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Club Helensvale's \$60,000 National Club 5 A Side Challenge

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NATIONAL \$60,000 CLUB 5 A SIDE CHALLENGE – FINALS DAY



2016 Champions **WARILLA** (L-R Aaron Teys, Jeremy Henry, Jesse Noronha, Harley McDonald & Greg Jeans)

The mighty talented NSW Warilla Gorillas have claimed their fourth National \$60,000 5 A Side title today in spectacular fashion defeating the gallant, star-studded side from St Johns Park club - 3 matches to 1.

Warilla had been the most consistent and in-form club of the competition, leading the field from Day 1 of play and all the way through the event. But on finals day it all begins again and it was anyone's title for the taking.

After defeating Mt Lewis in the morning matches of their semi final encounter, Warilla were full of confidence riding in to the final. However 2014 Runners Up, St Johns Park, were also riding their own high after defeating the in-form WA side of Cambridge in their semi final clash.

As the crowd eagerly anticipated what was scripted to be an almighty classic grand final battle, they weren't disappointed - witnessing some of the best bowls the Club Helensvale greens have ever seen.

It was a blow for blow match up in the first of the disciplines with both the opening encounters of triples and pairs going to the Warilla side, but only on the last end of each of the matches.

Teys won the game in the pairs with his last bowl, sitting out the St Johns shot to give Warilla a 15–13 win; while next door Henry, also match down, drew shot for Warilla, leaving the Saints skip Nathan Wise just one go at trying to reclaim victory. Unfortunately for the Saints it wasn't to be, with Wise just missing the conversion and handing Warilla the triples rink win 11–8.

St Johns Park weren't going to die wondering though with young Ben Twist putting on a clinical performance in his singles clash with the reigning Australian Indoor and Golden Nugget Singles Champion, Jeremy Henry. Twist put his foot down from the first end and was too consistent for Henry going on to win 21 – 9 and keeping St Johns in with a fighting chance.

However, with one of the most in-form fours sides the competition has ever seen, young Teys guided his boys through to claim the fours victory 20 -15 and crush any hope of a maiden win for the Saints.

Congratulations to the Warilla team on their 4th title and claiming the \$20,000 first prize winners cheque, to St Johns Park for being gallant in Grand Final defeat, and to the talented sides from Mt Lewis and Cambridge on finishing equal third in one of the toughest and most prestigious events in the country.

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