

# CCB Europe Top 16

**Saturday 2nd February: Quotes of the Day**

## Men's Singles

### Round One

**Jonathan Groth (Denmark) bt Lionel Weber (Switzerland) 11-6, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7**

"I do not want it to sound like an excuse, because Rachel played very well but I am coming back from an injury and I did not have a good feeling for the ball during the match. It was the first match in the event, I was not at all confident with my forehand. There was a little bit of everything in the match that caused it to be close." Sofia Polcanova

### Round One

**Kristian Karlsson (Sweden) bt Emmanuel Lebesson (France) 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, 12-10, 11-7**

"I was well prepared. I watched Lionel's match against Timo Boll at last year's European Championships on YouTube and I was aware how dangerous he is. Also here, last year, when he played against Dimitrij Ovtcharov, all the games were very close. I knew if I lost a focus for a second, he will take his chance." Jonathan Groth

### Round One

**Simon Gauzy (France) bt Liam Pitchford (England) 11-9, 11-8, 11-9, 11-7**

"It was a good match for the start of the competition, an especially important win against such a good player as Liam. I could not let Liam take control. I am coming back from injury and I hope my game will improve during the event," Simon Gauzy

### Round One

**Daniel Habesohn (Austria) bt Marcos Freitas (Portugal) 14-12, 11-6, 9-11, 4-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-8**

"The win in the opening match has given me great confidence, especially since this is my first appearance here; however, credit to Freitas, he managed to find his way back into the match; it was really close." Daniel Habesohn.

### Round One

**Timo Boll (Germany) bt Tiago Apolonia (Portugal) 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-5**

"I guess I had a perfect 25 minutes. The conditions are a little bit hard. The table is slippery, so it takes time to adjust. I guess I did it faster than Tiago. I was focused on each ball." Timo Boll

### Round One

**Dimitrij Ovtcharov (Germany) bt Kou Lei (Ukraine) 11-2, 11-9, 11-6, 11-6**

"I was well prepared. I am very happy with my performance, since it is the first match at the tournament. I do not think Kou was on the top of his game." Dimitrij Ovtcharov

### Round One

**Panagiotis Gionis (Brazil) bt Mattias Falck (Sweden) 11-8, 12-14, 10-12, 11-4, 11-7, 11-8**

"I already beat him in three previous occasions and I knew what I have to do. He is one of the best players against attackers but against the players with the defensive style of play he is not that good. However, it was not easy. I was two-one down, so I had to change my service game and he became a little bit tired. I stayed focused and finished the match quickly." Panagiotis Gionis

### Quarter-Final

**Timo Boll (Germany) bt Kristian Karlsson (Sweden) 11-3, 12-10, 11-6, 6-11, 11-1**

"It is always hard to play against teammate but a good start gave me an advantage. He managed to return into the match in the third game but at that point it was too late." Timo Boll

### Quarter-Final

**Daniel Habesohn (Austria) bt Simon Gauzy (France) 11-7, 5-11, 11-9, 5-11, 11-5, 11-7**

"We played many times before against each other, so there were no secrets in our match. I also felt comfortable against his game but still there were a lot of pressure in this match. I think, mentally I was in much better position. The victory over Freitas gave me extra confidence and I think he felt it in the opening game. I won easily. It also created the advantage for me." Daniel Habesohn

### Quarter-Final

**Dimitrij Ovtcharov (Germany) bt Jonathan Groth (Denmark) 11-9, 4-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-3**

"He changed the service game. I needed time to adjust but even when I did it was difficult to keep the ball in play. Eventually my change of tactics paid off and I managed to open the game. I was confident." Dimitrij Ovtcharov

## Women's Singles

### Round One

**Sofia Polcanova (Austria) bt Rachel Moret (Switzerland) 7-11, 4-11, 11-6, 15-13, 11-6, 11-13, 12-10**

"I do not want it to sound like an excuse, because Rachel played very well but I am coming back from an injury and I did not have a good feeling for the ball during the match. It was the first match in the event, I was not at all confident with my forehand. There was a little bit of everything in the match that caused it to be close." Sofia Polcanova

#### Round One

**Petrissa Solja (Germany) bt Li Qian (Poland) 9-11, 11-8, 12-10, 5-11, 5-11, 11-8, 11-8**

"It was very long match and hard. I had a two games to one advantage before I lost my focus for a second. My chances of winning were even, 50:50; that I knew it before the duel. I was ready for a long fight." Petrissa Solja

#### Round One

**Nina Mittelham (Germany) bt Matilda Ekholm (Sweden) 11-9, 8-11, 14-12, 11-6, 13-11**

"We know each other well. We are in the same club team, so I was just focused on my tactics. I did not think a lot how Matilda would play." Nina Mittelham

#### Round One

**Elizabeta Samara (Romania) bt Polina Mikhailova (Russia) 11-9, 12-10, 12-10, 11-7**

"I spent four days in the hospital due the viral infection. Polina was very tough adversary for the opening round; when I saw the draw yesterday I was devastated. Now I am so relieved. In the next match I will play more relaxed." Elizabeta Samara

#### Round One

**Bernadette Szocs (Romania) bt Hana Matelova (Czech Republic) 11-5, 11-9, 11-13, 11-7, 11-13, 11-8**

"I was two games up and led 6-1, before Hana started to play like she has nothing to lose. She attacked me on each ball. Hana is very difficult to play against owing to my style of play. I am so happy that I won the opening match. I am defending the title here and this is special place for me. Top 16 is my major title." Bernadette Szocs

#### Round One

**Georgina Pota (Hungary) bt Ni Xia Lian (Luxembourg) 11-2, 11-9, 11-6, 11-7**

"She beat me like a million times before; when I saw the draw yesterday I was so afraid. In previous matches I had no chance. It is so difficult to play against her. You cannot prepare for her strokes because there are no players in Europe with that style, with whom you can practice." Georgina Pota

#### Round One

**Natalia Partyka (Poland) bt Li Jie (Netherlands) 7-11, 12-10, 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-7**

"I had nothing to lose and I played to enjoy the game. However, as the match progressed I felt I could beat her. My confidence grew. Even in the decisive game I played like it was the start of the match. I was pressure free." Natalia Partyka

#### Quarter-Final

**Sofia Polcanova (Austria) bt Nina Mittelham (Germany) 11-6, 11-8, 11-6, 8-11, 10-12, 15-13**

"I had a good tactics from the beginning. I changed the pace of the game and I attacked her forehand. She could not find the game to stop me. Things changed after the third game. She read me and adjusted her game. Nina won the fifth game and led 10-6 in sixth; then I just started to play more relaxed. I felt less pressure and when I levelled at 10-10 I just thought that I could not lose, I stayed focused." Sofia Polcanova

#### Quarter-Final

**Bernadette Szocs (Romania) bt Barbora Balazova (Slovakia) 11-7, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9**

"I had very difficult first match here; I had problems with the balls. Now I have adjusted my game and I regained my confidence. Balazova has a very powerful game and when I saw that she beat Britt in straight games in the round of 16 I was worried. I expected a much closer match and bigger problems. However, my tactics allowed me to keep the game under control." Bernadette Szocs

#### Quarter-Final

**Petrissa Solja (Germany) bt Elizabeta Samara (Romania) 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 11-6**

"We played against each other long time ago. Today, I felt confident with my service and receive game. Especially with receive. I did not make many mistakes. Usually Samara has very dangerous services. I gave my best to avoid any easy points on her service. Against Polcanova tomorrow in the semis it is 50:00. Tomorrow is a new day." Petrissa Solja