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## RASPORED MEČEVA / ORDER OF PLAY

### CENTRE COURT

17:30

Ivan Dodig (CRO) vs Andrey Rublev (RUS)

Ne prije / Not before 20:00

Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) vs Alessandro Giannessi (ITA)

Slijedi / Followed by

FINALE PAROVA

M. Draganja / T. Draganja (CRO) vs [3] G. Duran (ARG) / A. Molteni (ARG)

## GOURMET PROGRAM

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 - Evening of Istrian champions

22.00 Liquor tastings by Badel - Bacardi rum

## PARTY PROGRAM

23.30 Party Nights - The Avener

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5	8. SIMON, GILLES	FRA	>	A. MARTIN 6:3, 6:2	>		>			
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	11. YOUZHNY, MIKHAIL	RUS	>	R. ALBOT 6:4, 6:0	>		>			
	12. KICKER, NICOLAS	ARG	>	A. BEDENE 6:4, 4:6, 6:4	>	P. LORENZI [4] 7:5, 6:3	>			
	13. MARTIN, ANDREJ	SVK	>	P. LORENZI [4]	>	A. GIANNESI 6:3, 3:6, 6:3	>	A. GIANNESI 6:7(3), 6:2, 7:5	>	
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	21. SOUSA, JOAO	POR	>							
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7	25. PAIRE, BENOIT	FRA	>							
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	28. GIANNESI, ALESSANDRO	ITA	>							
	29. DUTRA SILVA, ROGERIO	BRA	>							
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	CERRETANI, JAMES	USA	>							
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	FOGNINI, FABIO	ITA	>							
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	JEBAVY, ROMAN	CZE	>							
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## Lawrence Frankopan

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Pogled direktora

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# DODIG I RUBLJEV SJAJNE SU PRIČE KAKO GOD ZAVRŠE

Ivan Dodig postaje priča turnira, zapravo ne postaje, on već sada jest glavna priča turnira. Kako god današnje polufinale završilo odnosno cijeli ovaj tjedan za njega, stvarno je pomalo nevjerojatno što se i kako se sve dogodilo proteklih nekoliko dana. Nazvao bih ga ubojica divova nakon što je eliminirao prvog nositelja Davida Goffina. Odigrao je odličan meč, Dodig izgleda kao da se pmladio.

Jasno, nitko ne voli ostati bez prvog nositelja u turniru, ali ako je s druge strane opcija da dalje prolazi domaći igrač koji je na turnir ušao s pozivnicom, nemam nikakvih problema oko izbora što mi je draže.

Oprostio se i Fabio Fognini kojeg je poslije fantastičnog meča izbacio Andrej Rubljev, koji također postaje jako dobra priča turnira. Dečko je došao igrati kvalifikacije, izgubio i već bio na izlaznim vratima kada mu se otvorila druga šansa odustajanjem Borne Ćorića. I onda stigao do najmanje polufinala. Drago mi je da je naš Umag prvi veći i ozbiljniji rezultat u karijeri ove buduće svjetske zvijezde. No, moram reći da sam ponosan i što smo mi njegov talent uočili već prije dvije godine pa smo ga „vezali“ za naš turnir višegodišnjim ugovorom, tako da će on dolaziti k nama bez obzira kako mu se karijera dalje razvijala. A vrlo vjerojatno će se razvijati prema svjetskom vrhu.

Žao mi je što je Fognini ispao, naravno, on je naš dugogodišnji prijatelj, na turnir nam dolazi već deset godina za redom, no s druge strane ne mogu žaliti zbog načina na koji je ispao. Borio se maksimalno, a to je publika prepoznala i napravila fantastičnu atmosferu na središnjem terenu. Navijanje i meksički valovi po tribinama zaista su bili sjajna kulisa napetim zbivanjima na terenu.

Iskreno, da sam mogao birati između toga da Fognini dobije u dva glatka seta i toga da se odigraju ovakva tri, ali da izgubi, svejedno bih uzeo ovo što se dogodilo sinoć.

Nikada u parovima u dosadašnjih 27 izdanja umaškog turnira nismo imali hrvatske pobjednike, što je baš neobično, ali možda to ove godine postanu braća Draganja. Svaka čast splitskom tandemu na onome što su odigrali u polufinalu i za plasman u finale!

## Goran Ivanišević




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Pogled legende

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# KAD UŽIVAŠ U TENISU, I RUKA TE BOLJE SLUŠA

Već sam hvalio Ivana Dodiga kroz cijeli ovaj tjedan, ali nikada nije previše ako čovjek ovako igra. Dodo je stvarno veliko iznenađenje jer prije početka turnira nitko mu ne bi dao šanse da ode tako daleko. Jer ta njegova leđa su uvijek problem, em nije igrao puno pojedinačnih mečeva, a i od onoga što je igrao malo ih je dobio. I onda dođe ovdje u Umag i izbori polufinale.

Zašto sada pobjeđuje, a prije nije? E, to je ta ljepota tenisa, jer nikada ne znaš što te čeka sljedeći dan. Jednog dana možeš igrati briljantno, drugog sve može otići u propast. Kod Dodiga, srećom, ova pozitivna serija traje još uvijek, i nadam se da će potrajati još dva meča.

