



LAST 16

DOHA, QATAR

DAY-2 MATCH-4 GLASS COURT

SEED	PLAYERS	RANK	NAT		G1	G2	G3		
[4]	DIEGO ELIAS	04	PER	3	11	11	11	-	-
	RAPHAEL KANDRA	29	GER	0	3	5	2	-	-

MATCH TIME 0:25

[4] DIEGO ELIAS -04- (PER)

2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

IN 2021 - RIGHT HERE IN DOHA - HE CAPTURED HIS VERY FIRST PSA PLATINUM TITLE, DEFEATING SUPERMAN PAUL COLL IN AN 83-MINUTE, BREATHTAKING FINAL - BECOMING THE FIRST PERUVIAN TALENT IN HISTORY TO LIFT ONE OF THE SPORT'S MAJOR TROPHIES. TODAY, JUST 3 YEARS LATER, HE'S NOW A 3-TIME PLATINUM CHAMPION, AN 8-TIME PLATINUM FINALIST, HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #1 - AND THIS AFTERNOON, RETURNS TO DOHA'S GLASS COURT AS THE REIGNING WORLD CHAMPION. NOW 7-2 TO START THE NEW SEASON WITH YESTERDAY'S WIN OVER LEONEL CARDENAS -- HE IS 2-TIME DOHA FINALIST, AND 2021 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC CHAMPION - DIEGO ELIAS.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
FINAL					
SEMIFINALS					
QUARTERFINALS	[7]	TAREK MOMEN	7	EGY	NEXT
LAST 16		RAPHAEL KANDRA	29	GER	11-3 11-5 11-2 0:25
ROUND I		LEONEL CARDENAS	21	MEX	11-3 11-8 11-7 0:42

RAPHAEL KANDRA -29- (GER)

2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

A BRITISH OPEN SEMIFINALIST - AT 33-YEARS-OLD, THIS 6-TIME GERMAN NATIONALS CHAMPION OWNS 15 CAREER PSA CHALLENGER TITLES, IS A 24-TIME FINALIST, AND HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #13. AND HE'S NO STARNGER TO TOP-5 TRIUMPHS AT THE MAJORS. 3-YEARS-AGO ON THIS COURT - HE REACHED THE Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC QUARTERS WITH A 5-GAME VICTORY OVER WORLD #5 MARWAN ELSHORBAGY - AND LATER THAT SEASON, UPENDED WORLD #3 MOHAMED ELSHORBAGY AT THE BRITISH OPEN. BATTLING FOR A SPOT IN HIS 3RD CAREER PLATINUM QUARTERFINAL...FROM GERMANY, PLEASE WELCOME RAPHAEL KANDRA.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
LAST 16	[4]	DIEGO ELIAS	4	PER	3-11 5-11 2-11 0:25
ROUND I		RAMIT TANDON	30	IND	13-11 7-11 11-5 11-9 0:50

HEAD TO HEAD

THIS IS THE 8TH MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS (3RD HERE IN DOHA). RAPHAEL KANDRA WON THEIR FIRST TWO BATTLES AT THE 2013 WORLD GAMES AND 2016 HONG KONG OPEN. DIEGO ELIAS...HAS WON THE LAST FIVE - INCLUDING THEIR 4-GAME, ROUND-2 CLASH HERE IN 2018 - AND THEIR HOTLY CONTESTED 62-MINUTE QUARTERFINAL HERE IN 2021.