



PENNANT PREVIEW ROUND 2

It's a Marathon, not a Sprint



Bowls; A Sport for All

Welcome to Round 2

Is it entirely possible that I spoke too soon earlier in the week when I said that mother nature had finally cut us some slack? Storms are predicted to round out the week here in Canberra, but here's hoping that it can hold off and let us get on the greens.

There were some big plays in Round 1, but I'm sure it is just a piece of what we are in for through the whole 2021 season. Movers and shakers are out to make their mark early in the season, but you know what they say; it's a marathon, not a sprint.

While some may get carried away with a big win in the first week of the competition you can never really judge a book by its cover, or even the introduction. That's just what we've had through the first week, an introduction. There are chapters to go in this story before we get to the finale in the middle of April. The story may have started off a little melancholy for some clubs there are still plenty of twists and turns to go before we see the final product.

Match of the Round

Men's Grade 1 – Canberra Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC

While the Bungendore story is just one amazing piece of the Grade 6 competition you can't go past the Men's Grade 1 matchup which sees Canberra Bowling Club taking on Tuggeranong Vikings LBC on their home turf, or carpet? No, turf works...

Canberra Bowling Club will look to put themselves well out in front of the competition in this matchup, but the Vikings will be coming out strong to assert themselves on the competition. Both clubs have put in the ground work over the offseason, training the house down in order to get themselves ready for just a match as this.

It's matches like these that shape up how the rest of the year will play out. A big loss puts you behind the ball while a big win could see you flying through the later rounds. Either way, I suspect this won't blow out. I wouldn't be putting any bets down on this one as it could swing either way, could well be the epitome of "A Game of Millimetres".



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Women's Weekend Pennant Grade 1/2

Queanbeyan Bowling Club v Yowani CC Bowling Club @Queanbeyan

With rain putting Yowani out of action last weekend I would bet that the only things Yowani are hoping for here is to at least get on the green! With the new synthetics out at Queanbeyan they are every chance of getting a game this weekend. QBC will be looking to avenge last week's performance and put their first win on the board on the new deck.

Weston Creek Bowling Club v CBC/YBC @ Weston Creek

We're still not sure what to expect here with the combination team on Yass and CBC not yet getting on the park, but if Weston Creek's performance last week is anything to go off it might be a tough day at the office for the new squad. YBC/CBC have everything to play for, but Weston Creek look to be red hot from the get go this year.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club Blue @ CNBC

Canberra North will look to replicate the form of the Men's arm of the club in the first match for 2021. QRSL Blue come off a strong win last week and will make things very difficult for the club from the inner North. Still too early to call this one on form lets just keep an eye out for the results here.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club Gold v Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club Green @QRSL

Goulburn Railway Green have some work to do to bounce back from last week. A tough introduction into the pennants they'll be looking to put their best foot forward this week. Write off that performance and they come up against some tough opposition in QRSL Gold who put in a dominant display against Vikings in Round 1. Could be another tough weekend for the travelling crew, but nothing to lose!

Vikings Bowls Club v Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club Gold @ Vikings

Vikings will be looking to make amends when they come up against the new kid on the block in Goulburn Railway Gold. Missing out on the first round, Goulburn will be looking to show they aren't going to roll over when they take on the inexperienced Vikings unit. Both teams have plenty to play for here so keep an eye out for some sharp shots coming down the rinks.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	WCBC	1	1	0	0	0	80	17	63	8
2	QRSLMBC - G	1	1	0	0	0	57	18	39	8
3	QRSLMBC - B	1	1	0	0	0	44	36	8	7
4	QBC	1	0	1	0	0	36	44	-8	1
5	GRBC - Gold	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	CNBC	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	VBC	1	0	1	0	0	18	57	-39	0
8	GRBC - Green	1	0	1	0	0	17	80	-63	0



Men's Pennant Grade 1

North

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Belconnen Bowling Club @ QRSL

QRSL are coming off a big win and Belconnen are coming off a big loss. A betting man would say you can put the result down in permanent marker here, but I wouldn't be so sure. Belconnen have everything to prove and nothing to lose in their round 2 matchup. With only 10 rounds in the season, they'll need to show they aren't going to rollover here. QRSL will be a tough matchup for the northsides and the odds are well in their favour. Careful of the upset!

