

Day three: Young squash stars shine as Paderborn and Roehampton Club prepare for final rematch

Despite the wintry September weather, numerous spectators gathered for day three of the European Squash Club Championships and to watch the display and thrilling semi-final match.

Heriot-Watt Uni (SCO) and Surbition (ENG) chalked up their first victory of the day in their opening women's matches against SC Modry Svet (LUX) and SU Wiener Neudorf Mödling (AUT), 2-1 and 3-0.

At 15.30 (BST), the host club's women's team achieved victory over SU Wiener Neudorf Mödling (AUT), 3-0. Heriot-Watt Uni (SCO) and SC Modry Svet (CZE) showcased dominance against S C Sandweiler and Sutton LTC, 3-0, respectively.

In the men's, despite losing 1-3 to Herlev/Hjorten, Club Algemesi secured a 3-1 victory against T. S. Sandweiler. Ernesto Revert Escutia, a 21-year-old talent from Valencia representing Club Algemesi, delivered an outstanding performance against Danny Hutchines from T S Sandweiler in their 9-11 ranked placement match. During the second set, Hutchines executed 24 drop shots, making for an engaging match. Later in the game, Ernesto Revert suffered a minor cut to his forearm while attempting a dive, prompting the referee to take a closer look. However, the match continued, and Ernesto Revert came out victorious with scores of 11-4, 11-5, and 13-11.

Speaking after the match he said 'It was very difficult. I will remember these special moments. Every day, I am learning more and more about this game. I genuinely believe that in a few years, I can win titles'.

The semi-final matches produced some fabulous squash action, keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats. Paderborner SC and Roehampton Club men's team will face off once again for the Championship title after their victories over SRCV and Leamington with scores of 3-0 and 3-1. Jonah Bryant, representing Roehampton Club, is a youngster who has taken the world of squash by storm. The 19-year-old delivered a thrilling match against Owain Taylor of Leamington including a cross-court nick shot following several volleys. His tactical awareness and calm approach gave him a dominant victory over Owain Taylor, 11-9, 11-6, 11-2.

A D GaloMar (POR) and Edinburgh SC will compete for third place following their wins against Sutton LTC and SU Wiener Neudorf Mödling, both with scores of 3-1.

The finals will begin at 16.00 (BST) on court 6. At 11.30 (BST), SRCV and Leamington will meet to decide the third and fourth positions. Edinburgh S C will face A D GaloMar while Sutton LTC and SU Wiener Neudorf Mödling to decide the final championship positions.

