

DARTS

Mediterranean Cup 2006

Gibraltar was recently represented at the Med. Cup, contested at Granville in Normandy, France; reaching the semi-finals in the Men's team event, for a certain bronze medal.

The next day it was all to play in the singles and doubles events.

Fantastic games played, however all but one of the men's team did lose in the 1st game, a close 4-3 which was a true shame as they were cracking matches.

George Federico was the singles player of the moment and he also missed out losing in the semi-finals (Bronze medal), with a very good total average per dart thrown.

The same day that afternoon saw a great comeback too in the pair's event, where Justin Broton and Dylan Duo basically blasted their way through to the final, beating France, Italy and Cyprus. The final game was strongly fought against the Greek players but Gibraltar should be proud of reaching a well-deserved stage final and obtaining a silver medal in the pairs event.

The Ladies representation did really well this year achieving an overall Bronze Medal.

In the Team event they reached the final too, but the French girls were just too strong for them. Credit must still be awarded as they battled some stiff opponents especially the young Italian Ladies who always want to prove how good they are.

The Gibraltar selection obtained higher averages per dart than most of the other participating countries in all events including the best leg thrown in the whole event. Unfortunately the highest averages of scores do not win games, but it proves that Gibraltar is increasingly becoming a strong contender in any International event.

The president of the Mediterranean Cup, Cyprus - Michael Savvides, said at the closing ceremony, "The Med Cup has grown well and is continuing to create great friendships between Mediterranean Cup countries". The closing dinner gala had a few surprises for Justin Broton. The French darts Vice-President, Jean-Claude Miguel, after presenting participating helpers and organisers

with gifts, also presented Justin with a gift for having helped out during the initial phases of the event where he provided software, instructions and other material for the upcoming event in France. Later on in the evening Justin got called up again by Jean-Claude, he went to say some encouraging words in which he produced a score sheet highlighting the best leg of the Med Cup (between Gibraltar - Justin Broton & France - Laurent Fagnone) and he continued to say the following "This proves the good quality of darts thrown this week and that the competition is growing and spreading to produce good darts from all participating countries making it an excellent event". These were very nice surprises for Justin and he appreciated the gestures made to him by Jean-Claude.

This year Gibraltar through the kindness of a sponsor who paid for an extra player; manager to attend the event. Solely due to this the medal tally speaks for itself. Gibraltar even on the last day (the finals), given the right permutations of who lost against who would have given the Men's team the overall Gold. However that was not to be the case but we got pretty close. For this, gratitude has to be overwhelmingly given to Alan Kimberley for his managing and supporting role during the entirety of the event. Thanks Alan from the Team.

Medal Tally

Overall Men: 4th Place (Francis Taylor, George Federico, Dylan Duo, Justin Broton).

Overall Ladies: Silver Medal (Erika Ward, Sue Parody)

Team Men: Bronze Medal (Francis Taylor, George Federico, Dylan Duo, Justin Broton).

Team Ladies: Silver Medal (Erika Ward, Sue Parody).

Team Pairs: Silver Medal (Justin Broton, Dylan Duo).

Mens Singles: Bronze Medal (George Federico).

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Gibraltar Selection - left to right: Dylan Duo, Justin Broton, George Federico, Francis Taylor, Alan Kimberley, Sue Parody, Erika Ward.

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