

The semi-final day of biesterbos Open started off with two doubles. The centre court match was between duo Kostin(GER)/Roberts(BAH) and Frenchies Rakototamalala/Tessa. Striking about this double was the fact that all four players seemed to really enjoy the play, despite the bad weather and lack of audience. Both sides played good doubles and knew how to handle net play. Roberts caught the attention with strong netplay and a great reaction. Kostin(GER)/Roberts(BAH) claimed the victory of this exciting doubles and won with a score of 6-0 6-1

In the first girls doubles of the day first seeded duo Astete(CHI)/Vargas Gomez(PER) played against Inglis(AUS)/Simonelli(ITA). From the start Inglis/Simonelli were the dominating duo, performing better both on the net and the baseline. Astete/Vargas Gomaz especially came short in skills on the net and Inglis/Simonelli managed to get a fairly easy ticket to the finales with a score of 6-1 6-2.

First singles match of the day was between German Lang and Belgium player Veys. Lang who did not lose one single set in the tournament so far made yet again a strong impression. Lang managed to get an early break in the first set at 2-2. Veys played steady, but Lang made the difference by pulling the court open with amazing angles. The set remained close when Veys broke back and made 4-4. However, Lang stayed sharp and broke back straight away before claiming the set with 6-4. The boys kept a high level of play in the second set. Both not making mistakes out of too much risks, but playing safe and steady. The longer rally's almost always ended to the side of German making him a bit more solid than Veys. Lang remained his status of not losing one single set yet in the tournament and won the match with 6-4 6-4.

The other girls doubles semi-finale was played between Iakovleva(RUS)/Pietroiu(ROU) and Jacobs(NAM)/van Zyl(RSA). Jacobs/van Zyl played strong doubles with outstanding down the line shots. Another thing that was surprising was their I-formation play, which you don't see very often in girls singles. They claimed the match with 6-4 6-4

For the first seeded Jessica Ho (USA) the Biesterbos Open had not been too difficult until today. The American won her previous matches convincingly and in two sets. Today she was facing the Russian Zeleva, who is unseeded but managed to knock out the number three seeded van Zyl and played herself to the semi-finals. In the first set of the semi-final, Zeleva blew away Ho with

her offensive and hard play: 6-1. Ho could not keep up with her opponent, but then at the start of the second set was able to control her usual game again: consistency and smart gravel play worked her through the second set: 6-3 Ho. The third set Ho proved to be the fitter one and kept her head cool. She beat Zeleva with a final score of 1-6 6-3 6-3



The second semi-finale boys doubles was played between the first seeded Barrios Vera(CHI)/Blanch(USA) and Grbic(SRB)/Laubser(RSA). Duo Grbic/Laubser who knocked out the third seeded in the second round were able to play aggressive tennis. They won the first set with The second se they were off to a good start as well, they led 4-1. Then the match turned around, one sloppy serve game from Grbic/Laubser gave Barrios Vera/

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Blanch the break. The duo played a strong service game after that and got to 4-3 before winning three close games all winning with the deuce sudden death system and winning the set. The third set had to be decided with a nerve-wrecking supertiebreak. Barrios Vera/Blanch got ahead at the start of the super tiebreak, but were not able to pull through. Grbic/Laubser were the stronger duo and got the match with 6-2 4-6 [11-9]

The last girls singles match of the day was between Russian Zhuk and Salas from France. Zhuk started off very well with powerful strokes and took the lead with 5-2. However, Zhuk lost some concentration, made many mistakes and Salas came back to 5-4. Zhuk found her focus back and played her level like the start of the set, and won the set with 6-4. In the second set Salas played much better than the first. She played more aggressive, taking the balls earlier and hit some drive-volleys, pushing Zhuk into making more mistakes. Salas took the lead with 5-2 and even got a setpoint. But Zhuk fought herself back in the set, celebrating every point with: DAA! Zhuk's mental strenght made the difference, she won 5 games in a row and claimed the match with a final score of 6-4 7-5.

