



## Finals Day at the ITF World Teams Championships

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> was Finals Day in Antalya, featuring NINE teams from USA. They managed to take the GOLD on 6 occasions, winning the 75s, 65s, and 60s in the Men's and the 75s, 70s and 60s in the Women's. Rain delayed the start in most cases, but all matches were completed. Australia managed to win 3 Bronze medals, and all our players can be satisfied that they contributed their best efforts in a line-up that was formidable. Even some of our superstars had trouble finding their best form on the clay. Here's hoping that next week will see them excel.

The Gardnar Mulloy (M80) team defeated Spain 2-1, with Nev Halligan coming from a set down to win in three against Francisco Guillen, and Adrian Alle was too strong for Juan Zamora, taking it 6/4 6/1 to seal victory, and take 5<sup>th</sup> place. The Bitsy Grant (M75) team went down fighting against Austria, with Ray Woodforde winning the first set, but going down to Ludwig Hofer 6/4 5/7 4/6, a gallant effort. Alan Hocking couldn't find his good form, and went down to Hans Gell 6/1 7/5.

Australia's Britannia Cup (M65) team had a well deserved win to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the Bronze medal against Switzerland, with Lee Taylor winning love and 2, an injured Peter Keller going down 4/6 1/6 and the Doubles went to 3 sets, with Bruce Burns and Henry Michael being victorious 6/4 in the third.

In the von Cramm Cup (M60), our team beat Poland for 17<sup>th</sup> position. Neville Rodwell had a decisive win over Zygmunt Dobrosz 6/0 6/0, and John Stark took the first set in a Tie breaker, but ended up going down 3 and 3 in subsequent sets to Andrzej Nuzkiewicz. The Doubles decider featured Ray West with Roger Davey, and they successfully sealed victory in straight sets, 6/1 6/4. Well done, guys in what must have been an incredibly strong field!

In the Alice Marble Cup (W60) our team defeated Great Britain 2-0, and took the Bronze medal. Wendy Gilchrist saved 3 match points to give the supporters a bit of excitement, defeating Shirley Fox 4/6 7/6 6/4 and Kerry Ballard beat Marjory Love 6/1 7/5. Well done girls, after the disappointment of going down to France on Thursday. (USA beat France today to take the Gold.)

It's all over for another year – until October 2011, when Club Ali Bey will once again play host to these great champions from across the globe!

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