



**Day 3 wrap: World Bowls and IIBC Indoor Championships,
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Ceris Hewlings, *Bowls International*, provides a daily wrap-up and results from today's play:

Day three of the World Bowls Indoor Championships in Guernsey produced its biggest shock of the event so far.

It came in the mixed pairs when Namibia husband and wife, Yvonne and Carel Aron Olivier, beat Australia big guns Samantha Atkinson and Ray Pearse.

Drawing the first set 5-5, the Oliviers, who play at Namib Park Bowls Club, went on to take the second 9-6.

"It's unbelievable," said Carel Aron (known as Poena) afterwards.

"We were thrashed yesterday by Wales but had a talk last night and decided to take this match bowl by bowl. We came out with a fresh approach and didn't play any risky shots because they didn't work in our previous match."

"This is our biggest ever win," continued Poena who was a quarter-finalist in the mixed pairs 12 months ago.

"We don't have an indoor club near us, so we have had to adapt to playing on carpet quickly."

In other mixed pairs matches, New Zealand's Tayla Bruce and Shannon McIlroy chalked up their third win out of three matches with success against England's Rebecca McMillan and Harry Goodwin, while also unbeaten are Canada's Linda Ng and Mike McNorton and Julie Forrest and Michael Stepney, of Scotland.

Pian Lai and Johnny Ng from Macao, China, and Esme Haley and Jason Evans, of South Africa, who are still awaiting their delayed luggage and using borrowed bowls also recorded wins, as did Wales' Sara Nicholls and Kristian Crocker and Singapore's Lee Beng Hua and Chiu Pok Man.

In the men's singles, Ozkan Akar from Turkiye chalked up the day's biggest win with a 5-5, 22-0 triumph at the hands of Jamaica's Robert Simpson, while there was more success for Clive McGreal from the Isle of Man who won his third match.

Other winners included Ireland's Simon Martin, Derek Boswell from Jersey and Malaysia's Izzat Shameer Dzulkeple.

The women's singles saw Malta's Connie Rixon return a straight sets win against Jersey's Lindsey Greechan who 24 hours earlier has taken the scalp of defending champion Julie Forrest. Guernsey's Rose Ogier continues to take advantage of the home carpet posting her third win. It's also three out of three also for Kiwi Tayla Bruce, England's Rebecca McMillan, Natalie

McWilliams, Scotland, and Linda Ng, Canada, while victory for Wales' Sara Nicholls keeps her in the hunt for the silverware too.

The fourth of five days of sectional play continues tomorrow (Wednesday) at 8.30 am UK time.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Section 1: Ozkan Akar (Turkiye) bt Robert Simpson (Jamaica) 5-5, 22-0; Simon Martin (Ireland) bt Loren Dion (USA) 4-6, 9-3, 1-0; Ray Pearse (Australia) bt Stanley Gon Lap Lai (Hong Kong, China) 10-2, 5-3.

Standings: 1. Ray Pearse (9 pts); 2. Ozkan Akar (9 pts); 3. Loren Dion (3 pts); 4. Simon Martin (3 pts); 5. Stanley Gon Lap Lai (3 pts); 6. Robert Simpson (0).

Section 2: Derek Boswell (Jersey) bt Pete Bonsor (Spain) 5-4, 9-7; Izzat Shameer Dzulkeple (Malaysia) bt Joe Saragozza (Malta) 10-2, 12-1; Jordy Jones (Norfolk Island) bt Chiu Pok Man (Singapore) 7-8, 5-4, 1-0.

Standings: 1. Izzat Shameer Dzulkeple (9pts); 2. Peter Bonsor (6 pts); 3. Chiu Pok Man (3 pts); 4. Derek Boswell (3 pts); 5. Joe Saragozza (3 pts); 6. Jordy Jones (3 pts).

Section 3: Michael Stepney (Scotland) bt Guillaume Hertzog (France) 12-3, 9-2; Jason Greenslade (Guernsey) bt Beat Matti (Switzerland) 10-1, 7-5; Carel Aron Olivier (Namibia) bt Olle Backgren (Sweden) 6-7, 10-5, 1-0.

Standings: 1. Jason Greenslade (9 pts); 2. Michael Stepney (6 pts); 3. Beat Matti (3 pts); 4. Carel Aron Olivier (6 pts); 5. Guillaume Hertzog (0); 6. Olle Backgren (0).

Section 4: Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand) bt Kristian Crocker (Wales) 6-7, 7-2, 1-0; Clive McGreal (Isle of Man) bt Hisaharu Satou (Japan) 12-5, 10-2.

Standings: 1. Clive McGreal (9 pts); 2. Shannon McIlroy (6 pts); 3. Hisaharu Satou (3 pts); 4. Kristian Crocker (0); 5. Gabor Foti (0).

Section 5: Jason Evans (South Africa) bt Micharl Gabobewe (Botswana) 11-5, 9-2; Harry Goodwin (England) bt Mike McNorton (Canada) 10-1, 12-2; Johnny Ng (Macao, China) bt Oliver Thompson (Falkland Islands) 8-3, 11-5.

Standings: 1. Harry Goodwin (9 pts); 2. Jason Evans (6 pts); 3. Johnny Ng (6 pts); 4. Oliver Thompson (3 pts); 5. Mike McNorton (3 pts); 6. Micharl Gabobewe (0).

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Section 1: Esme Haley (South Africa) bt Rahsan Akar (Turkiye) 8-4, 8-4; Natalie McWilliams (Scotland) bt Lisa Bonsor (Spain) 6-4, 8-3.

Standings: 1. Natalie McWilliams (9 pts); 2. Esme Haley (6 pts); 3. Rahsan Akar (3 pts); 4. Nor Farrah Ain Abdullah (0); 5. Lisa Bonsor (0).

