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2018 PLQ COMES TO A CLOSE

Well another hard fought, hotly contested Premier League season has come and gone in the talented state of Queensland.

In 2018 we saw the strongest field of clubs and players to ever participate in our great competition.

With such a class of player everyone enjoyed a fantastic few months of bowls, week in week out, which culminated in an even more impressive Grand Final Series.

Over two magnificent days of play, competitors, managers, supporters, and spectators were all treated to the magic of what PLQ is all about.

Congratulations to our very worthy winners - Helensvale Hawks and Broadbeach Bulls, but also to our gallant runners up and every single club and player for participating this season and making this competition the best the world has seen!

Thank you to Club Helensvale Management and Staff for hosting a successful Finals weekend, the Greenkeepers for treating the players to a wonderful surface to play on—ensuring the best of the best could produce only their very best as well, and to all those who volunteered their time to help assist on the weekend and ensure a smooth running of this world class event.

I'm sure we are all already looking forward to seeing if 2019 can live up to the lofty standards set by this years talent.

Thanks everyone, enjoy a well earned break and see you around the greens!

FINALS SERIES RESULTS

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH - 12PM

PREMIER GRADE

ELIMINATION FINAL

Hamilton def Broadbeach 56 - 51

QUALIFYING FINAL

Helensvale def Kawana 72 - 28

A GRADE

ELIMINATION FINAL

Enoggera def Kawana 88 - 78

QUALIFYING FINAL

Broadbeach def Helensvale 68 - 63

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH - 5PM

PREMIER GRADE

MINOR SEMI FINAL

Kawana def Hamilton 64 - 56

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

Helensvale def Pine Rivers 63 - 43

A GRADE

MINOR SEMI FINAL

Enoggera def Helensvale 72 - 70

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

Broadbeach def Pine Rivers 87 - 77

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH - 9AM

PREMIER GRADE

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Kawana def Pine Rivers 64 - 59

A GRADE

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Enoggera def Pine Rivers 80 - 70

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH - 1PM

PREMIER GRADE

GRAND FINAL

Helensvale def Kawana 62 - 55

A GRADE

GRAND FINAL

Broadbeach def Enoggera 84 - 69



2018 PREMIERS
HELENSVALE HAWKS &
BROADBEACH BULLS



HOW FINALS WEEKEND UNFOLDED FOR OUR CLUBS, BLOW BY BLOW...

Glorious sunshine greeted our PLQ competitors and spectators as the masses descended upon the greens at Club Helensvale for one of the most eagerly anticipated weekends of the year - the 2018 PLQ Finals Series.

Pine Rivers, finishing as minor Premiers in both grades, would enjoy a reprieve in the first match of the day at 12pm as Hamilton took on Broadbeach in the Premier elimination final while Enoggera would play Kawana in the A Grade elimination.

The Hamilton/Broadbeach do or die match was one for the ages. The Power took an early lead before the reigning champions battled back to see the Bulls sneak their nose in front halfway through the game. The latter stages of the match saw some clangers played by the classy back end of the Power as spectators watched in awe at some of the shots pulled off. The Power looked in sublime form as they steamed to the finish line, bundling out the Bulls by 5 shots with Broadbeach's hope of back to back victories vanishing before their eyes.

In the A's it would be the Eagles who soared highest in their elimination clash with the Kawana Thunder. Some last minute changes to the Thunder line up may have proved costly for the talented side as they ran head first in to an Enoggera steam train that was keen to prove their worth. The Eagles started well and continued their strong form for most of their match. The Thunder didn't go without a fight though, getting within singles digits in the later stages of the game. The 10 shot win to the Eagles was hard fought and much deserved. Their spirit high as they fought on to the evening match.

In the qualifying final it would be the Hawks in Premier Grade in white hot form as they blew Kawana Thunder off the park in their first match of the Series. With all players hitting the ground running the near 50 shot victory would see an early mark for both teams as the Thunder had to regroup for their second bite at the cherry while the Hawks would have time to contemplate the prospect of taking on the minor premiers in their next match.

