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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			P. Trhac		
		POLJICAK, Mili	CRO				M. Willis		
5		Alternate		G. Escobar		64 63			
		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					R. Arneodo 4
		HO, Ray	TPE						M. Guinard
9		DEMOLINER, Marcelo	BRA	G. Duran		75 76 ²			
		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 ⁶			
		SERDARUSIC, Nino	CRO	M. Guinard					
12	4	ARNEODO, Romain	MON	62 46 14-12			R. Arneodo 4		
		GUINARD, Manuel	FRA				M. Guinard		
13		ARRIBAGE, Theo	FRA	T. Arribage		63 64			
		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 ³ 75 10-8			
		MIDDELKOOP, Matwe	NED	J. Zielinski					
16	2	PAVLASEK, Adam	CZE	76 ⁶ 64					
		ZIELINSKI, Jan	POL						

Round of 16		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final		Winner	
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ATP Supervisor

Gerry Armstrong

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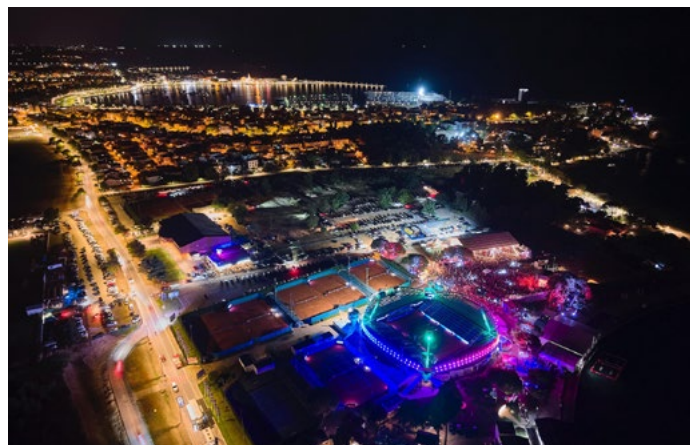
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1 Andreozzi / Arends	72
2 Pavlasek / Zielinski	80
3 Dodig / Murray	87
4 Arneodo / Guinard	98

Alternates/Lucky Losers

Withdrawals

Dodig / Murray (Illness Murray)

Retirements/W.O.



1	1	PELLEGRINO, Andrea	ITA	A. Pellegrino 1	
2		SACHKO, Vitaliy	UKR	62 26 76 ¹	P. Llamas Ruiz
3	PR	LLAMAS RUIZ, Pablo	ESP	P. Llamas Ruiz	63 64
4	5	JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	36 63 76 ²	
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 ² 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
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ORDER OF PLAY - SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

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1.

Starts At 20:00	Starts At 16:00
SINGLES FINAL	ITFFS UMAG UNIQLO WHEELCHAIR FINAL
Carlos TABERNER (ESP) VS [2] Luciano DARDERI (ITA)	[1] Geoffrey JASIAK (FRA) VS [2] Kamil FABISIAK (POL)

Tournament Director:

Tomislav Poljak

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ATP Supervisor(s):

Gerry Armstrong

Referee(s):

Mila Mandl

Tour Manager:

Pedro Dominguez



DARDERI VS. TABERNER, A NEW ITALIAN-SPANISH SHOWDOWN IN THE FINAL



Italian Luciano Darderi and Spaniard Carlos Taberner will decide the winner of the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open on Saturday, starting at 20:00. It will be the fifth Italian-Spanish clash in the Umag finals, and the first duel between these two. Darderi beat third seed Camilo Ugo Carabelli of Argentina 7:6 (6), 6:3, and then Taberner defeated fourth seed Damir Džumhur of Bosnia and Herzegovina 6:2, 6:1.

Darderi never lost a game while serving, and the only break points he faced (two) were at 4:2 in the second set. In the first set, both men held their serve firmly (there was not even one break point), and in the tie break, Ugo Carabelli had a set point on his opening shot. Darderi won three points in a row and steered the match towards his victory.

"I have a lot of self-confidence, it's true. We train hard every day, and that's the secret as to why I've been so successful this year," said Darderi, the 46th ranked tennis player in the world, who won the ATP tournament in Bastad on Sunday and is currently on an eight-match winning streak.

