
PRESS RELEASE

Gillé and Vliegen advance smoothly to the next round

Wednesday 21 October 2020 - Today we saw the Belgian duo Sander Gillé (ATP 43) and Joran Vliegen (ATP 36) in the Lotto Arena. The duo competed against Marcelo Arevalo (ATP 54) and the Brit Jonny O'Mara (ATP 58). It was for the Belgian duo to continue on the momentum of Bergs, who managed to stunt Ramos-Viñolas. They did so. Tonight Grigor Dimitrov (ATP 20) is competing against Spaniard Pablo Andujar (ATP 55). Canadian Milos Raonic (ATP 19) won the first match of the day against Slovenian Aljaz Bedene (ATP 52). Two sets were sufficient to push through to the quarter finals of the European Open. The battle between the two Americans was fought on court 1. The 22-year-old American managed to win over his fellow countryman in two convincing sets.

Sander Gillé and Joran Vliegen were able to win their first match of the tournament. They won in two convincing sets (6-4, 6-3) against the British-Salvadorian duo Marcelo Arevalo/Jonny O'Mara. As enthusiastic as their fans were during the match, they are looking forward to the next round. "We are very happy that we can finally play in front of an audience again, that gives us great joy. We will continue giving everything and hope to get far in this tournament."

This morning the number 19 on the ATP-ranking was able to fulfil his favourite role in the duel against Bedene. After a relatively easy first set, Raonic was able to maintain his calm and high level in order to win the second and final set (6-3, 7-6). With this victory, the Canadian moves on to the quarter finals of the European Open.

Battle of the Americans

On Court 1, Taylor Fritz (ATP 28) and Reilly Opelka (ATP 33) faced each other. Fritz won in two sets (7-6, 6-1). In the first set, Opelka held pace with Fritz. It was in the tiebreak of the first set that Fritz seized the crucial moments and went on to win the first set. The loss of the first set gave Opelka a mental setback. He could not fight back in the second set which he eventually lost 6-1.

Ugo Humbert (ATP 38) came out on top in an exciting three-setter against Pablo Carreño-Busta (ATP 15) (5-7, 6-3, 6-4). Humbert was very happy to win this exciting match. "The field in Antwerp is very good for me. Last year I reached the semi-finals and I want to do even better this year."

Tonight, the match between Grigor Dimitrov and Spaniard Pablo Andújar is also on the agenda. De Minaur, who yesterday beat Richard Gasquet, will now take on Feliciano López.

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