

ELGAR WINS ON DEBUT; MANAWATU DOMINATE

Former outdoor national singles champion Dean Elgar found success on his New Zealand Professional Bowls Association debut winning New Plymouth's World Indoor Singles qualifier beating Aidan Zittersteijn in the final 10-3, 6-6.

Elgar then paired with Zittersteijn to almost do the double over the 'Potter's Weekend' but were denied by John Roberts and Craig De Faria in the World Indoor Pairs qualifier final 10-8, 5-10, 2-0. This gives Roberts two appearances at Finals Weekend in Invercargill as he also won the Scottish Singles qualifier earlier in the month.

Manawatu's Steve Love will return to Finals Weekend for the first time since 2018 after he beat Hawkes Bay's Merv Brown in the final of the World Indoor Singles qualifier in Hastings 8-5, 11-6. Love was convincing throughout the day not dropping a set using Impact bowls.

Manawatu visitors also picked up the World Indoor Pairs qualifier with Darren Wright and Bryan Gibson winning over another Manawatu player Scotty McGavin and his Hawkes Bay partner Peter Jones 7-6, 7-5. Wright lead particularly well all day in a return to the 2-bowl Pairs format which was popularly received in Hastings.

There were upsets galore in the Scottish Singles qualifier in Wellington with two Kapiti Coast players making their PBA debut weekend reaching the final. Richard Morpeth and Rohan Teaz will play on Wellington's Finals Day on August 12 both surviving third end tiebreak semifinals.

This weekend Auckland's Royal Oak hosts its 'Potter's Weekend' with qualifiers for the World Indoor Singles and Pairs. Former national outdoor pairs champion David Clark makes his PBA debut and will open against another debutante Sam Taloke, while a big early clash looms in the pairs with last year's champion Nick Thompson partnered with David Eades against long time campaigners Bart Robertson and Steve Cox.

Information including an application form, entry forms, dates and venues for the NZ PBA can be found on the worldbowlstour.org site under PBA – New Zealand though beware on the Hastings entry forms, the last weekend has been pushed back to 26 and 27 August.

Results:

Paritutu Club, New Plymouth

World Indoor Singles Qualifier

1st round: Steve Muller bt Paul Burn 10-5, 9-6; Kim Marsters bt Eleni Meimaris 12-2, 8-8; Sandra Zittersteijn bt Moana Mair 11-6, 3-10, 2-0; Wayne Hawkes bt Kevin Gledhill 9-3, 5-7, 2-0; Bruce Mummery bt Kristin Stampa 9-7, 10-4; Dean Elgar bt Peter Vink 11-5, 9-4; Nathan Goodin bt Ken Mair 12-7, 9-7; John Kane bt Phillip Huwyler 10-8, 14-1; Craig De Faria bt Noel Bracken 13-3, 11-4; Aidan Zittersteijn bt Phil Corney 8-5, 10-4; John Roberts bt Rosalie Broderson 12-5,

11-7; Ian Andrews bt Bruce Hall 8-5, 1-15, 2-1; James Bragger bt Wayne Te Huki 7-6, 7-7; Kelvin Francis bt John Cottam 3-9, 10-1, 2-0.
2nd round: Muller bt Marsters 7-5, 15-2; Hawkes bt S.Zittersteijn 13-1, 12-6; Elgar bt Mummery 8-4, 11-3; Goodin bt Kane 11-1, 10-1; A.Zittersteijn bt De Faria 10-5, 7-10, 2-0; Andrews bt Roberts 9-7, 7-8, 2-1; Francis bt Bragger 12-5, 9-5; Kaylin Huwyler bt Kevan Sellers 8-7, 5-9, 2-1.
Quarterfinals: Hawkes bt Muller 7-5, 11-2; Elgar bt Goodin 4-10, 10-3, 2-1; A.Zittersteijn bt Andrews 7-5, 8-5; K.Huwyler bt Francis 11-5, 6-7, 2-1.
Semifinals: Elgar bt Hawkes 7-6, 5-7, 2-1; A.Zittersteijn bt K.Huwyler 8-6, 7-7.
Final: Dean Elgar (Taranaki) bt Aidan Zittersteijn (Taranaki) 10-3, 6-6.
Dean Elgar will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

