

The Championship Daily News Brief – Thursday 21 July

The Hurlingham Club & Surbiton Croquet Club, London

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us at the 2011 World Championship in London. Please enjoy the high standard of competition in the surroundings of two of the most impressive croquet clubs in England.

Highlights of Wednesday's play

Victor Dladla (SAF) and Pierre Beaudry (BEL) had both not woken up when they started their match from the wrong corner! After a re-start, Victor won in three games. The very last match to finish on the day went to the full 39 hoops!

With one match left to play for every competitor, only two blocks have all four qualifiers identified. Some of the blocks are potentially very complicated in terms of who will qualify and may require one or more single 13-point play-off games to determine the final situation.

Special announcements

Tournament Manager's prize for those who have made his life easier: Greg Bury (AUS) provided the humorous moment early in the day and collected his bottle of sparkling wine on the spot.

Lost & found

Various items are with the Tournament Manager in the Terrace Room at Hurlingham. Some found at Hurlingham and some on the shuttle bus. David Walters (WAL) has lost a golf glove.

Today's order of play

(subject to change by Tournament Manager)

Front Lawn Hurlingham (Blocks D & H)

1	Yasser Esmat (EGY)	v	Amr Baher (EGY)
2	Will Gee (ENG)	v	Jonatan Andersson (SWE)
3	Howard Cheyne (ENG)	v	John van der Touw (AUS)
4	Mohamed Nasr (EGY)	v	Marcus Evans (ENG)
5	Block H play-offs (multiple games & courts possibly required)		
6	Patsy Fitzgerald (IRE)	v	Walid Wahban (EGY)
7	Dennis Bulloch (NZE)	v	Sherif Abdelwahab (USA)
8	Terry Ericson (AUS)	v	Klaus Gollhofer (AUT)
9	Steve Piercy (NZE)	v	Helena Fensome (FIN)

Followed by the draw for the Championship Knockout and the first half of the Knockout Round 1.

Cricket Ground Hurlingham (Blocks C & G)

1	Robert Fulford (ENG)	v	Helmi Abdelgayed (EGY)
2	Anton Varnas (SWE)	v	Pauline Salib (EGY)
3	William Louw (SAF)	v	Andrea Pravettoni (ITA)
4	John Levick (AUS)	v	Josh Smith (NZE)
5	Block C play-offs (multiple games & courts possibly required)		
6	Duncan Dixon (NZE)	v	Stephen Mulliner (ENG)
7	Hisham Aboesbaa (EGY)	v	Moustafa Essa (EGY)
8	Simon Carter (ENG)	v	Chris McWhirter (AUS)
9	Mohammad Kamal (USA)	v	Thomas Magin (GER)

Followed by the draw for the Championship Knockout and the first half of the Knockout Round 1.

Surbiton (Blocks A, B, E & F)

1	Reg Bamford (SAF)	v	Walid Gemei (EGY)
2	James Goodbun (ENG)	v	Simon Carlsson (SWE)
3	Lionel Tibble (ENG)	v	James Hopgood (SCO)
4	John Christie (NZE)	v	Joe Dimech (AUS)
5	Ian Lines (ENG)	v	David Walters (WAL)
6	Nelson Morrow (NZE)	v	Greg Bury (AUS)
7	Tony Hall (AUS)	v	Dave Underhill (SWI)
8	Sherif Nafee (EGY)	v	Ben Rothman (USA)
9	Moustafa Nezar (EGY)	v	Ryan Cabble (ENG)
10	Mike Jenner (AUS)	v	Pierre Beaudry (BEL)
11	Victor Dladla (SAF)	v	Ed Cunningham (IRE)
12	Kevin Beard (AUS)	v	Hamish McIntosh (NZE)
13	Jeff Dawson (ENG)	v	Mark McInerney (IRE)
14	Block B play-offs (multiple games & courts possibly required)		
15	Block F play-offs (multiple games & courts possibly required)		
16	Block E play-offs (multiple games & courts possibly required)		
17	Ahmed El Mahdi (EGY)	v	Rutger Beijderwellen (ENG)
18	Ahmed Nasr (EGY)	v	Jacob Carr (ENG)
19	Miroslav Pazdora (CZE)	v	Espen Krogstad (NOR)

The next play at Surbiton will be the Plate Event on Friday.



