

CUESPORTS FOUNDATION NZ SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS
Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club
6th - 11th July

Day 6 FINAL: 2nd session (Maximum of 8 frames)

A very tight 14th frame was won by McBreen 57 - 19 to tie the match up at 7 all. It was now down to a single frame shootout. Maltby opened with a 53 break and it looked all over for McBreen. He slowly dragged himself back into the match and needed the last red, a Black and the colours to force a respot. A good red left him with a chance but when the Black jawed to leave him needing snookers he graciously conceded the frame and match 8 - 7. The 15 frame final would have to have been one of the best seen in this country for some time. While not a potting spectacle, it was a classic snooker match with all the drama, tension etc that you would expect from 2 very good players. CONGRATULATIONS to CHRIS MALTBY, 2009 CUESPORTS FOUNDATION NZ SNOOKER CHAMPION. (7:20pm)
Maltby put himself within one frame of the title when a 30 break was enough to secure the 12th frame 53 - 17. An early 28 break was replied to by McBreen with a 30 and McBreen slowly forged ahead to win the frame 76 - 35 and keep his title chances alive at 6 - 7 but he has it all to do. (4:10pm)
Frame 10 was all McBreen as he put together the high break of the final so far, a 72 to take the frame 76 - 0 and close to 6 - 4. McBreen opened the scoring in the 11th with a 25 only to miss a Black and let Maltby in. He responded with a 42 before running out of position. Some safety play ensued before McBreen got another chance and with a break of 26 held a narrow lead. A good snooker on the Yellow by McBreen resulted in a foul & miss call. McBreen had the cue ball replaced and Maltby missed again. Maltby missed the 3rd attempt but with snookers then required McBreen elected to play. A good Yellow was followed by the Green, Brown & Blue and the frame was his. It was now 6 - 5 to Maltby and the tension was mounting. (3:30pm)
The 8th frame started with a round of safety play, neither player wanting to be the first to have a go. McBreen eventually got the start and put together a 47 before running out of position. Maltby kept plugging away and with a 21 was closing the gap on McBreen. It was cat & mouse for a while with Maltby getting over the line first at 56 - 47 to go to a 5 - 3 lead. The 9th was all Maltby and a 58 break to McBreen's contribution of 20 resulted in a 79 - 39 win and a frame score of 6 - 3. (3:00pm)

Day 6 FINAL: 1st session (7 frames)

The last frame of the session was understandably the longest with both players desperate for the win. McBreen established a buffer and with 3 reds left held a 49 point lead. Both players were involved in foul & miss calls when not snookered resulting in the Refereeing issuing the mandatory warnings. McBreen responded slightly better than Maltby with the pressure and with the lead at 61 - 31 and only the Green up left on the table it was looking like Maltby would go into the break with only a 1 frame advantage. McBreen potted the Green, Maltby potted the Brown and tried for snookers and when McBreen slotted a long Blue the frame was all over at 69 - 35. Play resumes at 2:00pm. (1:55pm)
Maltby opened the 5th with a 55, McBreen replied with 28 before a costly miss allowed Maltby back in. He took full advantage and with a score of 73 - 34 had a 4 - 1 advantage. McBreen established an early lead in the 6th, gradually extending it to take the frame 57 - 19. The match is now delicately poised at 4 - 2 to Maltby and McBreen would dearly love to go to the break only 1 frame down. (12:00pm)

It was a relieved McBreen who took the 3rd frame 66 - 14 to get on the scoreboard. The 4th frame was rather scrappy with both players having chances. Maltby looked on track for a 41 clearance only to miss a relatively straightforward Blue to the centre. McBreen stepped up and slotted the Blue into the bottom Yellow pocket but was unable to put the Pink away, leaving Maltby a 1/2 ball pot into a top pocket for the frame 53 - 42 and a 3 - 1 lead. (11:00am)
 A good crowd has gathered to watch the opening session of the 2009 Cuesports Foundation NZ Snooker final in the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club. It was Chris Maltby (Waikato) who drew first blood and a 68 break secured the first frame 84 - 12. It was Maltby again in the 2nd with a scoreline of 83 - 22 to take an early 2 frame advantage. (10:25am).

