

DIVISION 1 champions Wellers Hill Wasps have suffered their first loss of the season, beaten 2-1 away by bottom of the ladder South Tweed Sharks in Section 7.

Kevin Higson gave the Wasps their usual fast start with a 31-14 dismissal of **Phil West** in the singles.

South Tweed's Cherily Moran and Lou Beckman won the pairs by a shot with Beckman playing a bomb to gain three shots on the last end.

A late five enabled the Sharks four skipped by **Steve Lowe** to hold off a late challenge for a 19-16 win. **Keith Graham**, playing his first competitive game for some time, was tenacious at lead and **Norm Pritchard** slotted into the third position with confidence.

Lightning struck twice in as many weeks with New Farm upsetting the finals aspirations of another top-of-the-table contender by beating Coolum Beach at Coolum.

New Farm's **Geoff Jensen** had a comfortable 31-16 singles win over a gallant **David Balchin** who tried all sorts of tactics to stay in the game.

Another new pairs team for the Lightning, **Vince McDonald and Bob Myers**, met the challenge of renowned Coolum pair **Brenda Balchin and Margaret O'Rourke** by establishing an early 10-4 lead.

They continued to play great draw bowls for a surprisingly easy 26-9 victory.

The NF fours combination was inspired by **Harry Damm's** lead bowls, allowing debutants **Chris Backstrom and John Dalton**, to settle easily into the game.

Dean Merlo's men kept pace with Louise Witton's decorated team to be trailing by just three with one end to play.

New Farm held three shots for a draw but in trying to add another, Merlo moved the jack and Witton showed her class by drawing a close second shot for a tough 18-16 win.

A remarkable singles win by Polish wizard Piotr Malicki helped Toowong to a 2-1 home win over Mudgeeraba.

Malicki led only once in the match – when he scored two shots on the last end for a 31-30 defeat of Pete Horne.

Horne looked to have the match in the bag at 23-10 but Malicki refused go away and kept pegging his opponent back, scoring a four to draw level at 29-29. Horne won the next end but Malicki applied the pressure with two great draw bowls on the last end.

Terriers pair John Arrowsmith and Doug Pannell were back on song after a series of narrow losses, winning 25-17, while Mudgeeraba salvaged the fours 23-8.

Division 4

Singles and fours wins enabled South Tweed to beat Belmont Blaze 2-1, at Belmont, with John Brown a convincing 31-18 singles winner and Dave Knox's fours team holding on for a 19-18 victory after leading 11-1.

But the Sharks pairs team of Sue Johnstone and Del O'Neil struck a red-hot Belmont team who smothered the jack on most ends and recorded a stunning 32-6 result.

South Toowoomba travelled to Brighton and emerged with a solid 2-1 win featuring Russell Nicholson's 31-22 singles success, while Mike Troughton and Doug Spinks won 12 ends in defeating Peter Tachell and James Manthey 20-17.

In a tight fours contest, the Barracudas skipped by Gary Rice emerged 17-15 winners over Debbie Petersen, Christine Ward, Brenda Shea and Roley Wilson.

Division 5

Beaudesert hosted Paradise Point and the 3-0 win by the home side was not a true reflection of a hard-fought contest.

Jenny Bostock beat Tony McLaughlin 31-26 in the singles after it had been 19-all and in the pairs, Brian Marshall and Kent Taylor took a close one 26-21.

In the fours, Mario Cahill, Robyn Fullwood, Doug Ward and Gaye Blank beat Jim Zamitt, Russell Wilson, Linda Jones and Esther Lee 18 – 10.

Brian Marshall reports that Beaudesert have received a grant from Sports and Recreation to erect a shade cover across the back of their clubhouse. The extension will have a tiled surface with insulated roofing. This will give an extra shade area for spectators and also for bowlers to sit and enjoy the game out of the sun.

Brian urges visiting bowlers to drop in for a game on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays and some Sundays. The club has its own website.

South Tweed posted a 2-1 home win over Helensvale with Ivan Ensbey recapturing winning form 31-22 in the singles.

Glenn Coste and Joe Scicluna wore down their pairs opponents, including a six late in the game, for a 29-26 win, while the Hawks fours team skipped by Greg Danson were untroubled in winning 23-10.

South Toowoomba played Tugun at home and managed only one rink win, Sandy Beresford, Ron Byers, Russell Gorman and Keith Dawson sneaking home 19-18 in the fours after an extra end.

Tugun's Lily Randabel and Alex Knowles shaded Marlene Hannant and Ros Byers 17-14 in a tight pairs contest and Lyn Baker was too consistent for Gerard Dwan in a 31-18 singles victory.

Toowong continued their late surge to the finals with a 3-0 home win over Springwood featuring Peter Longland's fifth singles success in a row (31-22).

Jim Pope and Billy Mills dominated the pairs 31-8 and Ted Laundon's fours outfit continued their good form by turning 15-all into a 20-15 win.

Division 6

There was no joy for South Toowoomba Tigers, losing all three rinks at Coorparoo and winning only one at home against Pine Rivers Pirates.

Dean Wright and Barry Johnstone produced the goods against Pine Rivers, scoring a four on the last end when they required three to win.

In a terrific singles game, Tigers' Phil Schultz was pipped 31-30 by Marcus Brooks who won a close measure on the last end.

The Pirates were too strong in the fours, Peter Parmenter skipping a 30-11 landslide.