

Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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Even split of visitors and locals in semifinals

Two Taranaki sides and two visiting teams will battle it out for honours in the 115th Taranaki men's Open fours at Paritutu today. The two rounds of post section yesterday brought plenty of good bowls, although a somewhat surprising number of games were one-sided.

Only one of the quarterfinals went the full 25 ends, while in the morning round, just three of the eight matches went the distance.

And so this morning it will be Dennis Brewster (Whangarei) squaring off against Craig De Faria (West End) and Bruce Phillips (Tower) playing Paul Matheson (Halswell).

Brewster's side of Donald Cameron, Steven Mitchell and Bart Robertson had to work hard to win both its games during the day.

In the quarterfinals they accounted for Brian Little (Palmerston North) 22-14, thanks to four threes in the second half of the game.

Little led 11-7 after 14 ends. However, two ends later the scores were even. After 20 ends, there was still a deadlock at 14-all. But Brewster with counts of 3-1-3-1, took the match.

Despite the loss, Little continues to compile a remarkable record in the event. In the past 10 years he has won the Open once, been runner-up three times, and on two other occasions has made the quarterfinals.

De Faria was untroubled in beating Paritutu's Darren Goodin 18-6 in a low scoring game.

De Faria led 8-0 after six ends and never looked like being headed, with the Paritutu never settling into its rhythm. Conversely, the West End side continues to exhibit a growing self-belief, as it did in its march to victory last season.

Phillips broke free in the second half of his match against Anton Ferrari (Naenae), winning 30-15.

After 11 ends, Ferrari held a slender 10-9



Scott Roberts (Tower) gets one away smoothly in the quarterfinals.

lead but the next seven ends all went Phillips way. They catapulted his side of Mark Kuklinski, John Roberts and Scott Roberts into an unassailable 28-10 lead, as the confidence levels of the Tower side grew and the bowls around the head increased.

Matheson won through 23-21 over Dan Dickison (Tauranga) in the most interesting of the last eight games.

Matheson and his side of Darryl Hawker, Lawrence Quek and Kevan Greenwood held a 13-6 lead after 10 ends. However, Dickison won the next eight ends. Suddenly, his side had the lead at 17-13.

But in a perfect illustration of how scoring goes in runs, Matheson took the next six ends to carry a 23-17 into the last head.

Hawker threw a long jack, but after the leads and twos had played, Dickison held four. Greenwood managed to reduce the count by one and, after Matheson had got handy with his second, Dickison couldn't find a miracle.

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Brewster, De Faria and Little were involved in the pick of the morning games.

Brewster edged out the 2018 winner, Adam Wishnoski (New Lynn), 25-22. They gained great assistance from a five and a four during the game. The scores were level six times, including at 22-all after 23 ends. The Northland side then cribbed home with a single and a brace.

De Faria beat Mike Cavanagh (Pukekohe) 19-15. De Faria edged ahead in the second half of the game after the teams had been inseparable for the first 13 ends. A three on the penultimate head gave De Faria a five-shot lead playing the last. Cavanagh had a sniff on the last, but De Faria knocked out two counters.

Little ended the hopes of Terry Osment (Johnsonville) 25-20, finishing with two singles and a two on the last three ends.

In the other morning games, Phillips accounted for Bruce Lilley (West End) 25-14, Dickison beat Ian Andrews (Paritutu) 30-17, Matheson overcame Don Ramsey (Pukekohe) 25-11, Ferrari was a 27-7 victor over Mark Dudley (Hawera Park), while Goodin out-classed John Carter (Hutt) 29-7.

Results from day six

Results of post section play in the 115th Taranaki men's Open fours at Paritutu on January 25:

Round 3: Dennis Brewster (Whangarei) 25 Adam Wishnoski (New Lynn) 22, Brian Little (Palmerston North) 25 Terry Osment (Johnsonville) 20, Darren Goodin (Paritutu) 29 John Carter (Hutt) 7, Craig De Faria (West End) 19 Mike Cavanagh (Pukekohe) 15, Anton Ferrari (Wilton) 27 Mark Dudley (Hawera Park) 7, Bruce Phillips (Tower) 25 Bruce Lilley (West End) 14, Dan Dickison (Tauranga) 30 Ian Andrews (Paritutu) 17, Paul Matheson (Halswell) 25 Don Ramsey (Pukekohe) 11.

Quarterfinals: Brewster 22 Little 14, De Faria 18 Goodin 6, Phillips 30 Ferrari 15, Matheson 23 Dickison 21.

Semifinal draw for January 26 at Paritutu: Donald Cameron, Steven Mitchell, Bart Robertson, Dennis Brewster (Whangarei) v Jordan Linn, Dave Wilson, Steve Walker, Craig De Faria (West End), Mark Kuklinski, John Roberts, Scott Roberts, Bruce Phillips (Tower) v Darryl Hawker, Lawrence Quek, Kevan Greenwood, Paul Matheson (Halswell).

Visitors dominate pairs

Three visiting combinations are through to the semifinals of this morning's Open pairs event, which is open for non-qualifiers and non-participants in the fours to take part in.

The semifinals see Tom Malcolm and Richie Muir (Wanaka) play Glenn Newton and Brody Dix (Papakura), while Mark Tulip and Colin Young (Te Kuiti) meet a composite Taranaki duo of Gary Barber (Paritutu) and Paddy Deegan (Opunake).

Like the fours, the quarterfinal games tended to be one-sided.

Newton and Dix, who skipped the winning four in 2018, ousted Tony Gray (Hillcrest) 20-7.

Malcolm and Muir ended the last of the Australian hopes, Graeme Rossiter (Tumut, NSW), 21-9.

Barber and Deegan defeated Ross Higginson (Orewa) 27-10.

A mid-game six helped Tulip and Young to a 24-12 triumph over Michael Healey (New Plymouth).

Results of post section play in the Taranaki Open pairs at Paritutu C on January 25:

Round 1: M Paton (Orewa) 20 M Hamlin (Stratford-Avon) 9, R Muir (Wanaka) 25 K Crawford (Paritutu) 18, K Bishop (Motueka) 19 G Hodges (Havelock North) 13, G Rossiter (Tumut) 21 M Bridgland (Massey Avenue) 10, G Nisbett (Seatoun) 24 B Edwards (Massey Avenue) 10, T Gray (Hillcrest) 22 J Priest (Oakura) 16, G Fulford (Havelock North) 24 B Mason (Takaro) 15.

Round 2: Muir 23 Paton 16, Rossiter 23 Bishop 10, Gray 27 Nisbett 7, B Dix (Papakura) 19 Fulford 6, M Healey (New Plymouth) 22 E Hau (Far North RSA) 15, C Young (Te Kuiti) 18 J Sexton (West End) 7, G Barber (Paritutu) 22 C Brookes (West End) 5, R Higginson (Orewa) 21 A Bowden (Parklands) 15.

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