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Main Draw Doubles

1	1	ANDREOZZI, Guido	ARG	P. Trhac		
		ARENDS, Sander	NED	M. Willis		
2		TRHAC, Patrik	USA	64 64	P. Trhac	
		WILLIS, Marcus	GBR		M. Willis	
3		GOLDHOFF, George	USA	G. Goldhoff	64 36 10-6	
		JACQ, Gregoire	FRA	G. Jacq		
4	WC	MIKRUT, Luka	CRO	63 36 10-7		
		POLJICAK, Mili	CRO			
5		Alternate		G. Escobar		
		Alternate		D. Hidalgo		
6		ESCOBAR, Gonzalo	ECU	No Match	G. Escobar	
		HIDALGO, Diego	ECU		D. Hidalgo	
7		KIRKOV, Vasil	USA	K. Drzewiecki	63 75	
		STEVENS, Bart	NED	R. Ho		
8		DRZEWIECKI, Karol	POL	62 63		
		HO, Ray	TPE			
9		DEMOLINER, Marcelo	BRA	G. Duran		
		GILLE, Sander	BEL	C. Ugo Carabelli		
10	PR	DURAN, Guillermo	ARG	75 46 11-9	R. Arneodo 4	
		UGO CARABELLI, Ca...	ARG		M. Guinard	
11	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO	R. Arneodo 4	75 76 <sup>6</sup>	
		SERDARUSIC, Nino	CRO	M. Guinard		
12	4	ARNEODO, Romain	MON	62 46 14-12		
		GUINARD, Manuel	FRA			
13		ARRIBAGE, Theo	FRA	T. Arribage		
		LUZ, Orlando	BRA	O. Luz		
14		HARPER, Cleeve	CAN	63 64	T. Arribage	
		SEGGERMAN, Ryan	USA		O. Luz	
15		CERVANTES, Inigo	ESP	A. Pavlasek 2	67 <sup>3</sup> 75 10-8	
		MIDDELKOOP, Matwe	NED	J. Zielinski		
16	2	PAVLASEK, Adam	CZE	76 <sup>6</sup> 64		
		ZIELINSKI, Jan	POL			

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
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ATP Supervisor

Gerry Armstrong

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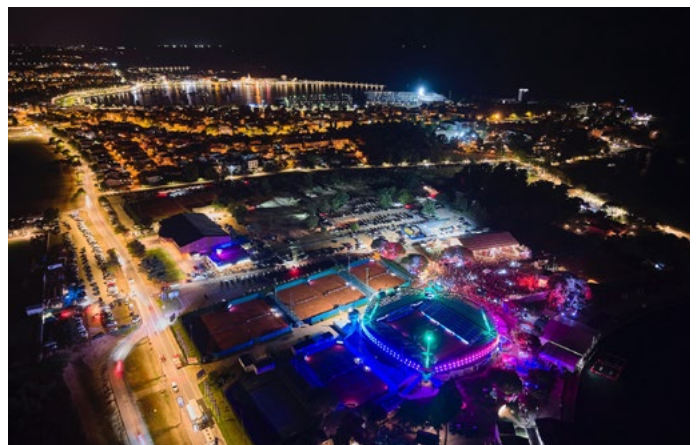
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2 Pavlasek / Zielinski	80
3 <del>Dodig / Murray</del>	87
4 Arneodo / Guinard	98

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Withdrawals

Dodig / Murray (Illness Murray)

Retirements/W.O.



1	1	PELLEGRINO, Andrea	ITA	A. Pellegrino 1	
2		SACHKO, Vitaliy	UKR	62 26 76 <sup>1</sup>	P. Llamas Ruiz
3	PR	LLAMAS RUIZ, Pablo	ESP	P. Llamas Ruiz	63 64
4	5	JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	36 63 76 <sup>2</sup>	
5	2	GAUBAS, Vilius	LTU	V. Gaubas 2	
6		ARNABOLDI, Federico	ITA	63 62	T. Droguet 7
7	WC	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	T. Droguet 7	46 63 63
8	7	DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	64 63	
9	3	TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	L. Mikrut	
10	WC	MIKRUT, Luka	CRO	76 <sup>2</sup> 62	A. Guillen Meza
11		GUILLEN MEZA, Alvaro	ECU	A. Guillen Meza	63 61
12	6	BLANCHET, Ugo	FRA	64 36 62	
13	4	CORIA, Federico	ARG	G. Zeppieri	
14	PR	ZEPPIERI, Giulio	ITA	62 61	G. Zeppieri
15	Alt	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA	L. Van Assche 8	63 64
16	8	VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	63 76 <sup>3</sup>	