Section 2: Gloria Yat Ting Ha (Hong Kong) bt Keiko Kurohara (Japan) 8-5, 9-3; Julie Forrest (Scotland) bt Mary Thompson (USA) 14-1, 9-0; Connie Rixon (Malta) bt Lindsey Greechan (Jersey) 7-5, 12-4.

Standings: 1. Connie Rixon (6 pts); 2. Lindsey Greechan (6 pts); 3. Gloria Yat Ting Ha (6 pts); 4. Julie Forrest (6 pts); 5. Keiko Kurohara (3 pts); 6. Mary Thompson (0).

Section 3: Sara Nicholls (Wales) bt Christine (Petal) Jones (Norfolk Island) 11-2, 7-2; Samantha Atkinson (Australia) bt Lee Beng Hua (Singapore) 7-7, 10-2.

Standings: 1. Sara Nicholls (6 pts); 2. Samantha Atkinson (6 pts); 3. Christine (Petal) Jones (6pts); 4. Lee Beng Hua (0); 5. Irit Grencel (0).

Section 4: Lephai Marea Modutlwa (Botswana) bt Cindy Royet (France) 6-6, 5-3; Tayla Bruce (New Zealand) bt Pian Lai (Macao, China) 11-3, 6-4; Linda Ng (Canada) bt Maureen Caesar (Jamaica) 13-2, 15-3.

Standings: 1. Tayla Bruce (9pts); 2. Linda Ng (9 pts); 3. Lephai Marea Modutlwa (6); 4. Cindy Royet (3); 5. Pian Lai (0); 6. Maureen Caesar (0).

Section 5: Rebecca McMillan (England) bt Sandra Bailie MBE (Ireland) 3-8, 8-4, 1-0; Rose Ogier (Guernsey) bt Yvonne Olivier (Namibia) 5-4, 14-7; Marianne Kuenzie (Switzerland) bt Caroline Whitehead (Isle of Man) 10-3, 4-7, 1-0.

Standings: 1. Rose Ogier (9pts); 2. Rebecca McMillan (9 pts); 3. Sandra Bailie MBE (6 pts); 4. Marianne Kuenzie (3 pts); 5. Caroline Whitehead (0); 6. Yvonne Olivier (0).

MIXED PAIRS

Section 1: Sara Nicholls and Kristian Crocker (Wales) bt Caroline Whitehead and Clive McGreal (Isle of Man) 10-4, 13-3; Yvonne and Carel Aron Olivier (Namibia) bt Samantha Atkinson and Ray Pearse (Australia) 5-5, 9-6.

Standings: 1. Wales 6 pts; 2. Australia 6 pts; 3. Namibia 3 pts; 4. Isle of Man 3 pts; 5. Switzerland 0.

Section 2: Olle Backgren and Alison Merrien MBE (Sweden and Guernsey) bt Christine (Petal) Jones and Jordy Jones 9-3, 10-3; Connie Rixon and Joe Saragozza (Malta) bt Irit Grencel and Gabor Foti (Israel and Hungary) 11-4, 6-6; Nor Farrah Ain Abdullah and Izzat Shameer Dzulkeple (Malaysia) bt Lindsey Greechan and Derek Boswell (Jersey) 9-5, 6-5.

Standings: 1. Sweden and Guernsey 6 pts; 2. Jersey 6 pts; 3. Malaysia 6 pts; 4. Malta 6 pts; 5. Norfolk Island 3 pts; 6. Israel and Hungary 0.

Section 3: Pian Lai and Johnny Ng (Macao, China) bt Lephai Marea Modutlwa and Micharl Gabobewe (Botswana) 12-3, 15-3; Linda Ng and Mike McNorton (Canada) bt Natalie McWilliams Oliver Thompson and Natalie McWilliams (Falkland Island and Scotland) 6-2, 5-2; Sandra Bailie MBE and Simon Martin (Ireland) bt Maureen Caesar and Robert Simpson (Jamaica) 13-2, 17-1.

Standings: 1. Canada 9 pts; 2. Macao, China 6 pts; 3. Ireland 6 pts; 4. Botswana 3 pts; 5. Falkland Island and Scotland 3 pts; 6. Jamaica 0.

Section 4: Tayla Bruce and Shannon McIlroy (New Zealand) bt Rebecca McMillan (England) 7-5, 8-4; Gloria Yat Ting Ha and Stanley Gon Lap Lai (Hong Kong, China) bt Cindy Royet and Guillaume Hertzog (France) 8-2, 9-3; Lee Beng Hua and Chiu Pok Man (Singapore) bt Mary Thompson and Loren Dion (USA) 14-3, 4-9, 1-0.

Standings: 1. New Zealand 9 pts; 2. England 6 pts; 3. Singapore 6 pts; 4. Hong Kong, China 3 pts; 5. USA 3 pts. 6. France 0.

Section 5: Rose Ogier and Jason Greenslade (Guernsey) bt Keiko Kurohara and Hisaharu Satou (Japan) 11-3, 3-11, 1-0; Julie Forrest and Michael Stepney (Scotland) bt Lisa and Pete Bonsor (Spain) 7-3, 6-4; Esme Haley and Jason Evans (South Africa) bt Rahsan and Ozkan Akar (Turkiye) 9-8, 8-10, 1-0.

Standings: 1. Scotland 9 pts; 2. Guernsey 6 pts; 3. South Africa 6 pts; 4. Spain 3 pts; 5. Japan 3 pts; 6. Turkiye 0.

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Namibia caused a shock in the mixed pairs against Australia. Credit: Sporting Highlights

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