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TOLCHARD TOPPLES THOMMO

SETTING UP A FINAL ENCOUNTER WITH SPALDING'S MARTIN SPENCER



Worthy of a final - Sam Tolchard defeated Andy Thomson, 21-16, in a cracking quarter final.

Men's Singles - Quarter finals...

Four-time champion Andy Thomson, England's team captain, who is now 60, but is playing as well as ever, was hoping to defeat his young rival, 26-year-old Sam Tolchard, from Torquay United, in the quarter finals of the national men's indoor singles championship in Melton Mowbray today.

But Tolchard, who won the equivalent outdoor title when he was 19, in 2009, and bagged a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow two years ago, came up trumps to topple Thomson, 21-16, in an outstanding match that had spectators on the edge of their seats.

"It really was a great match," said Thomson, who was born in Scotland, but has played for the Cyphers club in Beckenham for the past 35 years. "I think we got better as the game progressed, because it seemed harder to keep the shots that we built up. I was pleased with the way I played, but Sam was superb, and deserved to win."

Tolchard, who must be in the frame for a place in England's team to contest the world outdoor championships in New Zealand in November, went on the clinch his place in the final when he demolished the hopes of Tom Smith, a 24-year-old PhD student who plays for the Erewash club in Long Eaton. The in-form Devon ace sped to a 21-5 victory.

Three-time champion Greg Harlow, who won in 2002, 2011 and last year, stayed on course to retain his title, beating the in-form David Bolt, from South Shields, who won the equivalent outdoor title in 2011, after Bolt had led, 16-14, after 17 ends. A treble and two doubles gave Harlow a 21-16 victory.

But, in tonight's semi finals, Harlow suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Spalding's Martin Spencer, who played consistently well to beat him, 21-10, raising the possibility of a men's and women's double for the Spalding club.

Earlier, Spencer had finished with a flourish against Weymouth Moonfleet's Martin Puckett, scoring a full house of four shots on the 22nd end that gave him the lead for the first time, and turned a 17-18 deficit into a 21-18 quarter final victory.

Tom Smith, a 24-year-old pharmaceutical scientist and engineer, who was in terrific form until he lost to Tolchard, beat one of the favourites, Graham Shadwell, yesterday (FRI), and raced into an 11-0 lead against Stephen Winter, from Lynnsport (Kings Lynn), before going on to win, 21-14.

RESULTS - Quarter finals

Sam Tolchard (Torquay United) bt Andy Thomson (Cyphers) 21-16;

Tom Smith (Erewash) bt Stephen Winter (Lynnsport) 21-14;

Martin Spencer (Spalding) bt Martin Puckett (Moonfleet 2000) 21-19;

Greg Harlow (City of Ely) bt David Bolt (South Shields) 21-16.

Semi finals: Tolchard bt Smith 21-5; Spencer bt Harlow 21-10.

FAVOURITE FALKNER CRASHES OUT

AMY STANTON FACES ANNIE DUNHAM IN TOMORROW'S FINAL



Amy Stanton pictured on the road to recovery - and a fantastic semi final win over favourite Ellen Falkner.

Women's Singles

Ellen Falkner, from the City of Ely club, who was favourite to win the national women's indoor singles title, powered to an impressive 21-10 quarter final win over Pat Browne, from The Parks club (North Shields) in the semi finals, and looked certain to reach the final.

Taking a 16-3 lead after nine ends against former Somerset star Amy Stanton, Falkner needed only two shots for victory and a place in the final when she led, 19-7, four ends later - but left-hander Stanton stuck to her guns, increased the length of the jack, changed hands, scored two full house counts of four, and eventually pipped the favourite, 21-10 after 21 ends.

"I am more disappointed than words can say," said Falkner, looking back on the match. "19-7 is a convincing lead, but somehow it slipped away. I lost my touch, and Amy took advantage, and played really well. She deserved to win."

Falkner, who struck gold three times in the Commonwealth Games - in Manchester (2002), New Delhi (2010) and Glasgow (2014) - has previously won the national indoor pairs, triples and fours titles, but has yet to put her name on the singles trophy.

