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Seven propels Tauranga South into Open final

Collecting seven shots on the 14th end proved to be the difference as Margaret Reed's Tauranga South side advanced into the final of the Taranaki women's Open fours at Paritutu yesterday afternoon.

Reed's side of Karen Clarke, Robyn Davis and Marilyn McLeod trailed Denise Samuel's Glenfield side 13-7 after 13 ends. But a count of seven on the next end proved decisive as they went on to win 26-20.

They will meet a side from the Tower club, Hawera, of Hazel Schwartzfeger, Frances Busby, Maureen Tamou and Patty Symes (skip) in this morning's final at Paritutu, which commences at 9am.

Symes' side were too steady in their semifinal in eliminating Inglewood's Cindy Nichol 34-19, after leading throughout.

Being behind at the mid-point was of no real concern for the Tauranga South side, especially after they overcame a 19-shot deficit on Friday afternoon. Glenfield, aided by five twos from the first nine ends, led 10-5, and while Reed's team pulled one back on the next, it was the North Harbour team who enjoyed the cream and jam scones at the break the most.

And on the return, they continued more of the same, extending to 13-7, before the fateful seven came. It was a drawn seven, albeit a measure was required to allow the last two into the count.

Sensing the moment, Reed's side backed it up with a single and an immaculately drawn four. In the short space of three ends, Reed had turned a negative of six into a positive of six.

After 20 ends, it was still Tauranga South leading 20-15 and they held two shots on the next end. But with Reed unable to adequately cover, a superb trail by Samuel gave the Glenfield side hope by picking up three.

However, Tauranga South responded with

two threes of its own, as McLeod on the 22nd end and Reed, pictured right, on the 23rd end both produced top-notch deliveries to effectively kill-off the contest.

Symes was also greatly assisted by a count of seven in her semifinal victory. That came on end 13, shortly before the afternoon tea adjournment, and it elevated Symes into a 22-10 lead.

Tower won the first two ends to lead 5-0, and while Inglewood promptly replied with a double brace, the tone was somewhat set. Symes had her side out to 11-4 in front, through seven ends, and this was extended to 13-6 (nine ends) and 15-7 (11 ends), before the seven came.

Coming back from the break 11 shots in arrears, Nichol's side needed to score quickly. But it was the Tower front stuff that called the tune. They won three ends in succession to open up a 28-11 advantage.

They then went missing for a couple of ends, Inglewood taking its opportunity to pounce with a five and a three to narrow the score to 28-19. There was still six ends remaining, meaning the game had a new aspect of life to it. However, that was as far as it went, the Tower team combining brilliantly on the closing ends to secure the match, with two ends left unplayed.

The equal third sides comprised of Paris Baker, Caroline Dubois, Barbara Seddon and Samuel, and Lorraine Crowskey, Margaret Luckin, Loris Ropitini and Nichol.



Samuel wins thrilling quarterfinal over Corbett

Denise Samuel's Glenfield team posted the most thrilling quarterfinal victory at Paritutu in the first round yesterday.

Samuel's side edged out Carol Cox, Kath Kendall, Deb White and Bev Corbett (Hinuera) 18-16 in a low-scoring, even contest. Corbett led 9-3 early, but a tense match ensued, with Samuel in front by one playing the last end.

Down on the head, White put the jack into the ditch. She drew another shot with her second, before Samuel, with her final bowl reduced the count to one, effectively meaning the game was all tied-up.

But Corbett's last bowl pushed up Samuel's for shot, leaving Glenfield the winners.

Margaret Reed's Tauranga South side won an all-Bay of Plenty clash 25-17 over Doreen Ryan, Huia Ratana, Lynette McIntosh and Wendy Green (Ngongotaha).

Reed raced in front 16-5, but when Green scored a four on the 16th end, it was game on at 16-14. However, the Tauranga South team finished the better.

Patty Symes (Tower) showed her class in beating Nancy Wilson, Jan Jones, Miriam Pedley and Karen Forrest (Papakura) 27-12, after the Counties side had seemed more likely in the opening stanza.

Symes, in fact, drew the shot on the end before morning tea, when five down, to bring the score to 11-all after 11 ends. And the



Patty Symes (Tower) had an impressive day on the green skipping her side into this morning's final.

Tower team kicked into a higher gear after that.

Cindy Nichol (Inglewood) ended the fine run of Sandy Pettersen, Di Gemmell, Rayner Stewart and Ngaire Cowen (Palmerston North) 25-18 in the other quarterfinal.

Inglewood had the better of the match, except for dropping consecutive fours on ends eight and nine, but they had regained the initiative by the 12th end.

The match was still open at 16-14 after 16 ends to Nichol, before the Inglewood side consolidated that by taking the next five ends, which blew the score out to 23-14.

Open fours post section results from day five

Results from post section yesterday:

Quarterfinals: Paris Baker, Caroline Dubois, Barbara Seddon and Denise Samuel (Glenfield) 18 Carol Cox, Kath Kendall, Deb White and Bev Corbett (Hinuera) 16; Karen Clarke, Robyn Davis, Marilyn McLeod and Margaret Reed (Tauranga South) 25 Doreen Ryan, Huia Ratana, Lynette McIntosh and Wendy Green (Ngongotaha) 17; Hazel Schwartzfeger, Frances Busby, Maureen Tamou and Patty Symes (Tower) 27 Nancy Wilson, Jan Jones, Miriam Pedley and Karen Forrest (Papakura) 12; Lorraine Crowskey,

Margaret Luckin, Loris Ropitini and Cindy Nichol (Inglewood) 25 Sandy Pettersen, Di Gemmell, Rayner Stewart and Ngaire Cowen (Palmerston North) 18.

Semifinals: Karen Clarke, Robyn Davis, Marilyn McLeod and Margaret Reed (Tauranga South) 26 Paris Baker, Caroline Dubois, Barbara Seddon and Denise Samuel (Glenfield) 20; Hazel Schwartzfeger, Frances Busby, Maureen Tamou and Patty Symes (Tower) 34 Lorraine Crowskey, Margaret Luckin, Loris Ropitini and Cindy Nichol (Inglewood) 19.