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"Quote"

of the Quarter

Happiness is ...
... good health and a bad memory.

Ingrid Bergman

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Dundonald Singles Tournament Finals Review

The Dundonald Singles Tournament finished its first edition on a very high note on the

until the last game when he shot a perfect 300 game which served to tie for first place

won a close 4 player race for 3rd place by defeating Jonathan Gilliland by 2 pins (202-200) and overtake Tony O'Hare who lost to Billy's 300. 5th place was occupied by Karen Payne who took over that spot after 7 games and never let go; Sam Hull (6th) and Paul White (7th) came from behind to relegate Ken Marshall (who was no worse than 5th during the first 6 games) to the 8th place in the last game. Jonathan Gilliland who was not on his best day (170 average) closed up the table in the scratch section.

On the handicap section



Handicap Section Winners: from left Earl McComb(2nd), Raymond Chan (1st), Eddie Best (Tournament Manager) and Jose Santos(3rd). **Scratch Section Winners:** are pictured below from left Ryan Press (2nd), Billy Nimick (1st), Eddie Best(Tournament Manager) and Helen Tambllyn (3rd).

first Sunday of March. Billy Nimick and Raymond Chan came away with their names on the trophy donated by Castlereagh Borough Council.

Ryan Press (244 average) started his first game by defeating Billy and taking first place, he then proceeded to build up his advantage over the rest of the competitors by leading all the way to the last game. Billy (242 average) had a shaky start losing to Ryan in the first game, but then got into form in the following games and took over 2nd place after the 3rd game and kept it



with Ryan Press, who lost his last match to Sam Hull by 5 pins, and forced a decisive additional match to decide the overall winner. That match was won by Billy with a score of 269-222; Helen Tambllyn

things were a lot closer during the whole event; in 9 games there were 8 changes of lead: Jose Santos (3rd-place/202 avg. inc. 0 Handicap) ...

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Can I quote you on that?

Welcome to the latest edition of the Turkey Times which we hope will give you plenty to read over the Easter break.

There's a Ranking Roundup on page 3. I've tried to pick out a couple of high achievers but given that there are so

many high scores and results at the minute it's difficult to know about or mention every bowler. So if I've missed you out in this edition, I apologise, but keep up the practice and you'll become harder to miss! Belated birthday wishes to Zara Payne and Lauren Dugan who

were both celebrating in March. At going to press, the Federation has been approached by the producers of based "Dancing on Ice" to feature a local programme on a similar format where local celebrities will train in different sports, competing in a final tournament. Film-

ing has been provisionally scheduled for early August. Anyone interested in submitting their name as a possible Coach should obtain an application form from Billy Beattie by 1 April. Keep up the good bowling.

Report by Lyn Watson

Irish Open Championships 2007

If there was ever an example of never throwing in the towel, then this years Ladies, Irish Open Champion, Kerena Dykes proves 'never give up' !!

After her first 4 games in the 1st round, Kerena was down in 24th place and only moved up 4 places before moving into the 2nd round. With 4 games in the 2nd round she improved her average by over 10 pins a game and moved up to 11th place. She continued in this rich vein of form during the 3rd round, climbing to 6th and further moving her average up by another 8 pins.

By this stage there was no stopping her, her average in the round robin was over 233 and by winning 5 of her 7 matches climbed to 4th overall and into the step ladder finals.

As often happens in a step ladder final the last placed competitor goes through and wins the event and Kerena proceeded to do this. Games of 225, 247 and the last one of 258 against Kirsten Penny, lifted the roof off Stillorgan Leisure Plex, as we all celebrated Irelands first winner of the Irish Open.

I believe the partying went on for several weeks around Dublin, with many sore heads, but it was certainly deserved with Kerena's name going into the rich history of this super event.

In marked contrast to the Ladies event, the Mens winner stamped his authority on the Dublin lanes very early and never gave anyone else a look in.

Englands Nick Froggatt was consistency itself throughout all the rounds with his average just under 240 every time he got up to bowl.

In a rather one sided mens final Nick beat his England team mate and previous Irish Open winner, Stuart Williams 226 - 165.

The mens finals were always going to loose out to what was happening a couple of lanes to their right as a packed crowd willed every shot of Kerena's into the pocket.

There was great TV coverage of the event and wonderful to see so many NITBF members stayed on for Sundays finals.

