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CENTRE COURT	NEXT GEN ARENA	COURT 1	COURT 2	
17.30 Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Kenny De Schepper (FRA) <i>Ne prije/Not before 20.00</i> Borna Ćorić (CRO) vs Carlos Berlocq (ARG) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Joao Sousa (POR) vs Aljež Bedene (VBR)	17:00 Jiri Vesely (CZE) vs Norbert Gombos (SVK) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Attila Balazs (HUN) vs Damir Džumhur (BIH) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> I. Dodig / F. Škugor vs R. Jebavy / J. Vesely <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> D. Marcan / A. Šančić vs M. Elgin / D. Istjomin	17:00 Andrej Martin (SVK) vs Denis Istjomin (UZB) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Radu Albot (MDA) vs Miljan Zekić (SRB) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Mihail Youzhny (RUS) vs Nick Kicker (ARG) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> M. Draganja / T. Draganja vs Fognini / Giannessi	17.00 Marc Polmans (AUS) vs Alessandro Giannessi (ITA) <i>Ne prije / Not Before 19:00</i> Cecchinato / Rublev vs Dutra Silva / Lorenzi COURT 4 17.00 Rogério Dutra Silva (BRA) vs Marco Trungelliti (ARG)	12.00-02.00 Naša kužina by LF Restoran 18.00-04.00 Taste Istria 18.00 – 02.00 Istria gourmet restoran by Zigante tartuffi 21.00 Wine tastings - Aged Malvasia
				PARTY PROGRAM
				23.30 Party nights - Željko Joksimović

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	3. BALASZ, ATTILA	HUN	>					
	4. DŽUMHUR, DAMIR	BIH						
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	DURAN, GUILLERMO	ARG	>					
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	POLMANS, MARC	AUS	>					
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	BERLOCQ, CARLOS	ARG	>					
	8. SOUSA, JOAO	POR						
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	9. RUBLEV, ANDREY	RUS						
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	10. LORENZI, PAOLO	ITA						
	BEDENE, ALJAZ	GBR	>					
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	CERRETANI, JAMES	USA	>					
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	FOGNINI, FABIO	ITA	>					
	13. GIANNESSI, ALESSANDRO	ITA						
	DRAGANJA, MARIN	CRO	>					
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	JEBAVY, ROMAN	CZE	>					
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Lawrence Frankopan

Najava utorka

SREĆA ZBOG DODIGA, TUGA ZBOG ŠKUGORA

Dobar start, ali moglo je biti i bolje. Jako mi je žao što se Franko Škugor nije pridružio Ivanu Dodigu i Borni Ćoriću u glavnom ždrijebu, to bi me jako razveselilo. No, Kenny De Schepper igrao je jako dobro, treba mu čestitati na prolazu dalje.

No, zato je sve nadoknadio Ivan Dodig koji se borio kao pravi šampion i bio sam vrlo impresioniran s njegovom igrom i kretanjem, tim više što je došao na turnir izravno poslije sezone na travi i jer nije imao previše vremena za prilagodbu zemljanoj podlozi.

Bilo je zanimljivo pratiti oba meča naših tenisača istovremeno, a i publika se teško odlučila na koje će tribine sjesti, u središnji stadion gdje je igrao Dodig ili u Next Gen Arenu s Frankom. I ja sam bio rastrgan što gledati jer su me oba meča, naravno, zanimala. Išao sam od terena do terena, ali žalost Franku nije bilo suđeno. Imao je četiri meč-lopte, dobru priliku. No, Franko je odličan igrač i još bolja osoba i siguran sam da će biti sljedeće godine ponovo s nama na turniru. No, još uvijek je i na ovom turniru "živ" jer igra parove. Eto, on i Dodig su igrali istovremeno mečeve singla, a danas će opet igrati istovremeno, ali na istom terenu.

Gledao sam i meč Gillesa Simona, šteta što smo ga tako rano izgubili, ali show mora ići dalje. Uostalom, imamo još dosta drugih igrača i zvijezda koje će nadomjestiti njegovo mjesto. Svejedno, drago nam je što je Simon bio ovdje, on je ugledno svjetsko ime

i barem su gledatelji mogli pogledati ga u Umagu jer prije nisu imali takvu priliku. Izgubio je, ali to je tenis, takve stvari se događaju. Mogu se dogoditi i još većim igračima, na svakom turniru. Pogled prema današnjem danu. Imat ćemo "punu kuću" jer će svi tereni biti popunjeni. Borna Ćorić je glavna zvijezda, njegov meč na središnjem terenu od 20 sati sigurno će biti jako zanimljiv. Igra protiv Carlosa Berlocqa koji je strašan igrač za zemljanu podlogu i koji će sigurno biti nezgodan suparnik za prvo kolo.

Starta danas i Benoît Paire, pomalo neobičan tenisač, ali jako dobar. Čovjek je dobio Stana Wawrinku, trećeg tenisača svijeta, ove godine u Madridu, a to je dovoljno upozorenje svima koliko je dobar. Ni njega nikada nismo imali prilike gledati Umagu, a mislim da će biti sjajan dodatak za našu publiku. U akciji će biti Joao Sousa i Aljaž Bedene, lanjski finalist Andrej Martin kreće protiv Denisa Istjomina po novo umaško iznenađenje, Mihail Južnji je tu, Fabio Fognini igra parove... Dakle, bit će zapravo vrlo teško pratiti sve mečeve, skakat ću od terena do terena, jer to su sve mečevi koje se isplati gledati. Puno se toga događa i bojim se da ćemo razmaziti gledatelje...

Goran Ivanišević

Osvrt na ponedjeljak



ISPLATILO SE DOĆI I NAVIJATI ZA DODIGA

Prvi dan je iza nas, u kojem smo imali razloga i za sreću i za malo tuge. Ivan Dodig je odradio i izvukao vrlo korektan meč protiv Mariusa Copila, drago mi je bilo vidjeti i da je publika već prvoga dana glavnog dijela turnira dobro popunila tribine. Za ovaj tenis koji je Dodig pokazao isplatio se doći i pogledati meč.

Naš Dodo uvijek igra sa srcem, veliki je borac i makar u proteklom vremenu nije imao previše uspjeha na Tournu u pojedinačnim mečevima, njegova pobjeda za mene nije iznenađenje. Nije jer on ima igru koja ne odgovara Copilu. Rumunj voli izaći na mrežu, a Dodig je iskustvo iz parova na reternu jako dobro koristio u ovom meču i odlično se branio protiv Copila.

