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UMAG TITLE HEADS TO SPAIN AGAIN AS DANIEL MERIDA CLAIMS CROATIA OPEN CROWN

The 21-year-old Daniel Merida is the champion of this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag! The Spaniard dropped a set for the first time all week in the final, after coming within touching distance of victory, but ultimately prevailed over Bosnia and Herzegovina's Damir Džumhur 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 to capture the biggest title of his career. Prior to Umag, his best ATP Tour result had been a runner-up finish in Bucharest earlier this April.

"This is huge. Winning a big tournament for the first time is an incredible feeling. When I was serving for the match, I got a little nervous, and Damir started playing much better. I'm absolutely thrilled with this result," said Merida, who received the winner's trophy from the President of the Republic of Croatia, Zoran Milanović.

Merida dominated the opening set, with his forehand proving particularly devastating. He also secured an early break in the second set to move ahead 4-2, but that was when the momentum shifted. Having been broken only twice in his previous four matches throughout the tournament, Merida suddenly lost serve four consecutive times after taking that 4-2 lead, including the game when he served for the championship at 5-4. Džumhur produced a remarkable comeback to level the match at one set all, but he was unable to match the Spaniard's intensity in the decider. Merida arrived in Umag ranked No. 82 in the world—a career-high at the time—and is now guaranteed to break into the ATP Top 60 when the new rankings are released on Monday.

"People always say there's room for improvement, but considering how much energy I'd spent, I believe I gave everything I had. I surprised myself with how hard I was able to fight, but eventually I just ran out of fuel. Merida was incredibly aggressive, and I tried everything to disrupt his rhythm," said Džumhur, who made his ninth appearance in Umag. After reaching the semifinals last year, he went one step further this time by making the final.

"I don't know whether the results will continue on an upward trajectory next year, but if I stay healthy, I'll definitely be back," he added.

This marks the 12th Plava Laguna Croatia Open title won by a Spanish player, meaning Spaniards have now claimed exactly one-third of all championships in the tournament's history. Carlos Moyá remains the event's most successful player with five titles, while Carlos Alcaraz was the last Spaniard to lift the trophy before Merida, doing so in 2021. Notably, every Spanish champion in Umag has gone on to reach at least the world's Top 10 at some stage of their career.

Džumhur remains on three ATP Tour titles, while this was the fifth tour-level final of his career. Had he lifted the trophy on Saturday, he would have become the oldest champion in the history of the Umag tournament. That distinction, for now, continues to belong to Spain's Tommy Robredo.

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Main Draw Singles

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2		Bye	
3	Q	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA
4		BURRUCHAGA, Roman A…	ARG
5	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO
6		CARRENO BUSTA, Pablo	ESP
7	Q	TOPO, Marko	GER
8	7	**UGO CARABELLI, Camilo**	ARG
9	3	**ETCHEVERRY, Tomas M…**	ARG
10		Bye	
11	WC	SESKO, Ziga	SLO
12		MERIDA, Daniel	ESP
13		LAJOVIC, Dusan	SRB
14		VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA
15		DROGUET, Titouan	FRA
16	5	**BLOCKX, Alexander**	BEL
17	LL	NEUMAYER, Lukas	AUT
18	Q	PRADO ANGELO, Juan C…	BOL
19		DZUMHUR, Damir	BIH
20		ROCHA, Henrique	POR
21	Q	GOMEZ, Federico Agustin	ARG
22	WC	MCDONALD, Niels	GER
23		Bye	
24	4	**ARNALDI, Matteo**	ITA
25	8	**KOPRIVA, Vit**	CZE
26		PRIZMIC, Dino	CRO
27		MOLCAN, Alex	SVK
28		ROYER, Valentin	FRA
29		JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA
30		TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG
31		Bye	
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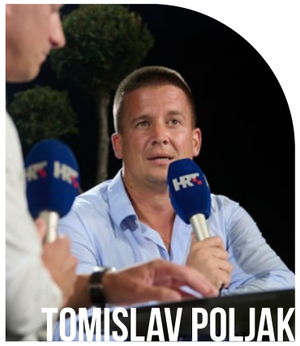
1	Cobolli, Flavio	10
2	Davidovich Fokina, Alej…	23
3	Etcheverry, Tomas Martin	32
4	Arnaldi, Matteo	35
5	Blockx, Alexander	36
6	~~Marozsan, Fabian~~	53
7	Ugo Carabelli, Camilo	59
8	Kopriva, Vit	64