World Indoor Pairs Qualifier

1st round: Bruce Colgan & Bruce Hall bt Kim Marsters & Sandra Zittersteijn 12-3, 12-2; Moana & Ken Mair bt Rosalie Broderson & Eleni Meimaris 3-11, 6-5, 2-1; Noel Bracken & Peter Vink bt Nathan Goodin & Wayne Hawkes 10-5, 7-8, 2-0; John Roberts & Craig De Faria bt Kelvin Francis & James Bragger 11-3, 11-7; Kevan Sellers & Steve Muller bt Gavin Scrivener & Phil Corney 3-8, 7-6, 2-0; Bruce Mummery & Kevin Gledhill bt Paul Burn & John Kane 13-0, 12-3; Dean Elgar & Aidan Zittersteijn bt John Cottam & Ian Andrews 9-8, 6-7, 2-1; Kaylin & Phillip Huwyler bt Kristin Stampa & Wayne Te Huki 9-6, 3-8, 2-1.
Quarterfinals: Colgan & Hall bt M. & K. Mair 5-7, 8-6, 2-0; Roberts & De Faria bt Bracken & Vink 11-2, 8-3; Sellers & Muller bt Mummery & Gledhill 7-6, 7-7; Elgar & A.Zittersteijn bt K. & P. Huwyler 13-1, 5-6, 2-0.
Semifinals: Roberts & De Faria bt Colgan & Hall 8-7, 6-5; Elgar & A.Zittersteijn bt Sellers & Muller 11-1, 8-2.
Final: John Roberts & Craig De Faria (Taranaki) bt Dean Elgar & Aidan Zittersteijn (Taranaki) 10-8, 5-10, 2-0.
John Roberts & Craig De Faria will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Heretaunga Club, Hastings

World Indoor Singles Qualifier

1st round: Natarsha Grimshaw bt Dave Porteous 13-0, 7-10, 2-1; Fletch Christian bt Iraia Peni 15-1, 3-9, 2-1; Merv Brown bt Gavin Keighley 11-1, 11-5; Darren Wright bt Bryan Gibson 11-5, 8-4; John Kearns bt Mike Le Geyt 11-6, 13-4.
2nd round: Grimshaw bt Christian 8-9, 11-3, 2-1; Brown bt Wright 10-5, 10-5; Kearns bt Brian Looker 6-6, 8-5; Murray Glassey bt Mark Kilmister 7-5, 5-5; Steve Love bt Glen Curtis 9-4, 12-3; Peter Jones bt Scotty McGavin 12-2, 11-6; Tony Terry bt Jason Tiddy 11-4, 10-6; Mike Isaacson bt Ian Mason 3-9, 9-6, 2-0.
Quarterfinals: Brown bt Grimshaw 5-12, 12-11, 2-1; Kearns bt Glassey 10-2, 0-9, 2-0; Love bt Jones 9-3, 8-8; Terry bt Isaacson 7-5, 13-5.
Semifinals: Brown bt Kearns 13-3, 10-2; Love bt Terry 7-5, 10-0.
Final: Steve Love (Manawatu) bt Merv Brown (Hawkes Bay) 8-5, 11-6.
Steve Love will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

World Indoor Pairs Qualifier

1st round: Glen Curtis & Brian Looker bt Fletch Christian & Jason Tiddy 9-6, 9-3; Darren Wright & Bryan Gibson bt Steve Love & Dave Porteous 9-7, 10-1.
Quarterfinals: Wright & Gibson bt Curtis & Looker 10-9, 10-6; Ian Mason & Mark Kilmister bt Gavin Keighley & Mike Le Geyt 12-2, 10-4; Scotty McGavin & Peter Jones bt Mike Isaason & Tony Terry 8-6, 3-12, 2-0; Murray Glassey & Merv Brown bt John Kearns & Iraia Peni 10-10, 12-1.
Semifinals: Wright & Gibson bt Mason & Kilmister 10-5, 7-7; McGavin & Jones bt Glassey & Brown 1-11, 6-5, 2-1.
Final: Darren Wright & Bryan Gibson (Manawatu) bt Scotty McGavin (Manawatu) & Peter Jones (Hawkes Bay)
Darren Wright & Bryan Gibson will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Naenae Club, Wellington

