Charlize Bartolo and Nicholas Muscat win the 2026 MBA Platinum Cup

The bowling youths continue to dominate the local bowling scene as Charlize Bartolo and Nicholas Muscat won the ladies and men sections of the prestigious Platinum Cup.

Bartolo was in great form from the qualifiers, as she finished in 1 st place ahead of Alja Bergauer, Jade Barbara, Liliana Spiteri, Celianne Micallef and Tiziana Muscat Carannante. The round robin saw her win 3 of the 5 direct matches but still drop to 2nd place behind Jade Barbara, who shot 2 strong games of 230 and 201 that catapulted her into 1st place. Alja qualified in 3rd ahead of Liliana Spiteri. Jade then faced Liliana, with the later edging her 157-151 to face Charlize who got the better of Alja with a 210-177. The final saw Bartolo ensure the win with a close 205-195 final against Liliana.

In the men's category, the 12 games qualifier saw Nicolai Mallia leading the field, ahead of Muscat, Matthew Magro, Tomas Caruso, Mikhail Mallia and Philip Gruppetta. Nicolai won 4 of his 5 direct matches, while Muscat though bowling an overall higher average, won 3 and ended up in 2nd place just 1 pin behind Nicolia. Matthew Magro kept 3rd place with 4 wins out of 5 , to face Muscat in the semis, while the younger Mallia Brother, Mikhail, won 4 games to leapfrog Caruso into 4th place and face his brother in the semis.

Muscat overcame Magro 214-193, while Mikhail surprised his brother with a 255-187 game to finish joint 3rd with Magro, as Mikhail went on to face Muscat in the final.

Muscat was in no mood to give in and shot a superb 290 vs 212 and took home a much-deserved win in the Platinum Cup.





Charlize Bartolo u Nicholas Muscat jirbħu l-MBA Platinum Cup 2026

Iż-żgħażagħ tal-bowling ikomplu jiddominaw ix-xena lokali ta' dan l-isport hekk kif Charlize Bartolo u Nicholas Muscat rebħu l-kategoriji tan-nisa u tal-irġiel rispettivament fil-kompetizzjoni prestiġjuża Platinum Cup.

Bartolo wriet forma mill-aqwa sa mill-fażi ta' kwalifikazzjoni, fejn temmet fl-ewwel post, quddiem Alja Bergauer, Jade Barbara, Liliana Spiteri, Celianne Micallef u Tiziana Muscat Carannante.

Fil-fażi tar-round robin, Bartolo rebħet tlieta mill-ħames konfronti diretti tagħha, iżda xorta niżlet fit-tieni post wara Jade Barbara. Din tal-aħħar kellha żewġ logħbiet b'saħħithom ħafna, fejn kisbet punteġġi ta' 230 u 201, li għenuha titla' fl-ewwel post.

Alja kkwalifikat fit-tielet post, quddiem Liliana Spiteri. Fis-semifinali, Jade affaċċjat lil Liliana, li rnexxielha tegħlibha b'punteġġ ta' 157-151, biex b'hekk kisbet postha fil-finali kontra Charlize. Din tal-aħħar kienet għelbet lil Alja bl-iskor ta' 210-177.

Fil-finali, Bartolo aċċertat mir-rebħa b'suċċess f'konfront missielta kontra Liliana, bl-iskor finali jkun ta' 205-195.

Fil-kategorija tal-irġiel, wara 12-il logħba fil-fażi ta' kwalifikazzjoni, Nicolai Mallia spiċċa fuq quddiem tal-klassifika, quddiem Muscat, Matthew Magro, Tomas Caruso, Mikhail Mallia u Philip Gruppetta.

Nicolai rebaħ erbgħa mill-ħames konfronti diretti tiegħu, filwaqt li Muscat, minkejja li kellu medja ġenerali ogħla, rebaħ tlieta mill-ħames logħbiet u spiċċa fit-tieni post, punt wieħed biss wara Nicolai.

Matthew Magro żamm it-tielet post b'erba' rebħiet minn ħames logħbiet, biex fis-semifinali kellu jaffaċċja lil Muscat. Min-naħa l-oħra, Mikhail Mallia, iż-żgħir fost l-aħwa Mallia, rebaħ erba' logħbiet u qabeż lil Caruso biex tela' fir-raba' post, fejn kiseb postu fis-semifinali kontra ħuh.

Muscat għeleb lil Magro bl-iskor ta' 214-193, filwaqt li Mikhail issorprenda lil ħuh b'logħba mill-aqwa u rebaħlu 255-187. B'hekk, Mikhail u Magro temmew il-kompetizzjoni fit-tielet post indaqs, filwaqt li Mikhail għadda biex jaffaċċja lil Muscat fil-finali.

Muscat, iżda, ma kellu l-ebda intenzjoni li jċedi. Huwa kellu prestazzjoni mill-aqwa, fejn kiseb punteġġ impressjonanti ta' 290 kontra 212 tal-avversarju tiegħu, u b'hekk kiseb rebħa mistħoqqa fil-Platinum Cup.



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