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Round 9/10: May 7/8



2022 Pennants – Round 9 & 10

A massive issue of the Pennant IN FOCUS this week as we really drill down into the final weekend of the season through a double header across Saturday and Sunday. All to play for across the Grades this weekend as we settle the ladders and decide who takes home green advantage and who builds some form into the finals.

A couple of grades are just shifting the order of the ladder, but there are a few that are still hotly contested to settle the finals competitors. Grades 1 and 2 look fairly settled, but its certainly game on across the rest as we really take a dive in and check out the results from last weekend, the ladders, and then finally the road home for each club across the grades.

Ron Tuckerman

It was mentioned some weeks ago but never became a reality unfortunately, however, we're all set to go this time for Ron Tuckerman's 500th Pennant match this weekend. Ron has an amazing record in Bowls, including a stint as President of Bowls Australia and becoming a life member at Yowani CC Bowling Club, and is set to reach an incredible achievement.

Congratulations to Ron and good luck to you and Yowani across the weekend. We're sure you're all set to celebrate the milestone and the club is looking forward to celebrating with you on Saturday.



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Grade 1

Results

Queanbeyan Bowling Club	15	23	27	65		53	15	22	16	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	17	19	14	50		57	19	17	21	Canberra Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	28	29	27	84		54	14	20	20	Weston Creek Bowling Club
BYE										Vikings Bowls Club

QBC have put together another solid win here against cross river rival QRSL last weekend. They took it out by 12 shots overall, not a smashing but enough to stay confident in where they sit. For QRSL that loss just about shuts the door on the finals for them, needing to pull a lot of shots on Sunday and Belconnen to lose by a big margin. For QBC that'll seal the finals, but they need bigger wins to make it to the double chance.

Canberra steadied the ship here after heading out to Belconnen to take the win against a finals rival. Belconnen had been looking good in the rounds coming into the matchup, but they couldn't get enough shots this weekend to take the advantage. For CBC that was a much needed win against good opposition, and it shows that they certainly do have what it takes to really have a crack at the finals. For Belconnen the loss might be a shot in the arm for their season, a bit of a reality check to let them steady the ship as they start the run into the finals.

Norths have got it done, and in a resounding fashion last weekend against Weston Creek. They took their first rink win, but not to finish it up there they took out all three on their way to a huge win. Big shots across the green for Norths means they can walk away from the season with a bit more pride as they build moving forward. For the Creekers they'll be wondering what went wrong as the season starts to fade away now. They'll be hoping they can put up some rink wis to walk away with something to build on for 2023.



Ladder

Pos	Name	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Shots AVG
1	VBC	5	1	0	2	55	6	9.2	8.7
2	CBC	5	2	0	1	56	7	8.0	10.0
3	QBC	5	2	0	1	56	7	8.0	6.4
4	BBC	4	3	0	1	47	7	6.7	11.3
5	QRSLMBC	2	5	0	1	35	7	5.0	0.0
6	WCBC	2	5	0	1	27	7	3.9	-9.9
7	CNBC	1	6	0	1	12	7	1.7	-25.3

Vikings hold out on top for another round having had the bye this weekend as their points average looks strong ahead of the competition. It'd take some wild swings to knock them of, but Canberra and Queanbeyan are both still chasing the top of the table sitting in second and third respectively. Belconnen rounds out the top four with a healthy margin over QRSL in fifth, who head into Round 9 with a bye and no opportunity to bridge the gap. Weston Creek and Norths rounds it out in sixth and seventh respectively as their season hits the end of the road this weekend.

Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Tuggeranong Vikings
Canberra Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	BYE	
Weston Creek Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Belconnen Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Belconnen Bowling Club
BYE	Canberra North Bowling Club	
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club

The Road Home

Vikings Bowls Club

Vikings sit in the box seat here to hold on to the top position. They'll come up against Norths first which should offer up the opportunity to really drive home a few points for the season, but then they'll come up against Belconnen who could be searching for a few extra points. The Norths matchup really looks set to tell the tale of the season for Vikings, if they can put up three rink wins then I'd suggest there is no overcoming them for the top of the table.



Canberra Bowling Club

The Cobras face both Queanbeyan clubs this weekend in what will prove a crucial weekend for their season. They've got third placed Queanbeyan first up on Saturday in what should be a playoff for second place on the home and away. If they can get the job done here then they'll set themselves up to take second place through another strong performance on Sunday. Again, Saturday will be a key focus for the club as they look to secure a double chance, but they'll need to back it up against QRSL on the Sunday to drive home the advantage and chase any potential losses from Vikings.