Qualifying Round 1	Qualifying Round 2	Qualifier
€ 1,7450 pts	€ 3,2007 pts	€ 013 pts

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ORDER OF PLAY - THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

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STUDENAC ARENA

	Starts At 16:30	Starts At 16:00
1.	[Q] Pablo <b>LLAMAS RUIZ</b> (ESP) vs [3] Camilo <b>UGO CARABELLI</b> (ARG)	Patrik <b>TRHAC</b> (USA) Marcus <b>WILLIS</b> (GBR) vs Gonzalo <b>ESCOBAR</b> (ECU) Diego <b>HIDALGO</b> (ECU)
	Not Before 18:00	Not Before 18:00
2.	[WC] Dino <b>PRIZMIC</b> (CRO) vs [2] Luciano <b>DARDERI</b> (ITA)	Carlos <b>TABERNER</b> (ESP) vs Jesper <b>DE JONG</b> (NED)
	Not Before 21:00	Followed By
3.	[4] Damir <b>DZUMHUR</b> (BIH) vs [Q] Titouan <b>DROGUET</b> (FRA)	[4] Romain <b>ARNEODO</b> (MON) Manuel <b>GUINARD</b> (FRA) vs Theo <b>ARRIBAGE</b> (FRA) Orlando <b>LUZ</b> (BRA)

Tournament Director:

Tomislav Poljak

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ATP Supervisor(s):

Gerry Armstrong

Referee(s):

Mila Mandl

Tour Manager:

# DINO PRIŽMIĆ IN THE QUARTERFINALS AGAIN, THE END FOR CERUNDOLO AND WAWRINKA

Just as two years ago, Dino Prižmić will play in the quarterfinals of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open! He equalled his career-best result at ATP tournaments after a comeback against Georgian Nikoloz Basilashvili, defeating him 2:6, 6:3, 6:2. For the 19-year-old Croatian tennis player, who is considered one of the greatest talents in the world of tennis at that age, it was another big victory and a new step towards entering the top hundred on the ATP list, where he is currently ranked 143rd.

An extremely important moment occurred at 2:2 in the second set, when the Croatian tennis player saved from 15-40 and another break point. After that, the balance of power completely changed, and at 4:3 Dino reached a break point for the first time in the match. He used it and paved the way to victory with a series of five games. On Thursday (not before 18:00) his opponent will be the Italian Luciano Darderi, the second seed and last week's winner of the ATP tournament in Båstad.

"At the beginning of the match, I underestimated my opponent a little and the set went very quickly in his favour. Later, I focused and found my game. It was not easy, because Basilashvili plays very fast," said Prižmić, whose current ranking at 143rd place is the best in his career. However, by entering the quarterfinals, he will further improve it, and at the moment he is already 125th.

The defending champion Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina unexpectedly bowed out of the tournament after just one match. In one of the longest matches in Umag, he was defeated by Spaniard Carlos Taberner 6:7 (2), 6:4, 7:5, after three hours and 22 minutes.

Cerundolo, the 19th player in the world, had four break point advantages in the decisive third set, and at 5:4 he served to win the match, but none of that was enough to secure victory.

"I played terribly. I came to Umag in better shape than last year, but today's match was bad. You always believe you can win, but today I played terribly," he repeated. "I love this tournament, everything is great here, I believe I will come back," he added.

Even after 35 years, the tournament remains like this with only two players who have won the title more than once - they are the Austrian Thomas Muster and the Spanish Carlos Moya. Blaž Kavčič and Carlos Berlocq, who played for three hours and 41 minutes in 2011, still hold the record for the longest match duration.

For Taberner, ranked 111th on the ATP rankings, this is his first career win over a top 20 player. This is his second quarterfinal appearance, having reached the top eight at Astana 2021.

Besides Darderi, seeded Damir Džumhur (4th) from Bosnia and Herzegovina also advanced, stopping Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka in a great match in a packed stadium and great atmosphere. The 2006 tournament winner started better and took a 3-1 lead, but won only one of the next eight games. Džumhur seemed to be on course for victory, but Wawrinka returned after two break points and tied the match at 4:4. Then Džumhur missed serve for the match at 5:4, but he still took advantage of a new opportunity at 6:5 and celebrated 6:4, 7:5 in his debut appearance in Umag.





