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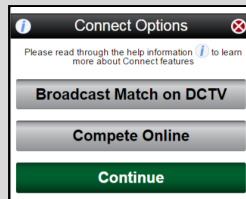# Let DartConnect Prepare You for the US Masters!

Quickly optimize your practice sessions and hone your game for the real thing.

Practice realistic match formats versus challenging competition:
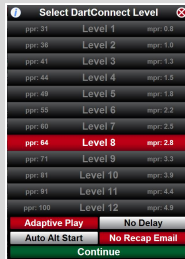
Live Opponents

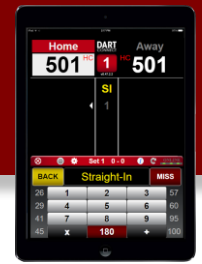**Online Opponents**

vs DartConnect Computer AI

The DartConnect Training Advantage:

- Mobile-Friendly – take your practice anywhere!
- A practice partner is ALWAYS available:
  - Live opponents
  - Online opponents
  - vs DartConnect computer opponent
- Programmable World Series Match Formats:
  - Long Format Leg or Set Play
  - Alternate Starts
  - Qualifier, NA Championship & US Masters included
  - See the Format Templates in this guide
- Monitor progress with *My DCA* & *My Leaderboard*:
  - Opponent-specific performance tracking
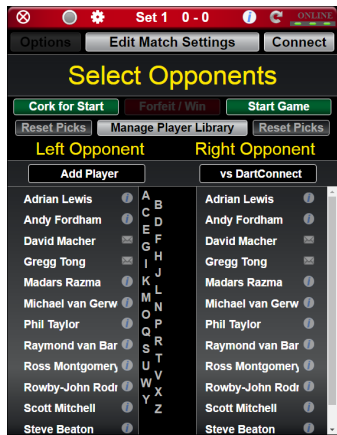 - Comprehensive statistical reporting

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I. Practice vs Live Opponents

Playing a live opponent is the best way to prepare you for real competition, but can also be the hardest to arrange consistently. Take advantage of this time when you can.

Make sure opponent's email matches their DartConnect Membership Account for stat recording & *My Leaderboard*

What makes a good practice partner?

- Similar or better skill level than yourself

- Shares your goals for improvement and is training for the same competitions

- Available regularly at a set time
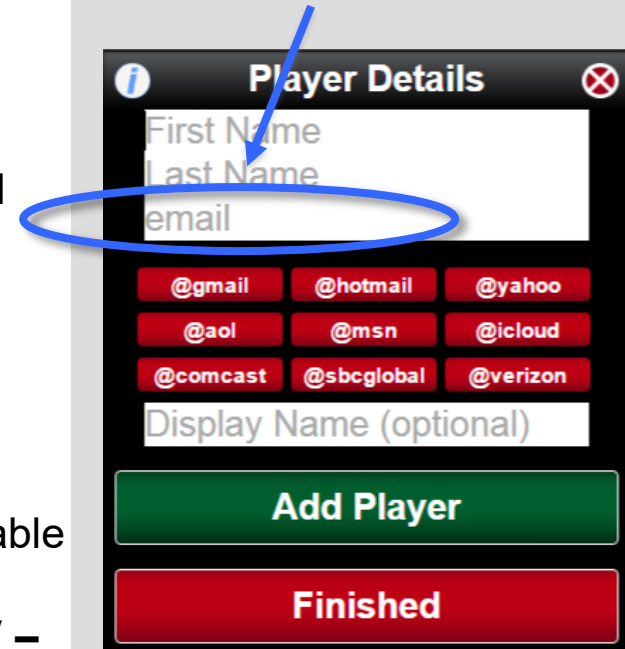
Scrimmage and Spar like it's the real thing…

- Simulate a competition environment, don't be too comfortable and try to play in public venues with noise & distractions
- Play the match format you are practicing for – **see Sec. IV – Programming Match Formats**

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II. Practice vs Online Opponents

When your Live Opponent is too far away or can't leave their home, ***Competing Online*** is the next best thing.

