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PENNANT PREVIEW

ROUND 6, 2021

A quick snapshot of the week ahead.....



Match of the Round

Men's Grade 1

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Canberra Bowling Club @ QRSL

Clash of the Titans here. It's not too often you find yourself at Round 6 of a season and there are still two undefeated teams ready to clash with each other. Yet here we are.

Canberra Bowling Club have been absolutely flying so far this season. Taking the micky a bit at times it would seem they've dispatched with a couple clubs along the way so far and look to be well on their way to taking top spot for the end of the home and away season.

QRSL have been the dark horse to some. We expected big things out of the Southern Conference but through it all Queanbeyan have shown that there is some serious talent coming out of the North as well. To get through to this stage undefeated is no mean feat and QRSL have showed that they are title contenders. Just how good those chances are will be tested this week though.

This match has all the credentials for a classic. We've got undefeated teams. We've got a beautiful weather forecast. We've got the Ladies Singles on the Green next door. We've got absolutely everything to play for on a perfect Sunday afternoon.

I'll tell you what, if games like these don't get you thinking about how much you love this sport then I'm not sure where to tell you to look. I'd urge you, if you've got some spare time on Sunday afternoon, Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club is the place to be.



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Women's Weekend Pennant

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|----------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | WCWBC | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 116 | 112 | 24 |
| 2 | QRSLMBC - Gold | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | 76 | 63 | 24 |
| 3 | CNBC | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 152 | 16 | 18 |
| 4 | GRWBC - Green | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 138 | -34 | 16 |
| 5 | QRSLMBC - Blue | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 159 | 165 | -6 | 15 |
| 6 | YCCBC | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 89 | -12 | 8 |
| 7 | GRWBC - Gold | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 124 | -24 | 8 |
| 8 | CBC/YBC | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 139 | -39 | 6 |
| 9 | VBC | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 137 | -44 | 6 |
| 10 | QBC | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 130 | -32 | 3 |

Men's Grade 1

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|---------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | CBC | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 352 | 219 | 133 | 53 |
| 2 | QRSLMBC | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 334 | 257 | 77 | 51 |
| 3 | QBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 321 | 251 | 70 | 50 |
| 4 | CNBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 263 | 22 | 28 |
| 5 | TVLBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 337 | -76 | 23 |
| 6 | WCBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 276 | -8 | 17 |
| 7 | YBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 331 | -125 | 14 |
| 8 | BBC | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 227 | 320 | -93 | 4 |

| Pos. | Northern Conference | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|---------------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | QRSLMBC | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 334 | 257 | 77 | 51 |
| 2 | CNBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 285 | 263 | 22 | 28 |
| 3 | YBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 331 | -125 | 14 |
| 4 | BBC | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 227 | 320 | -93 | 4 |

| Pos. | Southern Conference | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|---------------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | CBC | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 352 | 219 | 133 | 53 |
| 2 | QBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 321 | 251 | 70 | 50 |
| 3 | TVLBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 337 | -76 | 23 |
| 4 | WCBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 276 | -8 | 17 |



Men's Grade 2

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|-------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | GRBC | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 202 | 55 | 40 |
| 2 | CBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 293 | 256 | 37 | 37 |
| 3 | WCBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 320 | 283 | 37 | 34 |
| 4 | BBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 279 | 297 | -18 | 23 |
| 5 | QBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 264 | 304 | -40 | 18 |
| 6 | TVLBC | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 269 | -71 | 16 |

Men's Grade 3

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|---------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | CSBC | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 344 | 270 | 74 | 39 |
| 2 | CNBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 304 | 272 | 32 | 34 |
| 3 | QRSLMBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 284 | 288 | -4 | 34 |
| 4 | YBC | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 282 | 307 | -25 | 29 |
| 5 | TVLBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 269 | 299 | -30 | 26 |
| 6 | YCCBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 267 | 314 | -47 | 18 |

Men's Grade 4

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|---------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | QBC | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 325 | 251 | 74 | 48 |
| 2 | WCBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 311 | 276 | 35 | 42 |
| 3 | GRBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 313 | 270 | 43 | 38 |
| 4 | TVLBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 316 | -29 | 23 |
| 5 | YCCBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 290 | -12 | 21 |
| 6 | QRSLMBC | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 242 | 353 | -111 | 8 |

