

WODONGA SNIPPETS

Wednesday 23 January

Everything heating up, literally. At Tuesday night Japan just ahead in the teams' competition (with one team), followed by Victoria. Superb weather and courts, much publicity with TV and newspaper coverage targeting all our stars.

TEAMS STANDINGS As at 5.10 pm Wed, Queensland 57.91, Victoria 57.47, New Zealand 52.94, NSW 52.44.

SEE CHANNEL 7 TONIGHT AT 6 PM FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDREW RAE, THE ARTHURS, NEVILLE HALLIGAN. ALSO WIN TV 9 AT 6.30 PM.

* Tasmania's running hot! Met these excited players yesterday:



left, Graeme Holloway, front Jon Auferheide, Neville Milne, Colin Mathew, Rod Turner, Eddie Gotowski
They reminded me of some personal moments of tennis glory when I played in Tasmania in the 70s. I remember winning when the hot shots were pregnant and out of action! Cheering for you, guys!



* The great charmer, Adrian Alle, indulging in an international liaison with Bev Evans, chair of NZ Seniors Tennis.

* Great news to hear that Ward Hillier WILL be here next week, playing in the 80 singles and 2 doubles. Just out of hospital! FABULOUS. It's just as fantastic to see Alison Ide here, looking lovely and playing, plus the amazing, indefatigable Derek Arthurs. Truly inspirational.

* Interesting that Casey Dellacqua's mother, Nita, is here playing in the WA 50s team. We share her pride in her daughter's wonderful results at the Australian Open.

* Mea culpa, John WALKER – not John Edwards as previously reported. Here he is again, with half Canadian Barry Headland, look at these handsome fellas - flattery may get me off the hook!



* More smooth talking, I was looking for Neville Halligan to ask him to be interviewed on TV. I approached a Qld man, thinking it might have been Neville, peered at this name badge and said, 'Sorry it's not you I'm looking for.' Quick as a flash came the reply from silver-tongued lizard, Les Hodson, 'How unlucky am I!'

* Heather Barwick, Vic 60s, is thrilled that due to her photo being in the Border Mail, her old tennis friend, Sue, with whom she used to play pennant at Essendon in the 80s, came to Wodonga with her two sons to meet her again. Here they are:



* VIP visitor to Wodonga TC to catch up with some old tennis friends – Rex Hartwig, who lives locally.

* Would you believe that there are two Noel Cheshires! Noel from Wodonga is a beef farmer who met Noel no 2 at this championships in 1999 and they have become firm friends. Noel from Qld is off to the farm after the tennis. Hard to get them too mixed up visually!



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