He also won Marrakech this season, and only Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz has more clay court finals (four) in 2025.

Overall he is the eighth Italian in the final of a singles competition in Umag, and will have a chance to become the fourth if he wins the title on Saturday.

Taberner lost only three games against Džumhur, but the first part of the match was particularly even. In the second game, they played as many as 34 points. It lasted 24 minutes, and after losing it, Džumhur seemed to give up, and could no longer follow his opponent's rhythm. His last attempt to fight back was at 1:5, when he returned a break, but after that Taberner was untouchable.

This was the Spaniard's first semi-final at an ATP tournament, but he didn't stop there. He started the tournament ranked 92nd in the ATP rankings, and even if he loses in the final, he will surpass his best ranking ever (he has already secured 84th place).

"This is my first final at an ATP tournament and I'm very happy. I played a perfect match in the semi-final, my forehand worked superbly and I think that overall I was at a very high level. Luciano is playing outstandingly, he's a real 'fiend', I'll have to play my best tennis to have a chance," said Taberner.

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JASIAK AND FABISIAK IN THE FINAL, THE DOUBLES TITLE GOES TO JOSKIĆ AND FABISIAK

Frenchman Geoffrey Jasiak, the number one, and Pole Kamil Fabisiak, the number two, will play on Saturday (16:00) in the final of the wheelchair tennis tournament on the ITF World Wheelchair Tour calendar. Both reached the final without dropping a set, confirming their status as the main favourites in this tournament. Three Croatian tennis players also competed in the singles competition, two of whom (Anto Joskić and Ante Kolundžija) passed the first hurdles, but then lost to Jasiak and Fabisiak, respectively.

In the doubles competition, however, Croatian players had much more success. Joskić and Jasiak won the title, defeating Sven Maretić (Croatia) and Josef Riegler (Austria) in the final 6:3, 6:2.



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GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ PRESENTED THE TROPHY TO THE WINNERS OF THE EIGHTH HEPI TOURNAMENT IN UMAG



The eighth edition of the HEPI tournament, which brings together partners and customers of HEP Opskrba (Supplies) from Croatia and HEP Energija from Slovenia, was successfully held on the courts of the Umag Tennis Academy, as part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. This year's title went to the doubles team of Vanja Vitezić and Domagoj Stojanović, who celebrated in the final against Dražen Crnković and Miran Janečić with a convincing 6-2 score. Third place was taken by Mihovil Stanić and Zvonko Kožnjak, after a series of excellent matches throughout the day.

The awards to the best players were again presented this year by Goran Ivanišević, a legend of Croatian sports and a long-time friend of the Umag tournament. Along with the awards ceremony, Goran happily spent time talking and socializing with the participants, which has become a beautiful tradition of this competition.

"Congratulations to the winners on their well-deserved title! The HEPI tournament is a great story that grows year after year and brings together more and more tennis enthusiasts. HEP Opskrba hereby confirms its commitment to the sport, and I am always happy to be part of this positive atmosphere, as part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag tournament," said Goran Ivanišević.

Nada Podnar, Marketing Director of HEP Opskrba, expressed her satisfaction that the HEPI tournament has become a recognizable and important part of the Umag tournament.

"I am particularly pleased that we are at the HEPI tournament in Umag for the eighth time in a row. Even more so because Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag is cele-

brating its 35th anniversary this year and it is truly an honour and pleasure to be in such exceptional company. Of course, we repeat the same story year after year and invite our valued customers from Slovenia and Croatia who train and come to play the doubles tournament. Proof of this is that the matches are lasting longer and longer, because the players are playing better and better. I would like to thank Plava Laguna for being our host. Thanks go to the staff of the Pelegrin Hotel, which is the best in the world, and where we have the service that we could only wish for, and a special thank you to Mrs. Arlen Brozić, the executive director of the tournament, because without her there would be no tournament and everything would not be at such a high level. Finally, thanks go to my customers who recognize us and who have been coming here to Umag year after year, for eight years now".



