



**MALTA TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
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## 8<sup>th</sup> MTBA Platinum Cup

**Nicholas Muscat and Melissa Swift secure their first win in the Platinum Cup.**

This year's Platinum Cup saw 45 players (30 men and 15 women) taking part in the 12 game qualifiers which saw a very tight competition in both female and male categories.

The ladies section saw Cynthia Frendo Duca let from the start to qualify in first place ahead of National Champion Sue Abela and Tiziana Carannante. 15 year old Kathryn Fenech made it to 4<sup>th</sup> place, ahead of Melissa Swift and Marthese Debono.

Frendo Duca kept her form in the round robin to win all 5 of her direct clashes, to stay ahead of Abela who got 4 out of 5 wins. Swift managed to climb up to 3<sup>rd</sup> and face Abela in the semi final. She managed to get the 3 strikes in a row needed in the final frame to beat Abela by 1 pin, and then faced Frendo Duca in the final. Swift clearly had the wind in her sails as she outplayed her opponent 213-170 to force a decider. Both players struggled with nerves, and at the end Swift beat the unlucky Frendo Duca by 10 pins to end up a worthy first time Platinum cup winner.

Under 16 champion Muscat finished first in the men's section, with a 213 average, that included a brilliant first set of 6 games of 1387, which is the new under 19 record 6 game series. National Champion Mauro Anastasi qualified in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, just ahead of Philip Gruppetta, Miguel Xuereb, Kenneth Arpa and Luke Burke.

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Anastasi put his foot down in the round robin with a 224.8 average that gave him 4 wins and the lead, followed by Gruppetta who also overtook Muscat. Tables were turned however as Muscat beat Gruppetta in a close semifinal, to face Anastasi. Game 1 went to the young Muscat, 246-207. The 2 OkMalta.com team mates then faced each other in the deciding last game, and Muscat edged out Anastasi to claim victory as the youngest bowler to have ever won the Platinum cup, in what has been an extraordinary year for the young Nicholas Muscat.

**It-8 Tazza tal-Platinum MTBA: Nicholas Muscat u Melissa Swift jiksbu l-ewwel rebħ a tagħ hom f'din it-tazza prestiġ już a.**

Il-Platinum Cup ta 'din is-sena rat 45 plejer (30 irġ iel u 15-il mara) jieħ du sehem fit-12-il logħ ba ta' kwalifikazzjoni li raw kompetizzjoni missielta ħ afna kemm fil-kategoriji femminili kif ukoll maskili.

Is-sezzjoni tan-nisa rat lil Cynthia Frendo Duca titla fuq quddiem mill-bidu biex tikkwalifika fl-ewwel post qabel iċ -Champion Nazzjonali Sue Abela u Tiziana Carannante. Kathryn Fenech ta '15-il sena għ amletha fir-4 post, qabel Melissa Swift u Marthese Debono.

Frendo Duca ż ammet il-forma tagħ ha fir-round robin biex rebħ et il-5 konfronti diretti tagħ ha, biex tibqa 'quddiem Abela li kisbet 4 minn 5 rebħ iet. Swift irnexxiela titla 'fit-tielet post u tiffaċ ċ ja lil Abela fis-semi finali. Hija rnexxielha tikseb it-3 strajks konsekuttivi meħ tiegħ a fl-aħ ħ ar frame biex għ elbet lil Abela b'1 pin, u mbagħ ad iffaċ ċ jat lil Frendo Duca fil-finali.

Swift kompliet tilgħ ab tajjeb u għ elbet l-avversarja tagħ ha 213-170 biex tisforza t-tieni logħ ba. Iż -ż ewġ plejers ħ assew il-pressjoni tal-mument, u fl-aħ ħ ar Swift għ elbet lil Frendo Duca b'10 pins biex spiċ ċ at rebbieħ a denja tat-tazza Platinum għ all-ewwel darba fil-karriera tagħ ha.

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Iċ -champion ta' taħ t is-16-il sena Muscat spiċ ċ a l-kwalifiki fl-ewwel post fit-taqsima tal-irġ iel, b'medja ta' 213, fejn lagħ ab l-ewwel sett brillanti ta' 6 logħ biet ta' 1387. Din hija s-serje rekord ta' 6 logħ biet ta' taħ t id-19-il sena. Iċ -Champion Nazzjonali Mauro Anastasi kkwalfika fit-2 post, eż att qabel Philip Gruppetta, Miguel Xuereb, Kenneth Arpa u Luke Burke.

Anastasi ħ areg sparat fir-round robin b'medja ta' 224.8 biex ġ ab 4 rebħ iet u tela ' fl-ewwel post, segwit minn Gruppetta li qabeż ukoll lil Muscat. Is-sitwazzjoni nqalbet hekk kif Muscat għ eleb lill-Gruppetta f'semifinali eċ ċ itanti, biex jaffronta lil Anastasi fil-finali.

L-ewwel logħba marret għ and iż -ż agħ ż ugh Muscat, 246-207, biex iż -ż ewġ plejers tat-tim ta' OkMalta.com imbagħ ad jerg għ u jiffaċ ċ jaw lil xulxin fl-aħ ħ ar logħ ba deċ iż iva. Muscat mar fuq quddiem mill-bidu biex għ eleb lil Anastasi 201-187 biex sar l-iż għ ar bowler li qatt rebaħ it-tazza Platinum, f'dik li kienet sena straordinarja għ al dan iż -ż agħ ż ugh .



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