



## **Scarbro Caro Bowl 2018 Week 4**

### **Men Semi-Finals**

Competition favourites Karaka hosted Cockle Bay on Friday night in the first semi-final of the men's competition. The home team was out of the blocks quickly and secured victories in both doubles matches. Then the tide changed. Cockle Bay fought back valiantly to level the tie at 2-2 when James Meredith beat Ed Corrie and Roland Stuurman downed Frank Moser. Meredith played particularly well in the top singles to overpower his opponent and win in two tie-breakers. David O'Hare playing at #2 overcame Rob Reynolds to secure a spot in the final this Friday. Despite finishing his match almost on one leg due to cramps, Sebastian Lavie claimed the last point to give Karaka a 4-2 win. The second semi between last year's finalists Next Gen and Blockhouse Bay the following night was an absolute thriller. The doubles points were shared and the contest came down to the last singles match between Dan Brown and Victor Romero. Brown served for the match, had a couple of match points but failed to clinch it which meant that Blockhouse Bay advanced to the final on a sets countback. The final between Karaka and Blockhouse Bay will be played at Karaka Tennis Club on Friday 23 November at 6pm. The match will be livestreamed on the Tennis Auckland facebook page for the very first time.

### **Men Relegation Playoffs**

Royal Oak and Eden Epsom moved away from the relegation zone by winning their respective matches. Royal Oak enlisted the help of NZ #1 Rubin Statham to score a 4-2 win over Remuera while Eden Epsom enjoyed a win by default over Parnell who have really struggled in both men's and women's competitions this year. Remuera will host Parnell in the wooden spoon game on Friday November 30 and the loser will be relegated to a lower division next season. Remuera won the round robin match between the two sides a few weeks ago and will go into the relegation play-off as favourite.

### **Women**

Royal Oak cleared out from the other teams over the weekend with wins over Sunnyhills and Campbell Park. With a round to go they have already qualified for the final. Their opponent will be the winner of the match between Sunnyhills and Bucklands Beach scheduled for this coming Friday night. Bucklands Beach registered a resounding 8-0 win against Campbell Park on the weekend while Sunnyhills bounced back from a loss to Royal Oak on Friday to beat Pompallier on Sunday. In any event, we will have a new winner on the trophy this year because defending champs Parnell have fallen by the wayside this season.

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