Alternates/Lucky Losers
L. Neumayer (LL)

Withdrawals
F. Marozsan (Left knee)

Retirements/W.O.
D. Prizmic (Cramps)

EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, SOMETHING GOOD COMES OUT OF IT. IT WAS DAMIR DZUMHUR



TOMISLAV POLJAK
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

I truly believe we did a fantastic job preparing for the tournament from every possible angle. The player field was one of the strongest we've had in recent years, and then things unfolded the way they did. I was feeling pretty low for a couple of days — almost depressed. My colleagues and the rest of the team kept telling me, "That's not you." But when you've spent months building something, it's incredibly difficult to watch the draw, so to speak, fall apart before your eyes. That was painful and hard to accept.

In situations like that, though, something good always comes out of it. Full credit to Daniel Merida. We've gained a player who, I'm sure, will be coming back to Umag. He told us the tournament was fantastic, that he loved being here and that everything had been perfect. And he wasn't talking about the result, because at that point he hadn't even reached the semifinals yet. He's a young clay-court specialist who plays outstanding tennis, and at his best I genuinely believe he already has the potential to become a Top 20 player in the world.

That said, the real story of this year's tournament is Damir Dzumhur. He gave absolutely everything. I think he spent a total of twelve and a half hours on court across five matches. Moments like these are exactly why I love this job and why I love my role. You build a relationship with a player who knows how much he matters to us. Of course, he also knows he has a great opportunity to achieve something special here, and when all those elements come together, it creates something truly memorable.

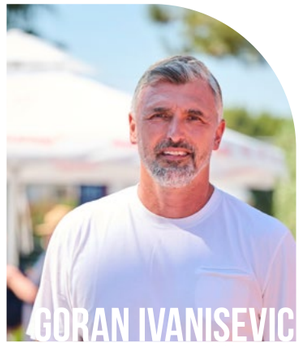
We have enormous respect for Damir, and after this tournament we almost consider him one of our own. I believe this edition of the Croatia Open will be remembered for him, just as the 2023 tournament is remembered for Stan Wawrinka and what felt like the final chapter of his remarkable career.

This is my eleventh year in Umag — five as assistant tournament director and six as tournament director. This season, without question, I had the best team I've worked with in all those years. Our grounds crew prepared world-class courts. Arnaud Gabas, who officiated here in 2022, said he was amazed by the standard of the courts this year. My sincere thanks go to every one of those people. The same goes for our security staff, while our drivers continue to be among the very best on the ATP Tour, something that's consistently reflected in the outstanding feedback we receive in ATP reports. Our cleaning staff deserve the same recognition.

Most importantly, we didn't have a single major issue throughout the tournament.

This is my heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way — nearly 500 people altogether. The local community truly lives this tournament, and for that I can't thank them enough.

MERIDA IS GOOD, BUT HE STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO



GORAN IVANISEVIC
COLUMN

Deserved and expected—that's probably the best way to sum up the final. A day earlier, I predicted that, given all the circumstances, Daniel Merida would come out on top, and that's exactly what happened. We took everything that mattered into account, with the biggest factor being everything Damir Dzumhur had to go through just to reach the final.

In the end, the Spaniard lifted the trophy, although there was a moment when it looked as he might let a winning match slip away. In fact, I believe that would have happened had Dzumhur had a little more left in the tank and managed to maintain the momentum he built after taking the second set. Merida became visibly nervous and missed the chance to finish a match in straight sets for the fifth time this week, but the full comeback never materialised.

I think Merida is a young player with tremendous promise, but time will tell whether he'll go on to build the kind of career we've come to expect from the great Spanish players we've seen in Umag over the years. He's an excellent prospect. He plays at a high tempo, has a terrific forehand, but there are still several areas of his game that require a great deal of work.

His serve simply isn't where it needs to be for the highest level of professional tennis, and there's enormous room for improvement there. I don't know who taught him how to hit an overhead, but they didn't do the best job. He also needs to stop discussing points with his girlfriend and looking to her after rallies. I understand that his coach wasn't with him this week, and perhaps things are different when they're together, but he came very close to letting this match slip away. To sum it up, I like what I see, and I believe this is only the beginning for him, but there's still a very long road ahead if he wants to become the complete player.

