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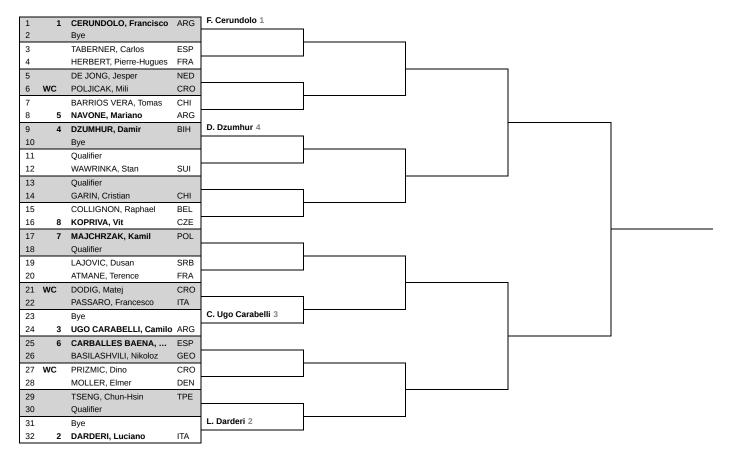




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Round of 32		Round of 16	3	Quarterfinal	s	Semifina	als		Final	Win	ner
€ 6,390	0 pts	€ 10,460	25 pts	€ 18,015	50 pts	€ 31,090	100 pts	€ 52,890	165 pts	€ 90,675	250 pts

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Seeded Players							
	Rank						
1	Cerundolo, Francisco	20					
2	Darderi, Luciano	55					
3	Ugo Carabelli, Camilo	59					
4	Dzumhur, Damir	70					
5	Navone, Mariano	75					
6	Carballes Baena, Roberto	79					
7	Majchrzak, Kamil	81					
8	Kopriva, Vit	83					

Alternates/Lucky Losers Withdrawals Retirements/W.O.





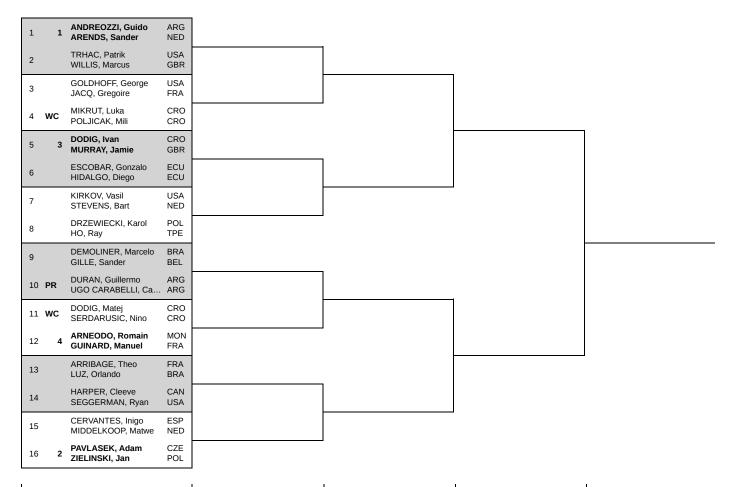




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Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
€ 3,240 0 pts	€ 5,500 45 pts	€ 9,910 90 pts	€ 16,940 150 pts	€ 31,530 250 pts

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Seeded Teams						
	Team	Rank				
1	Andreozzi / Arends Pavlasek / Zielinski Dodig / Murray Arneodo / Guinard	72				
2	Pavlasek / Zielinski	80				
3	Dodig / Murray	87				
4	Arneodo / Guinard	98				

Alternates/Lucky Losers Withdrawals





Retirements/W.O.



