

Semi Finals: May 13



2022 Pennants – Semi Finals

There was plenty of action across the region as we dove into a double header to close out the home and away season for the 2022 Pennants. Whilst there were plenty of interesting results there wasn't too much change across the top Grades as the ladders held firm through the final two rounds to give us a pretty good picture of where we lie heading into the final.

Not so across some of the lower grades though with some clubs managing to move a few positions and put themselves on top of the pile just when it counted the most. Queanbeyan went two from two across the weekend in Grade 4 against their direct competitors to make the jump into first place whilst Crookwell were able to hold out on top in Grade 5 despite having less wins than Goulburn under them.

Plenty of interesting reading through grades, but on the verge of the finals series and with a teething baby causing trouble concentrating we'll try to keep the focus looking ahead this week. With 42 matches played over the weekend we'll try to give you a quick snapshot of the final rounds, but the emphasis here is on the finals.

We've had a heap of rain over the week so far, but we're starting to see a few rays of sunshine, just enough to dry the ground out, poking out and giving us some hope for the weekend. Forecasts have things clearing up and clubs are telling me that their greens are good to go, and so are we as we really rip into the meaty end of the season here. Don't go anywhere, this will be a good finals series over the coming weekend as we see every club represented somewhere along the way.

Just to touch on that as a final point. A quick snapshot below shows us that every club is represented in the finals series for 2022. CBC and QBC top it out with four grades representing them on Saturday, while we've got 5 other clubs with three grades playing. Not only that, but with the exception of Belconnen and Bungendore we'll see finals action at every club on the Saturday to come. This shows us just how even the competitions are and that everyone still has a stake in the game at this point in the season.

Club	Sides
BBC	1
BuBC	1
CBC	4
CNBC	1
CSBC	3
GRBC	3
QBC	4
QRSLMBC	1
VBC	3
WCBC	3
YBC	3
YCCBC	1



Grade 1	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Vikings Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 2	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Canberra Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Yass Bowling Club	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 3	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 4	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 5	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Quenbeyan Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 6	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Bungendore Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Canberra Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Grade 7	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Canberra North Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am



Grade 1

Results

Vikings Bowls Club	24	23	24	71		46	13	19	14	Canberra North Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	17	22	25	64		58	19	16	23	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club										BYE
Weston Creek Bowling Club	26	21	18	65		50	20	14	16	Belconnen Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	18	19	17	54		59	18	17	24	Vikings Bowls Club
BYE										Canberra North Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	19	14	27	60		43	9	19	15	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	7	26	7	40		81	35	20	26	Canberra Bowling Club

Not too much out of the ordinary across the double header here with most of the clubs getting the job done in line with the ladder standings. Canberra honed in against Queanbeyan to solidify their second place standing whilst Belconnen took it all the way against Vikings in what could be a warning shot to the competition, despite losing to the Creek the day before. That was the only real shock for the round as the rest of the pieces fell into place to load us up for the finals series to come.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Shots AVG
1	VBC	7	1	0	2	77	8	9.6	10.3
2	CBC	7	2	0	1	76	9	8.4	13.0
3	QBC	6	3	0	1	68	9	7.6	6.2
4	BBC	4	5	0	1	51	9	5.7	6.6
5	QRSLMBC	2	6	0	2	37	8	4.6	-5.1
6	WCBC	3	6	0	1	39	9	4.3	-7.9
7	CNBC	1	7	0	2	12	8	1.5	-25.3

Vikings have topped the table for Grade 1 in a result that I'm not too sure many would have predicted at the start of the season, holding an average of 9.6 points per match. They have played consistent bowls throughout the season and steady themselves with home matches to run the finals out. Canberra followed up in second place, roughly a loss off the pace set by Vikings, but will be determined to put it in place when it counts now. Queanbeyan may have surprised a few to slide down into third place at the season end, but they've been consistent with their scores through the season without being stellar so far. Belconnen round out our top four with a very up and down season, they've seen highs and lows throughout, finishing in poor form with a double loss across the weekend. Unfortunately though it's the end of the road for three clubs, with reigning premiers QRSL unable to make the finals being joined by Weston Creek and Norths outside the finals positions. The



Creek picked up a win against Belconnen to finish with a bit of a high whilst Norths were able to find the rink wins a couple of weeks ago to take something from the season.