Koliko sam bio sretan zbog Ivana, toliko mi je bilo žao zbog Franka Škugora. To je sjajan dečko koji je zaslužio prolazak dalje, ali očitno mu nije suđeno. Ovo nije njegovih desetak dana jer je i u Wimbledonu igrao polufinale u parovima s Nikolom Mektićem, koje je bilo na rubu, a nije otišlo na njihovu stranu. Sada je ovdje imao svašta, zapravo sve za pobjedu, u konačnici i četiri meč lopte, ali nije mu bilo dovoljno. Šteta, velika šteta da se nije prošao u glavni ždrijeb i zbog turnira i zbog njega samoga. Ali, nadam se da će sve to upjeti nadoknaditi u konkurenciji parova

s Dodigom. Obojica su fantastični igrači parova, već su igrali skupa, znaju se i mogla bi to biti dobra kombinacija na ovom turniru.

Poraz Gillesa Simona za mene i nije neko iznenađenje. Već sam prije govorio da je ovo njegova najlošija sezona. Stalno nekako podbacuje. Nadali smo se da će od Umaga okrenuti priču, no nije uspio. Izgubio je samopouzdanje, nije to onaj "dosadni" Simon, ne u smislu dosadan za gledati već dosadan za suparnike jer je znao sve vraćati, stalno se braniti i teško ga je bilo slomiti. Ne znam što je razlog da mu trenutačno ne ide, ali morat će nešto promijeniti.

Što nas čeka danas? Uh, bit će svačega. Istaknuo bih ludastog Francuza Benoita Pairea, on će biti sigurno zanimljiv publici za gledati, ali zapravo će biti teško izabrati između tolikih mečeva jer na svim će se terenima stalno nešto zbivati. Ali i to je dokaz koliko je Umag ove godine jak, zato možemo biti samo sretni i ponosni.

INTERVJU RONALD KOROTAJ, DIREKTOR ISTRATURISTA I ORGANIZACIJSKOG ODBORA TURNIRA



NEMA BOLJE POZIVNICE ZA TENIS OD OVOGA ŠTO MI NUDIMO

Nakon zagrijavanja u subotu egzibicijom u režiji Gaëla Monfilsa, od ponedjeljka su pogonski motori organizatora Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag u punom zamahu. Prvi dan glavnog dijela ždrijeba, ali i sve ono što slijedi u preostalim danima ovoga tjedna produkt su višemesečnog rada i truda uloženog od strane organizatora. I svi će se složiti da su rezultati odlični.

- Zadovoljni smo jako uvodom, prvi dan nam je bila subota koja je bila izuzetno zabavna i koja uvijek privuče ne samo one koji vole tenis nego i one koji ga tek otkrivaju da vide neke nove stvari, a kada je Gaël Monfils u blizini uvijek je

zabava zagarantirana. Na to se sjajno nadovezao i Parni valjak s kojim je publika uživala. Kompletan naš party program za ovaj tjedan vrlo je sadržajan, zadovoljit će svačiji ukus jer za svakog imamo ponešto - rekao je Ronald Korotaj, direktor Istraturista i predsjednik organizacijskog odbora turnira.

Sportski dio turnira neće nimalo zaostajati, dapače, popis igrača u ždrijebu sugerira da će obilovati vrhunskim tenisom u Umagu.

- Odradili smo prvi dan i već smo tu imali dva jako zanimljiva meča, jedan s našim Ivanom Dodigom, drugi s Gillesom Simonom. Vjerujem da će tako zanimljivo biti

svih ovih sljedećih dana tijekom Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Nemoguće je i pomisliti da netko kroz ovih 28 godina postojanja umaškog turnira nije barem čuo, ako već nije uživo osjetio čari Umaga i ovdašnjeg ATP turnira, ali za one rijetke izuzetke teško je zamisliti bolju pozivnicu od onoga što su organizatori ponudili za ovo izdanje. **- Oni koji još nisu bili kod nas vjerojatno imaju neku percepciju kako to izgleda gledajući televiziju, ali u stvarnosti je to puno dojmljivije jer gledati uživo i vidjeti koliko su te loptice brze, jake, koliko je napora od svakog igrača u svakom poenu, to je posve drugačiji doživljaj.**

Zato bih predložio svima da dođu i pogledaju kao što je mnogo ljudi i učinilo pa su se onda iznenadili i komentirali nam kako je to zaista sport kojeg vrijedi gledati uživo jer je posebno dinamičan i zabavan. Na televiziji to ponekad izgleda lako, ali tek kada sjedite na tribinama vidite da nije.

Imate li svog tajnog favorita kada se radi o konačnom pobjedniku? **- Imamo mu uvijek nekoliko favorita, ali s obzirom na to da smo prije nekoliko godine rekli da je Borna Ćorić onaj na kojeg dugoročno računamo i koji je predvodnik ne samo hrvatske već i generalno, svjetske generacije mladih teni-**

PRVI DAN KID'S WEEKA BIO JE U ZNAKU PROŠLOGODIŠNJEG FINALISTA IZ SLOVAČKE

MARTINA ODUŠEVILI NAJMLAĐI TENISAČI

Slovački tenisač s osmijehom je jučer oko 11 sati ušetao na teren među više od 50 mališana koji su se već sat vremena ranije počeli zagrijavati, nestrpljivo iščekujući trenutak kada će odmjeriti snage s prošlogodišnjim finalistom umaškog turnira. Na početku prvog ovogodišnjeg Kid's Weeka, Andrej Martin srdačno je pozdravio mlade teniske nade i stao sa suprotne strane mreže. Nije mogao ne pohvaliti djecu koja su u narednih pola sata energično s njime razmjenjivala loptice, dajući sve od sebe da zablistaju na terenu. Druženje je završilo zajedničkim poziranjem za fotogra-

fi je te potpisivanjem loptica, nakon čega su djeca svojim kućama otišla sa širokim osmijehom na licu. Kid's Week svakog radnog dana za vrijeme trajanja turnira u istom terminu ugošćuje teniske zvijezde na druženju s najmlađim sportašima. Svi su pozvani da nam se pridruže i upoznaju svoje uzore.



OSCAROV KUTAK

Prvi dan turnira počeo je igrom talijanskog igrača Marca Cecchinata koji je rezultatom 6:1, 3:6, 6:1 porazio jednog među boljima, visoko rangiranim francuskim predstavnicima tenisa, Gillesa Simona, i to nakon više od dva sata igre. U isto vrijeme na Grand Standu Franko Škugor odličnom igrom ipak nije uspio savladati francuskog igrača Kennyja de Scheppera i time se definitivno oprostio od glavnog dijela turnira. Mlada nada tenisa, Rus Andrey Rublev, u kvalifikacijama protiv Atille Balazsa (HUN) nije uspio izboriti ulaz u glavni turnir. Večernji meč u dvoboju između našeg Ivana Dodiga koji se nakon pet godina vratio u Umag na pojedinačno natjecanje i koji je 2011. godine osvojio naslov ATP turnira u Zagrebu bio je događaj



dana. Da je ozbiljna konkurencija Rumunju Mariusu Copilu potvrdio je pobjedom s rezultatom 4:6, 6:7 nakon tie-breaka. U konkurenciji parova zaigrali su Bjelorus Max Mirnyi i Kanađanin Daniel Nestor protiv Aliaksandra Buryja i Damira Džumhura, a pobjedu s rezultatom 7:6, 6:0 odnijeli Mirmy i Nestor. Veselim se današnjem danu i bogatom rasporedu, uz poruku: Ajde Borna!!!

