



2006 Q OPEN MEDIA NEWS SERVICE

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Rockhampton
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Men's Semi Final:

- [1] Dan Jensen [SA] [3/4] def Craig Rowland [QLD] 11-7 11-7 11-7
[2] Mike Corren [SA] [3/4] def Steven Finitzis [QLD] 9-11 11-8 11-7 5-11 11-9

The top two seeds will battle out the men's final of the 2006 Queensland Open Championship.

#1 seed and World #38 Dan Jensen had too many answers for the former World #7 Craig Rowland winning in fine style 11-7 11-7 11-7

In a fast and furious match the 2002 Q Open Champion remained composed and in total control of the situation. Rowland never looked comfortable making a number of uncharacteristic errors but nothing can be taken away from the winner.

Jensen will meet #2 seed and World #94 Mike Corren in the final who had a much tougher win against young gun Steve Finitzis.

World #106 Finitzis began well taking the first 11-9 but the experience of Corren saw him slowly but surely build a 2-1 advantage. However, Finitzis steadied and took the 4th 11-5.

Finitzis began the 5th in fine style taking a commanding 6-3 lead. Corren then hit a purple patch which saw him move to 8-6 with a good combination of tight shots and nice changes of pace. However, Finitzis wasn't ready to wave the white flag and worked well to even up the contest at 8-8. At 9-9 Corren nailed a very important nick to set up match ball.

An unforced error from the racquet of Finitzis saw Corren take the match and march into the final. Jensen and Corren played in an all South Australian final in June with Jensen winning 3-0 on that occasion. Corren however took a game off Jensen in their Australian Open quarter final clash a week later.

Jensen will start favourite.



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