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Welcome

The traditional last-minute scramble for qualifying places at the *World Grand Prix* added some extra drama to the already enjoyable European Tour this month.

Whilst it was Chizzy and Cool Hand Luke Humphries who grabbed the headlines, Luke Woodhouse, Gian Van Veen and Jermaine Wattimena embarked valiant efforts to make the field for the first of the Autumn ranking majors.

Indeed, since our mid-summer Darts World Extra the tungsten world has barely missed a beat. The Pro Tour has held multiple blocks of Players Championships. The PDC Youth World Championship was played from 64 to 2! The Women's Series has played another four competitions and left only one more batch for the 2023 season.

Meanwhile, the European Tour returned from its early summer hiatus to bring two superb events and The World Series of Darts played out its annual finals in the Netherlands.

The WDF may have had a few hiccups closer to home, but the affiliated nations are remarkably busy around the globe and plenty of ranking activity has been going on in Australia, North America and as usual across mainland Europe. Confirmation of Lakeside details will also prove a boost to players and supporters alike.

The UKDA are off and running with their third season with Lancashire starting their defence strongly but there is a long way to go as the teams prepare for their second weekend of National league fixtures as you read these words.

Darts World has also juggled its timetables due to severe illness at the DW Bunker and has moved the publication of the Autumn Issue (584) until the cusp of October/November where it will be packed with original content, news, reviews and interviews.



Matthew Porter seems to have developed something of a knack recently. Both of his most recent in person interviews involved delivering unpopular decisions or tackling controversial issues and both were done in such a way as to imply that there was really no debate to be had.

The Matchroom Multi Sport chairman even went as far as suggesting that those opposed to trans players in the Women's Series and World Matchplay, dislike the format of the Premier League or more opportunity, especially for youth players and women, across codes were narrow minded or keyboard warriors.

Never mind the fact that the best female player currently playing will be forced to choose whether to defend her Women's world title or accept the places she has earned in PDC men's event where she is less likely to progress or add to her roll of titles. A similar situation will surround Luke Littler who has already qualified for the next 'Lakeside'.

As with the debate surrounding male bodies being permitted in women's sport, the



habit of some is to belittle the views of those opposed and to try to close out debate or marginalised certain beliefs.

However, such views are mainstream, quite possibly the majority, and the momentum is with the re-establishment of an exclusive womens category and trans participants competing in a specialist or 'open' category. Cycling, swimming, athletics and others have already moved clearly and decisively in this direction. Are these sports, participants, their fans and governing bodies narrow minded?

The idea that more than one world champion is necessarily bad for the game does not stack up at all. For more than 30 years our game has had at least two claimants for that

crown. It created rivalries, news stories, TV documentaries and motivation. You only have to look at the sport PDC Chairman Eddie Hearn thrives in to see that multiple codes , formats and champions are really nothing unusual.

As CEO of the PDC perhaps we might prevail upon Mr Porter for a modicum of respect for perfectly reasonable and honestly held views.

Your thoughts: [@Darts_World](#)



HUMPHRIES GOES THE HARD WAY

NO HAND OUTS FOR COOL HAND

Words: HARRY MASTERSON AND JR LOTT
Images: PDC

"I need to give credit to myself because I really battled hard today. If that dart at double 12 had gone in, this probably would have been one of the greatest games I've ever played."

IN sport you often hear about who might be the best player never to win a 'major' event or debates as to who will be the next to break their duck. At various times in their careers Andy Murray, Goran Ivanesevic and Ben Crenshaw looked as if they would not make that final step. All did!

In very few sports is it possible for a player who has not claimed such a title to sit in the rarefied atmosphere of their sport's top 10 or even top 5! Luke Humphries however can claim just that.

No short cuts or quick fixes for the man known as 'Cool Hand' after failing to claim the Uk Open in his first major final a few years back The Hastings man seems determined to reach the pinnacle of his chosen profession by the longest and most difficult route imaginable.

Take for example his most recent effort: Playing through a confirmed back spasm, the Red Dragon darts star pulled off a perfect leg and 2x 170 checkouts on the Final day of action in the 2023 Hungarian Darts Trophy. Yet still, the World Number 6 fell just short losing a last leg decider to an impressive display from Dave Chisnall.



The former UK Open Finalist achieved perfection in the 12th leg after hitting double 12 to complete a 141 finish, making it back-to-back 9 darters in the last two PDC tournaments with Michael van Gerwen achieving the same feat at the World Series of



Darts Finals last weekend.

“I had the 170, the nine-darter. I gave it everything and although tiredness was creeping in, I still put up a great fight with five ton-plus averages this weekend. I just could not shake Chizzy off. What a player he is. If he finds this form on a TV stage, he will win one and he’s a player that deserves to win one.”

Cool Hand Luke had put down a statement performance on Saturday at the MVM Dome, averaging 108+ in beating Irish youngster Keane Barry 6-2 in the Second Round.

The Englishman continued from where he left off in his opening match of the day, dropping just one leg in beating Martin Schindler 6-1 with an average of 106.17 having missed just 2 darts on the outer ring.

Humphries continues to show the evidence of the drastic improvement in his doubling, missing just 7 darts at double in his opening 2 matches of the Hungarian Darts Trophy to reach the Quarter Finals.

The Red Dragon ended a crucial run from Luke Woodhouse in the Quarter Finals, with Woody qualifying for the 2023 World Grand Prix on the Pro Tour Order of Merit despite defeat. Luke claimed victory without reply from his opponent, again averaging 100+ with 4 180s and 9 140s in Budapest.

The Newbury born player achieved his first big fish on Sunday against former World Champion Gerwyn Price, who was in the hunt for a 3rd Euro Tour title this year. A combined 28 140s were thrown over the 11 legs played in the Semi Final, with Luke prevailing a 7-4 winner including a 103.10 average.

The Iceman found an early break of throw in the contest but fell just short at the MVM Dome, having found a 100% doubling rate earlier in the day to knock out defending

champion Joe Cullen with a 6-4 victory.

Humphries went on to hit a 100+ average in every single match of his Hungarian Darts Trophy, scoring 100.97 despite an 8-7 defeat whilst also including a perfect 9 dart leg and a 170 checkout.



Cool Hand Luke broke throw instantly after hitting the bull to complete the big fish, whilst also recorded a 63.64% finishing rate in an epic Hungarian Darts Trophy Final between 2 top scorers in the game today.

Dave Chisnall was the better player in the Final, hitting a 104.82 average whilst also including 7 180s to Luke’s 4 in Budapest.



Chizzy became the first player in 2023 to win 3 PDC Euro Tour crowns, with one more tournament left to play this year in Hildesheim.

“If you had told me this morning that I would have got to the final I wouldn’t have believed you. I need to give credit to myself because I really battled hard today. If that dart at double 12 had gone in, this probably would have been one of the greatest games I’ve ever played.”

So could Luke emulate Andy Murray and claim a major after several valiant efforts, might he come through and claim one

emphatically like Crenshaw. Or could he end, like Colin Montgomerie, as the best player, and most popular, never to win one of the games most coveted titles?

There is another possibility, Colin Lloyd became world number one, ahead of Phil Taylor, by playing every event and picking up every available point regardless of the level. He went on to claim several major crowns including a magnificent World Matchplay with a 170 finish to claim the title.

Maybe Cool Hand is plotting such a triumphant ascendance, perhaps a double start would add a little extra something?

2023 Hungarian Darts Trophy Final Day Results

LAST 16

Luke Woodhouse	6 - 2	Peter Wright (11)
Luke Humphries (3)	6 - 1	Martin Schindler
Gerwyn Price (7)	6 - 4	Joe Cullen (10)
Damon Heta (2)	6 - 4	Gian van Veen
Mike de Decker	6 - 2	Michael Smith (12)
Scott Williams	6 - 5	Danny Noppert (13)
Michael van Gerwen (9)	6 - 5	Jonny Clayton (8)
Dave Chisnall (1)	6 - 1	Rowby-John Rodriguez

QUARTER FINALS

Luke Humphries (3)	6 - 0	Luke Woodhouse
Gerwyn Price (7)	6 - 5	Damon Heta (2)
Scott Williams	6 - 5	Mike de Decker
Dave Chisnall (1)	6 - 4	Michael van Gerwen (9)

SEMI FINALS

Luke Humphries (3)	7 - 4	Gerwyn Price (7)
Dave Chisnall (1)	7 - 5	Scott Williams

FINAL

Dave Chisnall (1)	8 - 7	Luke Humphries (3)
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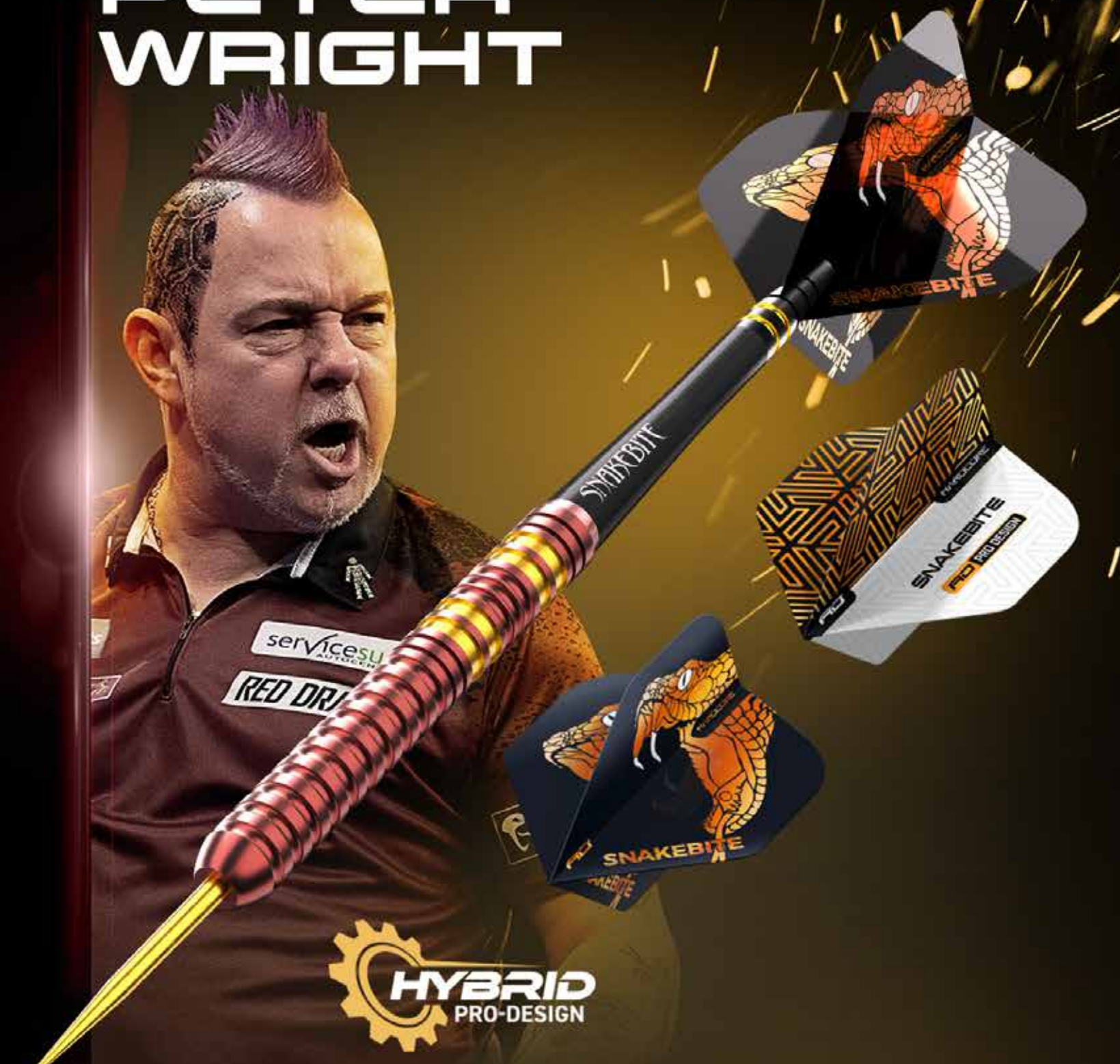
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Bullseyes & Bounce-Outs!

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.



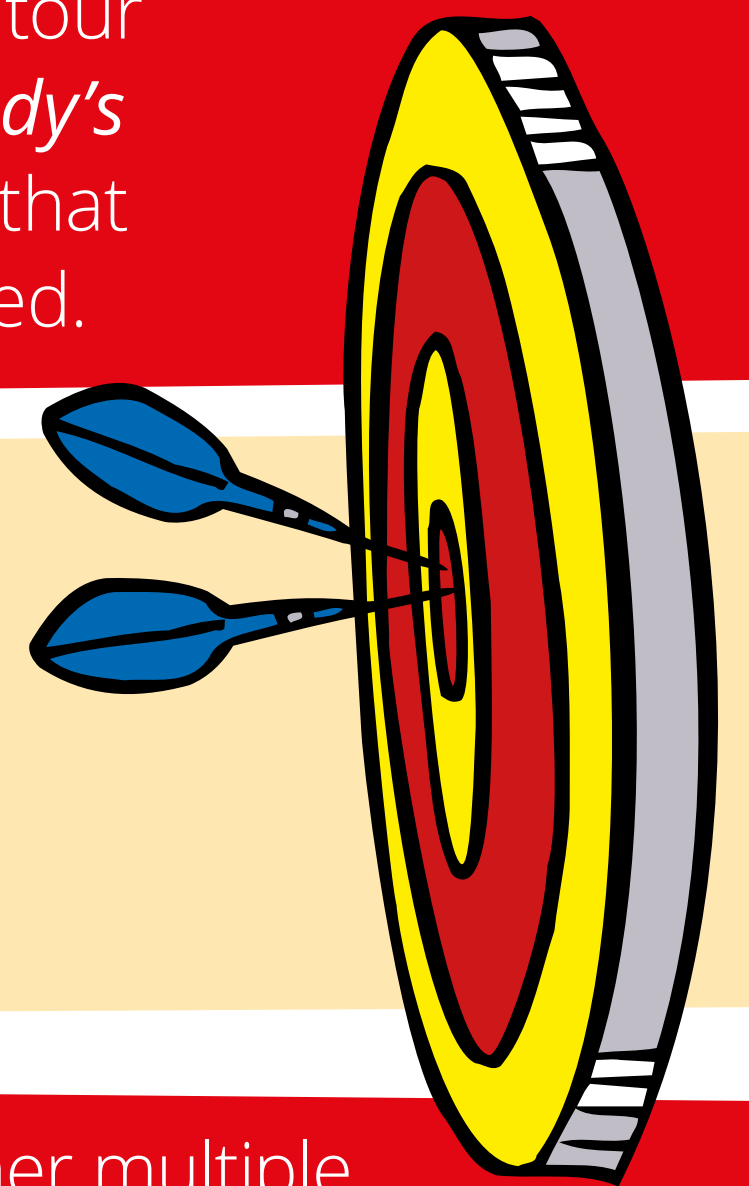
Dave Chisnall: *Chizzy* really does seem to have found his metier in the European Tour formula. His supreme scoring skills flourish over shortish but not cut throat formats. There is a good crowd and atmosphere but not quite the extreme pressure of major TV ranking finals.

Luke Woodhouse: The Bewdley thrower has been on the fringes of the top level for close to a decade. Despite threatening to break through on occasion, a 9-darter in the home tour for example, he must have been wondering if that breakthrough would come. *Woody's* qualification for the World Grand Prix and strong performances this year have put that to bed and he has earned his chance at the main events. Harrows must be delighted.

Mikuriu Suzuki: The Japanese double Lakeside champion looked to be slipping in the early days of the Women's Series. Covid and her huge travel burden seemed to be too much. But, in a turnaround that must be good for the game, *The Miracle* is right back in the top echelon and is likely to claim qualifying places at the Grand slam and world Championships once again.

Anastasia Dobromyslova: Another much-welcomed return is that of another former multiple Word Champion. A previous loss of form and then the current difficulties associated with her Russian heritage, seemed to have dulled this remarkable champion. Recent performances, especially at the PDC Womens Series suggest we have yet to see the last of this historic talent.

Krzysztof Ratajski: *The Polish Eagle* had seemed to have stalled in mid air in recent months. The Pole – a winner of the Gibraltar Darts Trophy in 2019 – ended his four-year wait for a big stage crown with a series of superb performances at the Sparkassen-Arena to claim the German Darts Open earlier this month.



Bounce-Outs!