piše: Oscar Visintin



DOBAR START ZA HRVATSKOG PREDSTAVNIKA

DODIG DO POBJEDE NAKON 13 MJESECI

Ivan Dodig vratio se pobjedama na ATP Touru. Mislimo pri tome, jasno, na mečeve u pojedinačnoj konkurenciji. Hrvatski specijalist za igru u paru pobrinuo se za osvježavajući prolog na ovogodišnjem Plava Laguna Croatia Openu Umag pobjedom nad Mariusom Copilom u 1. kolu glavnog dijela turnira. Bila je to za našeg tenisača prva pobjeda nakon 13 mjeseci čekanja, a nakon sedam vezanih poraza u glavnom dijelu zdrjeba i još puno njih u kvalifikacijama, Ivan Dodig u nekom se trenutku morao zapitati isplati li se i dalje pokušavati u singlu.

- **Drago mi je prije svega i zahvalio bih direktoru Lawrenceu što mi je dao priliku igrati ovdje s pozivnicom, jer po rankingu to ne bih mogao. Bilo mi je gušt igrati, a drago mi je što sam pokazao da još uvijek mogu igrati na visokoj razini. Nažalost činjenica je da zadnjih godinu i pol imam problema s leđima, nije mi lako. I ovog puta mi je bilo teško, možda će sutra biti još teže. Znam**

da igram dobar tenis, ali moram biti realan i mislim da će biti teško da nastavim u singlu, s obzirom da tijelo nije najbolje, ali naravno da ću probati, sebi za gušt. S druge strane imam ciljeve u parovima koje sam si zacrtao, na to stavljam prioritet i motivaciju - komentirao je Dodig nakon pobjede sa 6:4, 7:6 (4).

Za iznenađenje dana pobrinuo se Marco Cecchinato pobjedom nad petim nositeljom Gillesom Simonom u tri seta, 6:1, 3:6, 6:1. Talijan je ušao u glavni turnir zahvaljujući odustajanju Yugichija Sugite, a sada je ostvario i vrijednu pobjedu.



sača, voljeli bismo njega vidjeti na tronu. Malo nam je žao što nismo bili njegov prvi osvojeni turnir jer je osvojio već Marakeš, ali što nam je istovremeno naravno jako drago zbog njega, no bila bi nam čast da osvoji i ovaj turnir.

Hrvatski igrači oduvijek su bili ključan sastojak umaškog turnira, pa je i zbog toga lijepo vidjeti da se nakon pet godina ovdje vratio Ivan Dodig. - **Apsolutno nam je drago da je Ivan s nama opet, velika je šteta što se dečki poput Pecotića ili Serdarušića te pogotovo Franka Škugora nisu uspjeli priključiti kroz kvalifikacije. Franko je bio jako blizu. No, uvijek**

nam je zadovoljstvo promovirati naše mlade tenisače, dati im priliku da uz našu pomoć zakorače na veliku scenu jer nemaju uvijek i svugdje takve mogućnosti. Hrvati su uvijek naši favoriti, ali s našeg promocijskog aspekta dragi su nam i svi ostali tenisači koji dolaze iz zemalja koje gravitiraju Umagu turistički. Možemo tako primjerice osjetiti da ove godine ima izuzetno puno Talijana na našem turniru, što vezujemo uz osvajanje turnira Fabija Fogninija prošle godine. On je naš veliki prijatelj već deset godina pa ne bismo imali ništa protiv da i on još jednom ponovi lanjski uspjeh.

U UMAGU OTVORENA NEXT GEN ARENA

Još jedna novost umaškog turnira ove godine suradnja je s ATP-om u sklopu koje je Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag promotor Next Gen tenisača. Riječ je o mladim, nadolazećim zvijezdama svjetskog tenisa koji bi jednoga dana trebali zamijeniti aktualne vladare, Rogera Federera, Rafaela Nadala, Novaka Đokovića... - **Čast nam je i privilegija što imamo budućnost našeg sporta ovdje u Umagu i što već sada gradimo i razvijamo odnose s njima te se nadamo da će nam se vraćati i kada budu u svjetskom vrhu** - rekao je Ronald Korotaj, predsjednik Organizacijskog odbora turnira.

Direktor turnira Lawrence Frankopan sa zadovoljstvom je predstavio trojicu igrača iz ove generacije tenisača do 23 godine koji igraju ove godine u Umagu: Borna Ćorića, Rusa Andreja Rubljeva te Australca Marca Polmansa. Oni su kandidati za plasman



na Next Gen ATP Finals koji će se u studenom premijerno održati u Milanu. Po uzoru na tradicionalni skup osmorice najboljih tenisača svijeta, ATP je odlučio jednako takav turnir napraviti i za tenisače do 23 godine.

Samo što će se Next Gen Finals igrati po specifičnim pravilima: setovi će se igrati do četiri gema, nema "neca" na servisu, nema prednosti na 40:40 već sljedeći poen završava gem, a

postojat će i sat koji će odbrojavati 20 sekundi od završetka poena u kojima tenisač mora servirati, odnosno početi novi poen.

- **Bit će zgodno vidjeti sve to, možda meni i ne jer volim uzeti dosta vremena između poena - priznao je Borna Ćorić.**

U sklopu ove promocije koja fokusira mlade tenisače, u Umagu je dosadašnji teren Grand Stand prigodno preimenovan u Next Gen Arena.

ZAVRŠENE KVALIFIKACIJE

ŠKUGOR U DRAMI BEZ POBJEDE

Franko Škugor propustio je veliku priliku za prolazak u glavni turnir Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Šibenčanin je u posljednjem kolu kvalifikacija protiv Francuza Kennyja de Scheppera ispustio gomilu šansi, od toga da je imao 6:1 i 3:0 u drugom setu pa loptu za 5:2, preko vodstva 4:2 u trećem setu, do toga da je imao četiri meč lopte u odlučujućem tie-breaku, pri čemu su tri bile vezane (6:3; 7:6). Nije mu, međutim, bilo dovoljno pa je nakon maratona od 2 sata i 41 minutu sa 1:6, 7:6 (2), 7:6 (7) dalje prošao 30-godišnji Francuz. Glavni turnir uz De Scheppera kroz kvalifikacije su izborili još Mađar Attila Balazs, koji je izbacio Andrej Rubljeva (6:3, 7:5), Marco Tringelliti preko Matteo Donata (6:2, 6:4) te Miljan Zekić, zahvaljujući pobjedi nad Stefanom Napolitanom (6:3, 7:5).