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1	1	PELLEGRINO, Andrea	ITA	A. Pellegrino 1	
2		SACHKO, Vitaliy	UKR	62 26 76 ¹	
3	PR	LLAMAS RUIZ, Pablo	ESP	P. Llamas Ruiz	
4	5	JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	36 63 76 ²	
5	2	GAUBAS, Vilius	LTU	V. Gaubas 2	
6		ARNABOLDI, Federico	ITA	63 62	
7	wc	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	T. Droguet 7	
8	7	DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	64 63	
9	3	TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	L. Mikrut	
10	wc	MIKRUT, Luka	CRO	76 ² 62	
11		GUILLEN MEZA, Alvaro	ECU	A. Guillen Meza	
12	6	BLANCHET, Ugo	FRA	64 36 62	
13	4	CORIA, Federico	ARG	G. Zeppieri	
14	PR	ZEPPIERI, Giulio	ITA	62 61	
15	Alt	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA	L. Van Assche 8	
16	8	VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	63 76 ³	

Qualifying Round 1		Qualifying Round 2	Qualifier
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Se	Seeded Players							
	Player	Rank						
1	Pellegrino, Andrea	139						
2	Gaubas, Vilius	143						
3	Trungelliti, Marco	147						
4	Coria, Federico	151						
5	Jacquet, Kyrian	165						
6	Blanchet, Ugo	173						
7	Droguet, Titouan	174						
8	Van Assche, Luca	192						

Alternates						
M.	Cecchinato (Alt)					

<u>Withdrawals</u>





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ORDER OF PLAY - SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

	G IVANISEVIC STADIUM	STUDENAC ARENA	COURT 1
	Starts At 15:30	Starts At 16:30	Starts At 17:30
1.	[PR] Giulio ZEPPIERI (ITA) VS [8] Luca VAN ASSCHE (FRA)	[2] Vilius GAUBAS (LTU) VS [7] Titouan DROGUET (FRA)	
	Not Before 17:30	Not Before 18:30	Starts At 17:30
2.	Raphael COLLIGNON (BEL) VS [8] Vit KOPRIVA (CZE)	QUALIFYING FINAL [WC] Luka MIKRUT (CRO) VS Alvaro GUILLEN MEZA (ECU)	[1] Andrea PELLEGRINO (ITA) VS [PR] Pablo LLAMAS RUIZ (ESP)
	Not Before 21:00		
3.	[WC] Matej DODIG (CRO) vs Francesco PASSARO (ITA)		

Tournament Director:

ANY MATCH ON ANY COURT MAY BE MOVED MATCHES WILL BE OFFICIALLY CALLED FROM THE PLAYERS' LOUNGE & LOCKER-ROOM

Tomislav Poljak

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ATP Supervisor(s):

Gerry Armstrong

Referee(s):

Mila Mandl

Tour Manager:

EXCELLENT MIKRUT, BETTER THAN THE SEMI-FINALIST OF UMAG 2018

Luka Mikrut, the only Croatian tennis player in the qualifiers for the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, played an excellent first match and is now just one win away from entering the main tournament. He defeated third seed Marco Trungelitti, an Argentinian who played in the semifinals in Umag in 2018, 7:6 (2), 6:2.

In the first set, neither Mikrut nor Trungelitti lost their service game, and then in the tie break, after 3:2, our tennis player won all four subsequent points. In the continuation, the Argentinian took a 2:1 lead, but by the end of the match he had not even won a set. This is Mikrut's second appearance in Umag, after he received an invitation to the main tournament last season and then lost to the Argentinian Carabelli at the start. Trungelitti, on the other hand, passed the Umag qualifications in all five previous attempts, and now Mikrut has broken that tradition. In the second round on Sunday, Luka will face the Ecuadorian Álvaro Guillén Meza, but not before 18:30.

In other qualifying matches, Luca van Assche's victory (6:3, 7:6) against Italian Marco Cecchinato, winner of Umag 2018, should be highlighted. The Frenchman started off well, taking a 4:0 lead, which Cecchinato was unable to compensate. In the second set, the Italian had 6:5 and was serving, but Van Assche immediately fought back and then played excellently in the tie-break.

The first qualifier, the Italian Andrea Pellegrino, after three sets, broke the resistance of Vitali Sačak (6:2, 2:6, 7:6), after the Ukrainian had a break point and was leading 3:1 in the third set.







THE DRAW HAS BEEN CREATED; THE MAIN TOURNAMENT IS UNDERWAY!



The main tournament of the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open in Umag will begin on Sunday, and Croatian tennis players cannot complain about the outcome of the draw that took place on Friday evening. Under the guidance of long-time tournament referee Gerry Armstrong, the pairs were drawn, and the four top seeds will be free at the start and will enter the competition in the round of the last 16.

