



No Grand finale as Jenkins bows out

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After 55 event wins and with eight series champion titles under his belt, Ryan Jenkins has called time on his Grand Prix career.

It was not a fairytale ending as he was beaten 3-1 in the last 16 by Helshan Weerasinghe, who ended up in that part of the draw when he slipped up against 13-year-old Louis Price in the groups.

But Jenkins, who had announced his retirement in advance of this weekend's series finale in Redbridge, was not bitter about the outcome.

"Grands Prix have always been good to me, so I can't complain," said the Welsh No 1, who has already retired from international duty and will soon play his final league match in Belgium for Diest.

"London has never been my favourite Grand Prix, I've not been as successful here as at other places so maybe Cleveland, which I won (earlier in the season), would have been a better end.

"I feel absolutely ready to retire. It's the end of the season, I've got my last match in Belgium in a few days and then it's time to focus a bit more on coaching and promoting Welsh table tennis."

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