VINSKE DEGUSTACIJE

Kuša i piše: Antonija Mandić



ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL

DOBILI SMO PRVU FINALISTICU - MLADU MALVAZIJU FRANKOVIĆ

28. izdanje Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag nastavilo je s tradicionalnim vinskim degustacijama pod nazivom Skrivene čari istarskih vina. Prva večer prošla je u znaku svježih malvazija, a svoje su predstavile vinarije Franković, Coronica i Cuj. Osim u

vrhunskim malvazijama, gosti su uživali i u tajnama sommelierskog zanata koje im je i ove godine otkrivao vrhunski sommelier Emil Perdec. Kako prepoznati vino, što tražiti u boji, mirisu i okusu u odnosu na sortu, samo su neke od stvari u ko-

jima su sudjelovali gosti na prvim ovogodišnjim degustacijama. Na kraju su sva tri vina ocijenjena od strane publike, koja do kraja nije znala čije vino kušaju. Najveći broj bodova dobila je mlada malvazija Franković, i time ušla u finalni izbor

ATP vina 2017. godine, čije će se proglašenje održati nakon svih održanih degustacija, u nedjelju, posljednjeg dana umaškog turnira. Sutra je na rasporedu degustacija odležanih malvazija, u 21 sat u gourmet zoni.



PREPORUKA DANA:

ZAIGRAJTE TENIS U HLADU I UPOZNAJTE NOVE MODELE PEUGEOT SUV-A

Posjetiti jedan od najboljih teniskih turnira u regiji, a ne okušati se na terenu, jednostavno ne bi imalo smisla. Ako ste svoj reket zaboravili doma, ne brinite! Svakog dana svoje teniske vještine možete pokazati u Social Areni gdje vas u Peugeot zoni čeka Nintendo Wii. U ugodnoj atmosferi,

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Maskote Istraturista i Plave lagune, Tino i Lagunino, nisu bili aktivni samo tijekom Kid's Daya s Andrejom Martinom, već su po cijeli dan obilazili kompleks Stella Maris i zabavljali najmlađe posjetitelje turnira.



ATMOSFERA ZA PAMĆENJE

HLADNO PIVO UZ ŽESTOKE RITMOVE ZAGRIJALO UMAG

Nakon izvrsnih mečeva koji su publici pružili dozu vrhunskog tenisa, četvrti dan turnira završen je jednako dobrom svirkom rokera iz zagrebačkih Gajnica. Hladno pivo u žestokom ritmu otvorilo je koncert u Dance Areni koja je bila premala za sve posjetitelje koji se ni u ponoć nisu bili spremni oprostiti od turnira. Dečki su Umagu obećali vrhunski provod i upravo to su i isporučili. Tempo koncerta nije se usporavao gotovo ni trenutka, cijela Dance Arena skakala je u ritmu 'Firme', 'Samo za taj osjećaj', 'Ezoterije', 'Dibidusa' i mnogih drugih hitova Hladnog piva te se sjajna atmosfera koja vladala od samog početka turnira, nastavila do dugo u noć. Frontmen banda Mile Kekin otkrio je da, što se tenisa tiče, nije baš najkorisniji kad je servis u pitanju, ali je zato brz i okretan. Hladnom

pivu ovo nije prvi put da nastupaju na ATP turniru, a pamte ga samo po dobrom.

- Nastupili smo ovdje već 2014. godine i bilo je izvrsno!. Bilo je puno žena u štiklama i muškaraca ćelavih kao i mi. Uopće ne sumnjam da će i ovog puta biti tako, kazao je Kekin u svome stilu neposredno pred izlazak na pozornicu. U sklopu Party nights programa, danas mikrofon preuzima jedna od najvećih zvijezda regije, Željko Joksimović, u 23.30 sati na istom mjestu.



MONFILS ZAIGRAO MINI STOLNI TENIS, A POLMANS I PAIRE SE "OBRAČUNALI" U TENISU NA VODI



Tenis na tlu ili vodi, njima je svejedno. Marc Polmans i Benoît Paire podjednako se dobro snalaze i zabavljaju na oba 'terena'. Australac i Francuz u ponedjeljak su se u paru s prijateljima suočili sa suprotnih strana mreže na Triglavovom terenu za SUP tenis i, pokušavajući osvojiti poen istovremeno balansirajući na dasci za surfanje, nasmijali gledatelje koji su ih promatrali iz Social Arene. Paire se nije štedio, pa je svako malo završavao u moru, a ni Polmans, član

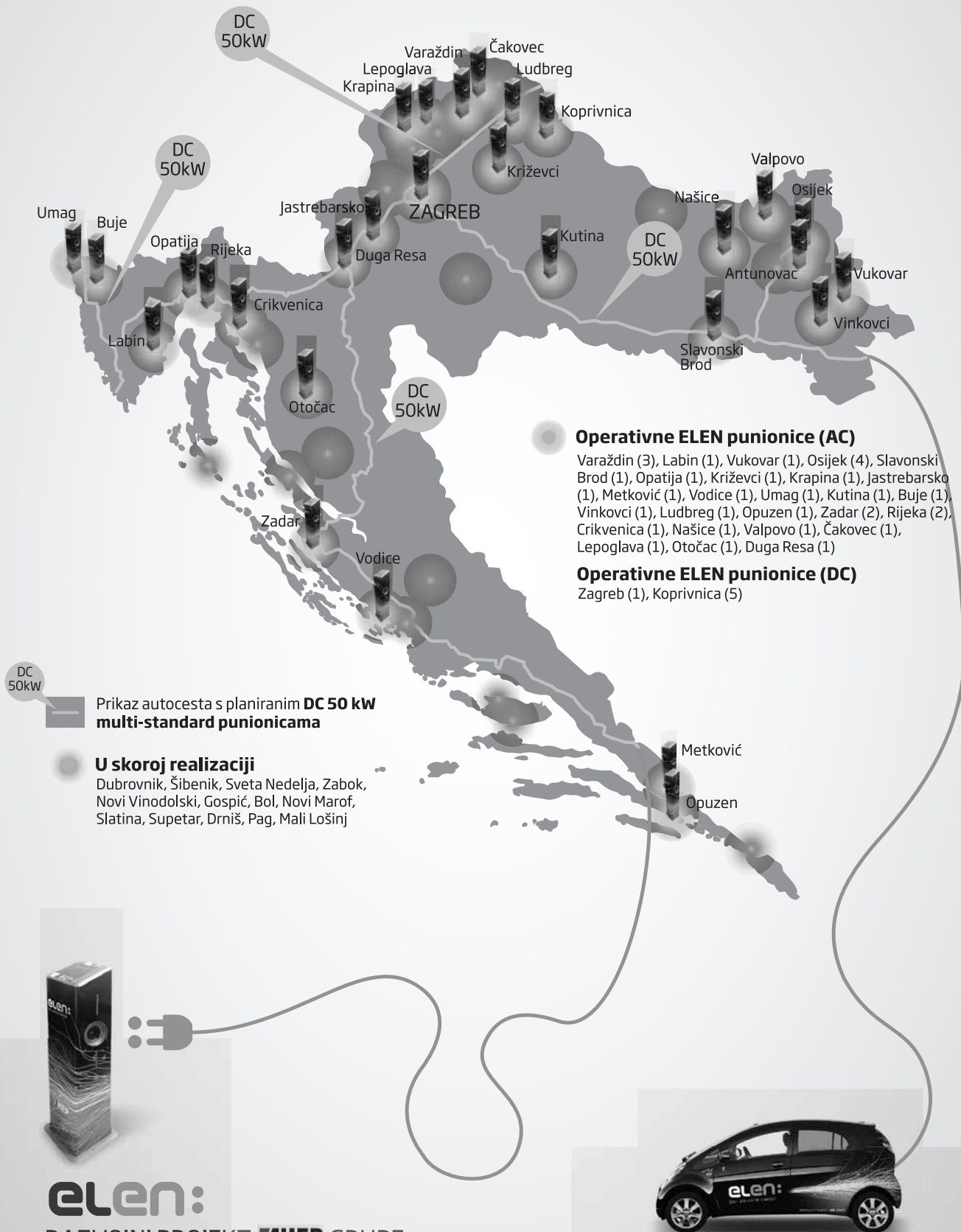
Next Gen-a, najnovijeg ATP projekta za mlade tenisače, nije bio ništa manje entuzijastičan.

