

GDA – GIBRALTAR NATIONAL CHAMPION 2006/07

The Gibraltar National Champion is the 5th ranking event in the GDA Calendar which has the top four players in Gibraltar seeded for the competition, these being Dyson Parody (1), Dylan Duo (2), Henry Zapata (3) & Francis Taylor (4).

This makes the tournament a fairer event as seeded players are all in different groups and the chances of an un-seeded player getting through could be said to be easier as they're only likely to meet 1 single seeded player in their own group.

This by no means suggests that there are only 4 good players in Gibraltar as this number can't be counted with both hands.



Losing finalist (pictured right): Francis Taylor
Winner (pictured left): Dylan Duo

One such player that has been producing great results as of late was Manolo Asquez who reached the semi-finals by beating Roy Rodgers in the quarterfinals (*never an easy feat*). Another player that did extremely well but just fell short of the mark was Jadrian Pecino who besides his best efforts could not complete proceedings against seed no.1 in Gibraltar, Dyson Parody.

In the quarters, Justin Broton was also playing really well and at one point had Dylan Duo against the ropes 3-0 down but as Justin turned to shake his hand thinking he had won, Dylan mentioned it was best of 7, oops! That said, Dylan came fiercely back to win 4-3. A good point for any young aspiring players reading this article "*always check the format of play before every game*".

Although Dyson Parody is finally reaching his usual former self he has been struggling as of late against veteran Francis Taylor and it was indeed Francis that took the 1st semi-final to guarantee his position in the final.

Manolo Asquez had yet another tough opponent in his semi-final against Dylan Duo, but though (*according to Dylan*) who said "*Manolo started really strong with lots of high scores & he even took the 1st leg*". This was a wake up call for Dylan who must have thought he had a foot in the final and as such he had to put his work hat on so that he could overpower Manolo on the day.

The final itself was a classic! High scoring games, very few missed chances, exciting all the way, including three 180's in total produced by both players. It was only when Dylan just gave it a last push to win 6-4 in his favour.

Well done to everyone on a great evening of darts & to the worthy winner – Dylan Duo.

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Here are the quarterfinals to the final line-up:

QuarterFinals	SemiFinals	Final	Winner
Dyson Parody (4) Jadrian Pecino (3)	Dyson Parody (2)	Francis Taylor (4)	
Francis Taylor (4) Amos Bosano (0)	Francis Taylor (5)		
Dylan Duo (4) Justin Broton (3)	Dylan Duo (5)		Dylan Duo
Roy Rodgers (1) Manolo Asquez (4)	Manolo Asquez (1)	Dylan Duo (6)	

Officially reported 180's thrown on the night

2 x Dylan Duo, 2 x Jadrian Pecino, 1 x Francis Taylor, 1 x Justin Broton

Officially reported High Finishes above 100

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