



# LAST 16

# DOHA, QATAR

DAY-2 MATCH-8 GLASS COURT

SEED	PLAYERS	RANK	NAT		G1	G2	G3	G4	
	NICOLAS MUELLER	24	SUI	3	12	7	11	11	-
[5]	MAZEN HESHAM	05	EGY	1	10	11	7	6	-

MATCH TIME 0:47

## NICOLAS MUELLER -24- (SUI)

## 2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

BACK IN DOHA FOR HIS 13TH Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC - IN 2011, AT JUST 22-YEARS-OLD - HE UPSET 4-TIME WORLD CHAMPION AND WORLD #5 AMR SHABANA ON THIS COURT, THEN PLAYED-ON TO REACH HIS FIRST CAREER PLATINUM QUARTERFINAL. TONIGHT, HE'S BACK INSIDE DOHA'S GLASS, BATTLING FOR A SPOT IN HIS 5TH PLATINUM QUARTERFINAL - AFTER A GRUELLING, 81-MINUTE, ROUND-1 TRIUMPH OVER SPAIN'S IKER PAJARES. RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #13, HE OWNS 12 PSA CHALLENGER TITLES - AND TO THIS DAY, REMAINS THE HIGHEST-RANKED SWISS TALENT IN SQUASH HISTORY. FROM SWITZERLAND, WELCOME BACK - THE SWISS ROCKET, NICOLAS MUELLER.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
FINAL					
SEMIFINALS					
QUARTERFINALS	[1]	ALI FARAG	1	EGY	NEXT
LAST 16	[5]	MAZEN HESHAM	5	EGY	12-10 7-11 11-7 11-6   0:47
ROUND I		IKER PAJARES	26	ESP	15-17 11-4 11-4 6-11 11-7   1:21

## [5] MAZEN HESHAM -05- (EGY)

#### 2024 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

NOW IN HIS 4TH SEASON AS ONE OF THE SPORT'S ELITE TOP-10 TALENTS - HE IS A 5-TIME PLATINUM SEMIFINALIST - AND THIS AFTERNOON, RETURNS TO DOHA'S GLASS COURT WITH A CAREER HIGH RANKING OF WORLD #5. 9-YEARS-AGO, AT JUST 21-YEARS-OLD, HE MADE HIS PLATINUM SEMIFINAL DEBUT ON THIS COURT. LAST YEAR - IN A THRILLING COMEBACK, DOWN 2-GAMES TO NONE, HE DEFEATED MOHAMED ELSHORBAGY TO REACH THE FINAL-4 AGAIN. COMPETING IN HIS 6TH Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC - FROM CAIRO, EGYPT - HE IS THE BLACK FALCON, MAZEN HESHAM.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
LAST 16		NICOLAS MUELLER	24	SUI	10-12 11-7 7-11 6-11   0:47
ROUND I		EAIN YOW NG	13	MYS	7-11 11-6 11-3 6-11 11-6   0:57

#### **HEAD TO HEAD**

TONIGHT MARKS THE 11TH MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS. NICHOLAS MUELLER WON THEIR FIRST CLASH 5-YEARS-AGO IN ROUND-1 OF THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. MAZEN HESHAM HAS WON THEIR LAST 9 BATTLES - INCLUDING THREE 5-GAME THRILLERS AT EL GOUNA, HOUSTON, AND THE BRITISH OPEN.