
PRESS RELEASE

Ugo Humbert wins European Open

Antwerp, 25 October 2020 –Ugo Humbert (ATP 38) has won the European Open in Antwerp. The Frenchman defeated Australian Alex De Minaur (ATP 29) in two sets (6/1, 7/6(4)) in the final on Sunday. It was the first time the two faced each other and the second ATP-tournament win for Humbert.

Ugo Humbert accelerated immediately from the start: after a 5/1 lead, he won the first set on De Minaur's serve: 6/1 in less than 40 minutes.

De Minaur restored the balance in the second set. In the fifth game he forced a break: 3/2. In the ninth game Humbert enforced two break balls, but De Minaur won the game: 5/4. Nevertheless, the Australian didn't go on to win the second set. Humbert fought back and a tiebreak decided the second set and the match in favour of the Frenchman: 7/6(4).

"I did get a few chances but Ugo was very strong today", said De Minaur after the match. "I would like to extend a special thank you to the organization. It was really great unless difficult circumstances."

"I was on my best on the crucial points today. I have been mentally strong every match this week. I knew Alex is a moving player and I was able to counter that a couple of times", dicit Humbert after his victory. "I am very proud of this achievement, this is a highlight of my still short career."

Ugo Humbert (22) was appearing in his second career ATP Tour final after saving four matchpoints in his semi-final win over Evans. He also won against Coppejans, Carreño Busta and Harris earlier this week. Last year, he lost in the semi-final against eventual champion Murray. He was the fourth Frenchman to reach the Antwerp final after 2016 champion Gasquet, 2017 champion Tsonga and 2018 finalist Monfils. Earlier this year he has beaten his countryman Paire for his first ATP Tour title, at Auckland.

Peers and Venus win doubles without set loss

John Peers (ATP 28) and Michael Venus (ATP 10) won the doubles at the European Open against Indian Rohan Bopanna (ATP 37) and Dutch Matwe Middelkoop (ATP 50). The set positions were 6/3 and 6/4. "We achieved a good level throughout the match", John Peers satisfied looked back on today's match. "This is a big boost for us for the next matches."

Remarkable: the Australian/Kiwi pairing have not dropped a set (8-0) after their third final of the season. They only made their Tour debut together in Auckland (2020). They are sixth in the ATP double ranking.

Kristoff Puelinckx, Founder & CEO Tennium: "Despite everything, we have welcomed over 4500 spectators to the European Open this year. We have received many congratulations from the city of Antwerp, the Flemish and federal authorities, sponsors and many others about the organization in this difficult year. Also in 2021 we will be back with the European Open in Antwerp. I would also like

to praise Dick, Ilse and their entire team for the organization. Despite little time, we managed to organize a very safe tournament based on different scenarios.”

Dick Norman, European Open Tournament Director: “I am very pleased that we were able to organize this tournament, with a fantastic list of participants and many wonderful matches. This year has certainly not been easy as an organizer in these exceptional circumstances, but I look back to this edition with great satisfaction. We are already looking forward to next year's edition.”

Flemish Minister of Sports Ben Weyts: “I am grateful to the organization for having done everything possible to ensure that this international sporting event could take place safely in these special times. We can look back on an edition with a fine winner from a strongly occupied field of participants. These tennis players have undoubtedly encouraged many Flemish people to occasionally hit a ball on a tennis court.”

Flemish Minister of Tourism Zuhail Demir: "In times when cancellations are more the rule than the exception, this European Open is a ray of hope for players and tennis enthusiasts. We will continue to make every effort to welcome players and visitors to a full Lotto Arena next year in complete safety."

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