

Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

Saturday, February 1, 2020

www.taranakibowls.co.nz www.facebook.com/taranakibowls/

Adams last local hope as visitors dominate

Fitzroy's Rhonda Adams is fast establishing herself at the top of Taranaki women's bowls. A fixture in the representative team, Adams collected her 10th Taranaki title just prior to Christmas in the open pairs.

Since then she represented New Zealand with some authority at the world indoor championships in the United Kingdom. But there is one glaring omission from her local CV – the Taranaki women's open fours.

However, on the basis of the form illustrated by Adams and her side of Faye Hill, Norma Rothwell and Vickie Kelly, that could change tomorrow.

Adams was required to play only one match yesterday. That was against Lepperton's Ellie Goble.

The Fitzroy side – now the last remaining local hope – powered away to win 29-8. That ended the week for Goble's Lepperton side of Anne Potaka, Brenda Rowe and June Ward, which was disappointing for the quartet as they had been unbeaten until that time.

Adams' side held the upper hand the majority of the game. That trend started on just the third head when they took a four.

After six ends, the Fitzroy side was 9-3 in front. At the mid-point, through 12 ends, Adams still held the advantage, although at 12-8, the contest still remained wide-open.

But it was all one-way traffic after that, with Adams winning the next seven ends, and the game being called off after just 19 completed heads.

Goble's clubmate, Carol Pearce, also exited, but not before a sterling challenge against Pauline Pirere (Laird Park).

Pirere was in complete control leading 17-4 after 12 of the 25 ends. But by the commencement of the penultimate head, Pearce had turned things around entirely to lead 22-19. However, Pirere took a two and then a four, clinching the contest 26-22.

Pirere will meet Marg Davies (Papakura) in one quarterfinal this morning. In the other quarterfinals today, Adams will meet Pam Burgess (Wanganui), Karen Forrest (Manurewa) plays June Smith (Tauranga), while Jean Sheary (Matua) and Ann Loomb (Mt Maunganui) will square off.

Davies was a 28-26 victor over Kristin Stampa (Hawera Park).

Stampa scored three fours during the first half of the match, but that was partly balanced by Davies notching up a count of six on the sixth end.

After 18 ends, Davies was in front 22-17, before Stampa scored a three, a three and a two to hit the front. However, that good work was undone on the next, when Davies took a four. Singles were shared on ends 23 and 24, which meant Davies led by one playing the last end.

Sheary collected an eight as her team posted an emphatic 35-16 win over Lee McDonald (Mercury Bay). After six ends, Sheary had surged in front 13-1, before McDonald won the next four ends to close the deficit to four shots.

However, a brace, followed by the eight, put McDonald's side under pressure. They responded a little, with the score 23-15 after 16. However, the death-knell came when Sheary took a five on the 20th head.

Loomb, despite scoring on only nine ends, ended the title hopes of Val McEldowney (New Plymouth) 24-22 in a round two match that was played in the morning. McEldowney sailed ahead 14-4 after 10 ends, but aided by a six on the next, Loomb edged in front 15-14 after 14.

It was anyone's match after that. McEldowney was one in front with three ends remaining, before Loomb took a three and a single, and the New Plymouth side could only manage a single in reply on the last end.

There were only three afternoon matches played, those games being between the sides who missed byes.

In those games, Forrest was a comfortable 21-11 victor over Cathy Andrews (Paritutu), while Smith broke free from Joy Collins (Opunake) to win 23-16.

Burgess meanwhile showed plenty of character in coming from 17-9 down to beat Marilyn Constantine (Tauranga) 26-22.

Forrest held the upper hand throughout her match with Andrews. After seven ends, the side was up 8-2 and by the conclusion of end 19 that had become 20-7.

Collins started better than Smith, leading 8-4 after nine ends. However, after 13 ends, the scores were locked at 9-all. Smith assumed control after that, going to a 16-9 lead, then a 23-12 advantage.

Constantine looked odds-on to make it through to the last eight prior to the tea break in her game. After leading 7-1, the Tauranga side then increased the margin to eight shots after 13 heads.

However, the experienced Wanganui side hit back, taking five ends in a row, including a four on the 15th. With two ends remaining, the scores were 22-all and Burgess took two shots on each of those heads to complete the transformation.

Open fours post section results

Results of post section play in the Taranaki women's Open fours at Paritutu yesterday:

Round 1: M Constantine (Tauranga) 26 J Ropitini (West End) 18, P Burgess (Wanganui) 26 A Winter (Central Cambridge) 16, J Smith (Tauranga) 29 B Harvey (Paritutu) 22, J Collins (Opunake) 23 J Augustine (Tower) 22, K Forrest (Manurewa) 29 W Green (Ngongotaha) 20, C Andrews (Paritutu) 24 M Bettelheim (Ohope) 21.

Round 2: J Sheary (Matua) 35 L McDonald (Mercury Bay) 16, A Loomb (Mt Maunganui) 24 V McEldowney (New Plymouth) 22, P Pirere (Laird Park) 25 C Pearce (Lepperton) 22, M Davies (Papakura) 28 K Stampa (Hawera Park) 26, R Adams (Fitzroy) 29 E Goble (Lepperton) 8, Burgess 26 Constantine 22, Smith 23 Collins 16, Forrest 21 Andrews 11.

Of the six round one games, three were particularly interesting.

Forrest, pictured below, made no race of the feature game against Wendy Green (Ngongotaha), winning 29-20. After 13 ends, Forrest had created a remarkable 21-2 lead, to extinguish what had been during section play a strong campaign from Green's crew.

Collins had a tight clash with Jane Augustine (Tower). Collins got home 23-22 after taking a two-shot lead into the final end.

Andrews came from 21-16 down after 21 ends to beat Mary Bettelheim (Ohope) 24-21.



Quarterfinal draw — eight still have a chance

Quarterfinals draw for Saturday, February 1 at Paritutu:

Marj Flowerday, Lynne Taylor, Pat Gillon, Jean Sheary (Matua) v Deirdre Parkes, Gloria Duffin, Lennie Symons, Ann Loomb (Mt Maunganui), Maria Klitscher, Joan Raymond, Debbie Wildermoth, Pauline Pirere (Laird Park) v Les Eagleton, Cheryl Hunia, Hetty Bolscher, Marg Davies (Papakura), Faye Hill, Norma Rothwell, Vickie Kelly, Rhonda Adams (Fitzroy) v Denise Taylor, Sonia Wooding, Dot Belliss, Pam Burgess (Wanganui), Donna Whitten, Alison Brocklehurst, June Mabbett, June Smith (Tauranga) v Miriam Pedley, Nancy Wilson, Jan Jones, Karen Forrest (Manurewa).