

Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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Six locals and 10 visitors to decide 2019 Open

Six local teams and 10 visiting quartets remain in the battle to see which side will be crowned 2019 Taranaki Open fours champions after most of the powerful sides survived the first day of post section at West End yesterday.

Of the 16 teams still in contention, six of the skips are past winners.

As the greens began to sweat and the afternoon breeze gathered momentum, play became more scrappy. But the leading lights generally did enough to get through.

West End's Dean Elgar won the feature game of the morning.

Elgar and his side of Steve Temperton, John Garrud and Neil Candy booked their position in the last 16 by scoring a comfortable 26-18 win over Inglewood's Gerry O'Sullivan.

Elgar and his side jumped out to an 8-0 lead, extending it to 15-5. But a brace of twos on ends 16 and 17 brought O'Sullivan and his team of his brothers, Bernie and Danny, plus Steve Sabine, back to 17-12 behind.

On the next, O'Sullivan held three but Elgar killed the end. On the replay, Elgar drew the shot and the West End side regained the momentum to win.

Elgar will meet former Bowls NZ chairman, John Carter (Hutt) in the last 16. Carter posted an easy 32-17 win over West End's Kelvin Bishop.

The 2016 champion Brian Little (Palmerston North) managed to survive, but it was close. His side edged past New Plymouth's Grayson McEldowney 23-22. Little led 23-18 with two ends remaining. McEldowney responded with two braces, his final bowl just missing out on making the last count three to force the game to an extra end.

Little plays Steve Cottam (Paritutu) on Saturday morning, after the latter upset Chris Alldred (Sunshine Coast) 23-10.



Phil Aitken, leading in Dean McMurchy's team, is through to the last 16 for the second-straight year.

Peter Belliss (Aramoho), a three-time world champion, exited. His side lost 22-14 to Dean McMurchy (Kensington) 22-14. McMurchy's side is now being skipped by 24-year-old Jeremy Brosnan, and the Auckland rep produced a number of telling bowls to deny the Wanganui team.

Nigel Drew (Birkenhead) also made it through, but what a close shave it was. Drew led Masterton's John Claydon 16-15 with one end remaining. Claydon held two shots on the final end, but, frustratingly for him, he trailed the jack back to three of Drew's bowls to give Birkenhead the win 19-15.

Paritutu's Darren Goodin, after a comfortable 32-15 win over Glenn Newton (Mangere) in the morning, defeated Garry Banks (Beach Haven) 26-22 in the afternoon. But he needed 11 shots on the last four ends to do it, overturning a seven shot deficit in the process.

Goodin meets Cary Pinker (Wanganui East) this morning after Pinker wore down two past winners yesterday.

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Playing with brother Warwick, Peter Head and Les Smith, Pinker beat Kevin Smith (Hinuera) 22-19 and Bruce Stewart (Havelock North) 21-18 after leading by six shots playing the last end.

On the adjacent rink this morning, Craig De Faria (West End) plays Rex Holmes (Paraparaumu Beach).

De Faria hit the front from the mid-point of his match against Paul Bartosh (Morrinsville RSA), prevailing 26-22. Holmes' side was completely dominant, winning 29-6 over Murray Hooper (Rewa), having led 15-0 after eight ends.

Bruce Phillips (Tower), the only south Taranaki qualifier, meets David Hood (Kerikeri) this morning. Phillips scored on five ends in a row in the middle of his match against Ray Park (Wanganui). That changed the scoreline from 9-6 to Park to 16-9 to Phillips. And with the Tower side getting more bowls around the head, they pulled away to win 27-14.

A five-end scoring spree also propelled Hood

into the last 16. He trailed West End's John Sexton 19-14 after 18 ends. But 14 shots on the next five heads, gave Hood the win 28-21.

Ian Lowry's Rahout side, which includes three of his uncles — Alec, Gil and Des — had moments of concern in both of their wins. They had to come from 20-12 in the morning to beat Steve Liddington (Frankton Railway) 23-22 and then accounted for Ray Glogoski (Kerikeri) 27-15.

Lowry led by eight shots with three ends remaining. However, when he delivered his final bowl on the 23rd end, he was seven down. He calmly drew the shot. Glogoski, attempting to remove it, dislodged the jack back, giving four to Lowry, the match concluding there at 27-15.

Lowry meets four-time champion Dan Delany (Royal Oak), who ran away from Ian Andrews (Paritutu) 30-10.

The remaining match this morning is between defending champion Brody Dix (New Lynn) and Don Ramsey (Pukekohe). From 6-all, Dix beat Ross McGrail (Putaruru) 20-9, while Ramsey held off Dave Selby (Hillcrest) 23-20.

Results from day five

Fours post section results:

Section 1 at West End 1, round 1: R Glogoski (Kerikeri) 23 G Slattery (Tui Park) 21, I Lowry (Rahotu) 23 S Liddington (Frankton Railway) 22, I Andrews (Paritutu) 24 P Dorreen (Far North RSA) 14; **round 2:** Lowry 27 Glogoski 15, D Delany (Royal Oak) 30 Andrews 10, B Dix (New Lynn) 20 R McGrail (Putaruru) 9, D Ramsey (Pukekohe) 23 D Selby (Hillcrest) 20, B Little (Palmerston North) 23 G McEldowney (New Plymouth) 22, S Cottam (Paritutu) 23 C Alldred (Sunshine Coast) 10, J Carter (Hutt) 32 K Bishop (West End) 17, D Elgar (West End) 26 G O'Sullivan (Inglewood) 18.

Section 2 at West End 2, round 1: G Banks (Beach Haven) 27 I Coombe (Mairangi Bay) 23, D Goodin (Paritutu) 32 G Newton (Mangere) 15, C Pinker (Wanganui East) 22 K Smith (Hinuera) 19, B Stewart (Havelock North) 22 I Porteous (Aramoho) 20; **round 2:** Goodin 26 Banks 22, Pinker 21 Stewart 18, C De Faria (West End) 26 P Bartosh (Morrinsville RSA) 22, R Holmes (Paraparaumu Beach) 29 M Hooper (Rewa) 6, B Phillips (Tower) 27 R Park (Wanganui) 14, D Hood (Kerikeri) 28 J Sexton (West End) 21, D McMurchy (Kensington) 22 P Belliss (Aramoho) 14, N Drew (Birkenhead)

19 J Claydon (Masterton) 15.

Draw for today at West End: Lowry v Delany, Dix v Ramsey, Little v Cottam, Carter v Elgar, Goodin v Pinker, De Faria v Holmes, Phillips v Hood, McMurchy v Drew.

Pairs post section play draw for today:

Section 1, Paritutu A, round 1 (9am start): K Smith (Oakura) v B Lilley (West End), K Coombe (Aramoho) v A Bridgeman (Oakura), G Barber (Paritutu) v B Foley (New Plymouth), A Collins (Oakura) v B Tatnell (Orewa), A Brider (Johnsonville) v D Davis (Kaikohe); **round 2 (9am start):** G McLeod (Tawa) v A Burton (Takaro); **round 2 (11.30am):** J Rona (West End) v Brider/Davis winner.

Section 2, Paritutu C, round 1 (9am start): B Johnstone (Kaikohe) v A Bailey (Parklands), W Te Huki (Vogeltown) v J Roberts (Waitara), G Heald (Johnsonville) v K Bishop (Motueka), D Stachurski (Inglewood) v T Horn (Okato), C Brookes (West End) v J Ballard (Pukekohe); **round 2 (9am start):** M Paton (Orewa) v J Ape-Esera (Waitara); **round 2 (11.30am):** G Baxter (Hawera Park) v Brookes/ Ballard winner.