
PRESS RELEASE

Geerts and Mertens to doubles quarterfinals

Antwerp, 19 October 2020 - On the second day of the European Open, Belgians found a way to win. Geerts (ATP 391) and Mertens (ATP 467) defeated the American-Italian couple Zane Khan (ATP 1005) and Luca Nardi (ATP 917) in the first doubles match of the tournament. Two sets (6-4, 7-6) were sufficient to qualify for the quarter-finals in the doubles. On tonight's programme is also the clash between fellow countryman Kimmer Coppejans (ATP 172) and Ugo Humbert (ATP 38).

Geerts, who lost yesterday in the singles match against Italian Caruso (ATP 77), was very satisfied with today's victory. The duo continues on towards the quarter finals of the doubles.

Feliciano López, number 62 on the ATP ranking, won his first round match this afternoon. The smooth victory (6-3, 6-2) against Tommy Paul (ATP 59) secured him a place in the next round. López, who is already competing in the European Open for the third time, is looking forward to the rest of the tournament: "My focus now is on finishing a good tennis week here in Antwerp. It's difficult to look ahead to the future, because you simply can't plan much in these times of corona. I just want to play as many matches as possible, I cannot set any other goals for the time being", dixit the now 39-year-old Spaniard.

Lajovic loses

Dusan Lajovic (ATP 25) could not find a way to win against the 22-year-old American Frances Tiafoe. The 30-year-old Serb was beaten in two sets (3-6, 6-7). Currently, the Belgian Kimmer Coppejans (ATP 172) is still playing against the Frenchman Ugo Humbert (ATP 38).

Tickets are still available for the weekdays. The Japanese Kei Nishikori can be seen on Tuesday and the Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov will enter the arena on Wednesday. On Tuesday Belgian Zizou Bergs (ATP 528), who received a wildcard, plays against Spaniard Ramos-Viñolas (ATP 45). The Belgian top duo Sander Gillé and Yoran Vliegen play on Wednesday against Arevalo/O'Mara.

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