

# Open News - Taranaki Open Fours

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## Martin produces big bowls to win quarterfinal

Victoria's Raymond Martin has long been earmarked for big things in bowls. He has represented New Zealand at age-grade level.

And while Covid-19 denied him full international honours last season, Martin did claim the biggest win of his career — the Dominion pairs.

Based off his performance yesterday, Martin still has plenty of places to go in bowls. It was the best display locals have seen from Martin in his old home City, as he skipped his side of Mike Carroll, Rod Leitch and Grant Wakefield into this morning's semifinals.

Martin's side defeated Palmerston North's Brian Looker, Eric Cairncross, Ian Monaghan and Brian Little 32-25 in the closest and most interesting of the quarterfinal games.

Martin produced a couple of mighty moments in the match, as the two sides sparred and swapped the lead numerous times.

With Little leading 16-13 and the jack in the ditch, Martin removed the closest Palmerston North bowl to score a five. On the 21st end, and behind 25-22, Martin drew the jack with his last bowl for four shots. It swung the game back in Martin's favour and a noticeable lift in confidence occurred.

In the semifinals, Martin's team will meet the Royal Oak side of Joe Whitelaw, John Carruthers, Teo Turua and skip Dan Delany.

Delany's side dominated its clash after the break to defeat Paritutu's Glen Fale, Ryan Vincent, Ian Andrews and Stefan McCartain 28-12. McCartain's men were in touch at 11-8 after 12 ends, and still had a slight sniff at 17-12 after 19 ends.

However, Paritutu were astray on the 21st, a softer six confirming the outcome.

There is a strong belief amongst locals that Delany plays his best bowls in Taranaki. While he has been anonymous on the national scene of late, there was enough yesterday on display to prove that he still has what it takes. His skipping dual with Martin this morning should be a real feature.

In the remaining quarterfinals, Dan Dickison (Tauranga) beat David Nightingale (Glendowie) 29-16, while Mark Anderson (Tower) overcame Anton Ferrari (Naenae) 31-15.

Nightingale and his side of Errol Lee, Ted Morris and Peter Wagner opened strongly, leading Dickison 10-2 after eight ends.

However, a brace of fours on the next two heads saw Dickison's side of Lance Tasker, John O'Shea and Steve Hughes back on level pegging.

Thereafter, the Tauranga team, beaten quarterfinalists last year, edged away. They led 22-16 after 20 ends before the clincher came on the next head. Already two down, Nightingale drove. While in the general vicinity, he removed his team's closest bowl and conceded a five.

It was a cruel end, especially for Nightingale, who despite playing bowls only about once every three weeks and having no centre titles to his credit, was in brilliant touch throughout the week.

The remaining quarterfinal saw Ferrari's four of Bill Brunenberg, John Gray and Steve Critchlow exit at the same stage as last year. Ferrari led 5-0 early and 7-4, before Anderson's side, which includes his brothers Brendan and Grant, plus No 2 Phil Kuklinski, took the lead. Counts of four and six mid-match assisted, although at 20-15 after 17, the match still was alive. But then it was all Tower.

In the earlier round three matches in the morning, Nightingale ended the run of last year's champion, Bruce Phillips (Tower), 20-14.

Nightingale dominated the opening exchanges, racing away to lead 14-1 after 11 ends. Phillips reduced the margin, but the damage had been done.

McCartain upset his clubmate Darren Goodin 27-19. While Goodin clawed back from 23-10 to 23-19 playing the last end, it was still not enough.

Both the Martin and Dickison sides put in excellent team efforts to record comfortable wins. Dickison, after leading 19-6, ousted Dean Elgar (West End) 29-13.

A mid-game five helped Martin pull away from Peter Belliss (Aramoho) to win 28-12.

Little had a tense encounter with Mike Cavanagh (Pukekohe), winning 23-17, although the teams could not be separated through 18 ends.

