

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DARTS COUNCIL Inc.
MEN'S METROPOLITAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS
13TH & 14TH APRIL 2002.

Twenty teams representing seven Metropolitan Associations competed in the Championships held at Gloucester Park on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April.

All teams were graded into three divisions, division one having eight teams with divisions two and three having six teams each.

All games are best of 3 x 801 trebles, 601 doubles and 501 singles.

All teams had arrived on time and after the Captains/Managers meeting at 9am the competition got under way.

Round One: Division One: South Suburban (1) defeated South Suburban (3) 9-2 in a match that was closer than the score line suggests. Swan Districts (1) hung in for a hard fought 6-5 win over South Suburban (2). Rockingham Districts (1) snuck over the line 6-5 from Perth & Districts (1). West Coast (1) outlasted Swan Districts (2) 6-5.

Round One: Division Two: Fremantle Districts (1) played an impressive game in their 7-4 win over Kwinana Districts (1). Swan Districts (3) just hung on to defeat South Suburban (4) 6-5. Swan Districts (4) cruised to a 10-1 win over West Coast (2).

Round One: Division Three: Swan Districts (5) 7-4 from a luckless Kwinana Districts (2). Perth & Districts (2) took it to the wire with a 6-5 win from Rockingham Districts (2). South Suburban (5) moved into overdrive 9-2 from West Coast (3).

Round Two: Division One: Swans (1) stepped up a gear 10-1 over West Coast (1). Swans (2) started hitting the pegs 7-4 over Rockingham (1). South's (2) bounced back with a 7-4 win over South's (3). South's (1) turned in a top game 9-2 from Perth (1).

Round Two: Division Two: Swan's (4) with a solid 7-4 over Swan's (3). West Coast (2) hung on to sneak over the line 6-5 from Kwinana (1). Fremantle (1) hung in to defeat South's (4) 6-5.

Round Two: Division Three: Rockingham (2) fired up for a 9-2 win over South's (5). West Coast (3) turned their game around for a 10-1 win over Kwinana (2). Swan's (5) with a solid 8-3 over Perth (2).

Round Three: Division One: South's (2) put in a solid 8-3 from Perth (1). South's (1) hold out a determined West Coast (1) 7-4. Swan's (1) cruise to an 8-3 from Swan's (2). Rockingham (1) impress with their 7-4 over South's (3).

Round Three: Division Two: Kwinana (1) get on the board with a 7-4 win over South's (4). Swans (4) look the goods with an 8-3 win over Fremantle (1). West Coast (2) with a comfortable 7-4 over Swan's (3).

Round Three: Division Three: Perth (2) fight back for a 6-5 win over a gallant Kwinana (2). South's (5) get their game together for an 8-3 win over Swan's (5). Rockingham (2) sail to an 8-3 win over West Coast (3).

Round Four: Division One: South's (3) climb on the board with a 7-4 win over Swan's (2). Swan's (1) are looking solid 9-2 from Perth (1). Rockingham (1) continues to surprise 7-4 over West Coast (1). South's (1) take no pity on South's (2) 8-3.

Well that's it for Saturday everyone is packed up and gone and it's only 5.30, never known the games to flow so well or finish at this time before. It's a credit to the players and Captains.

Here we are back again on Sunday morning (and I'm late slept in). Division One started at 9am and Division's Two and Three at 10am.

After getting myself some strong coffee and a bacon and egg burger we are back into it, with some gentle ribbing from those on the top table.

Round Five: Division One: South's (1) come out with all guns blazing 11-0 over Swan's (2). South's (2) are also fired up 8-3 over West Coast (1). South's (3) take it to the wire 6-5 over Perth (1). Rockingham (1) are all smiles 6-5 over Swan's (1).

Round Four: Division Two: Fremantle (1) blaze to an 8-3 over West Coast (2). Swan's (4) look unstoppable 10-1 over South's (4). Kwinana (1) skate to an 8-3 over Swan's (3).

Round Four: Division Three: Swan's (5) hang in for a 6-5 win from West Coast (3). South's (5) hold of a determined Perth (2) 6-5. Rockingham (2) wins the last 2 singles for a 6-5 over Kwinana (2).

Round Six: Division One: Swan's (1) struggle to a 6-5 over South's (3). Rockingham (1) show they haven't come just to make up the numbers 6-5 over South's (1). South's (2) fight out another close one 6-5 over Swan's (2). West Coast (1) and Perth (1) take their game to the last singles 6-5 to West Coast.

Round Five: Division Two: Swan's (4) have to fight of a tenacious Kwinana (1) for a 6-5 win. Fremantle (1) also have a close encounter 6-5 from Swan's (3). South's (4) finally hit their straps when it's all over 9-2 from West Coast (2).

Round Five: Division Three: South's (5) go into overdrive 11-0 over Kwinana (2). Rockingham (2) and Swan's (5) go game for game to the end with Rockingham hanging on 6-5. West Coast (3) skip to a 9-2 win from Perth (2).

Round Seven: Division One: South's (2) upset the apple cart 7-4 over Rockingham (1). South's (3) hold on for a 6-5 win over West Coast (1). Perth (1) finally get on the board with a hard earn 6-5 over Swan's (2). South's (1) and Swan's (1) turned on possibly the best game of the weekend (and there's been some rippers) both teams produced some top games with the lead continually switching. With the games at 5 all and one leg each in the final singles the pressure was on, but South's hung in to take it 6-5.

Division Winners:

Division One: South Suburban (1): 55-12;
Division Two: Swan Districts (4): 41-10;
Division Three: South Suburban (5): 36-8;

Division Runners-up:

Swan Districts (1): 49-10.
Fremantle (1): 30-8.
Rockingham (2): 34-8.

TOP SIX AVERAGES

(1) Graham Hunt: 88.16%. (2) Brad Austen: 83.17%. (3) Kim Lewis: 83.10%.
 (4) Kyle Anderson: 78.99%. (5) Jeff Haebick: 77.10%. (6) Beau Anderson: 77.09%.

It was worth being there just to see Kyle collect his first top average plaque in the seniors.

125 x 180s where recorded over the weekend. Kim Lewis x 8. Kyle Anderson x 8. Neil Dufall x 7. Graham Hunt, Norm Anderson and Rick Jackson x 5. Paul Clark x 4. 7 players recorded 3 and 11 players recorded 2.

62 x 100+ peg-outs where recorded with the highest being 156 by Jeff Haebick. N. Anderson, P. Stringfellow, S. Russell, G. Hunt, K. Anderson, P. Clark, D. Jones, D. Bachelor, B. Anderson and B. Austen all recorded 2 x 100+ peg-outs.

Well that's about it. It has been a great weekend of darts with the competition being a lot closer than some would have believed. My congratulations to all players and officials your behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding and the way you kept the games flowing is a credit to all of you.

To the entire bar and kitchen staff that look after our needs thanks heaps.

To the boys and girls that keep the wheels turning thanks and I'll catch ya next week.

Until next time I catch ya on the boards,
 Good luck and good darts.
 B.G.