



2014 ITF WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, FLORIDA, USA

REPORT 2, DAY 3

THE MATCHES GET TOUGHER AS PLAYERS GET FURTHER INTO THE DRAWS, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME AUSTRALIANS FLYING THE FLAG

Karen Kleverlaan, seeded 4 in the Women's 35+ Singles, won her round of 16 match, 2 and 3, to become our first quarter-finalist in this year's Championships.

Glen Busby has now won 3 matches and, like most of the men's draws, is into the fourth round of 16 players in the Men's 55+ Singles. Glenn won 1 and 0. In the same event, **Mike Ford** won 0 and 3. However, Ron Evans lost 2 and 1. Tomorrow, Glenn plays Peter Hampton (NZ) a regular visitor to our tournaments over the years. Mike meets Dan Waldman the number one USA player in this age group.

After having a bye in her first round and being number 1 seed in the Women's 50+ Singles, **Brenda Foster** had a great battle to defeat Judy Newman (USA) 6-4, 6-7(4), 7-6(6). This is another good example of the possibility of unheralded talent bobbing up its head at different stages of the draw.

Brett Patten won his third round match and is into the last sixteen in the Men's 40+ Singles. Brett won 2 and 3. However, Morgan Young lost 2 and 2; Matt Olsen lost 2 and 1; Rhys McDougall, after defeating the number 2 seed yesterday, lost 0 and 5. Brett will play the 4th seed, Matthias Mueller (Ger) tomorrow.

With Gary Nadebaum's defeat it has left **Igor Jovanovic** as our only competitor in the 45+ Men's Singles. Igor won 1 and 2 and has booked a place in the round of 16 tomorrow when he plays Sander Groen (Netherlands). There is an interesting article on Igor on the ITF Seniors front page today. Readers might like to check it out. Part of the article says...

As a youngster in Australia, the 44-year-old Jovanovic played in the juniors. He then went on to playing the Challenger circuit. And from there he landed at the ATP Tour for 11 years where he headed up commercial and public relations for the ATP in Asia and the Middle East, and the last three years he was a player representative on the ATP board.

Nowadays, Jovanovic's relationship with tennis is more about being back on the court and playing — he practiced three to four days for his stint at the ITF Senior World Championships where he played in the Australian Men's 45 team last week and this week is competing in the singles. He's into the fourth round compliments of a quick 61 62 win over American Jeff Cohen.....

“I spent 11 years working for the ATP so you’d think I’d pick up a few things (tips) and I have,” said Jovanovic, who has a sweet backhand, his favorite shot. “If a guy didn’t have enough of a match they’d say to me, ‘Igggy get your gear on and let’s go for another 40 minutes. I’d be the bunny for them.’”

(Quoted from the ITF website front page)



Igor Jovanovic (photo: Susan Mullane)

In addition, two former world top-ten players continue in the Championships. **Mikael Pernfors** (Sweden) won his 50+ Singles, 2 and 2 and **Sandine Testud** (France) 40+ Singles won to move into the quarter-finals. Yesterday she defeated Karen Maddison, 0 and 0.

A number of players did not finish matches or gave walkovers. Usually, this is due to injuries sustain during matches or being too tired to continue.

For the readers who want to get the latest official results or more details about the draws from the Championships, go to the ITF website at www.itftennis/seniors . From the heading options, select ‘tournaments- Calendar’, from the new window scroll down the page to the ‘34th ITF Individual Championships’; select this option. In the next new window, select from the options about the middle of the screen from ‘overview’, ‘drawsheet’ or ‘order of play’ etc. Select the ‘**order of play**’ option to get the latest results as the drawsheets are only updated at the end of play or on the following day. Select from the day and date for all results as the matches are played.

RESULTS OF DAY THREE OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men’s 35+ Singles: Andrew Tavella lost 5-7, 7-6(2), 1-6.

Men’s 40+ Singles: **Brett Patten won 2 and 3**; Morgan Young lost 2 and 2; Matt Olsen lost 2 and 1; Rhys McDougall lost 0 and 5.

Men's 45+ Singles: Gary Nadebaum lost 2 and 3; **Igor Jovanovic won 1 and 2.**

Men's 50+ Singles: Simon Arms lost 3 and 0.

Men's 55+ Singles: **Glenn Busby won 1 and 0; Mike Ford won 0 and 3;** Ron Evans lost 2 and 1.

Women's 35+ Singles: **Karen Kleverlaan won 2 and 3.**

Women's 45+ Singles: Julie Dybendahl lost 6-1, 4-6, 3-6.

Women's 50+ Singles: **Brenda Foster won 6-4, 6-7(4), 7-6(6).** Wendy Armstrong lost 0 and 0; **Leanne Swaysland won 1 and 5;** Diane Cassel lost 7-6(5), 0-6, 0-1 ret.

Women's 55+ Singles: Helen Shea lost 5-7, 4-6; Julie Fidler lost 0 and 0; Saar Goddard lost 2 and 3; Wendy Harrison lost 2 and 2.

Men's 35+ doubles+: Andrew Tavella and David King (GB) won 0 and 0.

Men's 40+ Doubles: **Rhys McDougall and Matt Olsen won 3-6, 6-1, (10-8) super tie breaker; Brett Patten and Marin Richards won 1 and 0.**

Men's 50+ Doubles: John Colley and Imran Syed (Can) lost 5-7, 3-6; Peter Gard and Jari Karvonen (Den) lost 3 and 1; **Bruce Ferguson and Martin Warwick won 0 and 1.**

Women's 40+ Doubles: Karen Maddison and Sabine Schultz lost 5 and 3.

Women's 45+ Doubles: **Julie Dybendahl and Shelly Works (USA) won 0 and 0;** Melinda Mead and Nicole Liedtke (Ger) lost.

Women's 50+ Doubles; Diane Cassel and Jacqui Mustard lost (walkover)

Women's 55+ Doubles: **Rosemary Davis and Erin Boynton (Can) won 2 and 3;** Susan Thomas and Valerie Silver (USA) lost 0 and 1. **Wendy Harrison and Leanne Scott won 3-6, 4-6 (10-2) super tiebreaker** in defeating Fiona Walker and Elna Botha (RSA); Julie Fidler and Sheila Chiricosta (USA) lost 6-2, 4-6 (6-10) super tie breaker.

Mixed Doubles 40+: Melinda Mead and Brett Patten lost 1-6, 0-3 ret.

Mixed Doubles 50+: **Brenda Foster and Chris Hearn (GB) won in straight sets 0 and 3. Leanne Swaysland and Simon Arms won 2 and 3.**

Mixed Doubles 55+: Julie Fidler and Dean Packard (USA) lost 1-6, 6-1 (10-8) super tie breaker.

Again, my apologies if I have missed any results.

Tom Hancy,

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