Men's Grade 5

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|-------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | CSBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 328 | 278 | 50 | 46 |
| 2 | CBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 340 | 246 | 94 | 44 |
| 3 | TVLBC | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 278 | 9 | 44 |
| 4 | QBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 319 | -46 | 16 |
| 5 | BBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 247 | 316 | -69 | 16 |
| 6 | CNBC | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 266 | 304 | -38 | 14 |

Men's Grade 6

| Pos. | | Played | Won | Loss | Draw | Bye | For | Against | Score Diff. | Points |
|------|------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | WCBC | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 292 | 272 | 20 | 38 |
| 2 | CSBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 276 | 2 | 36 |
| 3 | YBC | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 301 | 270 | 31 | 35 |
| 4 | GRBC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 296 | 264 | 32 | 32 |
| 5 | BuBC | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 292 | 300 | -8 | 26 |
| 6 | CNBC | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 242 | 319 | -77 | 13 |



Women's Grade 1/2

Yowani CC Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club – Gold @ Yowani

QRSL Gold will be out to keep their win streak alive as they are yet to lose a match in 2021 so far. They sit second on the ladder but have a game in hand on the Creekers above them due to earlier rains. Yowani find themselves sitting in 6th place halfway through the season but won't be too comfortable there. With another two games in hand they won't be too concerned if they can't get across the line against the ladder leaders, but wins will be necessary to keep building.

Vikings Bowls Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ Vikings

Vikings are coming off their first win for the year before they went into the bye so they'll be hoping the week off hasn't thrown their form out the window. Norths are sitting well in third place having caught up on their washout matches and will be looking to press the issue here. A few more wins would seal the finals for them, but Vikings will be looking to take their build further into 2021 and keep the train rolling.

Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club – Gold v Weston Creek Women's Bowling Club @ GRBC

Weston Creek suffered their first loss for the year in Round 4, but have had a week off to revitalise their squad as they come up against Goulburn Gold. They'll be looking to pick up their form from Round 3 straight away in this one as Goulburn sit down in 7th for the time being. Another couple bad results could see Weston Creek slipping out of that double chance position as the clubs below start to look on with a bit more hope of pulling them back. Crucial match here to see if Weston Creek can pull it back together, or whether the wheels will fall off.

Goulburn Railway Women's Bowling Club - Green v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ GRBC

Goulburn Railway Green will be taking on the bottom of the ladder Queanbeyan Bowling Club this weekend and will look to put in a big result to make a push for the top. Queanbeyan have been struggling so far in 2021, a form line they are no doubt working hard to turn around as quickly as possible. Should be a win here for Goulburn, but never count anything out.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club – Blue v CBC/BBC @ QRSLMBC

QRSL Blue find themselves sitting at the bottom of the first half of the ladder, but only because Yowani are still two games behind! They'll need to put wins in the bag if they're to hold onto 5th place moving forward through the season. CBC's composition team will now be playing with the ladies from Belconnen and they'll be looking to make their mark on the competition quickly. Both teams will be chasing the win hard here so it is a tough one to call.



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Men's Grade 1

Belconnen Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ BBC

Belconnen are still yet to win a game for 2021 and the prospects remain bleak for them. Vikings need to put some big wins on the board quickly as they chase a spot in the finals, so they will be looking to put plenty of shot down this weekend. You'd be hard pressed to tip against them at this stage, most punters would be betting on the margin in this one.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ CNBC

Norths will be out to get some more points on the board here. With Yass and Belconnen struggling in the Northern Conference they can see the finals spot in their sights early in the season, but a win here would just about put it beyond doubt that they're competing late into April. Weston Creek need a win to stay in touch with the rest of the conference though so Norths will be up against it. A loss here for Weston Creek makes the road ahead much tougher. Expect big things from the Creekers in this match.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Canberra Bowling Club @ QRSLMBC

The two heavyweights will do battle out in Queanbeyan this weekend as undefeated QRSL go up against the undefeated CBC. Five wins in a row for both clubs sees them just about booking their seat at the top of the table. The winner takes all here and both clubs will be out to put an impression on the other clubs. This will be a cracker, and I'm nowhere near game enough to call a winner. Keep your eyes out on this one as the big boys go into battle.

