

Lucky 13th seeding steers Harms to victory over Jenno

Tournament sensation and Dutch electrician Wesley Harms continued to shock as he fused Paul Jennings title aspirations 5-3, to coast into the semi finals.

But the 13th seed was made to fight all the way by the Hartlepool hotshot who just didn't know when to give up in the 88-minute clash.

Harms from north west Holland, who started the tournament as a 50/1 outsider had his odds slashed to 10/1 before the game and now they are likely to be further revised.

The opening sets went with the throw, although Harms after hitting a maximum in the deciding leg of the first set missed two darts to finish 58 and then in his next throw he bust 20, which would have given him the advantage.

After the opening legs of the second set went with the throw the Dutchman pounced to take the third on double tops. He raced into a commanding lead in the fourth but needed eight double attempts and double one to clinch the set.

Jenno seized the initiative in the next opening up a 2-0 lead, against the throw, Sparky clinching the third in 13 darts but then missing double 14 for a set-levelling 121 checkout as Jennings coolly fired in double 19 to level the match with a 115 finish.

A 15-darter paved the way for a 3-0 rout for the Dutchman in the fifth for a 3-2 match lead, who then turned the power up to hit consecutive doubles (five and 15) after he missed double tops with his first dart to lead the set 2-1.

Sparky fired in a spectacular 107 checkout, finished on double 16, sending the orange-clad supporters in the crowd into fits of ecstasy as he took control of the match with a 4-2 interval lead.

He stole the opening leg of the sixth with a 15 dart checkout but then bust an attempt to take the next with 98, Jennings nipping in to exit on double tops, repeating the feat in the next leg against the throw. He held his nerve in the tense fourth to smash in an 11-dart checkout to pull back a set.

The opening three legs of the eighth set went with the darts, Jennings hitting a mere 27 as he suffered a bounce-out in the crucial leg, Harms powering in a 133, which left him 59. A single 19 left him his favourite double tops but nerves forced the dart below the double ring as he confidently steered his third dart into the match-winning double 10 for a place in the last four.