

SCOTS PULL OFF A LAST GASP VICTORY AGAINST NEW ZEALAND

In a game of two halves, Scottish father-and-son duo Chris and John Carswell got the better of Kiwi duo Colin Rogan and Garry Cotter in the sudden death, three end shoot out to chalk up a 4-9, 9-6, 2-1 victory in the second match of the day in the Imagine Cruising World Indoor Bowls Pairs Championship at the Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk, England.

By their own admission, the Scots were outplayed in the first set of the two bowl pairs format, only scoring on two of the nine end set.

In the second set they opened their account with a full count of four shots on the third end, before the North Island duo scored a double to square the match at 4-4.

The Scots rolled in a 1, 3 and 1 which pushed them into a comfortable 4 position with just two ends remaining, and they were content to concede singles and take the set to push the match into a sudden death decider.

Once again there was little to separate both teams and the score was locked at one end apiece. With the match result hanging in the balance, Chris drew the shot with his second delivery and remaining in that until the end, with Kiwi skip Garry Cotter agonisingly missing out on drawing the shot that would have seen them through to the last sixteen stage.

Colin Rogan now switches his focus to the World Indoor Singles and will play another Scot in Darren Burnett currently ranked 15th on the World Tour at approximately 12.15am on Friday morning NZDT. The match will be live on the World Bowls Tour Youtube channel. Burnett last played a kiwi 9 years ago at Potter's comfortably accounting for Bart Robertson in the first round on that occasion.