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ARNEODO AND GUINARD WIN THE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Romain Arneodo (Monaco) and Manuel Guinard (France) are the winners of this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open in the doubles competition. In the final, they defeated the American-British combination of Patrik Trhac and Marcus Willis 7:5, 7:6 (2), thus winning their second joint title, after winning the Masters 1000 tournament in Monte Carlo in April. This is Arneodo's third triumph in doubles at an ATP tournament, and Guinard's second.

They started the tournament as the 13th pair in the world, for getting into the final tournament of the season, the ATP Finals, and with the new 250 points they further increased their chances of being among the top eight pairs in the world in Turin at the end of the year. Arneodo was in the final in Umag last year (his partner was Frenchman Gregoire Jacq), but then fell one step short.

In the first round of this year's tournament, Arneodo and Guinard were on the verge of elimination, as their opponents Matej Dodig and Nino Serdarušić had three match points. After that game, they have not lost a set.



TASTE ISTRIA ZONE - WHERE YOU CAN TASTE ISTRIA FIRSTHAND: BURGERS, PIZZAS AND AUTHENTIC STREET FOOD IN THE HEART OF THE UMAG TOURNAMENT



During the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, tournament visitors have the opportunity to enjoy a top-notch sports program, as well as a diverse range of dishes and specialties that further enrich their impression of the tournament. One of the most visited zones is certainly Taste Istria, a dynamic space near the main stadium, where Istrian cuisine is given a modern street food look and attracts lovers of authentic, yet creative snacks.

The culinary spectacle under the open sky is brought to us by carefully selected food trucks, each with its own story and specific approach to the reinterpretation of local recipes - Poluotok, Manjada by Palagius, Street Food by Lukas, Naša kužina and Fredi's Grill.

Poluotok, an already well-known name on the Croatian street food scene, brings its distinctive offer of burgers with character. Their classics Veli Jože and Salvore are a true example of how the combination of local ingredients, a rustic approach and top-quality meat can become a hit among lovers of "fast food" snacks. Their offer also delights visitors who want to try something new, but at the same time local and authentic.

Manjada by Palagius invites visitors to take a peek into the past, but through the smells and tastes of pizzas prepared according to the recipes of Istrian grandmothers. Here, every detail matters - from the long-fermented dough, through homegrown tomatoes and aromatic olive oil, to rich toppings from the local region. Manjada brings a blend of tradition and Italian charm, in a simple but irresistible street food format.

Street Food by Lukas offers a diverse menu dominated by their Istrian burger, and as well as that visitors can also sample richly filled piadine (thin Italian flatbread) and finely prepared tortillas. Each mouthful is designed

with the idea of connecting global street food trends with local flavours and ingredients.

For those who prefer specific meat snacks, Fredi's Grill offers a range of grilled dishes - from juicy steaks to marinated skewers and sausages, with side dishes that further emphasize the local character of the offer. The meat is prepared in front of the guests, which further emphasizes the freshness and quality of each bite.

A completely new concept is Naša kužina, which brings plates filled with classic Istrian dishes in a modern edition. This is the ideal stop for anyone who wants to taste the deeper roots of Istrian cuisine, but in an accessible street food festival format.

While the flavours of Istria dominate every corner of the Taste Istria zone, visitors can also enjoy a rich selection of signature cocktails and wines offered by neighbouring cocktail bars and winemakers brought together under the program "Hidden Charms of Istrian Wines". Taste Istria proves once again this year that good tennis goes hand in hand with good food, creating a unique corner where local identity, contemporary presentation and a summer atmosphere make the perfect blend of sport and enjoyment.