Queanbeyan Bowling Club

Crucial matchup on Saturday with Canberra as both clubs go for the double chance, but a win there and they should be pushing themselves with a, theoretically, easy matchup to follow the next. Canberra took a massive win last time in Round 2, but it is safe to say that things have changed since then and Queanbeyan will be looking to put that into practice on the greens. A Sunday matchup with Weston Creek should be a formality on recent form, but the real work will need to be done on Saturday at Forrest.

Belconnen Bowling Club

Belconnen fall into an interesting position here where they know they won't make the top two, so need to steady and prepare for finals, but they also need to make sure they're getting the points on the board. A win against the stung Creekers on Saturday will be enough to secure it, but if they hit a loss there then it'll be a tougher road as QRSL look to see if they can somehow sneak by when Belconnen hit top of the table Vikings. I'd suggest that they'll make it comfortably into the top four via a win against the Creek on Saturday, but never say never is always a motto to live by.

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club

QRSL find themselves in the awkward position of needing a lot of things to go right for them to make the finals. They've been up and down, pulling some big wins and having some heavy losses through the season and with a bye on Saturday their fate really rests in the hands of some others this weekend. They'll face up against Canberra on Sunday who will be looking to secure a top two spot, so it won't be easy going, but I'd suggest they'll know their fate beforehand. Still a lot of pride on the line as they look to round out the season with a win against a good opponent.

Weston Creek Bowling Club

Lights out for the Creekers as they look to finish the season on a high following a disappointing effort in Round 7 last week. They were the first to drop points to Norths, and did so in a big way with heavy losses across all three rinks. They'll face Belconnen and Queanbeyan across Saturday and Sunday respectively in what could be another disappointing weekend as both clubs look to take some advantage and put on big points to boost their average. It'll be tough going this weekend and I certainly don't envy being a Creeker for the weekend to come.

Canberra North Bowling Club

Norths finally found the rhythm they'd been looking for all year last weekend, but it's all too little too late. They'll likely finish bottom of the table unless they can pull out a miracle on Saturday as they finish with a bye on Sunday. Even then Weston Creek would need some substantial losses across the weekend to really fall behind. Nonetheless, they found a spark in the season and will look to take that spark and build a fire for 2023 as they round out 2022 and look forwards.



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Grade 2

Results

Belconnen Bowls Club	12	12	14	38		74	29	18	27	Canberra Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowls Club	31	17	24	72		43	15	20	8	Yass Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowls Club	23	16	22	61		52	12	20	20	Weston Creek Bowling Club
BYE										Vikings Bowls Club

Canberra really stamped their authority on the competition with a 36 shot thrashing of Belconnen to start the weekend's matches. They did it across the green and now take a huge advantage heading towards the last weekend. For Belconnen it was a disappointing effort that has really snuffed out their hopes of jumping into a finals spot. It would take a miracle from here for them and they'll walk away really stinging from that loss.

Goulburn settled the debate against Yass with a commanding win at home to put a big gap between the two and secure their spot in the top two. Yass, coming into the matchup in third place, had the opportunity to make a lunge at the top two, but weren't able to make the move against a strong Goulburn outfit. They'll have to settle for third spot on the back of the loss and will look to rebuild their finals tilt on the back of it.

Queanbeyan took an important win against bottom of the ladder Weston Creek to help them on the way to securing the finals spot they are after. They dropped a rink on the way but really put the final points on the board that should safely see them make the finals. The Creekers still find themselves stuck at the bottom of the table with Vikings having the bye so not dropping any points.



Ladder

Pos.	Club	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points	Matches	Points AVG	Scores AVG
1	CBC	6	1	0	1	70	7	10.0	20.1
2	GRBC	5	2	0	1	60	7	8.6	17.6
3	YBC	4	2	1	1	48	7	6.9	0.6
4	QBC	3	4	0	1	40	7	5.7	-3.1
5	BBC	2	5	0	1	28	7	4.0	-5.6
6	VBC	2	4	0	2	21	6	3.5	-14.3
7	WCBC	1	5	1	1	21	7	3.0	-17.3

Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Queanbeyan Bowls Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Yass Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowls Club	Yass Bowling Club
Canberra Bowling Club	BYE	
Weston Creek Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Goulburn Railway Bowls Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Goulburn Railway Bowls Club
BYE	Queanbeyan Bowls Club	
Belconnen Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowls Club
Canberra Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club