Neil Duff: The WDF World Champion seems to be going through the mill. After a promising post Lakeside start he is struggling to carry the burden in almost every format and code. Players in the MSS get a longer look at him, and are determined to KO a world champion and Seniors veterans have a great deal to bring to the table. Either way *The Duff Man* needs to recapture that swagger and confidence before defending his title in December.

Alan Soutar: The popular Scotsman seems to have drifted after an excellent spell. Recent months have seen early knockouts for *Soots* in Pro Tour events and less of his usual gritty runs. The Arbroath man needs to right the ship if he is to establish himself in that top 32 and then look to go higher.

Adrian Lewis: A Literal bounceout from *Jackpot* as he steps away from the daily grind of the professional game after 20 years in the very top segment. Tiredness, family illness, and much more, lie behind the decision but the Stoke-on-Trent man is getting fit and looking well after the first few months. Assuming he can find a way to combine his optimal wellbeing with a return, many will welcome him with open arms.

64-128: It's going to be tougher in future for those new to the PDC circuit or the journeymen players who fill the lower half of the exclusive club of 128 tour card holders. From the 2024 season all the Pro Tour (Players Championship and qualifying) events are scheduled for midweek. This will require players to be full time professionals or have very flexible working arrangements. Many doubt that there is enough money in the PDC game to justify 64-128 being full time. Currently the 128th player has earned less than £9,000 in almost two years!

WDF Players: The period of goodwill to all dart players is over. Last year's exceptional circumstance waivers, that gave multiple players the chance to play both Lakeside and Ally Pally, are not going to be re issued and the PDC have severely tightened their criteria going forward. Not only will the higher end players be excluded but so to youth and ladies players alike. Big decisions to be made for the likes of **Beau Greaves** and **Luke Littler**.

GOING *Dutch* SPECIAL

WORLD SERIES AT HOME AS MVG CLAIMS FIVE-FER

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Now we came back to the World Series Finals. As always the tournament was held at the Afas Live in Amsterdam which for us was just an hour travelling by train and underground.

On Friday evening we started with the

first round, and we had seats pretty close to the walk-on. I didn't even make it to every walk-on though as it was very busy: the Friday session was nearly sold-out already!

The tournament had a slow start though with some low quality games in which Krzysztof Ratajski beat Daniel Klose 6-3 despite a slow start while Haupai Puha overcame Graham Usher in a game where neither player could buy a double!

An out of sorts German number one Gabriel Clemens then was defeated by William O'Connor, after which Keegan Brown dispatched a disappointing Simon Whitlock 6-1. One good thing so far though was the big amount of children in the crowd which showed how the future

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Images: **PDC**



of Dutch darts looks very good! Jonny Clayton knocked-out the third German in a row in Martin Schindler then, before we had the all Dutch clash between Danny Noppert and Dirk van Duijvenbode.

The crowd seemed to choose the side of 'aubergenius' and there were even fans throwing an aubergine on the stage! That didn't help though as Noppert beat Van Duijvenbode 6-4 with both Dutchmen averaging well over a ton!

The player most people were looking forward to though was five time world champion Raymond van Barneveld! The Barney Army was louder than I've ever heard which was incredibly impressive and all Barney's grandchildren were there to support him. The support helped Barney to get over the line in a tough game against Canada's Jeff Smith.

Ricky Evans then won the game dubbed 'battle of the walk-ons' in a last leg decider over Damon Heta.

Saturday evening promised to have an even bigger crowd although I must say they did behave better than on Friday. Less booing, standing on tables and throwing stuff and more singing, cheering and drinking rather than throwing the drinks.

Most of the seeds safely came through their opener, including Dutch number one

Michael van Gerwen who beat an inspired William O'Connor thanks to the support of the crowd by 6-4.

The biggest shock of the night came by the hands of Keegan Brown though as some absolutely unreal finishing saw him remove defending champion Gerwyn Price to the surprise of the crowd, fans at home and even himself!

Barney returned to take on World Champion Michael Smith and the Barney Army once again made a lot of noise, supporting their legend which indeed literally gave me goosebumps. The Dutch

legend once again came through a close game and he beat World Champion Smith 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals!

Danny Noppert couldn't reproduce this though as he lost to Nathan Aspinall. The crowd didn't support hThe Freeze enough, although in my opinion he did not do much to have the crowd supporting him either.

The night was ended by Peter Wright throwing awful but escaping against Puha and Dimitri van den Bergh demolishing a disappointing Ricky Evans 6-1 .

Sunday saw the first quarter-finalist, Luke Humphries, absolutely destroy top seed Rob Cross 10-2, Michael van Gerwen edged out Dimitri van den Bergh 10-8 to the delight of the Dutch crowd and the disgust of some Belgian fans in the house.

Nathan Aspinall then saw off Keegan Brown before Barney took on Peter Wright. The Barney Army was happy to see their hero lead 6-3 but Van Barneveld could not get going after the second break as Snakebite won 7 legs on the spin for a 10-6 victory.

For the Sunday evening session we were back at the walk-on, having been in the middle of the crowd for the 2 sessions prior to the final one. The middle of the crowd was nice too though as I've met English, German and Belgian fans as well.

The English fans were especially surprised about how fast it went to get a drink here: instead of missing an entire game they only missed 2 legs !

Back to the darts, the first semifinal was a classic! MVG hit the perfect leg, a first in the history of this tournament, but half of the crowd missed it because of a scoreboard error! Despite that perfect leg, MVG did have to survive multiple matchdarts from Luke Humphries, but 'Cool Hand' missed and Mighty Mike punished him to claim the game 11-10!

The other semifinal Aspinall took an early lead over Wright, the Scotsman threatened a comeback only to be denied 9-11!

In the final the Asp ran out of energy, the Matchplay Champion could not get going at all. Dutch number one Van Gerwen won the final 11-4 and picked up a 5th WS Finals title in front of his family and the Dutch fans!

It was another successful edition of the World Series Finals, with a deserved Dutch winner, some brilliant darts, some rubbish darts, some absolute shocks and some legends coming back to form!

Onto the next one, and I will be there again, in one role or another.



MEDIA MATTERS

Hot off the press?

Thomas Bartley



The recent news that media baron Rupert Murdoch is to stand down as chairman of News Corp has attracted much discussion. Some of this was over the ever-controversial businessman's legacy, but many also drew attention to his dwindling influence on contemporary politics.

In 1992, after John Major's Conservatives pulled off a surprise victory over Labour in the general election, Murdoch's flagship tabloid *The Sun* declared that it was it which had 'won it'. Nowadays, with newspapers in declining circulation and increasingly challenged by other forms of media, one suspects such a headline would not occur again.

Despite this, the cultural sway of our nation's newspapers remains large. And over the past few months, where darts fits into this has been on my mind.

In the last few months, I have interviewed two journalists from Britain's

big-hitting broadsheet newspapers, both of whom reflected on this issue of coverage. Jonathan Liew of *The Guardian* was perhaps a little stronger in his critique of the industry's failure to cover sports such as darts well, whilst *The Times's* Elgan Alderman highlighted the sheer breadth of sports the mainstream media has to contend with.

It is also not a problem unique to Britain. I was recently chatting to a journalist on an esteemed German paper, who expressed his frustration at the difficulty to get darts column inches despite its proven popularity on his organisation's website.

(Editor's note: The recent expansion of darts coverage in the Daily Star should be noted A regular column from James Wade a reasonably frequent stream of darts stories seem to fit with the pap's target demographic)

Darts is one of several sports



which suffers from a bit of a World Championship problem, where so much of its mainstream exposure seems to be restricted to those feted 16 days over Christmas.

This isn't a bad thing, and much rather we would have a period where darts pulls its weight confidently amongst other sports than have its marquee event fail to make an impact. But it certainly limits the sport's outreach in other months.

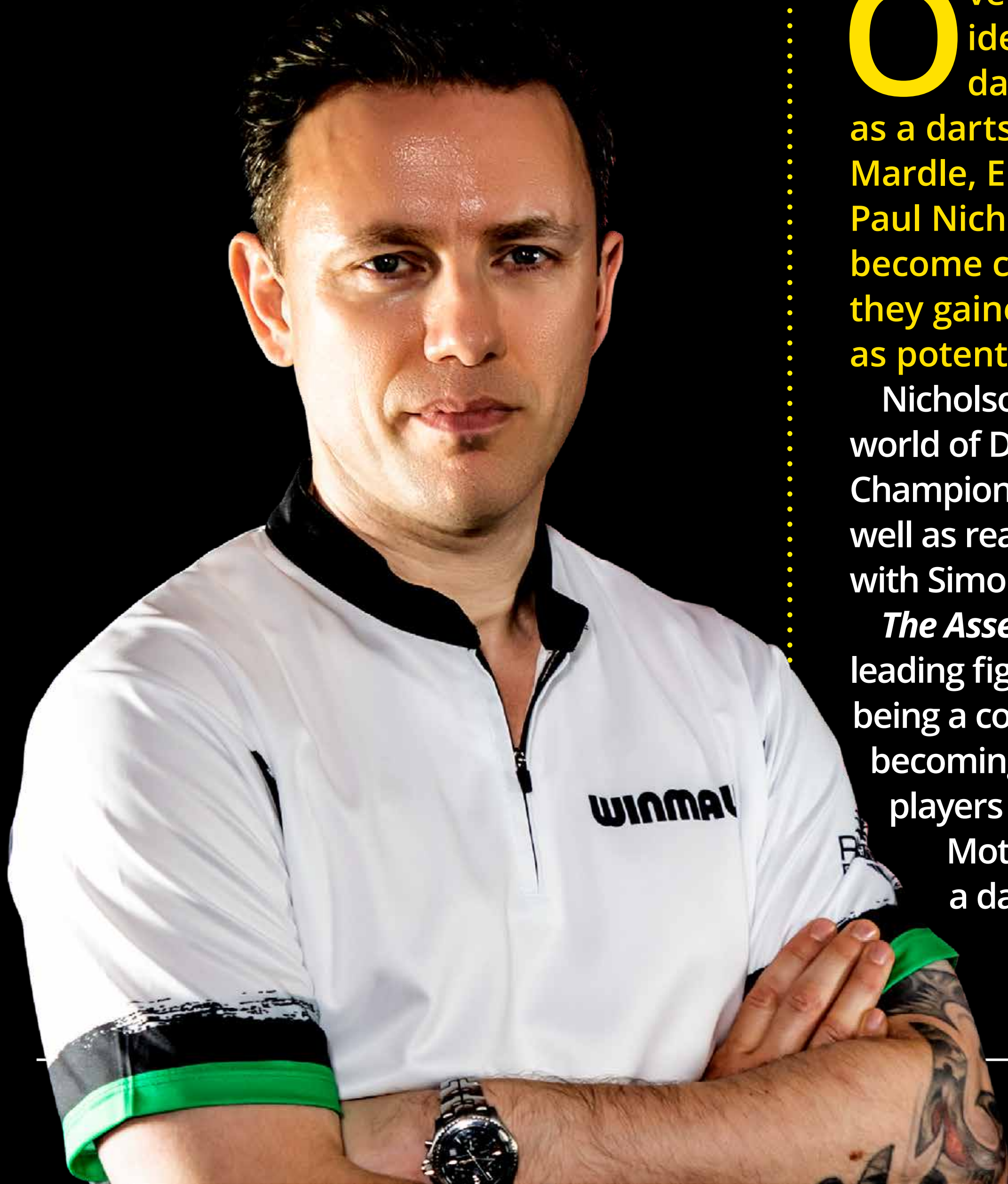
That being said, how much does it matter? This is not an issue which keeps anyone at the PDC awake at night and there are plenty of other barometers of exposure which no doubt reassures them that the game is continuing to grow.

Perhaps, as Rupert Murdoch's semi-retirement has led some to consider, it is time to reassess the domain of the written press in this country and the wider world for good.

THE ART OF DARTS COACHING

PLAYERS PERSPECTIVE

Words: HARRY MASTERSON
Images: WINMAU



Over the years we have seen the idea of a former professional darts player taking up a role as a darts coach. The likes of Wayne Mardle, Eric Bristow, Keith Deller, and Paul Nicholson are among the few to become coaches, using the experience they gained to help others in improving as potential players.

Nicholson has established himself in the world of Darts having won a PDC Players Championship Finals crown back in 2010 as well as reaching a World Cup of Darts Final with Simon Whitlock in 2012.

The Asset has now become one of the leading figures in darts media as well as being a coach, with the role / profession becoming more accepted within darts players now.

Motivation is a key aspect of being a darts coach, and different ways

of inspiration work with different players. Nicholson also spoke out on how it's important too not just give a player what they want:

"To motivate someone you have to not just give them what they want but you have to be able to surprise them. The ability to show someone that they can do something quite extraordinary without making massive changes, that's the skill of a coach in any sport."

"You might get a golf coach that makes a tiny tweak to a stance or a playing of a golf club, and you get to a EUREKA moment of I can do that. That's inspirational but you have to be receptive to every single level of player, this is not just for pros or semi pros, it's for people who are playing in their local leagues and those who want to get better."

"To give them that, it's motivational not just for me but for the person involved. My

motivation when I meet someone for the first time is that I want to give them something like that in their first session, it instilled the belief in them that they can improve with coaching."

Paul has worked with some of the game's best including Luke Humphries, who saw a breakthrough year in 2022 having claimed 4 Euro Tours to become Number 1 on the PDC European Tour Order of Merit.

"Luke Humphries came out and said he had spent a bit of time with me and the amount of people who got in touch to have a session after was ridiculous".

Nicholson went on to say the role of a darts coach will continue to grow in the next few years, as many players in the game today continue to benefit from coaching from elite specialists.

"We are in its infancy, with the JDC (Junior Darts Circuit) qualification to become a coach now we're becoming more popular, and people are starting to understand that it works. One of the great things about people like me being able to do it, is the ability to communicate with a lot of people whether its darts shops/ manufacturers



and people spreading the word, that's important."

"If we can do the right things like coaching in safe spaces with the right amount of safeguarding for young people and doing everything right from the off, that's very important. Moving forward I see this becoming the same as golf coaching where you go down to your local club and say you want a lesson and there will be someone qualified there to do so."

"We don't have enough darts coaches at the minute, but I see in 10 years us having a lot more with people communicating the right language. The language is still a bit old school with a little smattering of what needs to happen and that is changing sizeably at the minute."

It's not just major title winning players like *The Asset* who can help shape players as they develop.

Much as in football, with super coaches such as Jose Mourinho having only played at lower levels, knowledge, thoughtfulness and teaching ability are vital.

Nathan Warren is a current player who has been involved in darts as a player and coach, including a star performance when he played with BRSA Wanderers.

"We look at using the individual skills and abilities they've got and their own philosophies, so again we don't try and teach new philosophies, we do try and open a coach's mind. You see certain things on the internet where I do it this way so everyone should do it this way, we try to make coaches aware of the different sort of throws, stances, and techniques."

"You use this to build on what the athlete has already, rather than trying to produce robots to give these skills that the coaches can take away and adapt to their own environment."

Warren was involved in ADC action, entering a few tournaments organised by the Chichester Darts Series. The Englishman has included some top coaching moments over the years, bringing the future up and coming talents to the next level.

"Within darts, it's taking beginners/ people who play at a certain level and pushing them to the next level. So for example, Super League players I've worked with, who have come to me, had slight technical flaws so we've worked with them and improved their performances."

"I've worked with beginners, from missing the board to hitting the board is an achievement for them, so again it's not just one main thing but seeing the progression in individuals. I always watch individuals, give feedback, and move forward that way so any time someone improves, it's an achievement for me."

"It's those little gains it's not about redeveloping and redesigning a game, how we play and throw darts, it's about those small percentages and improvements, which can make the difference from playing pub darts to county darts, to semi-professional and then all the way to the top."

Former Division 2 Champion Warren, continues to coach many people who want to get involved with the game, including methods of motivation and inspiration for beginners/ aspiring darts players.

"We look at Level 1 development of coaching, setting realistic targets and goals for the individuals, not setting them up to fail. We give them achievable aims in small chunks, like a simple goal such as getting three darts on a dartboard, getting three darts in 20 all the way up to three darts in the treble 20 consistently."

"It could also be getting the stance right and getting the same position time and time again just to make sure you're getting the

right things there. Giving positive feedback, encouragement and engagement is always a good one, as there's no point going to a coach who's going to be negative, but some people thrive on that."

