0 win over Judi Angus (Isle of Wight) earned the B awards.

UKDA National League 2022-23 results Match No 3

Cosmo Darts Premier Division

Cornwall 16 Glamorgan 20

Cornwall MA 6-6 Glamorgan MA:Men's 'A':- Michael Jones 4 Dale Hughes 2, John Mann 2 Dan Thompson 4, Dennis Bryant 2 Adam Serpell 4, Matt Knowles 1 John Cook 4, Robert Ruberry 4 Hywel Manuel 2, Kevin Dunstan 0 Mark Challenger 4, Jez Campe 4 Dai Caller 2, Scott Cook 4 Tim Jones 0, Carl Jeffery 0 Sean Fisher 4, Simon Knowles 4 Gavin Sterio 2, Simon Rees 1 Keirion Carter 4, Neil Meneer 4 James Richards 2, Cornwall MB 5-7 Glamorgan MB:Men's 'B':- Aaron Rowe 3 Gareth Hurton 4, Conor Bastable 4 Bledwyn Lyons 2, Mike Pascoe 4 Colin Powell 1, Fred Goldsmith 1 Dai Powell 4, Scott Wapshott 1 Liam Meek 4, Ryan Pooley 2 Dan Beynon 4, Greg Hambly 4 Martyn Fowler 2, Andrew Cook 4 Lee O'Neill 3, Lee Hellings 1 Liam Wigley 4, Tex Thomas 3 Ashley Pascoe 4, Josh Symons 4 Richie Edwards 2, Lee Agar 1 Neil Lewis 4, Cornwall WA 3-3 Glamorgan WA:Women's 'A':- Sarah Brown 0 Sandra Quinn 3, Maria O'Brien 3 Alannah Waters-Evans 0, Teresa Brookshaw 0 Rhian O'Sullivan 3, Tyrian Jesse 0 Eve Watson 3, Nikki Furse 3 Michelle Jones 2, Tracey Hancock 3 Nicky Biddick 2, Cornwall WB 2-4 Glamorgan WB:Women's 'B':- Debbie Crocker 0 Claire Crocombe 3, Jacqui Champion 3 Sarah Teesdale 2, Laura Shepherd 0 Jenny Taylor 3, Claire Irons 1 Jen Taylor 3, Emma Dow 3 Joanne Pugh 2, Jo-Ann Symons 2 Sue Hall 3.

Essex 18 Humberside 18

Essex MA 8-4 Humberside MA:Men's 'A':- Scott Lawrie 2 Lee Parish 4, Craig Vickers 2 Dave Ladley 4, Shaun Fox 4 Micky Dawson 2, Keegan Brown 4 Gavin Lewis 3, Darren Peetoom 4 Karl Corcoran 2, Ben Adams 4 Trevor Carlill 0, Richie Howson 4 Josh Lowthorpe 0, Joe Russell 4 Daryn Gray 3, Steve Haggerty 2 Mike Atkinson 4, Matthew Good 4 Tommy Lishman 1, Phil Halls 4 Shaun Rutter 0, Brad Halls 0 Scott Williams 4, Essex MB 5-7 Humberside MB:Men's 'B':- Phill Brewster 4 Luke Rutter 0, Lennie Holmes 0 Lewis Drabarek 4, Jamie Peetoom 3 Mark Howard 4, Rob Donat 1 Lee Smith 4, Stuart Wicks 3 Lewis McGuigan 4, Daniel Day 4 Peter Berkley 0, Bryan Margerison 3 Ricky Speroni 4, Darren O'Neill 4 Carl Robinson 2, Simon Monk 4 Liam Gordon 0, Jason Murphy 1 Kev Richmond 4, Darren Richardson 1 Tommy Lishman 4, Brandon Western 4 Rich Allen 2, Essex WA 2-4 Humberside WA:Women's 'A':- Wendy Collins 1 Wendy Dearing 3, Leanne Halls 3 Michelle Britton 2, Karen Williams 1 Christine Readhead 3, Jade Gofford 1 Kim Fuller 3, Donna Gleed 0 Sam Lewis 3, Stacey Ellis 3 Mel Spicer 2, Essex WB 3-3 Humberside WB:Women's 'B':- Kerry Rudd 3 Nikki Turbine 2, Karen Breen 3 Jess Shakesby 2, Jade Gofford 3 Jane Nicholson 1, Ann-Marie Doyle 1 Vikki Tasker 3, Lynn Kelly 0 Bex Waterfall 3, Dawn Kennedy 1 Karen Helmore 3.

Lancashire 26 Hampshire 10

Lancashire MA 10-2 Hampshire MA:Men's 'A':- Stu Wilson 4 Paul Walker 3, Tom Cromwell 4 Luke Getty 1, Jordan Brooks 4 Andy Jurd 0, Martin Barratt 4 Mike Symes 1, Peter Day 4 Steve Musson 1, Steve Reynolds 4

Chas Barstow 2, Rob Rickwood 1 Arron Monk 4, David Airey 4 Aaron Turner 1, Lee Shewan 4 Dave Bonnett 2, Nathan Care 4 Graham Chalk 1, Sam Cromwell 4 Justin Bradshaw 3, David Evans 2 Sam Rooney 4, Lancashire MB 9-3 Hampshire MB:Men's 'B':- Kev Garcia 4 James Nicholson 0, Andy Chase 4 Adrian Wright 1, Andy Cass 4 Rob Doran 1, James Lawson 4 Brian Laws 2, Jason Longmate 3 Spencer Rooney 4, Michael Sexton 0 Ryan Groves 4, Martin Lomas 4 John Madgwick 2, Ryan Robinson 4 Andy Mitchell 1, Gary Davey 4 Dale Burton 3, Mark Roberts 1 Dave Bonnett 4, Carl Sneyd 4 Sam Dyke 0, Gary Jackson 4 Graham Chalk 1, Lancashire WA 4-2 Hampshire WA:Women's 'A':- Jo Clements 2 Laura Turner 3, Dawn Shaw 3 Becca Edwards 0, Jenny Nuttall 3 Sue Lowther 0, Gina Jones 3 Jo Rolls 2, Eleanor Cairns 3 Joanne Senior 1, Ally Smith 1 Jane Monaghan 3, Lancashire WB 3-3 Hampshire WB:Women's 'B':- Tracey Cunningham 1 Pennie Lewis 3, Doreen Fitton 3 Karen Webber 2, Ellen Fletcher 0 Abi Jurd 3, Sue Cusick 3 Dawn Simmonds 1, Annemarie Millership 0 Becca Edwards 3, Audrey Underwood 3 Susan Power 1.

Lincolnshire 20 Warwickshire 16

Lincolnshire MA 5-7 Warwickshire MA:Men's 'A':- Glenn West 2 Nigel Heydon 4, Andy Houghton 4 Samuel Price 3, Kev Leadenham 4 Jack Wareing 0, Shane Lowe 4 Steve Hine 2, James Beeton 0 Kevin Dowling 4, Thomas Atkinson 0 Wayne Mynard 4, Lloyd Pennell 4 Matty Washbrooke 2, Antony Allen 2 Jamie Atkins 4, Tom Lovely 2 Mark McGeeney 4, Gary Blades 2 Gareth Braham 4, Nick Fullwell 1 Jamie Hughes 4, Tom Martin 4 Noel Grant 3, Lincolnshire MB 5-7 Warwickshire

MB:Men's 'B':- Steve Giddings 1 Samuel Whittaker 4, Leighton Bennett 0 Scott Hope 4, Martin Giddings 1 William Naylor 4, Dean Coe 0 Mark Martin 4, Scott Boryszczuk 4 Dave Hill 2, Richard Hubbard 0 Noah Rose 4, Michael Machin 3 Adam Hancock 4, Danny Goddard 4 Carl Green 2, Shane Passey 4 Mark Carter 2, Jon Bywater 0 Martin Tonks 4, Darren Phillips 4 Lee Miller 2, Glenn West 4 Karl Reynolds 3, Lincolnshire WA 6-0 Warwickshire WA:Women's 'A':- Paula Jacklin 3 Hannah Meek 1, Trina Gulliver 3 Donna Pinch 1, Laura Tye 3 Caroline Pike 1, Heather Draper 3 Marian Conway 2, Mandy Smith 3 Lucy Keyte 1, Shelley Bontoft-Gash 3 Wendy Adams 0, Lincolnshire WB 4-2 Warwickshire WB:Women's 'B':- Dawn Armstrong 3 Chloe McKivett-Saunders 1, Hayley Reeson 2 Kirsty Hinchliffe 3, Heather Lodge 0 Nina Bolt 3, Lee Bingham 3 Kris Meek 1, Kelly Haverson 3 Denise Keyte 0, Heidi Garrard 3 Kat Spanswick 0.

Staffordshire 15 Yorkshire 21

Staffordshire MA 4-8 Yorkshire MA:Men's 'A':- Joshua Carter 1 Michael Ridge 4, Andy Beardmore 2 Peter Jacques 4, Rob Galloway 4 Ash Taylor 2, Martin Plant 4 Keith Flint 2, Kev Johnson 4 Andy Harland 2, Mark Jodrell 2 Tom Sykes 4, Callum Matthews 1 Martin C Atkins 4, Shane Beckett 1 Tony Darlow 4, Steve Moss 4 James Waite 2, Dave Sumner 1 Alex Jacques 4, Matt Carr 0 Sam Spivey 4, John Burgess 1 Carl Wilkinson 4, Staffordshire MB 4-8 Yorkshire MB:Men's 'B':- Dave Moors 3 Kieran Evans 4, Martin Wheawall 0 James Robins 4, James Hughes 3 Jack Hill 4, Nick Walton 1 Steve Blower 4, Drew Tyler 4 Paul Gannon 2, Martyn Walters

0 Danny Dutson 4, Trevor Carter 0 Jim Gordon 4, Robert Lightfoot 0 Graham Elvidge 4, Michael Cooper 4 Garry Simpson 3, Steve Bayley 4 Josh Clough 3, Jamie Dunsdon 1 Brian Hallas 4, Karl Hinks 4 David Calvert 2, Staffordshire WA 5-1 Yorkshire WA:Women's 'A':- Danielle Pearce 1 Marie Fitton 3, Rowena Sidley 3 Sara Mortimer 0, Anne Allsop 3 Linda Porter 2, Susan Sherratt 3 Jayne Conboy 1, Sarah Cope 3 Sally Whiting 2, Emma Pearce 3 Emma Lockwood 1, Staffordshire WB 2-4 Yorkshire WB:Women's 'B':- Erin Wilson 0 Ann Waslin 3, Stephanie Ryan 3 Linda Moorhouse 2, Sarah Triner 2 Jane Hawtin 3, Jenny West 3 Tracey Heppinstall 1, Julie Robinson 1 Lyn Horne 3, Colette Duffield 1 Michelle Binns 3.

Dorset had a bye

Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division:

Derbyshire 14 Hertfordshire 22

Derbyshire MA 3-9 Hertfordshire MA:Men's 'A':- Paul Redfern 1 Lee Barrow 4, Mark Thompson 0 Rex Cole 4, Gary Fenn 0 Joe Croft 4, Michael Ryall 0 Jack Pledger 4, Richard Brown 4 Paul Squirrell 2, Robert Smith 1 Jarred Cole 4, Sean Lambert 1 Daniel Whitehead 4, Nigel Daniels 3 Tommy Aken 4, Pete Hadfield 4 Kieran Brignell 1, Ben Holmes 3 Luke Arber 4, Dan Ford 4 Mason Teese 0, Lee Stanley 3 Daniel Varney 4, Derbyshire MB 6-6 Hertfordshire MB:Men's 'B':- Dave Rogers 3 Dan Wood 4, Jamie Waterfield 4 Darren Collins 0, Keith Lodge 3 Stuart Bennett 4, Gavin Ratcliffe 4 Matthew Creed 1, Alan Haywood 4 Dean Holtby 1, Paul Bettney 4 Ashley Smith 2, Josh Gould 2 Ashley Scott

4, Ryan Manning 4 Hayden Appleby 2, Mark Barlow 2 Luke Arber 4, Simon Birkett 4 Keith Arber 1, Paul Williams 2 Daniel Whitehead 4, Lee Wolfe 2 Liam Saxon 4, Derbyshire WA 4-2 Hertfordshire WA:Women's 'A':- Rachel Ayres 2 Louise Pearson 3, Carol Western 3 Grace Ferridge 1, Rebecca Hoyland 3 Kirsty Bond 1, Jo Oldershaw 3 Kerry O'Connor 2, Louise Rawson 2 Debbie Jones 3, Rose Mort 3 Rachel Egleton 0, Derbyshire WB 1-5 Hertfordshire WB:Women's 'B':- Jax Sweet 3 Jo Kitchen 2, Emily Jones 1 Stacey Aylesbury 3, Nic Fletcher 0 Kerry King 3, Steph Allerton 2 Debbie Jones 3, Rach Bird 2 Vicky Rannow 3, Sammie Marshall 1 Laura Camp 3.

