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# THE UNSTOPPABLE DARDERI CONTINUED HIS WINNING STREAK IN UMAG

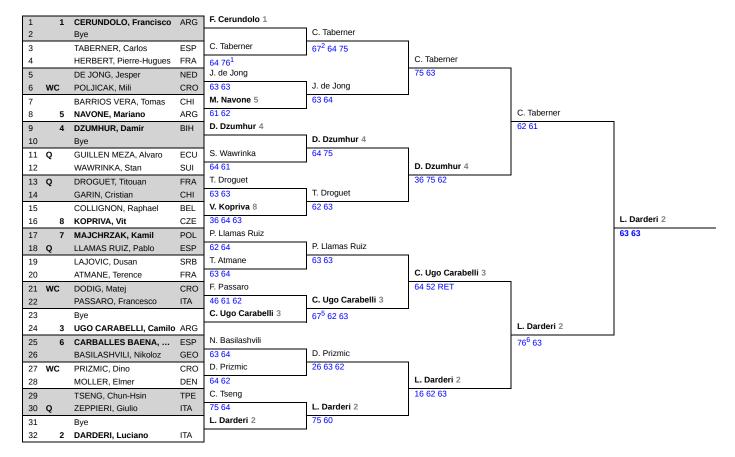




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€ 6,390	0 pts	€ 10,460	25 pts	€ 18,01	5 50 pts	€ 31,	090 100 pts	€ 52,890	165 pts	€ 90,675	250 pts

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Seeded Players						
	Player					
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				

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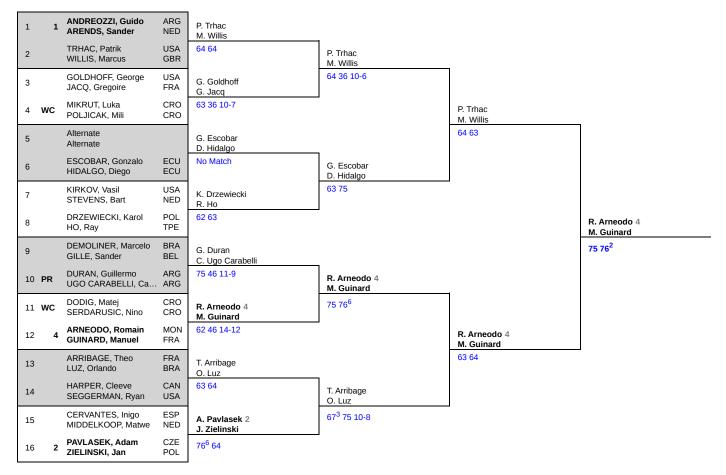




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Seeded Teams						
	Team	Rank				
1	Andreozzi / Arends Pavlasek / Zielinski	72				
2	Pavlasek / Zielinski	80				
3	<del>Dodig / Murray</del> Arneodo / Guinard	87				
4	Arneodo / Guinard	98				

Alternates/Lucky Losers

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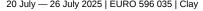
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5	2	GAUBAS, Vilius	LTU	V. Gaubas 2	
6		ARNABOLDI, Federico	ITA	63 62	T. Droguet 7
7	wc	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	T. Droguet 7	46 63 63
8	7	DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	64 63	'
9	3	TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	L. Mikrut	
10	wc	MIKRUT, Luka	CRO	76 <sup>2</sup> 62	A. Guillen 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	
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16	8	VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	63 76 <sup>3</sup>	•