Glavna stvar u svemu tome je da Dodig igra rastrećeno, bez ikakvog pritiska i bez potrebe da treba išta dokazivati. Jednostavno uživa u tenisu i kad je tako onda te ruka bolje sluša.

Goffin nije odigrao onako kako priliči njegovom renomeu, dapače mučio se i u prvom meču protiv Mađara Balazsa. Očito ga je ova stanka zbog ozljede od Roland Garrosa dosta koštala, treba mu mečeva da uđe u ritam. No, to svejedno ni malo ne umanjuje Dodigov uspjeh. Jer treba Goffina dobiti u kakvom god on stanju bio.

Danas ćemo imati jedno talijansko polufinale s Alessandrom Gianne-

ssijem i Paolom Lorenzijem te jedno potpuno neočekivano i neobično u kojem će igrati čovjek s pozivnicom i lucky loser.

Andrej Rubljev zasjeo je na pobjednički val koji ga nosi tamo gdje ga nitko nije vidio. Ali, mali je dobar, iako još doduše nije izbrusio taktičku stranu u svojoj igri jer ima samo jedan stil igre. A to je udri što jače, pa dokle ide. To mu je plan A, a plana B nema.

I tu je prilika za Dodiga jer je iskusniji, mudriji i ako će ga znati taktički dobro „izmiješati“ onda ima sasvim dobru priliku za dobiti Rusa. Rubljev je još divlji u nekim situacijama, prejako udara i kad ne treba. Za sada mu je to prolazilo, danas je pravo vrijeme da ga stane.

Bravo za braću Draganja! Oduševili su me, prvi puta igraju ATP turnir i odmah do finala. Zahvaljujući njima u zadnja dva turnira ulazimo s hrvatskim kandidatima u obje konkurencije, gdje ćeš bolje od toga.



# GALA VEČER U ZNAKU CRVENOG KORALJA I MORSKIH SIRENA



Kao dio bogatog programa 28. Plava laguna Croatia Opena Umag sinoć je održana gala večera koja je u hotelu Melia Coral okupila nekoliko stotina uzvanika. Na početku večeri gostima se obratio direktor Istraturista i predsjednik organizacijskog odbora turnira, Ronald Korotaj. U pozdravnom govoru, Korotaj se zahvalio partnerima i sponzorima turnira na podršci i suradnji te obećao da će zajedno nastaviti raditi na njegovom rastu i razvoju. Mnoge dame prilagodile su svoje

odjevne kombinacije temi večeri, 'Crveni koralj', a u toploj noći hladile su se crvenim lepezama koje su ih dočekale na ulazu. Impresivan dekor i instalacije na stolovima, hostese oslikanih tijela te sirena u bazenu, dale su cijeloj večeri mistični prizvuk, a sve je začinila izvrsna svirka benda Borna Šercar trio s Antom Gelom i Emom Gagro. U dobrom društvu, probranim vinima i gastronomskim delicijama za koje se pobrinuo chef hotela Melia Coral, mnogobrojni uzvanici uživali su do dugo u noć.











Ivan Dodig igrat će danas u polufinalu Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Hrvatski tenisač priredio je veliko iznenađenje pobjeđivši prvog nositelja i trenutačno 14. igrača svijeta Davida Goffina. U trećem međusobnom okršaju naš je igrač došao do druge pobjede nad Belgijancem te prvi puta nakon skoro četiri godine

Ivan Dodig šokirao prvog nositelja Davida Goffina i izborio polufinale u Umagu

## AKO TIJELO DOPUŠTA, JOŠ MOGU IGRATI DOBAR TENIS

izborio mjesto među posljednja četiri na ATP turniru.

**- I na mom primjeru iz ovoga tjedna može se vidjeti koliko je tenis nepredvidiv. Nitko ovo nije očekivao, ali pokazao sam da još mogu igrati dobar tenis, dok god mi tijelo izdržava -** rekao je Dodig poslije svoje 13. pobjede u karijeri nad nekim Top 20 igračem.

**- Goffin igra četvrtfinala Grand Slam turnira, pobjeđivao je najbolje na svijetu, bio je Top 10, ni sada nije daleko od toga. Zbog svega toga moraš biti dobar za pobijediti ga. I to me čini sretnim.**

Dodig je propustio dvije set-lopte kod 5:2 i 15:40 u prvom setu, a Goffin se vratio na 5:5. No, nije to pokolebalo 32-godišnjeg Međugorca koji je ostao ustrajan u svojoj igri i to mu se isplatilo u 12. gemu za osvojeni set.

U drugom setu dogodila su se tri breaka unutar pet gemova, od toga su dva bila u korist Dodiga koji je od 3:3 nanizao tri gema i počeo slaviti.

**- Moja ozljeda zbog koje nisam igrao od Roland Garrosa nije razlog poraza, gležanj je OK, ali još nisam na razini na kojoj sam bio ranije -** kazao je Goffin. Inače, noć ranije Dodig je sa Škugorom igrao parove protiv braće Draganja do ponoć i 45 minuta, ali to nije ostavilo traga.

