



Martina Beckel, Steven Jeeves repeat at 11th Dutch Senior Open

For the second time this International Seniors Bowling Tour season, **Martina Beckel** of Germany and **Steven Jeeves** won the women's and men's title, this time in the **Dutch Senior Open** which concluded Sunday at Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein, Netherlands. Beckel and Jeeves (l-r) also won the 50+ Euro Bowling Open in Antwerp, Belgium, in April.

The 11th edition of the tournament was the sixth stop on the 2016 ISBT and - as always - attracted a large number of entries and was well supported by local bowlers. With 134 men and 37 women taking part, the numbers included 75 Dutch bowlers, making this the largest

tournament on the 2016 tour.

The format for the tournament was a single qualifying block of 8 games, with unlimited re-entries. For those not able to qualify through the main leaderboard, there were additional opportunities through Turbo games and Scratch scores.

Age bonus started at age 51 (1 pin per game), then increased a pin for every additional year of age with no limit. As with all ISBT events, there was a separate division for ladies.

The two squads on Wednesday saw **Georgio Desimio** of Belgium post a healthy 1812 with age bonus, followed by **Gino di Giorno**, Netherlands, with 1801. In the ladies' section, **Liliane Vintens** of Belgium got off to a great start with 1708.

Thursday's two squads saw the top score extended significantly by **Roger Pieters**, Belgium, with 1962. His compatriot **Robert Vallons** was some distance behind with 1794. **Kimberly Oakley** of England bowled a good block of 1603 to slot into second place in the overall rankings.

There were three qualifying squads on Friday. **Keith Hodge**, England, took the first with 1860. In the second squad, **Steven Jeeves**, England, exactly matched Hodge's score, but was some way behind the excellent 1984 posted by **Kalle Gaiser** of Germany. In the final squad of the day, **Vincent Wuylens**, Belgium, took top spot with 1931.



The final qualifying day also had three qualifying squads, and in the first, **Ulf Lonngren** (pictured with tournament manager Ad van der Jagt), Sweden, had a perfect 300 in his third game, and went on to win the squad with 1846.

There was good scoring in the women's section in the first squad, with **Paula Visser**, Netherlands, posting 1621, just ahead of **Martina Beckel**, Germany, with 1615.

In the second squad, **Peter Broekmans**, Netherlands, led with 1888, with **Marianne Pelz**, Germany, leading the ladies with 1635.

The final qualification squad was led by **Marc Franceus**, Belgium, with 1863, with local favorite **Farida Pascoal-Blom** top lady with 1605.

After completion of qualifying, **Kalle Gaiser** led the men's division with 1984, ahead of **Roger Pieters**, **Vincent Wuylens** and **Peter Broekmans**. These four would all miss the quarter final round. The cut for the final fell at **Ekkehard Oette**, Germany, with 1747. In the ladies' section, **Liliane Vintens** was top, followed by **Marianne Pelz** and **Paula Visser**.



Very early on Sunday morning, men qualifiers 4 to 31, plus the three Turbo and two Scratch qualifiers (pictured above) bowled four games, with only the top 16 progressing to the semi-final. This was easily led by two-time defending champion, **Carlo Greulich**, Germany, on 1034, ahead of **Klaus Uwe Lischka**, Germany, and **Georgio Desimio**.



The semi-finals for both the men and ladies followed on, and **Steven Jeeves** found top form to post 1051 over his four games, a 259 scratch average. Trailing behind were **Roger Pieters** and **Uwe Tscharke**, Germany.

Only eight would make the final, the cut fell at 912 for **Hermann Wimmer**, Germany, a two-time winner this season. In the ladies' section, **Marianne Pelz** had a slight lead over **Kimberly Oakley** and **Martina Beckel**. 50% of the pinfall from this round would carry forward into the 8-person finals.

Both finals were played in round-robin format, with 30 pins for a win. After four games in the men's section, **Hermann Wimmer** had opened up a small lead over **Ron Oldfield**, England, and **Uwe Tscharke**.

In the fifth game, a 240 game for **Steven Jeeves** pushed him into second place, but he was still some distance behind Wimmer. In the next game a 268 game for Jeeves now put him just 31 pins behind.

A lowly 203 last game, his second lowest of the final, looked like it might cost him the win, but **Hermann Wimmer** (left) had a real horror game, finishing with a 167 to give the win to **Steven Jeeves** (center) by just 17 pins. **Uwe Tscharke** (right) finished in third position.



The ladies' final saw **Martina Beckel** ease into a small lead thanks to winning her first four matches. At this point she was just 37 pins ahead of **Angie Brown**, who had only won two matches.

Beckel (center) continued to win her matches, losing only one of her seven matches, and finished with a comfortable 102 pin lead over Brown (left), who had only won three matches despite averaging almost the same pinfall in the final. **Marianne Pelz** (right) finished in third place, just four pins behind Brown.

Beckel's win was her second consecutive at the Dutch Senior Open and her third on the tour this year.

The next stop on the tour is the **Senior Open Dream-Bowl Palace**, which will be held at the Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring near Munich, Germany. The tournament runs from the 28th August to 4th September.

Full details are available at the [ISBT website](#).

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