

Piketh loses, but in play-off scene

Colleen Piketh, South Africa's top woman Protea bowler lost narrowly to log leader world champion Jo Edwards (NZ) in the penultimate preliminary women's round of the 2019 World Cup indoor singles championships at Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club, Shellharbour NSW, but remained in touch for a play-off spot. Wayne Ritmuller continued his great form in the men's qualifying and was close-up with a round to go.

Day 5:

Men:

Sec.1:

Rd.9: Aaron Teys (Australia) bt Soufi Rusli (Malaysia) 8-7 7-5; Koko Ontong (Thailand) bt Ryan Dixon (Norfolk Island) 9-6 8-10 4-2; Seamus Curtin (New Zealand) bt Hirendra Bhartu (Canada) 7-4 8-6; Tan Kah Hock (Singapore) bt Ozkan Akar (Turkey) 3-10 9-5 3-1; Gary Kelly (Ireland) bt Tomas Walti (Switzerland) 13-3 14-5; Tony Cheung (Hong Kong China) bt Tom Rogers (Spain) 11-5 9-4.

Log: Kelly 27 points, 16 sets, +98 shots; Curtin 24, 11, +34; Teys 21, 14, +88; Cheung 18, 12, +28; Rusli 18, 9, +30; Bhartu 15, 10, +40; Ontong 12, 9, +26; Rogers 12, 8, -11; Dixon 9, 8, -11; Kah Hock 3, 3, -91; Walti 3, 2, -121; Akar 0, 1, -79.

Sec.2:

No play today:

Log: Brendan Aquilina (Malta) 27 points, 15 sets, +88; Jeremy Henry (Australia) 24, 15, +122; John Fleming (Scotland) 21, 15, +69; **Wayne Rittmuller (South Africa) 15, 11, +49**; Bob Schneider (USA) 15, 9, +20; Matt Le Ber (Guernsey) 15, 9, +15; Su Hong Lam (Macao China) 15, 7, -31; Kushal Pillay (Fiji) 9, 8, +8; Moti Polak (Israel) 9, 5, -72; Mervyn Edwards (Jamaica) 6, 4, -58; Frank de Vries (Netherlands) 3, 3, -94; Junji Goda (Japan) 3, 2, -116.

Women:

Sec.1:

Rd.8: Siti Zalina Ahmad (Malaysia) bt Connie Rixon (Malta) 6-8 10-4 2-1; Sue Bryant (Thailand) bt Josephine Lee (Canada) 5-9 9-6 6-4; Bec Van Asch (Australia) bt Litia Tikoisuva (Fiji) 6-14 9-4 3-1; Shermeen Lim (Singapore) bt Rose Ogier (Guernsey) 14-3 10-8; Carla Banks (Scotland) bt Hilda Tam (Macao China) 9-4 17-2.

Log: Ahmad 18 points, 9 sets, +22 shots; Banks 15, 10, +31; Van Asch 15, 8, +30; Tikoisuva 15, 7, -9; Rixon 12, 9, +21; Lim 12, 7, +10; Tam 12, 7, -25; Lee 9, 10, +13; Bryant 9, 6, -17; Ogier 3, 1, -76.

Sec.2:

Rd.8:

Jo Edwards (New Zealand) bt Colleen Piketh (South Africa) 11-4 8-7; Sonia Bruce (Philippines) bt Shae Wilson (Norfolk Island) 9-3 7-10 5-0; Lucy Beere (Guernsey) bt Irit Grencel (Israel) 9-13 8-4 3-2; Yoko Goda (Japan) bt Marianne Kuenzie (Switzerland) 7-5 14-5; Phyllis Wong (Hong Kong China) bt Dee McSparran (USA) 13-4 6-9 3-2.

Log: Edwards 21 points, 10 sets, +29 shots; Beere 18, 11, +47; Piketh 18, 10, +49; Bruce 18, 9, +10; Wong 12, 7, +13; Goda 9, 9, +5; Kuenzie 9, 6, -10; Wilson 6, 6, -40; McSparran 6, 5, -76; Grencel 3, 4, -27.