

Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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Only four qualifiers so far in Open fours

Fifty-four teams started the Taranaki women's Open fours on Tuesday morning, but by last evening only four of those had retained untarnished records and qualified for post section play after round four had been completed.

The four unbeaten teams are Margaret Reed (Tauranga South), Karen Forrest (Papakura), Wendy Green (Ngongotaha) and Mary Bettleheim (Ohope).

After edging out Denise Samuel (Glenfield) 22-19 in the morning, Reed's quality lineup ensured their qualification by easily beating Janice Ropitini (West End) 25-8 in the afternoon. Samuel's day got worse when her side fell to Cindy Nichol (Inglewood) 28-7. That has left Samuel needing to win both games on today to qualify, and her first opponent, the 2010 winner Valda Rowan (Paritutu), is also in the same boat.

However, things are looking brighter in section one for Nichol, Reen Stratford (Aramoho), Cathy Andrews (Paritutu) and Val McEldowney (New Plymouth) after all four sides posted two wins yesterday and need just one more victory today to advance.

There are no qualifiers to date in section two, with three winner Ellie Goble (Lepperton) being edged out 26-25 in round four by Nellie Hewson (Fitzroy), in a result

that kept the later's hopes alive with a 50% record. Gloria Shaw (Paritutu), Faye Bird (Central Cambridge) and Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park) are all one win shy of qualifying with two games remaining.

Shaw dropped her morning match 21-20 to Liz Johnstone (Waitara) but got on the right side of another one-pointer in the afternoon, sneaking home 19-18 over clubmate Berys Norgate.

Bird enjoyed two high-scoring, three-point wins, the most notable of which was 28-25 over Shona Chambers in the first match. Chambers had led 23-20 after 19 ends, but Bird took five of the remaining heads to prevail. That left Chambers with only one win from the first three rounds, but her side remained alive in beating Faye Hopkins (Tower) 25-14. Stampa put in an impressive day's work with two convincing wins.

Bettleheim (right) and her crew underlined their domination of section three with two large wins yesterday – 29-14 over Ngaire Cowen (Palmerston North) and 25-6 over Lauren Bright (West End).



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Saturday final an outside chance — Bennett

Bowls Taranaki chairman Brien Bennett QSM said that while the event is scheduled to finish on Sunday, there is an outside chance that it could conclude on Saturday. "The general rule of

thumb is that with a four-out-six qualifying criteria, one-third of the teams will make it through to post section play," Bennett said. With 54 teams in the

field, that gives an estimation of 18 qualifiers. But if only 16 made it through, then post section would be concluded in four rounds.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday



Friday



Saturday



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Cowen, right, is still handily placed, on three wins, as is Martie Sisson (Ohope), Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy) and Patty Symes (Tower). Symes lost her unbeaten record to Heather Johns (Paritutu), who has two wins, 25-18 in the afternoon. But in the morning, Symes had looked a genuine title chance in beating Denise Taylor



Denise Taylor (Wanganui) 23-15. Taylor's struggles continued into the second game, losing 25-19 to Sisson. Forrest's side will have slept well after two one-point efforts – 20-19 over Jean Sheary (Matua) and 22-21 over Trish Howard (West End). Green's fourth-round win was noteworthy, inflicting the first defeat on Bev Corbett (Hinuera) 26-19, after a morning win over Ann Cargo (New Plymouth) 25-17. Corbett, like Margaret Oates (Browns Bay) and Bev Robinson (Opunake), on three wins apiece, is still odds-on to make it through to tomorrow. Oates beat Anne Searancke (Tawa) 30-17 and Margaret McCallum (Inglewood) 23-15, while Robinson nosed out Trish Howard (West End) 23-20 before beating Gale Fache (Vogeltown) 31-9.

Who has won how many after day two?

Standings after the second day's play:

Section 1: four wins, Margaret Reed (Tauranga South); **three wins**, Cindy Nichol (Inglewood), Reen Stratford (Aramoho), Cathy Andrews (Paritutu), Val McEldowney (New Plymouth); **two wins**, Janice Ropitini (West End), Val Webster (Vogeltown), Valda Rowan (Paritutu), Denise Samuel (Glenfield).

Section 2: three wins, Gloria Shaw (Paritutu), Ellie Goble (Lepperton), Faye Bird (Central Cambridge), Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park); **two wins**, Nellie Hewson (Fitzroy), Liz Johnstone (Waitara), Shona Chambers (Browns Bay), Denise Cottam (West End), Faye Hopkins (Hawera).

Section 3: four wins, Mary Bettleheim (Ohope); **three wins**, Sharon Siegruhn (Pukekohe), Ngaire Cowan (Palmerston North), Martie Sisson (Ohope), Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy), Patty Symes (Tower); **two wins**, Shona Lawn (Hawera Park), Heather Johns (Paritutu), Denise Taylor (Wanganui).

Section 4: four wins, Karen Forrest (Papakura), Wendy Green (Ngongotaha); **three wins**, Margaret Oates (Browns Bay), Bev Corbett (Hinuera), Bev Robinson (Opunake); **two wins**, Margaret McCallum (Inglewood), Gale Fache (Vogeltown), Jean Sheary (Matua), Anne Searancke (Tawa).

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Match of the morning — Siegruhn v Sisson

Two three-winners square off this morning at West End, with the winner certain to qualify for the post section rounds — Sharon Siegruhn (Papakura) and Martie Sisson (Ohope).

The teams head into the game with confidence after both Siegruhn and Sisson posted two positive results on day two. On day one, both visitors had a win and a loss.

Yesterday, Siegruhn beat Judy Cato (Te Awamutu) 27-17 and Shona Lawn (Hawera Park) 28-20. Sisson was a 23-14 victor in the morning round against Pauline Davy (Lepperton) before upsetting Denise Taylor (Wanganui) 25-19.

Siegruhn's side includes Jan Larsen, Sheryl Nasey and Adrienne Tilyard. Both Tilyard and Larsen were in last year's winning team. Sisson, pictured right, skips a foursome comprising Jenny Morris, Jill Payne and Margaret O'Regan.

