

Senior Snippets – Friday January 25th

Bouquets to Gillian for a top job in the Publicity department. I think I should have stayed in South America! She has upstaged my efforts by adding some great photos. It was really wonderful to be welcomed back by so many people, and to have so much interest shown in our trip!

Now, let's get down to business. I have heard many exclamations of "these b. courts!!" and "this stuff is just for cows to eat!" What a challenge it has been for many players. Soon after I heard one man complaining about the bounces he was getting, he did the very same thing to his opposition and won the point!

Just a reminder to those who are playing for sheep stations: the drought has sent most of them bankrupt! Play to win, but enjoyable tennis is the top priority!

Some WA guys are really having trouble with their bearings! Ask Mike Harris how long it took for him and his mates to get back to their Motel. (A half hour walk and a \$15 taxi fare! Why did they need a taxi?)

This reminds me of an experience I had in Santiago this week! A taxi driver who only spoke Spanish took me to an exclusive jewellery establishment. They give you free transport to come and buy their wares – luckily for me, the gold necklace I thought I could buy only came in silver, so I didn't want to buy it. The price? (I had thought it converted to \$107 aussie dollars – wrong!) It was a thousand and seven (just out of my price range!) The taxi ride back to the Hotel was still free, whew!

Checking the form of our players has been interesting. Division leaders NSW 70/1 team were observed playing the first set in the morning yesterday. Surprisingly, they were down 4-love. They came back but lost the set anyway. The match ended up 7-1 in their favour! Funny how things change.

Some more news on the grandchild front. Bert & Cathy have been joined by Carol & Des Daniel (NSW), with the arrival of their 8<sup>th</sup> ! He is Matthew Heath Lanesbury, a son to their daughter Heather and her husband Scott. Congratulations.

Some people think they are allowed to have 3 serves in a Tie Breaker. Gillian, what did this job do to you? Sent your brain spinning???

Now, how are the Teams going? It is so very close! You will have to wait until tonight to find out which is the winning state, but a progress score reads like this:

1<sup>st</sup> 57.31 2<sup>nd</sup> 57.01 3<sup>rd</sup> 56.73!

Friday's matches will have an impact. Every set makes a difference. Remember those sets points are crucial. (Had three yesterday, and lost the set, ohh!) The tennis was good, though. Tie breakers should be re-named Heart breakers!

Do you want to join a team in NSW 60 Men's? There are a couple of vacancies in the No 2 team. Why, you may ask. No names, but some forgot to check the draw and were not at the courts for the 8.00am match.

Wanda has finally got her tent up! She and the boys will be sleeping in it Thursday night! She's very lucky girl, not only have people been good with a loan tent – she now has a date lined up for Saturday night, and a babysitter from Vic Seniors has come forward! And the date had to 'tee up' someone to milk his cows for him to make the trip to Wodonga!

What about that young Frenchman, Tsonga? Annihilated Nadal in straight sets! Will he face Federer or Djokovic? That will be interesting! And the two darlings of the Women's Singles, Maria and Ana will fight out the Final. What an attractive match-up!

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