

# Aussies Feature everywhere on Day FIVE!

It is absolutely sensational to see that fifteen Australians will feature in Day FIVE at the ITF World Seniors! Some will play one event, others two and Narelle Raftery - three events. We have representatives in the following Semi-finals:

WS50	Narelle Raftery and Kerrie Douglas
WS55	Ros Balodis
WD50	Brenda Foster & Helen Webb (Shea); Kerrie Douglas & Narelle Raftery; Ros Balodis & Leanne Swaysland
MD45	Steve Casey & Chris O'Mara
MD50	Simon Arms & (AUT)
MD55	Andrew Rae & Gary Thoroughgood
XD35	Jo Walter & Adam Alessandrini; Karen Kleverlaan & Chris O'Mara
XD50	Leanne Swaysland & Simon Arms; Narelle Raftery & Martin Warwick; Brenda Foster & (GBR)

The Men's Singles events all had 128 Draws, which made it a huge challenge to get through. Making it to the last 16, after some scintillating tennis was SA's Adam Alessandrini. Adam lost to Hungarian Gergely Kisgyorgy, who then went on to beat the number one seed 6-love in the third set! Another player who performed well was Martin Richards who lost in the third round with a creditable 76 26 36 scoreline. Rhys McDougall also lost in Rd 3. In the MS45, Rd 4 Kurt Robinson lost to #1 seed and former International Jeff Tarango 26 62 16. Garry Nadebaum lost a 3-set battle with Italian Enrico Casadei in his 4<sup>th</sup> round match. The MD45 sees Aussies Chris O'Mara and Steve Casey in the Semi-final, after a win over the top seeds Hale and Hundsdorfer 6-2 01 ret. They will face the pair Mark Brix(GER) and Scott Works (USA).

In MS50 Simon Arms beat Clive Wilson in three, to set up a clash with Manfred Hundsdorfer, a seasoned campaigner and #4 seed from Austria. Simon went down 06 26. Andrew Rae was seeded #6 in MS55, but surprisingly went down in straight sets. Gary Thoroughgood kept the flag flying until he too succumbed, going down to Spaniard Javier Molina Ramos 36 57. The two have met with success in the MD55, beating Germans Wolfgang Reich and Uwe Scherer 61 61, and will play the Semi-final against USA's Mike Tammen and Daniel Waldman who are in top form.

WS35 Jo Walter lost in the quarters to German Annette Zweck, 26, 16 and Karen Kleverlaan lost to another German Stefanie Kolar 46 26. WD35 Narelle Follington & Jo Walter, seeded #3 lost to Kolar & Zweck. We have no representatives still alive in the 45 Singles and Doubles, although several players made it to Day three. In WS50, we had THREE players in the quarters, and are now pinning our hopes on Narelle Raftery and Kerrie Douglas in the Semi finals. Narelle had a sensational win against #4 seed, Barbora Koutna, 63 63 and Kerrie Douglas prevailed in 3 sets to defeat fellow Aussie Brenda Foster 46 63 63. Narelle and Kerrie are paired in the WD50 and won through to the semis with a great win 75 61 against Gillian Brook and Barbara Snapes from Great Britain. In the other half of the draw, Brenda Foster and Helen Webb did themselves and their country proud in defeating the number 1 seeds Christine French and Ingrid Gutmann-Resch in a convincing manner 75 60!

WS55 survivor is Ros Balodis, who had a thrilling 3-set victory over USA's Susan Wright, 63 26 64 – Ros will play #2 seed Carolyn Nichols in the Semi. In the Doubles, Ros with Leanne Swaysland, is playing in the WD50 against fellow Aussies Narelle Raftery and Kerrie Douglas. In the other half, Brenda Foster and Helen Webb play USA's Mary Dailey and Carole de Bruin (NED).

In the Mixed, we have competitors in XD35, Jo Walter and Adam Alessandrini in one half, against Germans Annette Zweck and Matthias Mueller. The other half features another Aussie pair Karen Kleverlaan and Chris O'Mara who play USA's Carolina Blouin and Stuart Duncan. XD50 has Leanne Swaysland and Simon Arms against the Americans Mary Dailey and Ken White, while Brenda Foster with GBR's Chris Hearn will face Aussies Narelle Raftery and Martin Warwick.

Australians can feel justly proud of their performances, with such talent around, we are privileged to be represented by such a committed troupe. We are very pleased with all their accomplishments over the past two weeks – which includes the Teams' Week. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! We love your work!

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