
PRESS RELEASE

Dusan Lajovic goes through to next round

Antwerp, October 18, 2021 - Dusan Lajovic won against Richard Gasquet at the European Open on Monday. The Serb pocketed victory in two sets.

Monday was Media Day of the European Open. A number of players competed against each other in the Dick Norman Challenge to kick off the tournament in a playful manner at het Havenhuis. Andy Murray also took the time to speak to the press.

The matches of the day then: the first victory of the day was for Brandon Nakashima. The American won with a convincing score (6/2 6/4) from Pierre-Hugues Herbert. Nakashima is not the only American who had success today, because after him it was up to Jenson Brooksby, the number five of the Next Gen ranking. He managed to secure victory too, defeating Norbert Gombos in two sets (6/4 and 6/2).

Frenchman Arthur Rinderknech -who made the third biggest jump in the ATP Top-100 table in 2020, from place 178 to place 65- dropped some handsome points in his match against Argentine Federico Delbonis. The first set ended 4/6 in favor of the Frenchman. Delbonis also had to acknowledge the superiority in the second set: it was again 4/6 for the 26-year-old Frenchman.

Another Frenchman played next on Center Court: Richard Gasquet looked the Serbian Dusan Lajovic in the eye. Gasquet climbed 2/1 into the lead, but Lajovic immediately provided a rebreak. It was the beginning of a very exciting first set. A tiebreak brought the decision: Gasquet could turn a 0/4 deficit into 3/4, but it was ultimately Lajovic who took the first set with 3/7 in the tiebreak. In the second set, Lajovic went through the service of the former winner of the European Open already in the first game. He further extended this early lead to 1/6.

On Monday evening the Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp will play against the Australian Alexei Popyrin. Tuesday night Andy Murray and then Zizou Bergs play their first match in Antwerp of this 2021 edition.

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