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Round 7 Preview

Four rounds to go. Easter has come and gone and the cool weather has arrived, clubs will be looking to consolidate a finals berth or make a late charge for the top four. This week we're focusing on the ladder and the upcoming games.

Bowls ACT members can find all the results on [BowlsLink](#) in 2023. I congratulate all the clubs for doing their best to have results in promptly and accurately after the games.

Nick Hind – Bowls ACT Executive Officer

Grade 1

I'm not ruling anyone out in the top grade, QRSL and Canberra play a crucial game this weekend with both sides needing to win to keep in touch. Belconnen and QBC are battling for a top two spot with a win likely to provide a buffer over the chasing pack. The undefeated Weston Creek take on the ever-improving Vikings with the Tuggeranong club needing a win to retain a top four place in my pick for game of the round.

Grade 2

Some clubs need to get moving with Yass playing Belconnen in a crucial game if either club has aspirations of playing finals. Canberra take on Crookwell in a key match-up for both sides, a Crookwell win would see them clear in the top two while a win to CBC gets them out of the scrum of teams on two wins. Norths take on QBC and the same can be said for this match-up as the above, both teams needing wins to secure their standings. Goulburn Railway have led from the starting gates, but can the Easter break slow them down? Weston Creek have a good opportunity to find out and push for a finals berth this weekend in my game of the round.

Grade 3

Queanbeyan RSL have found some form and are only one point behind the leaders, but an incredible +53 shots better than the leading QBC. RSL take on Norths in a crucial game for the Turner club looking to make the final four. Canberra look to need to win all four of their remaining games to be a chance and will need to be at their best against a surging Yowani, who've found form winning three in a row. Vikings are away to the ladder leading Queanbeyan and need wins to make the final four in my pick for match of the round.



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Grade 4

With the top four looking reasonably settled it will take some big efforts from Vikings and Belconnen to get a finals berth, while for the top four there will likely be plenty of jostling for position and the important top two finish. Yass host Yowani in a game likely to have implications for finals positions while first place Weston Creek host third place Crookwell in the pick of the grade four games this week. It would be cruel to call Belco v Vikings the 'spoon bowl' but both sides do need wins if they are to give themselves a chance in May.

Grade 5

Last issue I declared Goulburn Railway & Bungendore will be in the finals, for the other sides consistency will be the key with the first side to win a couple in a row likely to get there safely and not have to worry about results going their way. The chances start now for Canberra & QBC with both sides looking to find winning form. Bungendore take on Belco in an important game for the Beetaloo St club, currently in 4th place and needing to keep winning to retain a finals berth. Goulburn take on Vikings and will be looking for a win to keep the pressure on Bungendore with a home final on the line.

Grade 6

Results favoured QRSL last round who will still need to have a lot break their way to make the finals here, while QBC has taken a decent lead the middle four sides are looking very evenly matched. Likely there will be a club feeling unlucky to miss finals in this grade. Norths host Yass in a vital game for the finals fortunes for both clubs, QRSL take on Weston Creek and the same can be said for both clubs in that game. Match of the round will be first placed Queanbeyan vs second placed Vikings at Tuggeranong.

Grade 7

Vikings gave the undefeated Goulburn Railway their biggest test of the year in the last round, falling by just a shot to remain in second place. Tuggeranong are now back in the pack with 1 point separating second & fourth and take on Yass this week in a crucial contest for the finals make-up. Crookwell need to get going and take on second place Yowani this weekend with wins becoming vital for the NSW club. Bungendore are playing for pride at this point but have shown more in recent weeks, they take on ladder leading Goulburn Railway in the final game.

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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