London 19 Cambridgeshire 17

London MA 7-5 Cambridgeshire MA:Men's 'A':- Nigel Fisher 3 Brett Claydon 4, Christopher Holt 4 Stuart Ward 0, Lee Cocks 4 Michael Bodle 2, Craig Watkins 4 Mark Lynn 1, Fred Box 1 Antony Richardson 4, Graham Rackstraw 0 Steve Carrett 4, Bhav Patel 4 Simon Hill 0, Nick Cocks 3 Dennis Harbour 4, David Wawrzewski 4 Tony Clark 2, Wayne Brown 4 Richard German 3, Matt Wood 4 Simon Cassidy 3, Tommy Sanwell 2 Ian Withers 4, London MB 7-5 Cambridgeshire MB:Men's 'B':- Ben West 4 Duggie McInerney 2, Alan Reeves 4 Martin Pettit 1, Gene Hill 4 Darren Royal 2, Harry Kelly 0 Phil Johnson-Hale 4, Danny Brown 4 Sean Rich 1, Tom Riding 4 Andy Turpin 0, Liam Hill 3 David Shaw 4, Dean Buckland 2 Matthew Wing 4, John Walters 0 Will Harwood 4, Peter Gallacher 4 David Mayle 2, Clive Barden 3 Sam Kilby 4, Geoff Mortimer 4 Peter Cousins 3, London WA 2-4 Cambridgeshire WA:Women's 'A':- Joanne Deamer 3 Claire Brookin 1,

Mandy Solomons 3 Barbara Greatbatch 0, Carly Townsend 1 Casey Hill 3, Debs Watling 0 Juliet Findley 3, Felicia Blay 1 Amanda Harwood 3, Tammy Mackenzie 0 Amy Grant 3, London WB 3-3 Cambridgeshire WB:Women's 'B':- Nikki Patten 3 Lorraine Bulman 0, Emma Little 3 Hannah Rampley 2, Lynne Biondini 0 Carol Bareham 3, Kelly Livett 1 Pauline Donat 3, Luci Cunningham 3 Karen Stanhope 2, Emma Smith 1 Gema Law 3.

Northamptonshire 25 Cleveland 11

Northamptonshire MA 9-3 Cleveland MA:Men's 'A':- Colin Gray 1 Lewis Whitehead 4, Ricky Evans 4 Mark Muckian 1, Coby Swanson 4 John Watson 2, John Regan 4 Graham Palmer 1, Liam Fox 4 Ray Hutchinson 2, Ben Goodger 4 Kevin Naunton 3, Chris Shipley 4 Geoffrey Burdon 2, Leigh Peters 2 Chris Sheraton 4, Phil Coward 1 Paul Allen 4, Luke Smith 4 Scott Anderson 0, Paul Shepherd 4 Dave Hunter 1, Darren Williamson 4 David Coverdale 2, Northamptonshire MB 7-5 Cleveland MB:Men's 'B':- Michael Feasey 1 Jamie Owens 4, Stuart Gilmour 3 Cameron Nicholson 4, Robbie Commerford 4 Mick Costello 3, Josh Richardson 4 Martin Bulman 0, Jason Lovell 4 Colin Peacock 0, Chris Jones 0 Lewis Whitehead 4, Aaron Castanette 4 Tony Liddell 1, Duane Small 4 Jake Harland 1, Stephen Brennan 1 Brian Henderson 4, Rob Dell 0 Chris Sheraton 4, Kyran Johnson 4 Michael Margretts 0, Jay Hewitt 4 Liam Green Sherlock 3, Northamptonshire WA 5-1 Cleveland WA:Women's 'A':- Carrie Wright 3 Carla Boyes 2, Rebecca Barrow 3 Sam Dixon 2, Jo Johnson 3 Ann Marie Potts 1, Amy Chappell 2 Amy Thomas 3, Angela Barrow 3 Claire Stamper 1, Rebecca Rose 3 Frances Elwick 0,

Northamptonshire WB 4-2 Cleveland WB:Women's 'B':- Debbie Dexter 2 Sam Dixon 3, Faye Mason 0 Dawn Winn 3, Lexi Jayne Rooksby 3 Leanne Witten 0, Ellie Moore 3 Shirley Witten 0, Taylor Johnson 3 Mia Simmons 2, Jackie White 3 Jessica Fredericks 1.

Oxfordshire 19 Sussex 17

Oxfordshire MA 7-5 Sussex MA:Men's 'A':- Terry Wood 2 Rod Hawkins 4, Adam Bowman 1 Tavis Dudeney 4, Sean Holley 3 Cavan Phillips 4, Kevin Lowe 4 Alex Gurr 2, Steve Dennett 4 Robert Metcalf 3, Shane Turner 4 Tim Pierce 1, Ade Larner 1 Lewis Gurney 4, Chris Howse 0 Connor Levett 4, Prebben Krabben 4 Jim Lovelidge 2, Jon Jukes 4 Mick Rodgers 2, Pete Hall 4 Ben Payne 0, Andrew Quinn 4 Jim Withers 3, Oxfordshire MB 5-7 Sussex MB:Men's 'B':- Andrew Charlett 0 Lee Bryant 4, Kevin Taylor 1 Dan Bradford 4, Aaron Stevens 4 Paul Eves 3, Brandon Richardson 4 Harry Jackson 3, Jake Carter 0 Char Hymers 4, James Green 4 Dean Leaver 1, Simon Key 4 Craig Everest 3, John Hughes 2 Lee O'Donovan 4, Daniel Smith 2 Darren Chapman 4, Graham Earwicker 4 Kevin Fishwick 2, Alex Ward 2 Harvey Tazewell 4, Robert Adnam's 1 Graham Harris 4, Oxfordshire WA 4-2 Sussex WA:Women's 'A':- Karen Williams 3 Emma Wapshott 2, Sue Burns 0 Ashleigh Turner 3, Babs Manning 3 Kelly Ryan 2, Emma Manning 1 Ellie Williams 3, Deta Hedman 3 Julia Saldanha 0, Caroline Caldicott 3 Lisa Withers 1, Oxfordshire WB 3-3 Sussex WB:Women's 'B':- Emily Baldwin 3 Becky King 0, Nicola Curzon 0 Ella Williams 3, Jaine Telling 3 Claire King 1, Irene Richardson 3 Bridget Guilford 0, Sandra Cox 1 Donna Rainsley 3, Julie Laverack 0 Denise Peake 3.

West Midlands 16 Kent 20

West Midlands MA 8-4 Kent MA:Men's 'A':- Ash Khayat 4 Peter Mitchell 3, Scott Baker 4 Keith Montgomery 1, Owen Maiden 4 Mike Brett 2, Richard Platt 4 Steve Stacey 1, Dean Simmons-Fullwood 4 Craig Connor 3, Rob Thompson 4 Richard Elms 1, Ben Johnson 2 Carl Wilson 4, Gavin Baker 4 David Saint 3, Kevin Bambrick 0 Nigel Payne 4, Michael Baker 2 Peter Allen 4, Darren Williams 4 Dean Owen 1, Ian Jones 2 Paul Dawkins 4, West Midlands MB 4-8 Kent MB:Men's 'B':- Karl Hughes 3 Scott Artiss 4, Ian Stanton 4 Jack Keutenius 0, Jack Aldridge 4 Lewis Venes 1, Jon Platt 1 David Heath 4, Chris Stanley 2 Craig Connor 4, Mark Craddock 4 Phill Gibson 3, Adam Teasdale 1 Michael Artiss 4, Luke Griffiths 2 Jordan Blackwell 4, Glen McGrandle 0 Ben Webster 4, Ryan O'Connor 3 Scott Lackford 4, Kieran O'Mahoney 4 Robbie Turner 0, Ryan Locker 2 Trevor Thompson 4, West Midlands WA 2-4 Kent WA:Women's 'A':- Katherine Jenkins 1 Emma Martin 3, Tara Simmons-Fullwood 1 Kelly Westlake 3, Claire Hobbs 0 Julie Handley 3, Gemma Barrett 3 Jackie Holman 1, Julie Emery 1 Nette Ralph 3, Jacqueline Maiden 3 Kayley Oliver 1, West Midlands WB 2-4 Kent WB:Women's 'B':- Sarah Maybury 2 Rebecca Garrett 3, Jodie Rowlands 2 Rosie Artiss 3, Jacqueline Simmons 3 Violet Wood 2, Crysta Wilcox 0 Jess Shilling 3, Debbie Davies 1 Lisa Dunford 3, Shellbie Simmons 3 Samantha Venes 0.

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Buckinghamshire 19 Tyne and Wear 17

Buckinghamshire MA 6-6 Tyne & Wear MA:Men's 'A':- James Hurrell 4 David White 0, Steve Mcleod 4 John Kippin jnr 3, Cameron Menzies 4 Eddie Ashman 0, Glen Young 4 Chris Vaughan 2, Damien Fyffe 4 Kevin Hughes 2, Mark Boardman 2 Raymond Marshall 4, Martin Hill 1 James Forster 4, Mat Caste 2 Jack Howarth 4, Liam Maughan 1 Daniel Mock 4, Jamie Tyas 3 Andrew Heath 4, John Ayris 0 David Stokell 4, Carl Webb 4 Lewis Mayes 2, Buckinghamshire MB 5-7 Tyne & Wear MB:Men's 'B':- Steve Vaughan 3 Lee Rump 1, Ellis Bryans 1 Andrew Heath 3, Nigel Beaven 2 Graham Dennison 3, Paul Stefanovic 3 Connor Cooper 1, George Grinsted 2 Pete Kenny 3, Jack Arnold 1 Ian Thoms 3, Clive Wilford 3 Mark Smith 0, Stuart Robinson 2 Karl Hanratty 3, Karl Deacon 3 Jordan Roof 0, Jamie Jess 1 Stephen Richardson 3, Leo Beechey 3 Mark Robertson 0, Chris Freshwater 1 Stephen Mallams 3, Buckinghamshire WA 5-1 Tyne & Wear WA:Women's 'A':- Fallon Sherrock 3 Karen Docherty 0, Ann Wakefield 3 Wendy Huskinsson 0, Dawn Seaman 3 Caroline Dorothy 1, Lisa Webb 2 Maureen Purvis 3, Suzanne Smith 3 Marie Seago 0, Barbara Legge 3 Tracey Curry 0, Buckinghamshire WB 3-3 Tyne & Wear WB: Women's 'B':- Nicolle Bidgway 0 Christine Duncan 3, Janet Weedon 3 Karen Docherty 2, Lesley Gibbs 1 Florence Kippen 3, Courtney Amos 1 Marie Seago 3, Kirsty Gibbs 3 Sheila Douglas 1, Lorraine Bowen 3 Angie Moody 0.

Gwynedd 16 Suffolk 20

Gwynedd MA 7-5 Suffolk MA:Men's 'A':- James Dorenbos 3 Curtis Hammond 4, Phil Beach 4 Ian Randles 3, Kelvin Ducklin 3 Wayne Bugby 4, Stuart Butler 4 Ben Poulton 2, Steve Green 1 Max Haley 4,

Dylan Williams 4 Jason Elvin 2, Deian Roberts 4 David Ballard-Flatt 3, Alex Sainsbury 4 Rob Warman 0, George Whitehead 3 Kevin Leathers 4, Baz Tym 4 Paul Woods 0, Alex Williams 1 Gary Butcher 4, Eirig Rowlands 4 Andrew Craine 3, Gwynedd MB 5-7 Suffolk MB: Men's 'B':- Barry Jones 3 Wayne Hammond 2, Shaun Rango Morgan 1 Jason Stalker 3, Alwyn Thomas 0 Paul Williams 3, Ian Walters 3 Stuart Greenhalgh 0, Carwyn Williams 0 Nathan Potter 3, Andrew Ellis 0 Andy Meikle 3, Adrian Jones 1 Ash Ling 3, Scott Bannerman 3 Aaron Hammond 0, Don Robertson 0 Ashley Coleman 3, Gwyn AP Tomos 3 Adam Howard 2, Simon Thomas 1 Dan Brown 3, Heber Thomas 3 Jordan Gissing 1, Gwynedd WA 1-5 Suffolk WA:Women's 'A':- Susan Davies 0 Sue Waterman 3, Gaynor Williams 3 Chrissie Meikle 1, Jacky Blanks 2 Stephanie Potter 3, Jac Leggatt 0 Lauryn Salter 3, Shereen Downs 2 Jo Locke 3, Lisa Hughes 2 Carly Chenery 3, Gwynedd WB 3-3 Suffolk WB:Women's 'B':- Emma Pearce 0 Nadine Leathers 3, Lynda Roberts 3 Angela Burton 1, Mandy Williams 3 Leesa Woollard 0, Jayne Parkinson 0 Nicky Bradley 3, Sharon Mitchell 0 Nicky Doidge 3, Emily Mitchell 3 Lesley Compton 1.