Yass Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ Yass

Yass will face down the travelling Queanbeyan at home as they fight to keep their season alive. A loss sees them drop just about out of sight of Norths in the Northern Conference and I'd suggest they'll be hard pressed to find a win out of this one. Queanbeyan have been flying recently. They lost their first match against CBC but haven't put a foot wrong since. Another big win could actually see them making the leap towards the top of the table. They'll put it all on the line in the search for a double chance this week.



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Men's Grade 2

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ GRBC

Round 6 sees the reverse fixtures begin for the Men's competitions starting with Weston Creek heading down the highway to play against Goulburn. Goulburn are the front runners in Grade 2 taking a 3 point lead heading into round 6 with a game in hand. They'll be out to push the lead even further but the Creekers won't die wondering as they look to move into a double chance position late in the season. This serves as a crucial step on the road for Weston Creek and the rest of the competition will be keen for them to pull Goulburn back a rung or two as well. Can't see them getting past Goulburn on a home deck though.

Belconnen Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ BBC

Belconnen are coming off a crucial away win down at Tuggeranong in Round 5 and will look to continue that form moving forward. They come up against Queanbeyan who sit just below them on the ladder by 5 points. These are the big matches where a win for Belconnen will see them start to put a stranglehold on their finals spot, but a loss means they'll duke it out for the remainder of the year. Queanbeyan need the win and will head out to Hawker full of energy in a search for it. Bets are off, this one is too close to call at this stage.

Tuggeranong Vikings LBC v Canberra Bowling Club @ TVLBC

Vikings take on CBC at home this week and will be desperate for some points. They sit 7 points outside of the finals spot they are after, but they've got a game in hand. If they can get the win they'll be jumping either BBC or QBC and the season may well come to life from there. CBC will look to solidify their double chance here. They sit second, but don't have a firm grip on the spot as the Creekers sit right behind them ready to pounce. Crucial mid-season matches all round, this is the time of year where you start to make or break the season.



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Men's Grade 3

Crookwell Services Bowling Club v Yowani CC Bowling Club @ Crookwell

Crookwell can't seem to put the consistent performances together at this stage of the season, but they still find themselves sitting on the top of the ladder. They've shown glimpses of how good they can be, but the performances don't seem to be sticking just yet. Yowani have just the one win so far for 2021 in Grade 3 and look like easy prey for the men from Crookwell. They'll need to be at their best if they're to stop this one from becoming a blowout like it was in Round 1.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ QRLMBC

The log jam that is Grade 3's ladder might well look to start to break apart over the next couple weeks and I'd suggest that these two teams will have something to do with it. QRSL sit in 3rd while Vikings sit in 5th, separated by 5 points on the table. Both clubs want to make a move on the competition and this weekend stands as a starting plate for these ambitions. QRSL take home ground advantage and will look to put some points on the board and knock Vikings back in the race for the top four. A very enticing affair this one.

Canberra North Bowling Club v Yass Bowling Club @ CNBC

Norths play against Yass in the other big match up for Grade 3. Yet again we see the clubs split by 5 points on the table with Norths sitting above Yass. Massively important, a win here for either club will serve as a building block for the remainder of the year. A blowout and the table will start to turn on its head so I'm expecting it'll stay close throughout the day here.



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Men's Grade 4

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Queanbeyan Bowling Club @ GRBC

Goulburn come up against a tough opponent this week in the high-flying Queanbeyan squad. QBC are undefeated through the halfway mark of the season and showing no signs of slowing down after another great win against cross town rivals QRSL last week. Goulburn will be looking to make their claim on the top spots though this week as they sit mid-table with plenty of room for improvement. A win for Goulburn could see the top of the table tighten up immensely here which could well make for an interesting dash for the finals.

