

Day Six, 2011 Super-Seniors World Teams Championships, Turkey

MEN'S 60+ ADVANCE TO THE FINALS, MEN'S 75+ RUNNERS-UP TO USA

In an outstanding display of doubles, Max Bates and Andrew Rae defeated the Spanish pair 7-6, 6-0 in the 60+ Men's Von Cramm Cup deciding doubles match. Earlier in the day, Ray Bray lost his opening singles 0-6, 2-6. Andrew Rae taking on Camina-Borda, won the first set 6-1, lost the second set 0-6 and won the third and deciding set 6-3. In an extraordinary match full of long rallies and outstanding driving and volleying, the scores for each set belie the closeness of every game. A scare went through the Aussie spectators when Andrew sustained a heavy fall when tripping over a line. He fell like a 'sack of spuds' and was fortunate enough not to sustain serious injury. He did suffer cramp in the arms immediately after the fall for the remaining two games.



Andrew Rae in a tight tussle with his Spanish rival Camina-Borda

The 75+ Men lost to the USA after Alan Hocking lost his singles 0 and 1. Peter Froelich, too, found the going tough in his match against King Van Nostrand. Peter went down fighting 1-6, 6-7 after staging a mini fight back. Overall, this team did very well and lived up to its number two seeding by gaining silver.



Silver Medalists: Australia's Mens 75+: Peter Froelich, Alan Hocking & Ray Woodforde

In its match against France for fifth position, the Men's 70+ had success. Don Biddle lost the opening singles in a tough three-setter, 2-6, 6-4, 0-6. Bob Howes levelled the rubbers when he won the second 3 and 0. Maurie Broom and Bob successfully combined to win the doubles 6-2 and 6-4.

Another team claiming fifth position is the Women's 65+ (which was seeded fifth). Judy Hancy won the opening rubber 2 and 0 against Austria. Carol Campling won her first set 6-1 and Sophia Garaguly retired injured with Carol leading 4-1, thus, under the rules of the competition, takes the set 6-1. Austria forfeited the doubles due to injured players.

The 60+ Women's team had to be content with fourth placing after suffering a defeat against Great Britain. Sue Walter lost 2 and 3 and Wendy Gilchrist lost 1 and 6 in their singles matches. In the doubles, Jan Johns and Wendy combined to win the doubles 6-4, 6-3.

The Men's 65+ team played the Netherland for ninth and tenth position. Lee Taylor won the opening singles in three sets, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Terry Smith lost 2 and 2 in his singles. In the doubles, Ian Davis and Terry won in three sets 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

And for Shirley's information, the Men's 80+ team did not play today and will play Great Britain tomorrow for fourth, fifth or sixth.

Tom Hancy
Turkey
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