

Porto Open 2011

Portuguese International Championships

GONÇALO FALCÃO IN THE QUARTER-FINALS

Gonçalo Falcão is the last Portuguese player still standing in the PORTO OPEN, for he has qualified himself for the quarter-finals. João Cunha e Silva defeated the last hope of the French tennis player, Gianni Mina (409.^o ATP) after 2 hours and 50 minutes by canceling four match points: 6-3, 1-6 e 7-6 (8/6).

In the second round of the ATP ranked tournament with prize money of 15 thousand dollars that takes place in the Clube de Ténis do Porto's courts, Falcão (1520.^o ATP) was at a disadvantage in the deciding set – when the ex number one world junior player, in 2010 , 19 year old Mina, was winning by 1-4 – however, he caught up and could have ended the match earlier, when at 6-5 he had three match points. In the tie break the 23 year old tennis player saw Mina get to 6/2, however thanks to the cheering of the crowd he won the next six points.

The presence in these quarter-finals equals the one obtained in the Solverde Tennis Cup in 2008 and translates a “registered significant improvement in the last months”, according to Cunha e Silva.

The n.^o 5 seeded player, the French, Florian Reynet (479.^o) turned out too strong for João Domingues, Internacional Junior de Leiria and Taça Diogo Nápoles champion.

Tomorrow, the round begins at 12:00 with the following encounters of the quarter-finals:

Fernando Romboli (Bra/n.^o1)-Boy Westerhof (Hol/n.^o7)

Julien Obry (Fra/n.^o6)-Richard Becker (Ale)

Stanislas Vovk (Rus/n.^o8)-Gonçalo Falcão (Por)

Florian Reynet (Fra/n.^o5)-Marc Giner (Esp)

Thursday's results:

Singles (2nd round):

Richard Becker (Ale)-Alexander Rumyantsev (Rus/n.^o4), 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-3

Fernando Romboli (Bra/n.^o1)-José Ricardo Nunes (Por), 6-4, 6-2

Julien Obry (Fra/n.^o6)-Florent Diep (Fra), 6-2, 6-4

Stanislas Vovk (Rus/n.º8)-Richard Muzaev (Rus), 7-6(3) 6-1

Florian Reynet (Fra/n.º5)-João Domingues (Por), 6-3, 6-2

Gonçalo Falcão (Por)-Gianni Mina (Fra/n.º3), 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(6)

Boy Westerhof (Hol/n.º7)-Carlos Boluda-Perkiss (Esp), 6-4, 6-3

Marc Giner (Esp)-Antal Van Der Duim (Hol/n.º2), 6-3, 6-4

Doubles (quarter- finals):

Gonçalo Falcão (Por)/Gonçalo Pereira (Por)-Francisco Ramos (Por)/Henrique Sousa (Por), 7-6(7), 6-3

Carlos Boluda-Perkiss (Esp)/Marc Giner (Esp/n.º3)-Diogo Cabral (Por)/Vítor Silva (Por), 6-3, 6-3

Richard Muzaev (Rus)/Alexander Rumyantsev (Rus)-Hugo Moraes (Por)/Leonardo Tavares (Por) 62 63

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