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Safety first as Andy Murray returns to winning ways at Schroders Battle of the Brits

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All eyes were on the Schroders Battle of the Brits as elite tennis got back underway in Britain.

Andy Murray said, after his opening win on the first day: “We're trying as best as we can here to do everything properly and everyone is respecting the rules.

“All of the players now will be extremely aware that we can all be affected by this. Coronavirus doesn't care who we are or what we do and we need to respect it and respect the rules.”

Next up for Murray will be Kyle Edmund, and he expects that to be another step up in level, with the former World No. 1 keeping his expectations low.

“I’m not obviously where I would want to be but it’s just good to get matches and see how my hip responds to playing three days in a row.”

There were wins too for Kyle Edmund and British No. 1 Dan Evans but a shock loss for tournament organiser Jamie Murray and Neal Skupski as the tournament favourites tumbled to the scratch pairing of Liam Broady & Cameron Norrie.

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Problem-solver Edmund outlasts Murray to top Tim Henman Group, impressive singles debut for Peniston

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Get set for a sprint to the finish in the Tim Henman Group as Day 2 of the Schroders Battle of the Brits saw Kyle Edmund leading the group with a second win, over Andy Murray.

Edmund looked to be the stronger, physically towards the end of the longest match of the tournament so far, as he worked out the key to outlast the three-time Slam winner, who he still credits for taking him, and other players under his wing.

He said: “I just tried to hang in there and give myself a chance. Two tie-breaks took it in the end so just finding a way through it is the most pleasing thing.”

He continued: “Throughout the years he's been the senior figure so the guys who have been younger, he's always offered help, and you always remember that, always appreciate that.

“When you see someone offering to help you and they go through a tough time it's good to see them back and have some success.”

It will be a straight shoot out tomorrow evening for the semi-final spot between Murray and James Ward, who looked in very impressive form in his straight sets win over Liam Broady.

Ryan Peniston made his mark on his singles debut. More usually found on the Futures and the Challenger tour, he took the fight right to the British No. 3 Cameron Norrie, taking the first set, and with three matches already under his belt against the best British male players – it will be exciting to see how he takes back to the tour when it restarts.

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Plenty of action to savour as Murray and Evans set for a semi-final clash, and future stars show their potential

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The third day was certainly the charm at the Schroders Battle of the Brits as Andy Murray battled his way through another gruelling match, defeating James Ward for a spot in Saturday's semi-final.

Evans made no bones about the fact that no-one here has viewed this event as any kind of exhibition and the quality on display these past three days are proof positive.

For Murray, who had made a point of saying he had set his expectations low, there were still positives, even if after three days on the bounce, the hip was feeling a little achy.

He said, after the match: "When I was playing Davis Cup in November, it was. My hip was sore when I moved. I'm feeling it a little just now but that was the best

I've moved in the three matches. I'm delighted that I've got a rest day tomorrow because I'm very, very tired."

The former British and indeed World No. 1 will face the current British No. 1 who showed no ill-effects from a late finish on Day Two in the doubles. He breezed past Cameron Norrie in straight sets but knows that despite his form and obvious confidence, he still faces a battle.

Evans said: "There's always more to beating Andy than tennis. You always think how good he was. It's a difficult match but I'll have to deal with that."

We do not need to look too far though to what might be, for the future of British tennis. Hot off the heels of an impressive singles debut against Ryan Peniston, that same tenacity made him take a fellow US collegiate player Paul Jubb the distance.

What exactly impresses about this pair? They both attack without fear and have a poise about them that suggests if they continue to work hard and take this experience back onto the Futures and Challengers, we should expect an encouraging upward trajectory.

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Super-Saturday beckons with a dream semi-final line-up and the doubles final

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The scene is set for an epic Battle of the Best of British.

The three top British male players and the never-ending tenacity of Andy Murray will grace the Schroders Battle of the Brits semi-final line-up on Saturday.

Kyle Edmund might have been celebrating Liverpool's success until the small hours, but that did not stop him from rounding out his round-robin stage with a clean sheet.

Hot on his heels was Dan Evans who had been impressive, and found himself being taken the distance by Ryan Peniston, who has no doubt sparked a lot of interest among fans and pundits alike with his positive attitude.