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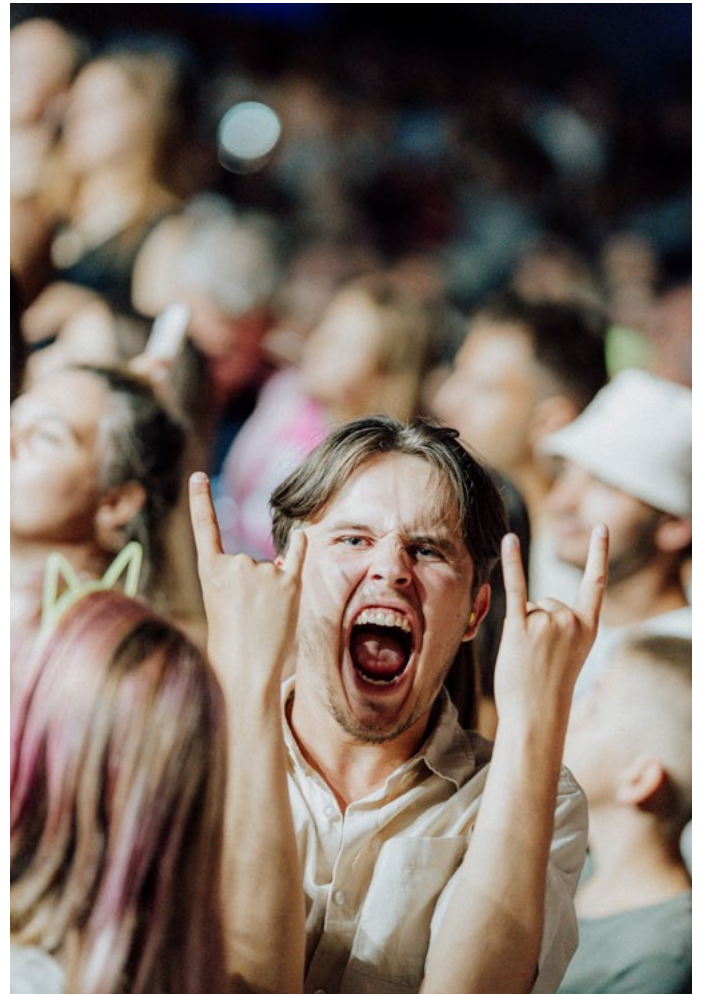
TUJAMO AND BABY LASAGNA SET UMAG ON FIRE, A GRAND MUSICAL FINALE WITH FEDDE LE GRAND FOLLOWS

Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has once again this year confirmed that it combines top-class tennis with the most exciting music program of the summer. Umag Music Nights will once again provide evening after evening with energy, fun and moments that visitors will remember for a long time.

After the brilliant Tujamo, a world-famous DJ whose energetic set further raised the atmosphere and confirmed why his name does not come off the line-up of leading global festivals, last night followed the performance of the currently most sought-after performer of the domestic scene - Baby Lasagna. In front of a packed audience, he performed his biggest hits, including the most famous song with which he won the Eurovision Song Contest, and the euphoria and emotions on the Umag stage will be talked about for a long time to come.

The musical magic continues when, after the final tennis match, the audience is treated to a performance by Fedde Le Grand, a Dutch DJ and producer who is considered one of the most influential names in the world of electronic music. His house hits have dominated the world charts for years, and the Umag audience can expect a tournament finale worthy of the world's biggest stages.

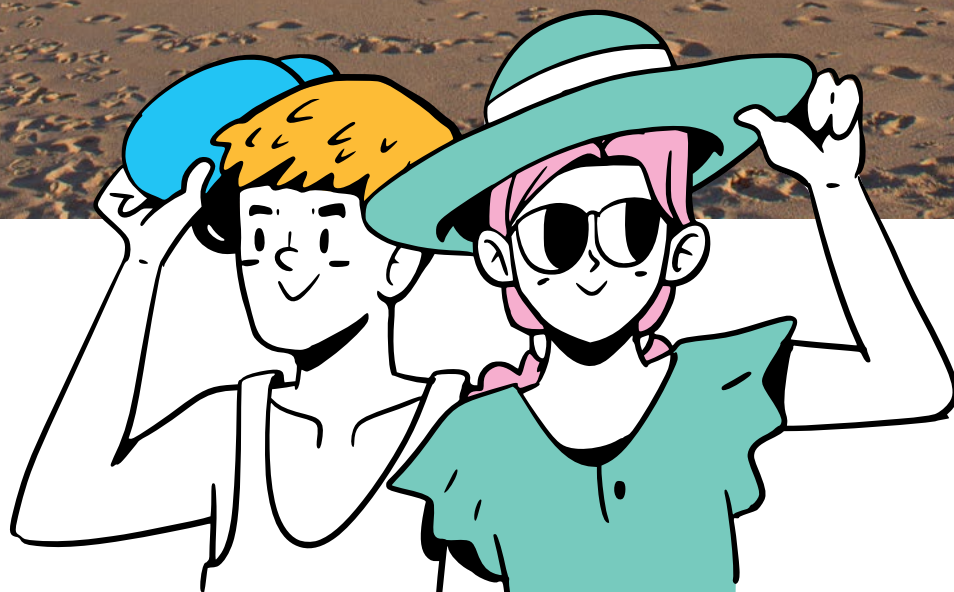
Once again, Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag shows that the perfect combination of sport, music and summer really does exist - and that's right here, on the Istrian coast.