Neither of the finalists—or even the semifinalists—began the tournament as the leading favourites to make a deep run. That certainly affected the perception of the closing stages, but not the quality of tennis we ended up watching. In fact, it turned out to be an excellent finish to the tournament. We had the compelling story of Dzumhur's marathon matches, the maiden title of a player who looks destined to keep developing, the great atmosphere Umag is known for, and an entertaining final.

There is really nothing to complain about. Once again, we saw that even when the biggest names fall short, those waiting in the wings are capable of stepping up and delivering a tournament worthy of the occasion.

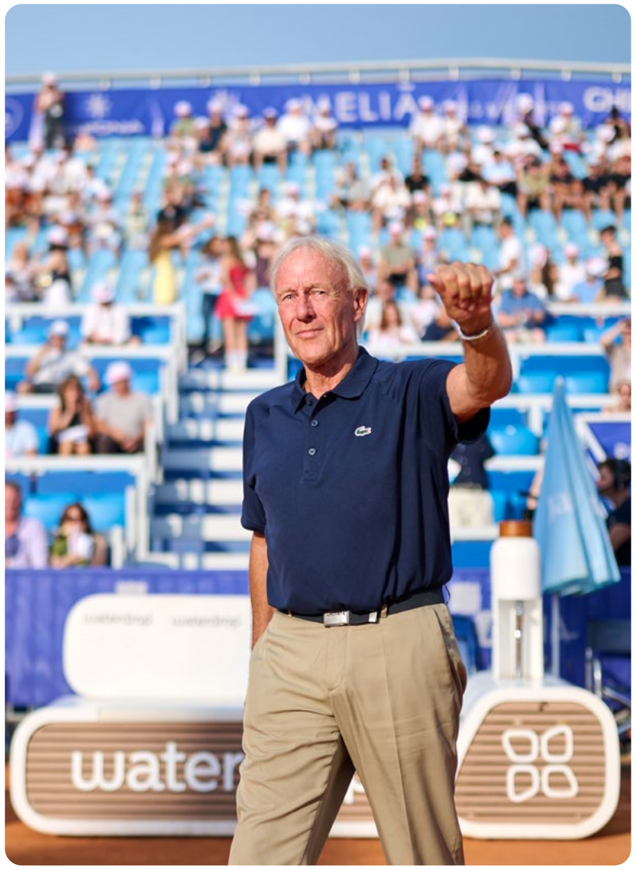
GERRY ARMSTRONG RETIRES

Long-serving ATP Supervisor Gerry Armstrong served in his role at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag for the final time this week, bringing to a close a remarkable chapter in the tournament's history. Over the years, he became one of the event's most recognizable faces—hardly surprising considering he first arrived in Umag as an ATP official back in 1994.

Armstrong has been one of the most respected figures in professional tennis officiating for nearly five decades. As an ATP Supervisor, he has overseen countless tournaments around the world, while also enjoying a distinguished career as a chair umpire, officiating many of the sport's biggest matches, including the Wimbledon Gentlemen's Singles Final.

He began his officiating career in 1973 as a line umpire at Wimbledon. By the time he stepped down from chair umpiring in 2015, he had officiated an impressive 13 Wimbledon finals, a testament to the respect and trust he earned throughout his career.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to both the tournament and the sport, Gerry Armstrong was presented with a commemorative gift by Arlen Brozić, Chair of the Executive Board of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, and Tomislav Poljak, Tournament Director.



PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC ZORAN MILANOVIC ATTENDS THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG FINAL

President of the Republic of Croatia Zoran Milanovic attended the final of the 36th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag on Saturday, which saw Spain's Daniel Merida face Bosnia and Herzegovina's Damir Dzumhur. The Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag is held under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Croatia.

The final was also attended by Pero Cosic, envoy of the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament and Chairman of the Croatian Parliament's Committee on Elections, Appointments and Administrative Affairs, as well as Dr Irena Hrstic, envoy of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia and Minister of Health.

An official trophy presentation ceremony was held following the match. President of the Republic Zoran Milanovic presented the winner's trophy to Daniel Merida, champion of the 36th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. Dragan Pujas, President of the Management Board of Plava Laguna, presented him with the winner's cheque, while Vilma Uceta-Duzlevska, President of the Management Board of Triglav osiguranje, presented Damir Dzumhur with the runner-up trophy.