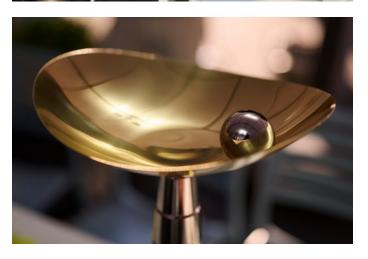
Dino Prižmić, a quarterfinalist from Preklan, Umag, in the first round will meet Dane Elmer Møller, 102nd on the ATP ranking, as his opponent, who also has the best ranking in his career, achieved just this week. A few days ago, he won the ATP Challenger in Iași, Romania.

Matej Dodig, last week's winner of the ATP Challenger in Trieste, will face Italian Francesco Passaro, the 131st player in the world, while Mili Poljičak will face Dutchman Jesper de Jong, who is 106th on the ATP singles ranking list this week.

The top seed in the tournament is the defending champion, Argentinian Francisco Cerúndolo, who will have a bye in the first round, and then will face the better of the two, Spaniard Carlos Taberner and Frenchman Pierre-Hugues Herbert. Former Umag winner, Swiss Stan Wawrinka, will face one of the qualifiers.

Starting as the second seed will be Italian Luciano Darderi, who has won one ATP tournament title this year, on the soil of Marrakech. He will also, of course, have a bye in the first round, and will then face either Taiwanese Tseng or a player from the qualifiers.







UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS OPENS WITH A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE BY CRVENA JABUKA

The musical spectacle of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag called Umag Music Nights opened in the best possible way - with a concert by the legendary Crvena Jabuka, a band that has written some of the most beautiful musical stories of this region over the decades. Under the starry sky of Umag, with the Dance Arena packed, the songs "There's Something From Heart to Heart", "Sad Misfortune", "Rain, go away from the window", and many others turned the opening night into pure emotion, a nostalgic journey, and a shared moment that will be remembered for a long time.



As part of their celebratory 40th anniversary tour, Crvena Jabuka played in Umag, where lyrics, choruses, and memories brought generations together. The public sang, danced, hugged each other, and enjoyed an evening that confirmed what we all know - some songs don't age, they just live with us.

With this concert, Umag Music Nights announced yet another such event filled with music, dance, emotions and energy that will raise the Dance Arena to a new level night after night. In the days to follow, there will be dozens of hours of music and performances by big stars, from Steve Aoki, Fedde Le Grand, Tujama, to local and regional names.

Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has been proving for decades that top-notch sport and music go hand in hand, and this July, all visitors will enjoy the combination of fantastic tennis and a music program that guarantees unforgettable summer memories.





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> POKAŽI SVOJE NAJBOLJE

OFFICIAL ATP MERCHANDISE AND EXCLUSIVE SP GLASSES AVAILABLE DURING THE TOURNAMENT

On the 35th anniversary edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag tournament, visitors have access to a wide selection of official souvenirs and products, available in the ATP shop within the tournament complex.

The offer includes classic tournament merchandise – cotton T-shirts, caps and towels – designed especially for this year's tournament. These are high-quality, functional and aesthetically designed products, suitable for all tennis fans who want to take a piece of the Umag atmosphere with them.

In addition to the traditional range, visitors can also find a wide selection of Joma brand sports equipment, including three types of women's sleeveless tops, three types of men's cropped shirts, skirts with built-in shorts, socks and even four models of sneakers, carefully selected to meet the needs of all sports enthusiasts.

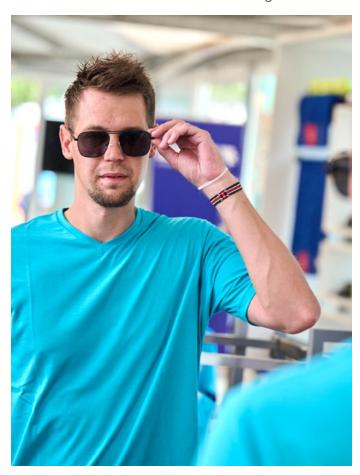
The ATP shop also offers Decathlon tennis balls in practical packaging (four balls in a box), as well as recognizable jumbo balls that will delight all those looking for an original souvenir or a fun gift with a Umag signature.