The Road Home

Canberra Bowling Club

With a bye on Saturday it would be seemingly impossible for Canberra to fall out of the top spot across the weekend, but a matchup with Yass on Sunday means they'll need to put the bowls down well to make sure. They've got a good lead, averaging 10 points each match through the season, which should hold them well coming into the finals. Don't expect their position to change in one match, the Cobras look to have sealed this one.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

Similar to Canberra, I can't see Goulburn moving up or down through the last two rounds of the season here. They face up against the bottom two sides in Weston Creek and Vikings so shouldn't be dropping too many rinks, with their average only looking to improve. Still a 1.5 point rise is a tall order in the last two rounds, so I think they can settle in and prepare to head over to Forrest.



Yass Bowling Club

Yass needed a win last weekend if they wanted to crack the top two and were found lacking across the green to Goulburn. They'll take on Belconnen and Canberra across Saturday and Sunday in what should be a good opportunity to sharpen up their bowls leading into the finals series. It would be tough to move up or down for them, so this is just a form building exercise across the weekend.

Queanbeyan Bowling Club

Another bit of a drop down to Queanbeyan who look to have secured their finals spot with a win against Weston Creek last weekend. They'll take on Vikings on Saturday before finishing the season with a bye on Sunday meaning I'd suggest they will pick up points rather than lose them. A matchup against a struggling Weston Creek will give them the opportunity to sharpen up, similar to Yass, so expect them to sure up the combinations and move into the finals series with some good form.

Belconnen Bowling Club

Belconnen have dropped out of finals contention with a heavy loss to Canberra last weekend, putting the lights out on their finals ambitions. A disappointing way to end the season, but matchups with Yass and Weston Creek gives them the opportunity to go out on a high. They've been too inconsistent across the rounds, putting in big wins some weeks and poor losses in others, to get to the finals. There will be some soul searching happening at the club, but they're not too far off.

Vikings Bowls Club

Not quite reaching the heights of their Grade 1 side, Vikings haven't been able to match it with the top clubs so far this season. They round it out with some tougher matchups against Weston Creek and Goulburn this weekend, looking for a source of hope. Heavy losses and a surprise from the Creek will put them in line for the wooden spoon though, so don't think the season is dead, there is always pride on the line.

Weston Creek Bowling Club

The Creekers wouldn't be satisfied with their performances so far this year and they've only got the final two rounds to rectify it. They'll take on Goulburn and Belconnen across the two days, looking to find any rinks they can get their hands on. It'd take something special to lift themselves off the bottom of the ladder, but the Belconnen matchup would be pencilled in as the opportunity to make the leap. Tough ask against Goulburn, so they'll need to take what they can get before building for Sunday.



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Grade 3

Results

Weston Creek Bowling Club	18	15	15	48		54	17	25	12	Canberra North Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	28	31	36	95		28	10	11	7	Vikings Bowls Club
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	21	24	23	68		51	12	19	20	Canberra Bowling Club

Norths took their second win from the season against the same opposition as the first in Weston Creek. Somewhat of a bogey there for the Creek, or just bad timing, take it how you want. Either way the result means that the Creek is left to fight it out across the last two rounds. Norths got the job done on just the one rink as well as the Creek took out the other two in what was a thrashing on rink two for the day. The Creekers will be bitterly disappointed that they have given Norths a sniff there, but will need to pull it back together to sure up their finals spot.

Crookwell put on a dominant display against a struggling Vikings over the weekend, taking it out by 67 shots overall falling just short of raising the bat. There wasn't much for Vikings to look back on during the bus ride home, but they'll keep fighting it out no doubt. For Crookwell it gives them a strong advantage rolling into the final rounds as they look to take the finals onto home turf.

Yowani put in a good performance to give themselves every opportunity of finishing with a double chance. They beat Canberra by 17 shots overall, taking all three rinks along the way, in what would be a reality check for the Cobras. They've opened the gap to the top two and will look to capitalise on some hard work through the last two rounds.



Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CSBC	8	7	1	0	0	547	382	165	143.19	76
2	YCCBC	8	6	2	0	0	479	452	27	105.97	68
3	CBC	8	6	2	0	0	489	436	53	112.16	61
4	WCBC	8	2	6	0	0	472	466	6	101.29	34
5	CNBC	8	2	6	0	0	404	494	-90	81.78	29
6	VBC	8	1	7	0	0	387	548	-161	70.62	20

Crookwell hold out on top of the table, pulling out to an 8 point lead over Yowani through a dominant display. There would need to be a seismic shift to alter the top two as Yowani hold 7 points over third placed Canberra. A huge drop off from there as Canberra hold a 27 point lead over fourth placed Weston Creek. Here is where it gets a bit interesting again. Thanks to a win against the Creek, Norths are now just the 5 points off a finals berth despite a somewhat lacklustre season so far. Vikings round it out another 9 points behind with just a mathematical chance of making finals.

Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	CROOKWELL SERVICES BOWLING CLUB
Canberra Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Canberra Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club
Canberra North Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Canberra North RUC

The Road Home

Crookwell Services Bowling Club

Crookwell hold out up top, 8 points clear, with just the one loss through the season so far to Weston Creek in Round 2. They've put up big numbers across the other weeks though with a dominant +165 shot difference on the season, no doubt assisted by +67 on the weekend. The world is in front of them though as they look to finish off with home turf advantage through the finals series and put in a big push to become Champions.



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Yowani CC Bowling Club

Yowani have been a surprise packet for many so far through 2022. They had plenty of close battles but still hold out in the double chance position with just the two rounds remaining. It won't be easy to hold on to though as they head out to take on Crookwell on Saturday before returning home to face Weston Creek. If they're to hold on to the double chance they'll need to at least pick up a rink or two against Crookwell before really driving home the advantage against Weston Creek.

Canberra Bowling Club

Canberra have the ability to put on some big points when they're at their peak, but COVID has skittled a lot of plans at the club and this weekend serves as a big test for the club across the grades. They've got Norths first up where they'll look to get the job done before they host Crookwell on Sunday. Sunday will be the test. If they can pick up a win they are in with a shot at the double chance. A loss here and it really would be something to see if they made the top two. Sometime sit all comes down to that final round.

Weston Creek Bowling Club

The Creek would be disappointed with their loss to Norths last weekend as it has opened the door for Norths to make the jump over them. They get an opportunity against the last placed Vikings in what could be fantastic timing to tie up the season nicely on Saturday before facing Yowani on Sunday. A win Saturday and she's lights out for Norths, but a loss to the underdog and it'll be a completely different story. Keep an eye out for Saturday's results, it'll be crucial to this story.

Canberra North Bowling Club

Norths gave themselves the shot in the arm they needed with another win against the Creek on the weekend. They were running on the scent of an oily rag beforehand, but they've got it all to play for now. A tough ask against Canberra on Saturday is followed up with a chance against Vikings on Sunday. They'll be keenly looking for the results from Tuggeranong on Saturday night to see if they can still make the jump, but if the Creek suffers another loss it'll be all on the line on Sunday.

Vikings Bowls Club

Vikings have never really hit their straps so far in Grade 3, but in a funny kind of way they've got the opportunity to make the jump. They sit 14 points off the top four, but they'll come up against both teams sitting in between them and finals. Just the one win for the season so far suggests there isn't the form to take the wins, but it's funny how people can get motivated with a clear line of sight. They'll need to take at least 5 out of 6 rinks across the weekend and other results to go their way to make it, but again, never say never.



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Grade 4

Results

Yass Bowling Club	20	10	20	50		45	10	24	11	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	15	17	8	40		74	26	27	21	Queanbeyan Bowls Club
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	26	17	20	63		60	20	19	21	Vikings Bowls Club

Yass took out a close affair at QRSL to make the ladder look extremely interesting as we head into the final weekend. They closed the gap to equal leaders QRSL on points with the win and in the process invited Queanbeyan to sit on 68 points as well. Yep, that is a crucial win for Yass as both clubs now cast their eyes ahead to the upcoming weekend.

Queanbeyan did exactly what they needed to in taking a huge win over Belconnen and walking away with all three rinks. They took 34 shots with them which sits roughly as the difference back to Yass on the ladder now. Belconnen couldn't match it with the contenders in disappointing loss that throws their season into chaos moving forward as they try to get back into the top four.

Vikings were agonisingly close to getting the win they needed to put up a break to fifth spot, but fell just the 3 shots short overall. Yowani put up an almighty fight from the bottom of the ladder to make sure that their season isn't dead in the water, clawing their way back to within 5 points of a finals berth. This was another massive win that really shakes things up heading into the final weekend.



Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	QRSLMBC	8	6	2	0	0	543	392	151	138.52	68
2	QBC	8	6	2	0	0	501	405	96	123.7	68
3	YBC	8	6	2	0	0	495	440	55	112.5	68
4	VBC	8	2	6	0	0	413	484	-71	85.33	31
5	BBC	8	2	6	0	0	438	517	-79	84.72	27
6	YCCBC	8	2	6	0	0	399	551	-152	72.41	26

A lot to digest in this one at two ends of the scales. There is a clear top three and bottom three, each having their own little battle within the context of the season. Top three, QRSL, Queanbeyan, and Yass all sitting on 68 points, though QRSL have superiority in the shot difference by over 50 shots on the season. QBC hold another 41 shots over Yass coming into the final weekend of the season with all three clubs looking to get the ascendance through the weekend. The bottom three is separated by just the 5 points with Vikings leading the charge, despite a loss to Yowani bringing them all the way back into the race. Belconnen haven't had form over the past couple weeks and need to turn it around as they look for an extra 4 points over the weekend to make the four. This Grade will be hot over the weekend so keep your eyes on it.

Looking Ahead -

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Belconnen Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Queanbeyan Bowls Club	Yass Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowls Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Yowani Country Club Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club
Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowls Club	Queanbeyan RSL Memorial Bowling Club

The Road Home

Queanbeyan RSLM Bowling Club

QRSL could hold all the cards by the end of Saturday afternoon as they take on Vikings in the first of the double header. They've got a big lead on shots and the opportunity to extend it further as Yass and Queanbeyan go head to head. They'll need to back it up on Sunday though as it comes to a cross river clash to close the home and away out. They should get the win on Saturday and really have it all in front of them as they look to close it out.



Queanbeyan Bowling Club

Queanbeyan have the toughest draw to close it out and will really be the ones to shape the top three through the final two rounds. They face Yass on Saturday and then QRSL on Sunday and will need to be at their best in both matches. A win Saturday sees the top two going at it on Sunday in what would be a heated clash. A loss and they'll really need to dig deep to try and push QRSL out of the top two.

Yass Bowling Club

Massive clash with Queanbeyan on Saturday could really set Yass up for a shot at the top spot. A win means they're waiting on results from QRSL as they take on bottom placed Yowani to secure some more points. It won't be easy either day though with Queanbeyan a steady force through the season and Yowani finding some form at the right end of the year. Focus will be on Saturday before they look at some other results from around the Grade to see where they can fall.

Vikings Bowls Club

A tough ask first up for Vikings as they try to navigate QRSL at home. If they can take a rink or two from the matchup they'll have gone a long way to securing the finals spot, but a big loss just heaps the pressure onto Sunday when they face challengers Belconnen. If they can hold it together it'll come down to Sunday and a true showdown for the finals position, but if they can't find some form it'll be a very disappointing way for the season to finish.

Belconnen Bowling Club

Similar to Queanbeyan for the top three, Belconnen holds the key to seeing how the battle for fourth will play out. They take on Yowani on Saturday before facing Vikings on Sunday. A win on Saturday and that's job number one done with the last piece to fall being a win down in Tuggeranong to make the finals. A loss and they fall to the bottom of the table and are really up against it to make up the difference on the Sunday. They could lose one and sneak in, but double wins will get them there, all in their own hands.

Yowani CC Bowling Club

Yowani have found some form when they need it through the season, but never has it been more crucial so far than now. Belconnen on Saturday will be the first hurdle, where a win sees them make the jump off the bottom of the table. Vikings drop all the rinks and Yowani could finish round 9 in a finals position before they head out to Yass to defend the lead. A loss on Saturday spells the end of the line though, even without having to think about Yass. If they can get the job done on Saturday then they'll really need to back it up on Sunday against Yass to pick up as many points as possible as they fight it out. A really interesting story to see if they can hold some form through the weekend.



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Grade 5

Results

Vikings Bowls Club	12	22	14	48		70	19	22	29	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	32	19	27	78		34	12	14	8	Queanbeyan Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	16	18	26	60		53	11	21	21	Canberra North Bowling Club

Goulburn took an important win down in Tuggeranong last weekend. They got the job done to 22 shots overall in a fairly convincing manner to make the top of the tree nice and interesting. A draw on rink 2 means they didn't quite take out the top spot, but they've got the chance to fix that coming up. For Vikings it was a harsh loss and they'll be left to fight it out now.

Crookwell took out a big win against Queanbeyan at home to the tune of 44 shots. The win, across all three rinks, was enough to see them finish the round on top of the table despite having less wins than the next two clubs. The heavy loss for Queanbeyan leaves them within touching distance of Vikings, just the 6 points with two rounds to go. They need to find some better bowls before they get on the green this weekend to secure that finals spot.