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## DRAW HELD: THE 6TH EDITION OF THE ITF WHEELCHAIR CROATIA OPEN UMAG BY HEP WHEELCHAIR TENNIS BEGINS



The draw for the sixth edition of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP was held in Umag today, which this year brings together 16 competitors, including three Croatian representatives.

Immediately, in the first round, viewers will enjoy the duel between Croatian representative Ante Joskić, the 71st player in the world, and Hungarian Ferenc Gabor Lelik, who will compete against each other, to advance to the quarterfinals of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP.

Of the other Croatian tennis players, Ante Kolundžija will play against Italian tennis player Luca Spano for a place in the next round, while Sven Maretić will try to outplay Polish player Kamil Fabisiak in his match.

“The sixth edition of the wheelchair tennis tournament is already ahead of us, as part of the Umag ATP. The tournament is strong because we have very high-quality players. All the best Croatian wheelchair tennis players are here. We expect a good tournament and many good matches. I would like to thank the tournament executive director Arlen Brozić and the tournament director Tomislav Poljak for always hosting us so nicely in Umag and for providing us with all the conditions for holding this tournament. Of course, a big thank you to our main sponsor HEP, without whom this would not be possible,” said Anto Joskić.

All first round matches will be played on Thursday at the Umag Tennis Academy courts, whilst on Friday and Saturday they will compete in Stella Maris.





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## EVEN THE MOST LOYAL FOUR-LEGGED FANS HAVE THEIR PLACE AT THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG

To make sure that pets also feel comfortable at the tennis tournament, Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, in collaboration with the VetHealth team from Pazin/Poreč, has set up four Dog Water Stations with fresh water for dogs - at the main entrance, in the Taste Istria zone, in the Social Arena, and by the official transport. This small but carefully thought-out initiative shows how much the tournament cares about all its visitors, including those on four paws.

The VetHealth team consists of veterinarians and animal lovers, led by the renowned Dr. Igor Benčić vet. med. univ. mag. chir., who promote pet health care every day. Their mission is to help animals in a natural way, and they do this through the production of broad-spectrum industrial hemp drops, completely free of THC and terpenes, which makes them safe for use not only on dogs, but also on cats and other pets.

Additional information about their offer is available via the QR code on site. Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag and VetHealth together confirm that four-legged friends deserve special attention.





# “SHOW YOUR HEART” IN UMAG: FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS AS PART OF THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG



This year's anniversary edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag brought another valuable initiative that combined community, sports and health concerns. The socially responsible project “Show Your Heart”, launched by PSK (Croatian online betting) with the support of the Croatian Football Federation, held free public health examinations for all interested visitors and sports clubs as part of the Umag tournament.

The project was implemented by the Institute for Sports Medicine and Health Promotion with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyle habits and raising awareness of the importance of preventive health check-ups. Athletes, citizens and guests of the tournament in Umag were provided with free check-ups that included a 12-lead ECG, spirometry, vision and hearing check-ups, blood glucose measurement, anthropometric

measurements, physiotherapy assessment and a clinical and physical examination by a doctor, with a final opinion from a specialist.

In addition to the standard examinations, an additional analysis of bodily health was possible during the examinations, through diagnostic bio-resonance of the latest generation, which represents a step towards modern methods of personalized medicine.

The “Show Your Heart” project confirms how top-level sports such as tennis, education and health care can jointly contribute to the well-being of the community. In addition to top-level tennis, Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag offered added value this year, in the form of health care and preventive activities that promote responsibility for one's own health.