**- Srećom u Umagu mečevi počinju tek poslijepodne, pa sam imao vremena naspavati se i pripremiti za Goffina. Inače, taj meč protiv braće Draganja bio je vrhunski, finale prije finala.**

Dodig je tako u svom sedmom dolasku u Umag skupio više pobjeda (3) nego u svih šest prijašnjih (2). Igrat će danas svoje osmo polufinale u karijeri, prvo nakon Tokija iz 2013, a protivnik će mu biti Andrej Rubljev.



## BRAĆA DRAGANJA U FINALU!

Marin i Tomislav Draganja borit će se danas za titulu pobjednika Umaga. Splitska braća u iznimno uzbudljivom dvoboju protiv Dominica Inglota i Aljaža Bedenea stigli su do velike pobjede i plasmana u finale. Ovo je Draganjama prvi zajednički nastup na ATP razini i odmah su došli korak do naslov. Suparnici će im biti Guillermo Duran i Andres Molteni, argentinska kombinacija koja je, pak, iznenadila prve nositelje i proslavljene igrače parova Daniela Nestora i Maksa Mirnjeg. Finale se igra večeras kao drugi meč nakon 20 sati.

## RUBLJEV DETRONIZIRAO FOGNINIJA

Ispadanje Davida Goffina nije bio jedini šok dana, jer u četvrtfinalu se od turnira oprostio i branitelj titule umaškog kralja Fabio Fognini. Sjajan je meč odigrao protiv Andreja Rubljeva, ali opet nedovoljno da slomi mladu nadolazeću zvijezdu svjetskog tenisa. Plavokosi 19-godišnji Moskvljanin doista se pokazao "sretnim gubitnikom" jer nije prošao ni kvalifikacije, a eto igrat će polufinale. Bit će mu to prvo ATP polufinale u karijeri.

Opasno je visio i četvrti nositelj Paolo Lorenzi kojem je Jiri Vesely prvi set uzeo sa 6:1. No, Lorenzi je, jednako kao i najslabiji Talijan u Umagu, barem po statusu i renkingu - Alessandro Gianessi, spasio čast naših prekojadranskih susjeda.

## MEĐU NAJMLAĐIM TENISAČIMA IVANIŠEVIĆ PREPOZNAO SVOJE BUDUĆE NASLJEDNIKE

Legendarni tenisač stigao je jučer nasmijan među mališane koji su ga nestrpljivo čekali na posljednjem ovogodišnjem Kid's Weeku. Kao i uvijek, djeca su stigla već u 10 sati, kako bi se zagrijala i bila spremna za meč s najtežim protivnikom do sad. Mališani su se strpljivo izmjenjivali na mreži prebacujući lopticu s Goranom, a zatim je njih troje dobilo šansu s njim u parovima zaigrati 'pravi' meč. Jedinom hrvatskom pobjedniku Wimbledonu na terenu se pridružila Viki, dok su s druge strane mreže stali Thomas i Diego. U tjesnom meču, pobjedu su na kraju izborili Viki i Goran. Protivnici su im sportski čestitali, a zatim su se svi sudionici Kid's Weeka zajedno fotografirali. Sva djeca su dala sve od sebe da zablistaju pred Ivaniševićem, a on se složio s voditeljem programa Giancarlom Šegonom da bi se među

njima mogao nalaziti i neki novi Goran. Svakog dana Kid's Weeka sudjelovalo je 50-ak mladih tenisača, a s njima su se družila neka od najjačih imena ovogodišnjeg Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Odmjerali su snage s

prošlogodišnjim finalistom turnira, Andrejom Martinom, našim Ivanom Dodigom i Ninom Serdarušićem, Brazilcem Rogériem Dutrom Silvom, a iznenađenje za kraj bio je dolazak Gorana Ivaniševića.



## OSCAROV KUTAK



Iako je David Goffin jedan od 15 vodećih igrača na ATP ljestvici, u svom prvom nastupu u Umagu nije uspio nadmašiti smirenu i odličnu igru Ivana Dodiga. Ushićena publika zadnjih 5 minuta odlično je navijala i time podržala našeg jedinog predstavnika, dapače na kraju susreta publika je bila na nogama. Kakav spektakl! Imao sam čast popričati s Ivanom i čestitati mu te naravno, zaželio sam mu sreću za današnje polufinale. Ajde, Dodo!

piše: Oscar Visintin

## ISTRIAN WINE RUN

## TRČI I OSVOJI VINA KOLIKO SI TEŽAK

Antonija Mandić u jučerašnjem Live chatu ugostila je organizatore utrke Istrian Wine Run i Matiju Vuicu koja je večer prije na multimedijalnom modno-glazbenom spektaklu predstavila novu kolekciju. Jedna od omiljenih domaćih dizajnerica, na Fash!on Liveu prezentirala je 30 unikatnih couture haljina inspiriranih morem, ali i uniforme koje je dizajnirala za hostese Plava laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Ostali Antoniji gosti najavili su četvrto izdanje Istrian Wine Runa

koji će se održati 2. rujna, a prijave su već počele preko službene stranice. Specifičnost utrke je što je duž cijele trase postavljeno 17 okrepnih punktova od kojih čak 15 nudi najbolja istarska vina, a ostali lokalne gourmet delicije. Pobjednici osvajaju točno onoliko litara vrhunskog vina koliko kilograma imaju. Osim što je riječ o jedinoj utrci u Hrvatskoj na kojoj se trči i istovremeno pije, Istrian Wine Run također je jedna od rijetkih utrka na kojima se par vjenčao.