The last match of the day was between the only unseeded guy in the draw left, Corentin Denolly (FRA) and Spaniard Romero de Avila Senise. Denolly already made a strong impression at the start of the tournament by beating the number two seeded Barrios Vera. The guys played a match which was a joy to watch, beautiful winners from both sides. Denolly dominated with his great serve and return, which made him able to get on top of every point. Romero de Avila Senise's defence and winners were on point, but often he got overpowered by Denolly. Denolly won the match with 6-4 6-4 and we will see him battle in the finale against German Robin Lang.

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**BARRIOS VERA, M [1]
BLANCH, Ulises**
6-2 6-1

**BARRIOS VERA, M [1]
BLANCH, Ulises**
6-4 6-4

**POPYRIN, Alexei [7]
SHCHERBA, Vitalii**
6-4 6-1

**GRBIC, Filip
LAUBSER, Brandon**
6-2 4-6 [11-9]

**GRBIC, Filip
LAUBSER, Brandon**
6-7(5) 6-2 [10-2]

**GRBIC, Filip
LAUBSER, Brandon**
6-4 6-3

**MOONEN, Tom Floris
STEVENS, Bart**
7-5 2-6 [10-8]



**KOSTIN, Viktor [6]
ROBERTS, Justin**
6-3 6-3

**KOSTIN, Viktor [6]
ROBERTS, Justin**
6-3 7-6(5)

**TAYLOR, Sam [4]
VEYS, Xander**
6-2 6-4

**KOSTIN, Viktor [6]
ROBERTS, Justin**
6-0 6-1

**RAKOTOMALALA, M [5]
TESSA, Louis**
6-2 6-1

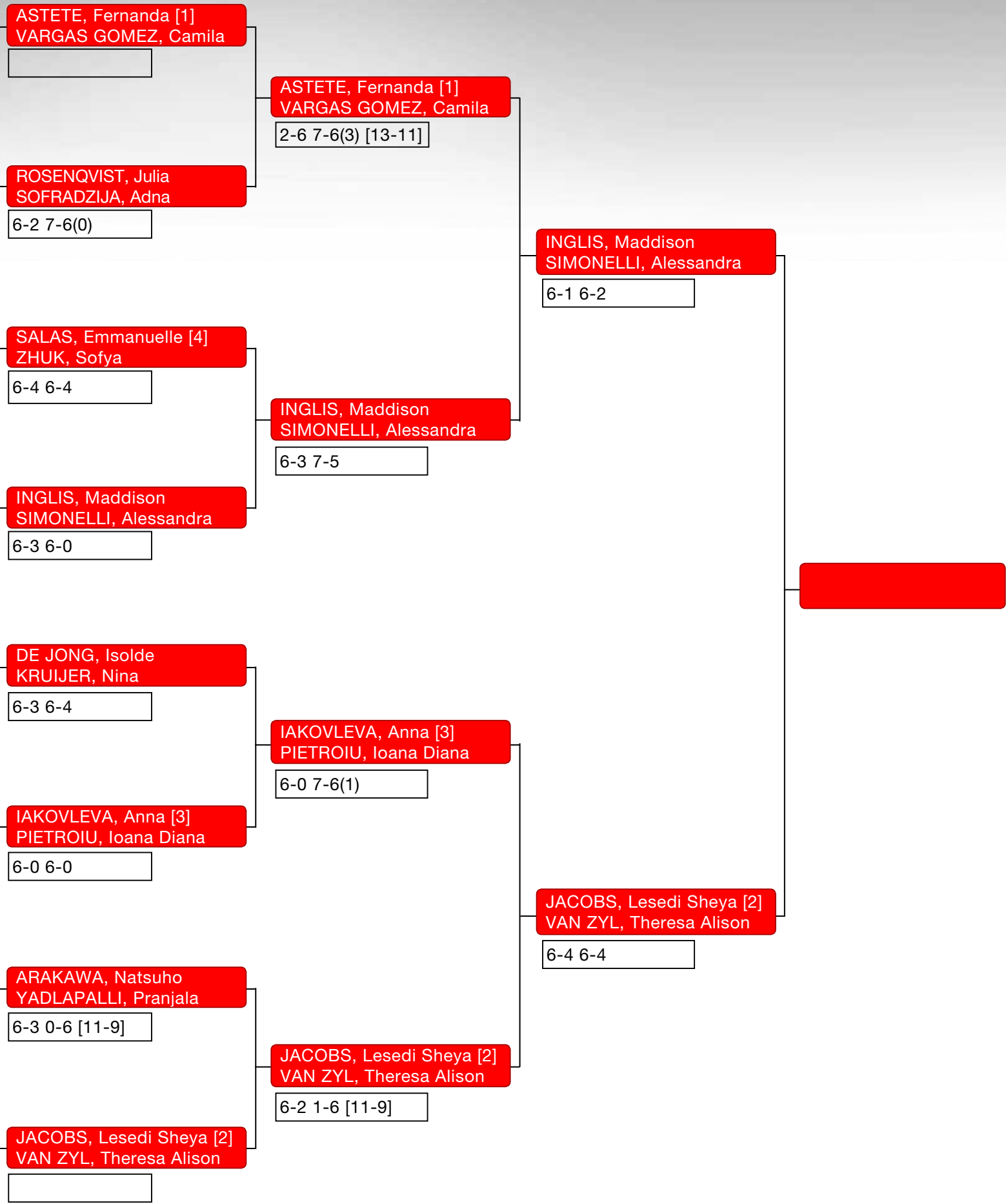
**RAKOTOMALALA, M [5]
TESSA, Louis**
6-4 4-6 [10-5]