Two of our ladies, namely Helen Tamblin and Lynda Watson progressed to the 2nd round as did Ryan Press, Kev Horton and Billy Nimick in the Mens.

Ryan moved further on to the 3rd round where he finished 24th overall, averaging nearly 220. We look forward to more success of NITBF members next year, with hopefully some

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of them getting into the later rounds. Finally it would be a shame not to mention the social side of the Irish Open, with so many places to eat and party! It's always a great weekend to meet new friends and catch up with old ones and long may that side of the event continue.

As far as I'm concerned book me back in for January 2008, especially for the pints of Black Stuff, and if you've never been before, give it serious consideration!

Report by Allen Sinton

Event Number 5 in the Ranking calendar took place in Brunswick Superbowl. Billy Nimick lead the pack in the Men's Section with a 206 average from Kenny Donnelly and David Seay in 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Christy McMonagle made a welcome return to the Ranking Tour with a well deserved 4th place finish which also made him the Senior Section winner for this Event. In the Ladies Section, congratulations went to Megan McKee who won her first Ranking Tour Event with a 176 average. At 16, this makes Megan the youngest ever Northern Ireland Ranking Event Winner. Needless to say she also claimed the Junior Section for this event. She was closely followed by Karen Payne and Isobel Smith who took 2nd & 3rd places respectively. Isobel was also this event's Senior Winner. The Handicap Section went to home centre bowler Allen Sinton.

February's Ranking Event took place in The Odyssey Bowl. In a close fought affair, Ryan Press won the Men's Section by just 14 pins from Jose Santos in 2nd, followed by Kevin Horton just 11 pins behind in 3rd. David Seaby's 8th place finish made him this month's Senior Section winner. Marco

Biondi made a welcome visit to our shores and our bowling lanes. After a slow start Marco took the different lane conditions in his stride and quickly adapted to notch up a 256 (to tie high game with David Williamson) and give him a 14th place finish just above Jonathan Gilliland who finished with an impressive 245 game. Other bowlers rolling in the big scores on the day were Mike Terry and Steve O'Brien both getting off to a good start with 233 games. Steve's form continued to give him a very credible 9th place finish. In the Ladies Section, Lynda Watson won her first Ranking Event of the Season with back to back 246 & 232 games. She finished ahead of Karen Payne in 2nd place and Isobel Smith in 3rd place. Isobel also took first place in the Ladies Senior Section. Handicap Section winner was Jonathan Gilliland from Brunswick Superbowl. Zara Payne won the Junior Section for this Event, helped along the way by an early 213 game.

March featured the 8th Ranking Event of Season which was hosted by Dundonald International Ice Bowl. The Men's Section was won with a sweeping 236 average by David Williamson. David never showed any signs of dipping below the 200 mark all day and included a

279 in game 5 just for good measure. Hot on his heels followed Ryan Press (ave 231) in 2nd place and Grant Dugan (ave 229) in 3rd. Grant also won the Junior Section for this month's Event. Another Junior making waves was 15 year old newcomer Steven McMillen. Steven finished the day on a very commendable 176 average, with a 206 high game in the middle (all in his first Ranking Event). Definitely a name to fear in the future. In what turned out to be a high scoring day, the top 12 bowlers in the Men's Section were all above a 200 average. George McKee made a return to the Ranking scene after a short break which doesn't seem to have done his 4th place finish or 227 average any harm at all. Ken Marshall bowled a consistent set to give himself a 196 tournament average and a 14th place finish. In the Ladies Section Karen Payne stormed into the lead with 246 & 242 opening games. She finished on an impressive 204 average for the day. 2nd place went to Lynda Watson followed by Christine Robinson in 3rd who also won the Senior Section for this Event. Pat Duffy turned in a steady performance and finished 4th on a 178 average. The Senior Male Section was won by Alan Smith and the Handicap Section winner was David Wil-

European Gold Cup 2007

Congratulations to our European Gold Cup representatives, Jonathan Gilliland from Brunswick Superbowl and Lauren Dugan from Dundonald International Ice Bowl. This year's competition will be hosted by Cyprus in May. The qualifying tour was so competitive this year that Lauren and Jonathan only secured their place on the final day of competition, just pipping Allen Sinton



Lauren Dugan

and Megan McKee at the post. Lauren has her big brother, Grant (himself a former European Gold Cup participant) to thank for his support and encouragement, while Jonathan credits Kevin Horton's coaching as his route to success.



