

## 'It's déjà vu all over again' at Fendalton

One wonders if celebrated Major League baseball manager 'Yogi' Berra had bowls in mind when he made his now legendary, 'It's déjà vu all over again', quip to a media conference question about his New York Yankees in the 1960s.

Highly unlikely, but for reasons known only to the gods of the game it has become something of a tradition, after reasonably uneventful starts, that the third day of world competitions inevitably throws up news of surprise results, heroic struggles and more than a smidgen of soap opera. It's déjà vu and it's been this way for years.

So it came as no shock yesterday at the World Singles Champion of Champions when word of a spate of unexpected results involving the top fancies spread quickly around the spectator banks, while some of the performances from players grimly holding on to their dream were simply inspirational.

No doubt the jubilation of Argentina's Ricardo 'Dicky' Rubinat, who draped a national flag around himself and daughter Tiffany for a 'photo opportunity' after yesterday afternoon's heroic victory over of Namibia's Axel Krahenbuhl warmed many hearts; as did Ozkan Akar, Turkey's best bowler, who was so pleased with his first ever international outdoor win - over Holland's Dennis Mijnhijmer in round five - that he immediately posted the news along with six photos on his social media site and fielded more than 130 congratulatory messages within an hour.

In contrast, South African great Bobby Donnelly, a Commonwealth Games gold medallist for singles in 2002 and triples in 2014, would have been less than jolly after yesterday's play, having dropped both his matches, to America's Bill Brault in the morning and Kenny Chan from Hong Kong in the afternoon. The big man with the kind smile may now have too much work ahead of him to figure in this weekend's finals - but bowls is a funny game.

It was a similar story for Spanish representative Jan Dando, who had taken all before her on the first two days, but was stymied yesterday by Pacific Islanders Litia Tikoisuva from Fiji and Norfolk Island's Petal Jones.

And what about New Zealand's Helen King, who has demonstrated stellar form on all three mornings, but is yet to gain a point in any of her afternoon engagements? Conversely, America's Kim Heiser was on the receiving end of a 14-1 9-5 whacking from China's Yu Xiao Yan yesterday morning, then came out in the afternoon and toppled hot favourite Lorna Smith from Scotland. Go figure that one out?

As a result only shots-up separate four players; Smith, Malaysia's Noor Safirah Noor, Tai Jim from the Cook Islands and Noelene Abe from Australia, at the top of women's section two.

In men's section one local hero Ali Forsyth continues to run roughshod over the field and is undefeated with 112-shots-up, while the impish David Holt, Australia's representative in section two, is similarly unscathed after six rounds but freely admitted to being outbowled by Welshman David Kingdon after he clinched the points from their herculean battle yesterday.

Dutch whiz Saskia Schaft also continued her unbeaten charge yesterday and is two games clear at the top of section two. However, she will be well tested today when she meets Petal Jones and Helen King in vital matches.

Another epic clash not to be missed will feature England's Andy Walters and David Kingdon going head-to-head in this morning's seventh round in section two, while the Lorna Smith versus Noor Noor encounter will also make for compelling viewing. Enjoy!



Litia Tikoisuva (Fiji)



Tiffany & Dicky celebrate



David Holt (Australia)

**2014 MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS S1**  
LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 7

	Games Played	Game W - L	Set W - D - L	Shots F - A
1 NEW ZEALAND	7	7 - 0	14 - 0 - 0	170-58
2 MALAYSIA	7	5 - 2	8 - 1 - 5	124-89
3 SCOTLAND	7	5 - 2	8 - 0 - 6	129-88
4 FIJI	7	4 - 3	7 - 2 - 5	108-102
5 NORFOLK ISLAND	7	4 - 3	7 - 0 - 7	108-97
6 CHINA	7	4 - 3	7 - 0 - 7	98-97
7 CANADA	7	3 - 4	6 - 2 - 6	99-130
8 NAMIBIA	7	3 - 4	6 - 1 - 7	106-114
9 BOTSWANA	7	3 - 4	5 - 0 - 9	94-128
10 ARGENTINA	7	2 - 5	6 - 0 - 8	101-114
11 SWAZILAND	7	2 - 5	4 - 1 - 9	83-129
12 SRI LANKA	7	0 - 7	2 - 1 - 11	74-148

**2014 MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS S2**  
LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 6

	Games Played	Game W - L	Set W - D - L	Shots F - A
1 AUSTRALIA	6	6 - 0	9 - 0 - 3	103-79
2 ENGLAND	5	4 - 1	9 - 0 - 1	102-48
3 HONG KONG CHINA	5	4 - 1	8 - 0 - 2	104-56
4 WALES	5	3 - 2	7 - 0 - 3	104-53
5 UNITED STATES	6	3 - 3	6 - 1 - 5	85-93
6 COOK ISLANDS	6	3 - 3	5 - 1 - 6	89-95
7 SOUTH AFRICA	6	3 - 3	5 - 0 - 7	85-99
8 ZIMBABWE	5	2 - 3	4 - 0 - 6	60-94
9 TURKEY	6	1 - 5	2 - 1 - 9	71-125
10 NETHERLANDS	5	1 - 4	1 - 1 - 8	67-84
11 JAPAN	5	0 - 5	2 - 0 - 8	52-96

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LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 6

	Games Played	Game W - L	Set W - D - L	Shots F - A
1 SCOTLAND	5	4 - 1	9 - 0 - 1	113-45
2 MALAYSIA	5	4 - 1	9 - 0 - 1	97-52
3 COOK ISLANDS	5	4 - 1	7 - 1 - 2	84-61
4 AUSTRALIA	6	4 - 2	7 - 0 - 5	111-78
5 UNITED STATES	6	3 - 3	5 - 0 - 7	77-100
6 JAPAN	5	2 - 3	4 - 0 - 6	72-82
7 CHINA	6	2 - 4	3 - 1 - 8	86-91
8 SOUTH AFRICA	5	1 - 4	1 - 0 - 9	65-100
9 PORTUGAL	5	0 - 5	2 - 0 - 8	37-133

**2014 WOMEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS S2**  
LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 6

	Games Played	Game W - L	Set W - D - L	Shots F - A
1 NETHERLANDS	5	5 - 0	8 - 1 - 1	100-57
2 NORFOLK ISLAND	5	4 - 1	6 - 2 - 2	85-69
3 FIJI	6	4 - 2	6 - 2 - 4	95-88
4 NEW ZEALAND	5	3 - 2	6 - 1 - 3	91-60
5 SPAIN	5	3 - 2	5 - 0 - 5	74-73
6 PHILIPPINES	5	2 - 3	5 - 2 - 3	72-66
7 BOTSWANA	5	2 - 3	4 - 1 - 5	74-84
8 CANADA	6	1 - 5	2 - 0 - 10	65-127
9 HONG KONG CHINA	6	0 - 6	1 - 1 - 10	76-108