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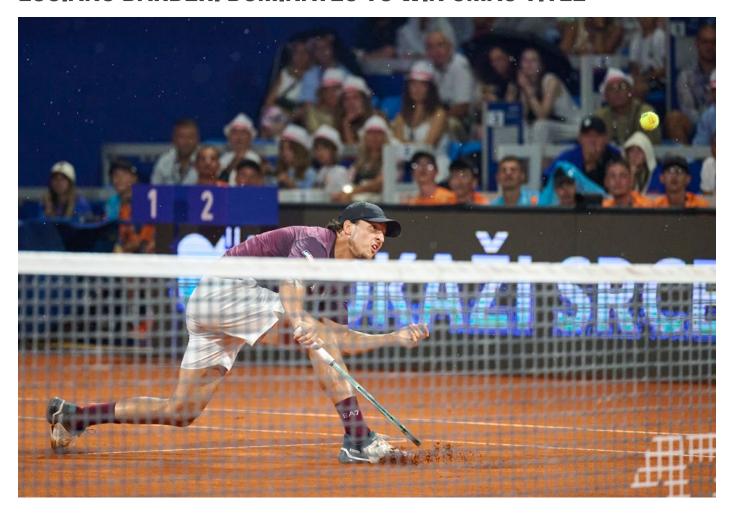
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Se	eded Players	
	Player	Rank
1	Pellegrino, Andrea	139
2	Gaubas, Vilius	143
3	Trungelliti, Marco	147
4	Coria, Federico	151
5	Jacquet, Kyrian	165
6	Blanchet, Ugo	173
7	Droguet, Titouan	174
8	Van Assche, Luca	192

Alternates M. Cecchinato (Alt) Withdrawals Retirements/W.O.



### LUCIANO DARDERI DOMINATES TO WIN UMAG TITLE



Luciano Darderi is the new name on the list of Umag conquerors! In the final of the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, the 23-year-old Italian defeated Spaniard Carlos Taberner 6:3, 6:3, in a match that started half an hour late due to rain, was then interrupted twice for the same reason, and was played almost the entire time in the rain. In this way, he continued his excellent streak, because he won the ATP tournament in Bastad last week, and is now on a streak of nine singles victories. This was Taberner's first entry into the finals at tournaments of this rank.

"The feeling is special. I'm happy, this is the second title in two weeks. I apologize to the viewers for being nervous sometimes, I'm not usually like that," said Darderi.

One break in the first and two in the second set were enough for Darderi to create an advantage. In the first set, he made it to a 4:2 lead, in the second, first to a 3:2 lead, and then another one followed when Taberner served to stay in the match. On the other hand, the Spaniard, 111th on the ATP list, didn't have such an opportunity even once. The Italian was dominant and finished the tournament in impressive style. In four matches, he has lost only one set, against Dino Prižmić in the quarterfinals.

"My ankle hurt in the morning, I thought I wouldn't be able to play in the final. The situation improved during the day, but at 15:15 in the last game it hurt a lot. I'll see if I have to take a break," he said.

This is Darderi's fourth ATP tournament win, and the third this year. He is the fourth Italian to win the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, following the Umag Open winners Fabio Fognini (2016), Marco Cecchinato (2018) and Jannik Sinner (2022). Spain, on the other hand, remains with seven names with a title in Umag.

"If I were to play this match again, I would probably cope better when it comes to the match conditions. A lot of things happened here for the first time and I leave satisfied: I beat a player from the top 20, I played in the semifinals for the first time, the finals for the first time...", said Taberner.

With the points from Umag, both will, of course, make significant progress: Darderi will jump from 46th to 35th position (his best finish is 32nd), and Taberner will be 84th, which will be his best position so far.



### KAMIL FABISIAK WINS UMAG AGAIN

The Polish Kamil Fabisiak, ranked 38th in the world, won the ITF Wheelchair Tour tournament in Umag on Saturday. In the finals, with 6:0, 6:1, he was better than the defending champion Geoffrey Jasiak of France, ranked 28th.

This is Jasiak's fourth title in 2025, and his second in Umag, because he was the best in this tournament in 2022. He is also a third time winner in Croatia, because ten years ago he was the best in Zagreb.







### GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ SUPPORTED THE WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND PLAYED WITH ANTE JOSKIĆ



As part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, the sixth edition of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open by HEP is being held this year. The courts of the Umag Tennis Academy and the Stella Maris ATP Centre once again hosted the world's top wheelchair tennis players, who fought for valuable points on the ITF world rankings.