Day 5 Semi Finals:
 Semi final one was an all Waikato affair between Matthew Scarborough and Chris Maltby. Maltby was soon on the board courtesy of a 38 break and continued on to take the first frame 65 - 46. A 27 break by Scarborough proved enough and he levelled the match at 1 all. From then on in however it was all one way traffic as Maltby cleared the table in the 3rd with 85 to take the frame 96 - 31 and further extended his lead to 3 - 1 with a 45 break and a 64 - 10 scoreline. The last frame before the break was a lot closer and following some good safety play it was Scarborough who was first to falter. This enabled Maltby to pick away at the balls eventually winning the frame 71 - 46 and a 4 - 1 lead. Unfortunately things didn't get much better for Scarborough and the 6th Frame went to Maltby 76 - 56. To Scarborough's credit he didn't throw in the towel but a 41 by Maltby gave him just enough of a lead. Scarborough attempted snookers but it wasn't to be and the frame went to Maltby 57 - 29 and the match with a 6 - 1 scoreline.

The second semi between Chris McBreen and Alastair Davidson followed a similar pattern. Davidson started strongly with a 55 break but missed the crucial shot to leave McBreen a chance. That was all he needed and a 68 clearance resulted in a "stolen" frame 68 - 59. Davidson came straight back to take the 2nd with 2 30 breaks and a scoreline of 78 - 18. The 3rd was all McBreen as he completed his 2nd century of the day and his 4th of the tournament, a 108, to take the lead at 2 - 1. It was more of the same in the 4th with breaks of 41 & 53 to take the frame 94 - 0 and extend to 3 - 1. Davidson wasn't done just yet though as he responded with a 67 break in the 5th to take the frame 73 - 14 and reduce the deficit at the break to 1 frame. The break obviously did McBreen more good than Davidson as he came out firing with an 84 break to win the 6th and a 32 break in a tight 7th frame for the win at 59 - 36 and then made it century number 5 with a neat 100 to take the 8th frame 100 - 9 and the match 6 - 2.

It will be up to Chris Maltby to figure out some way of stopping McBreen tomorrow but things at this stage are looking good for McBreen and title number 5.

Day 5 Plate event:
 While most of the action was in the main event there were still 8 players left in the Championship Plate. In the first match Gordon Jakeman bt Paul Alderson 2 - 0 and Gary Gillard overcame Sam Bond 2 - 0 in the second match. Bruce Edhouse and Vinny Gounder battled it out for a 2 - 1 win to Edhouse and Jim Parkin beat Thomas

Sherriff also 2 - 1. Semi finals saw Gillard bt Jakeman 2 - 1 and Parkin bt Edhouse 2 - 0. Gillard was too strong for Parkin in the final and it was the last pot of the match for a 48 that also secured Gillard the Plate high Break.

Day **5 Quarter** **finals**

Chris McBreen was the first to secure a semi final spot in the 2009 Cuesport Foundation NZ Snooker Championships at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club with a comprehensive 5 - 1 win over defending champion Harry Haenga. Haenga secured the first frame 73 - 51 with breaks of 24 & 29 to McBreens 29. The second frame was McBreen's at 58 - 21 with a 26 break and he went 3 - 1 with a 41 break. Frame four was another magnificent total clearance of 137, making it his 3rd so far of the tournament. The fifth was more subdued with a 56 - 26 scoreline and with a 64 clearance to the Pink in the 6th McBreen was safely home. Second into the semis was Chris Maltby with a win over Martin Jones. Maltby took the first frame 59 - 1 with a 44 break and the second 83 - 32 with a 52 break. Jones grabbed the third 71 - 57 but Maltby came straight back in the fourth with two 38 breaks to go 3 - 1 ahead. A 46 break in the fifth for a score of 91 - 25 left Maltby just one frame away from the semis and he made sure of his spot with a 76 - 19 win and a 39 break in the sixth for a 5 - 1 scoreline. Top qualifier Clive Thomson found himself in all sorts of trouble in his match against Matthew Scarborough. Scarborough took the first 56 - 38 and the second 63 - 24. Thomson got one back with an 87 - 9 win in the third but could do nothing as Scarborough took the fourth 55 - 22, the fifth 73 - 27 and the sixth and last frame 61 - 8. The last match was a classic snooker encounter between two excellent players in Henry Killian and Alastair Davidson. Killian took the first frame 58 - 35 and in the second Davidson got away with a 41 break only to breakdown leaving Killian a starter. Killian lept at the chance and promptly cleared up with a 76 to make it 2 - 0. The third was a close affair with Davidson getting there 61 - 56 to close the gap. Davidson grabbed another at 48 - 34 and it was 2 - all at the break. 2 all went to 3 - 2 and then 4 - 2 to Davidson with scores of 77 - 28 & 63 - 26 and suddenly he was only one frame away from the semis. Killian came back strongly in the 7th frame with breaks of 44 & 38 to win 87 - 1 and a 52 break in the 8th by Killian saw him win 72 - 52 to tie the match up again at 4 all. A bit of cat & mouse stuff started the final frame before Davidson got the only real chance when Killian missed a red near the top pocket and with a 44 break he held a 57 point lead with only 43 available. Killian attempted a couple of snookers but when Davidson potted the penultimate red Killian graciously conceded the match.