Jonathan Gilliland

And rumour has it that Jonathan is borrowing the famous

2005 competition shirt worn by our own Paul McCauley when he took the title in Rome. Both bowlers have set about practice with gusto, Lauren shooting a 231 game for a high 3 game series of 586 and Jonathan hitting a 237 game under pressure. So let's hope they save plenty of those big scores for Cyprus.

Report by Lyn Watson



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Bowler Profile — Megan McKee

This quarter's Bowler Profile features Megan McKee from Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Belfast.

At the age of 16, Megan McKee is one of the younger bowlers to take part in the Northern Ireland Ranking Tour. She took up bowling at the age of 9 years old and attended coaching sessions with Glynis Wilson and Christine Robinson on Thursday nights, with the encouragement of her dad, George - a popular bowler on the ranking tour and last years tour

winner. Megan has shown a lot of improvement over the past



year and in January 2007, she became the youngest ever winner of a ranking event in Northern Ireland, after win-

ning the event at Brunswick Superbowl. She aims to one day make the Northern Ireland Ladies team and play in the World Cup. In the short term, she is aiming to finish top six in the ranking events to win a bet against dad, George. Megan is a big fan of the sport and hopes to be playing for a long time. Her advice to anyone taking up the sport is to practise as much as possible and always to believe in yourself. Good luck Megan in all future events.

Report by Helen Tamblyn

Dundonald Singles Tournament Finals Review

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was the only bowler who managed to remain the leader in 2 consecutive games while leading the event 3 times. Lauren Dugan (193 avg. inc 32 Hdc) and Raymond Chan (207 avg. inc. 17 Hdc) led twice each and Earl McComb (207 avg. inc. 20 Hdc) and Zara Payne (196 avg. inc. 47 Hdc) being the other two leaders.

Every game saw big changes in the overall top 3 and at the end it went down to Raymond winning his match and with enough pins to keep either Earl or Jose (who were playing the last match head to head with potentially the winner taking the tournament and the loser finishing 3rd or 4th because of the bonus points) at bay.

Raymond Chan was actually 5th with 2 matches to go and climbed to second and then to 1st in the last match showing that he is an up and coming power to reckon with (notice that he was never worse than 5th and was leading at one point in

the RR); 2nd place Earl McComb was in last place during the first 2 games when he started to climb up steadily and took over 1st place with 1 game to go. He then proceeded to miss a couple of key spares in the closing frames of his last match which cost him the win. Jose Santos (3rd) twice jumped from 4th to 1st and actually was the only one to manage to hold 1st for two consecutive games, but a split on frame 10 of the last game versus Earl blew his opportunity of taking the trophy home.

In 4th place came Martin Payne, who was steady the entire tournament and was 2nd for the first two rounds. In 5th place came Lindsey Ewing (who made the finals when Donna Horton pulled out). She showed great progress and stayed between 4th and 7th place all tournament. She bowled 7 games over 190 with 4 200+ games. Zara Payne (6th) won 5 matches in a row in the middle of the round robin which saw her going from last to 4th after 4 of those and then falling to 6th in the last 2 matches. Gerald MacKenzie (7th) gave a close fight to almost all his opponents to the point that he won his 2 non-blind matches by 2 and

5 pins and lost 3 matches by 1, 4 and 8 pins. Lauren Dugan (8th) won her first 5 matches and was no worse than 2nd in 5 of the first 6 games, but she could not keep the pace in the last 3 games falling from 3rd to 8th in that span. Finally, closing the table was Grant Dugan who was out of luck in the tournament, after showing amazingly continuous improvement during the tournament duration. He said (quote: "... I think I left around 40+ single pins no matter what ball or line I used...")

Overall the Finals and the tournament were a great success, during the prize giving ceremony, Eddie Best thanked the staff at Dundonald Icebowl for their hard work and Jose Santos for compiling the scores. Also all the bowlers congratulated Eddie Best on a very well organized tournament.

The second Edition of the Dundonald Singles Tournament will start in September next year; interested bowlers can contact Eddie Best at the Dundonald International Icebowl or via this e-mail address (EddieBest@castlereagh.gov.uk)

Report by Jose A. Santos