With her clubmate Greg Harlow still going strong in the men's singles, at tea-time, the City of Ely club had a chance of recording a notable double - but both slipped up at the semi final stage. However, Spalding also had two players in the semi finals - and Martin Spencer and Annie Dunham both got through, so a Spalding double is on the cards.

Dunham, who faced Riverain's prodigious 17-year-old star Rachel Tremlett in the quarter finals, took her time to get on top, and was only 9-8 in front after nine ends, but a full house of four shots on the tenth gave her a 13-8 lead, and she allowed Tremlett only three more singles as she foreclosed, 21-11.

Tonight, Dunham was all square with Egham's Kylie Hampton, 9-9, after 14 ends, but allowed the Surrey star to score on only one more end - a treble on the 18th - as she scorched to victory, scoring a treble herself on the 19th end, and a full house of four shots to win on the 20th.

Scoring four shots to take your score from 17 to the magic 21 is hardly commonplace - but it is something that is happening quite frequently in these championships. Hampton herself scored a last-end four to beat Hartlepool's Lauren Copeland, 21-19, in the quarter finals, after Copeland had led, 8-1, while Stanton finished her game with Sue Cooke, from North Wilts (Chippenham) with a full house.

RESULTS - Quarter finals...

Ellen Falkner (City of Ely) bt Pat Browne (The Parks) 21-10;
Amy Stanton (Welford-on-Avon) bt Sue Cooke (North Wilts) 21-12;
Kylie Hampton (Egham) bt Lauren Copeland (Hartlepool) 21-19;
Annalisa Dunham (Spalding) bt Rachel Tremlett (Riverain) 21-11.

Semi finals: Stanton bt Falkner 21-20; Dunham bt Hampton 21-12.

NORFOLK TOO GOOD FOR DEVON

THOUGH BOTH COUNTIES WIN ON THREE RINKS



Norfolk won the Atherley Trophy for the third time in the 27-years history of the national women's inter-county championship.

ATHERLEY FINAL

Norfolk women had previously lifted the Atherley Trophy in 2000 and 2004, while Devon, who lost in last year's final, were hoping to win the national inter-county title for the first time.

Devon's morale was dented when one of their players, a long-established stalwart and former county skip, Eileen Rich, died during the week leading up to the final, and they made a slow start against Norfolk, who were ten shots up after four ends.

Norfolk continued to prosper, but a rally brought the Devonians back into contention, and they closed the gap, and threatened to take the lead, before Norfolk eased away again. It developed into a close match, but Norfolk always seemed to have the edge.

Rink honours were shared, three apiece, Norfolk winning on the three rinks on the western side of the green, skipped by Carole Baker (18-15), Melanie Haylett (23-9), and Jayne Roylance (22-19), and Devon came out on top on the eastern rinks, skipped by Carole Binmore (19-15), Jill Bishop (20-17), and Val Lander (22-18).

ATHERLEY FINAL - RESULT...

Norfolk bt Devon 113-104 - Rink scores (Norfolk names first):

Diane Broom, Emily O'Hanlon, Elsie Elvin, Carole Baker 18, Ros Coombes, Catherine King, Anita Huxtable, Barbara Bellamy 15; Wendy Bryant, Linda Bennett, Barbara Meeks, Melanie Haylett 23, Sue Bywaters, Janine Orchard, Hilary Avent, Sue Evans 9; Kay Garrick, Carol Neave, Linda Blake, Jayne Roylance 22, Sarah Vinnicombe, Sue Devonport, Liz Lock, Julia Barnes 19; Sharon Rickman, Liz McMillan, Pat Baker, Marion Himpleman 15, Yvonne Rayner, Diane Smith, Sara Quayle. Carole Binmore 19; Louise Knights, Jackie Devitt, Suzanne King, Louise Catchpole 17, Pam Lee, Shirley Hitchcocks, Julie Grant, Jill Bishop 20; Sheila Stacey, Joyce Webster, Jenny Kirby, Rebecca Field 18, Jan Roberts, Lesley Crutchley, Aileen Hodsoill, Val Lander 22.