"With that one it's having an understanding of the athlete so you know what they're about, I have worked with athletes who are negatively driven, so negative comments spur them on as well as athletes who likes praise, being directed and giving direct feedback: you're doing this really good but we need to work on this and those little steps, to build them up and having all those elements there."

In addition to the more formal coach role discussed above several of the games legends have played a less formal role. It can be likened to a casual coach or mentor. Eric Bristow is famed for his financial assistance and tough talking mentorship of Phil Taylor, but he also

informally assisted James Wade for a while and offered advice and guidance to others. Talking of *The Power*, the Stoke icon certainly paid it forward with his encouragement of fellow Potteries man Adrian Lewis.

It seems likely that the next few years will see growth in all aspects of darts coaching whether via e-platforms, technical specialists or the increase of former professionals offering the benefit of their experience to the next generation.



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DOUBLE D'S MARK GRAND PRIX'S RETURN

DAMON AND DIMI TAKE ON ALL COMERS



Words: SEAN WOZENCROFT
Images: PDC

DARTS fans in Leicester will have the chance to test their skills against two of the world's top players at a special appearance to mark the return of the BoyleSports World Grand Prix to the city.

Premier League star Dimitri Van den Bergh and Australian ace Damon Heta, a World Cup winner, will appear at the Leicester branch of Selco Builders Warehouse in Parker Drive on Monday (October 2) between 9.30am and 11am.

Darts fans will be given the chance to meet the star duo and go head-to-head with them in special nine-dart challenges, with prizes up for grabs including tickets for the World Grand Prix, which runs from Monday to Sunday at the Morningside Arena.

Belgian star Van den Bergh said: "The World Grand Prix is always a fantastic week and it will be special to meet the fans at the event on Monday morning.

"We are looking forward to attending Selco Leicester and taking on the branch's colleagues and customers, as well as members of the general public."

Former Brisbane Darts Masters winner Heta said: *"It would be great to see loads of darts fans on Monday and I'd encourage anyone in the local area who is a fan to come down."*

"It's sure to be a very fun morning and it will give Dimitri and I some useful practice ahead of our first-round matches on Tuesday."

Selco Builders Warehouse is an official partner of the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) and Alison Wong, head

of communications and sustainability at Selco, said: *"We are delighted to welcome Dimitri and Damon to our Leicester branch."*

"They are both popular players and amongst the best in the world so it will be a unique chance for fans to not only meet them but take them on."

"The branch appearances from PDC players are always very popular events and we look forward to another good turn-out. There is no need to book. Just come to the branch between 9.30am and 11am on Monday morning."

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/ PDC EUROPE

LUKE Littler will be attempting a hatrick of MODUS Super Series wins but the cat list out to stop him looks likely to be very different from his previous triumphs.

After *The Nuke's* Triumph the MSS moved on with its usual relentless rhythm.

Mareno Michels booked his place in the Series 5 Champions Week after winning Week 3 at the MODUS Super Series.

The 31-year-old defeated Fallon Sherrock MBE 4-1 in the Final to claim his first success at the Live Lounge, having only just qualified for Finals Night after finishing 3rd from Group B on Friday.

Perhaps the most remarkable was the qualification and record breaking of Daryl Pilgrim. *Glad All Over* claimed the highest recorded average at the Super

Series, having scored 122.69 in beating Olde Kalter 4-0 after losing 4-2 to Scott Taylor in his previous match. Glad All Over broke the record average despite defeat to the ADC Qualifier, scoring 118.88 in a 4-2 defeat.

The impeccable Matt Clark aka *Superman* will be back again after bagging yet another weekly win to get us under way in this phase.

The MSS's inaugural Champion Conan Whitehead will return to champions Week after claiming his spot by winning week one of the latest phase. *The Barbarian* is back!

The first Scandinavian qualifier Anton Ostlund was victorious and crowned the winner of Week Five at the Modus Super Series, after defeating Ryan Harrington in

the final to secure a place in Champions Week and winning the weekly £5,000 top prize.

Anton will be joined by another scandi star as Andreas Harrysson was the winner of Week Seven after defeating Kevin Painter in the final to secure his place. *Dirty Harry* had been strong all week having qualified on Wednesday and never looking like missing out.

Another name that will be unknown to most is Rob Grundy. The Englishman won week six over a high quality and form filled group including Berry van Peer and Robert Thornton.

With such a mixed bag, and a variety of players so far, Littler, or anyone else, is going to have a tough job claiming the MSS title and the £25,000.

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Despite the fact that the darting year is longer than ever before, the summer months are still less demanding if you are not a PDC tour card holder.

This is especially true if things do not go as you might like. The Challenge Tour has not proven a happy hunting ground for me this year and I look forward to putting this right in the coming months.

When you have played within the PDC structure and at the top level it can take some getting used to the idea that you have not been good enough to stay there. It certainly took me a while to accept it.

Nevertheless, by being willing to completely rebuild and to work my way back into competitive darts from the ground up I now find myself winning events and competing at the level just below that truly elite level.

Amongst the many chances to keep busy and competitive was the REDSL Wednesday singles league which I have just won, edging out Aden Kirk, after going 6-0,5-1 and 6-0 for my last 3 matches.

I was also pleased to be asked to take part in the Bardon Premier League. A quality

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field including Aden Kirk, Harry Ward and Chris Wickenden are battling it out over 4 weeks (two matches per night) with a fifth 'Final Night' at Bardon Hill Sports Club on November 24th. It's fair to say I started well and am top of the League with a 100% record so far!

It's possible that a new dose of direction was needed in order to chase that higher level once more. Perhaps becoming a Grandad, at the grand old age of 48, to a delightful granddaughter might add yet another motivation!

A few weeks ago myself and the small team that I have been working with for the last few years put together some new aims and targets for the next few years and then broke them down into bit sized pieces.

I am off to the Canary Islands once again for next week but upon my return its full steam ahead with the next stage of my development.

There will be plenty of structured practice, live match practice and more varied ranking events for the WDF, ADC and others before returning to the MODUS Super Series.

Launch and Transfer Windows Underway

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BIG BRANDS POSITION THEMSELVES FOR PEAK SEASON

It's that time of year again. The biggest names in darts jockey for position as they start the launch seasons for their new products and as they seek to bolster their playing staff:

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Keegan, now 30, is also part of an illustrious group to have won the PDC World Youth Championship at some point in their careers, the club includes: includes Luke Humphries, Michael Smith, Dimitri van den Bergh and Josh Rock. Red Dragon have already benefited from retaining one of this club.

New Zealand international Darren Herewini has extended his Winmau deal by 3 years, after enjoying a strong year on the New Zealand Darts Circuit. The New Zealand international has enjoyed a successful career having claimed 11 tournament wins, including the WDF World Cup Singles Title in 2019.

Winmau Marketing Director Simon Hall



spoke on Darren's new deal saying: *"I am pleased Darren will continue his journey with us, after what has been a strong year for him back home. The sport continues to spread to a wider audience in New Zealand, and Darren is a strong reason for that."*

Apocalypse returned to the WDF World Cup this week in Denmark, part of the New Zealand team that also featured Ben Robb, Haupai Puha and Brian Corbett.

The pipeline from Winmau/JDC feeder project, Team360, once again leads to a player stepping up to a Winmau contract. Connor Hopkins has now signed a new evolution deal becoming the latest member of the Winmau team. The Welshman also uses online training software from our 'Practice Partners' GoDartsPro.

"I am delighted to sign an evolution deal with Winmau, they have supported me all



through my career and I look forward to the future with their continued backing."

Connor will appear on the MODUS Super Series later in the year, having claimed success in the Winmau Open Series by the Amateur Darts Circuit, winning Event 14 in Bristol after whitewashing Kieran Harris 6-0 in the Final back in August.

With the departure of Chris Dobby from Unicorn and the low key activity, in terms of playing staff, from that quarter it will be interesting to see what happens with their star names over the next few years?

Target finally seem to have switched focus from their post revamp efforts to attract the biggest legends in the game disregarding the years on the clock. Dobby seems to be indicative of the Aspinall and Van Den Bergh type of signings as they seem to be trying to dominate the middle generation of the three clearly defined groups available.



Michael Smith's move to Shot indicates that the New Zealand brand will expand both their general brand presence but also their sales and distribution network across Europe and UK in the coming months and years.

Finally congratulations to Harrows darts. The venerable UK brand celebrated 50 years in the business this week and from one bullseye hitter to another we tilt our hat to them. We should also note the success of their stripped down but well supported team of players. With Luke Woodhouse finally reaching his potential Harrows are batting 3 for 3 and gaining maximum value for their efforts.

More brands will have joined target and harrows by launching new products in the next few weeks. Darts World's The Boardroom will take a fuller look, and see who has made their mark, in our later Autumn editions.

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 **UKDA**
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LANCASHIRE'S DEFENCE OFF AND RUNNING



Lancashire have begun the 2023-2024 season in the Cosmo Darts Premier Division of the UKDA National League where they left off last season's campaign, top of the table, their opening fixture a home tie with newly promoted Dorset saw them win 25-11 to take them top of the table with 28 points five more than second placed Cornwall who had a 20-16 home win over Warwickshire.

On the individual scene in the premier division Darren Peetoom (Essex) chalked up the division's biggest men's 'A' average of 34.55 with a 4-0 win over Hywel Manuel while for the men's 'B' it was Paul Walker (Hampshire) who averaged 31.86 in his 4-1 success against Shane Beckett.

In the ladies games Glamorgan's Rhian O'Sullivan topped the charts her 3-0 win over Leanne Halls giving her a superb 28.90 average while Amy Eden (Lancashire) was the top 'B' team player with her 23.48 average and 3-0 win over Jamie Walker.

London are looking for a quick return to the premier division and their opening 26-10 home win over Cleveland in the **Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division** gave them a total of 27 points to top the table with a three points lead over Northamptonshire and Sussex who in turn defeated Cheshire and Cambridgeshire.

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Top players for the championship were men's 'A' Paul Allen (Cleveland) 30.36, men's 'B' Ricky Evans (Northamptonshire) 30.87, ladies 'A' Jo Oldershaw (Derbyshire) 25.91 and ladies 'B' Rebecca Garrett (Kent) 21.17.

Two teams are on 23 points at the top of **L-Style Division One**. Gwynedd, relegated from the championship division last season and Black Country, promoted from division two, Gwynedd won 20-16 playing at home against Tyne and Wear while Black Country, who also had a home tie, beat Gwent by the same 20-16 margin.

Third placed Merseyside are one point short of the two teams above them after they won 19-17 at home against Berkshire. Merseyside's Luke Littler had the highest men's 'A' average of 31.91.

Vicki Lloyd, also from Merseyside, sharing the ladies 'A' top average of 22.77 with Black Country's Tammy Chance. Dan Nicholls from Black Country was the men's 'B' top player with an average of 28.90 while Berkshire's Kirsty Chubb was in outstanding form to take the top

ladies 'B' award with a fantastic 28.36 average.

A 23-13 home win over West of England and a total of 26 points gives Surrey top place in **Division Two** with Worcestershire second on 24 points after their 21-15 home success against Norfolk.

For Salopian Mark Crutchley was their top 'A' player with a 30.23 average with Steph Clarke taking the ladies 'A' award for her super 28.90 average. Richard Hosey (Worcestershire) was the top 'B' teams player with a 27.50 average and Steph Konya, also from Worcestershire having a 22.10 average to clinch the ladies 'B' award.

A 23-13 home win over Montgomery and Radnor gives Breconshire the early lead in **Division Three**, their 26 points two more than their nearest rivals Cumbria who won 21-15 and also played at home hosting Northumberland. Third and fourth placed Shropshire and Pembrokeshire had respective 19-17 wins over Gloucestershire and Wirral to leave them both four points off the top.

Top average winners for division



three were Llew Bevan (Pembrokeshire) who took the men's A' award with a 32.00 average, David Cunningham (Cumbria) taking the 'B' award for his 26.90 average. For the ladies 'A' Crissy Manley (Cumbria) had a 21.78 average and for the 'B' it was Natalie Evans (Breconshire) with a 21.17 average.

UKDA National League 2023/4 Results Match No 1

Cosmo Darts Premier Division

Cornwall 20 Warwickshire 16

Cornwall MA 5-7 Warwickshire
MA:Men's 'A':- Michael Jones 4 Carl Green 1, Robert Ruberry 3 Steve Hine 4, Neil Meneer 2 Jamie Atkins 4, Simon Knowles 2 Matty Washbrooke 4, Matt Knowles 3 Wayne Mynard 4, Gareth Griffiths 3 Graham Braham 4, Greg Hambly 3 Nigel Heydon 4, Scott Cook 4 Mark Carter 0, Jez Campe 1 Mark McGeeney 4, John Mann 4 Kevin Dowling 2, Simon Rees 4 Noel Grant 3, Kevin Dunstan 4 Dave Hill 0, Cornwall MB 7-5 Warwickshire MB:Men's 'B':- Aaron Rowe 1 Sam Whittaker 4, Neil Dudbridge 4 Adam Hancock 3, Carl Jeffery 4 Mark Strong 0, Scott Wapshott 4 Dave Redding 2, Andrew Cook 4 Lee Miller 3, Tex Thomas 1 Will Naylor 4, Jamie Kay 0 Samuel Price 4, Josh Symons 4 Mark Martin 3, Fred Goldsmith 3 Scott Hope 4, Lee Agar 4 Peter Hughes 1, Mike Pascoe 4 Martin Tonks 0, Lee Hellings 2 Karl Reynolds 4, Cornwall WA 4-2 Warwickshire WA:Women's 'A':- Tyrian Jesse 1 Donna Pinch 3, Nikki Furse 3 Courtney Hine 1, Sarah Brown 0 Wendy Adams 3, Teresa Brookshaw 3 Natalie Gilbert 1, Maria O'Brien 3 Marian Conway 1, Tracey Hancock 3 Hannah Meek 0, Cornwall WB 4-2 Warwickshire WB:Women's 'B':- Laura Shepherd 1 Kirsty Hinchcliffe 3, Debbie Crocker 0 Caroline Pike 3, Emma Dow 3 Nina Bolt 1, Claire Irons 3 Denise Keyte 1, Jacqui Champion 3 Chloe McKivett-Saunders 0, Pauline Mead 3 Kris Meek 0.

Essex 20 Glamorgan 16

Essex MA 7-5 Glamorgan MA:Men's 'A':- Craig Vickers 4 James Richards 3, Scott Lawrie 4 Sean Fisher 2, Matthew Good 3 Mark Challenger 4, Steve Haggerty 1 John Cook 4, Darren Peetoom 4 Hywel Manuel 0, Joe Russell 4 Neil Parry 0, Simon Monk 3 Dale Hughes 4, Phil Halls 4 Keirion Carter 1, Ben Adams 2 Tim Jones 4, Jamie Peetoom 4 Dan Thompson 2, Brad Halls 2 David Rogers 4, Shaun Fox 4 Dai Caller 1, Essex MB 6-6 Glamorgan MB:Men's 'B':- Andrew Currivan 3 Gareth Hurton 4, Darren Richardson 2 Gavin Sterio 4, Danny McIntyre 0 Neil Lewis 4, Lennie Holmes 4 Richie Edwards 3, Michael Pinnington 4 Richard Shanklyn 0, Phill Brewster 4 Adrian Jones 1, Daniel Day 4 Lee O'Neill 3, Jason Murphy 1 James Richards 4, Brandon Western 3 Colin Powell 4, Bryan Margerison 4 Daniel Beynon 2, Darren O'Neill 2 Ashley Pascoe 4, Rob Donat 4 Bleddyn Lyons 2, Essex WA 3-3 Glamorgan WA:Women's 'A':- Karen Williams 0 Alannah Waters-Evans 3, Wendy Collins 3 Nicky Biddick 2, Stacey Ellis 3 Eve Watson 1, Donna Gleed 3 Michelle Jones 1, Leanne Halls 0 Rhian O'Sullivan 3, Carol Pinfold 1 Jen Taylor 3, Essex WB 4-2 Glamorgan WB:Women's 'B':- Karen Breen 3 Claire Crocombe 0, Kerry Rudd 1 Sarah Teesdale 3, Ann Farmer 2 Joanne Pugh 3, Ann-Marie Doyle 3 Sue Hall 2, Lynn Kelly 3 Donna Buckley 2, Jade Gofford 3 Tammy Thomas 2.

