

BURNETT DIGS DEEP TO BEAT ROGAN

Number 15 seed from Scotland Darren Burnett had to dig deep and pull on all his experience to take a last gasp 6-9, 11-5, 2-0 win over Kiwi Colin Rogan and book a second round ticket for the @Imagine Cruising World Indoor Bowls Singles Championship on Thursday 19th January against either Paul Foster MBE or Hong Kong's Jason Choi.

Darren started off in a confident mode, reaching out to a 4-2, four end lead. However, as the fifth end concluded, Darren's closest bowl fell out of the count before it could be chocked for a measure, and he lost the shot.

With control of the jack, Colin went for a longer length, and, with the fifth end scenario still replaying in his mind, Darren lost his focus and dropped a full count of four shots to trail 4-7. And in turn lost the set 6-9.

He struggled to cut Colin's winning run, and trailed 0-4 after three ends of the second, and knowing that he couldn't let the match slip any further, he found a purple patch of form and scored on five of the last six ends to win 11-5 and take the match to a tie break – which he won 2-0.

"I was within one end of being bombed out of the event. I knew that if I didn't score on the fourth end of the second set that I wouldn't have a chance of catching up" said Darren.

Adding "the situation with my bowl falling out of the head really riled me, and I couldn't concentrate after that. Just thankful that I did manage to put that behind me and take a win".

Wellington PBA coordinator Clare Hendra will make her debut at 11pm tonight NZDT in the World Mixed Pairs playing with England's Jamie Chestney against Scotland's Paul Foster and Guernsey's Alison Merrien.

Coverage will be available on the World Bowls Tour's Youtube channel.