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TOMIC INTO AAMI CLASSIC FINAL

The sun finally shone at Kooyong this afternoon when **BERNARD TOMIC (AUS)** raced into the final of the **AAMI Classic**. He eventually wore down Frenchman **GAEL MONFILS** in the second match of the day, winning in three sets, 6/4, 4/6, 7/6(2).

Bernard said after the match that he was happy with the way he played and he was feeling more confident each match "I think I've got what I need here in confidence and match practice and Saturday will be the same thing, just to come out and try a few things. I'll definitely try my heart out. I've tried my heart out from the first match I've played here and it's an opportunity like any tournament. I think this is the more serious exhibition that there is and these top players are all training here and getting ready for the start on Monday like I am too. I'm having fun playing and winning".

Monfils was complimentary about Tomic's game: "He's doing great. Sometimes he has this really slow rhythm and sometimes he can hit it, flick it, so he's great. He's got a really good hand and you know what is great with him is actually he seizes the court like very, very good and, I mean, he has a lot of talent".

In Saturday's final Tomic faces the winner of tomorrow's match between American **MARDY FISH** and Austrian **JURGEN MELZER** who are first up on centre court at 11.00 am.

ANDY RODDICK (USA) and **TOMAS BERDYCH (CZE)** fought out the last match of the day, with Roddick prevailing in an entertaining three set match (4/6, 7/6 (5) 6/3).

Tomorrow's schedule of play is attached. Scot **ANDY MURRAY** will play an exhibition match against Argentinian **DAVID NALBANDIAN** second up after 11.00 am.

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