



The 24th Winmau Scottish Open Darts Championship kicked off on the Friday night with the traditional warm up competition, the Open Triples. One hundred and ten teams lined up to compete for the £150 first prize and at the end of the night the Missing Darnell defeated Fluffy Toy Boys in the final.

Missing Darnell were Lynn Cowan, Neil Duff and Noel Yates and the Fluffy Toy Boys were Debra Waugh, Ryan Joyce and Joe Gaffney.

Semi-finalists were McDinos (Julie Thompson, Kev McDine and Mick Dixon) and CWR (Casey Gallagher, Wesley Harms and Richard Veenstra).

Twelve hundred players entered the mens and ladies open tournaments played as usual over a morning and an afternoon session to take the entry down to the last 32 in the mens and the semi-finalists in the ladies to be completed on the Sunday on stage and streamed online.

The top prize in the mens event was to be £3000 and in the ladies £1000.

England dominated the ladies singles supplying all four of the semi-finalists in a repeat of last year's final four. Deta Hedman booked her last four spot with a 4-1 win over England's Laura Turner.

Her opponent was to be Lorraine Winstanley who won 4-2 against Sharon Prins from Holland.

The second semi-final was between Fallon Sherrock and Lisa Ashton, Sherrock beating Aileen de Graaf from Holland 4-2 and Ashton winning 4-0 against Scotland's Susanna McGimpsey.

Notable Scottish performances included Lothian's Amanda Cox who reached the last 16 before losing to McGimpsey, Highland players Marian Ogg and Meganne Shearer, Kate Smith from Tay Valley, Emily Davidson from Grampian and Rone Mollison from Tay Valley all reached the last 32.

In the mens tournament the top six seeds, including defending champion Danny Noppert from Holland, failed to make it through the board stages. Among those who had an early exit were World Champion Glen Durrant, Scott Mitchell, Jamie Hughes, Mark McGeeney, Dean Reynolds and Ted Hankey.

Darts on Sunday started with both doubles tournaments playing down to the last two pairs in each. Deta Hedman & Lorraine Winstanley defeated Fallon Sherrock & Casey Gallagher 3-0 in the first quarter final and would play Danielle Ashton & Lisa Ashton who had defeated Paula Jacklin & Sue Edwards 3-0 in their last eight match.

The second semi-final would be between Aileen de Graaf & Sharon Prins and Kate Smith and Kelly Thomson after the Dutch duo had beaten Jan Robbins & Chris Savvery 3-2 in their quarter and Scots pair Smith & Thomson had seen off Danielle Ijpelaar & Marjolein Noijens from the Netherlands.

Mother and daughter Lisa and Danielle Ashton ensured their spot in the final with a 3-2 victory over Hedman & Winstanley where they would meet Dutch duo Aileen de Graaf & Sharon Prins who beat Scotland's Smith & Thomson 3-0.

Other Scots pairs to reach the last 16 were Lynn Cowan & Susanna McGimpsey, Nicola Campbell & Sharon Leslie and also Fife's teenage player Chelsea McMahon who partnered Northern Ireland international player Grace Crane.

England's Gary Thomson & Tom Gregory won the first quarter-final 3-1 against Scotland duo Gary Stone & Craig Quinn.

They would be joined in the semi-final by Martin Phillips & Mark Graham who defeated Glen Durrant & Jim Williams 3-0.

Following their success in reaching the last four of Friday's Triples Ryan Joyce & Kevin McDine defeated Brian Dawson & Willem Mandigers 3-2 in their quarter final to go forward to play Darren Layden & Jay Foreman after they had beaten Ayrshire's Jim McEwan & Steve Robertson 3-1 in their quarter final match.

Gregory & Thomson won the first semi-final 3-1 against Phillips & Graham and would play Joyce & McDine who had defeated Layden & Foreman 3-1 in their last four match.

The last 32 in the Mens Singles was played on the Sunday afternoon and resulted in Gary Stafford from England playing Dutch star Wesley Harms in the first quarter final and winning 5-1.

Scotland's Robert Morrison played English player Daniel Day in the second quarter final and narrowly lost out 5-4.

British Open champion Cameron Menzies from Scotland then took on Martin Atkins from Lancashire and took the tie 5-4.

The last quarter final was an all Wales affair with Richie Edwards playing Wayne Warren, with Warren progressing 5-3.

Other Scottish players playing on Sunday were Ross Montgomery, Dean Lawrie, Steve Robertson, Stephen Buchan and Harry Todman who all reached the last 32.

After a short break while the final touches were made to the stage and the streaming cameras the first darts to feature were the Ladies Singles semi-finals and Deta Hedman booked her place in the final with a 4-1 win over three times champion Lorraine Winstanley.

In the final she would face Fallon Sherrock who defeated World Champion Lisa Ashton 4-2 to book her place in the final.

The Mens Singles semi-finals followed and first on was an all England clash with Daniel Day versus Gary Stafford and it was Day who triumphed winning 5-4.

Scotland's Cameron Menzies defeated Wayne Warren from Wales 5-2 to move into the final.

This now left four finals to play and first up was the Ladies pairs with an England v Netherlands match between mother and daughter team Lisa & Danielle Ashton and Aileen de Graff & Sharon Prins.

The Dutch duo raced to a 2-0 lead which included a 113 checkout from Prins.

The England pair fought back hard and tied up the match with a double two finish from Lisa Ashton.

The fifth and deciding leg went to the Netherlands with Sharon Prins taking the title for the Dutch pair with a double eight finish.

The Mens pairs final was a scrappy all England affair with lots of missed chances between Ryan Joyce & Kevin McDine and Tom Gregory & Gary Thomson and went all the way to 2-2 with a 180 coming from Tom Gregory but it was Ryan Joyce who stepped up to finish the match on double tops for a 3-2 win.

The Ladies singles final exploded on the stage with a fantastic opening 11 dart leg from Fallon Sherrock which included a 180 with her opening three darts to take an early lead over rival Deta Hedman, a five times winner of the tournament.

Fallon followed this up with the next two legs finishing on double four and double nine respectively.

Deta dug deep and checked out leg four on 76 and continued the good work by taking leg five on tops.

Fallon took leg six to move one leg from the title but back came Deta again to win legs seven and eight to tie up the match.

Fallon started the deciding leg with a 177 and went on to finish on double one for her first Scottish Open title.

Fallon's winning average was 28.06 with Deta not far behind on 27.45.

The Mens final was between Scotland's Cameron Menzies and Daniel Day from England and started a bit on the slow side with Day spurning the chance to take the first leg with Menzies making no mistake finishing on 76.

Menzies continued his good finishing by taking the second leg with one dart at double tops.

In the third leg Day hit a maximum and took out tops to pull back the deficit.

Day then hit back with a 14 dart leg to take the score to two sets all.

The Scot then took the next three legs to lead 5-2 with his best checkout 94 but Day had chances.

Menzies then became the fourth Scot to win the title with a 96 checkout following Gary Anderson in 2007 and Peter Johnstone and Mike Veitch before that.

The averages in this year's final were 25.43 to Daniel day and 26.98 to the new champion.

The Scottish Open has still only been won twice by the same person when Robbie Green won in 2011 and 2014 and this year the champion went away with £3000.