

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

AUSTRALIA RUNNERS-UP TO USA IN VON CRAMM CUP

In a match that showed the outstanding show casing of Seniors tennis, the USA proved too strong for our Aussie team in the 60+ Von Cramm Cup final. In the first rubber, Ray Bray put up his best performance of the team Championships with a sterling effort but failed to capitalize on the chances he developed for himself throughout the match. Indeed, this was a match measured in centimetres. Ray lost 6-4, 2-6, 4-6. Andrew Rae levelled the match after winning in straight sets 2 and 2. The match was decided by the doubles rubber. However, the pairing of Tony Dawson (expatriate Aussie) and Paul Wulf with their superb volleying and retrieval play proved too strong for Andrew Rae and Max Bates winning in straight sets 4 and 2.



USA Mens 60+ Team that beat Australia to win the Von Cramm Cup (photo courtesy of ITF)

In the remaining match to be decided, our Gardner Mulloy 80+ players were pitted against Great Britain to decide fourth, fifth and sixth. Previously in the round robin format, Australia had lost to Russia, Great Britain defeated Russia, and now Australia had a chance to be in the mix by defeating Great Britain; and this they did in grand style. Doug Corbett got the match away to a great start by winning his opening singles 6-4 after being down 1-4 against John Draper. Doug lost the second set 2-6 and was down 2-5 but again produced a remarkable come back to take the third set to a tie-break which he won 9-7. Adrian Alle won his three-setter against Lennie Laurence winning 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. In the doubles which was played if a count back

was necessary, Adrian Alle combined with Neville Halligan to win in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4 against Paul Drain and Thomas Eastop. This win determined fourth placing for the Aussies.

Tom Hancy

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