The A Grade qualifying final between local rivals Broadbeach and defending champions Helensvale was another match that came right down to the wire. Over the years the two sides have endured some close battles and this match was not to disappoint. It was the Hawks who held an early slender lead of 3 or 4 shots, but midway through the match the Bulls began their charge. With just a couple of ends to go the Bulls had their nose in front. The fighting spirit of the Hawks saw them claw back requiring two off the last bowl, but not to be as the Bulls won the right to take on the minor Premiers with the Hawks now facing elimination in the next round against the Eagles.

Saturday evening would see both the minor and major semi finals take place.

In the minor finals Kawana would take on Hamilton with the winner to bow out of the race in Premier Grade, while Helensvale took on Enoggera in the A Grade race.

Kawana, coming off what can only be described as a landslide loss to the Hawks, proved that bowls is a funny old game and anything can happen on the day. With no second chances this time round it would take everything they had to defeat the strength of the Power who were riding high after impressive victory against the defending champions. It was another classic PLQ match with both sides right in the hunt for the majority of this game. Some mid match rink changes in the Kawana side was all in took to see them create the magical storm they've been riding on all year. A very talented, well rounded, and strong performance across the rinks would see the purple haze defeat the Powers star studded back end by 18 shots keeping the Grand Final hopes of the Thunders players and patriotic supporters alive for another day.

The battle of the birds, Hawks v Eagles, was a promoters dream. In the rounds of PLQ this year these two sides had a ding dong battle with the Hawks taking the match points on the last bowl of the game. In this minor final it would be no different. The Hawks jumped out of the blocks early taking a 20 shot lead, keen to make amends after a disappointing first game loss. Yet the fighting spirit of the Eagles was not to be discounted. Across the rinks some multiples were picked up for the Enoggera side which put them right back in the driving seat for this match in a do or die affair. With just several ends to go it would be the Hawks staring down the barrel of back to back losses. Again the Hawks weren't going down without a fight and again it came down to the last bowl of this match - Helensvale needing 3 shots to force the extra end. The Enoggera team held their nerve on this occasion, the defending champions unable to secure the treble and with that lost their chance at trying to take the three-peat in Premier League A Grade. The mighty Eagles soldier on to Sundays match winning by 2 shots.

In our major finals both Pine Rivers sides would take to the greens with the Premier team facing the Hawks and the A Grade meeting Broadbeach.

The Hawks/Pirates battle is always hotly contested with many cliff-hangers endured since PLQs inception many years ago. A fierce yet friendly rivalry is enjoyed by these teams and this night would be no different. On this occasion it would again be the Hawks who would get off to a flyer, still on the high of a demolition in their earlier qualifying match. All players were in peak form with the Pirates having their fair share of work to do in getting in to this quality match. For the minor premiers it was not to be, the Hawks getting the better of them by 20 shots. However all was not lost for the Pirates with a second chance available in Sunday mornings game, while the Hawks were the first team to book their Grand Final berth.

It was a similar story in A Grade with the Pirates facing a well-oiled Broadbeach machine in their battle. The Bulls got off to a solid start which they maintained for the majority of the match, eventually taking down the minor premiers by 10 shots. The Pirates would battle on to face Eagles Sunday morn while the Bulls wrote their ticket to the Grand Final showdown.

Sunday - the final day of PLQ for 2018 and the day every club wants to be part of! Only six teams remain with the Premier Champs to come from Pine Rivers, Helensvale or Kawana, while our A Grade Champs to either be Pine Rivers, Broadbeach, or Enoggera.

In the Premier Grade preliminary final on Sunday morning our minor premiers in the Pine Rivers Pirates would take on the Thunder from Kawana. Some may say Kawana would hold the underdog label in this match but by Joe did they not play like it! The class of Pine Rivers was evident as it has been every year, however the Pirates were equally matched in talent by the performances of every one of the Thunder players. The hefty crowd were treated to one of the most exciting matches of the weekend with Kawana holding a small lead from start to finish. The Pirates were never out of the picture though, their talented side always fighting hard with the difference only a few shots over the last several ends. It would come down to the last end between Kurt Brown and Robbie Wild's teams to determine who would go on to the ultimate showdown, the Pirates requiring two to force an extra end. A great start by Brown's lead in Nick Cahill saw him trail the jack close to the ditch with his first bowl and his second not far from that again. The Pine upfront crew had a few around the mark but the Thunder held shot with Cahill's first wood. Shining in the limelight was the effervescent Ian Schuback at third for Kawana who thrilled the crowd by trailing the jack in to the ditch and all but snuffing out the Pirates hope of securing a double. The Pirates were gallant in their effort to draw two within a foot of the ditch but unfortunately for Pine their hopes of a maiden Premier League title were to be put off for another year, Kawana taking the match in front of their enthused supporters by 5 shots.