Looking Ahead

Grade 1	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Vikings Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Semi Final 1 sees top of the table Vikings host Canberra. With the Grand Finals set to be played at Vikings it means they won't be leaving the valley for the rest of the season, but they won't want to be doing it the hard way despite getting the double chance. Canberra have been a bit up and down with players missing through COVID and unavailability all season. They've made plenty of changes through the season but will hope they've got the right combinations on the green this week to really set themselves up for the Grand Final. Both clubs have put in the hard yards through the season and look set to put it on the line again in the first Semi Final.

Semi Final 2 will see Queanbeyan and Belconnen go head to head in an elimination final. Two wildly contrasting teams throughout the season, BC have been the picture of consistency, but haven't been able to find the win column enough to really stake their claim for the title. Belconnen on the other hand have shown some weeks they should be runaway favourites, but struggled to find the shots on others. Queanbeyan will remain confident they can get the job done with Belconnen coming off a double loss last weekend to round out the season, but you can never really count on which Belconnen side will show up. Both teams have it all on the line now and that might just be enough to give Belconnen the impetus to pull it together. Or they might crack under the pressure, you really can't make the call at this stage.



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Grade 2

Results

Vikings Bowls Club	10	17	23	50		63	17	25	21	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Yass Bowling Club	28	13	23	64		59	23	16	20	Belconnen Bowls Club
Canberra Bowling Club										BYE
Weston Creek Bowling Club	21	21	27	69		51	17	20	14	Goulburn Railway Bowls Club
Goulburn Railway Bowls Club	27	10	30	67		48	11	20	17	Vikings Bowls Club
BYE										Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Belconnen Bowls Club	17	22	21	60		47	15	19	13	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	22	19	23	64		46	10	21	15	Yass Bowling Club

Goulburn would be disappointed with their result down at the Creek on Saturday, but they were able to steady the ship at home on the Sunday in a big day out for the club to finish up in second place. Canberra held steady with a good win against Yass on Sunday to build some more form heading into the finals series, whilst Queanbeyan showed they can get the job done with a win on Saturday. Belconnen couldn't quite make the jump with a loss to Yass on Saturday putting the final nail in the coffin, but they gave Yass a good hitout to find their feet before the finals as they look to march forward. Really the results fell where you'd expect them to for the whole weekend leaving us largely unchanged heading into the finals.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Shots AVG
1	CBC	7	1	0	2	80	8	10.0	19.9
2	GRBC	6	3	0	1	70	9	7.8	13.8
3	YBC	5	3	1	1	59	9	6.6	-1.0
4	QBC	4	4	0	2	50	8	6.3	-1.1
5	BBC	3	6	0	1	43	9	4.8	-3.4
6	WCBC	2	6	1	1	33	9	3.7	-12.9
7	VBC	2	6	0	2	25	8	3.1	-14.8

Canberra top out the ladder with a massive advantage over the rest of the competition through the home and away. They finish on an average of 10 points for the season, meaning they averaged two rinks wins and the big board through the whole season, a dominant display. Goulburn finish in behind them in second place with a solid season. The top two from 2021 top it out again as we run into a hot finals series. Yass follow up in third after dropping into Grade 2 for 2022, and they've played admirably without being outstanding. Queanbeyan finish the finals places for Grade 2 coming



in just behind Yass on points average for the season courtesy of a Yass draw. Belconnen, Weston Creek, and Vikings failed to make the finals here, with the Creek disappointed to miss out on an appearance in a top grade. None of the bottom three could quite find the rhythm across the season and so haven't been able to consistently put the wins up to make it through.

Looking Ahead

Grade 2	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Canberra Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Yass Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Semi Final 1 sees a Grand Final rematch from 2021 with Canberra and Goulburn set to go head to head over at Forrest on Saturday. Both clubs have been brilliant in patches across the season with Canberra able to put up the points a bit more consistently than Goulburn across the rinks. Goulburn will come in stark underdogs on the matchup, but they won't let that get to them as they look to prove a point early in the finals series. For Canberra it looks like just another step on the way to Back-to-Back for Grade 2, but we've all seen clubs put the horse before the cart and the reminder will go out strongly that the job isn't done yet.