Weston Creek Bowling Club v Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club @ WCBC

Weston Creek will be after some valuable points this week as they take on the winless QRSL at home. QRSL haven't found their mojo at all so far this year in what they'd deem a disappointing season so far. Finals seem off the cards you'd imagine which leaves pride on the table. Never underestimate how much of a motivation pride can be though, I'm sure they'll make things tough for the Creekers here, but I can't see them getting the win. Weston Creek will be just too keen on accelerating their way up the table to let this chance miss.

Tuggeranong Vikings LBC v Yowani CC Bowling Club @ TVLBC

Vikings take on Yowani in the final matchup for Grade 4 and it'll be a battle for fourth place. Vikings currently take the fourth spot on the ladder, but Yowani are pressing, just the two points behind. A big win either way would be a game changer, though I see this one coming down to the wire. Yowani need wins, but Vikings stand in their way. I'd tip Vikings, but I wouldn't put it past Yowani to pull a rabbit out of the hat either.



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Men's Grade 5

Queanbeyan Bowling Club v Tuggeranong Vikings LBC @ QBC

Queanbeyan and Vikings will do clash here as Queanbeyan look to hold onto their spot in fourth. There is a big gap between QBC in fourth and Vikings in third, 28 points, and I can't see the void being jumped by anyone to change the ladder too much. But the match serves as an important one for each of the clubs either side of the gap. Vikings need to push themselves up into the double chance while Queanbeyan fight it out just to make the finals. Tough to go past Vikings, but Queanbeyan have it all to play for here.

Belconnen Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ BBC

Beware the wounded beast. Belconnen will be seething after their performance last week, going down by 57 shots, and will look to put their season back together this week. They definitely have the chance to put it back together though, coming up against Norths who sit just below them on the ladder. Norths need a win to stay in the hunt for finals here so I would suggest that there will be plenty going on out at Hawker in this one.

Canberra Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club @ CBC

Top of the table clash as CBC come up against Crookwell at home this weekend. CBC are riding the winds of the thrashing they gave Belconnen last week, but the men from Crookwell know everything about using wind to power themselves. Crookwell will come to town looking to put themselves well out in front of the pack here. A win means they'll take top spot over CBC with a plenty of points to separate the two. A win to CBC means the top three becomes even tighter and we'll be relying on a few more results to come through before we can make any real calls in this comp. Don't go too far away from this one.



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Men's Grade 6

Yass Bowling Club v Weston Creek Bowling Club @ Yass

Yass will play host to Weston Creek in another tantalising affair in grade 6. Both clubs have some decent form coming into this one with the Creekers taking wins in their last three matches while Yass come off two solid wins themselves. With points hard to come by in Grade 6 both clubs will be looking to make their mark, but only a silly man would be putting a bet on this one. You can't make a call on who'll win here, you can only simply enjoy the match.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club v Crookwell Services Bowling Club @ GRBC

Neighbours will go head to head again here with Crookwell making the journey over to Goulburn this time. Brotherly love and all that won't go too far though as both clubs look to push on in 2021 to stake their claim to a finals berth. Crookwell take the advantage on the ladder with 4 points between themselves and Goulburn, but a win here for the Railway and its on for young and old. Valuable points on the line as well as bragging right.

Bungendore Bowling Club v Canberra North Bowling Club @ Bungendore

Bungendore have had some bad luck of late but they'll look to steady the ship with the win that kicked it all off for 2021. They beat Norths at Norths last time by a solid 24 shots to kick start their campaign, but its been relatively downhill since then. Norths have struggled all year, coming close on a few occasions, but yet to seal that elusive victory. I'd say Bungendore take the edge as they've got it all to play for. Another loss here and the finals are starting to get out over the horizon.

Looking forward

As we cross halfway and head into Round 6 we can start to see some clubs dropping out of finals contention. I have to say though, we've all been there before. It is always disappointing seeing that carrot fall into the hands of other clubs but this is where you start to get a real feel for the value of a club.

To those clubs who have lost sight of the finals I say don't get too bothered. You still have your pride to play for. You may not be able to win the competition this year but you can still have an impact on it. Pull yourself together and continue to give it a crack. You never know, there is still some good feeling in sitting around the table at the end of the season having a drink with your mates and saying; "remember when nobody thought we could win that match and we did". It hurts to lose out on the season, but it hurts even more to give up on a season.

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