



Maintaining focus is a challenge for Australia at Ashburton and Timaru

Day 3 – 23 February 2011

Keeping the focus will be a challenge with all that's been happening since Tuesday's earthquake! Some of our contingent have arrived safely back home, while these others "soldier on".

In the Tony Trabert Cup (men's 40), our team has to wait until Friday, for a playoff with France. The French won through when their team of Jacques Moers and Benoit Halle defeated Great Britain 2-1 today, Feb 23rd. Daniel Ahl got the Brits off to a flying start, beating Moers 75 64, but then the French came back with a win in the #1 Singles, 63 63 and then the Doubles decider 75 62.

In the Austria Cup (men's 55), Glenn, Gary and Rodney will face the Mexicans (#7 seeds), who had a surprise 3-0 win over #3 seeds, France.

Our women's 35s in the Susan Lenglen Cup had a resounding 3-0 win against Luxembourg. Michelle Leyden beat Claudine Thiry 62 60, Karen Kleverlaan went through in straight sets also, against Tanja Suennen 62 61, and the Doubles was Juliann Jacobsen and Karen Pearce with a clean sweep 60 60 over Claudine and Tanja. The girls wait until Friday for a playoff with Turkey.

It's a Thursday playoff match in the top four for the Maria Esther Bueno (women's 50) seeded #2, in a matchup with France (#3), Catherine Suire, Beatrice Balme-Berger, Betty Michel and Perrine Dupuy. #1 seeds USA will meet #4 seeds Great Britain in the other match.

In the Maureen Connolly (women's 55), Australia defeated the French team (seeded #3), 2-1. Robin Walker lost to Caroline Glaszmann 26 26, while Lyn Mortimer beat Benedicte Le Grand 64 62 to level. Sara and Lyn sealed the win with a 61 62 win over Benedicte Le Grand and Martine Delorme. They will have a tough playoff match against the USA on Thursday. USA features Tina Karwasky, Carolyn Nicholls, Mary Ginnard and Sherri Bronson, a group of "seasoned campaigners" – and defending champions.

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