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Ontario's best darters descended on St. Catharine's over the Easter weekend for the 2008 Provincial Championships. Qualifiers from across the province were shooting for the coveted crown of provincial champion in the Mixed Doubles, Ladies Singles, and Men's Singles events.

Over 400 players fought for the top spots seeing some of the best that Canada has to offer, battle it out on the oche. The top 8 men and ladies singles along with the mixed doubles champions, will represent Ontario at the 2008 Canadian National Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba this upcoming June.

Saturday's round robin show-down saw players eager to make it to the top of their sections. Qualifying to the Provincial Championship events on Sunday is quite an achievement in a province where the competition is fierce every step of the way. There were a few surprises, some big guns falling by the way and new hopefuls looking to make their mark.

Mixed Doubles Report

In the top 32 of the mixed doubles finals there were no former champions to be found leaving the door wide open to claim this prestigious title.

Making their way to the staged final, Tracy Tremblett and Junior Mootrey (zone 15) faced off against hopefuls Denise and Junior Martin (zone 8/9).

In the best of 5 Junior Mootrey closed off leg 1 with a 32 finish leaving the Martins back on 108. Leg two produced some nerves on the board and after 33 darts Junior Martin finished off double 1 after missed doubles in both camps.

Leg 3 picked up with a few 100's and 140 but double trouble on both sides once again turned up the pressure. Tracy Tremblett sealed their second win with a dart smack dab in the middle of double 1.

Leg four saw the Martins take off and sitting on an 83 finish opportunity to level the match with Junior and Tracy back at 151. Unfortunately this was not the Martin's day as they could only watch as Junior Mootrey banged out double 10 for the match and the provincial crown.

Knock Out Bracket

http://www.dartsonario.com/Documents/Results/Adult_Provincial/07-08_results/MixedDbls-Knockout.pdf

Match Scoreboard

http://www.dartsonario.com/Documents/Results/Adult_Provincial/07-08_results/MixedDoubles-Final-Chalkboard.pdf

Ladies Report

The top 32 round saw former Ontario team members Gael Ross, Sheila Arney, Mary McDonald, Linda Rust, Karen Lapierre, and Lori Kelly all take a seat in the sidelines.

The pressure begins to rise in the all important top 16 round as these winners will represent Ontario and the non winners will go home wishing they had just one more chance at the double.

Kim Whaley-Hilts, defending provincial champion and current national champion, dashed the hopes of former team member Joanne Alves.

Debralee Roberts, runner-up in the 2007 National Ladies Singles, was also able to maintain her team status with the defeat of Annie Pitman.

New-comer Kelli Brady sent 2007 team Ontario member Marilyn Loft home and this pattern repeated itself as Paula Gooder took former Team Ontario's Mary McDonald down.

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On the other side of the bracket, yet another new-comer Kristen Carman took down former team member Lori Kelly while two other new hopefuls battled it out. Donna Goliski and Denise Martin both from zone 8/9 were looking for their first experience on Team Ontario. Denise managed the pressure and advanced to the top 8 to claim a spot on the team.

Past team member Delores Cloutier (Ontario & Quebec) took a back seat to another new prospect, Jessica Parker of Ottawa and finally Robin Curry a former provincial champ took on Hailey Webb, a youth graduate in her first adult provincials. Robin's experience paid off as she once again graced Team Ontario.

The stage was set, team Ontario determined and now the play down for the crown.

Kim Whaley – Hilts defeated Paula Gooder in her provincial debut to make her way to the staged finals. Across the room Robin Curry was making her mark in the finals with a win over Denise Martin.

Over the years these two very strong throwers have played as team mates and as adversaries.

Defending champ, Kim (Kingston) came out strong in leg 1 and was sitting on a 102 finish after just 12 darts with Robin (zone 13) back on 289...this looked like a win in Kim's favour.

But that was not meant to be as double trouble gave Robin the opportunity to steal away the first leg from Kim with a 45 finish to chalk up leg 1.

Leg 2 also went the distance with Kim racking up her first win of the match. Solid darts from both girls in leg 3 but the name of the game was the doubles. Many opportunities on both sides to move ahead but Kim seized the moment and moved into a 2-1 lead.

Robin reached the finish first at 85 after 18 darts with Kim way back on 192. All over the wires, Robin was unable to level the match. Steady shooting saw Kim Whaley – Hilts check out 12 to defend her title and claim victory as the 2008 Ontario Provincial Ladies Singles Champion!

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Men's Report

The top 32 bracket of the men's singles finals was like the who's who of Ontario darts. Predictions of who would make the team would be no easy feat with this tough crowd.

The top guns began to fall early...Doug Scanlon, Jim Long, David Richardson, Norm Wylie, and Al Bouchie, to name a few, all toppled in the 32's.

The top 16 was just as tough to determine. This is where it all counts and it is no easy feat to make it to this point in the event...hats off to all the contenders.

New-comer Mike Power ousted former team member Dennis Latimer while John Verwey showed his prowess by sending Ray Walker packing.

André Carman, Chris Scutt, John Morrison, and Ross Snook all former team members dashed the dreams of hopefuls Neil Robinson, Marc Villeneuve, Lloyd Foremen, and John Henderson.

In the final top16 match two new-comers Jason Marchis and Brian Baxter battled for the honour with Jason claiming the glory and a Team Ontario seat.

Battling to the stage Chris Scutt of Brampton (zone 8/9) and André Carman of Guelph (zone 5) meet for the finals showdown and provincial championship title.

Kicking off the match with a 100, Chris leads the way down the board. A 180 midway gives Chris a nice lead with and after 12 darts he was sitting on 36 with

Andre back at 150. However; this was not meant to be for Chris as missed doubles gave André the opportunity to snag the first leg.

Leg two was a cooker with PPDA averages of 27.8 for André and 28.47 for Chris. With six 100+ scores and a 180, this leg rocked. Chris, having no opportunity to finish off 76, watched as André wrapped up leg two with a double 18 to move ahead in the match 2-0.

Down two legs Chris really needed to pull it together in leg 3. Chris produced a 17 darter unshaken by André two 180's to set himself up for his first win on a 90 finish with André looking at double 10.

Leg four saw the averages of both players under 20 as the pressure begins to build. Chris needing this leg to stay alive, André needing it to win the championship title. 3 shots each at the double and Chris finally checked out double 4 for a do-or-die win to even up the match.

With the match even at 2-2 the final leg would tell all. Winning the bull André fires off a 100 and Chris was short in his answer with just a 55. A 140 from Chris saw him pull ahead after 12 darts to sit at 146 with André on 163.

With a shot at the title Chris can only catch a 60 to leave 86. André, now sitting on 74 makes no waste of time here checking out the finish to capture the men's singles provincial championship title.

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