



## **Day One, 2011 Super-Seniors World Teams Championships, Turkey**

The weather is dictating what will happen today at Club Ali Bey, Turkey. The thunder and lightning rolled in after mid-night and heavy rain fell to delay the start of play today. It appears that play is unlikely until after 12 noon and rain is forecast throughout the day

Also, the outlook for day two is much the same.

The Australian teams are reasonably well seeded in most age groups. The ladies 60+ team is seeded four while the 65+ team is seeded fifth and has drawn France, the number one seeded team, in its round robin. In this section of the competition, Carol Campling will be matched against her older sister Gail Benedetti (France).

The teams have received favourable draws with the 60+ men being seeded four, the 65+ men seeded six, the 70+ men seeded four (but have drawn two other tough teams in its round robin), the 75+ team seeded two and the 80+ team is not seeded and has Canada in its round robin.



*70+ Men: Maurie Broome, Don Biddle, Bob Howes, Bruce Rehn*

Play did commence just after 12 noon on most courts and the weather held for 2 ¾ hours allowing some rubbers to be completed. In the men's 65+, Wayne Hassett won his rubber 0 and 0 against Ireland, while Terry Smith's match is incomplete at 6-2 and a 5-0 lead to Terry. In the men's 75+, Alan Hocking lost 6 and 3 after leading 5-2 in the first set. In the 80+, Doug Corbett played several delightful strokes outsmarting his Spanish opponent to take the first set 7-5 and after being down 1-5 fought back to take the match 7-6.

In the women's 60+, Australia leads 2 rubbers to 0 with Sue Walter winning 3 and 0 and Wendy Gilchrist winning 0 and 0 against Spain. In the women's 65+, Judy Hancy won the opening rubber against Ireland 2 and 2. In a rain interrupted match, Carol Campling took the first set 6-3 and 2-0 when play was stopped by a fierce electrical storm. Although the 2.45 pm storm cleared for over an hour, heavy rain fell again just before 4.30 washing out play for the remainder of the day.

The men's 60+ and 70+ had byes for day one.

Tom Hancy

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