



AUSTRALIA MAKES GOOD START ON DAY ONE AT THE WORLD TEAMS

Four of the five teams playing on day one at the ITF World Teams Championships in Turkey made a good start by winning their opening matches. In the men's Cups, the Jack Crawford and Gardnar Mulloy teams were joined by the women's Kitty Godfree and Althea Gibson teams in winning their matches. Three of our more highly seeded teams, the Alice Marble, Britannia and Bitsy Grant had byes on day one.

In the Crawford Cup, Don Biddle got his team off to a great start by winning his opening singles against Norway. Bruce Rehn consolidated the team's position by winning his singles and Gordon Waygood and Doug Napier won the doubles in straight sets. Not to be outdone, the Mulloy team also started well with Adrian Alle and Ron de Costa winning their singles and Adrian teaming with Neville Halligan to take the doubles in straight sets against Switzerland. Unfortunately, in the few days before the team left for Turkey, Brian Stuart withdrew from the team as he torn a hamstring, thus weakening our team. The unseeded Von Cramm team lost to Norway 1-2 after Ray West and Roger Davey dropped their singles. John Stark and Neville Rodwell won their doubles in three sets.

Two of our three ladies teams also won their matches. In the seventh seeded Kitty Godfree team, Marilyn Davis and Judy Hancy won their singles and Beverley Eddington and Kim Blackburne won the doubles in the match against South Africa. The fourth seeded Althea Gibson team also had a clean sweep against South Africa with Bobbie Edwards and Nola Collins winning their singles and Jill Taylor and Norma McGhie combining to win their doubles in three sets.

Our more highly seeded teams start their campaigns today with the top seeded Alice Marble team of Kerry Ballard, Wendy Gilchrist, Carol Campling and Helen Worland presenting a formidable combination for the days to come. Today it play Ireland. The third seeded Britannia Cup team of Peter Keller, Lee Taylor, Bruce Burns and Henry Michael start its matches today against Canada. The second seeded Bitsy Grant team starts its competition against Turkey. Unfortunately, John O'Brien took a nasty tumble on arrival at Ali Bey and he may be sidelined for a few days, robbing the team of its number one singles player. The other players, Alan Hocking, Ray Woodforde and Malcolm Heard will have to work hard to justify the team's second seeding.

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