

Press Release

Van den Berg is in the finals

Defending Champion Jasmin Ouschan loses in the semis

Thursday, 22 March 2012: In an intense battle, Nick van den Berg (NED) literally destroyed his opponent, Mario He (AUT) with 125:51.

It was the re-match from last year's European Championship 9-ball final. Would He be able to take revenge for his loss? Van den Berg took a quick lead in the match due to He's rather risky way of approaching the table. He took a comfortable 59:0 lead over He but then missed a shot. He, who has kept himself in the zone with his eyes closed while his opponent made the balls, made 39 balls before he allowed van den Berg back to the table. However, He played a safety attempt after van den Berg committed a foul and left a shot for van den Berg. That was not necessary and way too risky, again. Van den Berg got momentum and ran out the match, making all remaining balls in one inning, winning the match with 125:51.



Nick van den Berg (NED)
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In the other men's semi-final, favoured Niels Feijen (NED) remained the upper hand over Denis Grabe (EST) with 125:16. Just like van den Berg, Feijen has shown a solid and high class performance throughout the tournament. That continued in the match against Grabe. Feijen allowed Grabe to the table twice only and that was obviously not enough for the Estonian to become a danger to Feijen in any way, shape or form.

In the women's division, the major upset of the day took place. Anna Majirina (RUS) ousted defending Champion Jasmin Ouschan (AUT) with a clear 75:29 victory. Majirina has shown a solid performance while Ouschan was struggling, having no luck on her side.

The fourth semi-final was won by favoured Line Kjoersvik (NOR) who defeated Christine Wiechert (GER) with 75:45.

The finals between Niels Feijen v Nick van den Berg and Anna Majirina v Line Kjoersvik will start at 20:30 CET.

The event is hosted by the European Governing Body for Pool, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF) and organized by International Billiard Promotion (IBP). For further information and reference please go to the federation website www.epconline.eu, follow us on twitter @EPBF_News or contact our press office.

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