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The favourites move forward to the semi-finals

Some of the world's best juniors are in Stockholm this week for the Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris. First to play on Friday were the girls, whose matches went relatively quickly. The favourites were strong with high tempo and look ready for tomorrow's semi-finals.

Today's most exciting girls' match was between Russian friends Alina Korneeva and Daria Shadchneva. It was a great fight in the first set with a lot of energy from both players. A tiebreak was required to decide the first set, where Shadchneva proved strongest. She took a firm grip on the match in the second set, and proved too strong for her opponent, final score 7-6, 6-3.

Title defender Brenda Fruhvirtova and first-seeded Brit Martin are both looking dangerous. Martin's powerful tennis game has been successful so far in the tournament. Tomorrow's meeting between Fruhvirtova and Martin could be seen as the "real" final.

– It will be interesting to see which of the two will be first to try to dominate and to take control of the match. One thing is for sure; there will be something special in the Royal Tennis Hall this Saturday, Tournament Director Joe Beaton comments.

When the boys entered the stage, the matches were much harder to decide.

The clash of the day was the encounter between the Russian Dmitrii Burtsev and British player Viktor Frydrych. A very even fight from first to the last ball. The crowd got to see great tennis where the players offered excellent duels at a high tempo. The Russian looked like he had control over the match, but late in the second set, Viktor started his comeback, final score being 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Second-seeded Martin Landaluce from Spain had a tough day at the office. Despite a good start with a 4-1 lead, the first set went to Daniil Sarkisian from Russia after taking eight straight games. Daniil might have relaxed a bit too much when leading 6-4, 3-0 and became a little too passive. Martin took advantage of this and turned the second set from 1-4 to 6-4 in his favour. In the decisive set, the Spaniard found his way back to the high level he showed earlier this week and ended the third set 6-1.

Tomorrow we look forward to watching top-seed Atakan Karahan from Turkey and 3rd-seeded Oleksandr Ponomar from Ukraine. Ponomar will try to build the match around his serve and forehand, keeping the points short. Karahan, on the other hand, is very happy with being on the defensive and waiting for his opportunities.

– This contrast of playing styles will undoubtedly offer the spectators some very interesting tennis, Joe Beaton concludes.

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