

The Championship Daily News Brief – Wednesday 19 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 Tuesday's play

The Championship is heating up, with numerous stories emerging from the courts. James Goodbun (ENG) played two fine jump shots to win from 5-6 down against Joe Dimech (AUS). Nine matches out of 64 went to a deciding hoop 13 in the third game. John van der Touw (AUS) did well in beating Yasser Esmat (EGY), top seed in their block. Reg Bamford (SAF) is the only player not to drop a single game, although nine players have won four matches out of four. Many of the blocks are still left in the balance as to which four players will qualify.

Special announcements

Tournament Manager's prize for those who have made his life easier: Hamish McIntosh (NZE) and Espen Krogstad (NOR) who were the only players to stay on court at Hurlingham during a heavy cloud burst. Each of them wins a bottle of sparkling wine!

Today's order of play (subject to change by Tournament Manager)

Front Lawn Hurlingham (Blocks E & G)

1	Sherif Nafee (EGY)	v	Ryan Cabble (ENG)
2	Ben Rothman (USA)	v	Moustafa Nezar (EGY)
3	Mike Jenner (AUS)	v	Ed Cunningham (IRE)
4	Pierre Beaudry (BEL)	v	Victor Dladla (SAF)
5	Chris McWhirter (AUS)	v	Mohammad Kamal (USA)
6	Simon Carter (ENG)	v	Thomas Magin (GER)
7	Stephen Mulliner (ENG)	v	Hisham Aboesbaa (EGY)
8	Duncan Dixon (NZE)	v	Moustafa Essa (EGY)
9	Sherif Nafee (EGY)	v	Moustafa Nezar (EGY)
10	Ben Rothman (USA)	v	Ryan Cabble (ENG)
11	Mike Jenner (AUS)	v	Victor Dladla (SAF)
12	Pierre Beaudry (BEL)	v	Ed Cunningham (IRE)
13	Chris McWhirter (AUS)	v	Thomas Magin (GER)
14	Simon Carter (ENG)	v	Mohammad Kamal (USA)
15	Stephen Mulliner (ENG)	v	Moustafa Essa (EGY)
16	Duncan Dixon (NZE)	v	Hisham Aboesbaa (EGY)

Cricket Ground Hurlingham (Blocks F & H)

1	Ahmed El Mahdi (EGY)	v	David Walters (WAL)
2	Rutger Beijderwollen (ENG)	v	Ian Lines (ENG)
3	Nelson Morrow (NZE)	v	Dave Underhill (SWI)
4	Greg Bury (AUS)	v	Tony Hall (AUS)
5	John van der Touw (AUS)	v	Steve Piercy (NZE)
6	Howard Cheyne (ENG)	v	Helena Fensome (FIN)
7	Amr Baher (EGY)	v	Will Gee (ENG)
8	Yasser Esmat (EGY)	v	Jonatan Andersson (SWE)
9	Ahmed El Mahdi (EGY)	v	Ian Lines (ENG)
10	Rutger Beijderwollen (ENG)	v	David Walters (WAL)
11	Nelson Morrow (NZE)	v	Tony Hall (AUS)
12	Greg Bury (AUS)	v	Dave Underhill (SWI)
13	John van der Touw (AUS)	v	Helena Fensome (FIN)
14	Howard Cheyne (ENG)	v	Steve Piercy (NZE)
15	Amr Baher (EGY)	v	Jonatan Andersson (SWE)
16	Yasser Esmat (EGY)	v	Will Gee (ENG)

Surbiton (Blocks A, B, C & D)

