

KINGFISHER GRAND PRIX 2015 - WEEK 9 RESULTS

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With a very strong entry of 30 players this week, and most of the contenders for the top slot in attendance, everything was lined up for an exciting 9th Grand Prix, and it didn't disappoint with a few shocks and surprises along the way, and some shining performances throughout.

David Gostelow thoroughly enjoyed his match with Daniel Moses in the last 16, taking the 3rd end 11-4 and almost taking it to 5 with a close 4th game which ended 10-12 in Daniel's favour.

The first big shock was that Ian Girdler didn't make it into the last 8, being seen off by defender Eduard Caliman in 3 straight - 11-8, 11-5, 12-10.

Ed then went on to dispatch Andrew Parker 3-1 but couldn't quite keep the momentum going when he met Daniel Moses in the quarter final.

Joshua Gallen saw of newly returned Austrian, Bernhard Schnerdle in 3 straight to take him into a quarter final with Tony Reynolds. Tony took the first 2 ends 11-3, 11-7 but Joshua worked hard to turn things around in the next two games 11-6, 11-6 and kept going to win the final set 11-7. Having made it to the semi-final, Joshua then faced Federico Viterbo, who had his eyes firmly set on the final and took all three games 11-5, 11-3, 11-7.

Federico had contested the quarter final with team-mate Hari Gehlot. It was a close match, with Hari taking the first two ends 11-6, 12-10, but Federico got stuck in and took the next game 11-3. Another close one in the 4th, 12-10 to Federico, set things up for a tense last end. It was close all the way with Federico eventually taking it in the 5th game, 11-8.

In a thrilling final, Federico went 2 games down 8-11 and 3-11 to Daniel Moses then rallied to take the next three 11-6, 11-7, 11-8.

In the consolation rounds, Martin Gunn once again made it through to the final, this time facing new junior member Harry Munro, who had already seen off division 1 player Yuan Zhuang, and division 2 players Allen Pack and Roger Woolven-Allen along the way. Harry had some very close games in the final with Martin, having been given some valuable tips prior to the match by Daniel Moses, but in the end Martin's experience prevailed and he won 11-9, 11-9 in the first two games, lost the third 12-10 and recoverd to take the 4th 11-4.

lan Girdler is still at the top on 625 points, but Hari has reduced his lead from 112 points to 90. Martin Gunn has now overtaken Yeqin Zeng to sit in the 3rd place position, and is just 38 points behind Hari. Daniel Moses has climbed another 3 places into 5th position, 68 points behind Yeqin.

Results: GRAND PRIX NO 9

Main Event

Last 16:

Joshua Gallen bt Bernhard Schnederle 8, 6, 3 Tony Reynolds bt Trevor Organ 8, 5, 4 Hari Gehlot bt Marcel Witte -6, -10, 8, 3, 7 Federico Viterbo bt Djordje Milovanovic 5, 7, 8 Daniel Moses bt David Gostelow 7, 5, -4, 10 Yeqin Zeng bt Richard Fifield 9, -10, 9, 6 Andrew Parker bt Grant Wheatley 4, 6, -8, 8 Eduard Caliman bt Ian Girdler 8, 5, 10

Quarter Finals:

Joshua Gallen bt Tony Reynolds -7, -3, 6, 6, 7 Federico Viterbo bt Hari Gehlot -6, -10, 3, 10, 8 Daniel Moses bt Yeqin Zeng 7, 7, 9 Eduard Caliman bt Andrew Parker 3, -9, 7, 3

Semi Finals:

Federico Viterbo bt Joshua Gallen 5, 3, 7 Daniel Moses bt Eduard Caliman 4, 5, 11

Final:

Federico Viterbo bt Daniel Moses -3, -3, 6, 7, 8

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Harry Munro bt Roger Woolven-Allen -6, 9, 9, 8 Martin Gunn bt Richard Rosinski 5, -11, 1, 6

Final:

Martin Gunn bt Harry Munro 9, 9, -10, 4