The scene after heavy rain on Tuesday

Block results to date

Block A	AN	JC	KB	HM	JD	MM	MP	EK	Wins	Position
Ahmed Nasr (EGY)			7 7	5 7 7 7 7	7 6 7 7 7	7 6 7 7 7	7 7 7 7 7	5 1	6 / 6	1 (Q)
Jacob Carr (ENG)			5 7 5 3 1	7 4 4 4	4 3 2 7 6	4 3 7 5 7	4 7 7 7	2 2 4	2 / 6	6 (DNQ)
Kevin Beard (AUS)	5 5	7 5 7			5 6	5 4	2 7 7 7 7		3 / 6	5
Hamish McIntosh (NZE)	7 4 4	7 7			6 7 7	7 6 5	4 7 7 7 5 7		4 / 6	3=
Jeff Dawson (ENG)	4 5	2 7 7	7 7	7 6 4			7 7 7 7		4 / 6	3=
Mark McInerney (IRE)	2 7 6	7 7	7 7	7 6 5			7 7 7 7		5 / 6	2 (Q)
Miroslav Pazdora (CZE)	2 2	3 7 5	7 4 4	7 1 2 4 3	2 2				0 / 6	7= (DNQ)
Espen Krogstad (NOR)	5 1	7 2 4	2 6	4 7 1	3 1	2 2			0 / 6	7= (DNQ)

Block E	SN	BR	MN	RC	MJ	PB	VD	EC	Wins	Position
Sherif Nafee (EGY)			4 7 6	7 7	7 4 7 7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	5 / 6	2 (Q)
Ben Rothman (USA)			7 2 3	7 7	7 7	7 5 6	7 7	6 6	3 / 6	3=
Moustafa Nezar (EGY)	7 6 7	5 7 7			7 7	7 7	5 7 7 7 7		6 / 6	1 (Q)
Ryan Cabbie (ENG)	2 5	6 2			7 5 7	7 5 6	7 7	7 7	3 / 6	3=
Mike Jenner (AUS)	4 7 4	5 5	5 3	5 7 3			7 7	2 4	1 / 6	7= (DNQ)
Pierre Beaudry (BEL)	6 5	6 7 7	6 3	5 7 7			6 7 6	7 3 5	2 / 6	6
Victor Dladla (SAF)	1 1	2 5	7 5 1	4 6	6 5	7 5 7			1 / 6	7= (DNQ)
Ed Cunningham (IRE)	6 4	7 7	5 5	6 1	7 7	4 7 7			3 / 6	3=

Block B	RB	WG	JG	SC	LT	JH	JC	JD	Wins	Position
Reg Bamford (SAF)			7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	6 / 6	1 (Q)
Walid Gemei (EGY)			5 2	7 7	4 7 7	6 7 2	4 5	4 6	2 / 6	4=
James Goodbun (ENG)	1 4	7 7			3 7 7 7 7	6 7 7 7 7			5 / 6	2 (Q)
Simon Carlsson (SWE)	3 6	6 5			4 5	6 5	7 4 7 7 7		2 / 6	4=
Lionel Tibble (ENG)	0 4	7 5 5	7 4 6	7 7			7 6 7	6 4	2 / 6	4=
James Hopgood (SCO)	2 4	7 4 7	4 2	7 7			7 7 7 7 7		4 / 6	3 (Q)
John Christie (NZE)	2 4	7 7	7 5 6	6 7 2	5 7 5	4 6			1 / 6	8
Joe Dimech (AUS)	4 6	7 7	4 6	4 3	7 7	6 3			2 / 6	4=

Block F	AE	RB	IL	DW	NM	GB	TH	DU	Wins	Position
Ahmed El Mahdi (EGY)			7 5 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 4 7	6 / 6	1 (Q)
Rutger Beijderwellen (ENG)			7 4 5	3 7 7	6 7 6	7 6 7	7 7 7 7 7		4 / 6	2= (Q)
Ian Lines (ENG)	3 7 3	3 7 7			4 7 7	6 6	5 6	7 7	3 / 6	4
David Walters (WAL)	6 6	7 5 4			7 7	6 3	4 7 5	7 7	2 / 6	5=
Nelson Morrow (NZE)	5 5	7 4 7	7 6 5	4 6			7 7	4 7 5	2 / 6	5=
Greg Bury (AUS)	1 2	1 7 2	7 7 7	7 7			7 5 7 7 7		4 / 6	2= (Q)
Tony Hall (AUS)	3 5	1 3	7 7	7 5 7	6 3	4 7 2			2 / 6	5=
Dave Underhill (SWI)	0 7 6	5 4	4 5	4 4	7 6 7	6 3			1 / 6	8 (DNQ)

