

Walker Waltzes into last sixteen ...

The first round concluded at Grand Central Terminal, as did yesterday's play, with a single upset. Seven seeds made their contrasting ways to the last sixteen, joined by England's **Alister Walker** who eased ahead after a tight opening to beat 14th seed Borja Golan.

There were straight-game victories for **Ong Beng Hee, Gregory Gaultier, David Palmer, Karim Darwish and Wael El Hindi**, but the day finished with **Adrian Grant** and **Azlan Iskandar** both being taken the full distance before booking their second round places.



Yesterday's Results, Round One, Bottom Half:

[12] Ong Beng Hee (Mas) bt [Q] Jonathan Kemp (Eng)	11/8, 11/4, 14/12 (37m)
[6] David Palmer (Aus) bt [Q] Tarek Momen (Egy)	12/10, 11/8, 11/6 (43m)
[4] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) bt [Q] Daryl Selby (Eng)	11/0, 11/3, 6/1 rtd (19m)
Alister Walker (Eng) bt [14] Borja Golan (Esp)	9/11, 14/12, 11/1, 11/3 (57m)
[8] Wael El Hindi (Egy) bt Hisham Ashour (Egy)	11/4, 11/8, 11/3 (26m)
[13] Azlan Iskandar (Mas) bt [Q] Mark Krajcsak (Hun)	12/10,11/11,11/5,10/12,11/4 (69m)
[11] Adrian Grant (Eng) bt [Q] Omar Abdel Aziz (Egy)	10/12,8/11,11/9,11/1,11/9 (92m)
[2] Karim Darwish (Egy) bt Shahier Razik (Can)	11/3, 11/8, 11/2 (32m)



"I was very nervous, very tense to start with. I haven't been on a glass court for a long time, and no matter how much you try to block it out, it still affects you. Especially as these days I expect results and good performances..."

Alister Walker



"When I was 2/0 down, I was still pretty confident I would still win. Omar is a fantastic player, unorthodox, but I played him at the last Worlds, so I knew what to expect. He went for it, all credit to him, bang bang, bang, and that unsettled me a lot."

Adrian Grant



Today's Matches, Round Two, Last 16:

From 12.00:

- [3] Ramy Ashour (Egy) v [16] Laurens Jan Anjema (Ned)
- [1] Amr Shabana (Egy) v [10] Nick Matthew (Eng)
- [7] Thierry Lincou (Fra) v [9] Peter Barker (Eng)
- [5] James Willstrop (Eng) v [Q] Yasser El Halaby (Egy)

From 18.30:

- [4] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) v Alister Walker (Eng)
- [8] Wael El Hindi (Egy) v [13] Azlan Iskandar (Mas)
- [2] Karim Darwish (Egy) v [11] Adrian Grant (Eng)
- [6] David Palmer (Aus) v [12] Ong Beng Hee (Mas)

No swansong for John

As the event moved into its traditional spectacular home of Grand Central Terminal, the first round proper started with an upset as qualifier **Yasser El Halaby** ousted 15th seed John White.

Both are now US residents, but it was the four-time collegiate champion who made the most of his opportunity against the former world number one who came out of 'retirement' to play one last major event.

England's **Nick Matthew** enjoyed an easier passage into the last sixteen as Stewart Boswell pulled out injured, and to conclude the afternoon session **Peter Barker** and **LJ Anjema** both secured their passages into the next round with straight-game victories.

The start of the evening session saw the demise of US champion Julian Illingworth as **Thierry Lincou**, one of three Frenchmen in the main draw, progressed comfortably enough, as did top seed **Amr Shabana**, seeing off a spirited performance from Renan Lavigne, still suffering from his two-hour qualifying final.

The final two matches saw third and fifth seeds **Ramy Ashour** and **James Willstrop** both dropping the first game before clinching their places in the last sixteen.

Yesterday's Results, Round One, Top Half:

[1] Amr Shabana (Egy) bt [Q] Renan Lavigne (Fra)	11/8, 11/7, 11/5 (30m)
[10] Nick Matthew (Eng) v Stewart Boswell (Aus)	Boswell withdrawn injured
[5] James Willstrop (Eng) bt Olli Tuominen (Fin)	9/11, 11/7, 11/7, 11/8 (56m)
[Q] Yasser El Halaby (Egy) bt [15] John White (Sco)	12/10, 4/11, 12/10, 11/7 (68m)
[3] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt Cameron Pillely (Aus)	9/11, 11/8, 11/7, 11/3 (52m)
[16] Laurens Jan Anjema (Ned) bt [Q] Amr Swelim (Egy)	14/12, 11/7, 11/5 (42m)
[7] Thierry Lincou (Fra) bt Julian Illingworth (Usa)	11/4, 11/6, 11/6 (41m)
[9] Peter Barker (Eng) bt Miguel Angel Rodriguez (Col)	12/10, 11/4, 11/1 (40m)



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Today's Matches, Round One, Bottom Half:

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- [6] David Palmer (Aus) v [Q] Tarek Momen (Egy)
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