

# Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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## De Faria remains on track to go back-to-back

After two rounds of post section and the reduction of the field to 16 sides on Friday, Craig De Faria and his West End team remain on track to defend their title.

Going back-to-back is an exceedingly difficult task. And if De Faria and his side of Jordan Linn, Dave Wilson and Steve Walker are to do it, they have many top bowls still to play.

They received their toughest test of the week to date in the second round, finally beating the 2006 Dominion fours winner, Ross Thorn (Naenae), 27-23, in a game that finished at 8.15pm.

De Faria led throughout the contest, except the 8th end when Thorn squeezed in front 8-7. But De Faria took consecutive fours after that to establish a lead he would not relinquish.

Thorn would close the margin, but De Faria would edge away again. After 22 ends, the game was still wide open, with De Faria leading 24-21.

Linn and Walker crucially drew shots, West End scoring a brace. A single on the next created a six shot deficit on the last end.

It brought down the curtain on a very solid week for Thorn and his side of Robbie Yemm, Peter Ballinger and Lou Newman. They qualified through a strong section and had earlier posted a comfortable 24-13 win over Rex Holmes (Paraparaumu Beach).

De Faria's feature morning game, against Aiden Takarua (Glen Eden), was a long, drawn-out affair, that didn't finish until 2.20pm. The scores were locked at 8-all after 12 ends, but De Faria took 14 shots on the next seven heads to take control.

De Faria's opponent this morning is Pukekohe's Mike Cavanagh, who won impressively twice.



**In his first Taranaki Open, Lawrence Quek has made it into the last 16 as a member of Paul Matheson's Halswell side.**

Cavanagh defeated Marty Doak (Far North RSA) 32-10 in the morning and then backed it up with a 27-18 win over Taylor Horn (Mangere) in the afternoon.

Cavanagh had looked home and hosed when leading 21-9 after 18 ends. But Horn fought back, the score five ends later being 21-18. However, Cavanagh then sewed it up with a three on the penultimate head.

Cavanagh is one of two Pukekohe sides in the last 16, with Don Ramsey making it through for the second-straight year.

Ramsey was also required to play two matches, accounting for David Hood (Kerikeri) 23-14 and Gerry O'Sullivan (Inglewood) 25-20. O'Sullivan led 20-16 after 19 ends, but Ramsey won the rest of the heads to advance.

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Ramsey's opponent this morning is Canterbury representative, Paul Matheson (Halswell). Matheson ended the hopes of Peter Belliss (Aramoho) in the second round 28-21, after earlier needing an extra end to edge Ray Glogoski (Kerikeri) 19-18.

Against Belliss, Matheson trailed 11-8 after nine ends. But a mid-game scoring spree changed the dynamics completely, with Matheson opening up a 23-12 lead.

Taranaki president Ian Andrews kept his hopes alive after a hard-fought 27-21 victory over Paul Hassall (Tawa), who had squeezed in front by one shot after 19 ends.

Andrews meets the talented Tauranga side skipped by Dan Dickison this morning. Dickison defeated Kevin Coombe (Aramoho) 27-15 in his only match of the day.

The back green witnessed two one-side games in the afternoon. Bruce Lilley (West End), coasted home 27-8 in just 17 ends over Bill Barwood (Claudelands), while Bruce Phillips (Tower) was a 26-1 victor over the Hawken family team, which David took over

skipping on the day. Only 15 ends were played there.

Phillips meets Lilley this morning, and the winner of that clash will square off this afternoon with the victor in the Anton Ferrari (Naenae)-Paul Clegg (Hawera Park) game.

Both teams established good leads in their only game of the day and held on.

On the other side of the draw, besides De Faria and Cavanagh, Paritutu's Darren Goodin will meet Hutt's John Carter, Brian Little (Palmerston North) tackles Terry Osment (Johnsonville) and Dennis Brewster (Whangarei) plays Adam Wishnoski (New Lynn).

Goodin needed consecutive fours, on ends 16 and 17, to take the lead against Gerrard Slattery (Tui Park), eventually prevailing 22-19, while Carter assumed early control against Colin Boyle (Epsom) in his 27-14 triumph.

Wishnoski looked dead and buried when his side trailed Kevin Smith (Hinuera) 21-12 with six ends remaining. But they reverted to full-length heads to win 25-21.

## Results from day five

### Post section results for the 115th Taranaki men's Open fours on January 24:

#### Section 1, at Paritutu A:

**Round 1:** R Thorn (Naenae) 24 R Holmes (Paraparaumu Beach) 13, C De Faria (West End) 24 A Takarua (Glen Eden) 14, T Horn (Mangere) 22 R Park (Wanganui) 21, M Cavanagh (Pukekohe) 32 M Doak (Far North RSA) 10. **Round 2:** D Brewster (Whangarei) 24 A Brider (Johnsonville) 10, A Wishnoski (New Lynn) 25 K Smith (Hinuera) 21, B Little (Palmerston North) 22 R Meacle (Sunshine Coast) 13, T Osment (Johnsonville) 23 S Liddington (Frankton Railway) 15, D Goodin (Paritutu) 22 G Slattery (Tui Park) 19, J Carter (Hutt) 27 C Boyle (Epsom) 14, De Faria 27 Thorn 23, Cavanagh 27 Horn 18.

#### Section 2, at Paritutu B:

**Round 1:** K Coombe (Aramoho) 24 N Candy (West End) 23, P Belliss (Aramoho) 36 D Geaney (Blockhouse Bay) 22, P Matheson (Halswell) 19 R Glogoski (Kerikeri) 18, G O'Sullivan (Inglewood) 27 D Payne (Mairangi Bay) 15, D Ramsey (Pukekohe) 23 D Hood (Kerikeri) 14. **Round 2:** A Ferrari (Naenae) 27 J Claydon (Masterton) 20, P Clegg (Hawera Park) 26 B Harris (Johnston Park)

21, B Phillips (Tower) 26 G Hawken (Gold Coast) 1, B Lilley (West End) 27 B Barwood (Claudelands) 8, I Andrews (Paritutu) 27 P Hassall (Tawa) 21, D Dickison (Tauranga) 27 Coombe 15, Matheson 28 Belliss 21, Ramsey 25 O'Sullivan 20.

**Draw for Saturday morning:** Brewster v Wishnoski, Little v Osment, Goodin v Carter, De Faria v Cavanagh, Ferrari v Clegg, Phillips v Lilley, Andrews v Dickison, Matheson v Ramsey.

#### Draw for post section play in the Taranaki Open pairs at Paritutu C on January 25:

**Round 1 (8.45am start):** M Paton (Orewa) v M Hamlin (Stratford-Avon), K Crawford (Paritutu) v R Muir (Wanaka), G Hodges (Havelock North) v K Bishop (Motueka), M Bridgland (Massey Avenue) v G Rossiter (Tumut), B Edwards (Massey Avenue) v G Nisbett (Seatoun), J Priest (Oakura) v T Gray (Hillcrest), B Mason (Takarua) v G Fulford (Havelock North).

**Round 2 (report 10.45am):** B Dix (Papakura) v Mason/Fulford winner, E Hau (Far North RSA) v M Healey (New Plymouth), C Young (Te Kuiti) v J Sexton (West End), G Barber (Paritutu) v C Brookes (West End), R Higginson (Orewa) v A Bowden (Parklands).