DOMBRESKY BRINGS UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS TO A SPECTACULAR CLOSE

The Umag crowd will long remember the final night of this year's Umag Music Nights, as French DJ and producer Dombresky took over the Dance Arena stage. Having established himself as one of the most recognisable names on the international house scene with performances at festivals including Coachella, Tomorrowland, Electric Daisy Carnival and Lollapalooza, he brought his signature sound to Umag for an unforgettable closing night.

Blending house, disco and funk, Dombresky's set lifted the atmosphere from the very first track, keeping the crowd dancing throughout the evening and bringing this year's Umag Music Nights to a spectacular close. At one point during the performance, Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag finalist Damir Dzumhur also made a surprise appearance on stage.

Over the past eight days, Umag Music Nights once again proved just how important music is to the overall Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag experience. As soon as the tennis action came to an end each evening, visitors made their way to the Dance Arena, where the tournament welcomed performances by Parni Valjak, Mambo Kings, Superstar Show Italia, Senidah, DJ Diesel, Prljavo Kazaliste, Fedde Le Grand and Dombresky. The Dance Arena was once again packed on the final night, highlighting the audience's enthusiasm for the unique combination of world-class music, great energy and top-level tennis. With more than 100 hours of live entertainment, Umag Music Nights once again established itself as an essential part of the tournament experience, adding to the vibrant summer atmosphere of Stella Maris.

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ANTE KOLUNĐIJA WINS ITF WHEELCHAIR CROATIA OPEN UMAG BY HEP

As part of this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP was held once again, bringing together top wheelchair tennis players from across Europe.

Competing in a field of 16 players from seven countries, Ante Kolunđija claimed the title. He was awarded the trophy after his opponent in the final, Germany's Anthony Dittmar, was forced to withdraw due to injury before the match began.

The winner's trophy was presented by Goran Ivanisevic, while Arlen Brozic, director of the tournament executive board, also took part in the award ceremony and congratulated everyone involved on another successfully organized event.

Three Croatian players competed in this year's tournament: Ante Kolunđija, Sven Maretic and Anto Joskic, who is also the tournament organizer and one of the key figures behind the development of wheelchair tennis in Croatia.

„We are delighted with the successful conclusion of another edition of our tournament. I am especially happy that, for the first time, we have a Croatian singles champion, so congratulations to Ante. I would also like to thank Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag and HEP for helping us promote our sport and, at the same time, raise awareness of the importance of inclusion for people with disabilities. The tournament has been a great success, and I believe we have truly become an integral part of the Umag tournament. We are already looking forward to next year and the eighth edition," said Joskic.

Over the years, the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP has become an important part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag programme. In addition to providing players with the opportunity to earn valuable ITF World Ranking points, the tournament continues to raise the profile of wheelchair tennis and promote sport for people with disabilities.

The event is also made possible through the „Ace to the Rescue" charity initiative, supported by Hrvatska elektroprivreda (HEP), a long-standing partner of the Umag tournament. The initiative is based on the total number of aces served during the tournament, with a donation made for every ace. The funds raised are invested in the organization of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP and the continued development of wheelchair tennis.

DONNA VEKIC REVEALS THE ONE PRE-MATCH RITUAL SHE NEVER SKIPS IN UMAG

During a conversation with Ivan Vukusic, she shared what her pre-match routine looks like before taking part in the Stella Artois Perfect Serve Challenge.

A relaxed conversation, stories from the world of professional tennis and time spent with fans marked Donna Vekic's appearance ahead of the final weekend of the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. The one-on-one conversation was hosted by recreational tennis player and passionate tennis fan Ivan Vukusic, giving visitors the opportunity to hear firsthand how she prepares for the biggest matches, what happens behind the scenes of professional tennis and which ritual she never skips before stepping onto the court.

Following the conversation, Donna took part in the Perfect Serve Challenge, where, together with a professional draught master, she demonstrated the official Stella Artois Perfect Serve ritual. Many visitors also accepted the challenge, showcasing their precision and winning limited-edition engraved Stella Artois glasses signed by Donna Vekic. The Perfect Serve ritual is built around five key steps for serving Stella Artois beer, with precision, focus and attention to detail reflecting the same values that connect world-class tennis with this iconic brand.