Cameron Norrie has not had things all his own way – until today. His dismantling of another very promising youngster Paul Jubb proves he is very much still in the mix for the honours on Sunday,

Evans is not naive enough to think that just his ranking alone will get him over the line against Murray who demonstrated three days on the bounce that he will stick at it until the very end. He was only just edged out against Edmund and battled hard for his coveted spot.

And while Murray is working his way back up the rankings, few would disagree that this line-up represents the best of British male tennis talent.

The doubles have been no less entertaining, with Evans and Glasspool coming back to take out the ‘Fear-Hand’ combination of James Ward and Kyle Edmund. Glasspool has veered a little more towards doubles recently and his deftness at the net has been a game-changer.

In the battle of the specialists, it was nip and tuck between pre-tournament favourites Jamie Murray & Neal Skupski and Joe Salisbury & Jonny O’Mara with a thrilling sprint to the finish for Murray and Skupski.

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Evans soars, Edmund prevails, Jamie Murray and Neal Skupski claim the doubles title

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Dan Evans once more demonstrated that he has stepped up to the mantle of British No. 1 delivering a determined win over former World No. 1 Andy Murray. He had to work for his victory – Murray’s serve earned him good free points and allowed him to stifle Evans’ game in the first set, but Murray would be the first to admit that maintaining that intensity is something that will come with time.



After the match, Murray said: "My game's there, I just need more time to practice and prepare and I'll get there.

"Some of the tennis I've played this week I think as very encouraging, I just wasn't able to do it for a long enough in matches. That's something that when I was up at the top of the game and competing regularly is that my level was the same throughout whereas I'm just struggling to maintain that."

Evans said: "I'm immensely proud to have been on the court with Andy. In this environment, in the semi-final, you don't get to do that every day so it's great to come through winning.

"Just really happy with the way I played, with the way I moved and I was pretty resilient after the first set."

One of the positive aspects of this format is the reduction in the length of time to complete games, and that will have come as quite a relief to Kyle Edmund as he had to toil to (quite literally) up-end Cameron Norrie, whose frustrating trip on match-point sent the former British No. 1 into the final.

Edmund said: "It was a tough match. It felt I was coming from behind - I felt he was a bit happier with how the match was going than myself. I had to find a way of changing that.

"I guess that's all is needed in that format. You only need to get a set to force a third [set] tie-break - and in a tie-break you've always got a chance."



To cap the day off tournament director Jamie Murray and Neal Skupski overcame a disastrous start to turn the tables on Evans and Lloyd Glasspool for a second time this week, this time to claim the inaugural title.

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Battle of the Brits welcomes elite tennis back with success

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From the stringent safety precautions for everyone concerned, players and supporting staff, along with the genuine camaraderie in the weeks preceding and including the tournament, Schroders Battle of the Brits was the perfect way to restart elite tennis on a domestic level.

With so much uncertainty still in this new world we all find ourselves in, seeing the return of tennis to tv screens has been a welcome slice of normality. It has also been a solid platform for the best male players in the country to ready themselves for the hopeful resumption of the tours in August.



The top three British male Players occupied the top spots in order, and for the returning Andy Murray and indeed James Ward, it was a positive week for both, coming back from their injury issues.

We even got a glimpse of what their legacy would be in watching the self-assured performances of Ryan Peniston and Paul Jubb – both of whom have a lot to learn, but relished a chance to share the centre stage with the best of British.

All anyone can hope for now is that elsewhere in the world, tournaments regard what has worked well, what has not, and put in plans protocols to help the sport get back on its feet for the remainder of the year, while the rest of the tennis-watching population get ready to map out brackets for their favourite players, secure in the knowledge that at least in the UK, elite tennis has got the ball rolling again.

Player Reactions:

Battle of the Brits singles winner Dan Evans,

All the players have loved it. It's been a long week and a great week to finish and hopefully we can do it all again.

Singles runner-up Kyle Edmund,

It was pretty much like a tour event, these conditions. It turned out really well and all the players put in a pretty good shift this week, and everyone else off the court put in a bigger one.

Jamie made it as safe as possible, the players were able to relax and go about their business without feeling like they were too restricted

Tournament director & doubles winner, Jamie Murray,

I think the event was a big success. The players had a great time playing. Fun to see a lot of familiar faces at the event after so long off the tour. If we get the chance to do it again, I think we'll try to