Nakon što je akrobacijama i impresivnim plesnim pokretima oduševio publiku na subotnjoj egzibiciji, Gaël Monfils bio je zvijezda dana i u Social Areni. 13. tenisač svijeta s fanovima je zaigrao mini stolni tenis, a kako bi dodatno začinio meč, reket je zamijenio

mobitelom. Unatoč minijaturnom stolu i improviziranom 'reketu', Francuz je, po običaju, slavio.



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Lawrence Frankopan

Tuesday preview

HAPPINESS FOR DODIG, SORROW FOR ŠKUGOR

It was a good start but it could have been better. I am truly sorry Franko Škugor failed to join Ivan Dodig and Borna Ćorić in the main draw as that would have made me really happy. However, Kenny De Schepper played very well and should be congratulated on going through.

Still, Ivan Dodig made up for it by fighting like a true champion. I was very impressed with the way he played and moved on the court, especially since he had arrived in Umag right after the grass season and had had little time to adapt to the clay surface. It was interesting to follow both our players' matches at the same time. Even the spectators had a tough time deciding which stands to occupy, the ones surrounding the center court where Dodig was playing or those at the Next Gen Arena where Franko was. I had also been in two minds which match to follow as I was interested in both of them, naturally. I ended up going back and forth from one court to the other. Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be for Franko. He had four match points, a great chance. Still, he is a good player and I'm confident that next year he will be back with us at the tournament. He is still in this year's tournament, albeit in the doubles competition.

I also watched Gilles Simon's match and I have to say it was too bad that we lost him so early in the competition. Still, the show must go on. And anyway, we have plenty of other players and stars who will take his place. We are glad though that Simon was here. He is a

prominent name in the world of tennis and this way at least the spectators who hadn't seen him before got to see him play in Umag. He lost but that's tennis. Things like that happen all the time and to even bigger players, at any of the tournaments.

As far as today is concerned, we are going to have a full house as all the courts will be taken. Borna Ćorić is on the center court at 8 PM, he will face Carlos Berlocq, an excellent player on clay and a tricky first-round opponent. Benoit Paire, a somewhat unusual but rather good player, will also start today. This year in Madrid, the guy beat no. 3 in the world, Stan Wawrinka, and that's warning enough of how good he is for all those who stand opposite him. We never saw him in Umag before either, and I believe he will be an excellent addition in the eyes of our spectators. Last year's finalist Andrej Martin will kick off against Denis Istomin in an attempt at springing yet another Umag surprise. We will also see Mikhail Youzhny in action, and Fabio Fognini will be playing doubles... It is actually going to be really hard watching all those matches and going from court to court, as those are all matches worth seeing. There is a lot happening and I am afraid we will spoil our spectators.

Goran Ivanišević

Monday review



IT WAS WORTH IT TO COME AND ROOT FOR DODIG

The first day is behind us and we had reasons to be both happy and a little sad. Ivan Dodig played a rather solid match against Marius Copil. I was glad to see the stands were filled well already on the first day of the main part of the tournament. It was worth coming and watching Dodig's match for the tennis that he had shown us.

Our Dodo always plays with heart. He is a great fighter and even though lately he hadn't had much success on the tour in his singles matches, his victory was no surprise to me. The reason for that is the fact that his game simply doesn't suit Copil. The Romanian likes to come to the net and Dodig used his return experience from the doubles competition rather well in this match and defended quite well against Copil.

As much as I was happy for Ivan, I was also sad for Franko Škugor. He is a great guy who deserved to go through but it seems it just wasn't meant to be. This is just not his time, as in Wimbledon he played the doubles semifinal with Nikola Mektić, and that match could have also gone their way but did not. Here, he had everything to win the match, including four match points, but in the end it just wasn't enough. Too bad. It's a pity he didn't go through to the main draw, for the tournament's and his own sake. Still, I hope he will be able to make up for it in the doubles competition with Dodig. They are both fantastic

doubles players. They have played together before, they know each other well, and it could be a good combination for this tournament. The fact that Gilles Simon lost wasn't really a surprise for me. I'd said before that this was his worst season. He keeps failing somehow. We had hoped he would be able to turn things around once he was in Umag but he didn't. He has lost his confidence. He is no longer that "boring" Simon. Not boring in the sense that he is boring to watch but that he bores his opponents by being able to return everything, by fighting constantly and by being tough to break.

What's on the schedule for today? Well, all sorts of things. I would definitely like to single out the silly Frenchman Benoit Paire, as he will be an interesting one to watch for the spectators. Actually, it will be really hard to choose between so many matches as something will be going on all the courts. And that's yet another proof of how strong Umag is this year. We can only be proud and happy about it.

INTERVIEW RONALD KOROTAJ, DIRECTOR OF ISTRATURIST AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURNAMENT'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



THERE'S NO BETTER INVITATION TO TENNIS THAN WHAT WE ARE OFFERING



After last Saturday's warmup exhibition staged by Gaël Monfils, as of Monday the engines of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag organizers have been in full operation. The first day of the main draw, and everything else that comes in the remaining days of the week, is the product of months of effort invested by the organizers. Everyone will agree that the results are exceptional.

- We are very happy with the introduction; our first day was Saturday, and it was very entertaining. It always attracts not just tennis enthusiasts but also those who are still discovering the sport and are curious to learn new things about it. When Gaël

Monfils is around, entertainment is guaranteed. His performance was excellently rounded out by Parni Valjak, and the audience enjoyed them. Our overall party program for this week is very rich, and it will please everyone's taste, because we have something for everyone –Ronald Korotaj, director of Istraturist and chairman of the tournament's Organizing Committee, said.