- Dvoje mladenaca iz Rijeke prošle godine izrazilo je želju da se vjenčaju upravo na IWR-u, a mi smo ih naravno ugostili, zajedno sa svatovima, od kojih je 40-ak trčalo zajedno s mladcima, a ostalih 100-tinjak ih je čekalo u cilju, spremni s tortom. Atmosfera je bila fantastična, a naravno, sretni mladenci će i ove godine trčati s nama, ispričao je Senad Hodžić, organizator utrke.



## DJ R3HAB NASTAVIO NIZ IZVRSNIH KONCERATA

Nizozemski producent i DJ umjetničkog imena R3hab, gostovao je sinoć u Dance Areni. Mnogobrojna publika plesala je do dugo u noć uz strane hitove koje je Nizozemac puštao što je bila i sjajna uvertira za današnji nastup njegovog francuskog kolege

The Avenera, najpoznatijeg po velikoj uspješnici 'Fade Out Lines'. Nakon niza koncerata, Dance Arena zadnjih je dana postala dom za ljubitelje house i techno glazbe, a u nedjelju će za kraj turnira ugostiti izvrstan plesni program 'Ekstravaganza'.



## EMIRATES VODI SRETNOG GLEDATELJA POLUFINALA U DUBAI

Jedan sretnik s ulaznicama za večerašnji polufinalni meč singla, koji se igra na stadionu Gorana Ivaniševića u 17:30 sati, dobit će priliku za nezaboravan posjet Dubaiju zahvaljujući Emiratesu, premier partneru ATP World Toura. Iz tog će razloga cijela subota biti u znaku Emiratesa, a središnji događaj svakako će biti nagradna igra 'Emirates Ball Flight', u kojoj svaki gledatelj na tribinama može biti dobitnik. Pobjednik pr-

vog polufinalnog meča bacit će u publiku četiri loptice, a sretnik koji ulovi posebno označenu lopticu osvojit će putovanje u Dubai, koje uključuje let Zagreb-Dubai za dvije osobe te tri noćenja u hotelu po izboru Emiratesa. Nagradna igra 'Emirates Ball Flight' započela je u četvrtak, kada je pobjednik meča singla Rogerio Dutra Silva u publiku na stadionu bacio četiri teniske loptice sa svojim potpisom.







## VINSKE DEGUSTACIJE WINE TASTINGS

Kuša i piše / Tasted and written by: Antonija Mandić



# ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL

## U BORBU ZA ATP VINO 2017. POSLJEDNJI ULAZI PJENUŠAC RE

Na petim i posljednjim ovogodišnjim vinskih degustacijama 'Skrivene čari istarskih vina', kao posljednji finalist u borbu za titulu ATP vina 2017. godine ulazi pjenušac RE brut vinarije Kabola. Pridružio se tako odležanoj malvaziji Vina Istria, mladoj malvaziji vinarije Franković, crnoj Grimaldi vinarije Matošević i svježem teranu Geržinić koji su pobjede odnijeli prethodnih večeri. Vođeni stručnim savjetima sommeliera Emila Perdeca i ne znajući pri tome

koje vino im je posluženo, okupljeni gosti kušali su sinoć pjenušce s etiketom Cattunar, Kabola i Peršurić. Najbolje im je legao pjenušac vinarije Kabola koji su nagradili s najviše bodova. Konačnog pobjednika, ATP vino 2017. godine doznat ćemo u nedjelju u 19 sati. Posjetitelji Gourmet Istria zone danas u 21 sat mogu kušati nagrađivana istarska vina na 'Večer istarskih šampiona', no ona ne ulaze u konkurenciju za ATP vino godine.



## RE SPARKLING WINE LAST TO ENTER RACE FOR 2017 ATP WINE

The last finalist to enter the race for the 2017 ATP Wine at this year's fifth and last wine tasting event *Skrivene čari istarskih vina* (Hidden Charms of the Istrian Wines) was the winery Kabola's RE brut sparkling wine. It joined the company of Vina Istria's aged

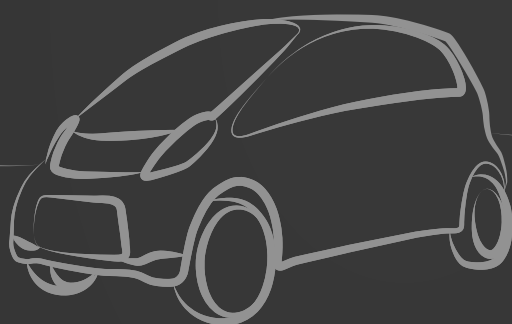
malvasia, Franković Winery's fresh malvasia, Grimalda Red by Matošević, and Geržinić Winery's fresh teran, who had won the tasting events held on previous nights. Guided by the professional advice from sommelier Emil Perdec and not knowing which

wines they were tasting, the guests tasted sparkling wines by Cattunar, Kabola and Peršurić. Eventually, they rated the winery Kabola's sparkling wine the highest. The overall winner, the 2017 ATP Wine, will be revealed to us on Sunday, starting at 7 PM.

