



AUSTRALIANS STILL FLYING THE FLAG ON DAY THREE OF THE INDIVIDUALS

Still, we have some players in the hunt for recognition on day three of the individuals at the ITF World Super-Seniors Championships. All events in the singles have been decided to the round of sixteen or beyond. Many of our players are still struggling with the energy sapping heat and humidity, likening the conditions to being in a sauna. Some players are struggling to hold fitness after a busy teams' week and the lingering effects of the long flight from Australia. Some are still struggling to sleep well at night.

In the men's 60+, Roger Davey, the last of our players in the draw, went down in the third set 0-6 but Lee Taylor (65+) won his third set 6-2. Bruce Rehn (70+) got through to the round of 16 but now meets former World Champion Bodo Nitsche (Germany) while Don Biddle retired at 5 each in the first set of his match. In the 75+, Ray Woodforde lost his match in 3 sets while Malcolm Heard lost in straight sets to King Van Nostrand (USA), top seed and current World Champion. Alan Hocking went down in a very tight match losing 6(7) and 4 to Derek Lawer (RSA). In the 85+, Neville Halligan, our current World Champion, has won two of his four matches in a round robin which will decide the winner of this event.

Our younger ladies in the 60+ occupy six of the last sixteen places of their draw. Kerry Ballard, Carol Campling, Adrienne Avis, Helen Worland, Elizabeth Allan and Wendy Gilchrist all have chances of advancing to the quarters. Judy Hancy (65+) again won her first set handsomely but struggled to close the match out in a second set tie-break (0) in her match against Eileen Clark (Canada). Judy now meets the number 2 seed and probably the most consistent female performer in the last ten years, Heide Orth (Germany) in the next round. In the 70+, Nola Collins had a comfortable win to advance and she is joined by Jill Taylor who won another marathon match, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. Jill will now meet Janine Lieffrig (RSA) the present World Champion. Margaret Fisher is through to the semi-finals in the 80+ singles and, due to her great movement around the court, must have a very good chance to upset Rosemarie Asch (Canada) in her next match.

In the men's doubles, Roger Davey and Ray West are through to the quarters of the 60+, as too are two pairs in the 65+; Bruce Burns and Peter Keller and Henry Michael and Lee Taylor. In the 70+, Don Biddle and Bruce Rehn and Gordon Waygood and Doug Napier are through to the quarters and have an excellent chance of meeting in the semis. In the women's doubles, Elizabeth Allan and Kerry Ballard are on track to meet Adrienne Avis and Helen Worland while Carol Campling and Wendy Gilchrist are in the lower half of the draw. In the 65+, Kim Blackburne and Beverley Eddington, who did so well in the teams' week, have set up a quarter final repeat of last year against Jacky Boothman (GB) and Elle Krocke (Netherlands). In the 70+, Nola Collins, partnering Nanda Fischer (Germany) has advanced to the quarters, while in the 80+, Margaret Fisher partners Jutta Apel (Germany) in the final and the chance to become a World Champion. (Margaret is championed and encouraged by her younger brother, Ian, who is also enjoying the Championships).

Let us hope we can report some more interesting results tomorrow. For all the scores and today's draw go to www.92computing.com.au

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