

Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016 - Week 4 Results

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Week 4 – 18 entries. This week saw the return of Hari Gehlot, fresh from the World Vetts Championships in Alicante. We also welcomed Rod Kay, returning to Kingfisher after several years absence.

In the last 16, Richard Fifield scored a 3-0 win over Martin Gunn, who was trying out a new combination of pimpled rubbers with a thin sponge. As the match progressed, Martin realised that adjusting to the new blade would take longer than first anticipated, and Richard took full advantage of the situation, delivering good topspin attacks and dominating the rallies to take the match 11-4, 11-7, 11-4. Last weeks' winner, Martin Adams had an easy first round against Gwynne Penny, coasting through in 3 (11-9, 11-3, 11-3). Meanwhile, Daniel Moses saw off newcomer, Rod Kay 11-4, 11-9. Joe Barraclough put up a good fight against Mark Banks with a close first leg (9-11), but Mark came back strong to take the next 11-3. Joe fought back in the third leg and was rewarded with an 11-7 score but wasn't able to sustain it and lost out 6-11 in the fourth leg. Sagar Sawant had a very close match with Trevor Organ, with the balance of power shifting first one way then the other - 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, 10-12 but managed to win through in the end with 11-9 in the 5th. Tournament host, Rick Leachman had a good battle with Richard Rosinksi – losing the first 2 legs 7-11 and 9-11 but managing to convert the third leg into an 11-9 win. Richard wasn't going to let up easily, and took it in the 4th, 11-9.

In the quarter finals, Martin Adams beat Hari Gehlot in straight sets, although Hari fought back in the second leg and pushed it to 10-12 and 9-11 in the third. Meanwhile, Trung Tran put up a good fight against Daniel Moses, winning the second leg but Daniel finished it in the 4th 11-7.

The final showdown, between Martin Adams and Daniel Moses was a hard fought battle, with some fantastic rallies. In the first two legs there was little between them with Daniel taking the first 11-9 and Martin replying 11-9. Martin then took the advantage in the third leg 13-11. Daniel fought back 11-7 in the 4th but Martin wasn't having any of it and powered through the 5th set 11-4 to win a second consecutive week at the top.

In the Consolation event, Martin Gunn powered through Trevor organ in 3 sets. In the quarter finals he had a very close match with Joe Barraclough (13-15, 11-4, 11-8, 9-11, 12-10). This prompted a decision to then switch back to his trusty hard bat and after a bit of adjustment, he saw off Rod Kay to book his place in the consolation final. Krassi Ivanov powered through David Joyce and Harry Munro in straight sets. Steve Miller put up a good fight in the Semi-Finals, but Krassi managed to close it out in a close 4th set, 12-10, setting himself up for the final showdown with Martin Gunn. Krassi kept his game tight and used well placed attacking topspin shots to dominate the match after a close first leg 12-10 and took the next 2 11-6, 11-8 to win the Consolation event.

Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 422 points, but Martin Adams has narrowed the gap to 65. Mark Banks is still in 3rd place with 235 but Trung Tran is hot on his heels at 232. Martin Gun slips back to 5th place on 224.

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Main Event

Last 16:

Martin Adams bt Gwynne Penny 9, 3, 3 Hari Gehlot bt David Joyce 6, 6, 3 Richard Rosinski bt Rick Leachman 7, 9, -9, 9 Richard Fifield bt Martin Gunn 4, 7, 4 Daniel Moses bt Rod Kay 4, 4, 9 Mark Banks bt Joe Barraclough 9, 3, -7, 6 Sagar Sawant bt Trevor Organ 8, -9, 7, -10, 9 Trung Tran bt Krassi Ivanov 8, 9, 6

Quarter Finals:

Martin Adams bt Hari Gehlot 6, 10, 9 Richard Rosinski bt Richard Fifield 7, 5, 4 Trung Tran bt Sagar Sawant 6, 5, 3 Daniel Moses bt Mark Banks 9, 8, -10, 6

Semi Finals:

Martin Adams bt Richard Rosinski 6, 6, 5 Daniel Moses bt Trung Tran 7, -6, 8, 7

Final:

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Kay Rod 9, 11, 5 Krassi Ivanov bt Steve Miller -9, 5, 8, 10

Final:

Krassi Ivanov bt Martin Gunn 10, 6, 8

