

Report on the 2020 ACT STATE SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 2020 A.C.T. State Snooker Champion is

MURRAY JEFFRIES

The Championship was held over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of December 2020 at the Burns Club.

There were 12 nominations. They were ranked as below:

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| 1. Murray Jeffries (defending Champion) | 2. Nick Payne (last year's runner-up) | | |
| 3. Jason Tanaskovic | 4. Steven Thomas | | |
| 5. Sid Scott | 6. Bruce Agnew | 7. Lemeki Vuetaki | 8. Noel Williams |
| 9. Paul Bunce | 10. Sam Bashfield | 11. Tony Petkovski | 12. Raj Parameswaran |

The qualifying matches which were 'best of three' went as follows:

Match 1. Noel Williams defeated Raj Parameswaran 78-8 and 61-21

Match 2. Sid Scott defeated Sam Bashfield 63-15 and 42-24

Match 3. Bruce Agnew defeated Paul Bunce 83-40 and 60-47

Match 4. Lemeki Vuetaki defeated Tony Petkovski 51-32 and 62-11

The Quarter final matches were 'best of five' and went as follows:

Match 1. Murray Jeffries defeated Noel Williams 62-6, 55-29, and 49-39. Murray had a 44 break in the first frame to establish control of the match.

Match 2. Sid Scott defeated Steven Thomas 49-32, 65-9, 40-71, and 67-47.

Match 3. Nick Payne defeated Lemeki Vuetaki 23-52, 35-55, 53-33, 57-43, and 53-33.

Match 4. Jason Tanaskovic defeated Bruce Agnew 54-21, 60-20, 36-59, 33-50, and 50-47. In the last frame Bruce had the black just above the middle pocket and close to the rail with the cueball on the left bottom side rail halfway along. With the chance of potting the black, Bruce opted to play across to the top right siderail, off the top cushion to pot the black in the mid pocket. He just missed the black to foul and lose the match.

The Semi-finals were also 'best of five' frames and resulted in the following:

Semi-final 1. Murray Jeffries defeated Sid Scott 50-39, 42-54, 66-54, and 46-31.

Semi-final 2. Nick Payne defeated Jason Tanaskovic 9-73, 60-34, 50-12, and 45-17.

The Final was decided as a 'best of seven' match. The referee was Leigh Condon.

Nick Payne won the toss and elected to break.

The frames then went as detailed below;

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| 1 st frame. | Murray Jeffries won 50 – 31. | 2 nd frame. | Nick Payne won 61 – 37. |
| 3 rd frame. | Murray won 62 - 43 | 4 th frame. | Murray won 61 – 49 (black ball) |
| 5 th frame. | Nick won 64 – 8 | 6 th frame. | Nick won 57 – 20 |
| Final frame | Murray won 63 – 23. | | |