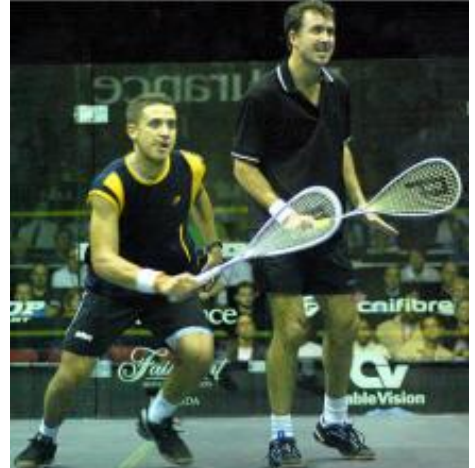


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WILLSTROP & WHITE TOUGH IT OUT

Round Two, Day Two Roundup ...

Another dramatic day at the Fairmont Southampton, as two Englishmen progressed in contrasting styles.

Nick Matthew was always comfortable as he despatched Omar Mosaad in three games, but James Willstrop had to fight back from two games down - for the second match in succession - to deny another Egyptian, Mohammed Abbas.

Former finalist John White also took the long route to the quarter-finals, saving two match-balls on the way to a thrilling five-game win over Malaysia's Azlan Iskandar.

Second seed Gregory Gaultier was ruthless in the last match of the day, the Frenchman despatching an out-of-sorts Hisham Ashour in under half an hour.

"I could have done a bit more to stretch out when I had a one or two point lead, but credit to him, he stuck in and hit some good winners to stay in touch."



Nick Matthew



James Willstrop

"It was almost a carbon copy of the last match!

"I started very rusty and Abbas was really on his game, so I just had to dig and dig as hard as I could."



John White

"I was in control - for the last point!

"He started off at a real fast pace, stepping up and volleying everything."

"I haven't played at that pace for a while, so I had to try to slow it down."

"It's ok, I've just come into the quarters, playing well feeling good. John had a hard match, but it's another start tomorrow, I'll prepare for that and be stronger than I was tonight."



Gregory Gaultier

Round Two, Bottom Half:

[7] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt [Q] Omar Mosaad (Egy)
11/6, 11/9, 11/7 (46m)

[4] James Willstrop (Eng) bt [12] Mohammed Abbas (Egy)
3/11 9/11, 11/7, 11/8, 11/5 (91m)

[6] John White (Sco) bt [13] Azlan Iskandar (Mas)
7/11, 11/5, 7/11, 13/11, 11/6 (76m)

[2] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) bt Hisham Ashour (Egy)
11/4, 11/8, 11/4 (26m)

QUARTER-FINALS:

From 18.00, Fairmont Southampton

[1] Amr Shabana (Egy) v [6] Thierry Lincou (Fra)

[3] David Palmer (Aus) v Alex Gough (Wal)

[4] James Willstrop (Eng) v [7] Nick Matthew (Eng)

[2] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) v [6] John White (Sco)