

PLATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Darryl Rankin (lime green shirt) v Catherine Holland (blue shirt)

Game 1. In her third final of the day Catherine was up against Darryl Rankin. Catherine won the spin and from the first point found herself under pressure, losing the first point. Darryl followed this up with strong serves, which Catherine found hard to dig out without creating opportunities for Darryl, who took a dominant 5-0 lead.

Catherine looked off the pace, but then broke her duck with a three wall boast into the nick. She followed this up creating chances, but finished off with the ball into the tin. So rather than closing the gap, Darryl was able to close out the game with some counter drops, as he caught Catherine out with his deceptive pace across the court closing out the first game 11-1.

Game 2. Darryl started really well in the 2nd and made quick progress to take a 2-0 lead. Catherine found a drop from the serve to get into the game. Both players traded points to go to 4-2. Catherine found it hard to get in front of Darryl, who dominated the court. Catherine tried to win points, but again found the tin with regularity.

Darryl's touch was impressive and consistently accurate with his shot selection and variations in pace. Reading and execution by Darryl was focused and closed out the second game 11-2, now in a 2-0 lead.

Game 3. Catherine now had it all to do at 2-0 down and Darryl took charge winning the first 7 points. Catherine was however now getting in front and volleying, but again finding the tin.

Catherine finally found the front wall and the nick to break Darryl's dominance and move to 2-7. Darryl changed his game with couple of reverse boasts that stopped Catherine from volleying and took Darryl to match ball. Catherine finally found some energy and dug deep, some form and the front wall winning the next four points, to save four match points, Darryl then closed out the game 11-6 and the match 3-0.

Darryl Rankin Won 3-0: 11-1, 11-2, 11-6

