

UK Open Final, Reebok Stadium, Bolton 3-6 June

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Time to go to Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England for the 2010 UK OPEN Final.

96 Professionals + 32 Rileys Qualifier and 10 BDO invites. Makes it a total of 138 players who wants to win and show what they can do. Lots of spectators that will follow the 4 day event. It starts out with 8 stages with one main stage and one medium stage and 6 smaller stages and everyone can follow the matches real close if they want to. Every stage has a Sky Sports camera and a cameraman and if you play good you might end up live in Sky Sports TV. Which I did.

We arrived on the Wednesday and we stayed in a small village named Lostock just one station from the Reebok Stadium. It was a lovely B & B run by a lovely woman and her daughter of age 4. Fabulous room with our own balcony over seeing the landscapes, very beautiful. Every morning she made us a full English breakfast and serves us at the table and her daughter had her breakfast with us so it felt very familiar and house warm. Next year when I qualify for the UK open again we will stay there again for sure.

Thursday we went up to the venue pretty early so I could start practicing for my game. Felt very good. Unfortunately it's so many players on Thursday so your guest weren't allowed in before 6 in the venue and the matches started at 7. So my guest Ingela and my Sponsors from A180 Dave and Karl Holden had to sit in the local pub while I was practising. But I practiced for a while then joined them before going to the players lounge again.

Tonights match was against Steve Farmer a former national team player for England but I felt really good and I was determent to win this game. I started very steady and took a 2-0 lead and it felt so good. But missed a couple of darts in wrong places so instead of keeping the lead I found my self 5-2 down. Steve played very good and so did I so it was a fun game to play. When I realised what was happening I told my self to shape up and stop missing the last darts and it helped. I pulled back to 5-5 with a great performance and in the deciding leg I missed 141 for the match and he could check it out on his last dart and once more I found myself loosing with 6-5. But I must say thanks to Steve for a great match and I'm looking forward to a rematch someday.

It feels like I'm very close now to take the next step up the ladder getting more solid and consistent by the day and soon the marginals will be on my side and good thing will happen for me, I'm sure of it.

We stayed and watch the rest of the tournament and had a great stay with old and new friends. Will specially mention John Price and his friends, hope to meet up someday over a pint.

Next stop Barnsley.

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