Semi Final 2 sees Yass playing host to Queanbeyan, looking to take full advantage of the home turf on Saturday to play their way through the finals series. Both teams ended the season in similar positions with a draw for Yass proving the difference on the ladder in reality. In a similar sense this is a matchup that could really come down to an extra shot on a rink to take it all home. Both clubs will be full of enthusiasm and confidence coming into the matchup where it'll truly be a test for both to move on to the next stage. Nothing to be left on the greens here I'm expecting a great matchup.



Grade 3

Results

Crookwell Services Bowling Club	21	19	24	64		56	22	15	19	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	16	22	31	69		44	8	19	17	Canberra North Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	15	13	10	38		92	35	25	32	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	21	13	18	52		46	15	21	10	Crookwell Services Bowling Club
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	24	21	12	57		62	29	13	20	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	13	26	20	59		56	15	19	22	Vikings Bowls Club

A tough weekend for Yowani saw them tumbling down the ladder, but they hang on for a home semi after finishing in third place. Crookwell took a win on Saturday before they were shown up by Canberra on the Sunday. They'll need to reverse that result quickly, but will come out with some confidence on a home deck. Norths finish on a high with a win against Vikings, but Weston Creek took a massive win on Saturday to rule out an upsets on the ladder for the Sunday. They'll need to improve on their results to have an impact though as they lost two rinks but somehow salvaged a win on Sunday against Yowani.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CSBC	10	8	2	0	0	657	490	167	134.08	90
2	CBC	10	8	2	0	0	610	526	84	115.97	81
3	YCCBC	10	6	4	0	0	592	578	14	102.42	72
4	WCBC	10	4	6	0	0	626	561	65	111.59	54
5	CNBC	10	3	7	0	0	507	619	-112	81.91	41
6	VBC	10	1	9	0	0	481	699	-218	68.81	22

Crookwell top it out and take the home Semi with a fantastic display across the entire season here. They finish up equal on wins with Canberra in second place, but they took out a few more rinks across the entire season to finish a good 9 points clear on the table. Coming in third we've got Yowani looking to put a few more pieces in place for the rebuild after a solid season on the greens so far. They finish a long way in front of fourth placed Weston Creek and will look to ride that advantage into the finals series. Just outside the four we find Norths who have pulled themselves off the bottom of the table through the back end of the season to gain a bit more confidence for 2023.



Vikings bottomed out this Grade with just the one win through the year and will put a bit of thought into what went wrong there before they revitalise into next year.

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Semi Final 1	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Semi Final 1 sees Canberra making the trip out to what could be a very soggy Crookwell on Saturday. Both clubs finish the year on 8 wins, but Crookwell's consistency across the rinks means they've picked up plenty more points through the season. They'll look to build on that coming through the finals series and show that it is the overall side performance that really makes them a competitor. Canberra will be hoping for a bit less player movement coming into the finals series, with Grade 3 players being swung around left and right to cover loss in other areas. The rain could play an interesting part in this battle; Crookwell's dominance at home has been on display through the season, but with a damp green we could see that even out through the day. Canberra will definitely need to be at their best if they're a chance, but for me, you can't go past Crookwell at home.

Semi Final 2 sees Yowani playing host to Weston Creek. Yowani were down in the dumps through 2021, but they've reinvigorated the program and are starting to see some good improvement across the club leading to a finals campaign for 2022. The Creekers will fly the banner for the higher grades here with undoubtedly support coming from around the club. Yowani finished the season almost 20 points ahead of the Creek and enter the clash massive favourites to move on, but the finals offer up a new atmosphere. A little bit of inexperience could be costly for Yowani having missed finals for a couple years now. For me, that gap is going to be too high a bar for the Creek to jump and we'll be seeing Yowani moving forwards.



