

At least one GOLD and 4 more chances!

One GOLD is a certainty in the All-Australian WD50, being played at Manavgat today. Sadly, both our girls in the 50 Singles did not make the Final, Kerrie going down fighting against the #1 seed 67 26, and Narelle Raftery in a titanic struggle 63 16 26, to Italian Simonetta Bozzano, one of only a few 3-setters of the day.

Ros Balodis won her Semi against Carolyn Nichols #2 seed, 75 61 and will face Dianne Barker #1 seed in the Final. She lost to Dianne in the Teams last week, so she will be looking to avenge that defeat. The WD50 is the All-Australian affair, with Brenda Foster and Helen Webb to play Ros Balodis and Leanne Swaysland. A GOLD medal will come home to Australia, but carried by whom? Ros Balodis & Leanne Swaysland defeated Kerri Douglas and Narelle Raftery 64 62, and Brenda Foster & Helen Webb won their semi against Mary Dailey and Carole de Bruin 63 61 to set up the all-Aussie Final. May they all play well.

Unfortunately, Steve Casey and Chris O'Mara went down to the "brickworks" – 57 36 Marc Brix (GER) and Scott Works (USA) in the MD45. However, Chris will team up with Karen Kleverlaan in the XD35, to play the pair who put out Jo Walter and Adam Alessandrini. Both matches went to a third set 10-point tie break – Adam and Jo led 62, but dropped the second 5-7 and the tie break 6-10. What a shame! They will be able to cheer for Karen and Chris in the Final.

Simon Arms – with Karl Pansy (AUT) will play Paul Smith (NZL) and Ken White(USA) in the Final of the MD50. Simon and Leanne Swaysland lost their XD50 9-11 in the tie breaker to Americans Mary Dailey & Ken White. In the other half of the draw, Brenda Foster and Chris Hearn (GBR) defeated Narelle Raftery and Martin Warwick 61 63, to set up their Final against the American pair.

Andrew Rae & Gary Thoroughgood in MD55 were outclassed by Americans Tammen and Waldman 46 26. This leaves the Americans to fight out the Final with their countrymen Cash and Vines.

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