The sports dimension of the tournament will not fall behind; on the contrary, the list of players in the draw suggests some top-quality tennis is about to happen in Umag.

- We are done with our first day and we've already had two very

interesting matches, one with our own Ivan Dodig, the other with Gilles Simon. I believe all the following days of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag will be similarly interesting. It's impossible to even imagine that in these 28 years of the tournament there is a person who hasn't at least heard of it, if they haven't experienced the magic of Umag and the ATP tournament for themselves. For the few who haven't, one can hardly imagine a better invitation than what the organizers offered for this edition.

- Those who have never visited us might have some picture of what it all looks like because they have seen the tournament on TV, but in

reality, it is much more impressive, because to watch a match live and see just how fast and powerful the balls are, how much effort the players put in each point, it is a completely different experience. So I would like to invite everyone to come and see, like so many people have done and told us in surprise that it is really a sport worth seeing live, because it is especially dynamic and entertaining. On TV, it might sometimes look easy but when you sit on the stands you see it's really not.

Do you have your secret favorite when it comes to the final winner?
- We always have several favorites; however, seeing as a few years back

THE GUEST OF THE FIRST DAY OF KIDS' WEEK WAS LAST YEAR'S RUNNER-UP

MARTIN THRILLED BY YOUNGEST PLAYERS

Yesterday, around 11 AM, the Slovakian tennis player walked on court with a smile on his face. There, around 50 children began to warm up an hour earlier, impatiently waiting for the moment they would play against last year's finalist in Umag. At the start of this year's Kids' Week, Andrej Martin gave a warm welcome to the young tennis hopefuls and stood on the opposite side of the net. It was hard for him not to compliment the children who for the next half an hour traded shots with him, giving their best to shine on that court. Their gathering ended with everyone

posing for a group photo and Martin's autographing the children's tennis balls. The children then left home with giant smiles on their faces. The Kids' Week will be welcoming tennis stars and the youngest athletes at the same time each workday during the tournament. You are all invited to join us and meet your role models.



OSCAR'S CORNER



The first day of the tournament kicked off with the match featuring the Italian Marco Cecchinato, who beat one of the better, high-ranked French tennis players Gilles Simon 6:1, 3:6, 6:1 after more than two hours of being on the court. At the same time, Franko Škugor faced another Frenchman, Kenny de Schepper at the Grand Stand but even with his A game he failed to overpower him, thus definitely saying goodbye to

the main tournament. The young tennis hopeful, Russia's Andrey Rublev lost the qualifying match against the Hungarian Atilla Balazs (HUN), thus also failing to go through to the main tournament. The evening duel starring Croatia's Ivan Dodig, who returned to Umag for a singles competition after a five-year stint and who won the ATP tournament in Zagreb in 2011, was the highlight of the day. He confirmed he was a serious contender in his match against the Romanian Marius Copil by winning 4:6, 6:7 following a tie break. In the doubles competition, Belarusian Max Mirnyi and Canadian Daniel Nestor played against Aliaksandr Bury and Damir Džumhur, eventually winning 7:6, 6:0. I look forward to today's rich schedule awaiting us, and I also have a brief message: Come on, Borna!!!

writes: Oscar Visintin



we said that Borna Ćorić was the player we were counting on in the long run, and as he has been leading an entire generation of young not only Croatian but also international tennis players, we would like to see him take the title. We are a bit sorry we weren't his first title as he has already won the tournament in Marrakesh but, at the same time, we are also very pleased for him. Still, we would be honored if he were to win this tournament as well.

Croatian players have always been a key ingredient of the tournament in Umag; therefore, it is good to see Ivan Dodig back here after a five-year absence.

- We are absolutely thrilled to have Ivan back, and it is a shame though that guys like Pecotić, Serdarušić or

Franko Škugor did not pass the qualifiers. Škugor especially, he was very close. Nevertheless, it is always a pleasure to promote our young players, and give them the opportunity and support to step onto the big stage, because they don't have such opportunities all the time or at just any venue. Croatian players are always our favorites, but from our promotional point of view, we also love all other tennis players who gravitate toward Umag. We can thus notice that this year there are a lot of Italians at our tournament, and we think this has to do with Fabio Fognini winning the tournament last year. He has been a great friend for ten years, so we wouldn't mind if he repeated last year's success.

A GOOD START FOR THE CROATIAN REPRESENTATIVE

DODIG WINS AFTER 13 MONTHS

Ivan Dodig is back to winning on the ATP Tour. In the singles competition, that is. The Croatian doubles specialist made sure this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag had a refreshing prologue by beating Marius Copil in the first round of the main draw. It was his first win after a 13-month stint and seven consecutive losses in a tournament's main draw, plus many more in the qualifiers. At one point, Ivan Dodig had to have asked himself if competing in the singles matches were still worth it.

- I am pleased and I would first like to thank tournament director Lawrence for giving me an opportunity to play here on an invitation as my ranking would not have allowed it. It was fun playing out there and I'm glad I was able to prove that I can still play at a high level. Unfortunately, for the past year and a half I have been having problems with my back and it hasn't been easy for me. It was hard for me this time around as well and perhaps it will be even

harder tomorrow. I know I'm playing well but I need to be realistic and I believe it will be difficult for me to continue playing singles matches. My body isn't in the best shape but I will give it my best, of course, if nothing else then for my own enjoyment. On the other hand, I have plans for the doubles competition, so that will remain my priority and that's where my motivation will lie – Dodig said after winning the match 6:4, 7:6 (4). The surprise of the day was Marco Cecchinato, who beat the fifth seed Gilles Simon in three sets, 6:1, 3:6, 6:1. The Italian entered the main tournament after Yuichi Sugita had dropped out, and now he has a valuable victory under his belt.



ENGLISH

NEXT GEN ARENA OPENS IN UMAG

This year, the tournament in Umag offered another novelty – their cooperation with ATP, as part of which Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag will be promoting the Next Gen players. Those are young, up-and-coming stars of the international tennis that should one day replace the current rulers, the likes of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Đoković, among others.

"It is our honor and privilege to have the future of our sport right here in Umag, and to already be developing relations with them. Hopefully, they will be back here even once they join the world's very best," Ronald Korotaj, chairman of the Organizing Committee, stated. Tournament director Lawrence Frankopan was pleased to introduce three players from this generation of 23-and-under players competing this year in Umag: Borna Ćorić, Russia's Andrey Rublev and Australia's Marc Polmans.



The three of them are candidates for the Next Gen ATP Finals, which will debut in Milan, Italy, in November. Using the traditional season-ending top-eight competition as their model, the ATP decided to organize a similar competition for tennis players aged 23 and under. Special rules will apply for the Next Gen Finals: first to four games sets, and no lets or advantage scoring (the next player to win a point wins the game). Plus, a shot clock will be

used in between points to ensure that the time between the end of one point and the time the ball is served for the next point does not exceed 20 seconds.

