

---

## PRESS RELEASE

---

### Sinner, Schwartzman and Harris qualify for semifinals

Antwerp, October 22, 2021 - On Friday, the quarterfinals of the European Open were completed. Lloyd Harris, Jannik Sinner and Diego Schwartzman forced their way into the semi-finals. Jenson Brooksby and Alejandro Davidovich Fokina are currently deciding who catches the last semi-final ticket.

The starting signal of day six was given by Mahut/Martin and Molchanov/Nedovyesov. In the first semifinal of the doubles, the French duo Mahut/Martin, who eliminated earlier this tournament the Belgians Gillé and Vliegen, were the first to qualify for the final of the doubles. They won with 7/6 and 6/2.

The second match was a battle between South African Lloyd Harris and Hungarian Marton Fucsovics. Lloyd Harris seems unstoppable this tournament, both in doubles and singles. In the first set, Harris was able to break Fucsovics' serve twice and took the set with a score of 6/2. Fucsovics leveled up his level in the second set and was able to keep pace with Harris for a long time. However, the Hungarian had to keep his serve game at the end of the second set. Harris served out and won the match 6/2 and 7/5.

In the second quarterfinal of the European Open, Sinner played against French surprise Rinderknech. Sinner and Rinderknech met earlier this season on the tennis court in Lyon. Rinderknech then managed to beat the better-ranked Sinner. The Italian started quickly and was soon 4-1 ahead in the first set. Rinderknech fought back but Sinner took the first set: 6/4. The young Italian did not lose his momentum and broke early in the second set. With another break at the end of the second set it was game over for Rinderknech. Sinner won 6/4 and 6/2 to qualify for the semifinals.

The victory against Andy Murray was no coincidence. The Argentine Diego Schwartzman proved this by winning against Nakashima. In the first eight games Nakashima was put under pressure, but the American held on. After the first break late in the set, Schwartzman served a little later for the first set with a lovegame. In the second set, he took an immediate lead. Nakashima only took a few more games. Schwartzman thus qualified for the semifinals with 6/4 and 6/2.

Saturday the semi-finals are on the program. Before the semifinals begin there's a wheelchair tennis match at 1:30 pm. The first semifinal, Sinner against Harris will not start before 3pm. The final semifinal between Schwartzman and Brooksby or Davidovich Fokina will not start before 5:30 pm. The doubles duo Malisse/Harris will play after a rest period for Harris, who will thus finish two matches on Saturday.

The Flemish government joins hands with the city of Antwerp through EventFlanders to make this top event possible. EventFlanders operates within Tourism Flanders, but is a collaboration between Tourism Flanders, the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Culture, Youth and Media and Sport Vlaanderen.



**Follow us on:**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/europeantennisopen>

Twitter: @eurotennisopen

Instagram: @europeantennisopen

Web: <http://europeanopen.be>

Tickets: <https://europeanopen.be/nl/tickets-2/>

ATP: <https://www.atptour.com/en/tournaments/antwerp/7485/overview>