Weston Creek took the win they needed, but they didn't do it in any kind of a convincing manner. They beat bottom of the ladder Norths by just the 7 shots overall to put an end to Norths' campaign for the season in Grade 5. Whilst not convincing the most important thing can be getting the job done sometimes, and they've done just that. They'll need to build on it moving forward though.



Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CSBC	8	5	3	0	0	504	411	93	122.63	66
2	GRBC	8	6	2	0	0	491	405	86	121.23	66
3	WCBC	8	6	2	0	0	482	451	31	106.87	60
4	QBC	8	3	5	0	0	440	491	-51	89.61	39
5	VBC	8	2	5	1	0	455	484	-29	94.01	33
6	CNBC	8	1	6	1	0	391	521	-130	75.05	24

Crookwell hold out on top, via shots difference, despite having one less win than the next two clubs; Goulburn and Weston Creek. They're tied for points with Goulburn who will wish they found the extra shot last week to take rink 2. Weston Creek sit 6 points off the top two coming into the final weekend still looking to make the jump up into the double chance. Queanbeyan and Vikings find themselves in fourth and fifth respectively, but are set to duke it out for the last finals spot with just the 6 points separating the two before the final weekend. For Norths its season over, 15 points across two matches is a bridge too far outside of mathematicians.

Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	CROOKWELL SERVICES BOWLING CLUB
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Canberra North Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Queanbeyan Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

The Road Home

Crookwell Services Bowling Club

Sitting atop of the tree, Crookwell face their steepest opposition in Weston Creek on Saturday before heading down to Norths to finish off the season. Weston Creek struggled last week, but Crookwell won't let that get to their head as they look to close the season out in a strong manner. Getting the win over the Creekers on Saturday sets up a perfect Sunday against bottom of the ladder Norths with maximum points on the table. Need to get the job done on Saturday.



Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

Goulburn would feel a bit hard done by here, but they've got the right draw to really drive it home and take the top spot by the end of the weekend. Norths first up where if they can get the full points they'll have themselves really looking to press home. 29 shots to make up on shot difference over the weekend they'll meet Queanbeyan on the Sunday where they can again make the most of their opportunities to take out the top spot. They'll need maximum points across the two to really make sure of things, but I can see Crookwell dropping a rink somewhere to give them a sniff.

Weston Creek Bowling Club

It'd be a tough road to the top for the Creek, but a win on Saturday against Crookwell would do wonders to their chances of getting there. At a minimum, a decent win gives them a good look at the top two through the end of the weekend, but they'll need to improve on last week to get there. Vikings on Sunday gives them the chance to drive home the advantage depending on other results, but I'd suggest that a top two finish is the best results from the weekend.

Queanbeyan Bowling Club

The finals spot will all come down to Saturday here for Queanbeyan as the face off against the next best in Vikings. Vikings need 6 points so a decent showing should be enough to get them over the line on ladder. If they can pick up a win overall then I'd say it'll be enough for them to sneak into the finals. A loss though and it is all on as they take on Goulburn on Sunday. I can't see them getting the win on Sunday against Goulburn, so it could come down to who can pick up an extra rink somewhere across the weekend in this battle.

Vikings Bowls Club

Tall order for Vikings to make the finals, but no doubt they are ready to go. A win on Saturday and it is game on, a big win and it all rests in their own hands. Anything less than a win on Saturday and it'll be a jump too far for Vikings as they come up against the Creek on Sunday who will have their own agenda to work towards. They'll need to find that little bit extra though so it'll be a very interesting watch across the weekend as it could all be dead in the water by midday Saturday.

Canberra North Bowling Club

Season done for Norths but no doubt they'll be playing for a bit of pride moving forward. They've had a rough year across a couple grades, but have battled on in any case throughout the year to find some dividends in the last couple rounds. Can't sneak their way in here, but with games against the top two across the weekend they could, in their own way, have an impact on how the season plays out through the finals series.



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Grade 6

Results

Canberra Bowling Club	19	18	20	57		65	20	24	21	Bungendore Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	20	27	25	72		41	12	19	10	Yowani CC Bowling Club
Belconnen Bowling Club	15	12	14	41		69	22	23	24	Vikings Bowls Club

Bungendore take the top of the table with a victory over at Forrest against Canberra on the weekend. A crucial matchup to decide where things get placed in the end, Bungendore really showed their credentials to put them in as a favourite for the finals series. Canberra will be disappointed, but will have to reset and take it up later.