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Grade 4

Results

Belconnen Bowling Club	35	21	22	78		32	4	14	14	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	21	22	12	55		66	29	16	21	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowls Club	18	20	17	55		45	18	12	15	Yass Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	19	22	26	67		45	12	17	16	Belconnen Bowling Club
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	8	16	17	41		60	15	25	20	Yass Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	14	16	28	58		73	21	25	27	Queanbeyan Bowls Club

A huge win on Saturday didn't translate into Sunday for Belconnen as Vikings put the final touches onto their season to get a berth in the finals. QRSL were too good for them on Saturday, but they've snuck in there thanks to some good play against Belconnen. Queanbeyan took out the round really with strong wins against good opposition to stake their claim, whilst the next two took wins where they weren't playing against QBC. It was a tough weekend to round it out for Yowani as they were smashed across two days to finish off the year.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	QBC	10	8	2	0	0	629	508	121	123.82	88
2	YBC	10	7	3	0	0	600	536	64	111.94	80
3	QRSLMBC	10	7	3	0	0	667	520	147	128.27	79
4	VBC	10	3	7	0	0	535	595	-60	89.92	46
5	BBC	10	3	7	0	0	561	616	-55	91.07	39
6	YCCBC	10	2	8	0	0	472	689	-217	68.51	28

Queanbeyan top it out in Grade 4 thanks to a brilliant finish to the season where they knocked off the other top competitors. They beat second placed Yass an third placed QRSL through the final weekend to really stamp a bit of authority on the finals series. Yass only just got over the top of QRSL, who miss out on a double chance by a point after leading for a majority of the year. All three at the top could make their case for the title though, with just the 9 point separating them. Vikings round out the top four here, but they're 35 points off the top three in what is a clear separation of the pack. They beat out Belconnen for the last finals berth by 7 points in the end, with a win on Sunday against Belco securing the spot for them. Yowani finish bottom of the pile for the season here, well off the pace set by the rest of the competition. They'll need to find some improvement to have a better crack next year, with the bar being clearly set ahead of them in this instance.



Looking Ahead -

Grade 4	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Semi Final 1 sees a reversal of Grade 2's second semi with Yass heading into town to play against Queanbeyan for the straight road through to the Grand Final. It has been a tight race at the top, but a stellar final weekend by Queanbeyan gives them the home advantage running into the weekend. They got the job done against Yass last week and will be confident they can do the same thing a week later again. Yass would be looking to find a bit extra, having dropped it by 10 shots last week. I'd suggest it's a bit too late to flick the teams around, but they'll have to find some shots somewhere if they can take it away this week. Impossible to go past QBC for the win here given they did it last week, but I wouldn't be too shocked to see an upset given how the season has played.

QRSL will come into Semi Final 2 as heavy favourites against Vikings. They've got the home turf and they'll put the results on the board through the season to show that they should be a step above Vikings this weekend. Vikings managed to snag the last finals spot, but they were a long way off the pace set by the top 3 through the season. Things can change in the finals, but there is a lot of ground to be made up. I don't think QRSL will be happy that they've slipped off the top of the pack through the back end of the season and they'll be out to settle the score in the pointy end. They've got plenty of experience in the finals series and will look to put it all into place as they chase another title, this time in 2022.



Grade 5

Results

Crookwell Services Bowling Club	29	26	20	75		38	19	9	10	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	32	25	21	78		57	18	27	12	Canberra North Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	32	24	32	88		38	11	16	11	Vikings Bowls Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	17	11	16	44		79	21	40	18	Crookwell Services Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	28	17	31	76		52	13	24	15	Vikings Bowls Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	36	27	23	86		32	10	17	5	Queanbeyan Bowling Club

Crookwell pushed ahead thanks to two big wins across the weekend while Goulburn did their best to try to match them with equally as much effort put in across the weekend. Weston Creek were on the receiving end of one of those results, but they put a big win in against Vikings to set themselves up with a home final. Queanbeyan were shown the gap to the top with over 50 shots put on them by Goulburn on Sunday, but a big win on Saturday against the next best in Vikings was enough to secure their finals spot; maybe they hit the bar after that one a bit too early.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CSBC	10	7	3	0	0	658	493	165	133.47	90
2	GRBC	10	8	2	0	0	655	494	161	132.59	88
3	WCBC	10	7	3	0	0	596	578	18	103.11	70
4	QBC	10	4	6	0	0	560	615	-55	91.06	51
5	VBC	10	2	7	1	0	545	648	-103	84.1	35
6	CNBC	10	1	8	1	0	492	678	-186	72.57	26

Crookwell top out another ladder in some odd circumstances this time. They've take out the top spot on the ladder despite Goulburn having an extra win on the season. They've shown they can consistently put them in the right place right across the green with plenty of rink wins to make up for the extra loss on the season. Goulburn will feel a bit hard done by, but have the chance to back it up in the finals with the other double chance spot. Weston Creek finish out on third despite matching Crookwell for wins, with the opposite trait of having lost a few rinks along the way to finish 20 points behind the top spot. Another breakaway top three here with fourth placed Queanbeyan finishing 19 points behind the Creek to find a tough road ahead in the finals. That leaves Vikings in fifth spot, 16 points behind the Creek, at the end of the line for the season. Norths finish out at the bottom of the table only able to hit the win column in one appearance for the year in another disappointing grade for the club.