### *See Next Page for Online Match Setup Instructions*

Online Play Tips:

- Focusing on the game can make you forget you are playing online
- If not using a webcam, use a speakerphone so you can talk if necessary
- You can still play simulated competition formats – **see Sec. IV – Programming Match Formats**

Why is a web cam optional?

- For practice you should not be concerned with cheating, otherwise consider finding a more trustworthy opponent
- No camera means less technical know-how required and much less chance of bandwidth related problems

Make sure you add online opponent to your player library with their DartConnect Membership email for stat recording & *My Leaderboard*
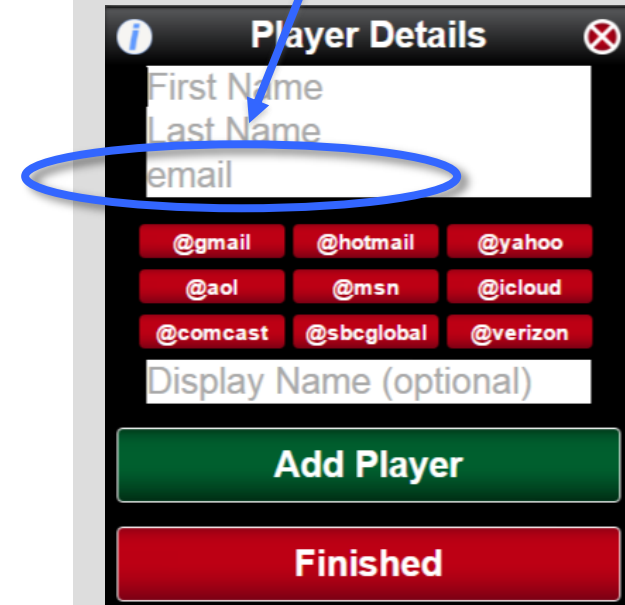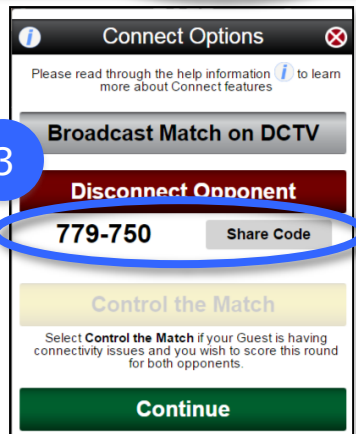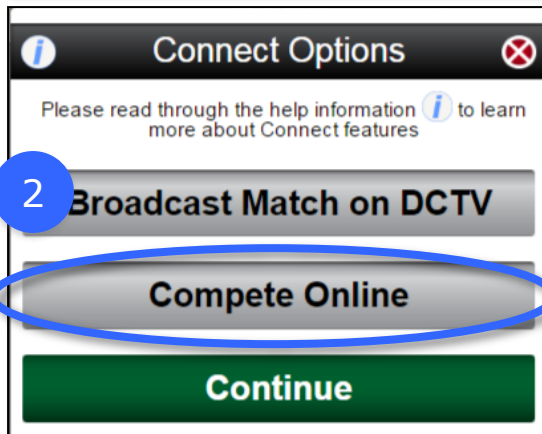
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II. How To Set up an Online Match

1. Tap the **gray circle** (the online indicator) or **Connect Button**
2. Select "**Compete Online**"

3. Share the **Connect Code** with opponent.

4. Opponent selects "**Guest Connect**" from the Welcome Screen

5. Enter the **Connect Code** to join the match.

Devices are now connected.

6. **Host** selects players and sets up the match.

Each side enters their own score.

Optional: Communicate via speakerphone or add a webcam with Skype or other service.

Note: Online opponent does not need to be a Premium member and can register a free DartConnect guest account to play online with Premium Members.

Join the Facebook group "DartConnect Match Finder" for finding online opponents or have your friends create a free guest account to download the app for online "guest" play.

