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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (last 16, top half):

[5] Thierry Lincou (Fra) bt [10] Stewart Boswell (Aus)
12/10, 11/6, 11/8 (52m)

[1] Amr Shabana (Egy) bt [9] Karim Darwish (Egy)
10/12, 4/11, 11/4, 11/6, 11/4 (67m)

[3] David Palmer (Aus) bt [13] Adrian Grant (Eng)
11/7, 11/9, 11/7 (47m)

[7] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt Laurens Jan Anjema (Ned)
12/10, 8/11, 11/6, 11/3 (60m)

TODAY'S MATCHES *bottom half*

18.00: James Willstrop v Lee Beachill
18.45: Gregory Gaultier v Peter Barker
19.30: Ramy Ashour v Ong Beng Hee
20.15: Wael El Hindi v Olli Tuominen

Quarter-final places up for grabs in Al-Khobar

Part One: Shabana Survives...

After a hectic opening day with sixteen matches and one upset, round two saw just four matches on the glass court as the top half of the draw battled it out for quarter-final places.



No seeding upsets, but four quality matches with the defending champion Amr Shabana making what looked an unlikely comeback from two games down against compatriot Karim Darwish. No such troubles for the Egyptian's quarter-final opponent Thierry Lincou as the Frenchman beat Stewart Boswell in straight games.

World Champion David Palmer was also in good form, proving the stronger at the end of three tight games against Adrian Grant, while new US Open Champion Nick Matthew survived a torrid opening against LJ Anjema before eventually easing home in four games ...



"I thought I was pretty solid today. It's never finished until it's finished, I had to try and stay focused to the end and I'm really pleased

with how I did that today."

Thierry Lincou

"It's a fine line between winning and losing and I could easily have lost tonight - I had to give 100% and all the rest to win that one ..."

Amr Shabana



"I kept my concentration well except for a patch in the second, and I felt I was pretty solid in the second half of the third so it's good to get through in three, no damage done ..."

David Palmer



"Things evened out - he deserved to win the first, and once I snuck that I relaxed a little, but I still should have closed out the second."

Nick Matthew