Plate 1/4 Finals Paul Alderson bt Gordon Jakeman 2 - 0, Gary Gillard bt Sam Bond 2 - 0, Bruce Edhouse bt Vinny Gounder 2 - 1 & Jim parkin bt Thomas Sherriff 2 - 1. Semi finals: Gillard bt Jakeman 2 - 1 and Parkin bt Edhouse 2 - 0.

Day **4** **Last** **16**

Top seed Clive Thomson eased through to the last 8 with a 4 - 1 win over 2008 semi finalist Steve Thomas and in the upset of the round Matthew Scarborough comprehensively beat former champion Steve Robertson 4 - 0. Scarborough has been the real improver over the tournament so far. Martin Jones made it through with a 4 - 0 win over Lee Barris. Chris Maltby advanced with a 4 - 2 win over Graeme Tocker and defending champion Harry Haenga continued the impressive form with a 72 break and a 4 - 0 win over Jason Todd. The round however belonged to McBreen again as he rattled off breaks of 73 & 69 for an early 2 - 0 lead. Meier-Bailey pulled

one back but could only sit and watch as McBreen continued the onslaught. 3 - 1 went to 4 - 1 and match with his second century of the day, a 120 clearance. Alastair Davidson advanced with a 4 - 1 win over Daniel Sinclair and 2nd seed Henry Killian had the same scoreline over Wyn Belmont. There are some tantalising matches in the 1/4 finals, all in the bottom half of the draw, where Harry Haenga and Chris McBreen clash on Table 1 and Alastair Davidson and Henry Killian square off on Table 3. The top half matches will be every bit as good with Clive Thomson playing Matthew Scarborough and Martin Jones playing Chris Maltby.

Plate **Event**
 Paul Alderson (CC) 2 bt Clive Baird (SOU) 0, Gordon Jakeman (AK) 2 bt John Rehman (AK) 1, Shane Bond (NO) bt Peter de Groot (CA) 2 - 0, Gary Gillard (CA) bt John Williams (SOU) 2 - 0, Bruce Edhouse (SOU) bt Patrick Lynch (WK) w/o, Vinny Gounder (AK) bt Bill Earle (CA) 2 - 0, Jim Parkin (CC) bt Jim Booth (WK) 2 - 0. Thomas Sherriff (SOU) bt Rocky Cribb (BOP) 2 - 1,

Last **32** **Matches** **9** **-** **16**
 In Match 9 defending champion Harry Haenga (CC) put in another tradesman like effort on his way to a 4 - 0 win over Dave Witehira (CA). Haenga also had the only breaks with a pair of 41's. Match 10 was the last to finish and it was Jason Todd (NO) who got himself over the line with a good 4 - 2 win over Wayne Belmont (AK). Belmont made the only break of any significance with a 46. David Meier-Bailey (HB) has been Paul Bason's nemesis in several tournaments and Match 11 was Bason's chance to reverse the trend. Alas it wasn't to be as Meier-Bailey finally hit some of the form that has been lacking and once again consigned Bason (AK) to the also rans. The 4 - 2 result was closer than the frames indicate but Meier-Bailey also had the match high break with a 61 to Bason's best effort of 56. Match 12 with Chris McBreen (AK) playing Graham Backman (AK) was all over in 45 minutes. McBreen was on fire and with breaks of 54, 61, 52 & 78 was soon 3 - 0 up. The last frame was McBreen at his best with a magnificent 136 clearance to close out the match 4 - 0. In Match 13 NZ No 4 Mark Hannah had no answer to a rampant Daniel Sinclair (WK) and crashed out 4 - 0. Hannah held good leads in most of the frames but misses and or kicks at the wrong time gave Sinclair the chances and he didn't miss. Match 14 saw Alastair Davidson (BOP) beat Eldon Lai (AK) 4 - 1. Davidson, who has had a break from the game over the past 12 months or so is getting stronger as the tournament goes on. In Match 15 2008 runner up Wyn Belmont (AK) had breaks of 40, 47 & 40 in a very tough 4 - 3 win over Jim Ryan (SOU). Ryan had the consolation of the match high break with a 58. In Match 16 2nd seed Henry Killian (AK) wasted no time with breaks of 51 & 40 in a comfortable win over Greg Crichton (AK) 4 - 0.