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III. Practice vs DartConnect's AI Opponent

No humans to play? *DartConnect has you covered.*

See Next Page for "vs DartConnect" Setup Instructions

Computer Opponent Tips:

- Choose a starting skill level that is slightly above your own

- Increase the opponent level over time and challenge yourself to reach higher performance

- Use "No Delay" to speed up practice sessions, but leave delay on to simulate a more realistic pace of play

- Occasionally play vs Level 11 or 12 to stretch yourself and simulate playing a top professional

- Once in the "flow" of the game, you may even forget you are playing vs a computer

- Use "Random" start to simulate the Shoot for Bull

Select DartConnect Level

ppr: 31	Level 1	mpr: 0.8
ppr: 36	Level 2	mpr: 1.0
ppr: 41	Level 3	mpr: 1.3
ppr: 44	Level 4	mpr: 1.5
ppr: 49	Level 5	mpr: 1.8
ppr: 55	Level 6	mpr: 2.2
ppr: 60	Level 7	mpr: 2.5
ppr: 64	Level 8	mpr: 2.8
ppr: 71	Level 9	mpr: 3.3
ppr: 81	Level 10	mpr: 3.9
ppr: 91	Level 11	mpr: 4.4
ppr: 100	Level 12	mpr: 4.9

Adaptive Play	No Delay
Auto Alt Start	No Recap Email
Continue	

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III. How to Play vs DartConnect
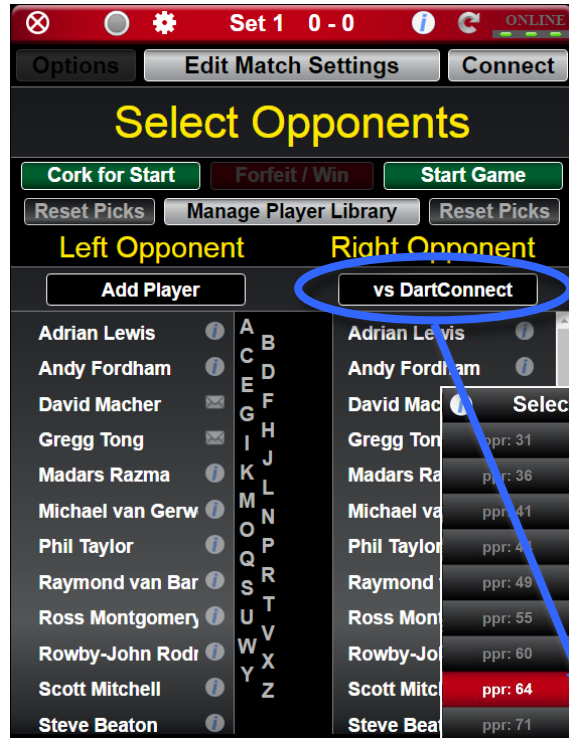
Select
"vs DartConnect"
from the
Opponent Screen
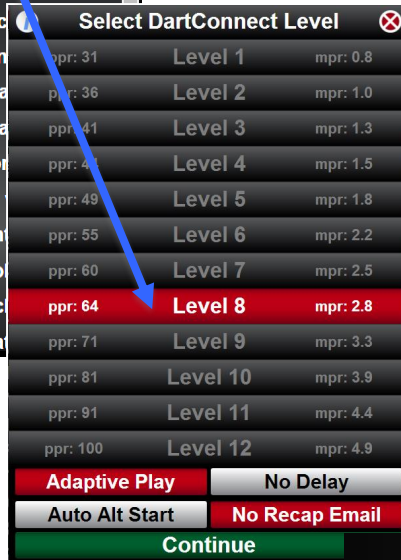
Competing Against DartConnect

Select DartConnect Level
When competing against DartConnect, select the level of difficulty using the corresponding three-dart average as a guide. Once a match has been initiated, you can adjust the difficulty by tapping the opponent name ("DC 5.0") in the header.

Adaptive Play Option
This allows DartConnect to adjust its level of difficulty between games, adapting to your level of play. DartConnect will index in small increments until it finds equilibrium with your current proficiency.

No Delay Option
DartConnect was designed to simulate real match play, allowing the player to return to the throw line and "watch" DartConnect's turn. If you want to speed up game play, select this option. Note: Players will lose their "grace period" for correcting miss-keys, requiring them to edit prior turns AFTER DartConnect finishes.

Auto Alt Start Option
This allows DartConnect to automatically start the next game, without any input from the player. The match will stop at the end of each set, with Auto Start resuming with the next.