The tournament was also supported by Goran Ivanišević, who joined Anto Joskić in a symbolic match, which further emphasized the importance of the visibility of sports for people with disabilities.

From the very beginning, the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open has had the mission of promoting inclusion and sportsmanship, and Umag once again confirms its role as an excellent stage for top class sport - without obstacles.





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POKAŽI SVOJE NAJBOLJE

### **BOJAN GLAVIČ WINS THE JOURNALISTS' TOURNAMENT**

The traditional journalists' tournament at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open has a new winner this year – it is Bojan Glavič from Dnevnik (Slovenia). In the final match of the Memorial Tournament, Ico Kerhin beat Rafael Spajić (Ofenziva) with a score of 9:4.

"I'm delighted that I won the tournament. For me, Umag is Wimbledon by the sea," said the winner after being presented with the winning trophy by tournament director Tomislav Poljak.





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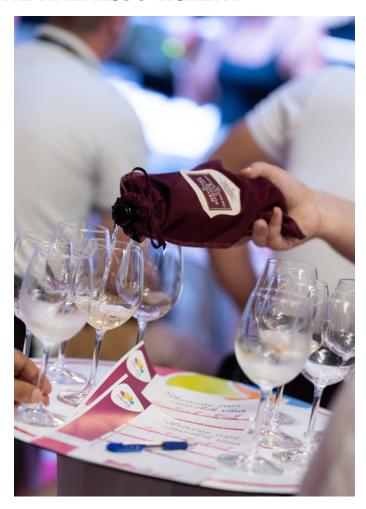
## THE BEST WINE AT THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG 2025 IS THE RED WINE FROM THE RAVALICO WINERY

The Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has once again combined top-level tennis and an Istrian wine experience, attracting numerous visitors to the Taste Istria zone, where the 12th edition of wine tastings entitled "Hidden Charms of Istrian Wines" was held. Led by HSK sommelier Lucija Matijević, over five days of tastings, numerous wine lovers had the opportunity to get to know the diversity and richness of the Istrian wine scene.

This year's oenological journey began with a tasting of young Malvasia wines, and then continued with an exploration of aged Terans, sparkling wines, red blends, and aged Malvasia - every day brought a new wine experience and meetings with renowned winemakers.

The wine story culminated in the Grand Finale, with the announcement of the best wines in five individual categories, as well as the best ATP wine of the tournament. The prestigious award for best red wine and the title of ATP wine went to the Ravalico winery, and the award was presented by Tonči Glavina, the Minister of Tourism and Sports.

Prominent Istrian winemakers presented their labels in the program: Benčić, Cattunar, Dešković, Arman, Franković, Geržinić, Cuj, Zigante Vero, Coronica, Ravalico, Fiore, Laguna, Damjanić, Roxanich and Prelac - confirming once again why Istria enjoys the status of one of the most exciting wine regions in Europe.







# CRVENA JABUKA, MAJA ŠUPUT, STEVE AOKI, TUJAMO AND BABY LASAGNA SET UMAG ON FIRE, FEDDE LE GRAND HOSTED A GRAND MUSICAL FINALE



Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has once again 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.

It all started with the opening concert of the legendary Crvena jabuka, who celebrated 40 years of their career in front of the Umag audience as part of their celebratory tour. A day later, Istrian musicians from the band Febra took the stage and delighted the audience with authentic performances and infectious energy. Then, Umag danced to the Super Star Show Tribute band, which performed timeless hits by pop and rock greats such as Elvis, Queen, Jackson and others.

The rest of the concert followed with an explosion of energy, with the performance of Maja Šuput, who filled the Dance Arena with dancing, hits and joy. A day later in Umag, Steve Aoki prepared a spectacle to remember - his set was full of production surprises, strong rhythms and recognizable stage energy.

After the great Tujamo, the world-famous DJ whose energetic set further elevated the atmosphere, and confirmed why his name does not come off the line-up of leading global festivals, there followed the performance of the currently most sought-after performer on the domestic scene - Baby Lasagna. In front of a packed audience, he performed his





greatest 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 recounted for a long time to come.