Day **4** **Last** **32** **knockout**
Matches **1** **-** **8**
 In match 1 top qualifier Clive Thomson (AK) was soon into his work and comfortably disposed of Leonard Bourton (WK) 4 - 0. Thomson has been the really steady player of the tournament so far and will be a difficult proposition the further he progresses. In match 2 Steve Thomas (WK) was too good for Frank Adams (CC) with a 50 break and a 4 - 2 win. In match 3 former champion Steve Robertson (WK) made no race of it in beating Ash Tonge (WK), also 4 - 0. Robertson put together a break of 59 during the match and is looking a good chance. Both Robertson and Thomson are seeded to

meet in the 1/4 finals on Friday morning at 9:00am. Match 4 went down to the wire with Matthew Scarborough (WK) edging out Danny Ryan (SOU) 4 - 3. Scarborough had breaks of 67 & 52 while Ryan contributed 43. Match 5 saw Martin Jones (AK) beat Des Blair (WK) 4 - 0. This was sweet revenge for Jones who had lost the NZ B Grade championship to Blair just 4 days ago. In Match 6 Lee Barris (SOU) put in a solid performance against Stephen Alderson (CC) to run out a 4 - 2 winner. Match 7 saw Chris Maltby (WK) put together breaks of 45, 41 & 54 on his way to a 4 - 1 win over Gordon Wardrop (SOU). Match 8 between Shannon Swain (SOU) and Graeme Tocker (WK) went down to the wire. Swain held a 3 - 1 lead and should have closed it out in the 5th but a hurried shot on the Green gave Tocker a chance and he cleared to the Pink to snatch the frame. Swain was obviously annoyed at throwing the frame away and took a while to settle, meanwhile Tocker slowly got himself back into the match, drew level at 3 all and then won the decider.

Day 3 session 5

As expected in Group A Harry Haenga went through unbeaten following a 3 - 1 win over Ash Tonge. Haenga also had breaks of 45 and 56. In Group B Chris Maltby was too strong for Daniel Sinclair running out an easy 3 - 0 winner and in Group C Henry Killian was far too strong for Bill Earle, also winning 3 - 0. Dave Witehira battled all the way for a 3 - 2 win over Paul Alderson in Group D to secure the fourth qualifying spot and in Group E Martin Jones went through unbeaten with a 3 - 1 win over Jim Ryan. Group F saw a great game between the two North Otago players Sam Bond and Jason Todd. Bond needed a victory to qualify and when Todd fluked a couple of shots in the second frame to take a 2 - 0 lead it looked all over. To Bonds credit he didn't give up and pulled the match back to 2 - 2. It wasn't to be though as Todd applied the pressure and gradually got away in the last for a 3 - 2 victory. In Group G Clive Thomson had no trouble in disposing of Clive Baird and ensuring that he would be the top qualifier for the knockout stages. In Group H Matthew Scarborough had a chance of finishing as a section winner providing he could overcome John Rehman. A 51 break helped the cause and he ran out a 3 - 0 winner.

After a couple of false starts the knockout draw was completed and produced some interesting matches and scenarios. 3 of the favourites all ended up in the same half of the draw so Thursday's and Friday's play will be interesting to say the least. Full group results and the knockout draw are on the results page.

Day 3 session 4

The jockeying for positions continued in Group A and with Greg Crichton winning 3 - 0 over John Williams it meant that he would be in the knockout. Crichton also put together a break of 48 during the match. In Group B Chris McBreen had breaks of 69, 45 & 74 on his way to a 3 - 1 win over Steve Thomas and top spot in the Group. Frank Adams had a comfortable 3 - 0 win over Graham Backman in Group C to guarantee at least the runner up spot and a lot depends on the last match as to who the other 2 qualifiers will be. Gordon Wardrop secured his qualifying spot from Group D with a 3 - 0 win over fellow Southlander Bruce Edhouse and in Group E Danny Ryan still sneaked in as fourth qualifier even though he was beaten 3 - 0 by Gordon Jakeman. Group F saw Graeme Tocker remain unbeaten when he beat Wyn Belmont 3 - 1 and in Group G Shannon Swain managed to secure 4th spot with a 3 - 0 win over

Jim Booth and in Group H Des Blair disposed of Vinny Gounder 3 - 1 to grab the last spot.

