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## **Lawn Bowls / Ra'anana scores clean sweep in interclub finals**

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Ra'anana came through with a clean sweep, winning both the men's and women's Premier crowns as well as the men's and women's Pennants titles at the interclub league finals at Haifa last weekend.

Ra'anana is the only club in the league's 30-year history to have recorded a clean sweep, a feat it also achieved in the 1995 season.

Israel's eight clubs participated in the eight-week tournament with triples teams competing in preliminary round-robin sections to qualify for the final playoffs.

Facing off for the men's Premier title was the Ra'anana team of Raymond Sher, Gordon Silberstein and Zvi Bekier against Savyon's Haviv Takin, David Kontenta and Miki Kupfershmid.

With excellent all-round, evenly matched, bowling, and with very little conceded by either side, the Savyon team kept its noses in front to lead for the first 13 ends at 10-7.

But the Ra'anana trio upped its accuracy and with increased pressure won four of the last five ends for a deserved 14-11 win in a thrilling match.

The women's Premier final was no less exciting with Ra'anana's Hadassah Fisher, Shirley Kantor and Beverley Polatinsky edging a closely contested encounter against Haifa's Jacquie Lieberthal, Miriam Pappenheimer and Irit Grencel.

Ra'anana started the last end 15-12 up, and lay shot when Polatinsky moved the jack, only for Grencel to return the compliment for the lying shot.

Pappenheimer, back in good form after a temporary absence, drove both the jack and Grencel's toucher to the ditch for a two-count, leaving Haifa a last bowl chance to peel the game.

But Lieberthal's last bowl could not find the path through the Ra'anana barrage, leaving Ra'anana the narrow 15-14 winners.

In the men's Pennant division the Savyon team of Amnon Kosovsky, Raul Tabdi, and Ezra Babu made a great effort to repeat last year's win.

Against Ra'anana's Allan Saitowitz, Lawrence Hurwitz and Allan Blecher, after trailing 14-3 after 7 ends, fought back to lead 18-14 at

the 13th end. But starting the last end 19-17 up, they conceded a four and the title to Ra'anana.

In the all-Ra'anana women's Pennant final Louse Braverman, Denny Galland and Cynthia Kahn came through to win 22-12 against Naomi Fix, Rachel Golan and Anne Kashi, after leading 12-10 at the 10th end.

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