Yass Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ Yass

Yass will be disappointed with their first round performance, but will be sure to rally the troops and put on a good show on their home deck. Coming off a strong performance in round 1, CNBC will look to push further and show they belong on top of the table. A tough road trip early in the season, good to get it out of the way you might say, CNBC will be favourites heading into this one, but you can never count out the home squad.

South

Canberra Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ CBC

A big showdown in the southern conference here. CBC put in a massive win against a strong Queanbeyan side last week and will look to carry that momentum moving forward. Vikings edged the win out over at the Creek and get on the road again this week over to Forrest. This could be the match of the round so I wouldn't be willing to make a call either way just yet. Odds would put CBC as favourites, but the margins are small and surely nobody is taking that bet.

Weston Creek Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ Weston Creek

Both sides coming off a loss to start the season means that there is everything to play for here. The Creekers and the boys from Queanbeyan will be looking to strike up their first wins for the season and put some heavy points on the board. All signs point to another close contest between these two, so I wouldn't go as far as to make a prediction either way. Keep you eyes peeled here.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	CNNC	1	1	0	0	0	76	37	39	12
2	QRSLMBC	1	1	0	0	0	76	38	38	12
3	CBC	1	1	0	0	0	77	48	29	10
4	TVLBC	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
5	WCBC	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
6	QBC	1	0	1	0	0	48	77	-29	2
7	YBC	1	0	1	0	0	38	76	-38	0
8	BBC	1	0	1	0	0	37	76	-39	0



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Men's Pennant Grade 2

Belconnen Bowling Club v Canberra Bowling Club @ BBC

After starting strongly both clubs will be looking to double down and apply the pressure on the rest of the competition in this round 2 matchup. Belconnen showed a bit in their first round win against QBC and will be out to show it was no fluke. CBC remain front runners across all competitions showing some incredible depth across the squads. This could be an interesting one set to shake the competition around a bit.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ GRBC

The Railway plays host to Queanbeyan in this second round matchup with Goulburn's greens looking in fantastic touch. QBC lost out to BBC in their first round but will be looking to make up for it here. Goulburn put in a massive showing toppling the Creekers and putting themselves in the mixer from the start of the season. Another matchup this round sure to set out the scene in the competition.

Tuggeranong Vikings LBC v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ Vikings

I'm sure there were a few people down South in Canberra scratching their heads wondering what went wrong last week for these two teams. A narrow loss for the Creekers shows they're still a team to beat, but the real story will be how Vikings bounce back from what seemed to be a trouncing at the hands of CBC. Both teams need to pick up some points or they'll be finding themselves at the back of the field in the early running.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	CBC	1	1	0	0	0	73	47	26	10
2	GRBC	1	1	0	0	0	63	55	8	10
3	BBC	1	1	0	0	0	61	48	13	8
4	QBC	1	0	1	0	0	48	61	-13	4
5	WCBC	1	0	1	0	0	55	63	-8	2
6	TVLBC	1	0	1	0	0	47	73	-26	2



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Men's Pennant Grade 3

Yowani CC Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ Yowani

After a big loss in round 1 Yowani will need to improve on their performances across the rinks, and quickly. Another affair of the same calibre and they'll find themselves at the back of the pack very quickly. They come up against a TVLBC unit coming off a tough win against QRSL. Matches like these can set the scene for the rest of the season so both teams will look to gain an advantage this weekend.

Yass Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club

Yass play host to their neighbours Crookwell in round 2, coming off a disappointing performance in the first match. It doesn't look like things will get any easier for them with Crookwell coming in off some fine form in round 1. Yass will need to pick up the pieces quickly or they could see a big gap opening up to the rest of the field in a very short space of time.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club @ CNBC

This looks to be a hot affair. CNBC come in off a big win and QRSL come in having lost one they'll thinking they should have taken. CNBC will look to hold top spot on the ladder through the early rounds, but I am sure the QRSL will bounce back quickly after the defeat last week. This looks to be match of the round in Grade 3, so keep an eye out.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	CNBC	1	1	0	0	0	82	41	41	12
2	CSBC	1	1	0	0	0	89	48	41	10
3	TVLBC	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
4	QRSLMBC	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
5	YCCBC	1	0	1	0	0	48	89	-41	2
6	YBC	1	0	1	0	0	41	82	-41	0



