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A GRADE

Semi-Final		
MGJ	2 • 3	Gunners
CDU	6 • 5	Not Roadies

REPORT

In a riveting two-versus-two contest, *Gunners* won the crucial doubles rubber to eliminate top team *MGJ* from the semi-finals on Wednesday night. **Elfrida Kalich** summoned her vast experience to overturned a poor start to eventually down **Gavin Bedford** in the decider, 9-11, 11-1, 11-4, 11-1. Earlier, the doubles proved to be pivotal as Elfrida and **Haru Imam** came back from 2-1 down in a best-of-five rubber to win, 11-9, 7-11, 11-13, 11-5, 11-4.

In the other match, *CDU* managed to overcome *Not Roadies* to reach the grand finale. In the deciding rubber, **Ramez Mikhail** found his range to pummel **Martin Feng** in straight sets. Earlier, in the rubber of the night, **Sebastian Lai** won a scintillating opening contest over Martin in five games, to set the stage for a compelling semi-final.

GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

The final between the *Gunners* and *CDU* is shaping up to be a classic, with match-winners on both sides capable of taking the win next Wednesday. The *Gunners* have produced an impressive run in the last three weeks, including a victory in the semi-finals over the top team. Expect for **Elfrida Kalich** to step up, while **Haru Imam** has been looking solid. For *CDU*, after a shaky end to the latter stages of the season, they have found their range heading into the final. **Sebastian Lai** has had his best season so far, but can he carry this into the last match of the season? *Verdict: CDU win.*

Individual Ladder					
Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Mitchell Bedford	40	5	127	35	88.89
Rodney Hee	36	9	118	45	80.00
Elfrida Kalich	33	9	107	45	78.57
Sebastian Lai	30	12	103	64	71.43
John Pudney	28	11	98	47	71.29
TT Lee	25	20	91	79	55.56
Haru Imam	24	18	88	76	57.14
Julian Payares	22	14	82	53	61.11
Renee Li	22	23	80	80	48.89
Pedro Lay	21	12	75	50	63.64
Martin Feng	20	16	72	59	55.56
Gavin Bedford	18	27	82	100	40.00
Ramez Mikhail	14	13	55	54	51.85
Aakash Patel	13	17	54	58	43.33
Jeremie Langlois	10	8	39	35	55.56
Joe Abrantes	9	27	40	95	25.00
TY Lee	8	1	25	12	88.89
Dennis Evans	5	28	35	89	15.15
Steven Burlinson	4	14	18	42	22.22
Robert Ho	3	3	12	10	50.00
Phuc Nguyen	3	6	11	23	33.33
Michael Yaxley	3	12	15	39	20.00
Shino Joy	3	33	23	101	8.33
Viqar Ali Khan	2	4	8	14	33.33
Katherine Pinzon	2	7	12	23	22.22
Robin	1	2	5	7	33.33
Bo	1	2	5	8	33.33
Michael Ndukwe	0	3	2	9	0.00
Eric Catalbas	0	3	1	9	0.00
Chris	0	3	0	9	0.00
Maricor Sarceda	0	3	0	9	0.00

Team Ladder							
Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
MGJ	11	4	105	60	316	219	144
CDU	9	6	92	73	298	247	121
Not Roadies	9	6	89	76	273	240	114
Gunners	8	7	84	81	289	280	103
Benfica	6	9	79	86	268	303	88+
Roadies	2	13	47	118	195	350	56

Legend

W = Win; L = Loss; F = For; A = Against; % = Percentage



B GRADE

Semi-Final		
Roma	5 • 6	Unbeatable
Lions	4 • 6	Lawn Grubs

REPORT

Unbeatable have caused a boil-over, as they eclipsed the top team, *Roma*, in the B Grade semi-finals on Wednesday night. **John Langdon** sealed the win when he defeated **Roy Anderson** in the decider. Earlier, **Michael Yaxley** secured a thrilling crucial rubber, outlasting **Robert Ho** in an epic encounter, 11-7, 6-11, 12-14, 11-7, 14-12.

Meanwhile, *Lawn Grubs* have edged *Lions*, reversing the result from a week earlier, when the *Lions* prevailed. **Rick Gibson** held off **Khalid Khan** in an epic five-setter to stumble over the line, 11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 7-11, 14-12. The *Lawn Grubs* secured both doubles rubbers to prevent a deciding rubber.

GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

After two upsets in the semi-finals, two unlikely finalists face off in the final next Wednesday night. On one side, *Unbeatable* is led by the in-form **Michael Yaxley**, who has not tasted a defeat in the singles since he returned to the competition after a lengthy absence. **John Langdon** has had a remarkable finals record recently, and we'd expect him to continue this in the final. On the other side, *Lawn Grubs* have **Ryan Starkey**, who is looking to guide his team to the win and expected to win three singles on the night. Head-to-head, it is one win apiece, so we'd expect a close contest in the final. *Verdict: Lawn Grubs win.*

