



## News from Umag, Croatia

### **From Day 2 with the Men's 70+ team**

The weather has been beautiful – the venue has 20 clay courts of which 4 are indoors but all the matches are played outdoors. There are over 500 players between the ages of 65+ to 85+. The NZ teams are playing in the M70+, M80+ & W80+. It is amazing to see such fit and healthy people still playing some incredible tennis.

The 70+ men played and lost to Germany. In his singles David Hawkes lost to the top German player ranked World No.1 3/6 4/6. Steve Molnar lost in a close 3 setter 6/4 0/6 5/7. Allan Dickey and David Theyers lost the doubles 5/7 1/6. The team was a little disappointed but it certainly was not a walkover, they held their own.

### **Day 3**

The weather has been overcast, windy and raining. The team had a good win over Poland – once again David Hawkes had a battle with the world ranked No.11 losing 3/6 1/6 however Steve Molnar won his singles 6/2 6/1 and Allan & Steve won the doubles 6/3 6/2 playing and combining very well. By winning this match it puts them in the second group which will mean they play for 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Day 4**

A great day with everyone playing well against Zimbabwe. Both David Hawkes and Steve Molnar had excellent wins in the singles however the doubles was a cliff hanger – Allan and David Theyers were up 6/5 and 40 love in their first set but lost in a tiebreaker, won the second set but lost the third – the score was 6/7(2) 6/1 3/6. They now have to play Canada.

### **Men's 80+ team**

Paul Honiss, captain of the 80+ Men's team reports that his team will be in the finals playing for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place.

Maybe a little more news will come our way from the team's reporters (WAGADS) (Wives, girl friends and daughters).