

KINGFISHER GRAND PRIX 2015 - WEEK 12 RESULTS

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Week 12 and it seems like a very short time since we started our Grand Prix 2015 series, but here we are, already on Finals Night! Not surprisingly there was a good turnout for this round, with the top 4 contending players on the leaderboard all in attendance. Even though it was the last in the series, we still had a couple of new faces - Liam McTiernan finally making his 2015 debut along with new club members, Robert Gladstone and Mihajlo Raljic.

Grant Wheatley had a very close match with division 1 player Stuart Williams in the first round. Stuart took the first end 11-9. Grant took the next 12-10. Stuart answered this with 11-4 but Grant came back with his own 11-4 reply. A very close 5th end resulted in a 12-10 win for Stuart.

The last 16 saw an epic match take place between Liam McTiernan and Martin Adams. Martin started strongly and went 2-games up and was close to making it 3, but Liam wasn't going to let it go that easily and came back to take the third 11-7, the 4th 11-9 and the final end 11-6.

The main event semi-final match between Daniel Moses and Ian Girdler saw some brilliant countertopspin play between the pair. In the first game it was neck and neck most of the way. Then Daniel really got into his stride, making some incredible retrievals including a superb rally which concluded with a fantastic 'round the net' shot that had to be seen to be believed.

In the consolation event, Katie Shepherd scored a 3-1 win over John Priddle. The last time they met was in Week 8, where John had taken the first two games and Katie came back to win 12-10 in the 5th. This time Katie took the first end 11-6. John answered with 11-5 in the second. A pivotal 3rd end saw Katie win 12-10 and then 11-6 in the 4th end.

Eduard Caliman had a good run in the consolation round, dispatching Mihajlo Raljic in 3 (11-4, 11-4, 11-7) and then Jim McAllister in 3 (11-7, 11-7, 12-10). Next he faced Richard Fifield who took the first end 11-6, but Ed came back strong to take the next 3 11-2, 11-6 and 11-5. This brought him to the consolation final where he faced Trevor Organ. Trevor's unique style of play didn't seem to phase Ed and he completed his run with another 3-set win (11-2, 11-6, 11-7).

In the main event with Martin Gunn having taken out Hari in the quarter final and Ian Girdler taken out by Daniel Moses in the Semi-final, Martin Gunn faced Liam Mctiernan in the other Semi-final. The first two ends were very close, with Liam just taking them both 12-10. Martin answered back with 11-7 in the third end. The 4th end saw another extremely close game, with Liam eventually taking it 13-11 to book his place with Daniel Moses in the final, which he won in 3 games - 11-8, 11-7, 11-9.

Results: GRAND PRIX NO 12

Main Event

Last 16:

Hari Gehlot bt Rick Leachman 3, 5, 6 Martin Gunn bt Melvyn Lovegrove 2, 6, 6 Bernhard Schnederle bt Joe Barraclough 4, 4, 7 Liam McTiernan bt Martin Adams -7, -10, 7, 9, 6 Richard Rosinski bt Eduard Caliman -9, 4, 8, 7 Daniel Moses bt Djordje Milovanovic 6, 5, 10 Ian Girdler bt Stuart Williams 9, 6, 7 Steve Miller bt Robert Gladstone 8, -7, 6, 8

Quarter Finals:

Martin Gunn bt Hari Gehlot 9, -5, -13, 9, 5 Liam McTiernan bt Bernhard Schnederle 1, -11, 2, 7 Daniel Moses bt Richard Rosinski 4, 4, 10 Ian Girdler bt Steve Miller 6, 6, 3

Semi Finals:

Liam McTiernan bt Martin Gunn 10, 10, -7, 11 Daniel Moses bt Ian Girdler 7, 8, 1

Final:

Liam McTiernan bt Daniel Moses 8, 7, 9

Consolation Event

Semi Finals:

Eduard Caliman bt Richard Fifield -6, 2, 6, 5 Trevor Organ bt David Joyce 6, -3, 7, 8

Final:

Eduard Caliman bt Trevor Organ 2, 6, 7



1st in main competition - Ian Girdler with 967 points 2nd in main competition - Hari Gehlot with 858.5 points 3rd in main competition - Martin Gunn with 798 points 4th in main competition - Daniel Moses with 731 points

Top female - Gwynne Penny with 253.5 points Top junior Boy - Daniel McTiernan with 388.5 points Top junior Girl - Katie Shepherd with 122.5 points

Most promising junior - Harry Munro Best junior performance Josh Gallen, beating Ian Girdler 14-12 in the fifth, week 10

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Finally, thank you to all the Kingfisher players who have taken part and made it another great Grand

Good luck to everyone in the upcoming season!

Prix, with an excellent standard of play.