

SOUTH TWEED SHARKS - PREMIER LEAGUE QUEENSLAND BOWLS

Round 7 (18/02/2017) – South Tweed Sharks v. Helensvale Hawks

Premier Grade

South Tweed Sharks 58 lost to Helensvale Hawks 61

K. Kerkow 15 lost to B. Wilkie 22; S. Glasson 18 lost to M. Casey 20; N. Jenkins 25 d. D. Christie 19

The result of this exciting match was not determined until the last bowl of the match, with a win for either team possible. The Kerkow versus Wilkie game finished first – Kelvin lead comfortably 12/2 at the 7th end. Everyone knows Brett Wilkie loves a challenge; he and his team rose to the occasion with powerful surges to tie the game 14 all at the 15th end and then to add a margin of 7 shots by the end of the game. On the last end in the Glasson versus Casey match Steve held 3 shots and an overall victory for the Sharks was looking a real possibility. Not so from Mark Casey who with his last bowl carried the jack to go 1 down and make victory for the Sharks so much harder. On the final rink, Sharks Neville Jenkins, 1 shot down on the last end against Andrew Howie (promoted to skip after the 10th end) drove at the head attempting to seize a draw or possibly win the match, just missing by the barest of margins. The Hawks kept their composure under pressure in this match to score a sweet victory by 3 shots overall.

A Grade

South Tweed Sharks 61 lost to Helensvale Hawks 66

R. Hickman 15 d. B. Tynan 13; L. Ponting 17 d. S. Piggott 12;

J. Leese 6 lost to A. White 30; B. Wilson 23 d. M. Bell 11

This game was a classic battle between two foes who always produce matches of high quality with close results. Best rink for the Hawks was Adam White's team with young, talented Shane White as third, proving too strong for the Sharks team skipped by Joss Leese, winning by 24 shots. Ray Hickman's team came from behind, dominating the last 3 ends to claim victory by 2 shots over Hawk's Brett Tynan. Experienced Sharks skip Lindsay Ponting proved too consistent for Hawks Steve Piggott winning by 5 in what was a great team effort. New Sharks recruit Brendan Wilson, proved what great value he is as skip, guiding his team for a comfortable 12 shot victory over the dangerous Matt Bell from the Hawks. The Sharks are understandably disappointed with the result especially considering the win on 3 rinks but credit goes to the Hawks for their steely determination in the last few ends to gain the overall shot tally by 5.

Next Saturday evening the Sharks are away against Ipswich Swifts.

Premier 7's Round 6 (18/02/2017)

Division 1

South Tweed Sharks lost to Mt Gravatt 2 rinks to 1

Singles: G. Wood 23 lost to J. Camlin 31

Pairs: C. Moran, L. Beckman 23 d. G. Reed, D. Logan 10

Fours: N. Pritchard, B. Heap, S. Lowe, P. West 16 lost to T. Watts, G. Pratt, G. Scott, M. Secis 21

In the fours game the Sharks led until the 13th end with the opposing skip keeping the visitors in touch. Then Mt Gravatt's lead Tim Watts started to get bowls closer and their third Garry Scott disturbed the head at crucial points to put the Sharks under some pressure – a win to the visitors by 5. Cheryl Moran and Lou Beckman had great games for the Sharks in the pairs to dominate with a 13-shot victory. In the singles,

Gordon Wood was determined not to give up at 13/29 down. He scored on another 6 ends before Mt Gravatt's John Camlin finally prevailed 31/23 on the 41st end!

Division 4

South Tweed Sharks lost to Victoria Point 2 rinks to 1

Singles: J. Brown 23 lost to J. Price 31

Pairs: B. Spurway, D. O'Neill 29 d. G. Hagan, B. Tait 16

Fours: A. Lavosi, K. Figura, G. Harrison, D. Knox 15 lost to D. Belcher, T. Cullen, J. Sampson, D. Peacock 16

John Brown and John Price battled head to head to 23/23 on the 26th end. Unfortunately for John Brown, John Price was unstoppable in the final 6 ends to claim victory 31/23. New Sharks pairs combination of Brian Spurway and Del O'Neill got down to business at the half way point of the match to run away winners 29/16. The Sharks fours team can be proud of their play despite losing by 1 on the last end in a very close, fluctuating game against the Victoria Point team skipped by Darryl Peacock.

Division 5

South Tweed Sharks lost to McKenzie Park Ladies 2 rinks to 1

Singles: I. Ensbey 29 lost to V. Melville 31

Pairs: G. Coste, J. Scicluna 26 d. L. Vickery, N. Foster 17

Fours: B. Coste, D. Lawrie, A. Vidler, R. Riddle 13 lost to M. Bowdler, V. McCallum, R. Keys, S. Taylor 28

In the singles, Sharks Ivan Ensbey was odds on favourite to win leading 29/23. However, this was not to be as Veronica Melville won a series of consecutive short ends to overwhelm Ivan and win by 2 shots. Joe Scicluna and Glenn Coste continue to combine well in the pairs and scored another good win by 9 shots. The McKenzie Park fours team were too strong for the Sharks team skipped by Ray Riddle, winning comfortably. This result may prove to be an opportunity lost for the Sharks Division 5 side.

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