



# LAST 16

## DOHA, QATAR

### DAY-2 MATCH-8 GLASS COURT

SEED	PLAYERS	RANK	NAT		G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
[7]	YOUSSEF SOLIMAN	8	EGY	3	11	11	12		
	DECLAN JAMES	25	ENG	0	8	4	10		

MATCH TIME: (52m)

[7] YOUSSEF SOLIMAN -08- (EGY)

2025 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

BACK IN DOHA WITH A CAREER-HIGH RANKING OF WORLD #8 - LAST SEASON, THIS 28-YEAR-OLD FROM CAIRO REACHED 2 FINALS - MADE HIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINAL DEBUT - AND BY SEASON'S END, CRACKED THE SPORT'S TOP-8 - EARNING A SPOT IN THE PSA SQUASH TOUR FINALS FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN ALL - HE NOW OWNS 10 CAREER PSA TITLES, IS A 19-TIME FINALIST ON TOUR ... AND TONIGHT - FOLLOWING HIS 1ST ROUND TRIUMPH YESTERDAY OVER GREG LOBBAN - RETURNS TO DOHA'S GLASS COURT IN PURSUIT OF HIS 7TH MAJOR QUARTERFINAL. FROM EGYPT - WELCOME BACK, YOUSSEF SOLIMAN.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
FINAL					
SEMIFINALS					
QUARTERFINALS	[1]	MOSTAFA ASAL	1	EGY	NEXT
LAST 16		DECLAN JAMES	25	ENG	11-8 11-4 12-10   (52m)
ROUND 1		GREG LOBBAN	19	SCO	11-2 11-4 11-1   (18m)

DECLAN JAMES -25- (ENG)

2025 Q-TERMINALS QATAR CLASSIC

A COMMONWEALTH GAMES GOLD MEDALIST - THIS 32-YEAR-OLD OWNS 17 PSA SQUASH TOUR TITLES - HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #15 - AND YESTERDAY, IN HIS FIRST QATAR CLASSIC APPEARANCE IN 3-YEARS - EARNED A HARD FOUGHT, 69-MINUTE, 5-GAME TRIUMPH OVER SPAIN'S BERNAT JAUME ... THE LONGEST 1ST-ROUND MATCH OF THE TOURNAMENT. 8-YEARS-AGO - AS A QUALIFIER AT THE HONG KONG OPEN - HE REACHED HIS FIRST PLATINUM QUARTERFINAL. TONIGHT, HE RETURNS TO DOHA'S GLASS COURT ... WITH A SHOT AT HIS *SECOND* . FROM ENGLAND - WELCOME BACK, DECLAN JAMES.

ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
FINAL					
SEMIFINALS					
QUARTERFINALS					
LAST 16	[7]	YOUSSEF SOLIMAN	8	EGY	8-11 4-11 10-12   (52m)
ROUND 1		BERNAT JAUME	34	ESP	11-9 11-3 7-11 9-11 11-4   (69m)

HEAD TO HEAD

TONIGHT MARKS THE 5TH PSA SQUASH TOUR MAIN-DRAW MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS. DECLAN JAMES WON THEIR FIRST CLASH -- 9-YEARS-AGO -- IN ROUND-1 AT THE WIMBLEDON CLUB OPEN. YOUSSEF SOLIMAN HAS WON THEIR 3 MOST RECENT ENCOUNTERS -- AND FANS, BUCKLE-UP ... ALL 3 MATCHES WERE 4-GAME BATTLES THAT LASTED OVER AN HOUR.