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RICHARD VEENSTRA

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PDC TOUR CARD FOR FLYERS!!

Richard Veenstra captured his Tour Card for the next two years at Q-School last week. The 41-year-old Dutchman was a semi-finalist at the BDO and WDF World Championships in the past.

Veenstra captured his Tour Card via the Q-School rankings, in which he finished second. "On the last day, I already knew in the quarter-finals that I was sure of my Tour Card, therefore I could finish the last matches very relaxed. I am really particularly satisfied that I did manage to secure a Tour Card this year," Veenstra told Darts Actueel.

For Veenstra, it was his third participation in Q-School. "The first time it took some getting used to and the second time I was unlucky with the draw. Last year I didn't go because of the pandemic. So third times the charm!"



VEENSTRA / GROEN WIN OPEN STEENWIJKERLAND PAIRS

As ambassador of the Open Steenwijkerland Richard paired up with Sven Groen in one of the bigger regional tournaments in the North-East of the Netherlands.

Over 100 pairs attended the tournament. Veenstra and Groen eventually beat local pair Sietse Kuipers / Gillian Koehoorn with 4-1 in the final.

CALENDAR 2023-Q1

11.02	Players Championship 1	Barnsley, UK
12.02	Players Championship 2	Barnsley, UK
13.02	ET 1-2 Qualifiers	Barnsley, UK
18.02	Players Championship 3	Barnsley, UK
19.02	Players Championship 4	Barnsley, UK
20.02	ET 3-4 Qualifiers	Barnsley, UK
24.02*	ET 1 - Baltic Sea Open	Kiel, GER
03.03	Cazoo UK Open	Minehead, UK
04.03	Cazoo UK Open	Minehead, UK
05.03	Cazoo UK Open	Minehead, UK
11.03	Players Championship 5	Barnsley, UK
12.03	Players Championship 6	Barnsley, UK
13.03	ET 5-6 Qualifiers	Barnsley, UK
19.03	Players Championship 7	Hildesheim, GER
20.03	Players Championship 8	Hildesheim, GER
21.03	ET 7-8 Qualifiers	Hildesheim, GER
24.03*	ET 2 - European Darts Open	Leverkusen, GER
31.03*	ET 3 - International Open	Riesa, GER
08.04*	ET 4 - German Grand Prix	Munich, GER
15.04	Players Championship 9	Wigan, UK
16.04	Players Championship 10	Wigan, UK
17.04	ET 9-10 Qualifiers	Wigan, UK
21.04*	ET 5 - Austrian Darts Open	Graz, Aut
28.04*	ET 6 - Dutch Championships	Leeuwarden, NL

* = only attend once qualified
Red = Televised Major Tournament (Viaplay in the Netherlands)
Yellow = Streamed European Tour Tournament

DARTS ANALYST PAUL NICHOLSON - 'KEEP YOUR EYES ON VEENSTRA!'

With all due respect to everyone else who came through Q-School, most eyes will be on Richard Veenstra because he really is a proper player and a threat for titles.

He has so much talent and an incredible mentality that nobody will ruffle. He's fast, effective, dangerous and the one I'll be watching closest over the next six months.

Flyers probably should have won at the Lakeside during his time in the BDO/WDF system, because he was always one of the best players on paper in his five appearances and although his best run was a semi-final, he did win plenty of other big titles.

He could have a career very similar to Gary Anderson, who also failed to land the biggest prize in the BDO before he finally moved to the PDC.

Like Anderson – and other players who found another level after switching – I think Richard will love the structure of PDC events and how you don't have to wait a few hours for a match! This will play to his strengths. He has a fast style so expect him to challenge in the early Players Championship events this season and put himself in the qualification picture for several majors in his debut year.

This is the right time for Veenstra to make his name after years of treating darts as a 'hobby' away from his normal job.

He'll have plenty of friends in the room and won't be star struck whatsoever.



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