Day 3 session 3

Play slowed up dramatically during the day as several of the matches were players last chance to secure a qualifying spot for Thursday's knockout stages. The Group A match between Rocky Cribb and Stephen Alderson went to 5 frames with Cribb requiring a victory to ensure a spot in the last 32 but Alderson sneaked in 3 - 2 and leaves Cribb relying on other results to continue. In Group B NZ No 2 Gary Gillard finally got the win that has been eluding him all week with a 3 - 0 defeat of Thomas Sherriff. Group C saw Lee Barris make sure of his spot in the knockout with a 45 break and a 3 - 2 win over Jim Parkin. Group D produced a cracker of a match between Former champion Steve Robertson and Mark Hannah. Hannah produced the type of play reminiscent of the Robertson of a few years ago when he won the first frame with a 46 break took the second with a 44 break and closed the match out in style with an 88 for a comprehensive 3 - 0 win. Group E was another do or die match with Patrick Lynch requiring a victory over David Meier-Bailey to have a mathematical chance at qualifying. Lynch got the victory but the 3 - 2 scoreline meant that any slight chance he had is now gone. Leonard Bourton had a 3 - 1 win over Peter de Groot in Group F to remain in contention but must wait on a favourable result in the last group match between North Otago players Sam Bond & Jason Todd. Alastair Davidson had a good 3 - 1 win over Wayne Belmont in Group G to make sure of his qualifying spot and Belmont with 3 wins is also guaranteed a last 32 spot. In Group H Paul Bason's unbeaten run came to an end when Eldon Lai won their encounter 3 - 2. Lai also had the only break of the match with a 50.

Day 3 session 2

Defending champion Harry Haenga continued his relentless march towards qualifying with a 3 - 1 victory over Greg Crichton in Group A. Haenga knocked in breaks of 40 & 47 but will be disappointed to have dropped a frame as it could deprive him of the top qualifying spot. In Group B 4 time champion Chris McBreen put together a nice 85 break in his 3 - 0 win over Daniel Sinclair and in Group C Henry Killian dropped 2 frames to Frank Adams before finally winning 3 - 2. Paul Alderson stopped Gordon Wardrop's winning streak when he prevailed 3 - 1 in Group D. Martin Jones all but wrapped up top spot in Group E with a 3 - 0 win over Danny Ryan and only needs to repeat the dose to Danny's father Jim in the last Group match to go through unbeaten. Jason Todd caused a minor boilder in Group F with a very good 3 - 2 win over former champion Wyn Belmont. In what was a close fought match it was Todd who produced the only significant break with 43. Group G saw Shannon Swain register his first win with a 3 - 0 win over fellow Southlander Clive Baird and in Group H the battle of Waikato resulted in a 3 - 2 win to Matthew Scarborough over Des Blair. Blair would have to be disappointed with his play after a good solid win in the NZ B Grade Championships just 3 days ago.

Day 3 session 1

Group A saw Waikato's Ash Tonge and Bay of Plenty's Rocky Cribb engage in a very open match with the 5 frames taking a very respectable 75 minutes. Tonge went out to

an early 2 frame lead but Cribb dragged himself back to level at 2 all. At one stage Tonge played and spread reds all over the table, much to the delight of Cribb. This delight didn't last very long as the white eventually came to rest behind the Blue and Cribb was completely snookered on all balls. His first two attempts at getting out of the snooker were called fouls and misses and on the third attempt Cribb potted the red. Cribb eventually went on to win the match 3 - 2. All eyes were on the first match in Group B where NZ No 2 Gary Gillard was fighting for survival against Chris Maltby. Gillard got away to a good lead in the first frame and with only the Blue, Pink & Black on the table Maltby needed 4 snookers. Remarkably he got the 4 snookers and the Blue & Pink before missing the attempt on the Black. Safety was the order of the day for the next few shots before Gillard managed to take the Black and the first frame. Maltby came out firing in the second frame to level the match but Gillard grabbed the third to lead 2 - 1. Maltby levelled with a win in a tight 4th frame and it was all on for the last. Maltby established an early lead but Gillard fought back and with 2 reds left Maltby held a 25 point advantage. Maltby potted the second to last red and elected to lay a snooker rather than attempt a difficult Black. The snooker attempt was good and when Gillard's first attempt came up short Maltby was quick to have the cue ball replaced. Gillard missed with his second attempt but the call was only for a foul and Gillard was still alive but 34 behind with 35 remaining. A bout of safety followed and Maltby managed to put the Pink and Black onto or very close to cushions to make Gillard's job even harder. When Gillard went in-off the match looked over and when Maltby laid another snooker the writing was on the wall. Gillard got out of the snooker but in doing so left the red over a pocket resulting in a concession of the match. In Group C Bill Earle registered his first win with a 3 - 1 win over Jim Parkin. Group D saw Mark Hannah ensure his qualifying spot with a 3 - 1 win over Dave Witehira. Hannah also knocked in a 59 break. Group E saw David Meier-Bailey up against unbeaten Jim Ryan and Meier-Bailey wasted no time in putting a stop to Ryan's run of wins when he ran out an easy winner 3 - 0. This win puts Meier-Bailey back in the hunt for qualifying and a lot will rest on his final match against Patrick Lynch. Group F saw Sam Bond in a must win match against Leonard Bourton. Bond cleared out in the first frame with a 47 break but was unable to maintain the pressure on Bourton who ran out a 3 - 1 winner. In Group G Clive Thomson continued his march towards the knockout stages with a good 3 - 1 win over Alastair Davidson. The match almost produced a situation where it may have been impossible to play a shot without fouling when the cue ball finished up touching a red and a cushion. Luckily for Davidson there was a very slight angle enabling him to successfully play away. Group H saw Paul Bason drop a frame on his way to a 3 - 1 win over John Rehman to maintain his unbeaten run. Bason's last match, against Eldon Lai, could very well determine who wins the section.

