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41st Porsche Tennis Grand Prix – Summary Day 2

Carina Witthöft still in with a chance of a main draw ticket

Stuttgart. Stuttgart was again the capital of tennis Germany on Sunday. Despite the beautiful summer weather, approximately 6,700 spectators swarmed into the Porsche Arena for the Fed Cup and the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle where the second round of qualifying at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix was taking place. Though Porsche Team Germany had to give up their dream of a berth in the Fed Cup final, Carina Witthöft won her match against local hero Anna Zaja. The German is now only one victory away from reaching the main draw of the 41st Porsche Tennis Grand Prix.

“It was hard work today. I’m so happy to have won and hope now I’ll also win on Monday,” said Carina Witthöft, a member of the Porsche Team Germany squad. “Playing the world’s best players in front of such a fantastic crowd in the Porsche Arena is a dream. It’d be great if I could fulfil it.” She paved the way in her second-round match against Anna Zaja from the local club. Though quickly surrendering the first set, she summoned all her experience to eventually win 2-6, 6-0, 6-3. She will now meet the Czech Marketa Vondrousova on Monday for one of the last four main draw tickets.

After advancing to the second round with some good performances, things did not go quite so well for the Porsche Talent Team Germany players. Lena Rüffer lost to the American Varvara Lepchenko 6-4, 6-1 and Anna Garbic went down 6-3, 6-1 to the strong Top 50 player Zarina Diyas from Kazakhstan. Varvara Lepchenko will now face the Russian Veronika Kudermetova in the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle at 11:30 on Monday. Zarina Diyas will be in action immediately afterwards against Kaia Kanepi

from Estonia. Top-seeded Alizé Cornet (France) will take on the Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk in the first match in the Porsche Arena before Carina Witthöft attempts to take her chance and advance to the final.

Fed Cup: no miracle in Stuttgart

German tennis fans hoped for a miracle in Stuttgart but it has failed to materialise. Porsche Team Germany has missed out on securing a second Fed Cup final appearance since 2014. In the 4-1 loss against the Czech Republic, Julia Görges performed impressively to post the only point for Germany when beating Karolina Pliskova 6-4, 6-2. Angelique Kerber on the other hand was also defeated in her second match – 6-2, 6-2 against Petra Kvitova. The wait to gain revenge however is only a short one as she will play the two-time Wimbledon champion in the first round of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix.

Turkish Airlines Tiebreak: millions at stake

The first day of main draw matches at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix has an attractive premiere in store for spectators. Beginning in the evening at 6.30, the Turkish Airlines Tiebreak will be contested by six top stars on Centre Court in the Porsche Arena. The round-robin tournament will be split into two groups and each player will play a champions tiebreak against each other. Group A: Caroline Garcia, Julia Görges, Laura Siegemund. Group B: Angelique Kerber, Kristina Mladenovic, Coco Vandeweghe. The group winners will go through to the final where 1,000,000 bonus miles from Turkish Airlines are at stake.

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