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## **STEPLADDER FINALISTS DECIDED AFTER VII CTBC MASTERS MATCHPLAY**

The VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship Masters currently underway at Northcliff Bowl in Johannesburg is showcasing the talent of some of the world's top bowlers and delighting local spectators and an international audience via livestreaming provided by the TBASA.

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Twelve men and women made the cut to contest the Masters based on qualifying scores accumulated by their individual performances in the Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Teams events held during the week.

In the Women's division of matchplay this morning, Malaysia's Siti Amirah finished top of the leaderboard on 2852, including 80 bonus points for wins in eight of her twelve games. Amirah shot a near-perfect 279 in Game 4, earning High Game honours for the match.

Singles Silver medallist Bec Whiting from Australia sits in second place on 2834, including 90 bonus points, and 19 year-old Becky Daly from England rounds out the top three on 2702. Daley won 10 of the round-robin games and tied with Malaysia's Shalin Zulkifli in the position round to earn a total of 105 bonus points.

After qualifying 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> yesterday Dennis Mercieca from Malta and Men's Singles Bronze medallist Akaash Kumar blitzed the lanes and looked set to qualify for top 3 placings going into Game 5. Mercieca maintained a strong lead and with only four games still to play had accumulated 1992, including 60 bonus points, 70 ahead of Malaysia's Mohd Nur Aiman. Men's Doubles Gold medallist, Quintin Haywood from South Africa sat in third on 1901, with Malaysia's Timmy Tan closing in on 1865.

Game 9 saw the lead change as Aiman shot a 275 game, plus 10 bonus points for the match win to sit at 2207, just ahead of Mercieca on 2184. Haywood also collected 10 bonus points for his 268 win in Game 9 to retain third place on 2179.

Showing the form that won the Silver Gold medal earlier in the week, Aiman finished as top seed with a final three games of 258, 214 and 278 and a total of 2987, 114 clear of Quinton Haywood.

The final berth for tomorrow's stepladder final came down to the wire with England's Elliot Crosby edging out Timmy Tan from Malaysia by just 2 pins.

The Championship concludes on Saturday with the Men's and Women's Top 3 Stepladder Finals, commencing at 10am, and streamed live.

Full scores are available online via the official Championship website – [www.ctbc2016.org](http://www.ctbc2016.org).

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