The highest ever ranked Portuguese tennis player | Thursday, 31 October, from 7 pm.

Autograph session with João Sousa at the Norte Shopping Sport Zone

João Sousa, the first Portuguese tennis player ever to win an ATP tournament, will be **signing autographs** at **the Norte Shopping Sport Zone shop on Thursday, 31 October**, **from 7 p.m**. Sousa, from Guimarães, is the first Portuguese tennis player to make the top 50 having reached number 47 at the start of the week, his best ever professional ranking.



At the end of September, João Sousa achieved something unprecedented in Portuguese tennis when he won the final of the Malaysia Open. In the final in Kuala Lumpur, Sousa beat Frenchman Julien Benneteau in three sets (2-6, 7-5, 6-4) in 2 hours 18 minutes, becoming the first Portuguese tennis player ever to claim an ATP title.

At the age of 24, João Sousa also became the first Portuguese tennis player to face a World Number One, when he played the Serb Novak Djokovic in round three of the US open in August. He also became the first Portuguese player to beat a top 10 player when he defeated David Ferrer, ranked number 4 at the time, in the quarter finals in Kuala Lumpur.

At the start of the week, Sousa was back in the ATP Tour top 50 after reaching the second round of the Valencia Masters 500, having gained a place in the main tournament through qualifying.

The event is **open to the public**. It will include **an autograph signing session** and **João Sousa will be available to answer questions from the media.**

Date: Thursday, 31 October
Venue: Sport Zone Norte Shopping
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