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Petanque attack

Sport | Stella Tzobanakis

BRIMBANK-BASED petanque players are off to Turkey next week to front packed stadiums as they strive to boost their international ranking at a world championship. Members of the Melbourne Petanque Club, based at Club Italia in Furlong Rd, are competing in the 45th World Petanque in

EXCLUSIVE

Izma, Turkey, from October 7 to 9. The team of three - Pierre Bommarito of Pascoe Vale, Kevin Wright of Coburg and Pierrot Lubin of Endeavour Hills - will pit themselves against petanque players from 48 countries for a top spot in the global game.

"We're trying to make it to the top 16," Bommarito said. "We're very excited." Bommarito said the trio would vie in front of a packed stadium of 5000 people, all passionate about petanque. "It's a little bit different and daunting to play in front of a crowd this size," Bommarito said. "We're used to playing in

Australia with about 50 people around us." Bommarito said he was confident his fellow petanque players and close pals could snag a top spot. Their devotion is uncompromising, with each paying their own way. "It's costing about \$15,000 to go over as a team (including the coach)," Bommarito said.

THE GAME

Petanque originated in France and is similar to bocce. Players throw metal balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball, known variably as cochonnet (literally piglet), jack, bouchon or le petit. petanque.com.au

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