

## Day Three, 2011 Super-Seniors World Teams Championships, Turkey

### AUSSIES MEET STIFF OPPOSITION

Rain again delayed the start of play on day three as another fierce electrical storm hit early in the morning and heavy rain persisted until late morning. A start was made at 2 pm but the clouds rolled in and the winds turned very strongly just after 4 pm and play was again washed out.



*Very little play on a wet day in Alibey. (Photo courtesy of Carolyn Nichols)*

As indicated last evening, today was the day when most of the Aussie teams would meet tougher opposition. In the women's 60+ Alice Marble Cup, Sue Walter, although producing some brilliant strokes, suffered a loss against Germany 6-7, 1-6. In the second rubber Wendy Gilchrist battled to a 3-2 lead in very blustery conditions. In the women's 65+ Kitty Godfree Cup, Judy Hancy battled hard against an in-form Michelle Bichon of France, losing 0 and 3. The match between sisters Carol Campling and Gail Benedetti will start tomorrow at 9 am weather permitting.

In the men's 60+ Von Cramm Cup, Ray Bray kept up steady play with thoughtful strategy to outplay his Belgium opponent in straight sets 3 and 1. Wayne Hassett produced some super tennis to match it with Mark Cox of Great Britain in a very high standard match in the 65+ Britannia Cup. Wayne lost the first set 6-7 after leading for most of the set. The wind sprung up very strongly when Wayne had a 15-40 lead to go to a 5-0 lead in the second set. The strong wind advantaged Cox who won four points in a row to win his first game of the set. However, Wayne held strong to close out the set 6-1. The third set tomorrow will determine the winner of this rubber.

In the Jack Crawford Cup for 70+ men, Bruce Rehn and his Canadian opponent are in a dog-fight to gain supremacy with Bruce winning the first set 6-1 but losing the second set 3-6. With this match at one set each with very little separating these two players, the third set is shaping to be a tight finish as Bruce is down 1-2.

Alan Hocking got his team off to a great start with a two sets win in the Bitsy Grant Cup. With Peter Froelich in great form, this is one match where Australia should hold the upper-hand.

In the men's 80+ Gardner Mulloy Cup, evergreen Doug Corbett took the first rubber with a straight sets win, 6-1, 6-2, against Canada. With Lorne Main playing against Adrian Alle and having taken the first set 6-1, this match probably will go to a doubles decided.

The forecast is for fine, sunny weather for the next week. Consequently, we'll have more to report over the next few days. Apart from a few minor injuries and some head colds, all players are in good spirits and continue to produce many laughs throughout the day.

Tom Hancy

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