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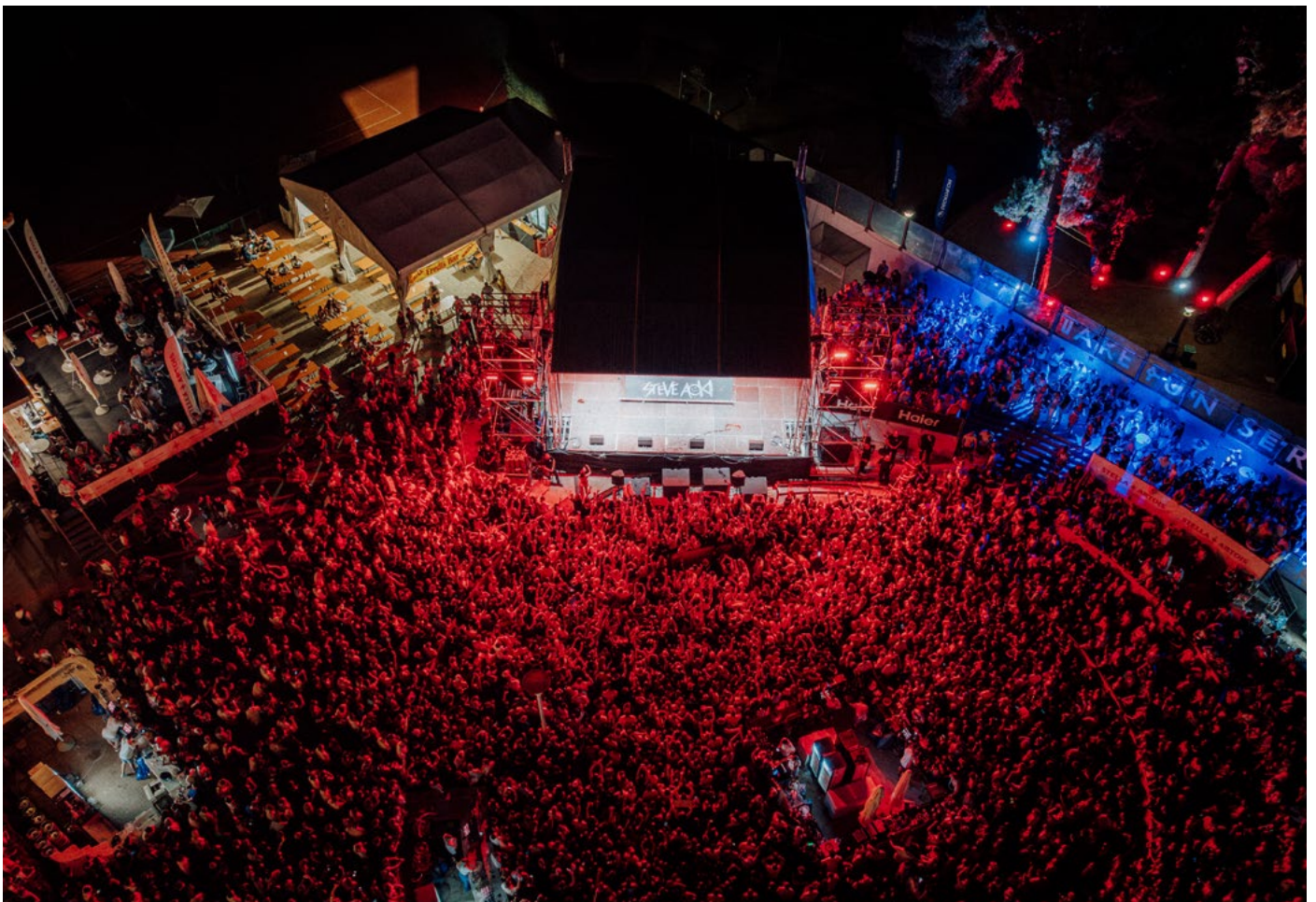
# THE HIGHLIGHT OF UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS: STEVE AOKI AND WAWRINKA SET THE AUDIENCE ON FIRE

The highlight of Umag Music Nights, the music program as part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, happened last night, when global DJ star Steve Aoki arrived on the Umag stage.

His performance delivered everything that was expected of him - adrenaline, a spectacular production and music that fills dance floors around the world. He was joined on stage by famous tennis player Stan Wawrinka, who danced, jumped and helped Aoki hit with a cake the numerous fans who came to the Dance Arena with a sign saying "Steve Aoki cake me".









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## AN EVENING OF RED BLENDS REVEALED THE POWER OF ISTRIAN RED SOIL IN THE TASTE ISTRIA ZONE



The wine evening last night in the Taste Istria zone, as part of the “Hidden charms of Istrian wines” program, was dedicated to red coupages - strong, complex wines that perfectly reflect the character of Istria. Under the expert guidance of sommelier Lucija Matijević, the public had the opportunity to learn about the philosophy and process of creating red blends, using three different wines of renowned Istrian winemakers - Ravalica, Fiore and Laguna.

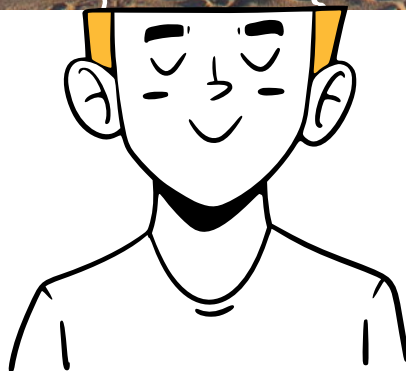
The tasting, as always, was organized using “blind tasting”, and through a conversation with the sommelier, the audience learned how each variety is first processed and aged separately - mostly in wooden barrels, from large to smaller 225-litre barriques - before the winemaker, based on his own judgment, decides in what proportion he will compose his blend that year.

