



Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016 - Week 9 Results

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Week 9 brought 22 entrants to the Grand Prix. Daniel Moses was back this week, Elson Costa made his second appearance in the series and Liam McTiernan made his first appearance of the series. No Martin Gunn or Mark Banks this week.

In the last 16, Liam beat Simon Vine in 3 sets and then went on to play Tony Reynolds who put up a spirited fight, taking the first leg 11-6. Liam took the next three 11-9, 11-8 and 11-9 – close matches and a good performance by both players. Liam then went on to play Trung Tran in the semi-final and had another 3 close games (11-9, 11-9, 11-8) to secure his place in the final. Meanwhile, Martin Adams took 3 games to defeat Rob Gladstone in the last 16 and then faced Daniel Moses in the quarter final. Martin took the first two legs 11-7 but Daniel fought back in the third to take it 15-13. An epic 4th leg ensued with both players making full use of the available court. In the end Martin prevailed in the 4th game 18-16, to reach the semi-final where he beat Krassi Ivanov (11-4, 11-7 and 13-11).

The final between Liam McTiernan and Martin Adams was decided in 3 sets with Liam taking the first 11-8. In the second set Martin managed to get it to 10-10 but Liam picked up the 2 deciding points to take it 12-10. He then got well into his stride and took the third end 11-2.

In the consolation rounds, Yonatan Slobodskoy put in some good performances to beat Joe Barraclough and Steve Miller in 4 sets each. On the other side of the draw, Eric Van Loy beat Nigel Keedy and Rob Gladstone in 3 sets each, and then had a tough semi-final match with Elson Costa – losing the first leg 10-12 then taking the next two 11-7, 11-8 but faltering on the 4th end 3-11. Eric’s determination in the deciding set paid off with 11-9 to book his place in the consolation final.

And what a final it turned out to be! Played just before 11pm, with only the players and hosts in attendance, it was a cracking match between Yonatan and Eric. Eric took the first leg 11-6 but Yonatan recovered well to take the second 11-9 and the third 11-8 – making good use of his ability to recover quickly between forehand and backhand counter-topspin shots to stay in the rallies. In the third leg Eric took control and managed to hold him down to just 5, setting things up for a great fifth set. At the switchover point it was 5-2 to Eric, but Yonatan managed to pull it back to 5-5. It was then neck and neck to the end with Yonatan managing to take the 5th set 11-9.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 849 points. Martin Adams is on 744, Hari Gehlot 539, Trung Tran 459 and Tony Reynold 337.5. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the juniors on 308 with Joshua Gallen on 276 and Yonatan Slobodskoy on 274.

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Main Event

Last 16:

- Daniel Moses bt Rod Kay 9, 2, 5
- Martin Adams bt Rob Gladstone 3, 7, 5
- Krassi Ivanov bt Elson Costa 7, 9, 3
- Hari Gehlot bt Richard Rosinski 7, 8, -9, 5
- Harry Munro bt Joshua Gallen 8, -8, 9, 9
- Trung Tran bt Trevor Organ 10, -7, 8, 9
- Liam McTiernan bt Simon Vine 6, 8, 6
- Tony Reynolds bt Gwynne Penny 5, 6, -11, 4

Quarter Finals:

- Martin Adams bt Daniel Moses 7, 7, -13, 16
- Krassi Ivanov bt Hari Gehlot 9, -8 -5, 6, 12
- Trung Tran bt Harry Munro 3, 4, 7
- Liam McTiernan bt Tony Reynolds -6, 9, 8, 9

Semi Finals:

- Martin Adams bt Krassi Ivanov 4, 7, 11
- Liam McTiernan bt Trung Tran 9, 9, 8

Final:

- Liam McTiernan bt Martin Adams 2, 10, 8

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

- Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Steve Miller 7, -9, 6, 7
- Eric Van Looy bt Elson Costa -0, 7, 8, -3, 9

Final:

- Yonatan Slobodskoy bt Eric Van Looy -6, 9, 8, -5, 9