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Looking Ahead

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Semi Final 1	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Crookwell host another 1 v 2 battle here, this time against the rival from down the road, Goulburn. Both clubs will be putting it all on the line with a bit of extra scrutiny on a matchup that definitely didn't need any spicing up. Goulburn put in a fantastic season to finish with 8 wins, but some inconsistency across the rinks sees Crookwell pip them to the top spot and the home turf. Crookwell will need every player to be on across the green to take the win here, but they've been good at home through the season so far and will look to make the most of it for this matchup. A really interesting matchup this one, I'm tipping the upset after a bit of a damp week across the region. I reckon Goulburn will get across the line on two rinks, just.

Semi Final 2 sees the Creek hosting Queanbeyan in what should be, on paper, a simple result for the Creek. They've had a good advantage on Queanbeyan across the season but need to put that into practice for the finals series. They've shown at times that they could be a top contender, but lacked the results across the green. Queanbeyan will need everyone to play their role to take the win here, but they could well find that extra rink to take it. I know I just said it should be a simple result, but you add in the rain across the week and the added pressure of an elimination final and who knows what could happen here.



Grade 6

Results

Yowani CC Bowling Club	26	29	20	75		40	17	13	10	Belconnen Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	16	20	19	55		54	16	21	17	Bungendore Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	28	20	20	68		48	17	12	19	Canberra Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	11	38	17	66		59	35	5	19	Yowani CC Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	13	20	18	51		68	13	18	37	Canberra Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	15	30	18	63		53	25	12	16	Bungendore Bowling Club

Yowani put in a big performance for Ron on Saturday to take the win over Belconnen by 35 shots overall in what was a shining light on their season, but I'd suggest celebrations went on a bit late as their results on Sunday weren't quite as good. Goulburn secured top spot by beating the next best two, with the spot only being secured by a single point on the final day of the home and away against Bungendore. Canberra need to find some form with mixed results and Bungendore will be looking to put it all back on the line moving into the finals as they try to go one better this year.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	GRBC	10	7	3	0	0	615	541	74	113.68	77
2	BuBC	10	6	4	0	0	613	525	88	116.76	76
3	CBC	10	7	3	0	0	605	538	67	112.45	69
4	VBC	10	5	5	0	0	525	580	-55	90.52	57
5	BBC	10	3	7	0	0	524	584	-60	89.73	45
6	YCCBC	10	2	8	0	0	518	632	-114	81.96	36

Bridesmaid across a fair few grades, Goulburn finally take out the top spot here in Grade 6. They've snuck it home to pip Bungendore at the post by just the solitary point on the season, but they've done it nonetheless. Bungendore have been strong all season, but a final day loss to Goulburn means they'll be on the road for Saturday. Canberra finish up in third, not too far off the pace for the season, and will look to build into the finals series. If COVID can stay out of Forrest they'll be a much better chance in the finals series across the grades. Vikings round out the finals spots with a healthy points margin over fifth placed Belconnen and will come into the finals series firing on all cylinders with good wins across the final weekend. Yowani finish bottom of the table here despite a spirited final weekend whilst celebrating Ron Tuckerman's 500th match.



Looking Ahead

Grade 6	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Bungendore Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Canberra Bowling Club	Vikings Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Semi Final 1 sees Goulburn hosting Bungendore in what should be a great matchup. Bungendore have lost a bit of form copping two losses across the final weekend, both on the road and one against this week's opponent in Goulburn. Goulburn are flying with wins against both top three opponents over the weekend securing their home final, but they'll need to keep that momentum through the finals series to crack in for the flag. For Bungendore, they'll be hoping last weekend was a blip in the road as they go in search of the flag. They fell a couple shots short last year, so I suspect they'll have all the motivation they need running into this finals series, and I am tipping it'll be just what the doctor ordered for them to get the job done this weekend.