"It will be interesting to see all that. Well, perhaps not so much for me as I like to take time between points," Borna Ćorić added.

As part of this promotion focusing on young players, the Grand Stand Court has been renamed to Next Gen Arena to fit the occasion.

QUALIFIERS END

NO WIN FOR ŠKUGOR AS DRAMA UNFOLDS

Franko Škugor missed his big chance to go into the main draw of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. In the last round of qualifiers, the Šibenik native squandered a number of opportunities against the Frenchman Kenny de Schepper, going from being up 6:1 and 3:0 in the second set and serving for 5:2, through his 4:2 lead in the third set, to having four match points in the deciding tie break, with three of them consecutive ones (6:3; 7:6). But a marathon lasting two hours and 41 minutes went De Schepper's way (1:6, 7:6 (2), 7:6 (7)).

Hungary's Attila Balazs also went through to the main draw by beating Andrey Rublev (6:3, 7:5), while Marco Tringoliti overpowered Matteo Donato (6:2, 6:4). The last to join the main tournament was Miljan Zekić, who won the match against Stefano Napolitano (6:3, 7:5).



WINE TASTINGS

Tasted and written by: Antonija Mandić



ENGLISH

ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL

WE HAVE OUR FIRST FINALIST - FRESH MALVASIA FRANKOVIĆ

The 28th edition of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag continued with the traditional wine tastings titled Skrivene čari istarskih vina (Hidden Charms of the Istrian Wines). The first evening featured fresh malvasias, with Franković, Coronica and Cuj wineries showcasing theirs. Apart

from top-quality malvasias, the guests enjoyed the secrets of the sommelier trade, which this year were revealed to them by the first-class sommelier Emil Perdec. How to recognize a wine and what to look for in its color, smell and taste as far as wine varieties are concerned are just some of the

things the guests participated in at this year's first wine tasting event. In the end, the guests, who had not known which wines they were tasting until the very end, rated all three of the featured wines. Fresh malvasia Franković got the highest number of points, thus entering the final round

of the 2017 ATP Wine contest, the winner of which will be announced on Sunday, the last day of the tournament in Umag, following all the wine tasting events. Tomorrow at 9 PM, a tasting of the mature malvasias will take place in the Gourmet Zone.



RECOMMENDATION OF THE DAY

PLAY TENNIS IN THE SHADE AND SEE THE NEW PEUGEOT SUVs

To visit one of the region's best tennis tournaments and not try your luck on the tennis court would simply make no sense. And if you have left your racket back home, don't worry! Every day at the Social Arena you can show off your tennis skills using the Nintendo Wii set up for you in the Peugeot Zone. There, in a relaxed atmosphere and safe from UV rays, all Peugeot visitors can play a game



of tennis, ski or box. The youngest visitors will get sweets, while the adults, car enthusiasts, will be able to see how it feels to sit behind the wheel of the new SUV Peugeot 5008 or SUV 3008.



The mascots of Istraturist and Plava Laguna, Tino and Laganino, weren't just active during the Kids' Day with Andrej Martin. All they long they went around the Stella Maris complex entertaining the youngest visitors of the tournament.



ATMOSPHERE TO REMEMBER

HLADNO PIVO WARMS UMAG UP WITH POWERFUL BEATS

Following the excellent matches that had provided the spectators with a dose of top-quality tennis, the fourth day of the tournament ended with an equally good concert by the hard rock band from Zagreb's Gajnice. Hladno Pivo kicked off their gig at the Dance Arena with the pounding rhythm, and the venue was simply too small for all those who weren't ready to part with the tournament even at midnight. The boys had promised Umag a great night out and that was exactly what they delivered. The tempo of the concert didn't slow down for a moment, and the entire Dance Arena jumped around to the beats of Firma, Samo za taj osjećaj, Ezoterija, and Dibidus, to name but a few songs. The great atmosphere that had been prevailing since the start of the tournament

continued long into the night. As to tennis, the band's frontman Mile Kekin revealed that, he wasn't the most useful guy to have around as far as the serve was concerned but that he was quick and agile. This wasn't the first time Hladno Pivo performed at the ATP tournament, and they only have good memories of the event.

- We performed here back in 2014 and it was great! There were many women in high heels and bald guys like us. I doubt this time will be any different, Kekin said in his usual fashion just before going out on stage. Today, as part of the Party Nights program, the microphone will be taken over by one of the biggest stars in the region, Željko Joksimović. His concert will be held at the same venue, starting at 11:30 PM.

MONFILS PLAYS MINI TABLE TENNIS WITH FANS, POLMANS AND PAIRE CLASH IN TENNIS ON WATER



Playing tennis on either hard surface or water – it's all the same to them. Marc Polmans and Benoît Paire are equally good and can have fun on either of those "courts". On Monday, the Australian and the Frenchman paired up with their friends and had a face off on Triglav's SUP court, trying to win a point at the same time as keeping their balance on the paddle boards and entertaining the spectators watching them from the Social Arena.

Paire did not hold back, which meant that he frequently went under, and even Polmans, one of the players involved in the Next Gen, ATP's latest project for young players, wasn't any less enthusiastic.

After astonishing the spectators with his acrobatic feats and impressive dance skills during Saturday's exhibition, Gaël Monfils was the star of the day at the Social Arena. World no. 13 played mini table tennis with his fans, and to spice up the match,

he replaced his racket with his mobile phone. Despite the miniature table and the improvised "racket", the Frenchman unsurprisingly won.





Marco Cecchinatto naciljao je lopticu taman tamo gdje je htio u pobjedi protiv Gillesa Simona



Tenis na vodi jedna je od posebnih atrakcija koja se nudi u Social Areni



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IN ATTESA DEI BIG, RIBALTA TUTTA PER CECCHINATO

Un esordio da incorciare: la prima partita in assoluto del 'Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag 2017' sulla terra rossa del campo centrale 'Stadium Goran Ivanisevic', il battesimo personale sotto un sole cocente e una

prestazione di alto spessore contro la testa di serie numero cinque del torneo, il francese Gilles Simon. Marco Cecchinato, primo nome del gruppo italiano a entrare in gioco nel tabellone principale, si presenta con colpi deliziosi e soluzioni spesso spettacolari e, salvo la flessione nel corso del secondo set (perso per 3-6 nonostante un break di vantaggio sul 3-2), si impone con autorità evidenziando duttilità e ottima condizione. Un netto 6-1 per alzare la voce, un altro perentorio 6-1 per chiudere il discorso e passare con autorità e spregiudicatezza al turno successivo dove troverà il vincitore della sfida tra il romeno Marius Copil e la wild card croata Ivan Dodig. Oggi, intanto, l'esordio di Alessandro Giannessi,



opposto alla 'wild card' austriaca Marc Polmans, mentre per vedere all'opera Fabio Fognini (campione uscente e testa di serie n° 3, opposto al vincente della sfida tra il russo Mikhail Youzhny e l'argentino Nicolas Kicker) e Paolo Lorenzi (n° 4 e altro 'bye', prima di affrontare chi prevarrà tra il portoghese Joao Sousa e il britannico Aljaz Bedene) bisognerà attendere quasi certamente la giornata di domani.