Lancashire 25 Dorset 11

Lancashire MA 8-4 Dorset MA:Men's 'A':- David Airey 2 Ryan Gowans 4, Carl Sneyd 4 Carl Beattie 0, Gary Jackson 4 Steve Earley 3, Jordan Brooks 4 Scott Mitchell 1, Martin Barratt 1 Mark Grimes 4, Tom Cromwell 3 Robbie

Martin 4, Steve Reynolds 4 Owen Emmett-Bowden 3, Nathan Care 4 Dale Masterman 1, David Evans 4 Rob Channing 2, Sam Cromwell 2 Dan Perry 4, Stu Wilson 4 Kevin Smith 2, Lee Shewan 4 Jordan Sharpe 3, Lancashire MB 10-2 Dorset MB:Men's 'B':- Rob Rickwood 4 John Clark 2, Ryan Robinson 4 Matt Goodier 2, Pete Day jnr 4 James Green 2, Kevin Garcia 4 Matt Read 3, Lee Wilson 4 Richard Perry 1, Andy Chase 2 Liam Blakeley 4, Michael Sexton 4 Matt Yarrow 1, Andy Cass 4 Richard Wright 2, Martin Lomas 4 Mark Porter 2, Gary Davey 4 Nigel Lamb 2, James Lawson 4 George Grant 2, Mick Oversby 1 Richie Gomm 4, Lancashire WA 4-2 Dorset WA:Women's 'A':- Eleanor Cairns 3 Cathy Campbell 1, Ally Smith 3 Macie Woodrow 0, Dawn Shaw 2 Julie Boggust 3, Jenny Nuttall 3 Sally Old 1, Gina Jones 1 Sam Kirton 3, Jo Clements 3 Suzy Trickett 2, Lancashire WB 3-3 Dorset WB:Women's 'B':- Jo Dean 1 Peri-May Yarrow 3, Amy Eden 3 Jamie Walker 0, Ellen Fletcher 3 Lin Bellingham 0, Tracey Cunningham 3 Wendy Lamb 0, Audrey Underwood 0 Trina Perry 3, Sue Cusick 0 Bev Scarff 3.

Staffordshire 19 Hampshire 17

Staffordshire MA 8-4 Hampshire MA:Men's 'A':- Callum Matthews 4 Aaron Turner 0, Rob Galloway 4 Sam Dyke 3, Dave Sumner 4 Adrian Wright 2, James Hughes 4 Andy Mitchell 1, Jim Moston 4 Richard North 3, Kev Johnson 4 Justin Bradshaw 1, Martin Plant 1 Kev Woodward 4, Jake Jones 2 Mike Symes 4, Martin Wheawall 1 Steve Musson 4, Andy Beardmore 1 Chas Barstow 4, Jamie Dunsdon 4 Andy Jurd 1, Steve Moss 4 Sam Rooney 1, Staffordshire MB 5-7 Hampshire MB:Men's 'B':-

Steven Smith 1 James Nicholson 4, Trevor Carter 2 Graham Chalk 4, Dave Richards 3 Kev Woodward 4, Steve Bayley 4 Ryan Groves 2, Karl Hinks 4 John Madgwick 0, Dave Moors 4 Dan Coates 1, Steve Kirkham 0 Adam Lipscombe 4, Mark Smallman 1 Adrian Wright 4, Nick Walton 4 Dave Bonnett 3, Robert Lightfoot 4 Dale Burton 1, Shane Beckett 1 Paul Walker 4, Karl Merchant 0 Andy Jurd 4, Staffordshire WA 2-4 Hampshire WA:Women's 'A':- Rowena Sidley 1 Joanne Senior 3, Emma Pearce 3 Jane Monaghan 0, Michelle Colclough 1 Jo Rolls 3, Susan Sherratt 1 Laura Turner 3, Anne Allsop 1 Sue Lowther 3, Sarah Cope 3 Tracy North 1, Staffordshire WB 4-2 Hampshire WB:Women's 'B':- Danielle Pearce 3 Abi Jurd 2, Colette Duffield 2 Karen Webber 3, Stephanie Ryan 3 Laura Roberts 2, Sarah Triner 2 Becca Edwards 3, Jenny West 3 Pennie Lewis 0, Erin Wilson 3 Dawn Simmonds 1.

Lincolnshire - bye

Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division

Derbyshire 17 Kent 19

Derbyshire MA 6-6 Kent MA:Men's 'A':- Lee Stanley 4 Peter Allen 2, Paul Williams 0 Peter Mitchell 4, Michael Haynes 4 Mike Brett 0, Robert Smith 4 James Davison 1, Paul Redfern 3 Kevin Reid 4, Sean Lambert 0 Steve Stacey 4, Nigel Daniels 4 David Saint 3, Ben Holmes 4 Nigel Payne 3, Paul Bettney 0 Carl Wilson 4, Chris Bird 4 Richard Elms 1, Michael Ryall 1 Dean Owen 4, Pete Hadfield 3 Keith Montgomery 4, Derbyshire MB 5-7 Kent MB:Men's 'B':- Mark Thompson 3 Connor Craig 4, Alan Haywood 4 Robbie Turner 2, Rob Needham 2 Michael Artiss 4, Gary

Fenn 2 Trevor Thompson 4, Mick Smith 2 Arron Brigden 4, Ben Holmes 4 Phill Gibson 3, Richard Brown 1 Mike Brett 4, Paul Lewis 4 Jack Keutenius 1, Josh Gould 2 David Heath 4, Mark Barlow 4 Ben Webster 1, Jamie Waterfield 4 Lewis Venes 2, Keith Lodge 3 Scott Lackford 4, Derbyshire WA 3-3 Kent WA:Women's 'A':- Jax Sweet 0 Julie Handley 3, Steph Allerton 2 Kelly Westlake 3, Jo Oldershaw 3 Ida Heravi 0, Rose Mort 3 Nette Ralph 2, Sammie Marshall 0 Emma Martin 3, Rebecca Hoyland 3 Jackie Holman 1, Derbyshire WB 3-3 Kent WB:Women's 'B':- Nic Fletcher 1 Tina Kennard 3, Louise Rawson 3 Violet Wood 2, Emily Jones 0 Rebecca Garrett 3, Claire Wheeler 1 Jess Shilling 3, Rachel Ayres 3 Rosie Artiss 2, Carol Western 3 Lisa Dunford 1.

London 26 Cleveland 10

London MA 7-5 Cleveland MA:Men's 'A':- Christopher Holt 2 Ray Hutchinson 4, Nigel Fisher 4 Brian Henderson 0, Nick Cocks 4 Barry Davies 1, Lee Cocks 4 Jonny Gardner 3, Liam Hill 1 John Watson 4, John Walters 1 Jamie Gardner 4, Craig Watkins 1 Kevin Naunton 4, Wayne Brown 4 Mark Muckian 1, David Wawrzewski 4 Graham Palmer 0, Matt Wood 4 Jamie Owens 0, Fred Box 4 Dave Hunter 2, Graham Rackstraw 0 Paul Allen 4, London MB 10-2 Cleveland MB:Men's 'B':- Clive Barden 4 Derek Grazier 2, Alan Reeves 4 Wayne Bancroft 2, Geoff Mortimer 2 Cameron Nicholson 4, Bhav Patel 4 Graham Palmer 2, Liam Hill 4 Callum Wright 0, Tony Fleming 4 Nile Gott 1, Danny Brown 1 Ray Hutchinson 4, Hayden Robbie 4 Jake Harland 2, Harry Kelly 4 Tony Liddell 2, Tom Riding 4 Garath Hayes 3, Gene Hill 4 Jamie Owens 3, Peter Gallacher 4 Simon Ashton 0, London

WA 3-3 Cleveland WA:Women's 'A':- Debs Watling 3 Sam Dixon 0, Mandy Solomons 3 Tonilee Bowstead 0, Carly Townsend 1 Frances Elwick 3, Tammy Mackenzie 2 Amy Thomas 3, Joanne Deamer 0 Ann Marie Potts 3, Felicia Blay 3 Claire Stamper 1, London WB 6-0 Cleveland WB:Women's 'B':- Emma Smith 3 Rebecca Burns 0, Nikki Patten 3 Leanne Witten 2, Kelly Livett 3 Kell Holdsworth 0, Lynne Biondini 3 Jessica Fredericks 1, Luci Cunningham 3 Dawn Winn 0, Emma Little 3 Frances Elwick 2.

Northamptonshire 21 Cheshire 15

Northamptonshire MA 6-6 Cheshire MA:Men's 'A':- Janek Hill 1 Joe Rowland 4, Luke Smith 4 Matthew Shaw 1, Liam Fox 4 Mal Barrow 0, Leigh Peters 4 Colin Smith 0, Chris Shipley 3 Perry Davenport 4, Darren Williamson 4 Karl Whitfield 1, Colin Gray 1 Brad Walker 4, Phil Coward 2 Anthony Conroy 4, Ben Goodger 2 Keith Croxford 4, John Regan 3 Craig Simpson 4, Josh Richardson 4 Darren Downey 2, Tony Littleton 4 Andrew Green 1, Northamptonshire MB 5-7 Cheshire MB:Men's 'B':- Michael Feasey 2 Paul Goodwin 4, Ricky Evans 4 Ash Clarke 1, Jason Lovell 1 Shaun Walshe 4, Stephen Brennan 3 Darren Shone 4, Stuart Gilmour 4 Aaron Russell 0, Jamie Preston 2 Scott Grady 4, Simon Almey 2 Peter Atkinson 4, Joe Judkins 3 Karl Windisch 4, Paul Shepherd 2 Jeff Fisher 4, Jay Hewitt 4 Michael Blaise 1, Robbie Commerford 4 Aaron Ayres 2, Duane Small 4 Rob Williams 1, Northamptonshire WA 4-2 Cheshire WA:Women's 'A':- Carrie Wright 3 Lyn Marsden 0, Rebecca Rose 3 Vicky Martin 0, Angela Barrow 3 Ros Hemmings 2, Rebecca Barrow 0 Vicky Pruiam 3, Jo Johnson 3 Andrea Davis 2, Amy Chappell 0 Jane Stubbs 3, Northamptonshire WB 6-0 Cheshire

WB:Women's 'B':- Faye Mason 3 Tracey Heeps 0, Taylor Johnson 3 Sarah Goodwin 2, Ellie Moore 3 Liz Humphries 0, Debbie Dexter 3 Julie Whitehouse 1, Jackie White 3 Kirstie Corbett 0, Nicola Coleman 3 Theresa Cooper 1.

Sussex 21 Cambridgeshire 15

Sussex MA 10-2 Cambridgeshire MA:Men's 'A':- Mick Rodgers 4 Steve Carrett 2, Connor Levett 4 Stuart Ward 0, Ben Payne 4 David Shaw 0, Jim Withers 4 David Mayle 2, Joe Davis 4 Michael Bodle 2, Tim Pierce 4 Ian Withers 3, Darren Barton 3 Antony Richardson 4, Tavis Dudeney 2 Dennis Harbour 4, Jim Lovelidge 4 Simon Hill 3, Lewis Gurney 4 Simon Cassidy 1, Rod Hawkins 4 Peter Cousins 2, Alex Gurr 4 Mark Lynn 2, Sussex MB 7-5 Cambridgeshire MB:Men's 'B':- Robert Metcalf 4 Craig Sayer 1, Paul Eves 2 Andy Turpin 4, Darren Chapman 3 Douggie McInerney 4, Dean Leaver 4 Phil Johnson-Hale 1, Dan Bradford 0 Sean Rich 4, Lee O'Donovan 4 Kevin Bullman 2, Craig Everest 4 Darren Royal 3, Lee Bryant 4 Brett Claydon 3, Matt Patterson 1 Matthew Wing 4, Harry Jackson 4 Will Harwood 2, Kevin Fishwick 4 Sam Kilby 2, Aaron Wood 2 Simon Cassidy 4, Sussex WA 2-4 Cambridgeshire WA:Women's 'A':- Lisa Withers 0 Claire Brookin 3, Julia Saldanha 2 Amy Grant 3, Kelly Ryan 3 Barbara Greatbatch 1, Ashleigh Turner 2 Amanda Harwood 3, Ellie Williams 1 Casey Hill 3, Emma Wapshott 3 Rebecca Brouse 1, Sussex WB 2-4 Cambridgeshire WB:Women's 'B':- Claire King 2 Carol Bareham 3, Denise Peake 3 Sami Watson 1, Jenny Lovegrove 1 Hannah Rampley 3, Donna Rainsley 2 Gema Law 3, Ella Williams 3 Lorraine Bulman 1, Teresa O'Riordan 2 Pauline Donat 3.

West Midlands – bye

L-Style Division One

Gwynedd 20 Tyne and Wear 16

Gwynedd MA 6-6 Tyne & Wear MA:Men's 'A':- Steve Green 3 Jack Howarth 4, Dylan Williams 4 Ryan Hanratty 3, Eirig Rowlands 4 Lee Rump 2, David Davies 4 Lewis Mayes 3, Baz Tym 4 Mark Smith 2, Sion Wright 2 Eddie Ashman 4, Kelvin Ducklin 0 Chris Vaughan 4, Deian Roberts 3 John Kippin jnr, Chris Day 3 Dan Mock 4, Alex Williams 4 David Stokell 3, George Whitehead 4 Graham Dennison 2, Stuart Butler 2 Raymond Marshall 4, Gwynedd MB 8-4 Tyne & Wear MB:Men's 'B':- Don Robertson 2 Karl Hanratty 3, Heber Thomas 3 Shaun Pomeroy 0, Steve Green 3 Mark Smith 2, Noel Coward 3 Mason Harmer 0, Phil Beach 3 Andrew Heath 0, Carwyn Williams 1 Jordan Roof 3, Alwyn Thomas 3 David Borthwick 0, Barry Jones 3 James Graham 1, Ross Gilder 1 Mal Robertson 3, Alex Sainsbury 3 Jack Howarth 1, Kev Bisp 1 Connor Cooper 3, Ian Walters 3 Stephen Mallams 1, Gwynedd WA 3-3 Tyne & Wear WA:Women's 'A':- Shereen Downs 1 Karen Murray 3, Jacky Blanks 2 Angie Mann 3, Jane Jenkins 0 Maureen Purvis 3, Lisa Hughes 3 Marie Seago 0, Gaynor Williams 3 Toni Straughan 1, Jac Leggatt 3 Angela Kirkwood 0, Gwynedd WB 3-3 Tyne & Wear WB:Women's 'B':- Lynda Roberts 3 Sheila Douglas 0, Tamzin Parr 3 Pat Coulson 2, Jayne Parkinson 2 Toni Straughan 3, Bethan Roberts 1 Wendy Huskinsson 3, Mandy Williams 1 Karen Docherty 3, Sharon Mitchell 3 Caroline Dorothy 2.

Leicestershire 18 Suffolk 18

Leicestershire MA 7-5 Suffolk MA:Men's 'A':- Grant Brown 3 Jason Elvin 4, Darren Tyler 4 David Ballard-Flatt 1, Jaikob Selby-Rivas 4 Paul Woods 3, Paul Ablett 4 Andrew Craine 0, Steve Stanbridge 2 Kevin Leathers 4, Derek Allsopp 3 Ian Randles 4, Jason Lole 4 Gary Butcher 3, Ben Quenby 4 Max Haley 3, Bradley Coltman 2 Rob Warman 4, Ricky Sudale 1 Stewart Thompson 4, Matthew Dickinson 4 Curtis Hammond 3, Andrew Hibbert 4 Ben Poulton 1, Leicestershire MB 6-6 Suffolk MB:Men's 'B':- Leigh Peet 2 Stuart Greenhalgh 3, Elliot Neary 0 Nathan Potter 3, Alan Warrington 3 Dan Brown 1, Billy Jackson 0 Adam Howard 3, Nick Sutton 3 Jason Stalker 1, Adam Marziano 3 Aaron Hammond 1, Dave Watson 3 Andy Meikle 2, Phil Want 3 Jordan Gissing 2, Wayne Beaumont 3 Wayne Hammond 2, Mick Hibbert 0 Ash Ling 3, David Crossland 2 Gareth Randell 3, Steve Smith 2 Wayne Bugby 3, Leicestershire WA 2-4 Suffolk WA:Women's 'A':- Melanie Bell 0 Carly Chenery 3, Angela Wright 0 Jo Locke 3, Kelly Welsh 3 Leesa Woollard 0, Liz Brunt 1 Chrissie Meikle 3, Julie Booth 0 Lauryn Salter 3, Shannon Reeve 3 Nadine Leathers 0, Leicestershire WB 3-3 Suffolk WB:Women's 'B':- Nicky Cropper 3 Nicky Doidge 1, Lisa Deslandes 0 Sue Waterman 3, Mem Martin 0 Stephanie Potter 3, Krissie Long 0 Nicky Bradley 3, Angie Sheffield 3 Jean Prewitt 1, Kirsty White 3 Lesley Compton 2.

