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### PACE Canadian Squash Classic SEMI FINALS - FIRST MATCH

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*John Bassett Theatre at Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
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#### RAMY OVERCOMES GUILT TO REACH FINAL

**Toronto - After beating fellow countryman Karim Darwish 3/1 in the first semi-final of the PACE Canadian Squash Classic at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Ramy Ashour, the world number two, admitted that he has guilt problems, which caused him to throw away the last two points of the third game.**

“I knew my ball was good, but Darwish was so sure it was down, I began to feel guilty about taking the point and then hit the next ball into the ground,” he explained.

All Freudian confessions aside, Ashour was in top form from the very first rally and rolled over Darwish 11-4 in just six minutes. Darwish admitted later that he started flat and defensive – “which you can’t do against Ashour who attacks from the start and is so accurate.”

Darwish picked up his pace in the second game, but Ashour worked his incredible speed and accuracy. His flow of drop shots to both sides of the court was almost cruel in the way it stretched Darwish to the limit. Ashour won the game 11-7 and then took a quick 3-1 lead in the third before Darwish found his momentum and fought the good fight. Both players displayed superb squash that constantly brought roars of approval from the packed audience of the John Bassett Theatre.

The score was 8-8 when a controversial call occurred, followed by an animated discussion between the two players. Ashour obviously upset, gave away the final game points.

Turning anger into overdrive, Ashour returned after a two minute break, delivering a barrage of shots for which Darwish had no answers. Ashour won the game handily in less than eight minutes, earning his final berth at tomorrow’s PACE Canadian Squash Classic.

**RESULTS**

Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt Karim Darwish (EGY) 11-4, 11-7, 8-11, 11-5 52 minutes

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