Leicestershire 20 Merseyside 16

Leicestershire MA 10-2 Merseyside MA:Men's 'A':- Jim Walker 3 Mike Addison 4, Jaikob Selby-Rivas 3 Dave Richards 4, Michael Hibbert 4 John Brammeld 1, Ben Quenby 4 Luke Littler 2, Matthew Dickinson 4 Paul Smith 2, Darren Tyler 4 Robbie Gorst 1, Jason Lole 4 Dave Harnick 1, Andrew Hibbert 4 Kevin Lloyd 0, Anthony Sutton 4 Dan Nuttie 1, Ricky Sudale 4 Terry Roach 2, Bradley Coltman 4 Clive Rule 2, Paul Ablett 4 Steve Gow

2, Leicestershire MB 3-9 Merseyside MB:Men's 'B':- David Crossland 0 Lee Palfreyman 3, David Barker 0 Tony Brown 3, Grant Brown 3 Chris Long 2, Dean Randle 2 Peter Robins 3, Alan Warrington 2 Alan Magee 3, Adam Marziano 3 Phil Lloyd 0, Wayne Beaumont 1 Tom Lockyer 3, Steve Stanbridge 1 Patrik Williams 3, Tyler Beasley 0 Barry Bowes 3, Leigh Peet 3 Ben Jones 2, Billy Jackson 2 Philip Bennett 3, Phil Want 1 John Prescott 3, Leicestershire WA 2-4 Merseyside WA:Women's 'A':- Julie Booth 0 Claire Sykes 3, Liz Brunt 2 Viv Cullimore 3, Kirsty White 0 Vicki Lloyd 3, Shannon Reeve 3 Janet Hardman 0, Kelly Welsh 3 Jane Robson 2, Angela Sheffield 2 Emma Barlow 3, Leicestershire WB 5-1 Merseyside WB:Women's 'B':- Caroline Newberry 3 Tracy Morrison 1, Angela Wright 3 Julie Whelan 2, Mem Martin 3 Janet Sorrell 2, Nicky Cropper 3 Ellie Downey 2, Samantha Harris 3 Sandra Rule 1, Melanie Bell 0 Adele Mulligan 3.

Somerset 13 Gwent 23

Somerset MA 3-9 Gwent MA:Somerset MB 4-8 Gwent MB:Somerset WA 5-1 Gwent WA:Somerset WB 1-5 Gwent WB:Women's 'B':- Sophia Smith 3 Melissa Williams 0, Mary Read 2 Hannah Williams 3, Maz Bisset 2 Amanda Cosslett 3, Christine Blackmore 2 Hayley Mathews 3, Shelley Blackman 0 Yasmine Ruck-Havard 3, Samantha Werrett 1 Jackie Norman 3.

Black Country 23 Berkshire 13

Black Country MA 7-5 Berkshire MA:Men's 'A':- Trev Brennan 4 Archie Self 3, Shane Price 4 Paul Snowsill 2, Martin Price 4 Andy Sturton 0, Dan Nicholls 4 Paul Holloway 2, George

Willetts 3 James Wiggins 4, Jamie Barrowman 0 Paul Self 4, Cayden Smith 0 Paul Hogan 4, Dan Homer 4 Jordan Rawlings 2, Jamie Rollinson 4 Simon Purvey 1, Tom Bissell 4 Nathan Money 1, Rich Bowen 0 Joe Lacey 4, Paul Wells 2 Stephan Wood 4, Black Country MB 9-3 Berkshire MB:Men's 'B':- Al Smith 0 Ashley Upson 3, Mark Jones 3 Josh Newton 0, Liam Kelly 3 John Chalkley 0, Alan Hickinbottom 3 Dean Lockyer 2, John Green 2 Richard Stride 3, Rob Smith 3 Doug Harwood 1, Carl Sparrow 3 James Shaw 2, Mark Rollinson 3 Anthony Dean 0, Connor Whitehouse 0 Alex Ball 3, Gareth Johnston 3 Callum Dorward 2, Cayden Smith 3 Karl Williams 0, Sam Bissell 3 Ryan Newton 2, Black Country WA 4-2 Berkshire WA:Women's 'A':- Tammy Chance 3 Sophie Self 0, Sarah-Jane Parker 0 Kirsty Chubb 3, Maxine Prosser 3 Hayley Watts 1, Amy-Leigh Tolley 1 Kelly Ellis 3, Chez Allcock 3 Debbie Shadwell 1, Heather Wright 3 Amy Smith 2, Black Country WB 3-3 Berkshire WB:Women's 'B':- Lacey Hughes 3 Chris Ruffell 2, Natalie Hulson 0 Ally Judge 3, Doreen Hunt 1 Tania Burdett 3, Abbey Hunt 3 Nipaporn Smith 0, Angie Carroll 2 Rebecca Ellis 3, Grace Angell 3 Vanessa O'Connell 0.

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Division Two

County Durham 11 Middlesex 25:County Durham MA 2-10 Middlesex MA:Men's 'A':- Matthew Hodgson 2 Pat Gleghorn 4, Gary Miller 1 Josh Hook 4, Andy Allaker 4 Joshua Burksfield 3, Gerry Hall 2 Ian Bartlett 4, Dean Scott 3 Chris Everley 4, Chris Kitch 2 Scott Robertson 4, Robbie Douthwaite

0 Cam Crabtree 4, Paddy Lenagh 4 Chris Grannell 1, Jack Bell 2 John Scott 4, Paul Johnson 1 Martin Lukeman 4, Chris Dominey 2 Matty Finch 4, Michael Gladstone 1 Allen Bond 4, County Durham MB 4-8 Middlesex MB:Men's 'B':- Ian Adamson 2 Owen Carr 3, Paul Dinning 3 Tim Green 1, Leo Middleton 3 James Smith 1, Paul Welsh 1 Andy Turnbull 3, Jack Kirtland 0 Brian Green 3, Stuart Walker 0 George Wilkinson 3, David Nixon 3 Steve Dettmer 1, Carl Redden 3 Brandon Pearson 1, James McClurg 0 Rich Ive 3, Stephen Annan 1 Harvey Wilkinson 3, Eddie Brown 2 Tom Dallender 3, Graham Robertson 2 Albie Golby 3, County Durham WA 3-3 Middlesex WA:Women's 'A':- Angie McDonald 3 Leanne Palmer 2, Linda Hindmarch 3 Sindy Stiles 1, Margaret Stewart 3 Lisa Brosnan 1, Cheryl Adamson 0 Vickie Kiely 3, Laura Patton 1 Michele Copas 3, Jennifer Summerson 1 Margaret Sutton 3, County Durham WB 2-4 Middlesex WB:Women's 'B':- Fran Jones 1 Jenny Sallans 3, Suzanne Nixon 1 Tirion Vickery 3, Sandra Cairns 2 Hayleigh Shaw 3, Julie Hall 3 Marlene Pope 1, Lauren Stokoe 3 Coreen Loffler 2, Angie McDonald 0 Louise Grannell 3.

Nottinghamshire 26 West of England 10

Nottinghamshire MA 8-4 West of England MA:Men's 'A':- Jack Kerr 1 Rob Moore 4, Tom Allies 4 Josh Maddocks 0, Wes Deane 1 Andy White 4, Charlie Stocks 4 Harry Robinson 0, Karl Askew 4 Dan Raby 2, Pete McConville 3 Jamie Harvey 4, Paul Harvey 3 Martyn Lansdown 4, Chris Scott 4 Tony Smith 3, Luke Almond 4 Simon Lloyd 3, Richard Cooper 4 Mark Rose 3, Mark Wilson 4 Mike Knapman 1, James Hewitt 4 Gary

Grimmitt 3, Nottinghamshire MB 7-5 West of England MB:Men's 'B':- Mickie Pitchford 3 Jack MacKenzie 1, Chris Brown 2 Nick English 3, Damion Beardsley 2 Josh Allen 3, Andy Russell 3 Clive Strong 2, Lewis Spacey 3 Mark Jones 0, Micky Stocks 3 Marcus Knapman 1, Jay Needham 0 Neil May 3, Aaron Gormley 3 Rob Moore 2, Rob Flinders 1 Jamie Harvey 3, Richard Bloomfield 0 Wayne Allen 3, Aaron Needham 3 Jon Taylor 1, Steve Johnson 3 Nathan Fieldhouse 0, Nottinghamshire WA 6-0 West of England WA:Women's 'A':- Kaylea Riley 3 Abbie Chappell 1, Julie Pitchford 3 Sam Lloyd 0, Sarah Brent 3 Karen Brown 2, Helen Harvey 3 Emma Bowles 0, Hayley Martin-Underwood 3 Gail Dent 1, Holly Meadwell 3 Sheridan Chapman 1, Nottinghamshire WB 5-1 West of England WB:Women's 'B':- Jenny White 3 Kelly Marshall 1, Ronnie Johnson 3 Zoe Hall 0, Julie Wilson 3 Danielle Whitehead 1, Maggie Bamford 3 Lou Ballantyne 1, Nicola Wing 1 Becky Knapman 3, Hayley Martin-Underwood 3 Mev Kelly 1.

Salopian 23 Norfolk 13

Salopian MA 8-4 Norfolk MA:Men's 'A':- Ben Bevan 2 James Cole 4, Terry Nash 4 Vinny Mudd 1, Gary Crowther 4 Craig Venman 1, Ash Hilditch 4 Evan Wilson 1, Jamie Kynaston 4 Richard Stoddart 1, Paul Rowley 4 Kevin Rudling 3, Jon Mansell 4 Dave Olley 0, Mark Crutchley 0 Robbie Ellis-Brown 4, Eddie Price 4 Olly King 0, John Roberts 2 Darren Youngs 4, Ben Morgan 4 David Wilson 2, Matt Elsey 2 Gary Knott 4, Salopian MB 7-5 Norfolk MB:Men's 'B':- Steven Ritchie 3 James Preston 0, Glyn Thomas 3 Alfie Thompson 1, Shaun Pryce 3 Ricky Mileham 1, Rowan Price 0

James Goldsmith 3, Dean Rogers 0 Chris Earll 3, Rob Trumper 3 Dale Paul 1, Ian Evans 2 Pete Watson 3, Jay Adams 3 Craig Moore 1, Jason Davies 0 Lewis Winter 3, James Jenkins 0 Tony Chapman 3, Jakob Perrins 3 Andy Derrick 2, James Mansell 3 Craig Bennett 0, Salopian WA 5-1 Norfolk WA:Women's 'A':- Evonne Taylor 3 Mandy Gray 0, Tracey Dean 3 Roz Bulmer 2, Emma Tapp 3 Lynsey Childs 0, Rachael Mooney 1 Gemma Reynolds 3, Sarah Roberts 3 Sandra Page 1, Kate Titley 3 Julia Virgoe 2, Salopian WB 3-3 Norfolk WB:Women's 'B':- Chloe Ames 3 Sue Brittain 0, Anna Peatroy 2 Teresa Felgate 3, Sue Lane 3 Ella Tovell 1, Molly Atter 1 Elaine Blackett 3, Claire Boyle 1 Nicole Ellard 3, H McGuinness 3 Claire Broom 1.

Surrey 16 Worcestershire 20

Surrey MA 6-6 Worcestershire MA:Men's 'A':- Gary Creamer 3 Ian Mackenzie 4, George Munt 2 Ant Butler 4, Darryl Pilgrim 4 Kev Mason 0, Darren Bryant 4 Terence Webster 3, Peter Noel 3 George Connolly 4, Nigel Prior 4 Luke Smith 2, Matt Carter 2 Lee Furneaux 4, Lucas Sawicki 4 Andy Pullen 3, Jack Savage 0 Jakob Webster 4, Neville Wright 4 Pat Sinnott 2, Nick Ellis 4 Elliott Hancox 3, Steve Lovett 3 Phil Whitlock 4, Surrey MB 6-6 Worcestershire MB:Men's 'B':- Paul Tudor 3 Paul Wallace 1, Jack Brownsmead 3 Mark Smith 2, Tyler Radlett 3 Paul Bailey 2, Andy Bridgman 1 Tom Garfield 3, Gary Davies 3 Ian Oliver 2, Stephen McHale 1 Peter Wright 3, Kirk De Ruyter 3 Mark Jones 2, Gary Trodd 1 Jack Harrison 3, Harrison Firmager 0 Phil Rooney 3, Paul Secular 3 Chris Jennings 2, Jason Kelly 0 Jack Higgins 3, Richard Cox 2 Dave Honey 3, Surrey

WA 1-5 Worcestershire WA:Women's 'A':- Ashley Smith 0 Sophie Hadley 3, Vikki Norman 1 Mandy Morgan 3, Lisa Jane Munt 2 Jenny Shail 3, Tania Cox 2 Zoe Jones 3, Marie Barthrop 0 Jenny Jones 3, Eloise Milburn 3 Claire Dicken 2, Surrey WB 3-3 Worcestershire WB:Women's 'B':- Teri Walker 0 Lynne Arnold 3, Mandy Pawley 3 Kim Jones 0, Sharon McMahan 1 Maggie Deakin 3, Karen Carder 3 Jackie Mackenzie 1, Viv Fowlie 0 Chloe Hascott 3, Nicola McGuire 3 Steph Konya 1.

