



### **OUR PLAYERS IN IMPRESSIVE WINS ON DAY 4 OF THE ITF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Several of our players scored impressive wins on day 4 of the ITF Championships. Play was delayed until after 2 pm after heavy showers signalled a weather change at Club Ali Bey, Manavgat. But the wet, dull conditions did not dampen the quiet, determined enthusiasm of Bruce Rehn and Neville Halligan as they scored impressive wins in their singles matches.

Adrienne Avis won the first set in her match against Martha Downing in a tie break (5) but, in the heavy conditions, Martha came back to take the next two sets 3 and 1. Martha was undefeated in the teams' week and spearheaded the USA to its win in the Alice Marble Cup. In the other 60+ singles, Kerry Ballard wasted no time in her win, however, Carol Campling lost in the heavier conditions to eighth seed Gudula Eisemann (Germany) 4 and 1. In the battle of the Aussies, Elizabeth Allan defeated Helen Worland, 3 and 2, while Wendy Gilchrist won her match against Sylvia Bauwens, 3 and 1. Kerry, Elizabeth and Wendy have tough matches in the quarter finals, particularly as Elizabeth plays Marjory Love (GB) and Wendy plays Nicole Hesse-Cazaux (France) all four very determined ladies. In the 70+ ladies, Nola Collins defeated Kristen Horn (Norway) 3 and 5 but Jill Taylor's run was ended by Janine Lieffrig (RSA) 0 and 0. In the 65+, Judy Hancy lost to Heide Orth (Germany) 0 and 5.

Another big win was recorded by Bruce Rehn over third seeded former World Champion Bodo Nitsche (Germany) 6-1, 4-6, 6-0. However, Lee Taylor lost to Gino Cerri, 1 and 0. Evergreen, 87 years young Neville Halligan outstayed Stig Malmberg (Sweden). After losing the first set to 3, Neville fought back to take the second set to 0 and soon after Stig had to retire, according to ITF reports. Neville is the only undefeated player in the five man round robin for the 80+ and has only one match to go to seal his third successive World Championship.

Some doubles were played and it appears that some were held over due to the weather. By virtue of walkovers, Roger Davey and Ray West are through to the semis as too are Bruce Burns and Peter Keller. However, Henry Michael and Lee Taylor lost to the Italian pair of Cerri and Mantinfo 2 and 1. In the 80+ doubles, Adrian Alle partnering Adel Ismail (Switzerland) beat the Russian pair of Novik and Rubtsov, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 to reach the semis. Doug Napier and Gordon Waygood won in three sets; Ian Fisher and John Stimson lost to fourth seeds Herve Clement and Michael LeClercq (France) 6-7(4), 2-6 and Don Biddle and Bruce Rehn defeated second seed Nitsche and Haas (Germany) 3 and 4 in the 70+ doubles.

We have much to look forward to with tomorrow's results as the forecast is for fine weather in southern Turkey. Remember all draws and results can be found at [www.92computing.com.au](http://www.92computing.com.au)

Footnote: Unfortunately, a result was incorrectly displayed in official listings showing an impressive Australian win. This is now corrected and I apologise to anyone who was embarrassed with the incorrect information.

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