Individual Ladder					
Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Viqar Ali Khan	35	7	113	34	83.33
Ryan Starkey	34	5	108	24	87.18
Robert Ho	32	10	101	45	76.19
Maricor Sarceda	28	11	92	41	71.79
Andrew Barton	23	19	81	86	54.76
Khalid Khan	22	20	80	73	52.38
Michael Yaxley	20	1	60	13	95.24
Michael Ndukwe	19	14	71	52	57.58
Deepak Gautam	19	20	74	70	48.72
Richard Lees	18	15	60	56	54.55
Rick Gibson	16	23	76	83	41.03
Jeremie Langlois	15	0	45	8	100.00
Gavin Bedford	14	1	43	11	93.33
John Langdon	14	13	50	48	51.85
Roy Anderson	13	20	46	65	39.39
Katherine Pinzon	8	7	34	25	53.33
Solomon Nwagar	7	11	27	37	38.89
Aaron Dunn	6	3	23	15	66.67
Luca Lobo	5	22	28	71	18.52
Haru Imam	3	0	9	2	100.00
Anaz Umar Sarif	3	3	12	14	50.00
Ash Bhusal	3	6	12	18	33.33
Dickson Lam	3	12	13	36	20.00
Tega	2	4	6	12	33.33
Osaro Naija	2	4	7	16	33.33
Graeme Perkins	2	19	10	57	9.52
Toby Koefoed	1	2	5	8	33.33
Choi	1	5	7	15	16.67
Joseph Juan	1	5	6	17	16.67
Johnson Olaiya	1	8	3	25	11.11
Kassim Wright	0	3	2	9	0.00
Maty Adelekan	0	9	4	27	0.00
Geni O'Brien	0	6	1	18	0.00
Pingo	0	9	0	27	0.00

Team Ladder							
Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Roma	11	3	100	54	297	192	155
Lions	10	4	95	59	309	209	148
Lawn Grubs	7	7	78	76	257	250	103
Unbeatable	7	7	78	76	236	237	100
Kreme	4	10	53	101	144	269	54
Fair Enough	3	11	58	96	212	308	69

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C GRADE

Semi-Final		
Space Cowboys	6 • 2	The Mystery
Fast Tortoises	5 • 6	Roosters

REPORT

Space Cowboys are on their way to the last dance, after they secured a convincing 6-2 win over *The Mystery* on semi-final night. **Toby Koefoed** and **Jonathan O'Bryan** combined to win the second doubles and overall tie against **Ben Gaetz** and **Antonia Lai**.

In the other semi, a determined *Roosters* team have shocked *Fast Tortoises* to qualify for a grand final spot. In one of the stirring upsets on the night, **Josh Hallenstein** knocked over the individual ladder winner, **Geni O'Brien**, in a decisive singles contest, 13-11, 2-11, 11-8, 11-7. Despite winning both doubles, the *Tortoises* could not maintain their momentum, with the *Roosters* emerging as the victors.

GRAND FINAL PREVIEW

The *Space Cowboys* and *Roosters* do battle in the latest edition of the C Grade grand finale next Wednesday night. It has been a solid second half of the season for the *Space Cowboys*, having had a dominant run to the semi-finals. **Toby Koefoed** has shown dramatic improvement this season, while **Ken McAllister** has been handy in both the singles and doubles. *Roosters* have qualified for the final with an impressive victory over the *Fast Tortoises*. While **Luigi Lovato** has been consistent, **Josh Hallenstein** has been the X-Factor, and can possibly cause some headaches for the opposition. *Roosters* have the edge in the head-to-head, 2-1, during the season. We'd expect an even contest in the final. *Verdict: Space Cowboys win.*

Individual Ladder					
Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Geni O'Brien	37	5	116	32	88.10
Solomon Nwagar	29	4	91	35	87.88
Toby Koefoed	29	7	94	42	80.56
Graeme Perkins	25	2	77	12	92.59
Ken McAllister	25	14	95	50	64.10
Ben Gaetz	24	12	82	49	66.67
Stewart Cobb	23	19	84	70	54.76
Michael Calwell	21	18	80	58	53.85
Luigi Lovato	21	18	79	65	53.85
Josh Hallenstein	18	18	64	69	50.00
Peter Thomas	17	4	54	22	80.95
Shi Zhuang Lu	16	11	55	41	59.26
Simon Koefoed	14	10	48	39	58.33
Ben Okaku	12	18	47	62	40.00
Rolf Hallenstein	9	0	27	5	100.00
Ann Webb	6	3	20	10	66.67
Jordan	6	6	22	20	50.00
Antonia Lai	6	24	29	76	20.00
Austin Kayode	4	11	19	33	26.67
Rohit Huda	4	11	19	35	26.67
Jonathan O'Bryan	4	17	14	54	19.05
Patti Brown	4	35	16	109	10.26
Flavio	3	0	9	3	100.00
Jimmy	3	6	11	20	33.33
Vinny	3	9	12	28	25.00
Nelson	3	9	11	28	25.00
Han-Han	3	12	16	37	20.00
Johnson Olaiya	3	12	14	38	20.00
Doug Sokoll	2	10	6	33	16.67
Rob	1	2	5	7	33.33
Iliana Westley	1	35	11	105	2.78
Ben Koefoed	0	3	2	9	0.00
Chris Marshall	0	3	1	9	0.00
Paul	0	3	0	9	0.00

Team Ladder							
Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Space Cowboys	11	3	86	68	291	235	124
Fast Tortoises	9	5	87	67	274	218	126
Roosters	8	6	90	64	288	232	124
The Mystery	8	6	77	77	258	253	102
Buffalo Wings	4	10	67	87	206	279	74
RPM	2	12	56	98	201	305	66

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