Wiltshire 20 Clwyd 16

Wiltshire MA 6-6 Clwyd MA:Men's 'A':- Mitchell McCarthy 1 Cole Davey 4, Connor Hughes 4 Jon Darlington 1, Chris Bailey 4 Luke Smith 2, Ashley McKeever 4 Shaun Thompson 2, Eddie Tott 4 Phil Hughes 3, Ashley Chapman 2 Mark Leach 4, Keith Bedding 1 Andy Alker 4, Josh McCarthy 4 Steve Probert 3, Gary Court 1 Rob Lawrence 4, Ian Greenway 1 Josh Robinson 4, Cameron Lee 0 Adam Paxton 4, Juan Hopkins 4 Steven Ellson 0, Wiltshire MB 8-4 Clwyd MB:Men's 'B':- Stuart Clarke 1 Paul Crimes 3, Lee Newman 3 Noel Bagby 2, Stuart Rideout 2 Phil Jones 3, Jayden Betteridge 3 Bryan Moran 1, Dan Sturgess 1 Chris Moore 3, Garth Hodgkiss 1 Ben Walley 3, Richard Smith 3 James Evans 1, Kalam Titcombe 3 Ian Bride 1, Harry Osborn 3 Nick Hailes 0, Peter Keen 3 Dave Roberts 0, Ashley Melvin 3 Paul Alley 1, Andy Harvey 3 Chris Dobbins 1, Wiltshire WA 4-2 Clwyd WA:Women's 'A':- Dani Kearns 3 Nia Price 2, Joanna Hooke 0 Leanne Topper 3, Tina Rowlands 3 Bethan Jones 2, Jill Little 3 Rachel Kingdon 2, Kerry Hale 2 Judith Williams 3, Kacey-Jayde Witcher 3 Nat Davey 0, Wiltshire WB 2-4 Clwyd WB:Women's 'B':- Erica Hartnett 0 Del

Stapley 3, Sue Lane 3 Izzy Thomas 2, Cat Mackie 1 Abby Hamilton 3, April Polden 3 Rachael Simpson 2, Debbie Hughes 0 Jackie Brighton 3, Rach Pritchard 0 Hayley Street 3.

Division Three

Cumbria 22 Bedfordshire 14

Cumbria MA 4-8 Bedfordshire MA:Men's 'A':- Mark Hird 1 Dara Curran 4, Geoff Ramshaw 4 Brian Reed 3, Steve Jackson 0 Paul Hale 4, Mike Sowerby 2 Barry Davies 4, David Carr 3 Paul Bailey 4, Andy Goodfellow 4 Kelv Maddy 2, Neil Linford 3 Gareth Murray 4, Ronnie Kirk 4 Chris Dilley 2, Michael Adams 3 Trevor Ellacott 4, Craig Lewthwaite 2 Philip Price 4, Mike Crawshaw 4 Micky Reed 2, Dan Vallance 0 Paddy Clowery 4, Cumbria MB 8-4 Bedfordshire MB:Men's 'B':- Simon Pattinson 2 Steve Richardson 3, Will Rowley 3 Pete Dilley 1, David Cunningham 3 Tom Pound 0, Craig Devine 3 Joel Salerno 0, John Murray 1 Paul Smith 3, John Wightman 3 Aiden O'Mahoney 1, Alan Armstrong 3 Oli Ellis 1, Colin Hargrave 3 Ash Disson 0, Brian Mandale 3 Lee Jones 2, John Duncan 3 Pete Brown 2, Steve Dixon 2 Keith Hill 3, Dale Newton 1 Ryan Tharby 3, Cumbria WA 5-1 Bedfordshire WA:Women's 'A':- Hilary Kirkbride 3 Lol Tester 0, Lesley Pattinson 3 Fran Bent 0, Jules Fisher 3 Shirley Williams 1, Crissy Manley 1 Maria Perrin 3, Leanne Howard 3 Jenny Bozier 1, Ann Scholey 3 Donna Hutt 0, Cumbria WB 5-1 Bedfordshire WB:Women's 'B':- Val Hargrave 3 Jennie Thomas 2, Susan Fears 3 Sally Green 2, Gillian Rumney 3 Helen Styles 1, Tessa Ferris 3 Jo Dilley 0, Fiona Dorward 3 Maggie McGregor 1, Laura Tweeddale 0 Irene Maddy 3.

Isle of Wight 9 Breconshire 27

Isle of Wight MA 3-9 Breconshire MA:Men's 'A':- Dave Spragg 3 Graham Jenkins 4, Chris Blabey 0 Nathan Burdett 4, Eddie White 1 Rob Comben 4, Darren Andrews 1 Ian Evans 4, Gordy Crews 4 Zak Turner 2, Jason Collins 1 Simon Farley 4, Jason Waite 0 Richard Langlois 4, Mark Whates 1 Ben Watkins 4, Jim Stevens 0 Zac Griffiths 4, Lee Marsh 4 Stuart Owens 0, Paul Thomas 0 Stuart Hossack 4, Pete Collins 4 Wayne Glover 2, Isle of Wight MB 5-7 Breconshire MB:Men's 'B':- Tony Parker 0 Jason Parnell 3, Darren Galley 0 Rhys Field 3, John Abbotts 0 Will Prosser 3, Chris Hebbard 3 Riley Rees-Tucker 1, Leo Hall 0 Ben Mathias 3, Mark Stoker 3 John Brandon 2, Pete Collins 3 Lee Randall 1, Tim O'Shea 3 Jordan Salmon 1, Mark Whates 3 Chris Carey 1, Philip Burt 1 Darren Evans 3, Stephen McConway 1 John Donaghey 3, Simon Newland 0 Nathan Burdett 3, Isle of Wight WA 1-5 Breconshire WA:Women's 'A':- Lyn Marshall 0 Kaye Hales 3, Hope Webster 0 Joy Toghill 3, Brenda Dyer 0 Stacy Barnes 3, Fiona Pickin 3 Carol Bufton 1, Angie Cotton 2 Sharon Hill 3, Madeleine Coe 0 Chris Sheen 3, Isle of Wight WB 0-6 Breconshire WB:Women's 'B':- Charlotte Collins 1 Dawn Brandon 3, Betty Oddy 0 Louisa Fox 3, Hannah Langridge 0 Lynne Layton 3, Georgia Davison 0 Emma Richards 3, Hope Webster 1 Helen Bitten 3, Judi Angus 0 Natalie Evans 3.

Northumberland 23 Gloucestershire 13

Northumberland MA 8-4 Gloucestershire MA:Men's 'A':- Steve Robertson 0 Andy Hammond 4, Andy Parks 4 Rich Bambridge 2, Nick Stephenson 1 Andy Morse 4, Paul

Richardson 2 Shaun Hughes 4, Daniel Stephenson 4 Mark Wellington 1, Paul Sinclair 4 Rhys Jackson 0, Micky Ord 4 Ian Higgs 1, Oliver Haughan 4 Kieran Smith 1, Callan Rydz 4 Sam Brough 1, Mark Stephenson 4 Leslie Higgs 0, Lee Shanks 3 Steve Handley 4, Billy Leonard 4 Mark Johncock 2, Northumberland MB 8-4 Gloucestershire MB:Men's 'B':- Ian Burt 3 Rob Long 1, Dan Hallowell 3 Dean Terry 1, Richard Gerry 3 Ian Beasley 0, Tony Taylor 3 Dean Thomas 0, Kyle Stanwick 2 Mark Turley 3, Dean Stackhouse 3 Pete Smith 2, Paul Richardson 3 Wayne Baker 2, Gary Reed 0 Anthony Coolman 3, Bruce Smith 3 Andy Sim 1, Russ Wood 3 Steve Easton 2, Danny Oman 0 Clint Keyse 3, Dale Graham 2 Keith Lawrence 3, Northumberland WA 1-5 Gloucestershire WA:Women's 'A':- Phonsawan Whillis 3 Carol Smith 0, Angela Best 1 Christine Marsh 3, Lisa Barnes 1 Kirsty Dixon 3, Iyla Leightley 2 Hannah Smith 3, Casey Stephenson 0 Jane Price 3, Debbie Waugh 0 Elaine Powell 3, Northumberland WB 6-0 Gloucestershire WB:Women's 'B':- Sara Gowens 3 Sharon Nyland 0, Marie Silk 3 Vicky Parmley 2, Sarah Higgins 3 Suzie Slatter 1, Mary Pattison 3 Sharon Brewer 2, Michaela Herdman 3 Sam Higgins 0, Ang Turnbull 3 Heather Grindle 1.

Pembrokeshire 19 Montgomery and Radnor 17

Pembrokeshire MA 6-6 Montgomery and Radnor MA:Men's 'A':- Steve Alker 0 Terry Williams 4, Keaton Williams 4 Tony Burton 2, Steve Smith 1 Mark Bellerby 4, Daniel Castle 1 John Williams-Jones 4, Llew Bevan 4 Neil Astley 1, Declan Coles 4 Paul Price 3, Craig Oag 3 Tony Lloyd 4, Peter

Wilcox 0 Phil Austin 4, Giles Hilton 3 Dan Petty 4, Kieran Harris 4 Roger Williams 2, Chris Webber 4 Mitch Butler 3, Steve Young 4 Stan Lloyd 3, Pembrokeshire MB 6-6 Montgomery and Radnor MB:Men's 'B':- Marshal James 3 Jake Rigney 0, Andrew Smith 3 Des Francis 1, Paul Babb 3 Frankie Costanzo 1, William Evans 0 Jason Griffiths 3, Rhys Webber 0 John Offa 3, Roger James 1 Ryan Cadwalleder 3, Kai Clark 0 Dave Richards 3, Celt Williams 3 Jerry Moynihan 2, Steve Castle 3 Paul Ballantyne 0, Tom Blair 1 Steve Rowlands 3, Joe Lewis 3 Andy Waters 0, Ben Farr 1 Adrian Marsh 3, Pembrokeshire WA 4-2 Montgomery and Radnor WA:Women's 'A':- Tracey Hawkins-Greene 3 Elisa Richardson-Morris 0, Rhian Evans 1 Katie Bellerby 3, Angharad Bessant 3 Sharon Shepherd 0, Tina Phillips 3 Jane Jones 2, Jess Rees 2 Kelly Butler 3, Nevita McConalogue 3 Louise Davies 0, Pembrokeshire WB 3-3 Montgomery and Radnor WB:Women's 'B':- Tracy Hopton 3 Della Christopher 0, Emma Houlihan 0 Sally Urwin 3, Natalie Alker 3 Charlotte Davies-Jarman 1, Avril Evans 1 Liz Jones 3, Elaine Edwards-Babb 0 Lisa Husbands 3, Caroline Wilcox 3 Sue Lewis 0.

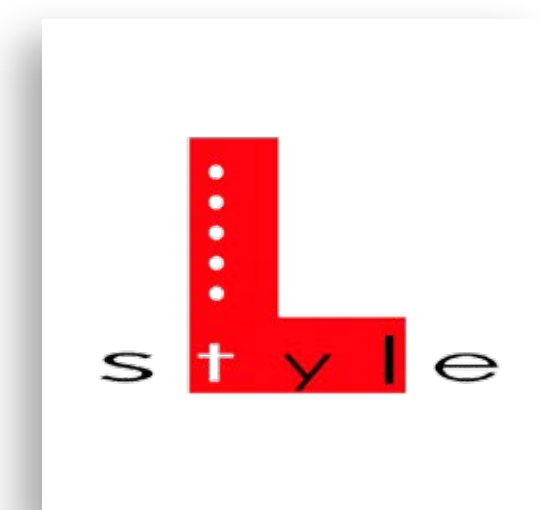
Shropshire 19 Wirral 17

Shropshire MA 8-4 Wirral MA:Men's 'A':- Simon Mountford 4 Karl Davies 0, Josh Pickett 4 Darren Bradley 2, Chris Fox 0 Mike Williamson 4, Reece Cook-Lucas 4 Sam Bratherton 3, Rob Pierce 4 Andy Cummins 3, Paul Penfold 4 Steve Maish 0, Clark Cook 0 Terry Clancy 4, Andrew Jervis 2 Mark Patmore 4, Adam Thackray 2 Kieran Nolan 4, Richard Parker 4 Steve McNally 1, Phil Clarke 4 Alex Di Stefano 0, Sam Aitkens 4 Lewis Gilmartin 3, Shropshire MB 6-6 Wirral MB:Men's 'B':- Andy Vellender 3 Dave Martindale 0, Anthony Whitehouse 3 Carl Coulls 0, Chris Evans 1 Chris Waddington 3, Andre Knox 3 Chris Sharp 1, Dave Bayton 3 Ste Savage 2, Jon Blakemore 2 Phil Hignett 3, Paul Harrison 3 Carl Robinson 1, Rob Pitt 3 Harvey McPartland 0, Brett Cooper 1 Connor Moreland 3, Kevin Harris 2 Jamie Green 3, Brian Hickman 0 Jack McCarron 3, Jamie Webb 0 Lewis Gilmartin 3, Shropshire WA 2-4 Wirral WA:Women's 'A':- Marie Riggs 2 Sandra James 3, Jenna-Louise Ball 3 Katie Woodcock 0, Nicola Ball 3 Joanne Toye 1, Sarah Williams 0 Steph Mellor 3, Becky Harris 0 Kim Holden 3, Michele Pritchard 1 Julie Baines 3, Shropshire WB 3-3 Wirral WB:Women's 'B':- Trish Ball 3 Nat Farragher 0, Deana Sheldon 2 Kelly McGuinness 3, Gemma Smith 0 Pam Courts 3, Kelly Millington 2 Emma Evans 3, Jo Meachin 3 Tina Nolan 0, Kirstie Millington 3 Becky Parkes 0.

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BUCKS County Darts Team maintained their 100% winning start to the season with a home narrow win against Tyne & Wear, that went to a nail-biting final game decider

Bucks Lady team manager Ann Wakefield saw the B team draw 3-3, with Kirsty Gibbs (Pictured) being the lady of the match winning 3-0 with a 20.00 average & hitting 180x2. Bucks other wins were through Janet Weedon & Lorraine Bowen. Tyne & Wears wins were through Christian Duncan (17.68 & 16 dart leg), Florence Kippen & Marie Seago (17.82 & 104 finish).

