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Stunning final boule in Dave de St Croix final

A stunning final boule secured the CPC Dave de St Croix championship, sponsored by DH Sutherland, for young victor Jake Romeril. In a superb conclusion of the highest quality, the two surprise finalists served up a feast of contrasting techniques and styles. Jake Romeril's aggressive play contrasted with Brain Corbel's cautious pointing and hard placing game. Little separated the players in this mesmerising final. It was entirely predictable and appropriate that these two, in a game of the first to 13, would reach 12-12. For the spectators the final end couldn't have delivered more. Jake's firing of Brian's superbly placed boule was responded to by hard placing from Brian. The climax was reached: Jake held the competition on the ground with Brian holding just one final boule to play. Brian threw his last boule, and amazingly, once again, he hard placed into Jake's boule to hold the competition himself. Surely Brian had won! There was just one final boule in the whole competition to be thrown. Incredibly, Jake fired and 'carreaud' to win the title!

Eight groups of players had battled it out to distil the competition into its hierarchical progression.

In the third tier, Chris Pinel competed with Julie Pinel to triumph 13-9 in the Consollage trophy. In the 3rd placed play off, Helene Retrosi beat Joan Le Roy 13-5.

For the second tier Plate competition, Keith Pinel took the honours, defeating Mick Cotillard 13-8. In the 3rd placed play off, John Dyer defeated Ken Vibert 13-6.