This evening at 9 PM, the visitors of the Gourmet Istria Zone will be able to taste the award-winning Istrian wines as part of the Evening of Istrian Champions; however, those wines are out of the competition for the ATP wine of the year.



# Napuni baterije i vozi na struju



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Il sogno era quello di portare ben tre italiani in semifinale. La realtà dice invece che tra i primi quattro

## FOGNINI KO, VOLANO GIANNESSI E LORENZI ATTESI ORA DAL DERBY

entrano solo il meno accreditato, lo spezzino Alessandro Giannessi (coriaceo vincitore nella sfida tra 'urlatori' contro l'indomabile brasiliano Rogerio Dutra Silva, grazie a un secondo set prorompente dopo la delusione al tie break nel primo e a un terzo chiuso all'arrembaggio) e il veterano Paolo Lorenzi, unica delle prime quattro teste di serie ancora in gioco, che rimonta il ceco Jiri Vesely

dopo un primo set opaco grazie a una reazione generosa, perentoria e incisiva (7-5 6-3). Clamoroso disco rosso, invece, per il campione uscente Fabio Fognini, testa di serie numero 3 che segue nei ko eccellenti contro autentici outsiders quelli di Monfils (2) e ieri pomeriggio, in due set, anche di David Goffin (1) contro la 'wild card' croata Ivan Dodig. Eppure, recuperato dal malessere

che lo aveva limitato all'esordio, il sanremese è apparso abbastanza in palla contro il biondo e roccioso 'lucky loser' russo Andrey Rublev che, sicuro big del futuro, ha rimontato con freddezza e precisione lo svantaggio iniziale ai tie break per riportarsi in linea di galleggiamento (6-2) e chiudere i giochi nel terzo con un tie break che lasciava Fognini a quota 2.

FABIO FOGNINI

### BISOGNA ESSERE ONESTI: BRAVO LUI, HA GIOCATO MEGLIO!

È un sereno quello che a fine match si presenta in sala stampa dopo essersi intrattenuto con disponibilità con i fan. Nessuna recriminazione, nessun muso lungo. Solo tanta sincera schiettezza. "Devo essere onesto – esordisce – Ha giocato meglio di me! E, se questa sera fosse andato al casinò, avrebbe vinto di sicuro. Ha azzeccato tutto. Io, invece, mi sono espresso al meglio soltanto nel primo set. Bravo lui, dunque – ripete ancora senza neppure cercare alibi nei nastri e, soprattutto, nelle righe contrarie che in un confronto così equilibrato hanno comunque avuto

il loro peso – perché ha messo in



campo colpi e soluzioni che mi hanno davvero infastidito".

ALESSADRO GIANNESSI

### NON VOGLIO CERTO FERMARMI QUI...

Prima semifinale ATP in carriera: Alessandro Giannessi si gode al massimo l'attenzione dei cronisti e l'ingresso tra i primi 100 nelle classifiche mondiali "Sono felicissimo. Uno step importante per la mia carriera – il suo esordio – Sono stanco, ma anche sicuro di poter affrontare il prossimo match nelle migliori condizioni possibili. E, ovviamente, di non fermarmi qui. È

stato il mio terzo confronto dell'anno contro Dutra Silva e sono state tutte battaglie – ricorda lo spezzino – Ne sono sempre uscito vincitore e anche in questo caso ho spinto bene nei momenti determinanti. Adesso darò tutto quello che ho: il problema alla schiena è archiviato, rimane un affaticamento alla coscia ma spero che le cure eliminino il fastidio".

#### RISULTATI DI IERI (ITALIANI)

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[LL] Andrey Rublev (RUS) - [3] Fabio Fognini (ITA) 6-7 (5-7) 6-2 7-6 (7-2)

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Alessandro Giannessi (ITA) - Rogerio Dutra Silva (BRA) 6-7 (3-7) 6-2 7-5

Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) - [8] Jiri Vesely (CZE) 1-6 7-5 6-3



Paolo Lorenzi è l'unica delle prime quattro teste di serie ancora in lizza per il titolo. "Il livello medio è ormai talmente alto – quasi si schernisce

PAOLO LORENZI

### DERBY PER LA FINALE CON UN AMICO E COMPAGNO DI ALLENAMENTI

l'esperto e simpatico atleta romano – che le sorprese possono sempre fioccare e anche i giocatori più titolati rischiano sempre di perdere, se non sono al massimo della condizione. Questa sera – spiega, riferendosi al match appena vinto contro il ceco

Jiri Vesely – affrontavo un avversario contro il quale non avevo mai vinto prima: forse sono partito troppo remissivo e lui ne ha approfittato per comandare. Poi sono uscito io molto bene e ho chiuso in crescendo". E, adesso, il derby: "Intanto – sottoli-

nea Lorenzi – l'Italia ha di certo un rappresentante in finale. In secondo luogo, io e Alessandro ci alleniamo spesso insieme e ci portiamo fortuna: finale a Caltanissetta dove ho prevalso io, anche se lui non stava benissimo; semifinale qui. Meglio di così..."