Day 2 session 5

In Group A Stephen Alderson and John Williams battled all the way before Alderson dragged himself over the line to win 3 - 2. Steve Thomas continued the form with a 48 break in a comfortable 3 - 0 win over Thomas Sherriff in Group B and in Group C Graham Backman took Lee Barris all the way before finally going down 3 - 2. In Group D Steve Robertson made it 3 wins from 4 with a 3 - 0 victory over Bruce Edhouse. If Robertson continues with the form he could be a serious threat to some of the more fancied players. Group E saw Patrick Lynch secure his first win with a 3 - 1 victory over Gordon Jakeman. Peter de Groot's run of losses continued with Graeme

Tocker giving him no chance in Group F with a 3 - 0 win and in Group G Wayne Belmont recorded good breaks of 72, 53 & 42 in an easy 3 - 0 win over Jim Booth. Wayne's bet with dad Wyn for the high break is looking good at the moment. Group H saw Eldon Lai bounce back from an earlier defeat to record a good 3 - 0 win over Vinny Gounder.

Day 2 session 4

Group A saw Ash Tonge (Waikato) comfortably through 3 - 0 over Greg Crichton (Auckland) with Tonge putting together a 46 break. In Group B Chris McBreen (Auckland) knocked in breaks of 55 & 69 on his way to a 3 - 0 win over Chris Maltby (Waikato). Group C produced a 5 framer with Frank Adams (Capital City) getting the better of Bill Earle (Canterbury) 3 - 2 and in Group D Gordon Wardrop produced another top performance in taking down Dave Witehira (Canterbury) 3 - 1. The eagerly awaited father and son clash in Group E between Jim & Danny Ryan resulted in a clear cut win to dad Jim 3 - 1. To further rub salt in Jim knocked in breaks of 56 & 40 along the way. In Group F former champion Wyn Belmont (Auckland) was too good for Sam Bond (North Otago running out a comfortable winner 3 - 0. In Group G Auckland's Clive Thomson put in another solid performance and included a 42 break in his 3 - 0 win over Shannon Swain (Southland) and Group H saw Des Blair (Waikato) register another good result and put together breaks of 42 & 64 in a 3 - 1 win over John Rehman (Auckland).

Day 2 session 3

In Group A Rocky Cribb (Bay of Plenty) secured his first win with a 3 - 1 win over John Williams (Waikato) and in Group B Waikato's Steve Thomas was in fine form disposing of Gary Gillard (Canterbury) 3 - 1. Thomas, a semi finalist in 2008, ran in a break of 56 and then an 84cl to leave Gillard without a win to date. Jim Parkin (Capital City) registered a 40 break on his way to beating Graham Backman (Auckland) 3 - 1 in Group C and in Group D Mark Hannah (Capital City) secured another win with a 3 - 1 result over Southlander Bruce Edhouse. Hannah also got on the break board with a 48. NZ Under 21 Champion David Meier-Bailey beat Gordon Jakeman (Auckland) 3 - 0 in Group E to secure his first win of the tournament. Meier-Bailey has been at full time study lately and his game is showing the lack of match practise. Group F saw Waikato A Grade Champion Graeme Tocker notch up another win with a 3 - 0 victory over Waikato BSA President Leonard Bourton and in Group G Alastair Davidson (Bay of Plenty) made it 3 wins from 3 with a 3 - 0 win over Jim Booth (Waikato). In Group H Auckland's Paul Bason surprisingly dropped a frame to Vinny Gounder (Auckland) but still managed a 3 - 1 win.