**CACAO, Tiago
DE MINAUR, Alex**
6-1 6-2



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PLAYER OF THE DAY

Today the 14 (!) year old Sofya Zhuk is the Biesterbos Open player of the day. The Russian won her semi-final match against Emmanuelle Salas from France with 6-4 7-5. Tomorrow she will face Jessica Ho in the final. A short interview!

Is this your first time in Holland?

No, this is not my first time here. I was in Almere last year to play an ITF Grade 4 tournament: I won. Later I played in Almere again for an indoor tournament. So this is my third time in Holland.

You played against Emmanuelle Salas from France. Tell us about your match!

I played ok! I got 5-2 behind in the first set and lost my concentration, she got back to 5-4, but I won the set with 6-4. In the second set Salas was 5-2 behind, but I fought back in the set, playing every point, with success: 7-5. The match was ok, but yesterday (against Altick from USA) was my best match!

What is your favorite stroke and what do you choose when you win the toss?

I do not prefer a specific stroke. Backhand, forehand, service, I play every ball! When I win the toss, I always choose to serve!

That's logic! Your service speed is very high and good. How come you have got that much power?

Haha, I do not train that much! I am training max. 2 hours a day and 45 minutes physical training.

What do you do besides tennis?

I like to speak with friends, listen to music or fight with my brother.

Tomorrow you will play the final against number 1 seed Jessica Ho from USA. What do you think about the match?

In May I played a final of a grade 2 tournament in Austria, which I won. Hopefully I can win again, but it will be very difficult. Ho is a very good player and I have to play my best tennis to win. We will see what will happen!





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Order of Play - Sunday July 6th

Court 1

Starting at 10:30

BD

Filip GRBIC (SRB) /
Brandon LAUBSER (RSA)

vs.

Viktor KOSTIN (GER) [6] /
Justin ROBERTS (BAH)

Court 5

Starting at 10:30

GD

Maddison INGLIS (AUS) /
Alessandra SIMONELLI (ITA)

vs.

Lesedi Sheya JACOBS (NAM) [2] /
Theresa Alison VAN ZYL (RSA)

Followed by
GS
Jessica HO (USA) [1]
vs.
Sofya ZHUK (RUS) [6]

Followed by
BS
ROBIN LANG (GER) [15]
vs.
Corentin DENOLLY (FRA)