Bucks Men team manager Tony Hill witnessed the reverse as his B team lost out 7-5. Tyne & Wear Andrew Heath was the man of the match winning 3-1 with a superb 32.60 average in 17,14 & 14 dart legs & hitting a 180.

Tyne & Wears other wins were through Graham Dennison, Pete Kenny, Ian Thomas, Karl Hanrattan, Stephen Richardson & Steven Mallams. Bucks wins were through Steven Vaughan, Paul Stefanovic (14



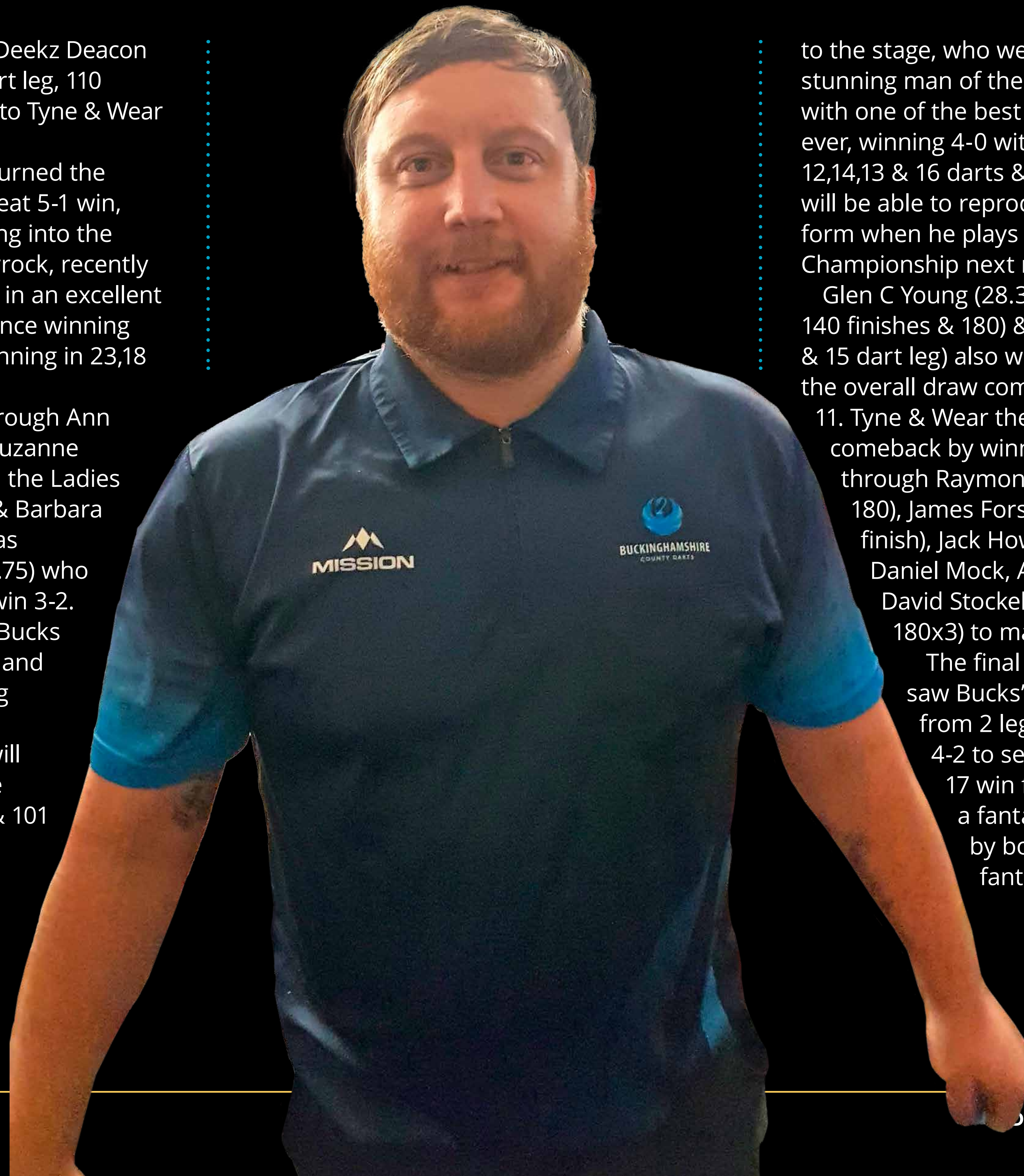
dart leg), Clive Wilford, Karl Deekz Deacon & Leo Beechey (26.84, 15 dart leg, 110 finish & 180), making it 10-8 to Tyne & Wear after Saturday's action.

Bucks Lady A team then turned the match on its head with a great 5-1 win, to make the score 13-11 going into the men A matches. Fallon Sherrock, recently honoured with an MBE, put in an excellent lady of the match performance winning 3-0 with a 26.37 average winning in 23,18 & 16 darts & hitting a 180.

Bucks other wins were through Ann Wakefield, Dawn Seaman, Suzanne Smith who will be playing in the Ladies WDF World Championship & Barbara Legge. Tyne & Wears win was through Maureen Purvis(18.75) who came from 2 legs down to win 3-2.

To secure the overall win Bucks men A team needed 6 wins and started brilliantly by winning the first 5 games through James Hurrell (26.37) who will be playing at Lakeside, Steve McLeod (180x3,15 dart leg & 101 finish).

Fittingly on the 5th November, the fireworks went off when Cameron Menzies (pictured) took



to the stage, who went on to produce a stunning man of the match performance with one of the best County performances ever, winning 4-0 with a 36.44 average in 12,14,13 & 16 darts & 180x3 & hopefully will be able to reproduce that kind of form when he plays in the PDC World Championship next month.

Glen C Young (28.32, 15 dart leg, 102 & 140 finishes & 180) & Damien Fyffe (26.93 & 15 dart leg) also won, to at least secure the overall draw comfortably leading 18-11. Tyne & Wear then staged a fantastic comeback by winning the next 6 games through Raymond Marshall (26.21 & 180), James Forster (15 dart leg & 156 finish), Jack Howarth (15 dart leg), Daniel Mock, Andrew Heath (180) & David Stockell (29.91, 12 dart leg & 180x3) to make the score 18-17.

The final game of the weekend saw Bucks' Carl Webb comeback from 2 legs to 1 down, to win 4-2 to secure a nail biting 19-17 win for Bucks, which was a fantastic weekend of darts by both teams played in a fantastic spirit.

UKDA NATIONAL LEAGUE 2023-2024

Cosmo Darts Premier Division

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Lancashire	3	25	11	27	11	9	83	96
2	Glamorgan	3	20	9	22	8	6	65	54
3	Cornwall	3	17	9	18	8	3	55	-12
4	Essex	3	20	8	14	8	4	54	-19
5	Yorkshire	2	15	4	17	9	6	51	61
6	Hampshire	3	12	10	16	9	3	50	-38
7	Staffordshire	3	15	10	12	10	3	50	-70
8	Warwickshire	3	19	5	16	5	0	45	-35
9	Lincolnshire	2	11	9	11	6	3	40	-9
10	Dorset	2	10	5	8	7	3	33	-27
11	Humberside	1	4	4	7	3	1	19	-1

Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	London	3	20	10	24	11	9	*72	45
2	Kent	3	19	9	19	12	9	68	20
3	Northamptonshire	3	18	13	20	11	6	68	53
4	Derbyshire	3	13	10	17	9	1	50	-7
5	Sussex	2	15	4	14	5	3	41	26
6	Hertfordshire	2	15	3	11	9	3	41	7
7	West Midlands	2	13	4	14	4	3	38	2
8	Cleveland	3	16	7	13	3	1	*36	-82
9	Cambridgeshire	2	7	8	10	7	0	32	-22
10	Cheshire	2	13	6	9	4	0	32	-34
11	Oxfordshire	1	7	4	5	3	3	22	-8

L-Style Division One

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	The Black Country	3	26	11	21	7	9	74	49
2	Gwent	3	18	6	22	16	6	68	27
3	Leicestershire	3	22	8	13	11	4	58	-3
4	Suffolk	3	13	12	18	9	4	56	-4
5	Somerset	3	12	13	16	9	4	54	-30
6	Berkshire	3	20	5	15	10	3	53	-14
7	Gwynedd	3	18	7	18	6	3	52	-21
8	Tyne & Wear	3	21	5	16	8	0	50	-30
9	Buckinghamshire	2	10	10	10	8	6	44	16
10	Merseyside	2	6	9	17	3	3	38	-7
11	Devon	2	14	4	14	3	1	36	17

Division Two

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Salopian	3	28	10	19	7	9	73	48
2	Wiltshire	3	20	10	21	9	7	67	20
3	Worcestershire	3	19	13	17	10	7	66	27
4	Middlesex	3	22	9	21	9	5	66	30
5	Nottinghamshire	3	20	10	18	8	4	60	-7
6	Clwyd	3	15	12	16	13	3	59	31
7	Surrey	3	21	7	18	9	3	58	1
8	Norfolk	3	15	8	17	8	3	51	-35
9	County Durham	3	11	7	16	9	1	44	-48
10	West of England	3	9	4	17	8	0	38	-67

Division Three

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Breconshire	3	23	11	23	13	9	79	83
2	Northumberland	3	24	6	18	15	6	69	49
3	Cumbria	3	14	12	18	11	6	61	-1
4	Wirral	3	16	9	24	9	3	61	22
5	Montgomery & Radnor	3	21	9	18	8	3	59	19
6	Pembrokeshire	3	19	11	14	7	6	57	-24
7	Shropshire	3	16	10	18	5	6	55	-19
8	Gloucestershire	3	14	10	14	8	0	46	-39
9	Bedfordshire	2	14	4	13	6	3	40	5
10	Isle Of Wight	2	7	2	8	2	0	*17	-95

An * in TP column indicates that penalty points have been deducted



DETA'S DAY

HEDMAN'S NAME FIRST ON ADC TROPHY

Words: HARRY MASTERSON AND JR LOTT
Images: ADC



Deta Hedman was triumphant Amateur Darts Circuit Women's Championship Tour Finals in Portsmouth earlier this month. The legendary arrowsmith defeated Samantha Kirton 4-0 in the Final at the MODUS Live Lounge.

The Heart of Darts becomes the first name on the impressive looking trophy, after finishing 2nd on the order of merit (OOM) to qualify, taking the £2,000 winner's cheque.

Deta's ends a fantastic debut year for the ADC Women's Championship Tour, which has given many aspiring female players the opportunity to compete in 12 events across the country.

Witham resident Hedman was successful in 2 of the opening 4 events in Bridlington, before Lisa Ashton produced a clean sweep of tournament victories in Middlesbrough. Samantha Kirton did get the better of her to win Event 9 in Bristol, before maiden Women's Championship Tour wins for Lorraine Hyde, Angela Kirkwood, and Chris Savvery soon followed.



The top 8 from the overall order of merit were invited to the home of the MODUS Super Series for a very special live streamed Tour Finals event.

Former World Master Hedman opened her finals campaign with a 4-0 victory over 7th Seed Jody Hancock, including a 180 en route.



Lisa Ashton ran out a 4-0 winner in the match previous against 6th Seed Angela Kirkwood to set up a much-anticipated Semi Final with Hedman.

8th Seed Samantha Kirton stunned the Number 1 on the Women's Championship Tour OOM Kim Holden in the opening match of the tournament, including 3 180s and an 89 checkout with her last dart at the bullseye.

Samantha went through to face WDF Girls World Champion Eleanor Cairns who won the competition's other Quarter Final, recording a 4-1 win over Rebecca Brouse and wrapped up the match with a 79 checkout in 2 darts on double 11.

Miss Dynamite missed 5 match darts on double 16 having navigated herself back into her Semi Final contest from 3-0 down. Kirton punished after completing a 68 check out with her last dart at double 15 to reach the Final as the lowest seed in the event.

Lisa Ashton started brightly against Hedman in the other Semi Final, with the *Lancashire Rose* moving into a 3-0 lead, having thrown a 96.97 average in the opening 2 legs. However, The 64-Year-Old showed tremendous character to rescue herself in the contest, battling back from behind to defeat the Four Time World Champion 4-3.

Lisa found the higher average, but it was the 2 Time World Masters winner who found the better finishing percentage, as well as 4 140s.

It was one way traffic in the Final as Hedman ran out a whitewash winner over Samantha Kirton, to pick up success at the Live Lounge.

The iconic Hedman has played herself into strong form ahead of Lakeside and

will want to make amends for an early exit at the last World Championship in April 2022.

The Heart of Darts is the Number 4 Seed for the WDF World Championship which starts on the 2nd of December and will face the winner of Aletta Wajer and Paula Jacklin, who take to the oche in the First Round.

A huge congratulations to Deta Hedman who claimed the opening LP Metal Detecting Women's Championship Tour Finals at the Live Lounge, in what was another successful day for female darts.

