

Finals Day, 2011 Super-Seniors World Championships, Turkey

AUSSIES WIN GOLD MEDALS IN FOUR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

After losses in the individual finals, the Australians had to be content with gold medals in four doubles championships involving six Australians. Congratulations to Doug Corbett, Andrew Rae, Max Bates, Peter Froelich, Wendy Gilchrist and Carol Campling.

In the singles, Doug Corbett got the closest of all Australian to gaining a gold medal. After, a set point was lost on a near-miss forehand drive in the first set, Doug battled hard to level at a set all in the 85+ singles. Down 2-5 in the third, Doug rallied to 4-5 but was eventually outplayed and outfoxed by the very mobile and talented Angelo Sala (Italy) in a three hour marathon with Angelo winning 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.



Australia's Doug Corbett who went down to Angelo Sala of Italy in a three hour marathon (photo: Paul Zimmer)



Andrew Rae was no match today for Jorge Camina-Borda who played exceptional tennis to win in straight sets 0 and 1 and so achieve revenge for his loss to Andrew in the Teams Championships last week. Jorge's drop shots and crisp volleying were a delight of the match.

Left: *Spanish player Jorge Camina-Borda who defeated Australia's Andrew Rae in the final of the Mens 60+* (photo: Paul Zimmer)

Wendy Gilchrist and Carol Campling started the day well for Australia by easily outplaying the English pair of Christine Lockhart and Marjory Love 6-2, 6-0 to win the 60+ women's doubles. The Australians used the court well and had the English ladies playing defensive tennis from the start.

Andrew Rae and Max Bates carried on their good form from yesterday in the 60+ men's doubles against Lemoine and Renoult (France) taking the match 7-6, 6-4. This win was as tough as that against Paul Wulf and Tony Dawson (USA) yesterday.

In the 75+ doubles, we had an Australian in each of the two pairs to do battle in this event. Alan Hocking combined with Chuck Nelson (USA) and Peter Froelich combined with King Van Nostrand. However, Peter and King proved tough opponents winning 1 and 2.

Adrian Alle and Lorne Main (Canada) combined in the men's 80+ doubles but were outplayed against George McCabe and Russell Seymour (USA) who won 6-4, 6-4.

Bob Howes and Bruce Rehn did battle against Milesi (Italy) and Pokorny (Austria) in the 70+ men's doubles. However, they were easily outplayed by the talented Europeans winning 0 and 0.

Congratulations to all our winning players. Overall, the Australians tried their hardest, sometimes against the difficult odds of tiredness, soreness, illness and injury but mainly the talent of the opposition. For most, it has been a tough but enjoyable two weeks.

All of the results can be found at:

<http://itfseniors.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/draws.aspx?id=71930484-753F-43F3-B110-A9BE3E850DA1>

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