Goulburn took a massive win against Yowani to set up their finals campaign and give themselves a sniff of the top two spot. Yowani didn't put up too much opposition, losing all three rinks by 31 overall, but the win was a massive one for setting up the final weekend. Goulburn will take it as a good omen and look to further that same form across the weekend to pick up some extra points.

Vikings round us out with a win to really put the pressure on Belconnen as they fight for a finals spot between each other. The win bring Vikings and Belconnen level on points in fourth and fifth, with Belconnen holding out on shot difference. A big ask to get the points out at Belconnen, but taking the win will really set up the last weekend and give an extra push for the finals.

Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	BuBC	8	6	2	0	0	506	407	99	124.32	68
2	CBC	8	6	2	0	0	489	419	70	116.71	61
3	GRBC	8	5	3	0	0	484	440	44	110	57
4	BBC	8	3	5	0	0	433	441	-8	98.19	41
5	VBC	8	3	5	0	0	404	467	-63	86.51	41
6	YCCBC	8	1	7	0	0	384	526	-142	73	20

Little bit going on here but we're starting to see some separation across the ladder. Bungendore take the top spot following their win against second placed Canberra, holding 7 points over them now. Goulburn sit in third, just the 4 points back, ready to try to eek out a finals spot across the last weekend. Belconnen and Vikings sit if fourth and fifth respectively, equal on 41 points and set to fight it out for the last spot in the finals. Yowani round us out in last spot with their season done and dusted.



Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Yowani CC Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club	Yowani Country Club Bowling Club
Vikings Bowls Club	Bungendore Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Vikings Bowls Club	Yowani CC Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club Inc
Belconnen Bowling Club	Canberra Bowling Club	Belconnen Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Bungendore Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

The Road Home

Bungendore Bowling Club

Bungendore hold all the cards here after some early hiccups in their season. They've rebuilt well and look steady to have a real crack at the title as they host the finals on Saturday. They face Vikings and Goulburn through the last two rounds, with Goulburn really set to make a challenge at the top in what could be a massive matchup. Vikings feels like a formality, but a heavy loss to Goulburn could really throw the competition into disarray.

Canberra Bowling Club

Saturday will be crunch time for Canberra as they face off against Goulburn to hold on to their double chance. Goulburn are circling, but with a matchup against Belconnen to follow it'll be the real tester on Canberra's season. They've been up and down due to COVID, but when it comes down to it you can usually rely on a good fight coming from the Cobras, and I expect nothing different here. Crucial test on Saturday to see if they can hold on.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

Goulburn will finish off the season with it all on themselves if they want to get the double chance, or even potentially top spot. Both games at home this weekend, which should serve as a good start, they face the two clubs above them on the ladder. With 11 points up to first place they'll need maximums on both to take the top spot, but a win on Saturday means they'll have it all in front of them to get the double chance. It really is in their own hands and they've got as good a chance as they'll ever get to make it happen.



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Belconnen Bowling Club

Belconnen get first crack at taking on the fourth spot this weekend as they take on Yowani on Saturday before things really get tough against Canberra on Sunday. They need wins in both, but it is crucial to take maximums against Yowani at this stage of the season. On paper, they should be getting plenty of points against Yowani before trying to hold on against Canberra, but nothing is played on paper here and they need to perform this week.

Vikings Bowls Club

Similar boat for Vikings but the other way round. They face up against the leaders Bungendore at home on Saturday before rolling into Yowani on the Sunday. My advice would be to hang on to every shot on Saturday as if your life depends on it. An extra rink could mean all the difference on Saturday so they need to be at their best across the greens. If they can hold out then they'll really need to make the most of Sunday's opportunity against Yowani to see if they can get over the line.

Yowani CC Bowling Club

Season over for Yowani but they can make the difference for either Belconnen or Vikings across the weekend as they face up against each of them. Mathematically, if they dominated the weekend they could make the finals, but when you're speaking mathematically we all know the season is done. Pride still on the line though as they look to close it out in good fashion.



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Grade 7

Results

Vikings Bowls Club	26	19	19	64		49	13	24	12	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	16	18	26	60		52	16	16	20	Yass Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	28	23	22	73		40	13	9	18	Canberra North Bowling Club

Vikings got a good boost against Goulburn on the weekend with a 15 shot win overall, but they did drop a rink which could cost them come the end of the season. They were outplayed on rink 2, but they had the class across the other two rinks to ensure they took a few points away from the fixture and put themselves in good stead for the final weekend. Goulburn would be proud of the effort having struggled over the past couple weeks, but it wasn't enough for the win.