*Anche questo è Umago!*

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## Lawrence Frankopan

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The director's view

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# NO MATTER THE END, DODIG AND RUBLEV ARE GREAT STORIES

Ivan Dodig is quickly becoming the main story of the tournament. Actually, he already is. No matter how today's semifinal plays out or this whole week for that matter, the things that have happened over the past few days and the way they have unfolded are really unbelievable. I'd call him the giant killer after how he'd eliminated the first seed David Goffin. He played a great match and looked rejuvenated.

Obviously, nobody likes losing the top-seeded player but if the alternative is seeing a homegrown player advancing after entering the tournament on invitation, then my choice is obvious.

Fabio Fognini also said goodbye to the tournament after losing to Andrey Rublev in a fantastic match. The Russian is also becoming one of the highlights of the tournament. He lost in the qualifiers and was already on his way home when Borna Ćorić withdrew and he got a second chance. And then he reached the semifinal. I'm glad he achieved his first major result right here in Umag. I'm also proud to say we first spotted his talent two years ago, tying him to the tournament with a multiyear contract. That way he'll be here regardless of the progress he makes in the future. And he will most likely make a great progress. I'm sorry Fognini was eliminated,

of course, he is our old friend, and has been coming to the tournament for ten years. On the other hand, I can't feel sorry about the way he was eliminated. He fought to his limits, the fans recognized it and created a fantastic atmosphere on the central court. The cheering and the Mexican waves on the stands were truly a great backdrop for the tense developments on the court. Honestly, if I could choose between Fognini winning in two easy sets and having these three sets, albeit with Fognini losing in the end, I would still choose exactly what happened last night. Never in the 27 years of the tournament in Umag have we had Croatian winners in the doubles competition, and that is pretty unusual, but the Draganja brothers might just do that. Well done for how they played and everything they did in the semifinal!

## Goran Ivanišević




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The legend's verdict

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# WHEN YOU ENJOY TENNIS, THE ARM OBEYS

Throughout this whole week I have been praising Ivan Dodig. The way he has been playing, it's never too much. Dodo has turned out to be a huge surprise as before the tournament, nobody thought he would go this far. His back was always a problem and he hadn't been in many singles matches. When he did play them, he rarely won. Then he came to Umag and went all the way to the semifinal.

Why is he winning now and didn't before? Well, that's the beauty of tennis: you never know what the next day will bring. One day you play brilliantly, the next everything is just awful. Luckily, in Dodig's case, this positive energy of his is still going strong and, hopefully, will last for two more matches.

The main thing is that Dodig is playing without a worry in his mind. There is no pressure or need to prove himself. He is simply enjoying his tennis and when it's like that, then the arm obeys you.

Goffin didn't play the way it was expected of him. On the contrary, he struggled even in his first match against the Hungarian Balazs. Obviously, this break he took after suffering an injury at Roland Garros has cost him a lot. He needs more matches to get in the rhythm. Still, that doesn't undermine Dodig's success. I mean, you still have to beat Goffin, regardless of his form. Today, we are going to have an Italian semifinal with Alessandro Giannessi and Paolo Lorenzi, and a

completely unexpected and unusual semifinal starring a guy who got an invitation and a lucky loser. Andrey Rublev is riding a winning wave and it's taking him places nobody could even imagine. But the boy is good, even though he is yet to hone his tactical skills. For now he only has one playing style. And that's to hit the ball as hard as he can and then see how far that can get him. That's his plan A. There is no plan B.

This is where Dodig's chance lies. He is wiser and more experienced, and if he mixes it up tactically, he has a decent shot at winning. Rublev is still wild in certain situations, hits too hard and hits even when it's not necessary. So far, he has gotten away with it but today would be a good day for all that to stop. Bravo for the Draganja brothers! They have impressed me. It's their first time in an ATP tournament and already they have reached the final. Thanks to those two being in the final, we now have Croatian candidates in both competitions. It can't get any better than this.

# GALA EVENING MARKED BY RED CORALS AND MERMAIDS



As part of the varied program of the 28th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, last night the Melia Coral Hotel hosted a gala evening with several hundred guests. At the start of the evening, the guests were addressed by Istraturist's CEO and chairman of the tournament's Organizing Committee, Ronald Korotaj. In his welcome speech, Korotaj thanked the tournament's partners and sponsors for their support and cooperation, promising they would continue working together on the event's growth and development. Many ladies adjusted their attires that

night as the theme of the evening was Red Coral. Moreover, as it was a warm night, they used the red fans, which awaited them at the entrance, to cool down. Impressive décor and table centerpieces, hostesses with painted bodies and mermaids in the pool all gave the evening a touch of magic. The cherry on top was the excellent music from Borna Šercar Trio with Ante Gelo and Ema Gagro. The guests enjoyed the good company, select wines and gourmet delicacies by the Melia Coral Hotel's chef long into the night.



