



Kingfisher Grand Prix 2016 - Week 5 Results

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Week 5. This weeks' Grand Prix, hosted by Andrew Parker and Colin Dyke had 20 entrants.

In the last 16, there were some great battles, with two of the 8 matches going to 5 sets and four of the matches going to 4 sets. In his first appearance this season, Joshua Gallen took on Krassi Ivanov. Krassi took the first two sets (11-6, 11-7) and Josh replied with 11-8, 11-6. Krassi took the fifth game 11-2, to secure his quarter final place. Hari Gehlot and Mark Banks had a tense and close 5-set match (with some controversy over nets and edges), with Mark taking the first leg 13-11, Hari replying with 11-7, 13-11 and 12-10 to take the match and secure his place in the quarter final. Yonatan Slobodskoy made some excellent plays during his match with Martin Adams, managing to take the third leg but not quite able to push it to 5 – definitely one to watch though!. Rod Kay and Andrew Parker battled it out in 5 close games, with Rod turning the tide in leg 4 (13-11) and then taking the fifth leg 11-5.

In the quarter finals, Martin Adams and Trung Tran had a good match, with Martin taking it in 3 sets, but not without Trung putting up a valiant fight with plenty of exciting fast counter topspin rallies, both players making full use of every inch of the table... and the court.

Daniel Moses and Hari Gehlot both had 4-setters in the semi's – Daniel saw off Martin Adams and Hari proved too strong for Rod Kay.

The final showdown, between Hari Gehlot and Daniel Moses was decided in 3 sets, with Daniel taking the match 11-5, 11-9, 11-5.

In the Consolation event, Richard Rosinski withdrew with an injury which gave Joe Barraclough a pass to the semi finals where he met Steve Miller. Steve started off with 11-1, but Joe fought back in the 2nd and 3rd leg losing both but with a respectable score of 7 in each. Meanwhile, Joshua Gallen took out Jim McAllister in 3 straight 11-2, 11-6, 11-4 and then in the semi finals he and Yonatan had a good battle with the balance of power shifting back and forth until the 4th end which Josh secured with an 11-6 win.

This set up a tough final between Josh Gallen and Steve Miller. Service and third ball attack featured strongly throughout the match. Josh took the first end (11-9), then Steve the second (11-6. Josh replied with 11-8 but Steve came back stronger in the 4th set (11-5). In the final game, Josh managed to secure the win 11-5.

Overall, Daniel Moses continues to lead the series with 549 points and has widened the gap to 128 points between him and Martin Adams (421). Trung Tran on 272 has swapped places with Mark Banks (269) by a narrow margin of just 3 points. Hari Gehlot (234) has returned to the top 5, just ahead of Martin Gunn (224) by 10 points. In the ladies category Gwynne scored her first 5 non-bye points this week, and is still the only lady to play so far in this season's grand prix. Joe Barraclough continues to lead the Juniors on 164 with Yonatan on 84.5 points in 2nd place and Harry Munro on 84 points. Josh Gallen, having only played one event so far, is just a few points behind Harry on 79.

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Main Event

Last 16:

Daniel Moses bt Tony Reynolds 6, 4, 7
Krassi Ivanov bt Joshua Gallen 6, 7, -8, -6, 2
Martin Adams bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 2, 9 -5, 7
Trung Tran bt Steve Miller 5, -10, 3, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Mark Banks -11, 7, 11, 10
Richard Fifield bt Richard Rosinski 7, 8, 8
Andrew Parker bt Ian Cole 9, 7, -6, 9
Rod Kay bt Gwynne Penny 8, 5, -7, -10, 9

Quarter Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Krassi Ivanov -7, 4, 6, 7
Martin Adams bt Trung Tran 4, 9, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Richard Fifield 8, 5, 8
Rod Kay bt Andrew Parker 8, -8, -8, 11, 5

Semi Finals:

Daniel Moses bt Martin Adams 11, 5, -7, 6
Hari Gehlot bt Rod Kay 6, -11, 8, 7

Final:

Daniel Moses bt Hari Gehlot 5, 9, 5

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Joshua Gallen bt Yonatan Slobodskoy 5, -8, 6, 6
Steve Miller bt Joe Barraclough 1, 7, 7

Final:

Joshua Gallen bt Steve Miller 9, -6, 8, -5, 5

