

Fourth seed Farlam guns down Doncaster's Lawman

Fourth seed Lorraine Farlam survived a tough quarter final match toppling Karen Lawman 2-1 to edge into the semi finals.

The Buxton ace needed 49 minutes to dash the title hopes of the former World Master in a match which was overshadowed by big night nerves

The opening leg went with the throw, double trouble affected both players in the second leg, won by Lawman, remarkably with her 47th dart! The fourth seed took the third leg with the throw, exiting on 90, finished with double tops.

The Buxton player won the race to the double but missed three set-winning attempts, Lawman then missing double 16 before Farlam notched double 10 with her second dart.

Lawman, winner of the 1988 World Masters took the opening leg of the second set as the next four legs went with the throwing advantage, the Doncaster player clinching the second set with an eye-catching 75 finish completed with double 20.

But Farlam bounced back unleashing a 125 checkout finished on double tops to take the opening leg of the third set, pouncing to finish on double 16 in the next after Lawman fluffed a chance for double tops.

Play was delayed in the third leg after one of Farlam's darts went missing after slipping behind the staging, forcing part of the new striking stage set to be partially dismantled.

Despite missing a match-saving 131 checkout, Lawman composed herself to hit double four on her next throw to take the third leg against the throwing advantage. She levelled hitting double seven for an 88 checkout.

Farlam surged into the deciding fifth leg with 140 and 125 scores, leaving 96 after 12 darts, Lawman firing in a maximum to leave 81 but then missing three match-winning darts, as cool Farlam nipped in to book her semi final spot with double 10.