



**ITF WORLD TEAM & INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP
UMAG, CROATIA
SEPTEMBER 2016**



REPORT:

Our team of Sue Jamieson, Marion Mills and Trish Craven were the sole NZ representatives at the Super Seniors world Championships held in Umag, Croatia.

After flying to the other side of the world - first up we played our neighbours Australia, 4th seeds and eventual winners of the 65+ Women's Team Event. We lost 0-3

Next up were the 6th seeds Sweden, a 3-0 win but took over 6 hours to play 6 sets - the game scores belying the closeness of the singles matches. Sue and Trish did well to recover from a 2nd set 0-4 deficit to take the next 6 games and save playing a 3rd set.

Fortunately our last pool match against Ireland wasn't as hard and we had another 3-0 win. This put us in the playoff for 5-8 position and played the 7th seeded Canadians, another tough long day but came out with a 3-0 win.

We were now playing for 5th-6th against the tough Germans.

- Marion's opposition was the World ranked No. 6 player, and after 3 sets and a Tie Break only 2 points separated them, unfortunately Marion lost but showed she can match the best with her drop shots, pin point serving and cool head.
- Sue lost to the World No. 2, and Sue and Trish had their chances in the doubles but lost 6-4 6-3 so ended up 6th

Individuals

We all lost first round singles. Sue and Marion had the privilege to play on Centre Court against the top seeds Great Britain but lost 6-3 6-2.

Trish teamed up with a confident Aussie and beat the 4th seeds then lost to the above GB pair in the semis so came away with a Bronze medal for 3/4 - Well done Trish.

A wonderful 2 weeks on and off the court.

Sue Jamieson (Team Captain)