No Recap Email Option
Prevents the match recap from being delivered via email. The recap is still available in the members match log.

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IV. Programming Match Formats

DartConnect's Match Settings can replicate many different competition formats

Match Settings

1. Select Set Format (optional)
- "Best Of"
- #
- Play All Sets

2. Select Legs Format
- "Best Of"
- Play Every Leg
- Select Number of Legs Before Each Set
- Same Number of Legs For All Sets

3. Select Game Type
- Every Leg
- Once Per Set
- Once Per Match

4. Select Player Start Format
- Alternate
- Cork
- Select Player
- Show All Starting Options

- Continue
- Reset

Play a single set or multiple sets. Play every set or "best of" a certain # of sets

Make each set "best of" a certain # of legs or play every leg to simulate Round Robin Play

Play the same game the entire set or match or switch games between legs or sets
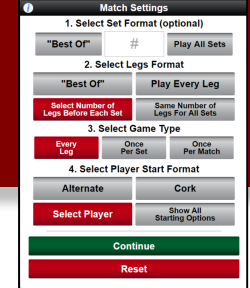(e.g. Use "Once Per Match" if playing all 501)

Choose from multiple ways to determine starting player, including alternating or cork

Continue reading to see Match Format Templates

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Template: World Series Qualifier Format

Best of 1 Set, Best of 7 Legs*, Alternate Start, Cork First Match Leg

"Best of" 1 Set

Each set will be "Best Of" 7 legs

Select game type only once at the start of the match

System will automatically keep track of which player's turn it is.

* # of legs may change based on number of players but will be minimum Best of 7

Copy these settings into the app

Template: North American Championship Format

Best of 5 Sets, Each Set Best of 5 Legs, Alternate Start, Cork First Match Leg

Match Settings

1. Select Set Format (optional)

"Best Of"	5	Play All Sets

2. Select Legs Format

"Best Of"	Play Every Leg
Select Number of Legs Before Each Set	Same Number of Legs For All Sets

3. Select Game Type

Every Leg	Once Per Set	Once Per Match

4. Select Player Start Format

Alternate

Random Match Start	Cork First Match Leg	Cork Last Match Leg

Continue

Reset

"Best of" 5 Sets

Each set will be "Best Of" 5 legs and each set is the same # of legs.

Select game type only once at the start of the match

System will automatically keep track of which player's turn it is.

Copy these settings into the app

Match Settings

- Best of 5 Sets   Set 1
- Alternate
- Cork First Match Leg

Change Match Settings

Best of	First to
1 Leg	1 Wins
3 Legs	2 Wins
5 Legs	3 Wins
7 Legs	4 Wins
Other	

Continue

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Template: U.S. Darts Masters Format

Best of 1 Set, Best of # Legs (Progressive), Alternate Start, Cork First Match Leg

Match Settings

1. Select Set Format (optional)

| "Best Of" | 1 | Play All Sets |

"Best of" 1 Set

2. Select Legs Format

| "Best Of" | Play Every Leg |

| Select Number of Legs Before Each Set | Same Number of Legs For All Sets |

Each set will be "Best Of", Enter # legs

3. Select Game Type

| Every Leg | Once Per Set | Once Per Match |

Select game type only once at the start of the match

4. Select Player Start Format

| Alternate |

| Random Match Start | Cork First Match Leg | Cork Last Match Leg |

System will automatically keep track of which player's turn it is.

Continue

Reset

Match Settings

- Best of 1 Sets — Set 1
- Alternate
- Cork First Match Leg

Change Match Settings

Best of

Enter Legs for this Set

#

Continue

Other

Skip

Opening Rounds: Best of 11
Qtr-Finals: Best of 19
Semi-Finals: Best of 21
Finals: Best of 21

