



## Interview Questions to David Farrugia, Malta's top Raffa Bowls player



### 1. General background: name, surname, profession, and one random fact.

Name: David Farrugia

Profession: Raffa bowls player

Random fact: Top Raffa bowls player.

### 2. How would you describe this sport in a few words?

It is a remarkable sport which can be easily played by everyone, one can start practising this game from the young age of eight.

### 3. How did you first become interested in the Raffa bowls sports?

My passion for Raffa goes way back when my father was the secretary of the Zabbar Bocci Club. I eagerly accompanied him for most of the games and there I was exposed to the Bocci game on which, I instantly got hooked. During that same time, I took part in the Under 16 Malta Open Competition as a Bocci player. This was the first competition I won at the age of 14 which led the Bocci Club President to introduce me to the international game of Bocci – Raffa. Without considering it twice, I accepted this opportunity and I am proud to state that I still practise this sport until this very day.

### 4. Which part of the game do you describe as the most exciting?

The most exciting part of the game is that very moment when you throw the bowl and you hit your opponents bowl, we call this the Volo throw. I refer to this move as spectacular, since it involves throwing the ball into the air and hitting directly your opponents ball. This move requires a high concentration level, which is what makes it so thrilling.

### 5. Describe a challenge you faced and how you managed this challenge.



One of the most difficult challenges I had to face with this sport was representing my country, Malta for the very first time in the European Championships which were held in Warsaw, Poland in 1990. My major fear was not being able to do my very best and ultimately achieve a good result.

**6. What was your great achievement in Raffa Bowls to this date?**

Each game I participate in is an achievement for me; however, my biggest attainment to this date was winning the silver medal in the Mediterranean Games held in Mersin, Turkey in 2013. These games are known to be of the highest standards internationally and winning a silver medal is a great achievement in one's career.

**7. What do you aim to achieve in the future?**

Many describe me as a forward-looking and ambitious person. My greatest achievement for the future would be that to see the Maltese flag competing in the Olympic Games for Raffa game. An even greater realization would be that of bringing home a gold medal when representing my country.

**8. What was the best sports advice given to you?**

As a sports person, I receive advice all the time, yet the best guidance was given by Mr Romolo Rizzoli who is the President of the World Raffa Bowls. He insisted that I should compete in as many championships as I could, as to gain more experience and skills in such sports so that I can maintain my title as one of the top sixteen Raffa players in the world.

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