This year, the fashion brand SP glasses by Sanja Pendeš is attracting special attention, as it is taking part in the tournament with three exclusive models of sunglasses. This is a Croatian product in a limited-edition collection, designed for the 35th edition of the tournament, which also has the status of the official glasses of the tournament and is a Croatian product.

The SP collection products are available at two points of sale: in the official ATP shop and at the exhibition and sales counter of Sanja Pendeš, located inside the Social Arena. Glasses from this collection feature a contemporary design, exceptional quality of materials and attention to every detail - from the choice of lenses to the finished article.

Sanja Pendeš is the person behind the SP glasses brand, a long-time stylist and fashion consultant with a recognizable signature in the domestic fashion industry. Through her work, she builds an authentic blend of fashion, functionality and personal expression, which is also visible in her current collection. The SP glasses brand is being increasingly positioned as the choice of those looking for an aesthetically sophisticated, yet, at the same time, a wearable and high-quality fashion accessory.

As a lasting memento of 35 years of world-class sports, socializing, and summers in Umag, this limited collection of SP glasses represents a unique opportunity for all visitors to take away, in addition to the sporting memories, a part of the fashion story that makes this tournament special.













AN IRRESISTIBLE COMBINATION OF WINE, FOOD AND SPORTS AT THE 35TH PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG

On the eve of yet another unforgettable edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag tournament, the 35th in a row, Umag is once again preparing to host numerous domestic and foreign visitors who, in addition to top-notch tennis, will have the opportunity to enjoy the wealth of Istrian flavours and aromas.

A special place this year is occupied by the beloved Taste Istria zone, an unmissable destination for all true hedonists, which will gather a selection of prominent regional winemakers from Friday, July 18th to Saturday, July 26th. Visitors will be able to taste recognizable varieties such as Malvasia and Teran, signed by winemakers Fiore, Benčić, Cattunar, Coronica, CUJ, Franković, Zigante, Ravalico, Dešković, Prelac, Damjanić, Arman, Ferenac, Geržinić and Agrolaguna, whose labels have long been recognized on the world wine list.

For those who want to deepen their wine knowledge, thematic tastings "Hidden Charms of Istrian Wines" have been organized, which will take place from Sunday, July 20th to Friday, July 25th, starting at 21:00. With the expert guidance of the sommelier Lucija Matijević and the participation of selected winemakers, the audience will have the opportunity to discover the specifics of each variety every evening, from young Malvasia, through aged Teran, sparkling wines, all the way to red blends and aged Malvasia. The winners of each theme will advance to the grand finale, in which the audience will choose the ATP wine of 2025.

"The hidden charms of Istrian wines in the Taste Istria zone have become an unmissable place for wine lovers from various countries to socialize. This year, in cooperation with Plava Laguna and the Croatian Sommelier Club, 15 winemakers are taking part in this interesting event, divided into five categories. Of the five, four are the same as last year: fresh Istrian Malvasia, aged Istrian Malvasia, aged Teran and sparkling wines obtained





by the classical method. The new-old category is red blends, which this year replaces the Sauvignon Blanc category because last year's extremely warm harvest was not too good for wines from this grape variety. Three winemakers will compete each day under the guidance of expert sommelier Lucija Matijević, and at the end of the day we will have the winner of the day. On Friday, we have the Grand Finale, where all the winners of the day meet and the audience will declare the champion among the best. The hidden charms of Istrian wines have always had an entertaining and educational part, so I hope that the audience will enjoy them this year as well," said Emil Perdec, the sommelier of Plava Laguna and regional commissioner of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce for Istria.

The excellent offer will be further enriched by four cocktail bars, Uranija Bar powered by Barun, Palagius, Cream Bar by Peaches&Cream and Aura, which will offer signature cocktails, perfect for summer evenings by the sea.

Flavours of Istria on wheels: a blend of tradition and modern street food

The gastronomic part of the story will be rounded off by urban food trucks that reinterpret Istrian cuisine through an innovative approach. The famous Poluotok (Eng. Peninsula) will return with its unique burgers, among which Veli Jože and Salvore stand out, while Manjada by Palagius will offer pizza prepared using old grandma's recipes, with a strong emphasis on local ingredients. Street Food by Lukas will offer burgers, piadinas and tortillas, including their recognizable Istrian burger. Excellent meat snacks can be tried at Fredi's Grill, and a new addition to this year's lineup is the Naša kužina a restaurant with dishes of traditional Istrian cuisine.