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Ivan Dodig upsets first seed David Goffin, advances to semifinal in Umag

# I CAN STILL PLAY QUALITY TENNIS IF ONLY MY BODY WILL LET ME

Ivan Dodig will be playing today in the semifinal match of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. The Croatian sprung a major surprise by defeating top seed and current world no. 14 David Goffin. This was their third match and the Croatian's second win against the Belgian. Thus, for the first time in nearly four years Dodig became one of the last four players at an ATP tournament in the singles competition.

**- You can see how much tennis is unpredictable just by looking at what I had done this week. Nobody expected this, yet I showed I could still play quality tennis if only my body was OK. I was aggressive, I went towards the net as often as possible, and everything worked for me –** Dodig said after his 13th ever win over a Top 20 player.

**- Goffin plays in Grand Slam quarterfinals, and has beaten world's top players. He was also a Top 10**

**player and is still not far from it, so you really have to be good to defeat him. That makes me happy.**

Dodig missed two set points at 5:2 and 15:40 in the first set, so Goffin got back to 5:5. But not even that had discouraged the 32-year-old from Međugorje. He persevered and it paid off in the form of new set points in the 12th game – he finally used the fourth one.

In the second set, there were three breaks in five games – two of which were to Dodig's advantage. After reaching 3:3, he won the next three games and started celebrating.

**- The injury that has kept me off the court since Roland Garros is not the reason why I lost today. My ankle is just fine, but I'm still not at the level I was before the injury –** Goffin explained.

The night before, Dodig and Škugor played against the Draganja brothers until fifteen minutes past midnight

but that didn't seem to affect him at all.

**- Luckily, the matches in Umag don't start until the afternoon so I had plenty of time to rest and prepare for Goffin. By the way, that match against the Draganja brothers was excellent, a final before the final.**

In his seventh appearance in Umag, Dodig now has more wins (3) than in all his previous six appearances here (2). Today, he will be playing in his eighth semifinal in his career, and first since Tokyo, back in 2013. His opponent will be Andrey Rublev.



## DRAGANJA BROTHERS REACH THE FINAL!

Today, Marin and Tomislav Draganja will be fighting for the title of the Umag winners. In an extremely interesting match against Dominic Inglot and Aljaž Bedene, the Split-born brothers reached a huge victory and advanced to the final. This is their first joint appearance on the ATP level and they have already gone one step short of the title.

Their opponents are Guillermo Duran and Andres Molteni, an Argentinian combination that surprised the top seeds and famous doubles team Daniel Nestor and Max Mirnyi.

The final will be played this evening, immediately after the first match that is scheduled for 8 PM.

## RUBLEV DETHRONES FOGNINI

David Goffin's elimination was not the only shock of the day; the title defender Fabio Fognini, said goodbye to the tournament after the quarterfinal. He played an excellent match against Andrey Rublev, but not well enough to break young rising star. The blond 19-year-old from Moscow truly turned out to be a "lucky loser" because even though he did not get through qualifiers, he is now going to play in the semifinal. This is going to be the first ATP semifinal of his career.

The fourth seed, Paolo Lorenzi, was seriously threatened as well, when Jiri Vesely won the first set 6:1. But, just like the weakest Italian in Umag (at least by status and ranking), Alessandro Gianessi, Lorenzi defended the honor of our cross-Adriatic neighbors.

## IVANIŠEVIĆ SPOTS HIS FUTURE HEIRS AMONG THE YOUNGEST TENNIS PLAYERS

The legendary tennis player arrived yesterday in good spirits, only to see the children impatiently waiting for him to kick off this year's last Kids' Week event. As usual, they arrived there an hour early to warm up and prepare for the match with their toughest opponent yet. The children patiently took turns at the net exchanging balls with Goran, and then three of them were given a chance to play with him in a "real" doubles match. Croatia's only Wimbledon champion was joined by Viki, while Thomas and Diego stood on the opposite side of the net. The tight match was eventually won by Viki and Goran. In a show of sportsmanship, their opponents congratulated them, and then all of the event's participants posed for a joint photo. All kids did their best to shine in front of Ivanišević and he agreed with program



manager Giancarlo Šegon that there just might be a new Goran among them. Every day of the Kids' Week we had around 50-odd children out on the court, hanging out with some of the biggest names of this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, including last year's finalist Andrej Martin, Croatia's Ivan Dodig and Nino Serdarušić, and Brazil's Rogério Dutra Silva, while Goran Ivanišević's arrival was the surprise left for the last day.

## OSCAR'S CORNER

Even though David Goffin is top 15 players on the ATP Tour, in his first match in Umag he failed to overpower the calm and excellent Ivan Dodig. For the last five minutes of the match, the elated spectators had cheered loudly for only Croatian player left in the tournament and by the end of the match they were all on their feet. What a spectacle! I had

the honor of chatting with Ivan afterwards, congratulating him and naturally I wished him luck in his semifinal today. Let's go Dodo!



