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**Sarah Xuereb and Matthew Magro are crowned under 23 Champions in the  
Bank of Valletta Youth Championships at Eden Super Bowl**

Xuereb dominated the female group proceedings from day 1, to win her 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive under 23 youths to continue dominating the field.

Playing a 217 scratch average over the 12 games in the qualifiers, she led Ruslana Grima and Karlise Bartolo into the round robin, ahead of Rachel Chircop, Celianne Micallef and Mia Bugeja. The top 3 did not change positions after this round robin, with Xuereb winning all her 5 matches, Grima winning 3 and Bartolo winning 2 of the matches. This meant that Bartolo faced Grima to determine who would face Xuereb in the final. A neck and neck race to the finish line saw Grima win by just 1 pin over the plucky 11 year old Bartolo.

Grima then faced Xuereb in the final. After gaining a small early lead, Grima saw this fade away as Xuereb hammered in 4 strikes in a row at the end to win 203-172.

In the under 16, Grima had no real challenges as she emerged comfortable winner with a strong 192 average over 12 games, well ahead of Bartolo and Celianne Micallef. This was Grima's 3<sup>rd</sup> under 16 win in a row.

Bartolo in the meantime placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the under 12, ahead of Charlize Bartolo and Jade Barbara.

The male under 23 Championships saw some particularly high scores, with last year's under 23 and under 16 winner Nicholas Muscat racing ahead with a 2705 total over 12 games that featured a new under 18 record of 1357 pins (226 average) over 6 games.

12 year old Kayden Lagana also had a brilliant 2460 series, and qualified in 2<sup>nd</sup> for the under 23 behind Muscat just ahead of Matthew Magro. Reuben Scerri, Kyle Camilleri and Miguel Xuereb also qualified for the top 6 finals.

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Muscat's huge lead was not enough to keep him in first place as 18 year old Magro played an outstanding 1192 series over 5 games, with a 238 average to win all 5 games and shoot up to first. This series is the second best ever 5 game series by any local player.

Lagana', held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place just 11 pins ahead of Xuereb and went on to face Muscat to see who would challenge Magro in the final. Muscat could not however find the previous form and lost 171-202, and Lagana' went on to face Magro. He pushed Magro all the way, but at the end it was a well-deserved first under 23 title for Magro, as he pulled away 217-202.

In the under 16, Muscat defended his title with that record breaking performance and finished ahead of Lagana' and Chris Fenech, while in the under 12, Nicolai Mallia just edged out his friend Tomas Caruso by 10 pins. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Matthew Bonello.

Highest games played were both a 290 by the under 23 champions, Sarah Xuereb and Matthew Magro.

**Sarah Xuereb u Matthew Magro nkurunati Ċ ampions ta' taħ t it-23 fil-  
Bank of Valletta Youth Championships fl-Eden Super Bowl**

Xuereb iddominat il-logħ ob tal-grupp femminili mill-ewwel jum, b'medja ta '217 scratch matul it-12-il logħ ba, biex rebħ et it-8 konsekuttiva tagħ ha taħ t it-23 ž agħ ž ugħ a biex tkompli tiddomina l-qasam

Hekk kif lagħ bet medja ta '217 scratch matul it-12-il logħ ba fil-kwalifiki, Xuereb kella vantaġ ġ qawwi fuq Ruslana Grima u Karlise Bartolo fir-round robin, quddiem Rachel Chircop, Celianne Micallef u Mia Bugeja.

L-ewwel 3 ma biddlux il-poż izzjonijiet wara dan ir-round robin, b'Xuereb tirbaħ il-5 logħ biet kollha tagħ ha, Grima rebħ et 3 u Bartolo rebħ et zewġ logħ biet. Dan fisser li Bartolo ffaċ ċ jat lil Grima biex tiddetermina min se jaffronta lil Xuereb fil-finali. Din kienet taqtigha sa l'aħ ħ ar fejn rat lil Grima tirbaħ b'1 pin biss fuq iż - ž għ ira ta' 11-il sena Bartolo.

Grima mbagħ ad iffaċ ċ jat lil Xuereb fil-finali. Wara li kisbet vantaġ ġ ž għ ir kmieni, Grima rat dan il-vantaġ ġ jisparixxi hekk kif Xuereb tefat 4 strajks konsekuttivi fl-aħ ħ ar biex rebħ et 203-172.

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Fil-kategorija ta' taħ t is-16-il sena, Grima ma kellha l-ebda problema hekk kif ħ arġ et rebbieħ a b'distakk qawwi hekk kif lagħ bet medja sabiħ a ta' 192 fuq 12-il logħ ba, ferm qabel Bartolo u Celianne Micallef. Din kienet it-tielet rebħ a konsekuttiva ta' Grima fil-kampjonati ta' taħ t is-16-il sena.

Sadanittant Bartolo spiç ç at ukoll fl-ewwel post fil-kategorija ta' taħ t it-12-il sena, quddiem Charlize Bartolo u Jade Barbara.

Il-Kampjonati maskili taħ t it-23 sena raw logħ ob partikolarment għ oljin, bir-rebbieħ tas-sena li għ addiet ta taħ t it-23 u taħ t is-16-il sena, Nicholas Muscat, jaħ rab fuq quddiem b'total ta' 2705 fuq 12-il logħ ba biex għ amel rekord ġ did ta taħ t it-18-il sena ta' 1357 pin (226 medja) fuq 6 logħ biet.

Kayden Lagana ta' 12-il sena kellu wkoll serje brillanti ta' 2460, u kkwalfika fit-tieni post wara Muscat eż att qabel Matthew Magro. Reuben Scerri, Kyle Camilleri u Miguel Xuereb ukoll ikkwalfikaw għ all- finali.

Il-vantaġ ġ kbir li kellu Muscat ma kienx biż ż ejjed biex iż ommu fl-ewwel post hekk kif Magro ta' 18-il sena lagħ ab serje stupenda ta' 1192 fuq 5 logħ biet, b'medja ta' 238, biex jirbaħ il-5 logħ biet kollha u jispara sal-quç ç ata tal-grupp. Din is-serje hija t-tieni l-aħ jar 5 serje ta' logħ biet li qatt saret minn kwalunkwe plejer lokali.

Lagana ', ż amm it-3 post hekk kif kellu 11-il pin biss iktar minn Xuereb u kompla jiffaccja lil Muscat biex jara min se jisfida lil Magro fil-finali. Muscat ma setax madankollu jsib il-forma preç edenti u tilef 171-202, u Lagana' kellu jiffaç ç ja lil Magro. Lagana' lagħ ab tajjeb, izda Magro kellu pass ahjar u fl-ahhar hareg rebbieħ meritat b' logħba ta' 217 kontra 202 ta' Lagana'.

Fil kategorija ta' taħ t is-16-il sena, Muscat iddefenda b'suç ç ess t-titlu tiegħ u bir-rekord msemmi hawn fuq, u spiç ç a qabel Lagana ', filwaqt li Chris Fenech spicca t-tielet. Fil- kategorija ta' taħ t it-tnax -il sena, Nicolai Mallia għ eleb lil sieħ bu Tomas Caruso b'10 pins. It-tielet post mar għ and Matthew Bonello.

L-oghla logħbiet li ntlagħbu kienu t-tnejn 290 mic - champions ta' taht it-23 sena, Sarah Xuereb u Matthew Magro.

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