Block C	RF	HA	AV	PS	WL	AP	JL	JS	Wins	Position
Robert Fulford (ENG)			7 7	7 7	7 7	7 7	7 6 7	7 7	6 / 6	1 (Q)
Helmi Abdelgayed (EGY)			6 7 6	7 7	7 4 6	7 7	4 2	7 7	3 / 6	4=
Anton Varnas (SWE)	6 6	7 4 7			7 3 7	7 6 5	7 5 7 7 7		4 / 6	2=
Pauline Salib (EGY)	5 5	3 6			4 7 3	7 5 4	7 2 6 7 7		1 / 6	7 (DNQ)
William Louw (SAF)	3 2	3 7 7	5 7 3	7 5 7			7 6 6 7 7		3 / 6	4=
Andrea Pravettoni (ITA)	6 3	5 6	3 7 7	3 7 7			7 7 7 2 7		4 / 6	2=
John Levick (AUS)	5 7 7	7 7	6 7 3	6 7 7	6 7 7	4 5			3 / 6	4=
Josh Smith (NZE)	0 2	3 0	4 1	3 3	3 3	2 7 1			0 / 6	8 (DNQ)

Block G	DD	SM	HA	ME	SC	CM	MK	TM	Wins	Position
Duncan Dixon (NZE)			6 6	7 2 7	5 1	7 7	7 5 7	7 7	5 / 6	1= (Q)
Stephen Mulliner (ENG)			4 3	7 5 6	7 7	6 7 7	7 7 7 7 7		4 / 6	3= (Q)
Hisham Aboesbaa (EGY)	6 6	7 7			7 6 7	7 7	7 7 7 7 7		5 / 6	1= (Q)
Moustafa Essa (EGY)	4 7 5	1 7 7			7 7	7 6 6	7 7 7 7 7		4 / 6	3= (Q)
Simon Carter (ENG)	7 7	4 4	6 7 6	6 3			6 2 7 7 7		2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Chris McWhirter (AUS)	5 5	7 2 6	2 6	2 7 7			3 3 7 7		2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Mohammad Kamal (USA)	2 7 6	1 6	6 3	3 4	7 7	7 7			2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Thomas Magin (GER)	1 3	1 5	4 3	5 4	4 4	4 3			0 / 6	8 (DNQ)

Block D	MN	ME	PF	WW	TE	KG	DB	SA	Wins	Position
Mohamed Nasr (EGY)			7 7	7 7	7 7	6 7 7 7 7	7 5 6		5 / 6	1= (Q)
Marcus Evans (ENG)			7 7	6 4	3 7 6	7 5 7	7 6 7 7 7		4 / 6	3= (Q)
Patsy Fitzgerald (IRE)	5 4	2 5			5 7 7 7 7	6 7 2	5 3		2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Walid Wahban (EGY)	6 3	7 7			7 7 7 4 7 3	7 4 7 7 7			5 / 6	1= (Q)
Terry Ericson (AUS)	2 6	7 3 7	7 4 2	5 4			7 7 7 3 6		2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Klaus Gollhofer (AUT)	7 6 3	3 7 4	4 3	3 7 6			5 7 6 4 5		0 / 6	8 (DNQ)
Dennis Bulloch (NZE)	5 1	5 7 5	7 4 7	6 7 5	6 6	7 3 7			2 / 6	5= (DNQ)
Sherif Abdelwahab (USA)	3 7 7	2 4	7 7	6 4	4 7 7 7 7				4 / 6	3= (Q)

Block H	YE	AB	WG	JA	HC	JV	SP	HF	Wins	Position
Yasser Esmat (EGY)			5 6	7 4 5	7 7	4 7 6	7 7	7 7	3 / 6	5=
Amr Baher (EGY)			7 7	7 7	6 6	7 7	7 5 7 7 7		5 / 6	1 (Q)
Will Gee (ENG)	7 7	1 5			6 7 5 7 7	5 7 7 7 7			4 / 6	2=
Jonatan Andersson (SWE)	6 7 7	6 6			7 7 7 7 7	6 7 5 7 7			4 / 6	2=
Howard Cheyne (ENG)	4 5	7 7	7 3 7	4 4			7 7 7 7		4 / 6	2=
John van der Touw (AUS)	7 6 7	4 5	4 3	4 3			7 7 7 7		3 / 6	5=
Steve Piercy (NZE)	3 4	5 7 4	7 5 3	7 4 7	5 6	5 5			1 / 6	7 (DNQ)
Helena Fensome (FIN)	3 2	5 1	3 1	3 6	4 4	2 3			0 / 6	8 (DNQ)

- The block play lasts from Monday 18 July to lunchtime Thursday 21 July.
- Each block match is the best of three, 13-point games.
- The top four players in each block will qualify for the Championship knockout, which culminates on the afternoon of Sunday 24 July with the World Championship Final at Hurlingham (14:30 start). The other players are eligible to compete in the Plate event, which has a Final on Sunday morning at Hurlingham.
- Where players have the same number of match wins then play-off games will take place on Thursday late morning and early afternoon to determine who qualifies.