

History Beckons At The 44th Winmau World Masters.



After an absence of seven years the 44th staging of the BDO WinmauWorld Masters returns to The Spa Royal Hall, Bridlington from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th September 2017 where history beckons for the current BDO Lakeside World Champion Glen Durrant. 'Duzza' Durrant is bidding to follow in the footsteps of former Champions Bob Anderson and Martin Adams by lifting the prestigious trophy for a third consecutive time. In recent years the event has taken place in the Hull City Hall Arena and last year at The Lakeside Country Club and if Glen does manage to win a third consecutive Masters title it will have been achieved at three different venues.



Last year at The Lakeside, Frimley Green Glen captured his second title with a 7 sets to 3 triumph over Mark McGeeney. The 'Gladiator' McGeeney has since gone on to achieve the BDO World Number One ranking after lifting numerous titles throughout 2017 and showing a consistency that suggests he could go one better this year and lift the famous Masters trophy. English players have dominated the event in recent times, winning eight of the last nine men's Masters titles with Wales' Martin Philips in 2014 being the exception and another Welsh player, Jim Williams, will fancy adding his name to the roll of honour after enjoying a very successful last few months and enjoying tournament success. Throw into the mix Scott Mitchell, former finalists Jamie Hughes, Darryl Fitton and young guns Dean Reynolds and Nick Kenny and once again we all the ingredients to make

this another World Masters to remember and you can never rule out the legend Martin Adams, he couldn't make it four wins could he !?





The Ladies event is being played for the 36th time and this years event is probably the most difficult to predict with so many of the top lady players in with a chance of success. Last years Champion Trina Gulliver, who lifted her sixth Masters title will be eager to make it seven whilst England's Lorraine Winstanley will be confident of a first title after enjoying a rich vein of form in recent weeks. Current World Champion Lisa Ashton has surprisingly only won the title once in 2011 and will no doubt be eager to add a second but will face stiff competition from previous Champions Deta Hedman, Aileen De Graaf and Anastasia Dobromyslova. The Boy's and Girl's World Masters titles will once again be played for by the next generation of young darters who will gain valuable tournament experience as they progress through the BDO system on the next step of their dartsing career.

Defending Champion Vincent D'hondt will be back to defend his Winmau WDDA (World Disability Darts Association) World Masters title. 16 Players from all over the World will make up the field and the event takes place in The Bay View Room at the Bridlington Spa.



**Monday 25th September - WinmauWorld Masters
Play-offs**

**Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th September
- Winmau World Masters (stage matches)**

Andrew Devonshire.