Crookwell took a massive win against Yass to really save all hope for their season. Yass went in massive favourites, but couldn't get the job done in the end as they lost two rinks and the overall by 8 shots. Crookwell needed that, but they also need to keep that form if they're any hope of jumping into the finals.

The Creek put up a massive upset against Norths over the weekend to really flatten out the ladder up the top. They took all three rinks and 33 shots along the way to make sure that the ladder is as competitive as ever rolling into the final weekend. Norths will be bitterly disappointed, but they need to recoup and pull it all back together for a burst at the finals.



Ladder

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	CNBC	8	5	3	0	0	447	422	25	105.92	61
2	YBC	8	5	3	0	0	501	399	102	125.56	55
3	VBC	8	5	3	0	0	474	449	25	105.57	55
4	WCBC	8	4	4	0	0	485	462	23	104.98	53
5	CSBC	8	4	4	0	0	466	461	5	101.08	46
6	GRBC	8	1	7	0	0	398	578	-180	68.86	18

Norths hold out up front thanks to some other results going their way through the round, but it is tight up there. They've got 6 points back to Yass and Vikings in second and third respectively, but its only another 2 points back to the Creek who are mounting their case for the top spots. That is tight. Next back is Crookwell who sit a further 7 points behind the Creek with every reason to feel that they are a chance to make the finals after knocking off Yass last weekend. Rounding out we've got Goulburn who continue to put in the good fight despite not being able to make the finals.

Looking Ahead

Round 9

Home	Away	Venue
Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club	CROOKWELL SERVICES BOWLING CLUB
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club
Yass Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Yass Bowling Club

Round 10

Home	Away	Venue
Canberra North Bowling Club	Crookwell Services Bowling Club	Canberra North Bowling Club
Weston Creek Bowling Club	Vikings Bowls Club	Weston Creek Bowling Club
Goulburn Railway Bowling Club	Yass Bowling Club	Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

The Road Home

Canberra North Bowling Club

Norths were a little fortunate with some other results over the weekend leaving them still holding top spot and commanding over the competition. They get a fresh crack at it this weekend against a struggling Goulburn team, but they still need to regain their form before they come up against Crookwell on Sunday. Matches against the two bottom teams whilst holding top spot should give you a pretty good opportunity to hold onto it, and I think Norths will get the job done here.



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Yass Bowling Club

Yass really could have done with a win last week against Crookwell, but, they'll have to do it the hard way now. A win on Saturday against Vikings will go a long way towards making the top two a reality and putting a bit of upwards pressure on Norths. A loss though and they'll need to fight it out on Sunday against Goulburn to take back the second place. I'd be really putting my focus on Saturday to get the double chance if I was Yass.

Vikings Bowls Club

Vikings face a tough road to the finals, but if they can take both wins then they will truly have earned the double chance. They come up against the clubs either side of them with Yass first, followed by Weston Creek on the Sunday. On the road all weekend they'll really need to be at their best to get the wins, but diamonds are created under pressure and I think you'll see a few diamonds by the end of the weekend if they sit with the double chance.

Weston Creek Bowling Club

Both games are massive for Weston Creek this weekend for two completely different reasons. They come up against Crookwell in Crookwell on Saturday to secure their finals position. A win here and they're in, a loss and it really gets hard as they come up against Yass. Huge pressure on the Saturday fixture to secure the finals berth and make it all to play for on the Saturday. The chase could be on for Weston Creek if Yass pull up a small win on Saturday as well as they go after the double chance over the top of two opponents in one weekend. This weekend could go really well for the Creek, or it could go very, very badly. Let's see what happens!

Crookwell Services Bowling Club

Crookwell start o the weekend with their world in their own hands as they host Weston Creek. A win against Yass has thrown them back into contention as we round out the year with a double header. A win against the Creek and they'll bridge the gap up to the finals spot before running into Norths on the Sunday. That'll be a tough ask, but if you want to make the finals you'll need to be beating the best and that's just what Crookwell has in front of them. A battle worth having as Crookwell look to fight it out for the finals.

Goulburn Railway Bowling Club

It has been a bit of a long season for this Goulburn side as they struggle to compete with the rest of the competition. A side made of relatively inexperienced bowlers, they've struggled for numbers at times, but they've played their heart out each time with pride. It is a long season and one where they've grown throughout it, and no doubt that the bowlers will be better off with the experiences they've gained.



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