Day 2 session 2

Group A saw Harry Haenga notch up his 3rd win with a comfortable 3 - 0 victory over fellow Capital City player Stephen Alderson and in Group B Waikato's Daniel Sinclair continued the good results with a 3 - 0 win over Thomas Sherriff (Southland). Group C saw Henry Killian (Auckland) easily account for Lee Barris (Southland) 3 - 0 and in Group D former champion Steve Robertson showed some glimpses of the form that took him to 3 titles when he knocked in breaks of 53, 44 & 40 on the way to a 3 - 0 win over Paul Alderson. Group E had Martin Jones (Auckland) winning 3 - 0

over Patrick Lynch (Waikato) with Jones contributing a break of 46. North Otago's Jason Todd got on the break board with a 45 in his Group F win over Peter de Groot (Canterbury) and in Group G Wayne Blemont (Auckland) knocked in 55 in his 3 - 0 win over Clive Baird (Southland). Group H produced the first of Day 2's upsets when Matthew Scarborough (Waikato) beat NZ No 8 Eldon Lai (Auckland) 3 - 0.

Day 2 session 1

In Group A Waikato's Ash Tonge was left wishing he had taken the time to chalk up when he miss-cued on 82 with a century break there for the taking. Tonge went on to win the match 3 - 0 against John Williams but it all could have been so much better. Group B saw Chris Maltby (Waikato) dispose of Steve Thomas (Waikato) 3 - 0 and in Group C Auckland's Graham Backman beat Bill Earle (Canterbury) 3 - 0. Backman was generous in his thanks to Earle saying that he had a lot of bad luck. Group D saw Canterbury's Dave Witehira beat Southland's Bruce Edhouse 3 - 1 and in Group E Jim Ryan (Southland) included a break of 40 in his 3 - 0 win over Gordon Jakeman (Auckland). Group F Waikato's Graeme Tocker proved too strong for Sam Bond (North Otago) winning 3 - 1 and in Group G had Clive Thomson registering his second win with a 3 - 0 scoreline over Jim Booth. Thomson also knocked in a 41 break. Group H saw John Rehman (Auckland) register his first win with a 3 - 1 victory over Vinny Gounder (Auckland).

Day 1 session 5

In Group A Stephen Alderson registered a second win with a 3 - 2 win over Greg Crichton. Crichton had a 43 break but it wasn't enough to stop Alderson. In Group B Southland's Thomas Sherriff took the 3rd frame off Chris McBreen to extend the match but had no answer to McBreen who quickly wrapped the game up with a 65 break in the 4th and a 3 - 1 win. Group C saw Frank Adams put in another solid performance for a 3 - 0 win over Lee Barris and Group D saw Steve Robertson register his first win and included breaks of 64 & 53 in the 3 - 0 victory over Gordon Wardrop. In Group E Danny Ryan ran out an easy winner 3 - 0 over Patrick Lynch. In Group F Wyn Belmont proved too strong for Peter de Groot and ran out a 3 - 0 winner. Group G produced a 5 framer between Wayne Belmont (Auckland) and Shannon Swain (Southland) with Belmont prevailing 3 - 2 and Group H saw Eldon Lai prevail in a tight match 3 - 2 over Des Blair.

Day 1 session 4

In Group A Harry Haenga brought the room to a standstill as the word went around that he was on track for a maximum but it was obvious that Haenga had lost track of what the table situation was when he played a slow half ball Black to bring the break to 104. He then just rolled the red into the bottom green pocket leaving position on a baulk colour and it was only when a spectator called out that the situation became clear. Haenga had left an almost impossible cut on the Black from 3/4 the length of the table away and following some good hard looks at the shot elected to continue the break with the Green. A good positional shot from Green to red saw him in with a chance at a 143 clearance but the last red just failed to drop leaving the break at 108 and the first century of the tournament. Group B had an upset when NZ No 2 Gary Gillard was beaten 3 - 2 by Waikato's Daniel Sinclair. Gillard had a 47 break but in a

scrappy match this wasn't enough to get him over the line. In what is the group of death Gillard now has an uphill battle to qualify for the knockout stages on Thursday. In Group C NZ No 3 Henry Killian knocked in a 74 break on the way to a comfortable 3 - 0 win over Jim Parkin and in Group D Mark Hannah got his campaign back on track with a 3 - 0 win over Paul Alderson. Group E saw a real battle between David Meier-Bailey and Martin Jones and it was Jones who emerged the winner at 3 - 2. Meier-Bailey is another who is now in real danger of not qualifying for the knockout stages on Thursday. Group F saw Jason Todd bounce back from his earlier defeat with a clear cut 3 - 0 win over Leonard Bourton and in Group G Alastair Davidson cruised to a 3 - 0 win over Clive Baird. In Group H Paul Bason was too good for Matthew Scarborough winning 3 - 1.

