

Looking at the first two tours of this season, it would seem that the baton has been passed from the old guard to the new! Following on from Josh Kane's impressive win at tour 1, Giuseppe D'Imperio, a player who seems to have been around for some time now but has not long since left the England Under 23 team, decided it was his turn for a piece of the action. He made short work of a host of quality players en route to the semi-final. Here he met one of the favourites for the event, Steve Petty. A season away from the game didn't seem to affect Petty as he came back with the usual confident, attacking performances that we've seen from him on many occasions. The semi final saw two players at the top of their game and there was never more than a frame between them with D'Imperio getting the crucial final frame, holding his nerve to take out a clearance from the break.

On the other side of the draw, one of the old guard, Adam Davis, was confidently making his way through a particularly tricky field. A resounding 7-0 win over Eddie Barker, something that not many will have managed, showed the level at which Davis was playing. He followed this up with an impressive 7-5 win over one of the best in the world in Phil Harrison. Gamlin was his next victim, losing 7-2, before he met the impressive newcomer to the tour, Callum Singleton. This was a rematch of last years' World Masters final, but this time Davis came out on top with a 7-5 victory.

With two players in such fine form it was always going to be difficult to pick a winner. Davis was quick out of the blocks, racing off to a 5-2 lead. D'Imperio, however, was not fazed and when his chances presented themselves he took them with amazing precision, rattling off the next 6 frames without making a mistake and taking the second tour title of the 2019 season.

#### TOUR RESULTS

FINAL	<b>GIUSEPPE D'IMPERIO [8]</b>	<b>ADAM DAVIS [5]</b>
SEMIS	Steve Petty [8-7]	Callum Singleton [8-5]
QUARTERS	Mike King [7-2]	Greg Gamlin [7-2]
LAST 16	Stephen Smart [7-5]	Phil Harrison [7-5]
LAST 32	Adam Toms [7-4]	Eddie Barker [7-0]
LAST 64	Josh Corkett [7-4]	Brett Wild [7-1]
LAST 128	Pat Kelley [7-2]	

The draws for the two finalists in the Challenge were quite a contrast. Wharne, an established player on the tour and previous Premier League player, faced a host of new players, keen to make their name, whereas Singleton, a new player who is already making his mark on the tour faced a number of seasoned tour players such as Petty, Anderson and Gamlin. Singleton was fresh from a semi-final appearance of the tour on the Saturday and is clearly keen to pick up a title early in his tour career. Wharne has previously won the Challenge event and was looking to add another to his collection. A tight game saw Singleton edge a 5-4 lead before Wharne pegged him back with a counter clearance off Singleton's dry break. The deciding frame was a nervy affair with both players having their chance but it was Wharne who was to edge it and take the title.

#### CHALLENGE RESULTS

FINAL	<b>ROB WHARNE [6]</b>	<b>CALLUM SINGLETON [5]</b>
SEMIS	Alex Cameron [5-1]	Scott Anderson [5-2]
QUARTERS	Steve Sears [5-2]	Steve Petty [5-1]
LAST 16	Chris Panayiotou [5-3]	Matt Cooke [5-4]
LAST 32	Mark Larkins [5-0]	Greg Gamlin [5-1]

LAST 64	Ben Lewis [5-0]	Lakesh Badhan [5-2]
LAST 128		Sammy Cradock [4-0]