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WE BROKE SOME RECORDS, I THANK OUR VISITORS

We are nearing the end of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, another grand finale awaits us, on Saturday between Luciano Darderi and Carlos Taberner. One of the things that marked this year's edition was the incredible attendance at the entire Stella Maris and especially the Goran Ivanišević Stadium. The match between Wawrinka and Džumhur, which brought a huge number of people to the centre, according to some data we have, actually broke some records in terms of the number of tickets sold.

All the matches that have been played, from the very first days, have been very well attended, and we certainly have to extend a big thank you to our loyal visitors to Umag. Even this year, in which – let's not shy away from it – we didn't have the strongest lineup of players that we were aiming for, and so we were in some way damaged or weakened by these cancellations, we have had a fantastic turnout.

We always worry about how the first matches will go, how hot it will be and so on, but it couldn't have been better. The air temperature certainly helped us in the semi-finals, making it even easier to watch the matches. The final was sold out a long time ago and that was never in doubt. I hope the weather will be on our side on Sunday and that we will round off a fantastic week



in Stella Maris in the best possible way.

All of this obliges us, after the finals, to continue working on the new edition of the tournament, primarily on bringing the best players possible to 2026.

Looking ahead, we are changing the calendar, going a week earlier, or immediately after Wimbledon, and we will share the week with two fantastic tournaments, in Bastad, Sweden, and Gstaad, Switzerland.

This means that there will be a big fight for the limited number of players who want to be on clay after Wimbledon, but we will do our best to ensure that tennis in Umag is at this level.

For now, we still have this crucial day to enjoy what Taberner and Darderi can offer us.

COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

THE UMAG FINAL IS ALWAYS AN EXPERIENCE, I EXPECT IT TO BE ON SATURDAY TOO

We've reached the finals, there's only one question left, Darderi or Taberner. After all, we'll have a very good final, because both of them are playing superbly and, if they repeat in the final what we have seen during the week, we'll have a great evening of tennis.

Carlos Taberner beat Damir Džumhur, in simple terms it was a "chainsaw massacre". Or another phrase from sports jargon, "Džumhur did not show up on the field". I somehow thought that Taberner would be able to get a good result, but he played against the defending champion at the start and it didn't seem realistic to think that he could go far. But when he beat Cerundolo, in that marathon that lasted three and a half hours, nothing was impossible anymore.

We saw some great tennis from him, and today Džumhur's legs were just not working. And when that's the case, when he can't run, then there's no hope. After the second game, which lasted 24 minutes, it was already clear which way the match would go. Taberner took complete control and didn't lower the level of his tennis, and then the second set was pure dominance.

Darderi is a good player, we knew that, and now he is playing on the verge of the best tennis because he is full of self-confi-



dence. He came from Sweden with a title, is flying high and is showing himself in the best light. He adapted perfectly to the conditions in Umag, continued where he left off and it is clear that he is a player who, especially on clay, will have a significant role in tournaments. Not so long ago he was at the Challenger Tour, and he quickly caught up with the high-ranked players, and now he is among them. We will see what his potential is, if he can continue like this, but two tournaments won in 2025 plus this final, at worst, are not to be underestimated.

I anticipate a good final. Both are in good form, now they have confidence and a great desire to end the week in the best way. Darderi is better ranked, he has had several wins in a row because he won at Bastad, but Taberner also has some trump cards. He is also playing the best tennis of his career, which means that it can be a duel at the highest level. It will definitely be an experience, the Umag final never disappoints.

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