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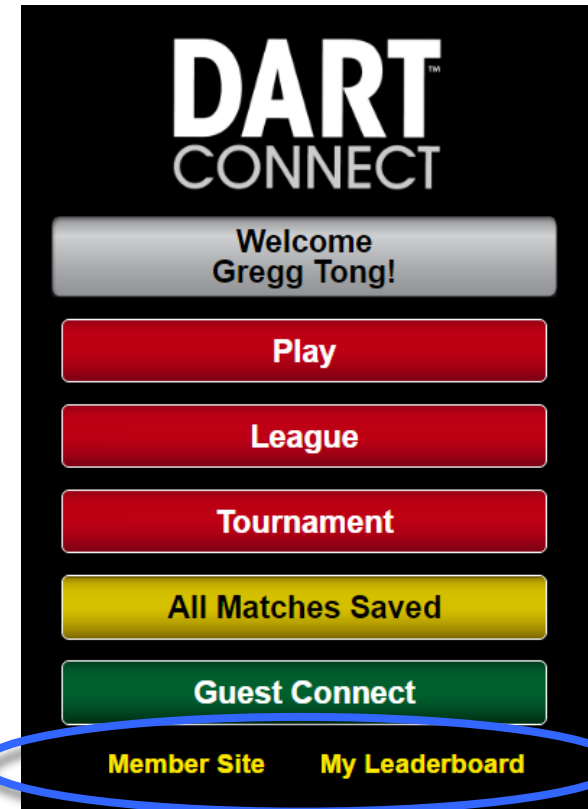# *Measure Your Progress*

What's your DCA?

Click here to find out

My Leaderboard

MyDCA

- Shows your 3-month Rolling Average

- See your MyDCA "Baseball Card" for visual snapshot of your trending data (see next page)

- Available on the Member's Site and a link inside the app

My Leaderboard

- Opponent-specific historical performance record

- A "personal" version of our tournament and league leaderboards – exclusive Premium Member Benefit

- A wealth of information at your fingertips – drill down on how you play against specific players

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Welcome Gregg Tong!

Play

League

Tournament

All Matches Saved

Guest Connect

Member Site   My Leaderboard

Access MyDCA and My Leaderboard from inside the App

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Measure Your Progress

MyDCA "Baseball Card"

A visual snapshot of your 3-month rolling averages, activity and performance trends.

Wins 73%	76.1 PPR	Last 10 Games		3.8 MPR	Wins 74%
O-PPR 62.4		69.2	3.8		O-MPR 3.0

Activity	Opponents	Games	Darts	Hours	DER
3 Months	275	701	11,069	46.6	6%

4/23/2017   What's *Your* DCA?   Member # 008
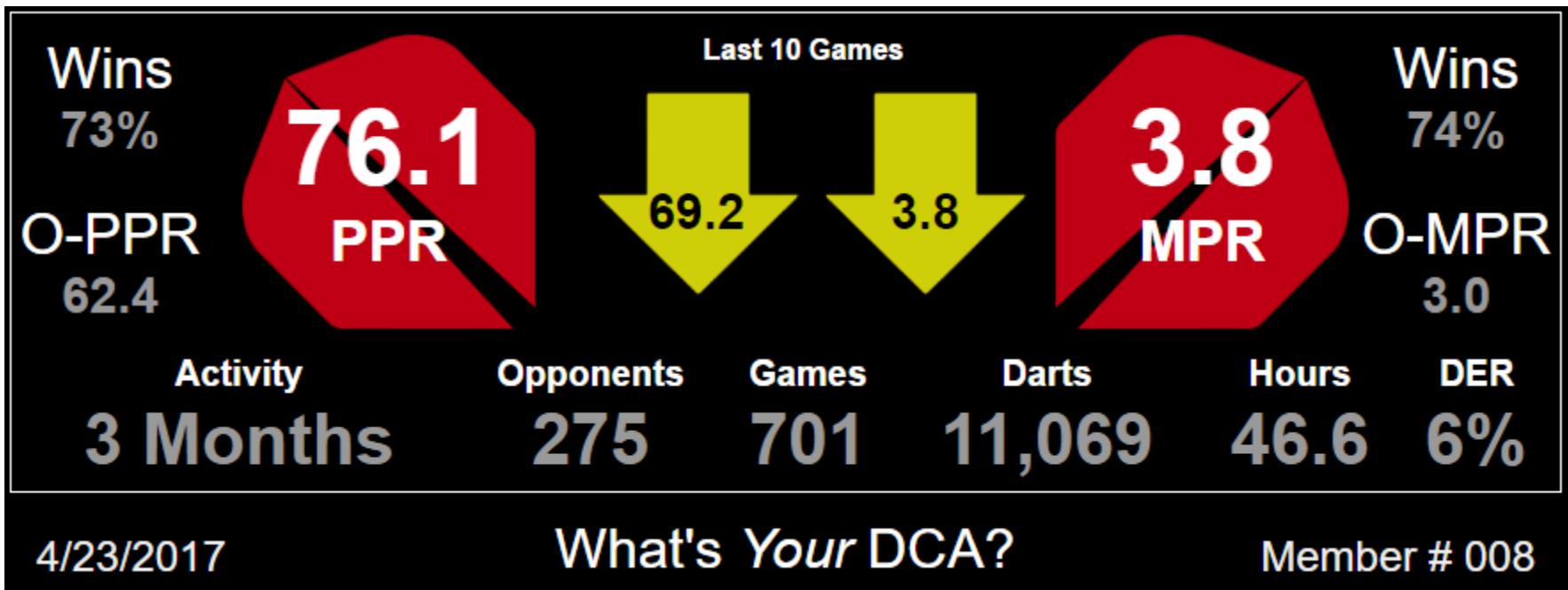
Access your personal baseball card on the member's website – see link inside the app

