

# Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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## 20 qualifiers in women's Open fours

And then there were 20.

After the completion of round six, there have been 20 teams that have been successful in attaining the necessary four wins to make it through to today's post section rounds at Paritutu in the Taranaki women's Open fours.

A total of four teams made it through from section one, with three more teams yesterday joining Margaret Reed's Tauranga South side, which for good measure went on to be the only team to win all six qualifying matches.

Cindy Nichol (Inglewood) took the desired route by winning in the morning, beating Heather Thomas (New Plymouth) 28-17, as did Reen Stratford (Aramoho). The 2010 Dominion pairs winner beat Wendy Moratti (Lepperton) 26-20.

Denise Samuel (Glenfield) was the only new qualifier to come out of the afternoon, her side beating Moratti 25-9. Earlier Samuel had eliminated Valda Rowan (Paritutu) 25-12.

But not so lucky were the hopes of three local sides, Val Webster (Vogeltown), Cathy Andrews (Paritutu) and Val McEldowney (New Plymouth).

All lost to dip out. Andrews went down 28-17 to Val Webster (Vogeltown) and 20-13 to Stratford. McEldowney was soundly beaten 26-12 by Norma Rothwell (Fitzroy) and then lost 28-18 to Nichol.

The morning win kept alive Webster's hopes, but it was only a short reprieve, losing 26-11 to Reed.

The big clash of the afternoon in section two was between Shona Chambers (Browns Bay) and Gloria Shaw (Paritutu) who both needed the win.

Shaw led 12-3 early, but Chambers had levelled with two ends to go. Then the visitors pulled a four on the penultimate head and went on to get the win 24-21 to join three other qualifiers from the group.

Liz Johnstone's Waitara side, after two losses

on Tuesday, made it through by beating Ellie Goble (Lepperton) 29-26 and Faye Hopkins (Tower) 27-14.

Earlier, Fay Bird (Central Cambridge) and Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park) qualified with a game to spare. Bird beat Judy Hyland (Tauranga) 29-19 while Stampa worked overtime to end the hopes of Nellie Hewson (Fitzroy) 21-19.

In the morning, Shaw had gone down 29-17 to Maree Gadsby (New Plymouth), while Chambers had won 31-16 over Denise Cottam, a result that spelt curtains for the West Enders.

It was a disappointing end for Goble's side. They won their first three games, but then the u-turns happened and they lost the last three, round six being a 29-13 demise to Hyland.

Section three produced a mammoth seven qualifiers.

In the clash of the two teams needing the win in the last round, it was Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy) who got over the top of Sharon Siegruhn (Pukekohe) 27-12, having raced away to a 16-0 lead after eight ends. Heather Johns also made it through, as did Denise Taylor (Wanganui) when her side inflicted the first defeat on Mary Bettleheim (Ohope) 30-20 in round six.

Taylor had beaten Adams 27-20 in round five. Siegruhn lost both matches yesterday, having earlier fallen 22-20 to Martie Sisson (Ohope). Johns, the 2013 Dominion fours winner, was relatively untroubled in collecting the necessary two wins — 32-16 over Val Fleming (New Plymouth) and 25-13 against Shona Lawn (Hawera Park).

Like Sisson, Ngaire Cowen (Palmerston North) and Patty Symes (Tower) won in the morning to earn the afternoon off. Cowen finally got over the top of Lawn 27-22 while Symes beat Pauline Davy (Lepperton) 25-22.

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Margaret Oates (Browns Bay) became the third North Harbour qualifier, posting an easy win in the last game to become one of five advancing from section four, when her side beat Gale Fache (Vogeltown) 26-2.

Wendy Green (Ngongotaha), who like Karen Forrest (Papakura) had already qualified, had earlier ensured that Oates needed to play her sixth round when the former won 28-19.

Bev Corbett (Hinuera) and Bev Robinson (Opunake) both recorded comfortable wins in the morning to qualify.

Corbett beat Fache 26-13, while Robinson showed no mercy to Malita Bracken (West End) in winning 36-6.

Anne Searancke (Tawa) fell two points short in the last round against Trish Howard, losing 18-16, which denied the team from the capital from qualifying. The Tawa team had earlier notched up win number three against Brenda Rowe (Lepperton) 19-16.

In their only game of the day, Forrest ended the hopes of Margaret McCallum (Inglewood) 21-14.

## Open fours post section draw

### Draw for post section, at Paritutu A, today:

**Round 1 (9am start):** Reen Stratford (Aramoho) v Heather Johns (Paritutu), Bev Corbett (Hinuera) v Denise Taylor (Wanganui), Mary Bettleheim (Ohope) v Denise Samuel (Glenfield), Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park) v Fay Bird (Central Cambridge).

**Round 2 (2pm start):** Shona Chambers (Browns Bay) v Wendy Green (Ngongotaha), Bev Robinson (Opunake) v Margaret Reed (Tauranga South), Liz Johnstone (Waitara) v Karen Forrest (Papakura), Patty Symes (Tower) v Martie Sisson (Ohope).

**Round 2 (9am):** Ngaire Cowen (Palmerston North) v Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy), Margaret Oates (Browns Bay) v Cindy Nichol (Inglewood).

## Top half of the draw appears the strongest

The luck of the draw is something most bowlers are very familiar with and as is often the case, the draw for post section play this morning appears to have a stronger compartment to it.

Missing the bye, and therefore needing to record two wins today to make tomorrow's quarterfinals, only one team from the four at the top of the chart will survive.

This morning's round sees Reen Stratford (Aramoho) meet Heather Johns (Paritutu) and the winner will then tangle with the victor of the Bev Corbett (Hinuera), pictured right, and Denise Taylor (Wanganui) fixture. Stratford, Johns and Corbett have all won titles at the Dominion. While Taylor, who is still a junior, has not her three teammates, Pam Burgess, Cynthia Adams and Dot Belliss have. Taylor and Belliss contested the pairs final at the Dominion last January.



The other group of four teams required to play two rounds today, again meaning only one quartet will make it through to the quarterfinals, also has a complicated look to it.

Mary Bettleheim (Ohope), whose side marched so decisively through section play, meet the highly respect Denise Samuel (Glenfield). Whoever prevails in that game will meet the winner of the Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park)-Fay Bird (Central Cambridge) match.

The other 12 qualifiers will play only one round today to produce the remaining six quarterfinalists. As scheduled, the final will take place on Sunday morning.