The three wines tasted were different in style and intensity, but each in its own way showed the enormous potential of the red soil from the Umag area and of the aging in wood. Most visitors agreed that one wine was particularly well-rounded, robust, and perfect for winter days, thanks to its pronounced alcohol and distinct aromatic depth.



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## TOMISLAV POLJAK, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

## WE ARE BUILDING THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE LONG TERM, THAT'S THE ONLY RIGHT WAY

As every year, as we approach the end of the tournament, we must increasingly thank all those who work hard on the organization of this event. The close knit team of Plava Laguna, or Istra DMC, led by Ms. Arlen Brozić, works on the tournament all year round, and everyone else joins in. There are 450-500 people who participate in the actual implementation of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag tournament.

Preparations, of course, as they say, start as soon as the tournament ends, and a new tournament begins immediately. What has proven to be a great advantage and a great strategic move for us is not to plan from one year to the next, but several years in advance. This will be increasingly important in the coming period, because as we can see, there is great competition among tournaments, and few players are available to play constantly. They are spread out in this ATP Tour calendar, and all these big tournaments, Grand Slams and Masters 1000s, mainly last two weeks. In this constellation of forces, smaller tournaments, namely those from the 250 series, which of course includes us, are "fighting" for any of the attractive players who are available.

That phrase, "preparation for the next tournament begins as soon as the previous one ends" is actually true, but on the other hand, it is not completely true. The reason is as stated above, we are working



long-term, we are trying to implement this vision of bringing young stars to Umag.

Plava Laguna, as the organizer and license holder, has constantly been improving the conditions. Here, everything that Stan Wawrinka said after the magnificent match against Damir Džumhur, at the final press conference, means a lot to us. Only positive things about everything that he experienced here, about the progress of the tournament that Plava Laguna continuously works on, is really great praise for all of us.

I'm sorry we said goodbye to him in the competitive part, but when a player of his profile, who has been to all the biggest tennis tournaments and seen and experienced everything he could see there, says what he said, it's the best possible compliment to everyone who worked on the tournament, in every segment of it. That's what gives us additional encouragement, because it's clear that we're heading in a positive direction, and we want to keep going in that direction.

## COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

## CERUNDOLO IS OUT, BUT THERE ARE STILL STRONG TRUMP CARDS LEFT

Wednesday was so interesting, with so many great matches, big twists and weird scenarios that I don't know where to start. So the easiest is in the order that the matches started. In the first one, we lost the player who won the title last year, and it was a match that was strange to say the least.

Francisco Cerundolo had several chances in the third set to take that decisive step towards victory, but every time he made a break, he immediately lost that advantage because he then played a disastrous game. He lost his serve, then lost serve again and so on, he even missed the opportunity when he served for the match. It's certainly a shame for him and for the tournament, because after all, he is the defending champion, the highest ranked player and a tennis player who has a big name because of the results he has achieved in his career. But what happened, happened.

Then followed a match in which everything went in reverse. Nikoloz Basilashvili torpedoed Dino Prižmić in the first set, had three break points at 2:2 in the second and then everything turned around. Prižma started playing and the Georgian had no chance. It's great that we have a Croat in the tournament, that Dino makes the most of the invitation he received, and that's what is always important to us. Luciano Darderi is waiting for him in the quarterfinals, it will be his toughest match



so far. It will be difficult, that's for sure, but it is not impossible for him to win that match as well.

There was a treat at the end of the day. A great match to end with. It was clear that Wawrinka could not follow the rhythm, in the second set Džumhur ran him out, then because of that Stan made too many mistakes. He scores a winner, gets the crowd on their feet, you can see that genius, but overall it's hard to match. If the match had been played during the day, and if the conditions had been faster, he would have had a better chance, but as it was Džumhur was stronger and actually showed why he is returning to the top 50. He plays well, he reminds us of the Džumhur who was 23rd on the ATP ranking and I think he should be taken seriously.

Of the four leading seeds, only one has dropped out, so we're moving on with the three and Prižmić. Naturally, the others who remain have the right to hope for a good result, because they're playing well, so we'll see who will do best in the end.

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