



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

**Melissa Swift claims back to back victories as Dennis Mercieca secures his first Platinum Cup victory at this MTBA organised tournament at the Eden Super Bowl**

As is usually the case, the Platinum Cup saw nearly all local top players compete in the keenly contested competition that is held towards the end of the year.

The men's qualifying round of 12 games were led by National Champion Mauro Anastasi with a scratch total of 2618 (218 average) including a superb opening game of 296. He was followed by eventual winner Dennis Mercieca, followed by Nicolas Muscat. The top 8 qualified for the final round, so these 3 were joined by Neil Sullivan, Kyle Camilleri, Dwayne Zahra, Mark Spiteri and Giancarlo Tolu.

The second round saw each player facing each other in single game matches. Mercieca dominated this part, winning 6 out of the 7 games, and bowling an incredible 230 average including a 278 game. Anastasi, who also won 6 of these matches, had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, as he played a lower though still excellent 213 average. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to another OKMalta.com player, youth Nicholas Muscat. Sullivan ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place just 5 pins behind Muscat, with Kyle Camilleri, winner of 5 of his 7 matches, a further 23 pins behind. Spiteri ended 6<sup>th</sup> just ahead of 16 year old Zahra ended 7<sup>th</sup>, with Giancarlo Tolu finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place .

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The women's finalists were led Cynthia Frendo Duca, who after a poor start on day 1, recovered well to enter the second round in 1<sup>st</sup> place just ahead of Melissa Swift and Marthese Cossai. Youths Ruslana Grima, Karlise Bartolo and Kathryn Fenech also made it to the top 8, with the last 2 positions occupied by Amanda Cini and Tiziana Carannante.

Just as in the men's section, the eventual winner, Swift, won 6 of her 7 direct matches, to finish almost 50 pins ahead of Cossai who had 5 wins, with Bartolo just 4 pins behind for a great 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the young NSS student. Frendo Duca finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, ahead of Grima, Cini, Fenech and Carannante.

Highest game of the ladies was bowled by Frendo Duca, with a 244 game on the second day.

**Melissa Swift tirbañ it- Tazza tal- Platinum ghat-tieni sena konsekuttiva, hekk kif Dennis Mercieca jikseb l-ewwel rebñ a tiegħ u f'din it-Tazza organizzata mill MTBA fl-Eden Super Bowl**

Kif normalment ikun il-każ , it-Tazza tal-Platinum rat kważ i l-aqwa plejers lokali kollha jikkompetu fil-kompetizzjoni kkontestata bil-ħ erqa li ssir lejn l-añ ħ ar tas-sena.

Ir-rawnd ta' 12-il logħ ba ta' kwalifikazzjoni tal-irg iel tmexxiet miç -Champion Nazzjonali Mauro Anastasi b'totali scratch ta' 2618 (medja ta' 218) inkluż logħ ba mill-aqwa ta' 296. Huwa kien segwit mir-rebbieħ eventwali Dennis Mercieca, b' Nicolas Muscat jikkalifika fit-tielet post. L-aqwa 8 ikkwalifikaw għ all-añ ħ ar rawnd, u għ alhekk ma' dawn it-3 ingħ aqdu Neil Sullivan, Kyle Camilleri, Dwayne Zahra, Mark Spiteri u Giancarlo Tolu.

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It-tieni rawnd ra lil kull plejer jiffaċ ċ jaw lil xulxin f'partiti ta' logħ ba waħ da. Mercieca iddomina din il-parti, rebaħ 6 minn 7 logħ biet, b' medja inkredibbli ta' 230 inkluz logħ ba ta' 278. Anastasi, li rebaħ ukoll 6 minn dawn il-logħ biet, kellu jikkuntenta bit-2 post, hekk kif lagħ ab medja ta' 213 . It-3 post mar għ al plejer ieħ or ta' OKMalta.com, iż - ż għ aź ugh Nicholas Muscat. Sullivan spiċ ċ a fir-4 post 5 pins biss wara Muscat, b'Kyle Camilleri, rebbieħ ta' 5 minn 7 logħ biet tiegħ u, 23 pin ieħ or wara. Spiteri spiċ ċ a fis-6 post eż att qabel Zahra, ż għ aź ugh ieħ or ta' 16-il sena, spiċ ċ a fis-7, b'Giancarlo Tolu jispiċ ċ a fit-8 post.

Il-finalisti tan-nisa kienu mmexxija Cynthia Frendo Duca, li wara bidu kemm xejn ħ aź in fl-1 ġ urnata, irkuprat tajjeb biex daħ let fit-tieni rawnd fl-1 post eż att qabel Melissa Swift u Marthese Cossai. Il-Youths Ruslana Grima, Karlise Bartolo u Kathryn Fenech għ amluha wkoll mal-ewwel 8, bl-aħ ħ ar 2 poż izzjonijiet ikunu okkupati minn Amanda Cini u Tiziana Carannante.

Bħ al fis-sezzjoni tal-irġ iel, ir-rebbieħ a eventwali, Swift, rebħ et 6 mis-7 logħ biet diretti tagħ ha, biex spiċ ċ at kważ i 50 pin qabel Cossai li kellha 5 rebħ iet, b'Bartolo 4 pins biss wara, hekk kif ħ adet it- tielet post, riż ultat ferm tajjeb għ all-istudenta ferm ż agh ż ugh a tal-NSS. . Frendo Duca spiċ ċ a fir-4 post, quddiem Grima, Cini, Fenech u Carannante.

L-ogh la logħ ba tan-nisa kienet bowled minn Frendo Duca, b'logħ ba ta' 244 fit-tieni ġ urnata.