



The Men's 65s had Australia's only win on Day 4, putting them into a Semi-Final playoff in the Britannia Cup against the crack USA team, led by Jimmy Parker and Hugh Thomson. Lee Taylor managed to beat H Fritz in three, while Peter Keller made it in straight sets against K Kreuzhubert 6/4 6/4. Their Doubles pairing of Bruce Burns and Henry Michael sealed the win with a tight finish, 7/5 7/6 (4).

The Jack Crawford (M70), after Don Biddle had come back from a set down, to beat Pierre Lavau 4/6 6/1 6/4, and Bruce Rehn was defeated by Michel Leclercq in straight sets, almost snared a win from France, but were defeated in not one, but two Tie breakers. Don paired with Gordon Waygood 6/7 (4), 6/3, 6/7 (5), oh so close!

After losing the two singles rubbers, the Gardner Mulloy team was able to make it 1-2 with a convincing win in the Doubles 6/1 7/5. Alan Hocking kept the Bitsy Grant team in the match with a 6/1 6/0 thrashing of H Althaus, but they couldn't quite match it in the Doubles, going down with Ray Woodforde 7/5 7/5.

In the Women's Althea Gibson, Germany was far too good for the Aussies, winning the two Singles rubbers with the loss of only one game and they finished it off with a 6/4 6/4 win in the Doubles. After Marilyn Davis had gone down to the #2 from Austria, R Lutter in the Kitty Godfree Cup, Judy Hancy started well, taking the first set 6/4, but then Sofia Garaguly "hit her straps", and took the next two sets 6/2 6/3. Kim Blackburne and Bev Eddington kept up their good form in defeating Lutter and Garaguly 7/6 (6) 6/2.

The biggest upset of the day was when our top seeds in the Alice Marble Cup (W60s) went down to the Frenchwomen Annick Bruzak and Nicole Hesse-Cazaux, who dispatched both Wendy Gilchrist and Kerry Ballard in the two Singles rubbers. Bruzak beat Gilchrist 6/3 6/3 and Hesse-Cazaux won in three hard-fought sets 3/6 6/2 6/2. The Doubles was a whitewash to Carol Campling and Helen Worland 6/0 6/0, but the horse had already "bolted". This relegates our team to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> playoff. I suppose we must simply say that France was "too good on the day."

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