Per quanto concerne il torneo di doppio, Fognini e Giannessi romperanno il ghiaccio contro due 'wild card', i croati Martin e Tomislav Draganja. Sfida italiana, invece, per Cecchinato opposto, insieme al russo Andrej Rublev, a Lorenzi, affiancato dal brasiliano Rogerio Dutra Silva.

RISULTATI DI IERI (ITALIANI)

CAMPO CENTRALE:

Marco Cecchinato (ITA) vs [5] Gilles Simon (FRA) 6-1 3-6 6-1

COURT 1: Marco Trungelliti (ARG) - Matteo Donati (ITA) 6-2 6-4

COURT 2: Miljan Zekic (SRB) - Stefano Napolitano (ITA) 6-3 7-5

I RISULTATI DEGLI ITALIANI IN CAMPO LUNEDÌ 17 LUGLIO (QUALIFICAZIONI)

Non sono buone, per i colori italiani, le notizie che arrivano invece dalle qualificazioni con l'ingresso nel tabellone principale nel mirino. Disco rosso tardo pomeridiano, infatti, sia per Stefano Napolitano che per Matteo Donati. Napolitano, sul campo della Court 1, è stato superato con il punteggio di 6-3

7-5 dal serbo Miljan Zekic; Donati, Court 2, ha dovuto invece piegarsi davanti ai colpi dell'argentino Marco Trungelliti (6-2 6-4 il finale). Si esauriscono così i connazionali che puntavano al salto tra i big e non rimane che puntare l'attenzione sugli esordi di Fognini, Lorenzi, Cecchinato e Giannessi.

NEXT GEN, CAMPIONI UNDER 23 IN PASSERELLA

Tarda mattina piuttosto movimentata, quella di ieri, dalle parti della Social Arena che, proiettata sul mare, costituisce il cuore pulsante del complesso 'Stella Maris', proprio a ridosso del campo centrale 'Stadium Goran Ivanisevic'. Prima si è svolta la presentazione ufficiale della sinergia locale con il progetto 'Next Gen' che, in attesa dell'esordio alle ATP Finals in programma alla Fiera di Milano dal 7 all'11 novembre, ha offerto una passerella di promettenti talenti al grido "The future is now". Ovviamente. Umago collabora con ATP per la valorizzazione di questi talenti under 23 proiettati nel futuro. Introdotti da Tomislav Poljak e con

il direttore del 'Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag 2017' Lawrence Frankopan e il presidente del comitato organizzatore Ronald Korotaj a fare gli onori di casa, la ribalta è stata tutta per la gioventù e il talento del beniamino di casa Borna Ćorić, insieme a due 'colleghi' dal sicuro avvenire come l'australiano Marc Polmans e il russo Andrej Rublev. Le finali Next Gen vedranno anche l'introduzione di regole innovative, sia in termini di punteggio che di tempi utili durante il gioco. Per valorizzare questo progetto, quest'anno la Grand Stand Court del complesso 'Stella Maris' è stata ribattezzata Next Gen Arena.



SUP TENNIS TRA LE ONDE E MONFILS MINI PONGISTA

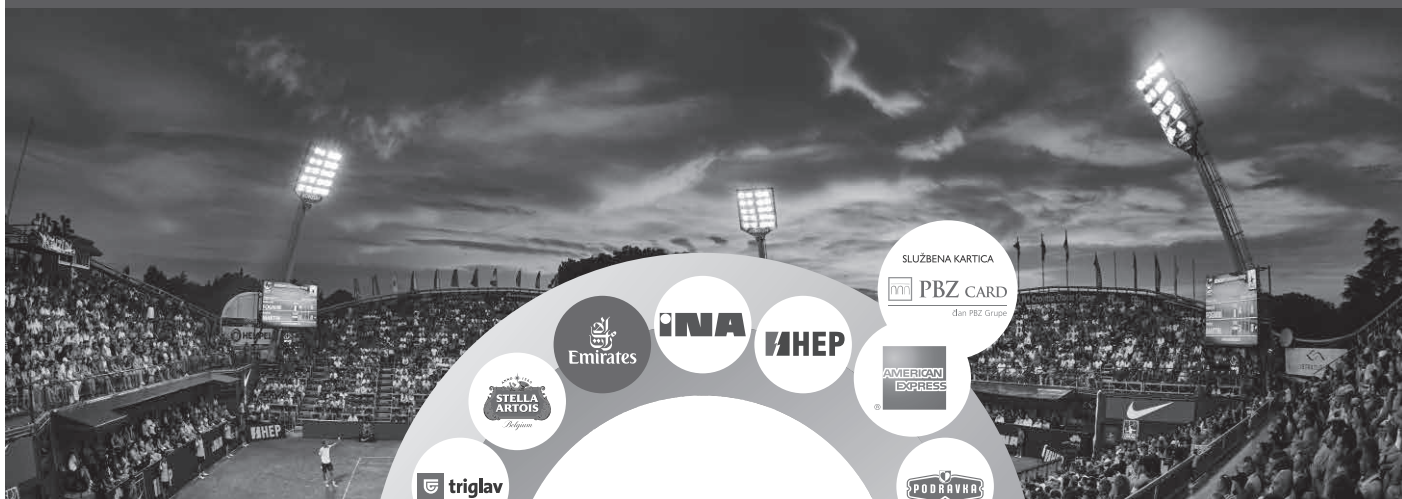
Salutati i campioni di domani, la Social Arena ha potuto sorridere ancora una volta grazie a un grande campione di oggi. Gael Monfils, infatti, è stato l'ospite d'onore del mini evento creato per presentare il 'Sup Tennis', andato in scena a meno di dieci metri dalla riva grazie a un campo gonfiabile e quattro tavole ormeggiate al suo interno, basi indispensabili per i giocatori impegnati con racchette speciali e un numero sterminato di palline, vista la difficoltà nel recuperarle ogni volta, rendendo necessario l'apporto di un

paio di raccattapalle sempre immersi nell'acqua. Necessari un grande equilibrio e buone doti tennistiche: questo ha evidenziato la divertente esibizione. Pochi minuti dopo, sulla terraferma, circondato da fotografi e fan, Monfils si è invece cimentato da par suo intorno a un microscopico tavolo da ping pong: prima utilizzando la tradizionale racchetta e poi, visti gli spazi a disposizione, addirittura sfruttando il retro del cellulare per impattare la piccola sfera di plastica bianca. Anche questo è Umago!



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