

Piketh pipped; Donnelly's last hurrah?

Warwilla Bowls Club, NSW, Australia, Day 6. – Colleen Piketh, making her debut on the fast carpet in the World Indoor Bowls Championships here last week, lost out, a fate suffered by the Johannesburg star in several major events, on shot difference for a tilt at a medal. She ended fifth of 12, but in effect joint second, with eight stunning victories against the best there are.

Piketh, who required urgent medical attention from a frozen bowling arm (shoulder) when leading the section, needed the gods to shine mathematically in the final qualifying round, alas it was not to happen. Multiple world champions in Carmen Anderson (Norfolk Islands), Scotland's Caroline Brown (beaten by Piketh in Round 2), Jo Edwards (New Zealand) and Karen Murphy (Australia) were too good and denied the Protea a top three spot.

Bobby Donnelly, however, with one qualifier to go was in joint third spot and behind a play-off spot only on shot difference after losing in a tiebreak to sectional lead USA 13-4, 3-12, 1-2.