1	Ahmed Nasr (EGY)	v	Hamish McIntosh (NZE)
2	Jacob Carr (ENG)	v	Kevin Beard (AUS)
3	Jeff Dawson (ENG)	v	Espen Krogstad (NOR)
4	Mark McNerney (IRE)	v	Miroslav Pazdora (CZE)
5	Reg Bamford (SAF)	v	Simon Carlsson (SWE)
6	Walid Gemei (EGY)	v	James Goodbun (ENG)
7	Lionel Tibble (ENG)	v	Joe Dimech (AUS)
8	James Hopgood (SCO)	v	John Christie (NZE)
9	Klaus Gollhofer (AUT)	v	Dennis Bulloch (NZE)
10	Terry Ericson (AUS)	v	Sherif Abdelwahab (USA)
11	Marcus Evans (ENG)	v	Patsy Fitzgerald (IRE)
12	Mohamed Nasr (EGY)	v	Walid Wahban (EGY)
13	Andrea Pravettoni (ITA)	v	John Levick (AUS)
14	William Louw (SAF)	v	Josh Smith (NZE)
15	Helmi Abdelgayed (EGY)	v	Anton Varnas (SWE)
16	Robert Fulford (ENG)	v	Pauline Salib (EGY)
17	Ahmed Nasr (EGY)	v	Kevin Beard (AUS)
18	Jacob Carr (ENG)	v	Hamish McIntosh (NZE)
19	Jeff Dawson (ENG)	v	Miroslav Pazdora (CZE)
20	Mark McNerney (IRE)	v	Espen Krogstad (NOR)
21	Reg Bamford (SAF)	v	James Goodbun (ENG)
22	Walid Gemei (EGY)	v	Simon Carlsson (SWE)
23	Lionel Tibble (ENG)	v	John Christie (NZE)
24	James Hopgood (SCO)	v	Joe Dimech (AUS)
25	Klaus Gollhofer (AUT)	v	Sherif Abdelwahab (USA)
26	Terry Ericson (AUS)	v	Dennis Bulloch (NZE)
27	Marcus Evans (ENG)	v	Walid Wahban (EGY)
28	Mohamed Nasr (EGY)	v	Patsy Fitzgerald (IRE)
29	Andrea Pravettoni (ITA)	v	Josh Smith (NZE)
30	William Louw (SAF)	v	John Levick (AUS)
31	Helmi Abdelgayed (EGY)	v	Pauline Salib (EGY)
32	Robert Fulford (ENG)	v	Anton Varnas (SWE)

Block results to date

Block A	AN	JC	KB	HM	JD	MM	MP	EK	Wins	Position
Ahmed Nasr (EGY)					77	767	777	77	4	1
Jacob Carr (ENG)					45	276	22	51	2	4=
Kevin Beard (AUS)					77	77	757	477	2	4=
Hamish McIntosh (NZE)					56	54	277	77	2	4=
Jeff Dawson (ENG)	45	277	77	764	77	77	744	26	2	4=
Mark McInerney (IRE)	276	77	77	677	77	77	375	724	3	2=
Miroslav Pazdora (CZE)	22	375	744	712	77	77	744	26	0	7=
Espen Krogstad (NOR)	51	724	26	471	77	77	757	757	0	7=

Block E	SN	BR	MN	RC	MJ	PB	VD	EC	Wins	Position
Sherif Nafee (EGY)					74	777	77	77	4	1=
Ben Rothman (USA)					474	65	11	64	2	4=
Moustafa Nezar (EGY)					77	756	77	66	4	1=
Ryan Cabble (ENG)					53	63	751	55	3	3
Mike Jenner (AUS)	474	55	53	573	77	77	757	77	0	7=
Pierre Beaudry (BEL)	65	677	63	577	77	756			2	4=
Victor Dladla (SAF)	11	25	751	46	77	77	77	77	0	7=
Ed Cunningham (IRE)	64	77	55	61	77	77			1	6

