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Round 3 Review

The Bowls ACT Weekend Pennant season continued into round three across the weekend with games again across the capital region seeing some teams find some form, others continue on their winning ways and perhaps a few looking for a spark.

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Grade 1

14 shots was the biggest margin in a very close weekend of games in the top grade. Weston Creek remain undefeated and claimed the biggest margin of the weekend but had to work hard in the two rink to one victory. Canberra broke their duck to win over QBC with a big performance from the Flynn O'Shaughnessy rink getting the Cobras over the line despite two rink wins to the Stingers. Vikings snuck home over Queanbeyan RSL Memorial by just 6 shots to sit in outright second and I suspect be the match of the round against CBC next week in a battle for early ladder position.

Grade 2

The handicappers must have got something right this weekend with 15 shots the biggest margin in Grade 2. Goulburn Railway remain atop the ladder with 3 wins but were tested by Yass this week in a close affair. Norths snuck away with the big board by 2 shots over CBC, Nathan Savino doing the damage claiming a six shot victory on his rink. Crookwell & QBC were also separated by just two shots, Ken Haynes claiming the only rink for Crookwell but doing enough to get his club the master board. Weston Creek claimed the victory over Belconnen in another tight one with all clubs pretty well matched early in the year. Belco v Railway is the one I'll be most interested in next week with seven clubs wanting to see a blemish on the GRBC record.

Grade 3

Last week I said *"A trip to Tuggeranong for QRSL looks to be the pick of the round 3 games with Vikings sitting third early and looking to go with the early front-runners"*. Well it was just **one** shot which separated the sides at the end of the day with Vikings doing just enough to get over the line. Yowani went down to Queanbeyan by **the same margin(!!)** of one shot while Norths were too good for CBC. The Forrest club takes on Queanbeyan next week in an early game with massive importance if they are to stay in the hunt.





Grade 4

Three in a row for Yass has them perched at the top after three weeks and look to be the strongest front-runners at this stage of the season, though Tuggeranong went close, gaining a moral victory with two rink wins by a shot on each. Weston Creek claimed their second win over an improving Belconnen team and the Creekers will host Yass next week in the match of the round for Grade 4. Crookwell continue to play strongly, sneaking past Yowani in a game both clubs would have felt capable of winning.

Grade 5

A return to Bungendore has seen their top side flex some Grade 5 muscles with a strong win over CBC while Goulburn Railway remain undefeated and put a score up against QBC. Funny things can happen in bowls but these two clubs look the standouts in Grade 5. Belconnen and Vikings had a much closer contest with Belconnen claiming the win to hold down third place, for now. Belco make the trip to Goulburn this weekend and will need to be at their very best against the ladder-leaders in the match of the round in Grade 5.

Grade 6

It was first v second this weekend with QBC taking on Norths with the Queanbeyan Club taking the honours in this first battle. I'm sure Norths are looking forward to the return leg in round 8! Vikings were able to secure their first win of the year in Grade 6 over QRSL, who remain winless despite some improving performances. Yass might be ruing one that got away going down by a shot to Weston Creek. Yass host QBC in an important round four game next week.

Grade 7

Goulburn Railway remain on top with a powerful win over local rivals Crookwell to remain undefeated, they will up against the also undefeated Yowani team this week as my pick of the games in this grade. Yowani will be coming off a good test, claiming a six shot victory over Vikings. Despite the result I'm informed that the club and the players all enjoyed having a full green with two pennant sides at home at Bungendore in the first time in a long time. Yass too strong but Bungendore will continue to grow and benefit.

If you have any photos or stories to share from the weekends games send them through to exec@bowlsact.org.au and I'll be sure to give you a shoutout!!

Best wishes and great bowls!!



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