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ICE QUEEN ANASTASIA TO MELT ONE DART

Russian darts diva Anastasia Dobromyslova is aiming for victory at Carlisle Racecourse on Thursday (OCT 21).

The 26-year-old former women's world champion will play Carlisle-based darts professional Peter Manley in a special battle-of-the-sexes challenge match during the Beer Festival Day meeting.

The pair will go head-to-head in a marquee in the paddock before the first of seven races at 2.20pm and then play 20-minute matches against punters between every race.

Anastasia is confident of victory over "One Dart" despite taking on one of the big boys of men's darts on her return to Carlisle Racecourse, having been VIP guest at Ladies Night in August last year.

She said: "I just beat a guy on television who was in the top 20 in the world. To do it regularly is another matter - but nothing is impossible.

"It was lovely at Carlisle last year. It was the first racecourse I had ever been to and I really enjoyed it. They looked after me and people were so nice."

Anastasia's home town in central Russia is 180 kilometres from Moscow but she now lives in Ellesmere Port, having married pro darts player Kenny Martin.

She added: "I don't think I have played Peter before but I think I have played his wife Chrissie. I know them both really well from when my husband started playing darts. They looked after him."

Any darts fan wanting to take on Anastasia or Peter should email their details to carlisle-races@thejockeyclub.co.uk or ring Carol Ferguson at the racecourse on 01228 554700 to have their name entered in the free draw.

Besides racing and darts, real ale from local breweries will also be available in the marquee throughout the afternoon meeting. Gates open at noon. The last race is 5.30pm.