
PRESS RELEASE

Will Zizou Bergs be able to win against Ramos-Viñolas tonight?

Tuesday 20 October 2020- Tonight we will have the Belgian Zizou Bergs (ATP 528), who will compete against the left-handed Spaniard Ramos-Viñolas (ATP 45). This morning, 30-year-old Japanese Kei Nishikori announced that he will withdraw from the tournament. Federico Coria (ATP 86), who had already been eliminated, filled in as a substitute for the Japanese. Coria played but lost against the Spaniard Pablo Andujar in two sets (6-2,6-3). David Goffin was available for the press tonight.

David Goffin (29) took his time to talk with the press before a training session in Lotto Arena. "I don't set goals for this tournament in Antwerp, but I am very motivated to play matches again. I also realize there are some strong opponents too", said the Belgian (ATP 14).

The Japanese Nishikori started as one of the top favourites at the European Open but faced a shoulder injury in Roland Garros. He does not want to take the risk to advance in the European Open. "I do not think it is very serious, but I feel that I am not fully recovered. If I were to play, it would be at 50% and I do not want to take that risk. I do not want it to get worse", Nishikori said. Lucky Loser Coria, was thus given a second chance to play a successful tournament. He did not succeed in defeating the tougher Pablo Andujar.

Can Belgian Bergs stunt?

Belgian Zizou Bergs plays the last match of the day against Spaniard Ramos-Viñolas. It is Bergs' first ATP tournament in which he is participating this year and is considered the underdog in this match. He will need to be on his absolute best against Ramos-Viñolas. Number 45 in the world, on the other hand, already has 9 match wins this season.

It will be looking forward to the end of the exciting duel between Richard Gasquet (ATP 54), who was the European Open winner of 2016, and Alex de Minaur (ATP 29). The two already competed against each other last Sunday for the final of the UTS (Ultimate Tennis Showdown). It was de Minaur who went home with the victory.

Press conference Karen Khachanov

The Russian Karen Khachanov (ATP 17), was spotted earlier this day in the press room of the Lotto Arena. Khachanov is very optimistic but keeps his feet on the ground. "I come to win, but I realise that it is not going to be an easy job. With the strong field of players I will have to outperform some very good players."

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