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My Leaderboard – Exclusive Premium Member Benefit

An historical record of your opponents and your performance against them individually

All Darts : All 01											
Activity Type ▼		**Game Type** ▼									**Filters**
216 Opponent's PPR vs. Tom: 65.0					Tom's PPR vs 216 Opponents: 74.4						
216	**Opponents**	**O-PPR**	**Fir9**	**AFin**	**O-DCA**	**PPR**	**Fir9**	**AFin**	**MC**	**Legs**	**LW%**	**HLC**
✓	Anderson, Bill	54.0	58.9	-	66.4	76.1	79.4	67.0	2	5	80%	-
✓	Avery, Brad	55.2	55.2	-	41.1	77.3	84.5	40.0	1	2	100%	-
✓	Barlow, Jayson	66.0	83.0	16.0	73.5	58.5	72.3	-	1	1	0%	-
✓	Barry, Avery	75.0	77.5	-	67.9	89.2	98.2	42.0	2	4	100%	-
✓	Bernard, Ray	52.3	43.8	47.0	46.3	75.0	89.1	42.0	1	3	67%	-

See next page for detailed explanation of statistics and how to read the leaderboard

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Measure Your Progress

My Leaderboard

See the leaderboard footer for detailed explanation of each statistic and their meaning.

Your Opponents

Tap player column header to sort players alphabetically and then select checkmarks to mark your favorite players. Use the "Group" button to create your own leaderboard.

Opp Avg vs You

O-PPR: 3 Dart Avg
Fir9: First 9 Darts
AFin: Avg finish
O-DCA: 3 Dart Avg Against All Players

Your Avg vs Opp

PPR: 3 Dart Avg
Fir9: Avg of First 9 Darts
AFin: Avg Finish

Your Record

MC: Match Count
Legs: Legs Played
LW%: Leg Win Percentage
HLC: Number of Legs Handicapped

3 Dart Avg (PPR)

Points Per Round defines a player's '01 three-dart average. This is the most accurate measure of a player's overall ability.

A player's shooting consistency is determined by the First Nine Darts thrown in '01 competition. Average Finish determines a player's shooting accuracy, by averaging their '01 double-out scores.

Opponent's 3 Dart Avg

The opponent's PPR reflects how well each player competes with the member. The opponent's DartConnect Average (DCA) is how well they play against ALL players, including non-members.

3 Dart Avg

The member's PPR reflects how well they compete with each opponent. The member's DartConnect Average (DCA) is how well they compete with all opponents listed in the leaderboard, including non-members. This can be found in the section header and the "red row" when sorting by member PPR.

Record

Win/Loss records can be misleading. The opponent's three-dart average (O-3DA) is the collective average of all opponents faced by this player during the season/event. Use this to benchmark winning percentages.

If the opponents have played any handicapped legs, they will noted in the HLC column.

Access My Leaderboard on the member's website – see link inside the app

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