Merseyside 19 Berkshire 17

Merseyside MA 4-8 Berkshire MA:Men's 'A':- Luke Littler 4 Ryan Newton 1, Dave Richards 3 Simon Purvey 4, Johnny Brammeld 1 Archie Self 4, Mike Addison 3 Joe Lacey 4,

Dave Harnick 4 Dean Lockyer 0, Paul Smith 3 Nathan Money 4, Clive Rule 0 Paul Self 4, Terry Roach 4 Anthony Dean 0, Steve Gow 1 Dan Read 4, Joe Palfreyman 0 Paul Snowsill 4, Lee Palfreyman 0 Lee Hussey 4, Robbie Gorst 4 Stephan Wood 3, Merseyside MB 8-4 Berkshire MB:Men's 'B':- Peter Robins 3 John Chalkley 1, Paddy Williams 3 Richard Stride 2, Alan Magee 1 James Shaw 3, Barry Bowes 3 Josh Newton 2, Philip Bennett 0 Ryan Newton 3, Jason Chisnall 2 Alex Ball 3, John Prescott 3 Steve Watts 1, Tom Lockyer 3 Callum Dorward 1, Kevin Lloyd 3 Jordan Rawlings 1, Dan Nuttie 3 Kevin Morley 2, Ben Jones 3 Andy Sturton 1, James Grant 0 Doug Harwood 3, Merseyside WA 5-1 Berkshire WA:Women's 'A':- Jane Robson 2 Debbie Shadwell 3, Vicki Lloyd 3 Ally Judge 0, Claire Sykes 3 Kelly Ellis 1, Emma Barlow 3 Amy Smith 1, Viv Cullimore 3 Hayley Watts 1, Janet Hardman 3 Sophie Self 0, Merseyside WB 2-4 Berkshire WB:Women's 'B':- Ellie Downey 0 Vanessa O'Connell 3, Julie Whelan 2 Chris Ruffell 3, Janet Sorrell 3 Tania Burdett 0, Tracy Morrison 3 Nipaporn Smith 0, Sandra Rule 2 Rebecca Ellis 3, Adele Mulligan 0 Kirsty Chubb 3.

Somerset 18 Devon 18

Somerset MA 6-6 Devon MA:Men's 'A':- Chris Turner 4 Flynn Jones 3, Kieran Spurdle 2 Mike Pearce 4, Sean Nichol 4 Steve Boyce 3, Neil Raikes 2 Shaun Hurrell 4, Dave Williams 4 Billy Evans 3, Rob Lovell 0 Wayne Collings 4, Adrian Wood 4 Andy Hitchman 3, Mike Harper 4 Mark Vellacott 3, Leigh Taylor 4 Mark Shears 3, Mervyn Adams 0 Paul Milford 4, Tony Snook 2 Luke Cottrell 4, Michael Fenton 1 Darren Tilley 4, Somerset MB 5-7 Devon MB:Men's

'B':- Kevin Hardy 1 Mike Beard 3, Steve Werrett 3 Jordan Gammon 2, Russell Lippett 0 Kieran Joy 3, Lee Frampton 3 Ian Loveridge 2, Carl Galeitzke 0 Shane House 3, Lee Gregory 3 Dan Brazier 1, Ashley Obern 1 Danny Belsten 3, David Russell 1 Lakey Lake 3, Luke Bishop 3 Glen Ireland 1, Michael Church 1 Jack Walker 3, Adrian Beale 1 Tex Pearce 3, Robert Phillips 3 Macauley Campbell 2, Somerset WA 3-3 Devon WA:Women's 'A':- Karen Littler 3 Nicole Goyne 0, Kate Hulme 0 Anna Pearce 3, Kay Bisset 1 Karen Matthews 3, Becky Taylor 3 Tracy Ware 0, Tracey Stiling 2 Kelly Gabriel 3, Sally Smith 3 Hayley Brant 2, Somerset WB 4-2 Devon WB:Women's 'B':- Christine Blackmore 3 Kayleigh Adams 2, Sophia Smith 3 Debbie Trethowan 2, Deb Adams 0 Alison Gabriel-Wotton 3, Maz Bisset 0 Jodie Hawton 3, Lea Ford 3 Katie Miller 0, Mary Read 3 Rhea Winsor 2.

Black Country 20 Gwent 16

The Black Country MA 10-2 Gwent MA:Men's 'A':- Tom Bissell 4 Mike Fleet 3, Steve Jones 3 Conner Hopkins 4, Paul Wells 4 Stephen Cake 0, Martin Price 4 Sam Cankett 2, Reece Colley 4 Mark Blandford 1, Dan Homer 4 Ieuan Halsall 2, Trev Brennan 3 Peter Johns 4, Shane Price 4 Matthew Kay 2, George Willetts 4 Ray Hardwick 3, Jamie Rollinson 4 Nico Ruiz-Royon 2, Rob Smith 4 Paul Higgins 3, Rich Bowen 4 Alec Small 1, The Black Country MB 5-7 Gwent MB:Men's 'B':- Mark Jones 2 Dewi Beynon 3, Dan Nicholls 3 Marcus Jones 0, Sam Bissell 2 Gethyn Bennett 3, Jamie Barrowman 3 Scott Ridler 2, Liam Kelly 2 Nick Kenny 3, James Hykin 1 Paul Cosslett 3, Carl Sparrow 1 Bryan Cook 3, Gavin Smith 3 David Skinner 0, Ben Hollowood 3 Harry Williams 2, Wayne Hobday 2 Geraint Harbon 3,

Cayden Smith 2 Vince Short 3, John Green 3 Angelo Lao 2, The Black Country WA 4-2 Gwent WA:Women's 'A':- Grace Angell 0 Jade Hickey 3, Amy-Leigh Tolley 3 Amanda Cosslett 2, Heather Wright 3 Shannon Chappell 0, Chez Allcock 3 Natalie Pyatt 2, Tammy Chance 3 Ceri Stephens 0, Lacey Hughes 0 Tracey Hickey 3, The Black Country WB 1-5 Gwent WB:Women's 'B':- Maxine Prosser 1 Jackie Norman 3, Sarah-Jane Parker 1 Hannah Williams 3, Doreen Hunt 3 Jess Bonner 2, Abbey Hunt 0 Hayley Mathews 3, Stella Sims 0 Abbie Brewster 3, Angie Carroll 1 Melissa Williams 3.

Buckinghamshire - bye

Division Two

Nottinghamshire 18 County Durham 18

Nottinghamshire MA 7-5 County Durham MA:Men's 'A':- Paul Harvey 4 Carl Redden 0, Charlie Stocks 4 Paddy Lenagh 3, Mark Wilson 4 Matthew Hodgson 2, Pete McConville 4 Eddie Brown 1, Andy Russell 0 Paul Johnson 4, James Hewitt 4 Andy Allaker 3, Aaron Gormley 3 Gerry Hall 4, Richard Bloomfield 1 Robbie Douthwaite 4, Chris Scott 0 Jack Bell 4, Wes Deane 4 Gary Miller 1, Jack Kerr 3 Chris Dominey 4, Tom Allies 4 Michael Gladstone 1, Nottinghamshire MB 5-7 County Durham MB:Men's 'B':- Christian Shepherd 0 James McClurg 3, Rob Flinders 3 Simon Dobson 0, Steve Johnson 1 Phil Thomas 3, Damion Beardsley 1 Michael Walker 3, Micky Stocks 3 Stephen Annan 1, Aaron Needham 1 Jack Kirtland 3, Jack Ryder 1 Rob Wild 3, Jack Kerr 3 Ian Adamson 0, Luke Almond 0 David Nixon 3, Karl Askew 3 Stuart

Walker 2, Mickie Pitchford 1 Graham Robertson 3, Richard Cooper 3 John Teal 2, Nottinghamshire WA 4-2 County Durham WA:Women's 'A':- Helen Harvey 1 Linda Hindmarch 3, Rebecca Collins 2 Margaret Stewart 3, Kaylea Riley 3 Laura Patton 2, Holly Meadwell 3 Lauren Stokoe 0, Julie Pitchford 3 Cheryl Adamson 1, Sarah Brent 3 Fran Jones 2, Nottinghamshire WB 2-4 County Durham WB:Women's 'B':- Sue Esswood 0 Melissa Sams 3, Hayley Underwood 1 Clare Stewart 3, Nicola Wing 3 Susan Hindmarch 0, Jan Schofield 1 Julie Hall 3, Julie Wilson 0 Jennifer Summerson 3, Jenny White 3 Sandra Cairns 1.

Salopian 20 Clwyd 16

Salopian MA 10-2 Clwyd MA:Men's 'A':- Mark Crutchley 4 Adam Paxton 1, Jamie Kynaston 4 Steve Probert 1, Eddie Price 4 Shaun Thompson 3, Shaun Pryce 4 Steven Ellson 1, Gary Crowther 4 Mark Leach 2, Kacey Jones 0 Dafydd Edwards 4, Ash Hilditch 4 Rob Lawrence 2, Ben Morgan 4 Ian Bride 0, Jon Mansell 4 Josh Robinson 2, Terry Nash 4 Cole Davey 0, Matt Elsey 2 Phil Hughes 4, Paul Rowley 4 Andy Alker 3, Salopian MB 6-6 Clwyd MB:Men's 'B':- Dean Rogers 3 Jodie Challinor 0, Jason Evans 2 Nick Hailes 3, John Roberts 3 Chris Moore 1, Jay Adams 3 Jon Darlington 2, Martin Riggs 0 Noel Bagby 3, Dave Boyle 2 James Evans 3, Ian Evans 3 Derek Williams 1, James Mansell 0 Luke Smith 3, Eddie Austin 1 Ben Walley 3, Jason Davies 3 Craig Billingsley 2, Rowan Price 2 Chris Dobbins 3, Steven Ritchie 3 Paul Crimes 1, Salopian WA 2-4 Clwyd WA:Women's 'A':- Steph Clarke 3 Nia Price 0, Claire Boyle 0 Leanne Topper 3, Evonne Taylor 2 Bethan Jones 3, Sarah Roberts 3 Nat Davey 1, Julie Griffiths 0 Rachel Kingdon

3, Tracey Dean 2 Judith Williams 3, Salopian WB 2-4 Clwyd WB:Women's 'B':- Rachael Mooney 1 Del Stapeley 3, Danni Pritchard 1 Neeley Street 3, Molly Atter 2 Hayley Street 3, Sue Lane 3 Mary Williams 2, Anna Peatroy 0 Izzy Thomas 3, Kate Titley 3 Rachael Simpson 1.

Surrey 23 West of England 13

Surrey MA 9-3 West of England MA:Men's 'A':- Darryl Pilgrim 4 Dan Raby 2, Kirk De Ruyter 0 Tony Smith 4, Gary Creamer 4 Martyn Lansdown 1, Nick Ellis 4 Dave Kierman 0, Lucas Sawicki 4 Andy White 2, Neville Wright 4 Mike Knapman 2, Steve Lovett 4 Nick English 0, Nigel Prior 4 Jamie Harvey 1, Darren Bryant 4 Marcus Knapman 0, Matt Carter 1 Simon Lloyd 4, Gary Trodd 2 Harry Robinson 4, George Munt 4 Jon Rogers 1, Surrey MB 6-6 West of England MB:Men's 'B':- Gary Davies 0 Jimmy Bristow 3, Jack Brownsmead 3 Matt Jackson 2, Paul Tudor 2 Ben Hopson 3, Harrison Firmager 3 Clive Strong 0, Terry Dersley 1 Neil May 3, Jason Kelly 3 Martyn Lansdown 2, Peter Noel 3 Marcus Knapman 0, Paul Seccular 1 Mike Davis 3, Andy Bridgman 3 Josh Allen 2, Jake Carter 1 Gary Grimmitt 3, Stephen McHale 3 Jamie Harvey 0, Jack Savage 0 Wayne Allen 3, Surrey WA 5-1 West of England WA:Women's 'A':- Ashley Smith 0 Emma Bowles 3, Hannah Tomkins 3 Mev Kelly 0, Lisa Jane Munt 3 Kelly Marshall 0, Vikki Norman 3 Sam Lloyd 2, Mandy Pawley 3 Zoe Hall 2, Tania Cox 3 Jayne Fitzgerald 2, Surrey WB 3-3 West of England WB:Women's 'B':- Eloise Milburn 3 Gail Dent 2, Viv Fowlie 0 Sheridan Chapman 3, Teri Kidwell 3 Jess White 0, Vicky Pilgrim 0 Danielle Whitehead 3, Karen Carder 3 Karen Brown 1, Nicola McGuire 0 Emma Smythe 3.

Wiltshire 18 Middlesex 18

Wiltshire MA 6-6 Middlesex MA:Men's 'A':- Connor Hughes 1 Chris Grannell 4, Evan Willoughby 4 George Wilkinson 3, Ashley McKeever 4 Ian Bartlett 1, Mitchell McCarthy 1 Allen Bond 4, Lee Newman 1 Joshua Burksfield 4, Juan Hopkins 4 Matty Finch 1, Gary Court 4 Jason Neville 2, Lewis Gibson 4 Tom Dallender 0, Josh McCarthy 3 Pat Gleghorn 4, Ian Greenway 2 Scott Robertson 4, Jayden Betteridge 2 John Scott 4, Cameron Lee 4 Chris Everley 2, Wiltshire MB 6-6 Middlesex MB:Men's 'B':- Chris Yeates 1 Josh Hook 3, Harry Osbourne 2 James Smith 3, Peter Keen 2 Harvey Wilkinson 3, Stuart Rideout 3 Dan Wheatley 2, Andy Harvey 3 Rich Ive 0, Chris Bailey 3 Craig De-Almeida 0, Stuart Clarke 3 Adam Finch 0, Ashley Melvin 1 Andy Turnbull 3, Ashley Chapman 1 Tim Green 3, Ryan Greenway 3 Brian Green 1, Richard Smith 2 Brandonn Pearson 3, Keith Bedding 3 George Rich 2, Wiltshire WA 2-4 Middlesex WA:Women's 'A':- Joanna Hooke 0 Margaret Sutton 3, Kacey-Jayde Witcher 3 Sindy Stiles 2, Dani Kearns 2 Michele Copas 3, Jill Little 3 Leanne Palmer 0, Tina Rowlands 2 Vickie Kiely 3, Kerry Hale 1 Leah Nelson 3, Wiltshire WB 4-2 Middlesex WB:Women's 'B':- April Polden 3 Tirion Vickery 0, Debbie Hughes 3 Jenny Sallans 1, Cat Mackie 3 Louise Grannell 0, Sue Lane 3 Hayleigh Shaw 2, Rach Pritchard 2 Marlene Pope 3, Erica Hartnett 0 Lisa Brosnan 3.

Worcestershire 21 Norfolk 15

Worcestershire MA 7-5 Norfolk MA:Men's 'A':- Phil Whitlock 4 David Wilson 2, Pat Sinnott 2 Vinny Mudd 4, Paul Wallace 4 Dave Olley 3, Elliot Hancox 1 Olly King 4, Andy Pullen 2 James Cole 4, Luke Smith 1 Gary

Knott 4, Kev Mason 3 Craig Venman 4, Ian Mackenzie 4 Richard Stoddart 2, Terence Webster 4 Darren Youngs 2, Lee Furneaux 4 Evan Wilson 3, George Connolly 4 Kevin Rudling 3, Ant Butler 4 Lewis Winter 3, Worcestershire MB 6-6 Norfolk MB:Men's 'B':- Mark Jones 0 Alfie Thompson 3, Chris Jennings 3 Mark Chapman 0, Peter Wright 3 Jack Holmes 2, Richard Hosey 3 Craig Bennett 2, Jakob Webster 2 Andy Derrick 3, Jack Higgins 3 Dan Taylor 1, Tom Garfield 3 Pete Watson 2, Paul Bailey 1 Dale Paul 3, Phil Rooney 2 Dave Olley 3, Phil Randell 3 Craig Moore 0, James Woodhouse 2 Ricky Mileham 3, Ian Oliver 1 Tony Chapman 3, Worcestershire WA 4-2 Norfolk WA:Women's 'A':- Jenny Shail 1 Roz Bulmer 3, Sophie Hadley 3 Sandra Page 0, Claire Dicken 3 Mandy Gray 2, Zoe Jones 2 Gemma Reynolds 3, Jenny Jones 3 Julia Virgoe 0, Mandy Morgan 3 Lyndsey Childs 0, Worcestershire WB 4-2 Norfolk WB:Women's 'B':- Jackie Mackenzie 3 Linda Varnon 1, Steph Konya 3 Teresa Felgate 0, Maggie Deakin 3 Sue Brittain 2, Kim Jones 3 Claire Broom 1, Lynne Arnold 2 Elaine Blackett 3, Zena Grand 2 Ella Tovell 3.

