

WINMAU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIER 2007

Statistically there were lots of quality darts to report for a Winmau World Championships Qualifier event held last week. Yet another strong fact that darts in Gibraltar is stronger than ever.



The beauty & challenge of the game is that every player has 3 darts in their hands and the same target to aim at.

With local talent booming, it's anybody's game when we represent our great Rock abroad.

Finalists (pictured left to right)

Dylan Duo, Dayle Ramirez, Johnny Remorino, Roy Rodgers

This week's competition produced top quality darts including 2 x 11 darters (*Dylan Duo*), a few 13 darters (*Dayle Ramirez / Dylan Duo*), a narrow miss at a 170 finish (*Dayle Ramirez*), a 140 finish (*Manolo Asquez*), countless other games between 13 to 18 darts, all topped off by over 13 registered 180's on the night.

We saw new faces reaching the semi-finals (*Dayle Ramirez & Johnny Remorino*); no real surprise as both are very good dart players. No strangers however to winning, where the eventual finalists, Roy Rodgers & Dylan Duo.

Dylan's 6-1 win over Roy Rodgers was certainly a poor reflection of the quality of the game played (*the final score could have been very different*).

Blow by blow report of the final

The final started as a close fought leg. With Roy hitting his 1st 180 in the final, he levelled the score and had one chance to take the first leg. Ruthless Dylan took it out though in 18 darts (27.8 average per dart).

Roy returned the favour and matched Dylan's previous 18 darts to take the 2nd leg and make it 1 a piece.

Dylan's started the 3rd leg with a 180 himself but Roy was never too far behind and kept himself in the leg with 56 left but he could not finish it off. Dylan then stepped up to the plate yet again to take the leg.

Roy started the game with 2 x 100's and a 96 leaving Dylan to chase after him. However persistence paid off and Dylan scored a 125 to leave himself a finish of 79. Dylan took out 79 with an unconventional treble 19 and double 11.

The score 3 to 1 in Dylan's favour, it was starting to look ominous for Roy, however he was throw for throw on par with Dylan in all previous legs. It was just his finishing that was letting him down.

Dylan continued his usual game (*which others sometimes find difficult to match*). Roy however scored well and managed to get a 140 to nearly level the match. Nearly was the right choice of words though as Dylan concluded this leg finishing on 32.

At 4-1 the score could have been very different as Roy had chances in almost all the legs, something he was achieving very efficiently all evening.

Roy never a player to give up was still trying to prove why he deserved to be in the final and started the 6 leg with a 180. In the end Dylan scored a 140 to catch up and the scores were practically level at 130 & 120 left on the scoreboard. Dylan went for it and just missed the bullseye. Roy also missed tops by hitting treble 20, 20 and 1 dart for tops. Dylan took this leg too.

Leg 7 also went Dylan's way although Roy was still battling hard (*but Dylan simply kept him at arms length with good scores*). Having just missed a 15 darter this left Roy a chance to finish 90, however it was not to be and Dylan did the honours.

Well done to the worthy winner, Dylan Duo.

Here are the quarterfinals to the final line-up:

Quarterfinals	Semi-Finals	Final	Winner
Justin Stagno (3) Johnny Remorino (4)	Johnny Remorino (3)	Dylan Duo (6)	
Dylan Duo (4) Jimmy King (0)	Dylan Duo (5)		
Dayle Ramirez (4) Manolo Asquez (2)	Dayle Ramirez (3)		Dylan Duo
Roy Rodgers (4) Francis Taylor (2)	Roy Rodgers (5)	Roy Rodgers (1)	

180's thrown on the night

4 x Dylan Duo, 3 x Roy Rodgers, 2 x Francis Taylor, 2 x Jimmy King,
1 x Manolo Asquez, 1 x Dayle Ramirez

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