LP Metal Detecting Women's Championship Tour Finals

QUARTER FINALS

Samantha Kirton(8)	4 - 2	Kim Holden(1)
Eleanor Cairns(4)	4 - 1	Rebecca Brouse(5)
Lisa Ashton(3)	4 - 0	Angela Kirkwood(6)
Deta Hedman(2)	4 - 0	Jody Hancock(7)

SEMI FINALS

Samantha Kirton(8)	4 - 3	Eleanor Cairns(4)
Deta Hedman(2)	4 - 3	Lisa Ashton(3)

FINAL

Deta Hedman(2)	4 - 0	Samantha Kirton(8)
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GILBERT'S GAZETTE



First things first, I want to wish all those playing at Lakeside the very best of luck and a fantastic experience. I would obviously love to be up there with them, but instead shall content myself with cheering on some good friends, County colleagues and even one or two tough rivals.

Although the ladies event has a red hot favourite, in defending champion Beau Greaves, it is by means a forgone conclusion. Many different players have managed to defeat beau over the course of the last years or so and players such as Aileen De Graff have done so on stage in major matches.

Lisa Ashton has 4 World titles and knows how to win up on the venerable old stage. Laura Turner has come on strong

in the PDC series can she translate it? But don't count out an 'outsider' from causing a surprise or two.

Rhian O'Sullivan has a remarkable record at the Frimley Green venue and Almudena Fajardo and Veronika Ihász will surely keep improving on the big stage?

Last year's runner-up Kirsty Hutchinson will look to go one better and you can never dismiss Lorraine Winstanley and Deta Hedman.

I am sure I have missed genuine contenders out and that should be impressive. It's such a full and talented field and a fine shop window for the women's game.

Over on the men's side I must wish my old pairs partner and friend Antony Allen all the very best for his tough opener

against Dutchman Dennie Olde Kalter. If 'Shaggy' can get settled he could do untold damage in the event.

You may have noticed that I have avoided commenting on my own recent fortunes. That might be as I seem to have suffered a minor case after the Lord Mayor's Show!

Trips to Northern Cyprus and Malta were great, in and of themselves, and provided lovely family time. But, the darts were decidedly mixed. Some nice runs to semi-finals on the former trip but underperforming on the latter.

The requests for interviews and other bits and pieces had certainly increased but I am happy to have got stuck back into practice and am looking forward to making more progress.

LUKE HUMPHRIES

WORLD GRAND PRIX
CHAMPION
2023



**COOL HAND
LUKE**

REDDRAGON



ARE YOU A FINISHING STAR?

PLAY GO DARTS PRO'S LATEST TO SEE HOW YOU MEASURE UP

Words: **ANDERS OSTMAN**
Images: **GO DARTS PRO**

The new darts training game, the *"Finishing Star"*, is a fun and challenging mix of different games available on GoDartsPro. You'll recognize the 3 different outs to practise multiple times during from Crown Judgement.

You'll also probably be familiar with the concept that you get points for scoring but also for aiming for a double or even leave a double, from games like Hubbe and Ton+.

With great ideas and features from existing games it is possible to create a new fun and inspiring game. That's how "Finishing star" came about.

On GoDartsPro there are several ways to practise finishing and pure doubles-routines.

For players in their beginning of their darts career it sure can be difficult and daunting to try to hit the desired double.

Yet it is important to practise them and to be able to set up a great checkout to maximize the chances to hit the double with your next throw. So with this game you'll get points for leaving a double, throwing at a double and of course hitting the double to get used to always try to leave a good double if you can't finish the score with your last dart.

Game rules for *Finishing Star*

For this game you have five different levels to choose from plus an option to customize the session with your own scores to finish. The options and their scores to finish are:

Rookie	41 - 61 - 81
Novice	61 - 81 - 101
Intermediate	81 - 101 - 121
Advanced	101 - 121 - 141
Expert	121 - 141 - 161
Custom	? - ? - ?

The scores will loop and repeated ten times each and you always have 3 darts to finish each score, that is 90 darts in total for this game = about 10 minutes session.




By repeating the scores like this for a proper training session you will better memorize the different ways to checkout the scores within three darts. And remember, if you got one dart left and you're not on a double, focus 100% to hit a score to leave a good double. As always with a good practice game - every dart counts!

The points you get when you finish an out will increase for the two higher outs as well as throwing for a double for the highest out, since these are harder to get.

Collecting the stars

Another gamification feature for this game is to try to collect the stars.

There are three different stars to collect and you'll get them by:

-  **Finish at least one of each different outs**
-  **Finish 3 outs in a row**
-  **Finish 5 outs or more**



Conclusions

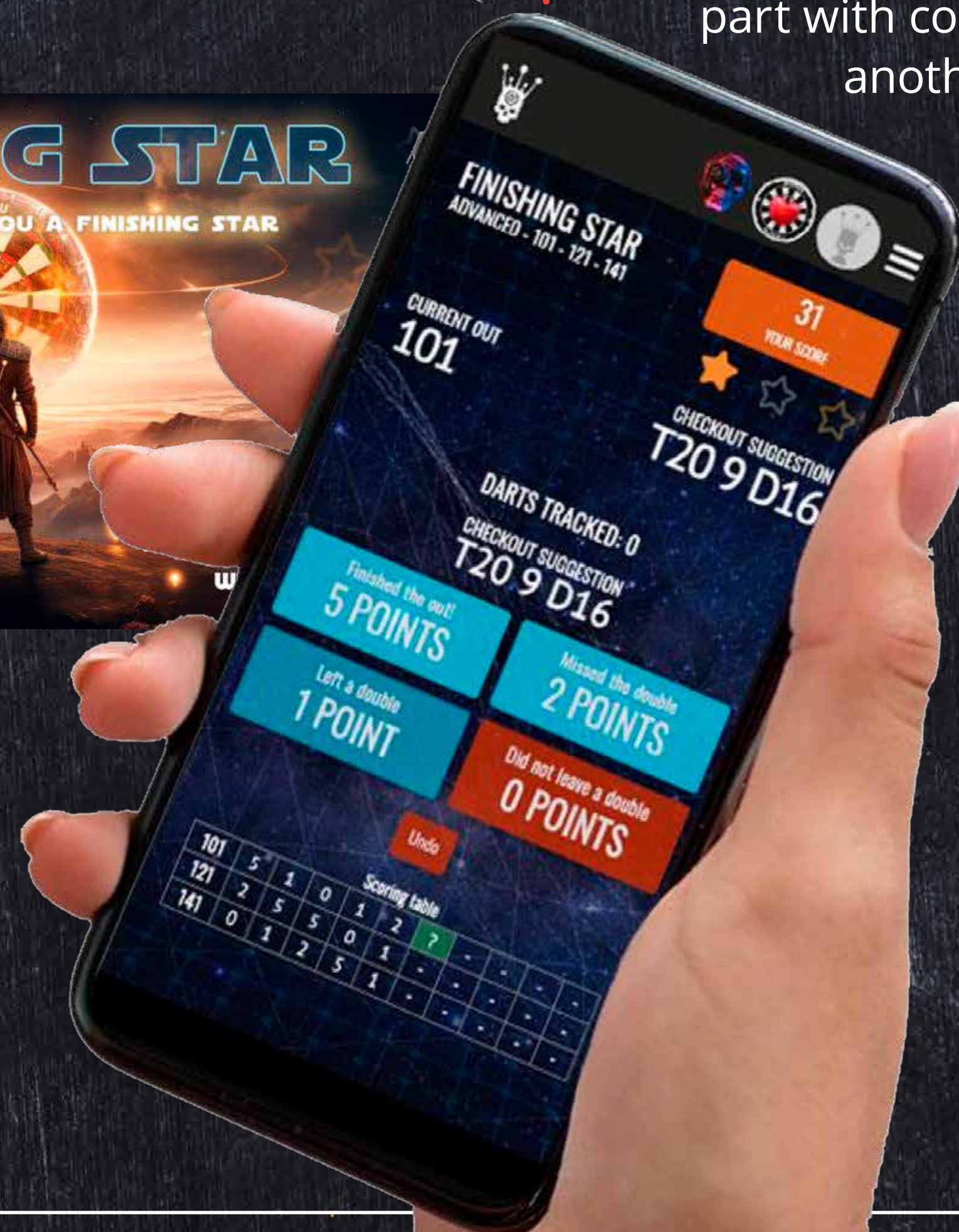
Personally I think this is a great game for many reasons. There are different options to choose from to better suit more players current levels. The repetitive part of the outs are also an important part that will do your darts game good. The rewarding logic for more things than just hitting the target double will also make it useful for more players.

If you're a beginner and you can't score anything in a game, you'll probably lose focus and interest pretty soon.

And last but not least, the gamification part with collecting the stars adds another dimension to the game.

Can you collect them all?

Enjoy your darts!
Anders



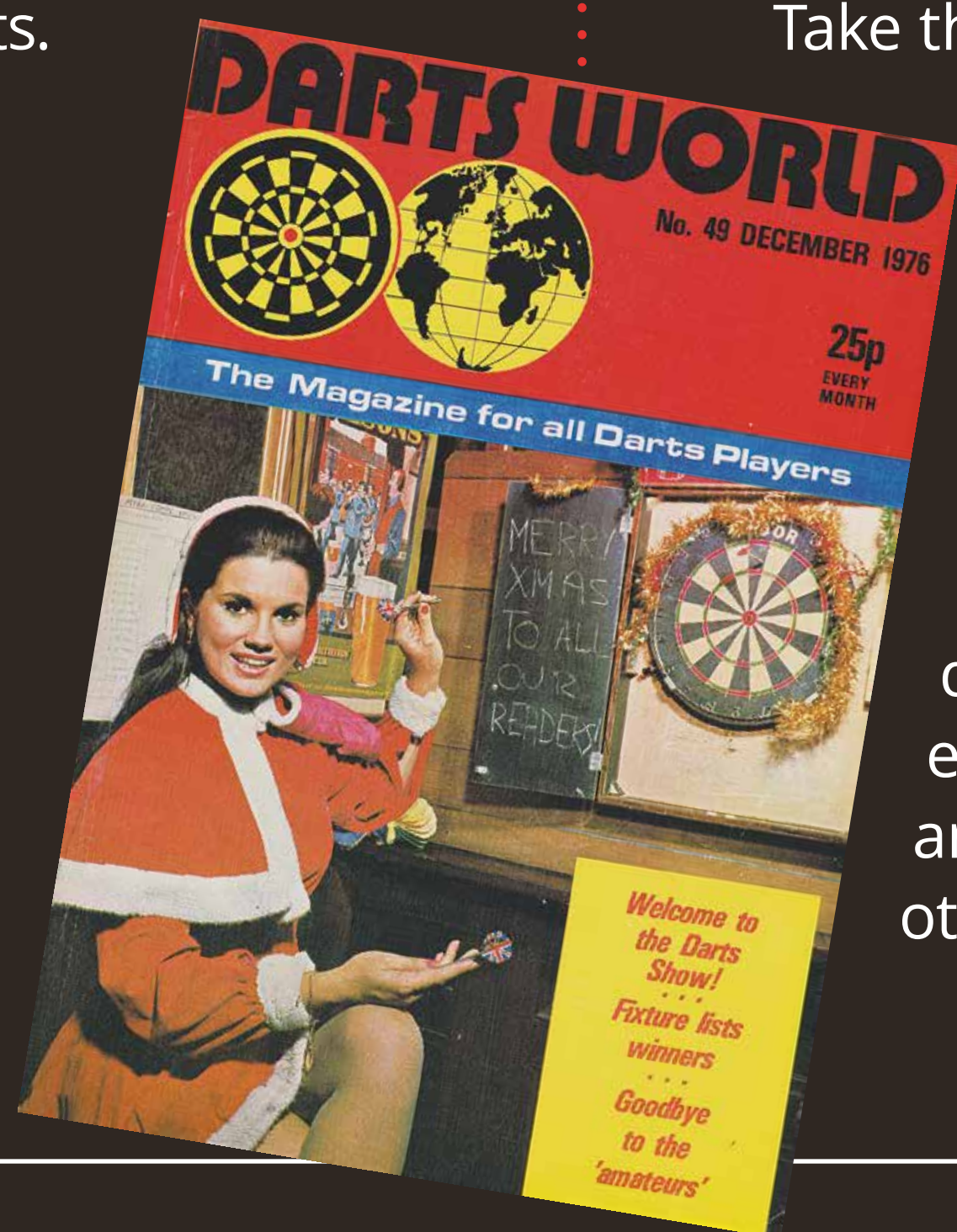
MEDIA MATTERS

Perfect Product Placement

Seen dozens of times throughout the whole festive period. Watched and analysed by millions, generating levels of furore and hype which plenty of telly box offerings would kill for. What could I possibly be referring to? The humble Christmas advert of course.

And when I spotted a dartboard on Tesco's 2023 pitch to shoppers, I couldn't help but think a little bit about what it said about the place and stature of darts.

First and foremost, it is a very simple, benign and heartwarming ad, centred around a kid and his dad. It is quite a fast-paced commercial for just over 2 minutes, featuring plenty of different intercut scenes and narratives. But a very brief snippet, featuring a couple of Yuletide-themed



characters throwing darts on a Winmau board, has even featured in the shorter, edited version. Not bad.

We may be slowly but surely shifting from the television age, but Christmas adverts remain powerful. Not only are they increasingly employed across a whole range of digital outputs, but they also have a cultural significance which can't be underestimated.