Division Three

Breconshire 23 Montgomery and Radnor 13

Breconshire MA 5-7 Montgomery and Radnor MA:Men's 'A':- Stuart Owens 0 Terry Williams 4, Zak Turner 4 John Offa 0, John Donaghey 2 Tony Lloyd 4, Ben Watkins 4 Paul Ballantyne 1, Ian Evans 3 Paul Price 4, Richard Webber 4 Roger Williams 3, Mark Leighton 3 Tony Burton 4, Richard Langlois 4 Dan Petty 0, Wayne Glover 0 John Williams-Jones 4, Stuart Hossack 2 Stan Lloyd 4, Craig Lewis 4 Phil Austin 2, Chris Carey 0 Mark Bellerby 4,

Breconshire MB 9-3 Montgomery and Radnor MB;Men's 'B':- Owen Davies 3 Adrian Marsh 2, Jordan Salmon 3 Dave Richards 1, Jason Parnell 3 Jerry Moynihan 1, Darren Evans 0 Andy Waters 3, Nathan Burdett 3 Frankie Costanzo 1, John Brandon 3 Des Francis 2, Lee Randall 2 Ben Davies 3, Rhys Field 2 Jason Griffiths 3, Simon Farley 3 Steve Rowlands 2, Graham Jenkins 3 Jake Rigney 2, Riley Rees-Tucker 3 Ryan Griffiths 1, Rob Comben 3 Gwion Pughe 1, Breconshire WA 4-2 Montgomery and Radnor WA;Women's 'A':- Carol Bufton 3 Sharon Shepherd 2, Stacy Barnes 3 Jane Jones 1, Joy Toghill 3 Louise Davies 2, Chris Sheen 1 Kelly Butler 3, Sharon Hill 1 Katie Bellerby 3, Kaye Hales 3 Charlotte Davies-Jarman 1, Breconshire WB 5-1 Montgomery and Radnor WB;Women's 'B':- Natalie Evans 3 Sam Lloyd 0, Tracey Davies 3 Shelly Mulliner 0, Lynne Layton 2 Lisa Husbands 3, Louisa Fox 3 Jane Emma Martin 1, Helen Kerry 3 Sally Urwin 0, Emma Richards 3 Elisa Richardson-Morris 2.

Cumbria 21 Northumberland 15

Cumbria MA 5-7 Northumberland MA;Men's 'A':- Steven Jackson 0 Daniel Stephenson 4, Michael Adams 4 Andy Parks 1, Mark Hird 3 Steve Robertson 4, Dex Forster 1 Chris Harvey 4, Craig Lewthwaite 4 Lee Shanks 3, Dan Vallance 4 Micky Ord 3, Geoff Ramshaw 1 Mark Stephenson 4, Ronnie Kirk 4 Lee Harrison 0, David Carr 3 Billy Leonard 4, Michael Crawshaw 3 Paul Sinclair 4, Mike Sowerby 0 Ryan Branley 4, Neil Linford 4 Nick Stephenson 2, Cumbria MB 9-3 Northumberland MB;Men's 'B':- Steve Dixon 3 Paul Richardson 1, Colin Hargrave 3 Dale Graham 0, Will Rowley 3 Russ Wood 2, John Duncan

3 Danny Oman 0, Dale Weir 0 Ian Burt 3, David Cunningham 3 Dan Hallowell 1, Simon Pattinson 3 Dean Stackhouse 1, John Wightman 3 Jamie Martin 2, Gary Horrigan 2 Gary Reed 3, John Murray 3 Scott Brown 2, Alan Armstrong 2 Davy Wilson 3, Brian Mandale 3 Richard Gerry 0, Cumbria WA 4-2 Northumberland WA;Women's 'A':- Gillian Rumney 3 Iyla Leightley 0, Ann Scholey 3 Sara Gowens 2, Crissy Manley 3 Casey Stephenson 0, Jules Fisher 2 Lisa Barnes 3, Lesley Pattinson 3 Debbie Waugh 1, Ali MacMillan 0 Phonsawan Whillis 3, Cumbria WB 3-3 Northumberland WB;Women's 'B':- Val Hargrave 1 Angela Best 3, Hilary Kirkbride 3 Mary Pattison 1, Ali MacMillan 3 Dawn Longstaff 1, Tessa Ferris 0 Ang Turnbull 3, Leanne Howard 3 Sarah Higgins 1, Emma McGarvie 2 Michaela Herdman 3.

Pembrokeshire 20 Wirral 16

Pembrokeshire MA 7-5 Wirral MA;Men's 'A':- Mikey Rees 1 Mike Williamson 4, Chris Webber 4 Karl Davies 1, Llew Bevan 4 Steve McNally 3, Steve Castle 1 Terry Clancy 4, Daniel Castle 4 Andy Cummins 2, Peter Wilcox 4 Steve Maish 3, Steve Alker 4 Chris Farrell-Dennett 1, Giles Hilton 4 Robbie Green 3, Keaton Williams 1 Kieran Nolan 4, Steve Smith 4 Jamie Green 1, Stuart Davies 1 Alex Di Stefano 4, Craig Oag 0 Mark Patmore 4, Pembrokeshire MB 5-7 Wirral MB;Men's 'B':- Declan Coles 3 Carl Coulls 2, William Evans 3 Lleyton Molyneux 2, Andrew Smith 2 Sam Bratherton 3, Roger James 2 Ste Savage 3, Paul Babb 3 Jack McCarron 1, Julian Gape 1 Connor Moreland 3, Tom Blair 3 Chris Waddington 1, Dan Alker 3 Lewis Gilmartin 2, Steve Young 2 Darren Bradley 3, Andrew Flanagan 2 Harvey McPartland 3, Rhys

Webber 0 Chris Sharp 3, Gary Griffin 0 Dave Martindale 3, Pembrokeshire WA 4-2 Wirral WA;Women's 'A':- Nevita McConalogue 2 Steph Mellor 3, Tina Phillips 2 Joanne Toye 3, Jess Rees 3 Emma Evans 1, Rhian Evans 3 Julie Baines 0, Angharad Bessant 3 Pam Courts 2, Tracey Hawkins-Greene 3 Ruth Green 0, Pembrokeshire WB 3-3 Wirral WB;Women's 'B':- Tracy Hopton 3 Jen Taylor 2, Elaine Edwards-Babb 0 Sandra James 3, Caroline Wilcox 1 Becky Parkes 3, Ffion Davies 1 Tina Nolan 3, Gemma Bowen 3 Pat Moody 1, Avril Evans 3 Sam Leahy 1.

Shropshire 19 Gloucestershire 17

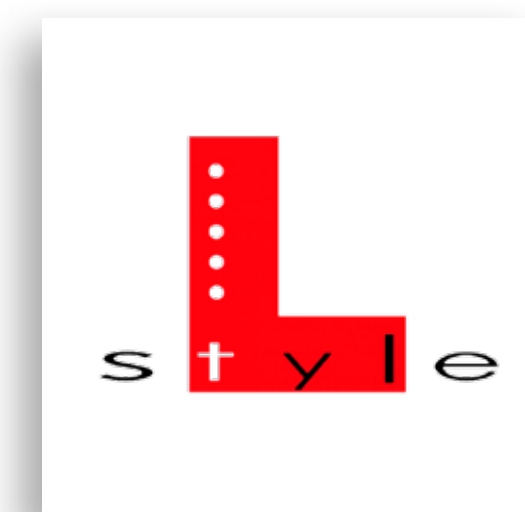
Shropshire MA 5-7 Gloucestershire MA;Men's 'A':- Andy Jervis 4 Sam Brough 1, Martin East 0 Andy Hammond 4, Simon Pritchard 3 Mark Wellington 4, Reece Cook-Lucas 2 Liam Devries 4, Josh Pickett 4 Dean Thomas 1, Sam Aitkens 2 Steve Handley 4, Simon Mountford 4 Andy Sim 2, Kevin Harris 1 Andy Morse 4, Richard Parker 4 Ian Beasley 1, Lee Shaw 2 Rich Bambridge 4, Chris Fox 4 Rhys Jackson 1, Mark Jones 2 Shaun Hughes 4, Shropshire MB 7-5 Gloucestershire MB;Men's 'B':- Sam Hamilton 3 Keith Lawrence 1, Graham Ferguson 3 Mark Turley 1, Ant Whitehouse 0 Rob Long 3, Ant West 3 Wayne Baker 2, Chris Evans 1 Clint Keyse 3, Will Roberts 2 Mark Wellington 3, Adam Thackray 2 Kieran Smith 3, Phil Clarke 3 Dean Terry 0, Jon Blakemore 3 Steve Easton 1, Brett Cooper 3 Les Higgs 2, Rob Pierce 2 Dan Collins 3, Dave Bayton 3 Matt Kerry 1, Shropshire WA 5-1 Gloucestershire WA;Women's 'A':- Sophie Ward 3 Sharon McNulty 2, Marie Riggs 3 Heather Grindle 2, Michele Pritchard 3 Hannah Smith 1, Becky Harris 3 Kirsty Dixon 0, Nicola Ball 2 Carol

Smith 3, Jenna Ball 3 Sharon Brewer 1, Shropshire WB 2-4 Gloucestershire WB;Women's 'B':- Joanne Meachin 3 Sam Higgins 2, Sarah-Louise Williams 3 Sharon Brewer 0, Kirstie Millington 2 Chris Marsh 3, Gemma Smith 0 Vicky Parmley 3, Deana Sheldon 0 Jane Price 3, Sandra Beardsmore 2 Suzie Slatter 3.

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Cosmo Darts Premier Division

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Lancashire	1	8	4	10	3	3	28	31
2	Cornwall	1	5	4	7	4	3	23	15
3	Essex	1	7	3	6	4	3	23	10
4	Staffordshire	1	8	2	5	4	3	22	4
5	Hampshire	1	4	4	7	2	0	17	-4
6	Glamorgan	1	5	3	6	2	0	16	-10
7	Warwickshire	1	7	2	5	2	0	16	-15
8	Dorset	1	4	2	2	3	0	11	-31
9	Humberside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Lincolnshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	London	1	7	3	10	6	3	*27	38
2	Northamptonshire	1	6	4	5	6	3	24	25
3	Sussex	1	10	2	7	2	3	24	18
4	Kent	1	6	3	7	3	3	22	9
5	Derbyshire	1	6	3	5	3	0	17	-9
6	Cambridgeshire	1	2	4	5	4	0	15	-18
7	Cheshire	1	6	2	7	0	0	15	-25
8	Cleveland	1	5	3	2	0	0	*6	-38
9	Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Oxfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	West Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

L-Style Division One

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Gwynedd	1	6	3	8	3	3	23	12
2	Black Country	1	10	4	5	1	3	23	10
3	Merseyside	1	4	5	8	2	3	22	4
4	Devon	1	6	3	7	2	1	19	19
5	Suffolk	1	5	4	6	3	1	19	7
6	Leicestershire	1	7	2	6	3	1	19	-7
7	Somerset	1	6	3	5	4	1	19	-19
8	Berkshire	1	8	1	4	4	0	17	-4
9	Gwent	1	2	2	7	5	0	16	-10
10	Tyne & Wear	1	6	3	4	3	0	16	-12
11	Buckinghamshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division Two

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Surrey	1	9	5	6	3	3	26	20
2	Worcestershire	1	7	4	6	4	3	24	13
3	Salopian	1	10	2	6	2	3	23	11
4	Wiltshire	1	6	2	6	4	1	19	7
5	County Durham	1	5	2	7	4	1	19	2
6	Nottinghamshire	1	7	4	5	2	1	19	-2
7	Middlesex	1	6	4	6	2	1	19	-7
8	Clwyd	1	2	4	6	4	0	16	-11
9	Norfolk	1	5	2	6	2	0	15	-13
10	West Of England	1	3	1	6	3	0	13	-20

Division Three

	County	P	MA	WA	MB	WB	BP	TP	DIFF
1	Breconshire	1	5	4	9	5	3	26	18
2	Cumbria	1	5	4	9	3	3	24	12
3	Shropshire	1	5	5	7	2	3	22	7
4	Pembrokeshire	1	7	4	5	3	3	22	-2
5	Wirral	1	5	2	7	3	0	17	2
6	Gloucestershire	1	7	1	5	4	0	17	-7
7	Northumberland	1	7	2	3	3	0	15	-12
8	Montgomery & Radnor	1	7	2	3	1	0	13	-18
9	Isle of Wight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

SHROPSHIRE OR SHOULD THAT BE SALOPIAN..?

UKDA WEEKEND TWO PREVIEWS

Words: ALAN TOWE

Shropshire began their season in division three of the UKDA National League with a 19-17 home win over Gloucestershire which put them third in the divisional table with twenty-two points just four behind early leaders Breconshire.

This coming weekend Shropshire will be travelling north to take on Northumberland whose opening fixture saw them lose 21-15 away to second in the division Cumbria who with twenty-four points are two to the good on Shropshire and two behind Breconshire.

With Shropshire hoping to extend their record to two wins and the hosts

seeking their first win it should be quite an entertaining fixture.

Meanwhile Salopian will be hoping to add to their opening 20-16 win over Clwyd in their opening fixture in division two of the UKDA National League when they travel TO TAKE ON West of England.

After the opening games Salopian are lying third in the division with twenty-three points just three short of leaders Surrey while their hosts who lost 23-13 playing away against Surrey in their first fixture of the season are currently bottom of the division with thirteen points.



Lining up for Salopian and hoping to make it two straight wins in as many games will be:

Men's 'A'

Ben Bevan, Gary Crowther, Mark Crutchley, Ash Hilditch, Matt Elsey, Jamie Kynaston, Jon Mansell, Ben Morgan, Terry Nash, Eddie Price, Shaun Pryce, John Roberts.

Men's 'B'

Jay Adams, Eddie Austin, Dave Boyle, Jason Davies, Jason Evans, Ian Evans, James Jenkins, James Mansell, Rowan Price, Martin Riggs, Steve Ritchie, Dean Rogers.

Women's 'A'

Claire Boyle, Steph Clarke, Tracey Dean, Sarah Roberts, Emma Tapp, Evonne Taylor

Women's 'B'

Molly Atter, Sue Lane, Rachael Mooney, Anna Peatroy, Danni Pritchard, Kate Titleu, Reserves:- Chloe Ames, Hayley McGuinness.

