

MEDIA RELEASE

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Triumph and despair on Day 2 at the Golden Shears

Master Woolhandler and former World teams title winner Keryn Herbert was possibly the major casualty of the preliminary rounds of the Golden Shears major events when she was eliminated in the heats of the Open Woolhandling Championship today.

The Te Kuiti mum, four-times the No 1 ranked Open-class woolhandler in New Zealand despite having never won the Golden Shears or New Zealand Championships Open title, was just 27th of the 36 in today's heats, missing a place in the top 16 for the Saturday morning quarterfinals.

Unsurprisingly, the qualifiers were headed by favourite Joel Henare, going for a sixth consecutive win in the event, and a 100th Open-class victory.

Likewise, shearing phenomenon Rowland Smith, of Hastings, headed the qualifiers for the Open shearing quarterfinals being held tonight, after which the top 12 would be named for the Saturday afternoon semi-finals, leading to the naming of the six for the Shears' glamour final tomorrow night. Other than the order of qualifying, Smith, Pongaroa farmer David Buick, current World champion John Kirkpatrick, of Napier, and former World and Golden Shears champion and Scots international Gavin Mutch, of Whanamomona, were a predictable top four.

Henare and Smith were tonight still the hottest favourites in TAB shearing sports betting history.

Of more than 20 events being decided in the three-day championships, which have attracted over 300 competitors, 13 will be decided on the last day.

A transtasman woolhandling test is on the programme tonight, and a shearing test match tomorrow night. Qualifiers for quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals on the last day of the 58th Golden Shears shearing and woolhandling championships in Masterton March 3, 2018:

Shearing:

Senior semi-final: Tegwyn Bradley (Woodville), Jade Maguire Ratima (Winton), Lionel Taumata (Taumarunui/Gore), David Gordon (Masterton), Sean Gouk (Masterton), Ricci Stevens (Napier), Connor Puha (Kimbolton), Jaycob Brunton (Levin), Laura Bradley (Woodville), Barney Cummings (Winton), Raehana Hokinga (Australia), Ross Thompson (England), Cahni Stringer (Ranfurly), Paul Swann (Wairoa), Whakapunaki Maraki (Flaxmere), Ramone Smith (Gisborne), Kieran Davane (Australia/Taihape), Cody Greig (Levin).

Intermediate final: Gwydion Davies (Wales), Daniel Seed (Woodville), Brandon Maguire Ratima (Winton), Trent Hewes (Glen Murray), Cob Higgins (Marlborough), Maddison Bright (Takapau).

Junior final: Keith Swann (Wairoa), Leam Pritchard (Pongaroa), Reuben Alabaster (Taihape), Jonathan Painter (Pahiatua), Daniel Biggs (Mangamahu), Brook Hamerton (Ruawai/Hastings).

Woolhandling:

Open quarterfinals: Joel Henare (Gisborne/Motueka), Chelsea Collier (Gore), Maryanne Baty (Gisborne), Eramiha Noho (Dannevirke), Pagan Karauria (Alexandra), Logan Kamura (Marton), Monica Potae (Milton), Sheree Alabaster (Taihape), Tina Rimene (Masterton), Emaraina Braddick (Eketahuna), Rahna Williams (Flaxmere), Ana Braddick (Eketahuna), Jamie McLean (Taihape), Brittany Tibble (Gisborne), Candy Hiri (Mataura), Trish Moke (Waipawa).

Senior semi-finals: Lashara Anderson (Invercargill), Ricci Stevens (Napier), Ash Boyce (Dannevirke), Azuredee Paku (Masterton), Tameka Hema (Gisborne), Chenelle Waihape (Mataura), Sharon Tuhakaraina (Gore), Jessie Dean (Masterton), Kiley Laris (Masterton), Vinnie Goodyer (Masterton), Bianca Hawea (Masterton), Christine Ballinger (Featherston).

Junior semi-finals: Cortez Ostler (Kimbolton), Summer Pritchard (Pongaroa), Sarah Davis (Rotorua), Lucky Garrett (Eketahuna), Erina Sciascia (Australia), Tramon Campbell (Gisborne), Whakapunaki Maraki (Flaxmere), Tyler Hira (Onewhero).

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