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Men's Pennant Grade 4

Weston Creek Bowling Club v Yowani CC Bowling Club @ Weston Creek

Weston Creek could be forgiven if they were still celebrating that one shot win from last weekend, but I don't think you'll find them any more forgiving this weekend. They'll be looking to come out and really set the season for the season moving forward. Yowani were solid in their defeat, but will need to improve if they are a chance here. On the road against a confident opponent makes life tough, but this is where Yowani could set themselves up for the remainder of the season.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club @ GRBC

QRSL may well feel a bit hard done by after losing by a shot overall. They took out two rinks, but weren't good enough on the third. They'll be looking for a more even performance across all three rinks this weekend. Goulburn would be disappointed with their first round performance and will no doubt see the home game as an opportunity to recoup from it. I'd be careful if I were QRSL, I'm betting Goulburn will be looking to show a bit this weekend at home.

Tuggeranong Vikings LBC v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ Vikings

Its not often you find yourself on top of the table after a 5 shot win, but here we are with TVLBC sitting up front. QBC come off a strong win at home and will look to double down early in the season. Both teams could set themselves up moving forward with a win here, but neither will be giving it over easily to the other. This will be a tough affair in a good round of matches across the board.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	TVLBC	1	1	0	0	0	64	59	5	10
2	QBC	1	1	0	0	0	67	46	21	9
3	WCBC	1	1	0	0	0	59	58	1	8
4	QRSLMBC	1	0	1	0	0	58	59	-1	4
5	GRBC	1	0	1	0	0	46	67	-21	3
6	YCCBC	1	0	1	0	0	59	64	-5	2



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Men's Pennant Grade 5

Belconnen Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club @ BBC

Belconnen come off a tough loss into a strong opposition this round. They'll need to be at their best as they meet a Crookwell side who dismantled CBC at home in round 1. Crookwell hit the road this week and will look to emulate their first up performance against a reeling opponent. Could be a tough start to the year for Belconnen if they can't pull it back together this week.

Queanbeyan Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ QBC

Queanbeyan will need to be at their best this week against a tough opposition. CNBC made their intentions clear with a big win against BBC in round 1 and will look to move forward in the same fashion. The new deck gets another spin as QBC look to put some big points on the board.

Canberra Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ CBC

CBC's Grade 5 squad will be wondering where it all went wrong last week as the rest of the club put in strong wins. They'll need to pull it together quickly as they face the man from down south in a tough matchup. Vikings played well taking at the win in the standard fashion for the Vikings, a close game. This could still go anywhere so don't hold your horses on calling this one.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	CSBC	1	1	0	0	0	71	42	29	12
2	CNBC	1	1	0	0	0	60	49	11	10
3	TVLBC	1	1	0	0	0	54	50	4	10
4	QBC	1	0	1	0	0	50	54	-4	2
5	BBC	1	0	1	0	0	49	60	-11	2
6	CBC	1	0	1	0	0	42	71	-29	0



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Men's Pennant Grade 6

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club

Both teams will be looking for their first win of the season as CNBC head across the border to take on the Railway. Close games all round in the first week, I would expect this one to follow in the same fashion. Goulburn have put away their sorrows after a loss to their rivals, while CNBC are still wondering where Bungendore came from. Keep an eye on this one.

Yass Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club @ YBC

Yass will look to build on their first up draw and take a win at home. Rounding out the grades to have all three teams at home for the weekend there will be a great atmosphere surrounding the club as they look for any edge they can find. Crookwell will look to continue the clubs winning record as they join their clubmates from Grade 3 at Yass.

Bungendore Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ Bungendore

The surprise packet of the competition, Bungendore, will look to put consecutive wins on the board for the first time in, well, I'm not sure how long! Top of the ladder they come up against the Creekers who will be looking to take one step forward from their draw to put a win on the board. Out across the border this will be another great matchup.

Table

Pos.		Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Points
1	BBC	1	1	0	0	0	67	43	24	10
2	CSBC	1	1	0	0	0	58	52	6	10
3	YBC	1	0	0	1	0	51	51	0	7
4	WCBC	1	0	0	1	0	51	51	0	5
5	GRBC	1	0	1	0	0	52	58	-6	2
6	CNBC	1	0	1	0	0	43	67	-24	2



Yarn of the Week

Don't forget, if you come across a story that you'd like to share please feel through to send it through to me at the email address below. Let's share the stories that are the reason we all keep coming back to bowls each and every week of the year.

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