Ranking Singles

1st round: Clare Hendra bt Richard Morpeth 12-3, 7-6; Scott Sinclair-Paton bt Leighton Wilding 8-4, 15-0; Stacey Thomas bt Blake Signal 8-7, 10-2; Brian McDermott bt Bill Brunenberg 4-9, 7-6, 2-1; Jim Swift bt Steve Nicoll 10-7, 13-2; Gavin Hamlyn bt Steve Critchlow 10-5, 7-3; Kennie Critchlow bt Sonny White ; Jayden Ravji bt Lock Chin 8-7, 10-0; Ray Boffa bt Rohan Teaz 9-3, 10-2.
2nd round: Hendra bt Sincalir-Paton 8-11, 8-4, 2-0; Thomas bt McDermott 10-7, 8-7; Hamlyn bt Swift 7-6, 8-3; Ravji bt K.Critchlow 6-6, 8-8, 2-0; Ross Ellery bt Boffa 5-8, 11-6, 2-0; Mike Solomon bt Karen Ewart 10-7, 7-4; Mark Finlay bt Lil Renata 10-3, 11-9; Lily Signal bt Tau White 8-7, 4-14, 2-0.
Quarterfinals: Hendra bt Thomas 6-11, 8-5, 2-1; Hamlyn bt Ravji 10-8, 8-2; Solomon bt Ellery 10-7, 6-6; Finlay bt Signal 11-2, 11-2.
Semifinals: Hamlyn bt Hendra 7-6, 12-4; Solomon bt Finlay 9-6, 10-9.
Final: Gavin Hamlyn (Wairarapa) v Mike Solomon (Wellington) to be played Aug 12.

Scottish Singles Qualifier

1st round: Ross Ellery bt Tau White 14-0, 11-1; Stacey Thomas bt Lil Renata 12-1, 12-3; Gavin Hamlyn bt Steve Nicoll 11-1, 10-0; Scott Sinclair-Paton bt Mark O'Brien 3-11, 13-1, 2-1; Jim Swift bt Steve Critchlow 10-6, 9-3; Richard Morpeth bt Leighton Wilding 9-7, 6-6; Clare Hendra bt Steve Rickman 7-5, 8-8; Mike Solomon bt Mark Finlay 2-10, 11-4, 2-1; Richard Corry bt Kennie Critchlow 11-2, 7-6; Jayden Ravji bt Ray Boffa 11-4, 1-11, 2-1.
2nd round: Thomas bt Ellery 13-5, 5-6, 2-0; Hamlyn bt Sinclair-Paton 10-9, 9-7; Morpeth bt Swift 11-4, 10-4; Solomon bt Hendra 4-9, 12-8, 2-0; Corry bt Ravji 5-10, 10-4, 2-0; Rohan Teaz bt Lock Chin 9-3, 8-7; Brian McDermott bt Karen Ewart 9-5, 7-4; Bill Brunenberg bt Sonny White 11-2, 6-6.
Quarterfinals: Thomas bt Hamlyn 11-2, 7-5; Morpeth bt Solomon 11-6, 7-6; Teaz bt Corry 9-8, 3-8, 2-0; McDermott bt Brunenberg 8-6, 6-6.
Semifinals: Morpeth bt Thomas 2-11, 7-5, 2-1; Teaz bt McDermott 5-10, 9-3, 2-1.
Final: Richard Morpeth (Kapiti Coast) v Rohan Teaz (Kapiti Coast) to be played Aug 12.

Draws:

Royal Oak, Auckland

(2023 rank) Player v Player [PBA Career singles head-to-head]

World Indoor Singles:

Sat 24 Jun – 1st round: (debut)Uili Fifita v (205)Judy Smith; (205)Trish Croot v (292)Sandra Taylor; (275)Rima Strickland v (303)Ryan Hill; (203)Steve Ramsay v (92)Neil Fisher; (194)Logan Clark v (11)Nick Thompson; (177)Janine Young v (177)Steve Cox [1-0 Young]; (81)David Eades v (14)Colin Rogan [1-0 Rogan]; (59)Brian Wilson v (18)Garry Cotter [1-0 Wilson].

2nd round: (debut)David Clark v (debut)Sam Taloke; (debut)Paul Neasor v (131)Ian Fisher; (36)Bart Robertson v (258)Keiko Kurohara; (275)Mark Griffiths v (205)Phil Taylor.

World Indoor Pairs:

Sun 25 Jun – 1st round: David & Logan Clark v Phil & Sandra Taylor; Nick Thompson & David Eades v Bart Robertson & Steve Cox.

2nd round: Rima Strickland & Janine Young v Neil Fisher & Brian Wilson; Ian Fisher & Mark Griffiths v Sam Taloke & Uili Fifita; Paul Neasor & Keiko Kurohara v Colin Rogan & Garry Cotter.

