

# NEW ZEALAND OUTCLASS AUSTRALIA

## AT THE JUNIOR TRANS TASMAN

*Making history for the second year in a row at the Junior Trans Tasman Test Series, NZ outclassed, out-rolled and generally outplayed a highly competitive Australian side for the Men's Under-25 trophy – an honour that Australia has never before relinquished.*

But the young bowling stars didn't stop there. New Zealand's Under-25 Women's team also came away with the trophy, and helped to earn our team the overall Under-25 Junior Trans Tasman silverware as well. The Under-18 team were unable to relive last year's glory, but displayed equal brilliance on the greens in the face of some very stiff competition.

"It's an absolutely fantastic result," says Bowls NZ Selector and Coach Terry Scott with enthusiasm, "we've never won the Men's trophy before, and I think it helped that they had a huge amount of support within the team. [The team] just gelled well together, and they're a pretty happy bunch."

### Singles

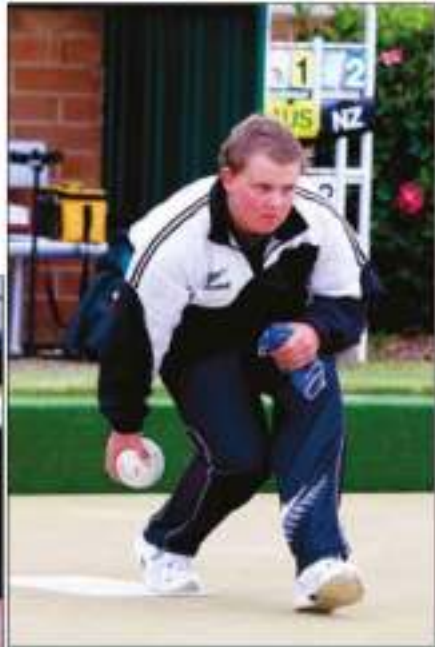
In summing up the team's superb efforts, Scott reserves a special place for youthful international veterans, Andrew Kelly and Clare McCaul: "They are solid rocks to have in the team. They've been in the team for three years and they have a lot of experience to draw on. And the other players look up to them."

Clare McCaul beat 2010 Junior World Cup winner Sam Shannahan in two of three games. On the first day McCaul clawed her way back from a huge deficit to eventually win against the Aussie bowls star, 21-20, and then went to outroll

Shannahan by a massive 21-7 in the final test.

Andrew Kelly's victory in the final test was a particularly big boon to the Men's side, as they needed the win to propel them into the winning place. It didn't go smoothly, though. Kelly dropped four late in the match to draw up at 19 with Mat Pietersen. Then, taking a run at the jack, the Cantabrian bowler put the jack in the ditch to pick up two more points and secure the match.

Women's Singles: 21-20, 17-21, 21-7;  
Men's Singles: 21-15, 13-21, 21-19.





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### Pairs

Clare McCaul and Amy Brenton outclassed the Australian pairs, defeating them resoundingly in every match. Despite a reshuffle of the Australian line-up in the third test, a loss could not be avoided, with Amy Brenton and Clare McCaul outgunning Sarah Boddington and Bec Quail 22-11.

The Men's pairs were just as successful, with three wins from three. Nathan Glasson and Andrew Kelly combined well to help bring home the men's U25 trophy, snatching victory from the Australian combination of Rob Wild and Ben Twist.

Women's Pairs: 19-14, 24-11, 22-11; Men's Pairs: 23-17, 15-14, 17-9.

### Triples

Made up of the Boyd sisters – Mandi and Angela – and Gemma Collett, the Triples came away with a convincing win that impressed many in the first test. One up on the Australians, the women had just two ends to go before they managed to snatch four from their rivals and finish the last end with a very respectable 19-12 victory. The team dropped the second match 15-20, before proving too good for Morgan Solman-Stewart, Carla Odgers and Sam Shannahan on the final day. "They were fantastic," reports National Assistant Coach Terry Scott, "and there were some solid wins".

The men's triples team – Scott Cottrell, Mark Watt and Chris Le Lievre started on a low note, losing to Australia in a closely fought battle. The team picked up the pace on the second day, securing a 16-13 win and a win for New Zealand in the second test in a game that Terry Scott described as "classic".

Women's Triples: 19-12, 15-20, 19-8; Men's Triples: 11-15; 16-13, 14-14.

### Fours

The women's fours (the Boyd sisters, Collett and Brenton) struggled to find their form, unfortunately going down to

Australia in every test.

The men's fours team (Cottrell, Glasson, Watt and Le Lievre) struggled on the first day before coming back to win a close match 16-15 on the second day. "The guys were on form and really upped the intensity today," National Assistant Coach Terry Scott commented after the win. "They took a different approach to yesterday and were reaching through the head more. There was a lot more communication today, and it was a very good win this morning in the Fours." The team went on to seal victory with a convincing 20-10 win on the final day.

Women's Fours: 9-20, 18-25, 13-21; Men's Fours: 9-27, 16-15, 20-10.

### Under 18 Team

For the Under-18 side, the results were less glamorous. But the women (Lanah Craik and Brittany Tyson), in particular, gained plenty of experience and "improved significantly" during their introduction to international play.

"The girls were quite new," explains Scott, "but they developed a lot during the series, and they improved quickly. [In the Boys], Ryan Khan's win on the final day was excellent - it was a highlight. Ryan won his Singles game 21-17 against Scott de Jongh."

Despite the success, the Under-18 team lost the test series 3-0 to a skilful Australian side; giving the coaches something to work on for next year. "We're always striving to improve, and we can't just sit back. We have to step it up again next time, but we have a good solid base to work with," Scott says.

Women's Singles (Brittany Tyson): 16-21, 19-21, 11-21; Women's Singles (Lanah Craik): 2-21, 15-21, 12-21; Men's Singles (Ryan Khan): 14-21, 16-21, 21-17; Men's Singles (Monte Pawa): 21-14, 21-13, 5-21; Women's Pairs: 3-35, 13-19, 11-26; Men's Pairs: 12-16, 18-19, 18-19.