Take the John Lewis advert, only launched in 2007. The retailer spends millions each year producing and promoting it, spawning ten Top 40 hits in that time. It gives the company a chance to appeal to a far broader audience than it often does through the year, to great effect. The ads, often ambitious and artistic, offer the retailer and other companies an opportunity



to present not only the values of Christmas but of their brand too.

It is quite telling therefore to see a dartboard figure in Tesco's advertisement. Darts and related items have become a staple of the festive period now, far more resembling a big present than handy stocking filler. It dominates sporting coverage over the Christmas week, taking clear advantage of hours which could otherwise be filled by sports of bigger national and international profile.

Ultimately, it is a sport of shared experience. The image of a dartboard in one advert may not convert millions more to take up the sport and catapult the sales of equipment, but it presents a powerful picture. A Christmas without the arraz is now unimaginable for British audiences and even Tesco know it!

Editors note:

We have come a long way since the 1976 cover!

Thomas Bartley



BOBBY MAKES SYDDDS BIRTHDAY EXTRA SPECIAL

Words & Images:
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THE KING OF BLING MAKES YOUNGSTERS DAY



To help us celebrate SYDDDS birthday I got in touch with one of my old Suffolk county teammates from around 2005 to 2010, Bobby George and his lovely wife Marie. Bobby is a legend that needs little to no introduction to people in the darts world and was thrilled to come along and show his support, along with being very keen to see the talented youth players that attend our sessions.

Everyone was delighted to see our surprise guest at the session and Bobby was more than happy to do as many autographs and pictures as people wanted. We are also delighted to announce that Bobby has joined Andrew Gilding and has become a Youth Ambassador of SYDDDS.

This is fantastic news for everyone that attends. Bobby, as some of you may know has been behind youth darts since the start of the 80's, with him helping to set up youth darts in Essex and Kent. We couldn't be happier with him agreeing to be a part of SYDDS

We had 39 players in attendance. Our beginners and development room had the players doing our new challenges some following on from the previous session.

We now have 11 challenges for them to try and get either a bronze, silver or gold medal whilst honing their skills and learning new practice games. Some challenges also have a platinum stage, which I think some of us coaches may struggle to achieve, but we need to keep targets in their sights.

The challenges are – Shanghai – Around the World – Bullseye – Bobs 27 – Chalking - 20's – Beat the Coach - 101 – Outshots - 301- Cricket, with more challenges to come I'm sure. This was well received again and every smile was well worth the time put in to set it up.

Our advanced group were working with two of our newer coaches Tim Church and Josh Church, who along with all the other coaches do a fantastic job. The advanced were working on out shots and had a best of 3 Knockout, which was won by William Crossley (16) with Lennon Wharf (10) as runner up.

Highlights of our Inaugural Year

- Since November 2022 over 160 youth players have attended our sessions
- We have had 7 players from SYDDS selected to play Suffolk youth darts from our sessions. With 11 players from the team regularly attending SYDDS.
- We have had 2 SYDDS players sign a 12 month contract with Target darts as Pathw @Stowdartsay players.
- We have 2 amazing youth ambassadors, Andrew Gilding and Bobby George.
- We have had our first SYDDS team play in a summer league, which we won the league and the knockout cup.
- We have 24 amazing volunteers that come along and help and support the sessions as coaches/mentors.
- We are an affiliated Target darts academy with the backing and support of the fantastic Lorraine Winstanley and their amazing team.
- We are fortunate enough to have lots of support and sponsorships from local companies.
- We have a Tour booked to Belgium in Summer 2024 to play against other youth teams.
- We are still Free of Charge and will remain that way.



I hope you enjoyed following our progress, thanks again, and please follow us on all socials @Stowdarts for up to date information on what we're doing and how you can support us for future years.

CHALLENGE MET

DRAMATIC FINALE SEES HENDO'S HOPES DASHED

Words: JR LOTT & JOE WILLIAMS Images: PDC

2023 may have been the year which saw the Challenge Tour fully develop into what it had always promised to be. Action packed and dramatic from first week to last with both established names and strident newcomers making bids for the top.

The final fistful of events provided a superb potted summary of the plusses of the Winmau sponsored Tour and of the whole of this season:

The fifth and final weekend began with a double-header in Wigan, with Henderson and Taylor claiming the spoils in Events 20 and 21 respectively.

Henderson performed superbly to clinch his second Challenge Tour title of 2023 in Saturday's opening event, registering ton-plus averages in early wins before the Scot denied former Lakeside Champion Jelle Klaasen in the last 16, before rallying from 4-1 down to topple Reece Robinson in the last eight.

The Highlander then edged out former UK Open semi-finalist Alan Norris in a

dramatic last four clash, converting back-to-back 109 finishes to cap off another comeback victory.

The former World Cup winner was also forced to recover from 3-2 down against Wenig, winning the last three legs without reply to scoop top prize.

25-year-old Dom Taylor represented for the up and coming generation later that day as he claimed the second event, overcoming another youngster, Cam Crabtree in the final.

Crabtree's run had ensured that he was still in second place on the Tour's Order of Merit although only by £25 from Hendo!

The day's results also ensured that dominant Dutchman Berry Van Peer was assured a top two tour finish and



qualifications for the big events as well as a 2 year tour card!

Andy Boulton and Vitezslav Sedlak shared the spoils on the penultimate day of the season.

Sunday's opening event saw Sedlak follow compatriot Adam Gawlas to become the second Czech player to win a PDC title. The 32-year-old defeated John Henderson 5-2 in the Event 22 decider to deny Scotland's former World Cup winner a second title in as many days.

Henderson's effort to bag a third title of 2023 had seen him overtake Crabtree, whom he ko'd en route, to put himself in prime position to finish in the top two overall. A nightmare draw may, however, have sapped the Scot's energy for later events.

Event 23 saw Henderson fail to reach the last 16 and Owen Bates took full advantage by reaching the final.

Victory would have seen the 20-year-old overtake the Scotsman for second spot with one day's play left. It was not to be,



however, as the vastly experienced Boulton clinched a second title of the year.

At this stage of the weekend Van Peer was now confirmed as the tour winner, with Grand slam and Ally Pally places confirmed as well as his tour card. But who would join him?

With one event to go Henderson held the position with a healthy £750 lead over Bates who sat third. Crabtree, Boulton and Cristian Kist were also still able to take second place, with at least another ten players vying for a top 8 finish and free Q-School entry.

Final Flourish

The Winmau Challenge Tour season reached its climax with Event 24 in a rare Monday Monday event.

James Hurrell claimed the spoils with a 5-2 victory over Bates in the afternoon's decider. The England Captain (WDF) produced a series of superb displays to clinch his maiden PDC title, defeating a host of high-profile names to pocket £2,500. It was not quite enough however to bring him into contention for qualifications or a Pro Tour card.

Owen Bates, however, forced his way to the top with back-to-back finals in Wigan to overhaul John Henderson in a dramatic conclusion to the season. The youngster out-earned Scotland's former World Cup winner by £175 to leapfrog into second position after excelling over the final weekend.

Kist saw his hopes dashed after losing in the last 64 to France's Thibault Tricole, before Henderson succumbed to Hurrell at the same stage.

Van Peer and Bates have secured PDC Tour Cards for 2024 & 25 and places at Ally Pally in December with Dutchman also reaching the Grand Slam of Darts in Wolverhampton.

Winmau Challenge Tour 2023: Super 8 with Darts Database

1	Berry van Peer	£13,350
2	Owen Bates	£9,700
3	John Henderson	£9,525
4	Andy Boulton	£8,850
4	Cam Cabtree	£8,850
6	Christian Kist	£7,625
7	James Hurrell	£6,200
7	Dom Taylor	£6,200

COOL HAND AT THE DOUBLE

WOLVES WINS AGAIN

Words: HARRY MASTERSON
Images: KEIRAN CLEEVES /PDC

The PDC's annual outing to Wolverhampton was as action packed and interesting this year as ever before. Luke Humphries became a double Professional Darts Corporation Major winner, a new to our scene American went on superb run, Greaves and Sherrock gave nail biting drama and we had a perfect leg to boot.

Cool Hand emphatically defeated Rob Cross 16-8 in the Final of the 2023 Grand Slam of Darts and walked away with £150,000 at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton.

The World Number 4 continued what has been an incredible push up the PDC Rankings, having topped the European Tour Order of Merit last year. The Englishman has picked up from where he left off in 2023 claiming successes on the

Pro Tour and Euro Tour once more, as well as the World Grand Prix.

Ryan Searle found the only 9 dart leg at this year's Grand Slam of Darts, with Heavy Metal securing a place in the Last 16 with last leg perfection versus Northern Ireland's Nathan Aspinall.

Humphries began his campaign in Group C with a 5-1 victory over Steve Lennon, including a 100.51 average with a 147 checkout to take the 5th leg on throw. The former World Youth Champion has shown on numerous occasions recently his ability under pressure on the outer ring, missing just 4 darts at double in recording a 55.56% checkout rate against Scuba Steve.

The Newbury thrower was a difficult group, but handled the pressure well against Gary Anderson, beating the Flying



Scotsman 5-1 to move onto four points. Humphries repeated the trick with just four missed darts at double at Aldersley Leisure Village, as well as 3 180s and a 110.87 average.

Luke completed a clean sweep of victories to qualify as the Group C winner, earning an extra £3,500 after beating an out of sorts Dirk van Duijvenbode 5-1 with a 101.93 score, dropping just 4 legs in the group phase to set up a Last 16 Showdown with Ryan Searle.

The Red Dragon player produced his best performance of the 2023 Grand Slam

of Darts in his opening knockout game, including a whopping 9 180s to defeat Heavy Metal 10-7 in the Last 16 with a 105.42 average.

The win secured the 5 Time European Tour winner a Quarter Final clash with resurgent Gary Anderson. The Scot had accounted for 3 Time winner Gerwyn Price in the Last 16 with both players averaging over 103.

The Flying Scotsman started the brighter of the two major winners in Wolverhampton, breaking the Humphries throw for a second time in the 6th leg to lead 5-1 in a race to 16. The World Grand Prix Champion produced the champagne shot in the 4th leg of the match, pinning the bullseye for a 170 checkout in his only win from the opening 6 legs of the Quarter Final.

The Englishman responded emphatically in a push for a place in the Grand Slam of Darts Semi Finals, taking 8 out of 9 from the 13th to the 21st leg. The Scotsman fought back to level at 13-13 including finishes of 131 and 132 in a close contest on Day 7 of the Grand Slam of Darts.

A three leg surge from Cool Hand Luke secured a place in the Semi Finals at Aldersley Leisure Village, beating the back-to-back World Champion 16-14 with a 103.56 average in a match which included

23 180s. The 28-year-old missed just 11 darts at double over 30 legs of darts, in what was an incredible showing of bottle under pressure from the Newbury born player.

Humphries went through to face his most difficult test at the 2023 Grand Slam of Darts against James Wade, who was having an impressive tournament himself having defeated the likes of Masters Champion Chris Dobey and 2022 World Youth Champion Josh Rock in the knockout phase.

The Machine produced the first break of throw to lead 3-2 at the first interval, with Humphries repeating the trick in the 10th leg to level the Semi Final at 5-5 at the second break. The contest was settled after the Red Dragon player found a four-leg surge to defeat Wade 16-10, and go a step further in the Grand Slam then he did 12 month prior in Wolverhampton.

Cool Hand Luke would face Rob Cross in the Final with a new name set to appear on the Eric Bristow

Trophy, after Voltage defeated Stephen Bunting 16-13 in the other Last 4 clash.