UKDA TEAMS PLAYING CATCH-UP

NATIONAL LEAGUE PREVIEWS

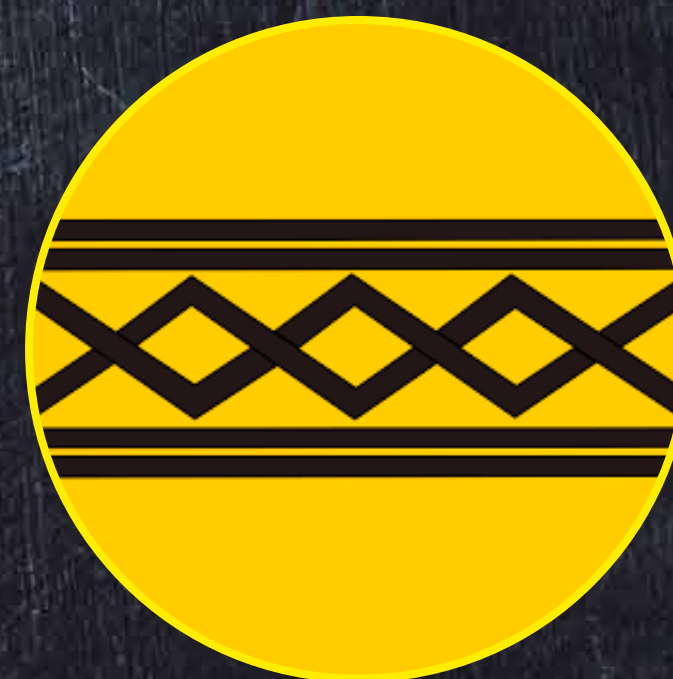
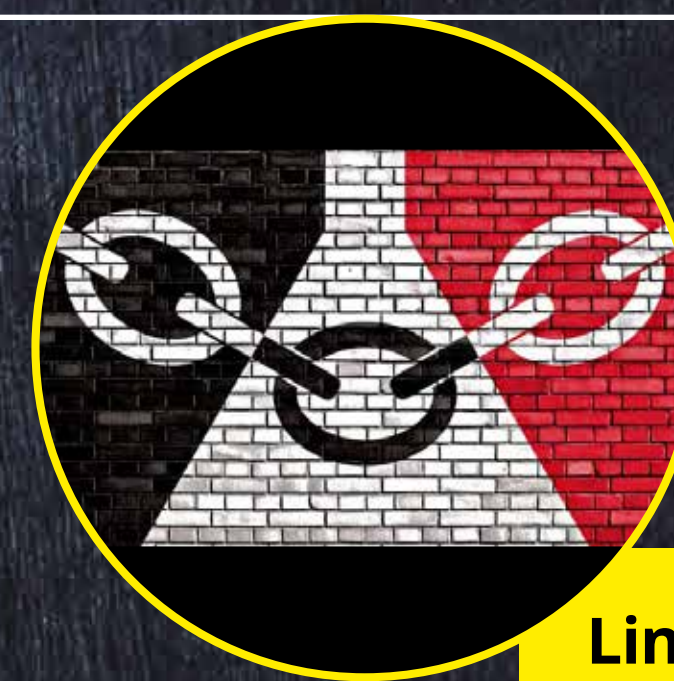
Words: ALAN TOWE

Warwickshire County Darts Organisation will be hoping to kick-start their season this weekend, in the Cosmo Darts Premier Division of the UKDA National League, following their opening 20-16 defeat away to Cornwall and despite home advantage playing at the Hen Lane Club, Beacon Lane, Coventry, CV6 4DS they will have no easy task as they take on reigning champions and current divisional leaders Lancashire. Warwickshire will be hoping to better last season's result when they also played at home against Lancashire and lost 22-14.

After winning promotion back to the Andy Wheeler Fisheries Championship Division last season **West Midlands** start to the new campaign was delayed as they had a bye in the opening round of fixtures and will

play their first fixture this coming weekend when they travel north to take on Cheshire. Cheshire's opening fixture saw them go down 21-15 away to Northamptonshire and West Midlands will be doing their utmost to make it a second consecutive defeat for their hosts and a winning start to their own campaign.

In the L-Style Division One of the UKDA National League **Black Country** will be hoping to follow up their curtain raising 20-16 home win over Gwent with a similar performance when they travel south to take on Suffolk who were held to an 18-18 draw at Leicestershire in the first game of the season. Black Country go into their second fixture second in the divisional table with the same twenty-three points as leaders Gwynedd while Suffolk are on nineteen points and placed fifth.



Lining up for the home side:

Men's 'A'

Jamie Atkins, Gareth Braham, Kevin Dowling, Noel Grant, Carl Green, Nigel Heydon, Dave Hill, Steve Hine, Jamie Hughes, Mark McGeeney, Wayne Mynard, Matty Washbrooke.

Men's 'B'

Mark Carter, Adam Hancock, Scott Hope, Pete Hughes, Mark Martin, Lee Miller, Will Naylor, Sam Price, Dave Redding, Karl Reynolds, Martin Tonks, Sam Whittaker, Reserves:- Prakash Jiwa, Kishan Jiwa, Noah Rose, Ian Shaw, Mark Strong, Jenson Walker, Jack Wareing.

Women's 'A'

Wendy Adams, Marian Conway, Natalie Gilbert, Courtney Hine, Hannah Meek, Donna Pinch.

Women's 'B'

Nina Bolt, Kirsty Hinchcliffe, Denise Keyte, Chloe McKivett-Saunders, Kris Meek, Caroline Pike. Reserve: Lucy Keyte.

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THE POLISH RANDOMISER!

ŁUKASZ SHARES HIS CREATION

Words: ANDERS OSTMAN & ŁUKASZ WACŁAWSKI

Images: GO DARTS PRO



The Polish player and GoDartsPro ambassador Łukasz Waclawski contacted me about this game idea he had to combine parts from different finishing games to create a new fun and challenging game – *The Checkout Randomizer!*

Łukasz own words

Keeping concentrated and motivated mindset during each training session, is the key to progress. It should never be about just "going through routines". A player needs a certain attitude and commitment to MAKE IT COUNT for him! When I plan darts training, I like to think about analogy to video games – what makes people motivated to spend so much time mastering any game? How they are able to sit in front of the monitor for hours and hours, pressing buttons with flushed faces and eyes wide open with astonishment and anticipation?

(Hey, I did that too, back in a day!)... and this is what I am looking for in darts training as well – there is no place for "flat" throwing and "doing hours". Each training should bring at least some part of the excitement that everyone of us had, once we were starting out our darting journey.

GoDartsPro is doing great job for all of us here!

From all skills required from any darter, I treat 2-3 darts finishes as a most crucial one. If I were to pick one and only one skill to train on the board, that would be it.

Some time ago I created GoDartsPro playlist called "**Darters Power**" which is dedicated to this subject. I put "**Five Checkouts**" "**Checkout Challenge**" and "**Catch 40**" on the list. They are all great games that will make any devoted player deadly on their finishes.

In **Checkout Randomizer** I tried to include the best parts of other finishing games and add some gamification flavors to it. You will play the game at your own pace – when you are successful, you will be reaching higher tiers with greater rewards (and greater challenges) available, or – when you miss – you are going down the ladder (or even eventually loosing some points if you are not effective enough!). How many points can you reach in given time? Or how long would it take for you today to get 10 or 30 points? Give it a try and MAKE IT COUNT!"

Rules: **Checkout Randomizer**

The game starts with a random number from the Tier 1. If you finish it within three darts, you get one point and another random number – this time from Tier 2 etc. Anytime the out is missed you go down one tier. If you miss a checkout at Tier 1 you will also lose one point.

You can select the duration of the game to play until 30 points, 20 minutes etc. Play the game by the easy user interface or by using your Scolia device to autotrack the darts for you.

Saved by bull

To make every dart count in this game, if you are not on a double with one dart left, you can try to hit bullseye to "save" the Tier.

If you hit bullseye you will continue on the same Tier and checkout for your next throw.

Tier 1 (1 point)	41 – 60
Tier 2 (2 points)	61 – 80
Tier 3 (3 points)	81 – 90
Tier 4 (4 points)	90 – 100
Tier 5 (5 points)	100 – 130
Tier 6 (10 points)	130+

Easy mode

After the first sneak-launch I got feedback from several members saying it was a great game but a bit too hard.

So I added an easy mode and if you select this option your points will never be reduced.

So even if you have some points and are back at Tier 1 and miss the checkout, your points remain safe.

Conclusion

I think this is a fantastic game that have many levels of gamification that will make it last and continue to be fun and challenging for many players.

If you like this game, please check out and subscribe to Łukasz YouTube channel **Smart Darts Training**.

Thanks again Łukasz for a great game suggestion!

Play **Checkout Randomizer** now.

MAVERICK

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Mighty Mavericks

SUPERB VALUE, SLIGHTLY FAMILIAR WEAPONS FROM WINMAU

Words: JOE REID



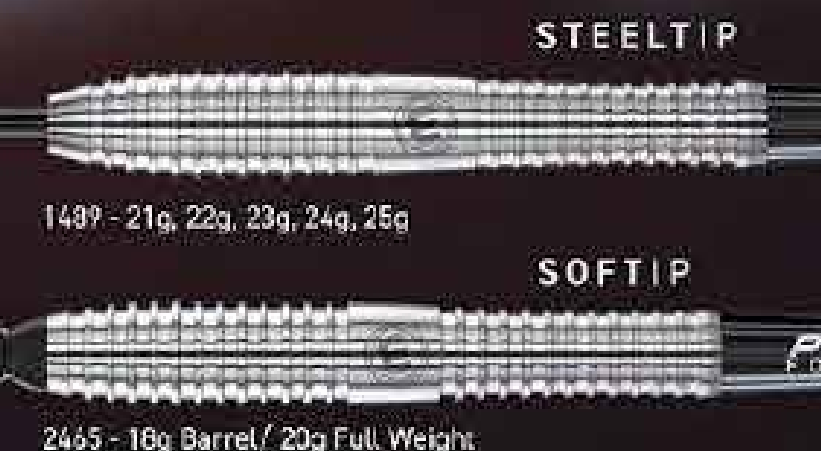
"ALL IN ALL, A SOLID BARGAIN IN A WORLD OF OVER-PRICED TUNGSTEN"

The Winmau Maverick's are a hybrid of many classic designs, and as a result are a truly timeless dart with a potentially universal appeal.

A release that bears close resemblance to the darts of former World Champion Christian Kist, which seems appropriate with CK heading back to something like his best in recent weeks.

What's in the box

In the box is a set of Winmau Maverick flights, as well as the new Winmau Pro Force stems. A 32mm plain black point comes as standard, though due to the shape of the barrel, I would strongly recommend a longer point before getting to grips with the darts for the first time.



1489 - 21g, 22g, 23g, 24g, 25g

2465 - 18g Barrel / 20g Full Weight



PRODUCT	Darts (Steel Tip)
BRAND	Winmau
MODEL	Maverick
MATERIAL	80% Tungsten
VARIATION	21g
PRICE	£29.95

▶ The darts are available in 21g to 25g, and are 48.3mm in length – relatively short for a modern barrel dart. The width varies by weight, with the 21g measuring at 6.75mm, while the 25g are 7.5mm at their widest point.

The barrel seems to have something in a classic dart – the recently re-released V-Wing. The front of the barrel is considerably thicker than the rear, allowing multiple different styles of grip.

The thinner rear means the taper can be used to push against, generating more power without putting unnecessary force on your throw. The thicker front means the first dart can be used as a marker to guide successive darts into their intended target.

A deceptive looking dart – there's really not too much in the way of grip. With a very shallow ring grip, as well as wide grooves and thin rings, the Maverick's remind me in style of the Purist grip seen on older Unicorn darts, just substantially less aggressive.

Debbie downers

A downside to these darts is that there is less 'feel' than with some modern milled and coated darts. The basic points also seem a little short for an ideal combination. This can be easily rectified with any decent point of 32mm or more and a swift change. It can also be done at the point of purchase via the Red Dragon website



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Price and value

The Maverick's are an 80% dart, and as such are priced accordingly at £29.95 - great value for a modern tungsten dart! Despite this, when compared to a 90% tungsten dart, they feel less dense- it's a very strange one to describe and is preferred by some players who will not go higher than 85%.

Snapshot

All in all, a solid bargain in a world of over-priced tungsten, and a fantastic dart for a casual player, or a player just starting out and looking to experiment with different barrel shapes. While, especially with the points, I'd highly recommend altering the setup to suit your style of throw, they'll be a solid dart right out of the box, and one that won't break the bank!

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ON TOUR

WOMENS SERIES TIGHTENS

Words: JR LOTT
Images: PDC



Some ill-considered commentary, in recent weeks, suggested that the Women's series was under a similar spell to that of the Pro Tour in the heyday of one Phillip Douglas Taylor. Sport has a great way of consigning such remarks to the dung heap of pointless babble and it took exactly one weekend for that to be the case here.

Events 17-20 of the 2023 Women's series were claimed by the top four ranked players and arguably the biggest four names in the Women's game today.

None claimed more than one. Greaves was defeated in consecutive events and the scrap for available places in major events is well and truly on.

In addition, the array of players to reach the later stages and or defeat the star names bodes well for future events as we have seen this throughout this season.

A welcome return to form for one of the game's true greats was welcomed by all but the hardest of hearts.

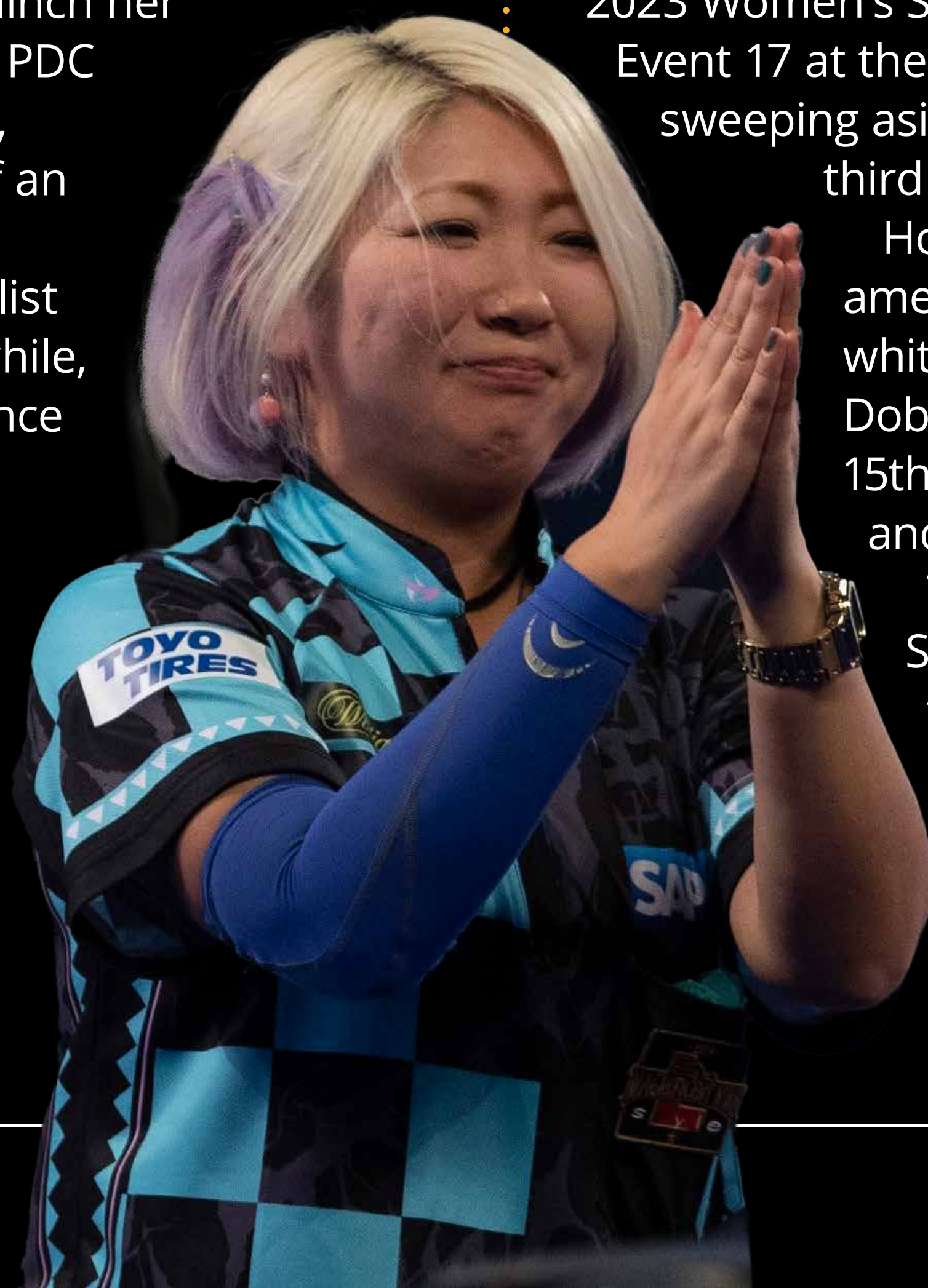
Wins for Mikuru Suzuki and Lisa Ashton in Saturday's opening double-header, were matched by Greaves and Sherrock who celebrated victory in Sunday's Events 19-20, as each of the top four on the Women's Series Order of Merit tasted victory.

World No.1, Greaves was beaten in back-to-back Women's Series events for just the second time in 2023 on Saturday, although normal service was resumed when she scooped the Event 19 title on Sunday afternoon.

The reigning WDF Lakeside Champion - who will soon have to decide whether to defend her title - defeated Anastasia Dobromyslova 5-2 to clinch her record-extending 20th PDC Women's Series crown, averaging 94 to cap off an impressive display.

Dobromyslova a finalist from Saturday, meanwhile, continued her resurgence to reach a second consecutive Women's Series final, edging out Priscilla Steenbergen and whitewashing Katie Sheldon to reach the last eight.

Anastasia, had



featured in her first Women's Series final since October 2021, producing her best performance in her semi-final demolition of De Graaf.