The highlight of the musical part of the tournament was when Fedde Le Grand took the stage, concluding this year's Umag story with his performance. The Dutch DJ and producer, known as one of the most influential names in the electronic scene, closed the evening in style with his house hits, and gave the audience a musical experience worthy of the tournament finale.

Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has once again proven that the perfect blend of sport, music and summer atmosphere lives right here - on the sunny Istrian coast.

















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### TOMISLAV POLJAK, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

## THIS YEAR WAS STRESSFUL, BUT IT ENDED MAGNIFICENTLY

In the last ten seasons, as long as I have had the honour and privilege of being in the team of the closest tournament leadership, we have never had a more stressful year than this one. Of course it had to end like this. with a rainy final, the first I can remember in Umag. I really can't remember going through anything like what we have gone through this year, and this Saturday.

I can't thank enough the people who have done a great job to make the finals happen and to conclude the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open in the best possible way. I would like to start by thanking the players. If they weren't such friends and didn't respect each other as they do, I doubt this tournament would have gone so smoothly. A lot of other players would have complicated things, complained... especially those who lost. They have hardly complained at all, despite the conditions, and I thank them and respect them a lot.

Especially when it comes to Darderi, who told me after the match that, in the morning, he had considered not going onto the court at all. He has a big problem with his heel, and is travelling to Canada only to cancel the tournament, and then he has to heal his heel and see what happens next. We spoke during the day, and he said "I'm definitely going on the court even though



I can barely walk", that's really big on his part.

Carlos Taberner is a shadow man. He's so nice and normal, all week he's won the sympathy of everyone who worked on this tournament. He deserved what happened to him, to play in the final for the first time in his career, and I hope it's the first of many he'll play.

After the players, I have to thank all the tournament services, and this year I would especially like to highlight the court organisers. It was anything but easy. We had challenges, but Bruno, Zoran... and the whole team of people led by Mr. Mato, did a great job and hats off to them. We needed this rain to "settle" the court, so we had the final with a perfect surface.

I don't know how to thank everyone else. The reactions of the audience and all those who come to Umag say it all, and this year the attendance was incredible. That speaks for itself. See you next year!

### COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

## FINALLY, I MANAGED TO GUESS THE WINNER

Before the tournament started, we talked about the favourites and my choice was Luciano Darderi. At last, I managed to guess the winner. We were unlucky with the weather in the final, because the start was delayed, so it was unsure whether they would play, with constant rain, but it carried on to our satisfaction and Darderi anticipated the potential problems.

It's not easy to adapt in such a situation, when the match is interrupted, and then continues under conditions that can result in a new interruption at any moment. You must not think about it, but concentrate on the next point, regardless of what happens at that moment, because if you lose focus a little, it can cost you dearly. Even irreparably.

As for the tennis itself, in some areas Darderi and Taberner are equal, for example they both have an excellent forehand, maybe there is a small difference in the backhand, but the biggest difference is in the service. Darderi gets a lot of free points that way, and Taberner none. The Italian was more specific, better and more aggressive.

All in all, we saw fantastic tennis, had a great atmosphere and there were lots of new things. What was also impressive today was the public, who didn't seem to notice the rain. They stayed, cheered, although they certainly



weren't comfortable, but they proved to be a true tennis crowd that appreciates the players.

But the whole week was great in terms of atmosphere - really full, cheerful, relaxed... Just as it should be. The tournament was good, and we can already look forward to what is to come. We are going back to having the final on Sunday, it will be played right after Wimbledon, with two other ATP tournaments on clay, which means we will have fierce competition when it comes to bringing in attractive players. But I am not afraid.

The tournament has made great progress in several segments this year, and there will be new features next year as well. The courts will need to be renovated, and maybe some other tournament will be held before the ATP, but we have seen that it has been excellent, and that all these "little things" have made a great improvement overall.

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