Delany's game against Warwick Fredrickson (Blockhouse Bay) drew a large Auckland audience. Delany got a five on the first head and led throughout, including 15-6 after nine. Fredrickson was chasing hard at the end, but Delany took it 23-21, after leading by three shots starting the last head.

### Visitors dominate pairs

Four visiting sides will contest the money rounds of the pairs event today.

Warrick Pinker won the event leading for brother Cary in 2014, is through to the last four. This time he leads for the experienced Lindsay Bourne, a past Wanganui pairs winner.

They meet the Papatoetoe duo of Patrick Stanaway and Tom Heimuli in one semifinal. Stanaway earlier in the season won the Counties singles, while Heimuli has previously won two Auckland centre titles.

The other semi is between Hillcrest's Kerry Margan and Tony Fabling against Central Levin brothers Geoff and Neil Bovey. Geoff has previously won the pairs with their father, Peter, in 2011. All four players hold centre titles and Fabling was runner-up in the Dominion singles two seasons ago.

In the quarterfinals, Pinker and Bourne beat West End's Bruce Hall and Bruce Lilley 18-12, while Stanaway and Heimuli ousted Okato's Jimmy Quay and Aidan Zittersteijn 21-15.

Elsewhere, Margan and Fabling beat Kia Toa's Kevin Bayliss and Erik Chilton 27-6 and the Boveys defeated Papamoa's Ron Crimlis and Wayne Smith 25-11.

## Results from day six

Refer to [www.taranakibowls.co.nz](http://www.taranakibowls.co.nz) for livestreaming of today's action.

### Results of post section play in the Open fours:

**Round 3:** David Nightingale (Glendowie) 20 Bruce Phillips (Tower) 14, Dan Dickison (Tauranga) 29 Dean Elgar (West End) 13, Brian Little (Palmerston North) 23 Mike Cavanagh (Pukekohe) 17, Raymond Martin (Victoria) 28 Peter Belliss (Aramoho) 12, Dan Delany (Royal Oak) 23 Warwick Fredrickson (Blockhouse Bay) 21, Stefan McCartain (Paritutu) 27 Darren Goodin (Paritutu) 19.

**Quarterfinals:** Mark Anderson (Tower) 31 Anton Ferrari (Naenae) 15, Dickison 29 Nightingale 16, Martin 32 Little 25, Delany 28 McCartain 12.

**Semifinal draw for January 24 at Paritutu:** Brendan Anderson, Phil Kuklinski, Grant Anderson, Mark Anderson (Tower) v Lance Tasker, John O'Shea, Steve Hughes, Dan Dickison (Tauranga); Mike Carroll, Rod Leitch, Grant Wakefield, Raymond Martin (Victoria) v Joe Whitelaw, John Carruthers, Teo Turua, Dan Delany (Royal Oak).

### Results of post section play in the Open pairs:

**Round 1:** P Hassall (Tawa) 23 R Gadsby (Fitzroy)

19, T Heimuli (Papatoetoe) 21 M Bridgland (Naenae) 14, P Fergusson (Tui Park) 19 C Pinker (Wanganui East) 17, J Quay (Okato) 25 K Bishop (Motueka) 12, P Deegan (Opunake) 19 C Horo (Rahotu) 17, B Lilley (West End) 21 G Crow (Paritutu) 11, L Bourne (Wanganui East) 20 P Huxtable (Far North RSA) 15, M Griffin (Levin) 25 M Whittle (Fitzroy) 19.

**Round 2:** Heimuli 21 Hassall 14, Quay 19 Fergusson 12, Lilley 23 Deegan 15, Bourne 20 Griffin 15, E Chilton (Kia Toa) 27 S Robinson (Omarunui) 11, T Fabling (Hillcrest) 19 M Dudley (Hawera Park) 13, N Bovey (Central Levin) 22 B Mummery (Paritutu) 19, W Smith (Papamoa) 26 B Read (Paritutu) 6.

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