
PRESS RELEASE

Gillé and Vliegen move on to semi-finals doubles

Antwerp, 22 October 2020 - Sander Gillé (ATP 43) and Joran Vliegen (ATP 36) have qualified for the last four in the doubles on Thursday afternoon. The Belgian doubles duo won from the British Evans and Norrie with 7/5 and 6/3. Geerts and Mertens, did not succeed earlier today. They lost with 6/4 and 6/1 to Andújar and Arends. Zizou Bergs and David Goffin make the Belgian Day complete: they still have to play against Khachanov and Giron.

Gillé and Vliegen had a hard time in the first set against the Brits Evans and Norrie. Norrie who also lost to the Canadian Milos Raonic in the singles earlier today. The Belgians, however, managed to win the first set with 7/5. In the second set it was 6/3. "It was not an easy match. We had to play at our best to win today. They were two experienced singles players who didn't have that much experience in the doubles. We knew they would return very well. It was a hard job keeping our own games. We trust each other blindly and that was perhaps the crucial factor in this match. We are very happy to play in front of an audience again and hope to see you again on Saturday!"

Harris wins, two Belgians left to play today

23-year-old South African qualifier Lloyd Harris (ATP 90) wins against Taylor Fritz (ATP 28): 7-5, 7-6. At this moment, young Belgian Zizou Bergs (ATP 528) is competing against Russian Karen Khachanov (ATP 17). David Goffin also starts his tournament today. The number 14 on the ATP-ranking takes on the 27-year-old American Marcos Giron (ATP 94) in today's last match.

Andújar and Arends to quarterfinal doubles

Belgians Michael Geerts (ATP 391) and Yannick Mertens (ATP 467) played at Court 1 against Spaniard Pablo Andújar (ATP 55) and Dutchman Sander Arends (ATP 81). It was a smooth victory for the Spaniard and the Dutchman in two sets: 6/4, 6/1. Michael Geerts, who competed both in the doubles and singles of this tournament, will therefore no longer be seen in the Lotto Arena this year. Like Gillé and Vliegen, the Dutch-Spanish duo will therefore qualify for the semi-finals in the doubles of the European Open. They will compete against Peers/Venus in that match.

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