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TOMISLAV POLJAK. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

WE ARE STARTING A NEW EDITION WITH MANY NEW FEATURES

We have finished the preparations, we are starting with the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open! We are eagerly awaiting the start of the main tournament, which, just like the previous one, will be on Sunday. We saw that the audience accepted the change well, although of course there were those who did not seem to have the feeling that the first matches of the main tournament were on Sunday, but all in all it went well. I would even say that with the final on Saturday we got something that we did not expect at that moment. When the match ends late. a kind of anticlimax occurs. many people rush home. This way they have the opportunity to relax after the final and even spend Sunday in Umag. As it is looking at the moment, from an exception, this could become a tradition.

Every year we make a great effort to raise the tournament to an even higher level than the previous season. Some of this is visible to the audience, and some is not, because it happens "behind the scenes". Equally, "behind the scenes" are many from the organization who do the lion's share of the work, so that the tournament meets the strict criteria in all segments, but also so that the spectators, our guests in Umag, are as happy as possible. So that they go away with the best impressions of Umag.

Our team from Plava Laguna is a huge support, so we are well covered in every aspect of the organization. The tennis players are what the audience sees, but there is a lot that needs to be prepared. I



am glad that the players always return from Umag satisfied, and many of them say that they really felt at home, which is a great acknowledgement for all of us.

This season, Plava Laguna has made significant investments in the tournament. New LED lighting was installed on all courts, the changing rooms and the location where all information is available to the players were remodelled, the square footage of the gym was increased. A completely new mobile structure "Players Garden" was created, which will be used only by the players and their closest entourage. It is a multifunctional space, a quiet zone where they will have entertainment facilities, but they will also be able to receive physiotherapeutic treatments.

The big news is ELC (Electronic Line Calling), an advanced system that uses cameras and sophisticated computer technology to completely replace line judges. An additional 12 cameras have been installed around the courts, so the quality of television broadcasts will be even higher, and improved broadcasts of matches are being prepared in cooperation with HRT (Eng. Croatian Radio and Television).

COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

NO MATTER WHAT, I EXPECT ANOTHER GREAT TOURNAMENT

After many years, it just so happens that the leading champions cancelled their coming to Umag. Unfortunately, that's how it is, but it's an integral part of this job and something you have to reckon with. I know how stressful it is when, in the days leading up to a tournament, the director receives a call from a manager or a player with whom he has arranged a performance, and he cancels. Of course, that's not the situation we want to be in, but sometimes it happens - Umag is neither the first nor the last in the 250 calendar to which this has happened.

I have to say that it is not easy in the current calendar to find pedigree players that will fit the schedule - we have tournaments in Kitzbuhel and Washington this week, and Toronto starts on Sunday. But things are as they are, let's move on without Hubert Hurkacz, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Tallon Griekspoor. But at the same time, this is not the first time that we have had a bad scenario in terms of cancellations, but even then, some other guys have showed how to play top tennis.

I believe that this season will be like that, despite all the above said. We still have good players, there will be good matches, I have no doubt about that. I went to buy some tickets for Friday and Saturday, everything is already sold out, and I think that says a lot.

On the other hand, I also think that the last few years have spoiled us. What we had was the pinnacle of pinnacles, just to mention the



finals of Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner. No tournament of the 250 ranking can boast of that, nor will it ever be able to boast of that. I don't know if I need to explain to anyone what those two have done after that, in the biggest tournaments, how many Grand Slam tournament finals they have played in, and we watched them here. We knew already then in which direction their careers would go, and what we had in Umag was a huge privilege.

We have our promising players in the tournament again. Dino Prižmić is in great shape, he is constantly making progress and that is great. Matej Dodig won his first ATP Challenger a few days ago, which will give him a lot of confidence ahead of his first match in Umag. Mili Poljičak can also play superbly, it all depends on "which Mili will appear on the court". I believe that it will be the right one. All in all, the audience will have something to watch.

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