

WORLD OPEN

November 25 - December 1


Issue Four, Tue 27th Nov



Round One Bottom Half Roundup ...

The last matches at the BSRA courts saw two upsets as Egypt's Omar Mosaad powered past Olli Tuominen and Hisham Ashour prevailed in a tense five-setter against Adrian Grant. Azlan Iskandar needed five games to progress against Shahier Razik, while Mohammed Abbas was impressive in three against Cameron Pilley.


In the evening session at the Fairmont Southampton there was almost an even greater surprise as fourth seed James Willstrop came back from 2/0 and 6/1 down to deny LJ Anjema. No such troubles for second and seventh seeds Gregory Gaultier and Nick Matthew, and a stunning return to action for John White, who was simply unplayable ...



"I had a big break over the last few weeks, but my fitness is ok even if I'm not too sure of my match fitness, but I'm moving well and the shots seem to be working. If there were angles I was going to go for them and they were coming off.

"Retirement? I'm hanging around for another day at least ..."

John White



"I just couldn't stop him, he went for everything and they all came off. I tried to nullify him but there was nothing I could do.

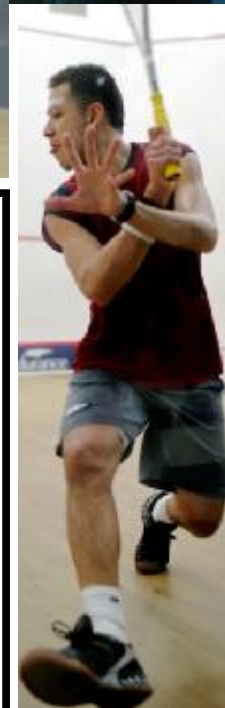
"I couldn't have felt any better coming into the match, but just too good ..."

Alister Walker



"I was in a real mess, he had me all over the place, totally in control, especially in the second. It was a complete dig, I just dug, and dug, and dug, physically it was hard and mentally it was absolutely brutal.

"There's a crop of guys knocking on the door and LJ's one of them, so when I saw the draw it didn't exactly fill me with delight, but I was under no illusions as to how tough it was going to be.



© David Barry 2007



Round One, Bottom Half Results:

Fairmont Southampton

- [7] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt Joey Barrington (Eng)
11/1, 8/11, 11/6, 11/2 (70m)
- [4] James Willstrop (Eng) bt Laurens Jan Anjema (Ned)
10/12, 8/11, 11/8, 11/9, 11/3 (93m)
- [6] John White (Sco) bt [Q] Alister Walker (Eng)
11/8, 11/4, 11/5 (32m)
- [2] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) bt [Q] Daryl Selby (Eng)
11/4, 11/7, 11/0 (42m)

BSRA

- [Q] Omar Mosaad (Egy) bt [14] Olli Tuominen (Fin)
11/11, 11/4, 11/9, 11/4 (38m)
- [12] Mohammed Abbas (Egy) bt Cameron Pilley (Aus)
11/8, 11/6, 11/8 (45m)
- [13] Azlan Iskandar (Mas) bt Shahier Razik (Can)
11/13, 11/6, 9/11, 11/3, 11/6 (75m)
- Hisham Ashour (Egy) bt [16] Adrian Grant (Eng)
11/7, 11/7, 4/11, 11/8 (45m)

Round Two, Day One:

From 18.00, Fairmont Southampton

- [1] Amr Sabana v [12] Stewart Boswell
- [6] Thierry Lincou v [Q] Jonathan Kemp
- [3] David Palmer v [11] Peter Barker
- [9] Wael El Hindi v Alex Gough