



Central Regions Big Three Tournament's

Players from all over the country and Australia had another great weekend of darts at 'Central Regions Big Three' with the hosts once again being Timaru South Cosmopolitan Club and the Waimate Town & Country Club where the Puma Open was played.

This year has seen a change in this Tournament by way of it being one of four through out New Zealand carrying dual rankings, and with the other four dual ranked Tournaments being held in Australia.



Dave Harrington

Jane Harrington

The Big Three kicked off the weekend with it's normal Friday night Alleen Hawkey Memorial mixed pairs at the Timaru South Cossi Club, which received quite a reasonable entry and after a great night of darts by all concerned Dave & Jane Harrington of Canterbury run out the winners.

As day broke on Saturday most players were up bright and early to make the short trip to the Waimate Town & Country Club where the Puma Open's were being played, once again the following of Men's & Ladies entries were on par with last year.



Central Regions PUMA Open



Warren French Rosalie Ritchie

Ladies

The ladies first semi's between Rosalie Ritchie of Christchurch and Irene Martin of Timaru seen Rosalie take it out 4 – 2, in the second semi last years winner from Wellington Christine Hay was up against Sarah Pitama also of Christchurch this match turned into quite a little battle with Sarah eventually taking a close encounter 4 – 3. Both Sarah & Rosalie went into the final without anyone really standing out as the favorite, as the final progressed Rosalie seemed to have it all under control until Sarah put in a great leg starting with a break of 120 which rocked the boat a little, but not enough to stop Rosalie taking the Final 5 – 2.

Men's

Men's semi's seen very close matches both of them going 4 – 3, in the first semi Dave Harrington of Christchurch played Neville Herbert of Invercargill by this time the standard of darts was getting up there, which kept the spectators interested, this semi seen Dave go through to the final. The second semi was not any different with Warren French & Nigel May both of Christchurch putting on another display of great darts, Nigel really did give Frog a run for his money at 4 – 3.

Going into the final Warren went in as favorite, but as the final got under way Dave was to have none of this, with the match score at 2 – 3 Dave missed his chance to make it 3 all, up to this point the match was even with it now standing at 4 – 2 Warren seen his chance to now take the final out with this next leg, this proved to be one of the best legs from both players of the whole tournament, entertainment plus. Dave broke first with 85, Warren followed with a break of 100, Dave's next was 100, Warren's next was 180, Dave followed that with a 140 by this time the spectators had gone quite and were just watching, Warren's next shot was 100 it left 121, Dave had a 176 left and his third dart clipped the 60 wire and only scored 100 leaving 76, Warren's next three darts were 20 – 51 – Bull leg shot & match, as I'm speaking for everyone who watched the final I would like to take this opportunity and say congratulations guys plus thanks for a great final.

Timaru South Cosmopolitan Clubs Men's & Ladies Pairs



Dave Harrington & Stan Kysely



Sarah Pitama & Jane Harrington

On Sunday once again there was a great response and turn out for the Timaru South Cosmopolitan Clubs, Men's & Ladies Pairs.
Both ladies & men's winners were a complete Canterbury affair with Jane Harrington & Sarah Pitama of Christchurch taking out the ladies pairs, then with the men's pairing of Dave Harrington & Stan Kysely taking out the men's.