

# Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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## Three Taranaki teams and one visitor in semis

There will be three teams from Taranaki and one side from Auckland that will contest the semifinals of the 113th Taranaki men's Open fours at Paritutu this morning.

The semifinals will feature Adam Wishnoski (New Lynn) against Noel Probyn (Fitzroy) and Darren Goodin (Paritutu) against Ross Henderson (West End).

Wishnoski moved to lead after his side incurred losses in rounds two and three in section play, but since then the team has won eight on the trot. The New Lynn team also includes Gary Dougherty, Keith Ansell and skip Brody Dix.

Probyn's side is skipped by Ian Mahoney, with Tony Walsh and Nigel Newton up front, while Goodin's team comprises Don Christensen, Allan Batley and Rodger Hassall.

Henderson, carrying the hopes of West End, has Norm Broughton, Martin Dravitzki and two-time champion John Garrud in his quartet.

Henderson's quarterfinal effort was a real nail-biting affair. For the second time in post section, the West End skip eliminated a Kapiti side with his last bowl.

Playing Peter Thomson's Paekakariki team of Henry Yee, Kurt Burgess and Ged Ebbrell, Henderson's side prevailed 24-23 in a topsy-turvy contest.

A five on the 12th end gave Henderson a 16-10 lead, but with the next five ends going Thomson's way, the Paekakariki side was back in front 18-16. The tide turned once more and Henderson led 24-20 with two ends remaining. Thomson claimed a two on head 24, and also dominated the last end.

His side held two on the changeover and Thomson, with his second delivery, turned out the closest West End bowl to lie the game. Henderson, with the last bowl of the match, pushed into the head, hitting some non-counting bowls, and walking through to

grab second-shot. Probyn's side posted a relatively comfortable 30-25 win over Richard Meacle's Australian team of Graham Clarke, Hans Van Roy and Al Johnson. The Fitzroy team dominated the opening exchanges, leading 18-4 after 10 ends. Four ends later it was 21-8.

And even though Meacle posted three fours over the closing ends, they still dropped a three and a four as well. The closest that they got was with two ends remaining, the margin was down to six shots, but a single on the next to Probyn sealed the result.

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**Players from the four remaining teams (from top): Adam Wishnoski (New Lynn), Ross Henderson (West End), Tony Walsh (Fitzroy) and Don Christensen (Paritutu).**



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The Wishnoski side made no race of its quarterfinal, powering away from Ian Coombe and his Mairangi Bay line-up of John Valentine, Arthur Beale and Brian Rogers 20-5.

The Mairangi Bay unit had competed diligently all week, with Coombe in particular playing some telling shots, but they ran out of puff in the last round.

Goodin only broke free over the latter stages of his quarterfinal against the Wilton team of Lou Cancian, Peter Batchelor, John Earles and skip Howard Ivory, winning 23-14. Goodin took the last six completed ends, after the score had been 14-all.

Ivory and clubmate Anton Ferrari were involved in the tightest of the round three matches played in the morning, the former getting home 21-20.

Ferrari edged ahead 18-14 with four ends remaining, but a single and a five gave the initiative back to Ivory. Ferrari replied with a two to make the game even playing the last end. Ferrari's side called the tune, until Earles turned in Batchelor's bowl for shot, which Fer-

rari was unable to retrieve.

Goodin, playing especially well and being well-supported, came from 8-3 down to beat Peter Belliss (Aramoho) 28-14. Belliss had a late chance to fight back, holding four, but a weighted Goodin bowl secured the shot and in reply, Belliss narrowly missed.

Wishnoski's side controlled the scoring against Ray Park (Wanganui) and looked comfortable leading 19-9 with four ends remaining. The Wanganui side came home late, taking a single, a three and a two to reduce the deficit to four shots with one end remaining.

They held three on the last end, but the fourth could not be found. In a desperate attempt, Park attacked, but only resulted in reducing the count to two, leaving Wishnoski's team the winners 19-17.

Coombe's side, after being 5-2 down, were in charge for most of the match against Steve Hoeft (Pt Chevalier), winning 24-16. The biggest advantage was 19-8, after 15, before Hoeft's side clawed back to 21-16 with three remaining. But Coombe remained cool, collecting three singles to win.

## Results from day six

### Fours post section results:

**Round 3:** I Coombe (Mairangi Bay) 24 S Hoeft (Pt Chevalier) 16, A Wishnoski (New Lynn) 19 R Park (Wanganui) 17, H Ivory (Wilton) 21 A Ferrari (Wilton) 20, D Goodin (Paritutu) 28 P Belliss (Aramoho) 14.

**Round 4:** Wishnoski 20 Coombe 5, N Probyn (Fitzroy) 30 R Meacle (Australia) 25, Goodin 23 Ivory 14, R Henderson (West End) 24 P Thomson (Paekakariki) 23.

### Pairs post section results:

**Round 1:** E Foreman (Inglewood) 22 T Campbell (Far North RSA) 14, T Johns (Paritutu) 21 W Te Huki (Vogelstown) 19.

**Round 2:** Foreman 19 M Foskett (Takaka) 5, P Digby (Stratford-Avon) 23 Johns 8, A Hill (Waimea) 21 K Bishop (Motueka) 11, A Zittersteijn (Paritutu) 22 K Bishop (West End) 13, J Fairhall (Victoria) 21 B Stubbins (Johnsonville) 17, I Andrews (Paritutu) 23 L Bourne (Aramoho) 15, T Mossip (Takaro) 26 P Hassall (Tawa) 7, R Gadsby (Fitzroy) 16 G Murfitt (West End) 15.

**Round 3:** Digby 15 Foreman 14, Zittersteijn 23 Hill 15, Andrews 20 Fairhall 19, Gadsby 21 Mossip 14.

## All Taranaki semifinalists in pairs event

The semifinals in the pairs competition this morning at Paritutu, commencing at 9am, involves all Taranaki teams.

John Forde and Paul Digby (Stratford-Avon) meet Jim Priest (Oakura), who also won the title last year with Adam Collins, and Aidan Zittersteijn (Paritutu) in one semifinal, while Steve Cottam and Ian Andrews (Paritutu), who won the title two seasons ago, play Evan Jones and Ron Gadsby (Fitzroy) in the other.

In the quarterfinals yesterday, Forde and Digby beat Danny O'Sullivan and past Taranaki president Eric Foreman (Inglewood) 15-14 on an extra end.

Priest and Zittersteijn defeated Mike Hori and Benny Hill (Waimea) 23-15, while Jones, who impressed despite being only a second-year-player, and Gadsby accounted for Terry Curtis and Tony Mossip (Takaro) 21-14.

Cottam and Andrews defeated Mike Andrews and James Fairhall (Victoria) 20-19. Paritutu trailed 19-14 with two ends remaining, but picked up a four and a single to force the extra end, where Cottam drew the winning shot.