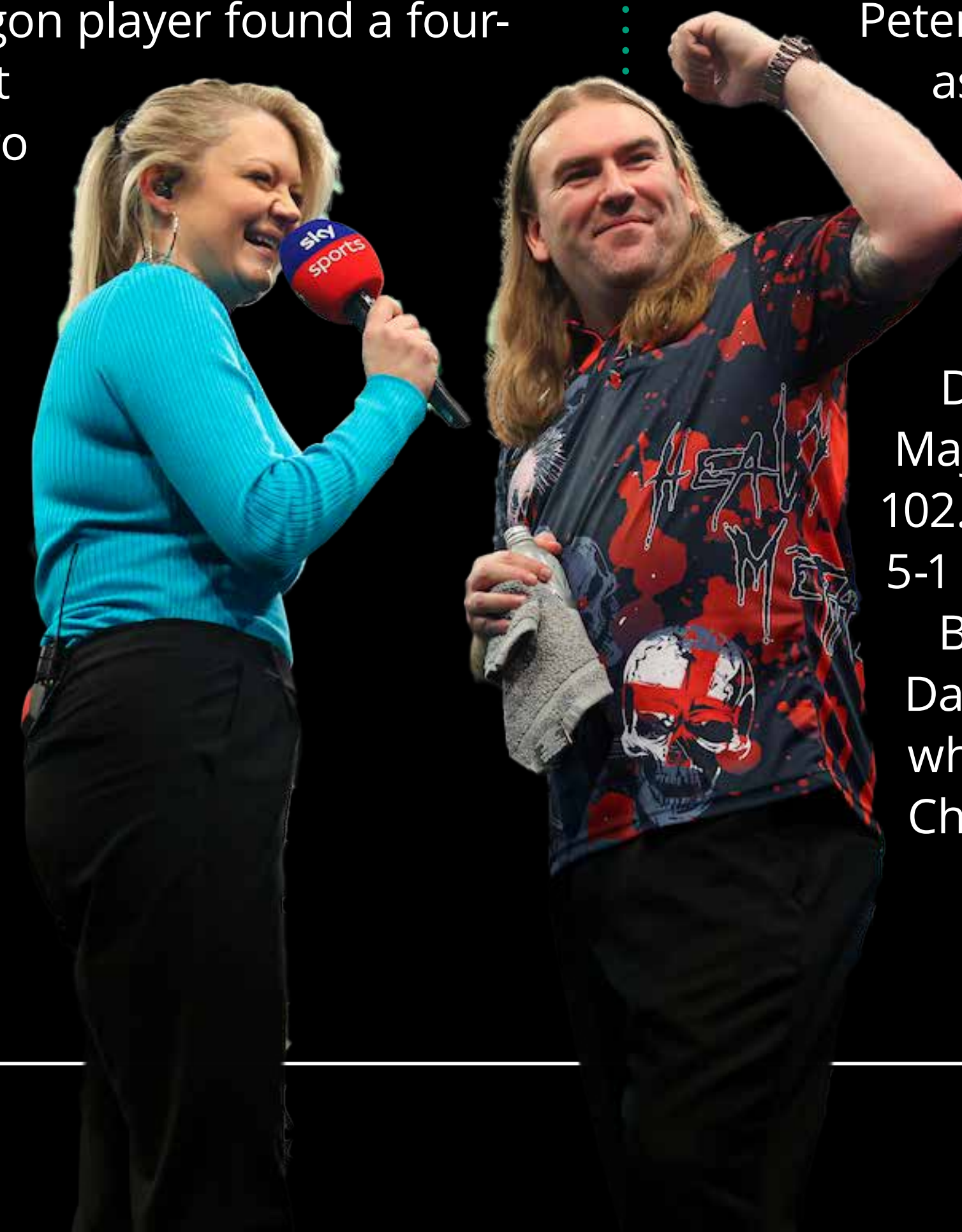
Both players included ton plus averages in the Final, with Cool Hand Luke matching his checkout rate from his Quarter Final against Gary Anderson, missing just 11 darts at double. 2018 World Champion Cross found a 170 finish in the third leg to lift the Aldersley Leisure Village crowd.

Humphries claimed a 16-8 victory in the Final including 8 180s and 2 ton plus checkout, securing a 2nd PDC Major title in the space of 43 days.

American debutant Stowe Buntz was this year's surprise package in Wolverhampton, topping Group E ahead of former PDC/ BDO World Champion's Peter Wright and Stephen Bunting, as well as European Tour Number 1 Dave Chisnall.

Stowe defeated UK Open Champion Andrew Gilding to reach the Grand Slam of Darts Quarter Final on his PDC Major debut, whilst producing a 102.28 average to beat Snakebite 5-1 in his opening group match.

But the 2023 Grand Slam of Darts belongs to Luke Humphries who became a double PDC Major Champion.



UDUK Looking Forward to Big Weekender

Scottish Masters and Yorkshire Classic Signpost Development

EARLY November saw Aidan Sutherland defeat Janek Hill 6-1 to win the UDUK Scottish Masters title.

Sutherland impressed throughout the whole day's play, with both him and Hill coming out of the group stages on matching 7-1 records.

A final between the two seemed written in the stars, and after the pair dispatched Daniel Barclay and Matthew Green (both of Stirling) in the semi-finals respectively, it came to pass.

Whilst the form book indicated it would be a tight affair, it proved a rout for Sutherland, who in victory defended his title won in 2022.

An average of 72 and 6 140s helped him on his way, as well as a ton-plus out of 103, proving enough to edge past the University of Leicester's Hill.

Commenting after the event, UDUK's Scottish Coordinator Daniel Barclay said: "The Scottish Masters was a very high quality day of darts, with lots of highly competitive games and a very tight group stage."

"My congratulations goes to Aidan, on an impressive and decisive final victory over our runner-up Janek."

The third singles event of the year and last of the autumn term will take place this weekend.

The Yorkshire Classic will make its debut after a successful previous staging of the Northern Singles event in Liverpool back in 2022.

A field of 96 look set to compete for the title at Leeds's New Moorside Club, with an array of the UDUK's top talent expected to feature.

Amongst those tipped for success are the aforementioned Hill, Northumbria's Dan Outwin, Trent's Phil Want and last year's finalist Jonny Litler.

Meanwhile, the organisation's six regional leagues are advancing at a pace.

Bangor have started strongly in the North West division, with 8 wins and 0 defeats to their name so far, including what could prove a crucial 5-4 win versus last year's winners Lancaster.

Newcastle sit atop the North East league on 3 victories so far, with York and Durham both close behind on 2 apiece.

The always exciting race for the North Central crown has begun in customarily interesting fashion, with Hallam currently top on 9 victories to date.

Last year's National champions Sheffield



have work to do, having fallen to two defeats to Hallam and Manchester respectively.

Nottingham Trent University have extended their lead in the Midlands league, currently 7 wins for no defeats.

The race to second may well prove more enticing this year, with Birmingham, Warwick and Nottingham all looking in with a shout.

In the South West, both Exeter and Gloucestershire are on top form, the pair sharing 3 wins each with Exeter just pipping it on game difference.

Their return fixture in the spring term could well clinch the division for one team or the other.

Finally, newcomers UCFB Wembley are leading the South Central league, both their A and B teams undefeated at present.

Elsewhere, sales continue for the circuit's marquee event in March.

The Big Weekender looks set to be UDUK's biggest event since Covid by far, but tickets [remain available online](#) for students interested in participating.

The tournament will take place from 22nd to 24th March, at Harrogate's Manhattan Club.

Announcements are set to follow soon on the scheduled singles events for the spring term, with more individual champions to be crowned.

Lakeside Going Dutch

Klaasen Leads New Orange Order

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Almost 18 years after making his Lakeside debut, Jelle Klaasen returns to the iconic stage. 2006 saw *'The Cobra'* crowned World Champion on his debut, and now Jelle will try to repeat the trick and become World Champion for the second time.

Back when Klaasen won the World title at the age of just 21 years old, he shocked the world of darts by beating the big favourite Raymond van Barneveld in an epic final. This time it would not be such a surprise were Jelle to pick up the title.

The Dutchman is now a former Premier League player and a Dutch Open and Irish Open Champion. As the third seed he is one of the big favourites, as he takes on Lászlo Kadar or Edwin Torbjörnsson in his opening game.

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Another big Dutch name in the field is fifth seed Wesley Plaisier. The Winmau World Master already won a big stage title last year, and is looking to do the same in 2023. It is only a debut for Plaisier but all his other stage experiences should help him as he starts against veteran Dave Prins or Reece Colley.

Two more Dutch seeds are 7th and 13th seeds Chris Landman Alexander Merckx respectively. Landman is a former quarter finalist and the big favourite in his opener against Benjamin Pratnemer or Davie Kirwan. Merckx makes his debut after two very successful years on the WDF tour and plays a fellow debutant: Australia's Danny Porter or another Dutchman making his maiden attempt: Dutch Open semifinalist Arjan Konterman!

Three Dutchmen have to start in round 1 the first weekend. Taking his Lakeside bow is Moreno Blom who has been travelling around Europe to get the valid WDF points and will be the favourite

against Hungary's Gabor Takacs. If he wins it is a tough second encounter against the defending champion Neil Duff. Dennie Olde Kalter makes his World Championship return against Antony Allen. With a win he would face the 14th seed Darren Johnson.

Finally, Jarno Bottenberg also makes his debut. The young Dutchman is low on experience but is a very capable player. The qualifier has been impressive in the Dutch rankings and Modus Super Series this year, and plays former World Championship semifinalist Jamie Lewis in round 1, with the winner playing USA's Danny Lauby.

In the ladies event we have two Dutch seeds! Second seed Aileen de Graaf will be determined to get her first world title, but first has to overcome a second round game against Nicole Regnaud or Anna Forsmark.

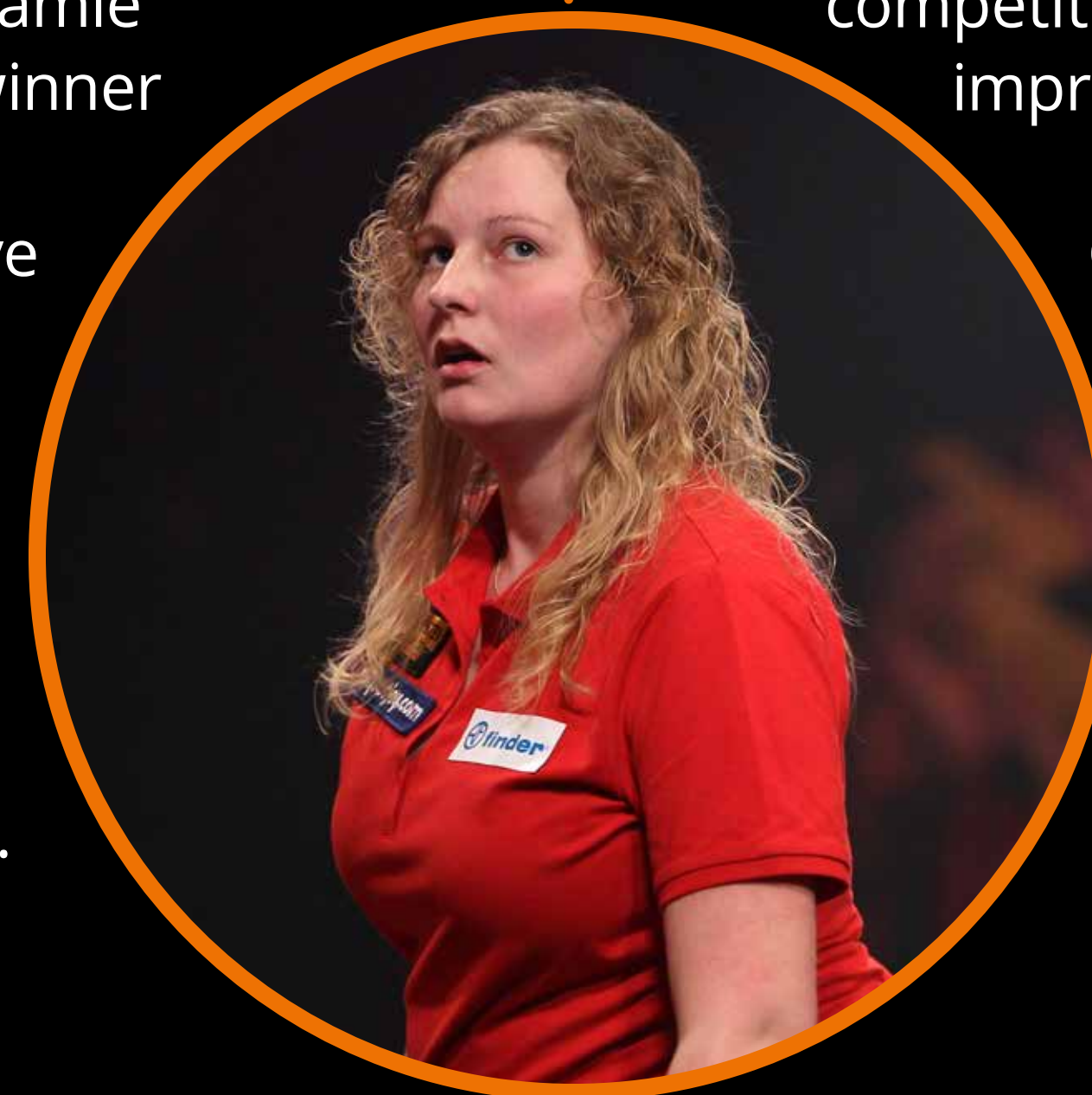
Number eight seed Anca Zijlstra has a tough opener against either USA's Paula Murphy or World Masters finalist Almudena Fajardo.

Last year's quarterfinalist Priscilla Steenbergen is also back at Lakeside, taking on Kym Mitchell with the winner facing Lisa Ashton! Last but not least, debutant Aletta Wajer plays Paula Jacklin. If the Czech Open Champion wins that tie she plays Deta Hedman in round 2.

Finally, in the boys event we also have a Dutch semifinalist: Boys Dutch ranking winner Bradley van der Velden. He plays Germany's Mats Theobald.

Our Dutch players make up a sizable quotient at Lakeside 2023, in 3 of the 4 competitions, and a lot of them could impress, or even win it.

It's been 11 years since Christian Kist was the last Dutch Lakeside winner, so it is about time we add another Dutch name on the elite list!



THE Checkout

Our thirteenth issue has coincided with some excellent behind the scenes progress at DW. The brand, our legacy and assets have received a significant boost and will become part of a wider darts ecosystem.

Since taking custody of Darts World Magazine, during the covid pandemic, the team has slowly been creating a new model of sustainable darts media.

We refused to simply ditch the print magazine and instead have changed the size, weight and frequency.

Expanding our online presence, including newsletters and social media, has ensured we are a voice heard across the darting community at every important moment and not just when the print presses run.

Darts World Extra has seen us reach a whole new audience, with issues receiving tens of thousands of visits at either our platform or via our kind hosts at **Red Dragon Darts**.

Look out for our traditional Ally Pally Special on December 15th and visit us at **dartsworld50.com** where you can also sign up for our weekly newsletter: **Darts World Digest**.

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