
PRESS RELEASE

Ugo Humbert for the first time in European Open final after a thrilling contest

Antwerp, 24th of October - Ugo Humbert was the first to qualify for the singles finals at the European Open on Saturday afternoon. The Frenchman defeated the Englishman Daniel Evans in three sets: 6-4, 6-7(7) and 4-6. The 22-year old Humbert saved four match points. At this moment, Alex De Minaur is playing against Grigor Dimitrov for the last spot in the finals.

In the first set, Evans (ATP 35) went straight through Humbert's serve in the second game of the match. The Frenchman immediately realised a rebreak. Some nice passing shots spiced up the first set. Evans, however, won the first set: 6/4.

In the second set, Humbert tried to restore the balance. The Frenchman could immediately force a break in the second set and led 0/3. Evans fought back in the set to 3/3 and forced a tiebreak. Humbert saved four match points and won the exciting tiebreak with 7/9.

Humbert was launched and built up a 0-2 and 2-4 lead in the third set. At 4/5 Humbert could end the match on its own service.

Humbert (ATP 38), who last year stranded in the semi-finals of the European Open after losing against the later winner Andy Murray, is now advancing to the finals in Antwerp for the first time. He defeated Coppejans, Carreño Busta and Harris successively this year. Striking: he is the fourth Frenchman to reach the final in Antwerp, after Gasquet (winner 2016), Tsonga (winner 2017) and Monfils (finalist 2018).

At this moment, Alex De Minaur (ATP 29) is still playing against Grigor Dimitrov (ATP 20) for the other ticket for the finals. Will it be the first final since 2019 (Basel) for De Minaur or the sixteenth final in his career for Dimitrov?

Peers and Venus in doubles final

Pablo Andújar and Sander Arends played the first semi-finals of the doubles on Saturday morning. Their opponents were Australian John Peers and Michael Venus from New Zealand. A smooth two setter (6/3, 6/4) in favour of Peers and Venus brings them to the finals of the doubles of the European Open. The duo will compete for the tournament title against the winner of the next semi-final later this the day: Belgian duo Gillé and Vliegen or the Dutchman Middelkoop and Indian Bopanna.

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