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In Group A Waikato's Ash Tonge knocked in a 57 break but it wasn't enough to stop Steve Alderson (Capital City) who put together a 55 break to win the match 3 frames to 1. In Group B Chris Maltby (Taranaki) put together a fine 58 break on his way to a comfortable 3 - 0 win over Thomas Sherriff (Southland). Group C had Lee Barris (Southland) win 3 - 1 over Bill Earle (Canterbury) and in Group D Canterbury's Dave Witehira came out on top with a hard fought 3 - 1 win over Waikato's Steve Robertson. Group E was another to go the full distance and resulted in Jim Ryan (Southland) beating Patrick Lynch (Waikato) 3 frames to 2. In Group F young 17 yr old Sam Bond (North Otago) had to pull out all the stops to eventually run out a deserved 3 frames to 2 win over former champion Peter de Groot (Canterbury). Group G saw Auckland's Clive Thomson in good form with breaks of 70 & 46 in his 3 - 0 win over Wayne Belmont (Auckland). Group H saw NZ No 8 Eldon Lai (Auckland) with a comfortable 3 - 0 win over John Rehman (Auckland).

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The 2nd session saw the first appearance in the event of defending champion Harry Haenga (Capital City). Haenga included a break of 44 in his 3 - 0 win over John Williams (Waikato). Group B saw 2008 semi finalist Steve Thomas (Waikato) account for Daniel Sinclair (Waikato) 3 - 1. Thomas also had the match high break of 45. In Group C NZ No 3 Henry Killian (Auckland) was untroubled to beat Graham Backman (Auckland) 3 - 0. In Group D Capital City's Paul Alderson had a good 3 - 1 win over Bruce Edhouse (Southland) and in Group E NZ B Grade runner up Martin Jones (Auckland) accounted for fellow Aucklander Gordon Jakeman 3 - 0. Group F saw an intriguing battle between Jason Todd (North Otago) and Graeme Tocker (Waikato). In one of the frames Todd laid a good snooker on Tocker only to have Tocker "fluke" a red and then continue on to make a reasonable break and eventually run out the winner 3 - 1. Group G saw Jim Booth (Waikato) win 3 - 1 over Clive Baird (Southland) and in Group H the longest match of the round Matthew Scarborough (Waikato) eventually overcame Vinny Gounder (Auckland) 3 - 2.

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All eyes were on table 2, Group B when play got underway in the 2009 CUESPORTS FOUNDATION NZ Snooker Championships as Chris McBreen (Auckland) squared off against NZ No 2 Gary Gilliad (Canterbury). McBreen had spent the previous season on the Pro Tour in England and Europe and was expected to be too strong for Gillard. The first frame was a scrappy affair with both players taking a while to settle in. Gillard was always in the hunt but when left chances McBreen was quick to

capitalise and with breaks of 52 & 79 ran out the winner 3 - 1. In Group A Greg Crichton (Auckland) had a good 3 - 0 win over Rocky Cribb (Bay of Plenty). Crichton also had the only break of significance, a 44. There were no surprises first up in Group C with Frank Adams (Capital City) accounting for Jim Parkin (Capital City) 3 - 0. Group D saw the first upset when Gordon Wardrop (Southland) beat NZ No 4 Mark Hannah (Capital City) 3 - 0. Hannah will need to improve as a good result at the championships may see him secure a spot at the IBSF World Championships in India later in the year, Group E saw current NZ Under 21 Champion & NZ no 5 David Meier-Bailey (Hawkes Bay) go down to Danny Ryan (Southland) 3 - 0 with Ryan also knocking in a 52 break. Group F went to seeding with 2008 runner up Wyn Belmont (Auckland) beating Leonard Bourton (Waikato) 3 - 0. Belmont also had a 54 break for good measure. Group G saw Alastair Davidson (Bay of Plenty), courtesy of breaks of 43 & 48, take a 3 - 1 win over Shannon Swain (Southland). Group H produced the match of the round with Paul Bason (Auckland) just getting home 3 - 2 over newly crowned NZ B Grade Champion Des Blair (Waikato). Blair had a break of 41 while Bason also got on the break board with breaks of 40 & 44.