Canberra hosts Vikings for Semi Final 2 in what should be a fairly straight forward matchup. Canberra show a consistency at home that rivals most, and that advantage should be enough alone to get the job done here. Vikings had to earn their spot in the finals last weekend and passed those test with flying colours to set themselves up with a real shot at causing a stir. A trip to Canberra is the first hurdle and it won't get any easier as they go, but they've shown they can get it done on their day. I'm tipping Canberra, but that's not to say that Vikings can't get it done; they'll just need a bit to go their way.



Grade 7

Results

Crookwell Services Bowling Club	24	19	20	63		58	18	26	14	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	8	18	24	50		53	16	14	23	Canberra North Bowling Club
Yass Bowling Club	29	20	18	67		42	17	15	10	Vikings Bowls Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	22	31	19	72		64	31	16	17	Crookwell Services Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	39	26	30	95		45	16	19	10	Vikings Bowls Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	17	19	7	43		92	29	21	42	Yass Bowling Club

Norths and Yass put the bowls on the line just as they were needed to put a bit of interest into the last weekend of the season. They both posted wins across both days to ensure that they hold out in front of the competition as Weston Creek stumbled at the last chance. They lost to Norths on Saturday and settled into third place with a convincing win over Vikings on the Sunday. For Crookwell, they save a bit of face with a win over Weston Creek on Saturday enough to get them past Vikings by a single point and secure a finals spot for 2022. Vikings needed more, but were left wanting with losses across both days spelling the end of their season.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CNBC	10	7	3	0	0	572	518	54	110.42	81
2	YBC	10	7	3	0	0	660	484	176	136.36	79
3	WCBC	10	5	5	0	0	638	570	68	111.93	67
4	CSBC	10	5	5	0	0	575	591	-16	97.29	56
5	VBC	10	5	5	0	0	561	611	-50	91.82	55
6	GRBC	10	1	9	0	0	491	723	-232	67.91	22

Norths top it out with crucial wins through the last weekend of the season. They finish the season out in front by just the two points over Yass, but they're flying the flag for the club after some disappointing results elsewhere. Yass finish equal on wins, but just short of the top spot. They'll be set for a good crack at the finals. Weston Creek finish up in third 12 points behind Yass with a 50% strike rate on the season. They put up a few extra rinks on third placed Crookwell to finish 9 points ahead on the end of the season and secure a home elimination final. Crookwell have only just snuck in though. A third team in Vikings sit on 5 wins for the season just the 1 point off a finals berth for the season. They'll be wishing they could have found an extra rink somewhere, but that's just the way it falls sometimes! Goulburn round it out in a competitive spirit for the season, falling just short of ladder leaders Norths in Round 9, but with only the 1 win on the year.



Looking Ahead



Grade 7	Home	Away	Venue	Date
Semi Final 1	Canberra North Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Semi Final 2	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	14th May 2022 @ 10:30am
Preliminary Final	LSF1	WSF2	LSF1	15th May 2022 @ 10:30am

Norths will host their only finals match for the grades with a home final for Semi Final 1 against Yass. Yass put on a good chase through the back end of the season, but in the end Norths managed to just hold their nose ahead on the points column. Yass come into town off the back of some strong wins and will look to continue that run into the finals series. Norths struggled a bit through the back end of the year, but they showed that they can close it out under a bit of pressure which will do wonders to their confidence under the finals test. This will be an interesting matchup. No doubt Norths will have the house rocking on Saturday as they put the club's support behind their colleagues trying to pile the pressure onto Yass, but Yass certainly have the formline coming into the matchup. I'm tipping Norths, but I'll tell you now it is going to be close.

The Creek will host Crookwell in Semi Final 2 for Grade 7. Despite the two being even on wins for the season, we can see a clear separation between the two as we finish the home and away. A strong points column always says consistency across the rinks and the Creek look to have that in spades. They'll be looking to their combinations to make sure they can take the advantage in the match. Crookwell got the choccies a week ago against the Creek, but that was at home. They'll travel into Stirling this week and give up a bit of that advantage to even things out. I'd suggest that the Creek will really capitalise on the home turf to take the win here, but they'll have to make the jump early or Crookwell could just get a sniff of the upset.



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