Block B	RB	WG	JG	SC	LT	JH	JC	JD	Wins	Position
Reg Bamford (SAF)					77	77	77	77	4	1=
Walid Gemei (EGY)					04	24	24	46	1	5=
James Goodbun (ENG)					477	672	45	46	4	1=
Simon Carlsson (SWE)					77	77	677	77	2	3=
Lionel Tibble (ENG)	04	755	746	77	77	77	677	77	1	5=
James Hopgood (SCO)	24	747	42	77	77	77	677	77	2	3=
John Christie (NZE)	24	77	756	672	77	77	672	43	1	5=
Joe Dimech (AUS)	46	77	46	43	77	77	672	43	1	5=

Block F	AE	RB	IL	DW	NM	GB	TH	DU	Wins	Position
Ahmed El Mahdi (EGY)					77	77	77	747	4	1
Rutger Beijderwellen (ENG)					676	767	77	77	3	2
Ian Lines (ENG)					477	66	56	77	2	3=
David Walters (WAL)					77	63	475	77	2	3=
Nelson Morrow (NZE)	55	747	765	46	77	77	77	77	1	7
Greg Bury (AUS)	12	172	77	77	77	77	66	63	2	3=
Tony Hall (AUS)	35	13	77	757	77	77	56	475	2	3=
Dave Underhill (SWI)	076	54	45	44	77	77	77	77	0	8

Block C	RF	HA	AV	PS	WL	AP	JL	JS	Wins	Position
Robert Fulford (ENG)					77	77	767	77	4	1
Helmi Abdelgayed (EGY)					32	63	575	02	2	3=
Anton Varnas (SWE)					746	77	42	77	3	2
Pauline Salib (EGY)					377	56	77	30	1	7
William Louw (SAF)	32	377	573	757	77	77	737	473	2	3=
Andrea Pravettoni (ITA)	63	56	377	377	77	77	673	41	2	3=
John Levick (AUS)	575	77	673	677	77	77	677	77	2	3=
Josh Smith (NZE)	02	30	41	33	77	77	677	77	0	8

Block G	DD	SM	HA	ME	SC	CM	MK	TM	Wins	Position
Duncan Dixon (NZE)					51	77	757	77	3	3=
Stephen Mulliner (ENG)					77	55	276	13	4	1=
Hisham Aboesbaa (EGY)					76	77	77	77	4	1=
Moustafa Essa (EGY)					676	26	63	43	3	3=
Simon Carter (ENG)	77	44	676	63	77	77	77	77	1	5=
Chris McWhirter (AUS)	55	726	26	277	77	677	77	66	1	5=
Mohammad Kamal (USA)	276	16	63	34	77	77	77	77	0	7=
Thomas Magin (GER)	13	15	43	54	77	77	77	77	0	7=

Block D	MN	ME	PF	WW	TE	KG	DB	SA	Wins	Position
Mohamed Nasr (EGY)					77	677	77	756	3	2=
Marcus Evans (ENG)					376	757	767	77	3	2=
Patsy Fitzgerald (IRE)					737	374	575	24	2	4=
Walid Wahban (EGY)					577	77	672	53	4	1
Terry Ericson (AUS)	26	737	742	54	77	77	747	77	1	6=
Klaus Gollhofer (AUT)	763	374	43	376	77	77	747	77	0	8
Dennis Bulloch (NZE)	51	575	747	675	77	77	747	77	1	6=
Sherif Abdelwahab (USA)	377	24	77	64	77	77	767	77	2	4=

Block H	YE	AB	WG	JA	HC	JV	SP	HF	Wins	Position
Yasser Esmat (EGY)					77	476	77	77	3	1=
Amr Baher (EGY)					66	77	757	77	3	1=
Will Gee (ENG)					77	45	574	51	3	1=
Jonatan Andersson (SWE)					675	77	577	77	3	1=
Howard Cheyne (ENG)	45	77	737	44	77	77	77	77	2	5
John van der Touw (AUS)	767	45	43	43	476	77	77	77	1	6=
Steve Piercy (NZE)	34	574	753	747	77	757	577	675	1	6=
Helena Fensome (FIN)	32	51	31	36	77	77	77	77	0	8

- 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.