



Robertson clinches Aberdeen win

Neil Robertson became the first Australian to win a ranking event with a 9-5 victory over Jamie Cope in the Grand Prix final in Aberdeen.

The Melbourne player dominated the early part of the match and led 8-2 at one stage.

But with victory in sight he started to struggle and Cope won the next three frames to give him a chance.

Robertson, however, regained his composure with a break of 55 to win the 14th frame and take the match.

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"I was twitching all over the place at the end but this has been the best week of my life." said the 24-year-old left-hander, who will move up to seventh in the provisional world rankings.

"The win over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the quarter-finals gave me a lot of confidence for the rest of the week.

"Leading 8-2 I thought it was in the bag. I was feeling really, really good and all I wanted was one chance, but the balls just went a little bit funny and Jamie started to find his rhythm.

"But he started to miss a few balls, I did and it became a little bit contagious.

"If he had won the frame to make it 8-6 then anything could have happened, but I'm so relieved to have won it."

The Australian, who is based in Cambridge, led 5-2 after the afternoon session although it was Cope who won the first frame before Robertson won four frames in a row to put him in command.

It got even better for Robertson when the pair resumed for the evening session.

The lead became four frames after Cope missed a couple of decent chances to reduce his arrears, with Robertson pinching a scrappy frame to make it 6-2.

Robertson then edged within two frames of victory by winning the ninth frame and a 63 break took him within one frame of his first title.

Although Cope made a stylish 105 to make sure the match went to a final session, it only delayed the inevitable.

Warren King was the last Australian to reach a ranking event final, but he lost 10-6 to Steve James at the 1990 Classic final in Blackpool.