The former World Champion backed up her run and has risen to No.9 in the rankings and is closing in a top 8 finish.

It was four-time Women's World Champion Lisa Ashton who had enjoyed a day of all round success during the Saturday in Wigan.

Mikuru Suzuki and Ashton celebrated PDC Women's Series titles during a dramatic double-header on Saturday.

Suzuki kicked off the fifth weekend of 2023 Women's Series action with victory in Event 17 at the Robin Park Tennis Centre, sweeping aside Ashton to clinch her third title of the campaign.

However, Ashton made amends with Event 18 success, whitewashing Anastasia Dobromyslova to celebrate her 15th Women's Series crown, and her first since June 2022.

Twice Lakeside champion Suzuki remains poised to seal her World Championship return in December, after reeling off four straight legs to

dispatch Ashton in Event 17 and cement second spot on the Women's Series Order of Merit.

Suzuki and Sherrock currently occupy the next two provisional qualification places, with Suzuki also poised to book her Grand Slam of Darts return in November.

The Robin Park Tennis Centre will play host to Events 21-24 on October 14-15, with coverage streamed live on **PDCTV** from 1000 BST on each day.

The top two non-qualified players from the final PDC Women's Series Order of Merit will qualify for the 2023/24 World Darts Championship, with current leader Greaves assured of qualification following her Women's World Matchplay exploits.

1	Beau Greaves	£27,800
2	Mikuru Suzuki	£13,300
3	Fallon Sherrock	£11,100
4	Lisa Ashton	£8,950
5	Rhian O'Sullivan	£7,800
6	Robyn Byrne	£6,400
7	Aileen de Graaf	£4,900
8	Noa-Lynn van Leuven	£4,800

THE GENERATION GAME

PRO TOUR SEES OLD GUARD VALIANTLY RESISTING CHANGE

Words: JR LOTT & JOE WILLIAMS
Images: PDC

ONCE-upon-a-time your lower ranked tour player was virtually made redundant every summer. July to September were exciting times if you had qualified for The World Matchplay or were travelling to one of a handful of affiliated events outside the UK. Time have changed:

As this issue of DWE is published the 24th Players Championship (PC) of 2023 will be coming to a close. Since our last 'On Tour' look, at the end of June, at the Pro Tour the number of events held during the summer will have reached double figures.

With the announcement that all these events will be midweek from 2024 onwards the timetable for full time year-round professional players is clearer than ever.

A glance at the current Super 8 reveals the superb spell being enjoyed by Dave Chisnall. The resurgent *Chizzy* tops the list having just added PC23 to his hat-trick of 2023 European Tour titles. It's no surprise that Luke Humphries is hot on heels.

Remarkably, *Cool Hand* has been *Chizzy's* victim in each of the four finals won by the St Helens man.

These two also sum up the ongoing battle between generations that is especially visible on this year's Pro Tour.

1	Dave Chisnall	£187,500
2	Luke Humphries	£172,500
3	Damon Heta	£160,500
4	Gerwyn Price	£157,750
5	Dirk van Duijvenbode	£144,500
6	Josh Rock	£136,250
7	Rob Cross	£121,500
8	Jonny Clayton	£105,500

If we classify those such as Gerwyn Price, Jonny Clayton, Rob Cross and Chisnall himself as part of a generation that really established itself in the 20-teens and are the reigning stars, and Humphries, Heta and DVD as the representative the group that has been knocking on the door to be the next household names, with Josh Rock as the semi-regular sensational new prodigy then its clear just how intense the battle away from the TV cameras is.

Out of the ten previously mentioned PCs only Gerwyn Price has really asserted the superstars dominance at the floor level:

Luke Humphries (2) Damon Heta, Gerwyn Price (3), Danny Noppert, Dave Chisnall, Callan Rydz with PC 24 yet to be decided.

None for World Champion Michael Smith nor Premier League Champion MVG nor World Matchplay Champ Nathan Aspinall.

Some of this is of course down to scheduling and choices of what to play and when. However, Price's ability to



maintain a hefty dominance over his fellow professionals demonstrates what is becoming a rarer ability to boss both of what are effectively becoming two different games.

During the development of the Pro Tour there have always been rare players who excelled away from stages/TV cameras and under achieved under the lights. Mark Walsh was followed by Ian White as players who could win multiple Pro Tour events and compete with the very

best head-to-head – Walsh battled Taylor valiantly around 2010-2012 – but didn't really show their absolute best, certainly not often enough, in those ranking majors. There seem to be a few candidates to take the baton from Diamond White, Heta has won multiple PCs and not yet truly shone – playing wise – on the biggest stage.

However, not only is there divergence between players who can rise high in the rankings, as their careers develop, based on their off-camera efforts, but only pocket early round major prize money. There is also a new group.

There are a group of players who have been around the higher level for a decade or more and have vast experience throughout our sport. They are no longer at their absolute best and are perhaps struggling on the biggest day or against the top ranked players if they are firing. But these guys know how to play, how to time their effort and how to gain every penny possible from the 'floor events'.

Thus a group of players who previously would have faded quite quickly, and moved to legend exhibitions, media work or simply retired, are instead able to remain on the tour, collect decent prize money and even qualify for the biggest events in the hope of another great day or an Indian summer.



Perhaps the best example has been Brendan Dolan. The genial Irishman has reached three ProTour semi-finals, a quarter final and a hatful of last 16 places this year. It enabled him to qualify for almost all the big events and he is ranked inside the top 30 on the Pro Tour and main Orders of Merit.

For those who enjoy watching emerging trends or interesting developments in our game, the three pronged development of the Pro Tour, Dominant names, breakthrough stars and journeymen pros, may provide much material in coming months and years and may even force changes to prevent stagnation.



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ON TOUR WDF

BUSY BEAST REMAINS NO.1

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The biggest news regarding the WDF since last publication may well have been an off-the-ocche one, but it hasn't stopped a stream of events on it.

As was well documented, the decision of the PDC to restrict entry to its World Championship to any players competing in the forthcoming WDF World Championship proved a blow to the event.

It already looks set to rule out Luke Littler and will provide a dilemma for the top women's players as they approach qualification for the Ally Pally and face a question of prioritisation.

Picking up where we last left off in August, the Australian Darts Open did not disappoint.

Lisa Ashton followed on from successes

in the Pacific Masters to win what was the following week's event, an 8-4 final victory over Aileen de Graaf getting her over the line.

The men's event was meanwhile captured by Andy Baetens, the world number 1 who looks in fine fettle as the Lakeside approaches.

Elsewhere, the Swedish Open and Masters delivered another pair of wins for Beau Greaves in the ladies field. She defeated Deta Hedman and Kirsi Viinikainen in the respective finals.

The men's Open was won by Thomas Junghans, who defeated Darren Johnson in the final. The men's Masters was however taken by Berry van Peer, who followed up his Dutch Open title earlier this year with a win in Scandinavia.

Into September we go and in Finland, there was a first WDF title in over a decade for Johan Engström at the Finnish Open.

He was joined in the winners' circle by the aforementioned Viinikainen in the women's.

September's show prize however once again proved to be the British Open and Masters, taking place by the coast in Bridlington.

In the Classic, Deta Hedman took home a third WDF title of the year, getting the better of Aletta Wajer.

An outstanding 105 average in the men's final helped Luke Littler home to the Classic win, soon followed up with an Open title after slaying Peter Jacques in that final.

The women's Open was won by the Welsh international Eve Watson, who in victory takes her first WDF tournament.

She will hope to build on an impressive weekend in East Yorkshire, which also saw her make the semi-final of the British Classic.

The WDF has been a happy hunting ground for Matt Edgar this year and that continued in Slovenia as he won the Masters title.

Amongst the last month's winners also include: Raymond van den Ende (Catalonia Open men's), Anna Forsmark (Catalonia Open women's), Stowe Buntz (Washington Area Open men's), Paula Murphy (Washington Area Open women's), Alan Skayman (Auckland Open men's), Nicole Regnaud (Auckland Open women's), Dave Marshall (North Queensland Classic men's), Kathleen Martin (North Queensland Classic women's), Leonard Gates (Witch City Open men's), Cali West (Witch City Open women's), Nic Southorn (Taranaki Open men's), Desi Mercer (Taranaki Open women's), Jelle Klaasen (FCD Anniversary Open men's), Patricia De Peuter (FCD Anniversary Open women's), Matt Mullen (Murray Bridge Classic men's) and Kym Mitchell (Murray Bridge Classic women's).

Attention now turns to the World Cup in Denmark, before another busy and globetrotting month of October in the lead-up to the World Championship.



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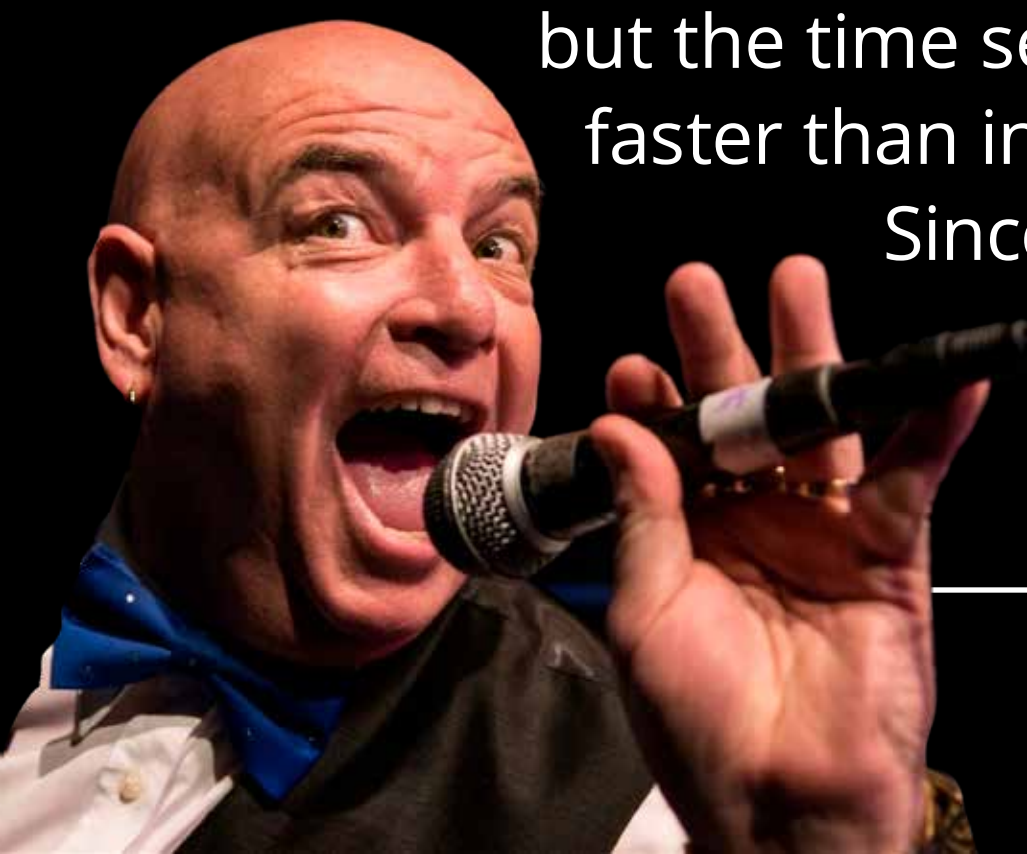


MANY HAPPY RETURNS JAY-EFF!

Darts World would like to wish our columnist a very happy 65th birthday. With the sheer volume of travelling John undertakes he may be one of the few for whom that free bus pass will be very welcome.

Hello again readers, I hope you all had a fantastic summer. Not sure about you, but the time seems to go much faster than in the winter months.

Since my last account, I've been fairly busy,



beginning with my annual trip to Basildon to call the finals for the local league, always an enjoyable evening.

The following weekend I was lucky enough to make my first trip to Turriff in Scotland for 2 brilliant exhibitions with Nathan Aspinall, Jose de Souza, Daryl Gurney and John Henderson. I shared referee/MC duties with the superb Steve Falconer.

A week later, it was another of my annual bookings, presentation night for the Wadworth darts league in Devizes, a superb event starring Mervyn King. The following morning I had an early start, travelling to Gatwick airport for yet another regular event, this time, the White Collar Darts tournament in Jersey.

In July, myself and Kevin Painter put on a show in Haddenham near Thame for a local Cash league. Then, during the Matchplay week, we had 2 great afternoon exhibitions at the Hotel and Apartments Social Club in Blackpool, firstly with Kevin Painter, then 2 days later with Tony O'Shea. These were well attended and a great deal of fun. Afternoon sessions can have a more relaxed and informal atmosphere.

At the end of the month, yet another annual event for me, this time a presentation night in Chard in Somerset with Steve Beaton, a very entertaining evening. Steve is a supreme exhibition player who knows exactly how to both entertain and impress. He is also one of the most popular as everyone just wants to chat with him!



I had another early start the next morning as I travelled up to the Scottish town of Annan (not far across the border) for a great evening with Glen Durrant and Callan Rydz. The northeast men put on a great show and it's no surprise to see The Riot's return to form

August saw my 65th birthday and the following weekend I was back in Scotland (Keith and Fraserburgh) for 2 fabulous nights with Chris Dobey, Joe Cullen, Ryan Searle and Alan Soutar.

My final engagement of the summer was a charity exhibition with Bob Anderson in Burghfield near Reading where 2 charities received £600 each. A fine effort by all involved.

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Brothers in Darts

Austrian Family's Tungsten Fascination

Words: RYAN JAMES MINGAY
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Roxy-James

The brothers Rodriguez were born in Vienna, Austria to Filipino parents named Sonny and Cecilia. All 4 have the initials RJR and their unconventional names have helped them become fan favourites. Roxy-James is the oldest and the first to take up darts. He is less active nowadays as he mostly plays in home nation events. Roxy was the first brother to appear in a major as he qualified for the 2012 BDO World Masters.



Roxy-James

The 31-year-old known as the '*chainsaw*' or RJR1 was the first brother to pick up darts. He accompanied his father Sonny to many tournaments in and around Vienna and Rowby sometimes joined them as well and this is how he got into darts.

Roxy-James has appeared in the BDO/WDF World Masters on three occasions, in 2012, 2013 and 2022. His best result came in the 2012 edition where he reached the L80.

He has appeared on the PDC Euro Tour on numerous occasions the first of which came in 2016 at the Austrian Darts Open which was the last Euro Tour title for Phil Taylor. Roxy-James lost out to Nigel Heydon in the first round by 6 legs to 4. He next played in the 2017 edition which was remarkable because Rowby-John and Rusty-Jake also qualified which meant all 3 brothers played in the same tournament which was the first and so far only such occurrence.



Rowby-John

Rowby-John

The 29-year-old known as Little John is perhaps the most well-known of the trio. He had a superb year last year and won over many fans.

Rowby is a beloved character and is known for his energetic on-stage presence and his popular walk on to the tune of *Vamos a la playa*. He is well known for his pause after he hits two T20s as he hypes the crowd up before he goes for the maximum.

Rowby-John first rose to prominence in 2010 after he won the Austrian National Championship as a 16-year-old.

Then he claimed a first senior title in the BDO/WDF as he won the 2011 Carinthian Open with a victory over well-known Karel Sedlacek.

He won a second Senior title the next year as he won the Baltic Cup Open with a 4-0 Win over fan favourite Madars Razma. He also won the youth Dutch Open with a convincing win over Dimitri Van Den Bergh.

He has also claimed three youth and development tour titles in 2013, 2015 and 2018. And a challenge tour in 2021.

Rusty-Jake

Rusty is the youngest of the brothers to play darts and despite being only 16 he has picked up numerous titles in his career.

His first title came at the 2015 Austrian Open Youth tournament when he beat the Hungarian György Vöröshávi to claim his first ranking title at just 15 years old.

He would go on to beat future prospect Wessel Njiman to win the Czech Open youth to cap off a fine 2015 for the rising star.



Rusty-Jake

The next few years were mostly quiet for Rusty as he didn't win any titles until 2021. This year however was a spectacular year for the young Austrian.

Covid meant the PDC development tour was split into two, with a European version and a UK version. Rusty won 5 of the 12 titles on offer and had a lead of nearly £6000 over the second ranked Fabian Schmutzler.

He also had a good year on the tour and this meant he qualified for the Worlds regardless of his Development tour achievements.

Don't miss Ryan's full exploration of the RJR brothers in *Darts World Magazine (583)* this Autumn. Will there be a fourth brother to enter the scene or could we see more of the original trail blazers Roxy-James?



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