



**PRESS RELEASE FINDER DARTS MASTERS 2017**

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**Danny Noppert, Aileen de Graaf and Jarred Cole the new Finder Darts Masters 2017 champions**

Two Dutch players and one English player are the new Finder Darts Masters 2017 champions. Danny Noppert won the men's tournament and after 13 years a new Dutchman entered the list of honor of this tournament. Aileen de Graaf won her second title the first she won in 2013.

Englishman Jarred Cole won the final of the youth tournament and became the second foreign player to win the Finder Darts Masters Youth tournament. The youth tournament became part of this tournament in 2011 and since then it had 5 Dutch winners and 1 Englishman until this final.

The men's final between Danny Noppert the number 5 seed and Welshman Jim Williams for 6 sets was in balance. Noppert started the final match over best or 9 sets of best or 5 legs, and took the first set. Set two Williams won 3-0 and up to 3-3 in sets the players won a set first Noppert than Williams.

But after set 6 Danny had the better scores and for Jim Williams is just went the other way. Set 7 was an exciting set because after a 2-0 lead for Noppert, Williams equalized ( 2-2) and in the fifth and finale leg of this set Noppert had a narrow escape and wins the set he started 4-3.

Noppert feels that now is the time to put Williams in the corner and breaks Williams immediately in the first leg of set 8. After a missed opportunity to check out 126 for the second leg Danny gets another 3 darts to finish 40 and now is one leg away from the title. Jim Williams then finds the strength to take leg 3 but in leg 4 Noppert throws 72 with 2 darts for the set and the match. Averages Noppert: 95.03 - Williams; 86.97

For the men's finals, the women's final was played between the number one seed Deta Hedman and Aileen de Graaf, the number 2 seed. For Deta it was already 6 years ago that she won the title on this stage. Her opponent, Aileen de Graaf, won the women's final in 2013.

Deta who starts the first set of the final is broken twice in the first set and loses this set with 0 - 3. And in the second set it does not get much better for Deta. She does not find the doubles and so also the second set was won 3-0 by Aileen. Averages Hedman: 66.31 - de Graaf; 75.78

Nathan Girvan, after his good performance yesterday, did not expect he should play such a nervous finale against Jarred Cole. But Cole was on fire and won the first set with 3-0. The tension seemed too big for the Scottish youth player, but then in the second set it looks if he could handle it in and took the first leg with a 74 finish.

It even went into leg 3 after a 1-1 tie 1-2 for Girvan. A 17 darter from Cole put everything in balance again and with a break in leg 5 of set two it became 3-2 for Cole and was he crowned the new Finder Darts Masters Youth champion. Averages Cole: 86.16 - Girvan: 77.50

Results of the final day:

Quarter finals men			
nr	Group	Player	Player

				score
37	Darius Labanauskas - Lit	-	Scott Mitchell - Eng	0 3
38	Danny Noppert (5) - Neth	-	Willem Mandigers (4) - Neth	3 1
39	Wesley Harms (3) - Neth	-	Jamie Hughes (6) - Eng	0 3
40	Scott Waites - Eng	-	Jim Williams - Wal	2 3

#### Youth final

nr	Group	Player	Player	score
41		Jarred Cole - Eng	- Nathan Girvan - Sco	2 0

#### Semi finals men

nr	Group	Player	Player	score
42		Scott Mitchell - Eng	- Danny Noppert (5) - Neth	2 3
43		Jamie Hughes (6) - Eng	- Jim Williams - Wal	1 3

#### Ladies final

nr	Group	Player	Player	score
44		Deta Hedman (1) - Eng	- Aileen de Graaf (2) - Neth	0 2

#### Mens final

nr	Group	Player	Player	score
45		Danny Noppert (5) - Neth	- Jim Williams - Wal	5 3