

Minimum Bias

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Saturday's main game saw Traralgon host Drouin, last season's runner up. The game was tight all day with both sides having two winning rinks. One rink on each side won by fourteen shots to balance the ledger whilst one Drouin rink won by ten shots to Traralgon's winning by four shots to give Drouin a six shot victory 104/98.

For Drouin Dennis Throup won 26/16 against James Scullin and Mick Fleming beat Andrew Kent 36/22 whilst for Traralgon Chris Ward won 28/14 over Ian Smethurst and Ross Sizeland won 32/28 over Mark Leighton.

In other games Morwell Club hosted promoted side Neerim and came away with a thirteen shot victory 105/92. Trafalgar surprised last season's winner Yallourn at Trafalgar. Trafalgar had two winning rinks as did Yallourn, but Trafalgar got home 98/93, in a hard fought battle.

In the final game Warragul was at home to Moe and found the visitors too strong winning only on one rink, to go down by twenty-four shots, 87/111.

Next week Yallourn plays Warragul and should win well, Moe is home to Morwell Club and will just get home after a day-long struggle, Neerim is home to Drouin and will find the visitors too strong and Trafalgar hosts Traralgon where Traralgon will be desperate to open its account and will do so, albeit narrowly.

In division 2 Drouin won by the narrowest margin 92/91 over Morwell Club, Morwell with one rink having a big win beat Traralgon 96/88, Longwarry comfortably won the west end battle against Garfield 99/79 and RSL accounted for Moe 111/98.

Division 3 saw Yallourn North win 101/82 against Boolarra, Thorpdale beat Yinnar 92/90 after a dour struggle, Warragul thump Yarragon 116/75 and Traralgon trounce Trafalgar 111/72.

In division 4 Warragul and Traralgon scored the season's first draw 89 apiece, Yallourn(3) accounted for RSL 111/95, Yallourn(2) beat Morwell 106/93 and Drouin just outlasted Moe to win 92/89.

In division 5 Boolarra beat Garfield 72/59, Longwarry thrashed Yinnar 97/53, Yallourn more than doubled Neerim's score in winning 108/50 and Traralgon easily beat Yallourn North 79/49.

In division 6 West Drouin won 42/35 against Garfield, Yarragon beat Longwarry 57/42 and Trafalgar received a forfeit from Trafalgar.

In 6 East Morwell(4) received a forfeit from Morwell Club, Thorpdale beat Traralgon 56/44, Morwell(3) won 47/43 over Yallourn and Moe won well against RSL 58/34.