The A Grade semi final was more of a one sided affair with the Eagles continuing their stellar finals campaign against the minor premiers. Enoggera held a strong lead against Pine from early in the piece with the motivated side proving too consistent for the Pirates on this occasion. With all rinks providing some great entertainment across the green, the enthusiastic Eagles showed they really are a force to be reckoned with, earning their spot in the Grand Final with a 10 shot defeat of the Pirates.

GRAND FINAL ACTION - WHAT YOU PLAY ALL YEAR FOR!

The Premier Grand Final would be a rematch of the first game of the weekend with the high flying Hawks to take on the determined Kawana Thunder. After the Hawks took the chocolates convincingly in their first meeting, both sides knew the Grand Final would be a whole new ball game. The star studded Hawks side came out firing in front of their home town supporters, leading by 15 at one point in the match. The Hawks keen to take back the title after the pain of losing two Grand Finals in a row on the last bowl. However the fight in the Thunder ensured it wouldn't be a one-sided affair this time round, getting within 3 shots with only 10 ends to go. The class of the Hawks however would prove crucial, with the team of the green and gold stringing together the majority of the last several ends across each rink, eventually winning by 7 shots and taking out their 8th and most satisfying PLQ titles.

In A Grade, it would be the Bulls who proved the classiest, ending the run of the fierce Eagles team. The Broadie side led convincingly from start to finish with a powerful display of depth across all rinks. The Eagles fought hard however it would be the Bulls to take their maiden A Grade crown this year, getting over the line by a solid 15 shots. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

2018 SEASON LADDERS

Premier Grade Ladder 2018 – Round 11

Rank	Club	Played	Points	Rinks	Margin
1	PINE RIVERS PIRATES	11	18	19.5	64
2	HELENSVALE HAWKS	11	17	23	206
3	KAWANA THUNDER	11	16	22.5	99
4	BROADBEACH BULLS	11	16	21	97
5	HAMILTON POWER	11	14	20.5	86
6	Enoggera Eagles	11	14	18	56
7	South Tweed Sharks	11	11	15.5	-47
8	Booval Bombers	11	7	9.5	-119
9	Belmont Blaze	11	6	10.5	-149
10	Victoria Point Magpies	11	5	13.5	-45
11	Tweed Heads Ospreys	11	4	14	-75
12	Greenslopes Geckos	11	4	10.5	-177

A Grade Ladder 2018 – Round 11

Rank	Club	Played	Points	Rinks	Margin
1	PINE RIVERS PIRATES	11	20	31.5	182
2	HELENSVALE HAWKS	11	18	30.5	218
3	BROADBEACH BULLS	11	18	28.5	152
4	ENOGERA EAGLES	11	15	25	156
5	KAWANA THUNDER	11	14	26.5	52
6	Victoria Point Magpies	11	11	19	-20
7	South Tweed Sharks	11	10	25.5	62
8	Hamilton Power	11	10	24	2
9	Belmont Blaze	11	6	16.5	-115
10	Booval Bombers	11	6	13.5	-212
11	Tweed Heads Ospreys	11	4	16	-173
12	Greenslopes Geckos	11	0	7.5	-309

BEST PERFORMED SKIPS OF 2018

PREMIER-NATHAN RICE (HAWKS) 9 WINS +85 SHOTS

A GRADE-MATT BELL (HAWKS) 8.5 WINS +68 SHOTS



Premier League QLD Charity Round

By Kurt Brown



A big congratulations and thank you to all the clubs, players, and supporters for making our Charity Match a resounding success.

Through everyone's contributions our league was able to raise
\$8,138 for this very worthy cause - what an effort!

WELL DONE PLQ CREW!

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Full results and ladders of Premier Grade, A Grade & Premier 7s can be found at

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