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## ISTRIAN WINE RUN

# RUN AND WIN YOUR WEIGHT IN WINE

Antonija Mandić's guests in yesterday's Live Chat were the organizers of the Istrian Wine Run and Matija Vuica, who had showcased her latest collection the night before at a multimedia fashion and music show Fashion Live. One of Croatia's favorite fashion designers presented 30 unique sea-inspired couture dresses as well as the uniforms that she had designed for the hostesses of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. Antonija's other guests announced the

fourth edition of the Istrian Wine Run, which will take place on September 2, with runners already sending in their applications through the event's official website. The race is somewhat special seeing as along the route there will be 17 rest stops, 15 of which will be offering some of the best Istrian wines, while the remaining two will have local gourmet delicacies. Winners will win their weight in top-quality wine. Apart from being the only race in Croatia, during which

the competitors run and drink, the Istrian Wine Run is also one of the few races that had a couple marry each other after the race.

- Last year, a couple from Rijeka asked us if they could get married at the Istrian Wine Run and we agreed. Around 40 members of their wedding party ran the race together with the couple while the remaining 100 or so waited for them at the finish line, with a cake in tow. The atmosphere was fantastic and, naturally, the



newlyweds will be joining us this year as well – race organizer Senad Hodžić said.



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## DJ R3HAB CONTINUES THE STRING OF FANTASTIC PERFORMANCES

Last night, Dutch producer and DJ, known by his stage name R3hab, performed at the Dance Arena. The crowd danced until late in the night to numerous international hits the Dutchman was playing. It was a great prologue to today's performance by his fellow DJ, The Avener. The

Frenchman is best known for his hit Fade out Lines. With a string of concerts over the last few days, the Dance Arena turned into a home for the house and techno music fans, and on Sunday, it will host a fantastic dance show titled Extravaganza.



## EMIRATES TO TAKE A LUCKY SEMIFINAL SPECTATOR TO DUBAI

One lucky tickets holder for tonight's singles semi-final match starting at 5:30PM at the Goran Ivanišević Stadium will get the chance to spend an unforgettable stay in Dubai, courtesy of Emirates, ATP World Tour's Premier Partner and Senior Partner of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. On that occasion, Saturday will be the Emirates day and the main event will definitely be the Emirates Ball Flight prize contest, where any spectator in the stands

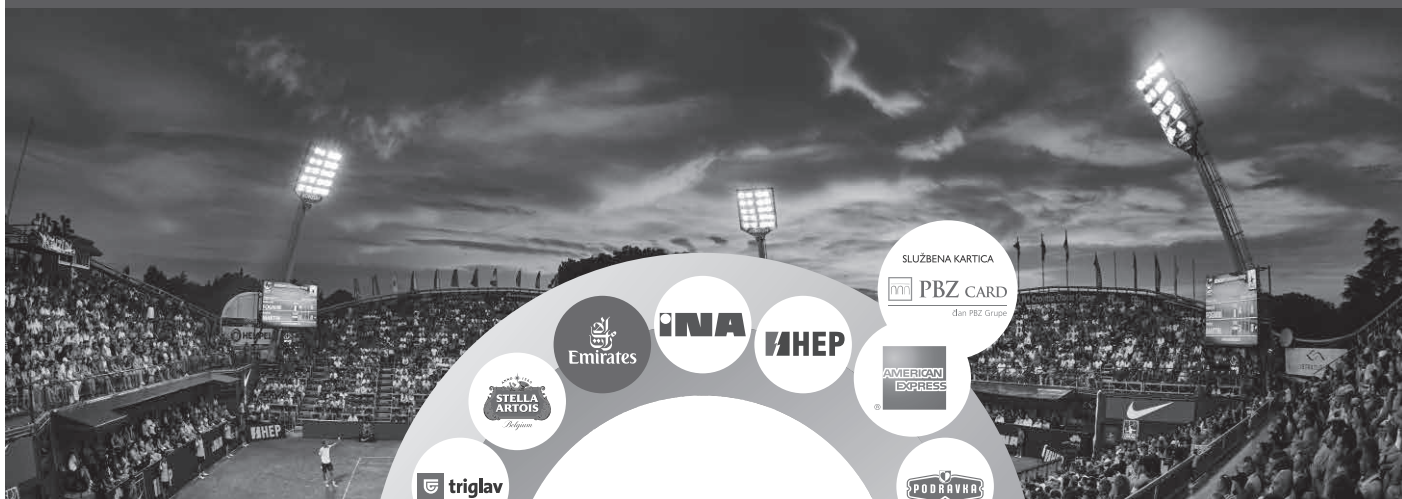
can be the winner. The player who will win the First semi-final match will throw four balls into the audience. The lucky person who catches the specially marked ball gets a trip to Dubai which includes 2 flight tickets Zagreb-Dubai and 3 nights at a hotel selected by Emirates. The Emirates Ball Flight game started on Thursday when the winner of the singles match, Rogerio Dutra Silva, launched four balls with his signature into the audience.





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