

Ashy Dashers Smash Favorites in Final.  
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In what amounts to no less than a clinical display of bowling acumen the Ashburton Carpet Bowlers easily defeated the highly fancied Bayswater in the Eastern Suburbs Division 2 Pennant Final held at Glen Waverley on Tuesday night. Ashburton led from the first end and ran out easy winners by 17 shots.

In a surprising decision Glen Waverley opted to use their old mats for the finals rather than their beautiful new mats. Ashburton won the toss and they elected to make first use of the mat and chose the yellow bowls. The match started at a very high standard with Bryan Reede leading the way - drawing his bowls close to the jack while Connie Bennett for Bayswater often managed to draw or sit the shot. This was repeated for the first third of the match in which Ashburton won the first four by the narrowest of margins. Bayswater managed to win the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ends and opening their account with single shots and making the score 6 to 2.

Ashburton continuing to apply head pressure scored 5 shots on the 8<sup>th</sup> end but Bayswater kept coming. They scored 7 shots through the middle section including a three shot penalty against Ashburton on the 14<sup>th</sup> end. Consistency however was Ashburton's hallmark with Bryan and Jim Monaghan rarely out of the head. The score after 14 ends was a handy 16 to 9.

Motivated by the penalty on the 14<sup>th</sup> end the Ashburton third, Liz Kortum, started drawing beautifully to add shots and making conversions with aplomb. This put too much pressure on Bayswater creating unforced errors and poor shot selection. They scored only twice in the last third of the match while giving away four penalty shots and conceding 9 shots in general play.

The Ashburton Skipper, Roger Cawsey, remarked after the match that this was a great team performance, "I did not have to play a single weighted shot during the whole match" he said and "this allowed me be able to concentrate on drawing". He did this to good effect during the entire match adding to counts and shot conversion draws. He went on to say that "It was fantastic that every member of this team contributed to the victory in what was simply a near perfect game by Ashburton".

Roger thanked all of the bowlers who had played in the Tuesday night team during the season helping the team into second place after the home and away rounds. He also thanked the contingent of Ashy Dashers supporters who came out on a cold night to witness another famous victory. The last several years have seen unprecedented success for the small band of dedicated carpet bowlers at Ashburton and we hope this will continue into the future.

The winning team was – Bryan Reede, Lead; Jim Monaghan, Second; Liz Kortum, Third; and Roger Cawsey, Skip. Contributing bowlers during the season were Pat Morris, Pat Ades, Joyce Cape, Ken Lawrence, Mary Farrelly, Clarice Dixon and Ray Namour. Pat Morris was unlucky to miss selection in the finals side as she has been a solid contributor all season and in good form.