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TODAY'S MATCHES *quarter-finals*

18.00: David Palmer v Nick Matthew
18.45: Amr Shabana v Thierry Lincou
19.30: Ramy Ashour v Olli Tuominen
20.15: Gregory Gaultier v James Willstrop

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

[6] James Willstrop (Eng) bt [11] Lee Beachill (Eng)
11/4, 11/6, 11/4 (38m)
[4] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) bt [14] Peter Barker (Eng)
11/7, 11/4, 11/7 (49m)
[2] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt [16] Ong Beng Hee (Mas)
11/9, 10/12, 11/6, 11/5 (63m)
[15] Olli Tuominen (Fin) bt [8] Wael El Hindi (Egy)
11/7, 11/6, 13/11 (61m)

Quarter-finals complete in Al-Khobar *Round Two, Part Two: Olli ousts Wael*



The second day of round two action saw four contrasting matches and one upset. James Willstrop reduced his head-to-head deficit against Pontefract team-mate Lee Beachill, with Lee struggling with his movement throughout. Gregory Gaultier put in an assured performance to beat Peter Barker, and will meet Willstrop tonight.

Crowd favourite Ramy Ashour didn't disappoint in the end, but Ong Beng kept the Egyptian fans quiet for two thirds of the match before Ramy worked out what to do. Great determination saw Olli Tuominen battle through to the quarters in a tussle against Wael El Hindi that didn't have much for the purists to appreciate.

Tonight sees four quarter-finals and the crowd will be out in force to support their favourite Egyptians Amr Shabana and Ramy Ashour. England also has two representatives as Nick Matthew takes on Australia's world champion David

Palmer, while the French duo of Thierry Lincou and Gaultier take on Shabana and Willstrop respectively.



I just had to concentrate and be strong, I performed as well as I had to and played some pretty decent squash.

"He's done that to me so many times, so I'm not going to get embarrassed to get one back.

James Willstrop



"I just tried to keep the same rhythm the whole game, trying to play just a little faster than him.

"I got a few points ahead each time and that was it ...

Gregory Gaultier



"I had to just keep playing my way and learn to cope with what he was doing.

"I learned a lot from that game today, a lot ..."

Ramy Ashour



"I'm happy to win, but not happy to play – squash is usually fun, but ...

"You don't get that tired when you play him, it's all start and stop.

Olli Tuominen