"The ATP tournament in Umag has a unique energy, and this year's gathering with fans in the Stella Artois zone exceeded all my expectations. Before every match, I have just one ritual I never give up – a cup of double espresso. That's my moment of focus before stepping onto the court. That's why I really liked the idea behind the Perfect Serve Challenge, because Stella Artois also celebrates a ritual where precision, attention to detail and consistency are equally important. It was wonderful to spend time with tennis fans away from the court, share part of my sporting journey with them and, at the same time, have fun through the Perfect Serve Challenge. Congratulations to the organizers on another outstanding tournament and a fantastic finish," said Donna Vekic.

During the conversation, Donna also reflected on the recent results that have marked the past few weeks of her season on the international tennis circuit. She celebrated a major victory at the prestigious WTA 500 tournament at Queen's Club in London, where she defeated Emma Raducanu in an exciting final to lift the trophy. At the same time, she also spoke about her early exit at Wimbledon, acknowledging that sport inevitably brings difficult moments as well. Donna openly admitted that she hates losing, describing it as her greatest inner motivation to keep improving and become an even better player. After a short break following the London tournaments, she says she feels refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead. The next chapter of her career will also feature a familiar face, as respected British coach David Felgate has rejoined her team. Felgate first coached Donna when she was just 12 years old, giving their renewed partnership a special emotional significance.

Donna Vekic's appearance once again confirmed that the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag is not only a world-class sporting event, but also a place where tennis fans can meet their sporting idols away from the court and become part of the unique Stella Artois experience.

HOTEL PELEGRIN PLAVA LAGUNA: THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOTEL COMBINING RELAXATION, SPORT AND THE MEDITERRANEAN LIFESTYLE

Hotel Pelegrin Plava Laguna, the official hotel of the tournament, is a fully renovated four-star property designed to meet the high standards of players, their families and tournament staff.

Located in Katoro, just steps from the sea and surrounded by Mediterranean pine trees, the hotel is only a short walk from the Stella Maris Resort Plava Laguna complex, providing a peaceful setting for relaxation throughout the tournament.

Its elegant interiors, newly redesigned rooms and stylish shared spaces offer a fresh hospitality experience tailored to couples and guests who appreciate comfort and quality. A wide range of sports facilities is located nearby, including multi-purpose courts, the Umag Tennis Academy and scenic seaside cycling routes. Particular emphasis is placed on the hotel's new Active & Wellbeing concept, which promotes a healthy lifestyle, personal well-being and the perfect balance between activity and relaxation.

STELLA MARIS RESORT PLAVA LAGUNA OFFERS ACCOMMODATION JUST STEPS FROM THE COURTS

The elegant Stella Maris Resort Plava Laguna offers three types of accommodation, including the premium Istrian Villas Plava Laguna. During the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, the resort hosts professional tennis players and becomes one of the main centres of summer entertainment and sporting events in Umag.

Located directly by the sea and adjacent to the tennis courts, the resort stretches along the coastline north of Umag. Shaded beaches beneath Mediterranean pine trees and accommodation just a short walk from the Stella Maris tennis complex create an environment where sport and relaxation blend seamlessly.

Guests can enjoy a wide range of recreational facilities, restaurants, bars and evening entertainment. At the heart of the resort are swimming pools, the popular Laguna Beach, family-friendly areas and beautifully maintained beaches extending throughout the entire complex.

Plava Laguna is dedicated to sports tourism, offering comprehensive services for both recreational and professional athletes throughout the whole year. This includes the organisation of major sports events such as the ATP tournament Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag and the Plava Laguna IRONMAN 70.3 triathlon in Porec.

GELATOSO BECAME THE SWEET SPOT VISITORS KEPT COMING BACK TO

Alongside world-class tennis and a rich programme of accompanying events, this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag once again offered visitors a refreshing taste of something sweet. Located in the Social Arena, Gelatoso's artisanal gelato quickly became one of the tournament's must-visit stops, attracting guests from the very first days of the event.

What makes Gelatoso special lies in its craftsmanship. Every gelato base is matured for at least 24 hours before the final churning process, resulting in a richer texture and deeper flavour. Visitors could choose from six carefully selected flavours, ranging from timeless classics to more creative creations, with the Istrian ricotta and caramelised fig gelato standing out as a particular favourite.

Whether stopping by for a refreshing treat before returning to the stands or taking a break from the summer heat, visitors found themselves returning to Gelatoso throughout the tournament. It became the perfect place for a sweet pause and and another reason visitors enjoyed their time at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.

PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG GALA DINNER CELEBRATES SPORT, BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Ahead of the final weekend of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, the tournament's traditional Gala Dinner once again brought together distinguished guests from the worlds of sport, business, politics and public life. For years, the Gala Dinner has been one of the tournament's most important social traditions, bringing together business partners, institutional representatives, athletes and friends of the tournament to celebrate another successful edition of the region's most prestigious tennis event.

Held in the elegant setting of Hotel Pelegrin Plava Laguna beneath the Istrian night sky, the evening welcomed 350 guests. Among them were CEOs of leading Croatian companies, business partners, and representatives of the tournament's Croatian and international partners, including waterdrop®, K-Swiss, Subaru, Polaroid Eyewear, Haier, Technogym and Stella Artois. Their presence once again confirmed that the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag has long outgrown the boundaries of a sporting event, evolving into an internationally recognised occasion that brings together world-class tennis, business, tourism and global brands.

Guests enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere, outstanding cuisine, carefully selected wines and an entertaining music programme. The evening opened with a

performance by the Pula-based band The Flow, followed by DJ Lupen, who kept the atmosphere lively throughout the night. The beautifully designed poolside venue at Hotel Pelegrin Plava Laguna became a place for networking, socialising and business conversations, where guests had the opportunity to exchange ideas while celebrating another edition of the tournament, which over the past few days has once again reaffirmed its status as one of Croatia's leading sporting and social events.

Alongside world-class tennis, a rich accompanying programme and partnerships with leading Croatian and international brands, the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag once again demonstrated why, for more than three decades, it has successfully brought together sport, the business community and outstanding event organisation, remaining one of Croatia's premier sporting events every summer.

STUDENAC POP-UP STORE IS A MUST-VISIT STOP AT THE TOURNAMENT

Studenac is once again part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, where visitors can find its pop-up store offering a carefully selected range of food, drinks and other products. Its popularity is reflected in the queues that form outside the store throughout the afternoon. The selection includes hot dogs, sweet and savoury snacks, ice cream, as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, allowing visitors to quickly find everything they need during their time at the tournament. This year's edition also marks the sixth year of Studenac's partnership with the tournament, continuing its support for one of Croatia's most important sporting events while connecting its everyday proximity to customers with support for sport and the local community.

ILVIO VIDOVICH WINS THE JOURNALISTS' TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIFTH TIME

Ilvio Vidovich of Ubitennis has once again won the Ico Kerhin Memorial Tennis Tournament, held annually for accredited journalists during the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. The pre-tournament favourite lived up to expectations, defeating Gordan Gabrovec (HINA) 9-3 in the final. This is Vidovich's fifth title at the journalists' tournament.

"Thank you for organizing this tournament. The matches were great, but what matters most is that we get to spend time together and play tennis, not just work," said Ilvio after receiving the winner's trophy from Plava Laguna Croatia Open Tournament Director Tomislav Poljak.

MARIN GALIC AND IGOR BARTOLOVIC WIN THE VIP TOURNAMENT BY PODRAVKA

Marin Galic and Igor Bartolovic are the winners of this year's VIP Tournament by Podravka, traditionally held as part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. In the final, they defeated the pair of Mate Matic and Boro Vujovic, who finished in second place.

This year's VIP Tournament by Podravka once again brought together numerous invited guests, who spent the day competing on the courts of the Umag Tennis Academy. Alongside the competitive spirit and high-quality matches, the tournament was marked by a pleasant atmosphere, with plenty of socializing and good entertainment.

GORAN IVANISEVIC, ANTE JOSKIC AND ANTE KOLUNĐIJA COME TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

As part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, the seventh edition of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open by HEP was held. The courts of the Umag Tennis Academy and the ATP Centre Stella Maris once again welcomed some of the world's top wheelchair tennis players, competing for valuable points on the ITF World Ranking.

The tournament was also supported by Goran Ivanisevic, who spent time with Ante Joskic, the founder and organiser of the tournament, and Ante Kolunđija, Croatia's top wheelchair tennis player. In a relaxed atmosphere, they discussed this year's tournament, the quality of the matches, the development of wheelchair tennis, and the importance of events like this in promoting inclusion and sport without barriers.

"It is always a pleasure to come here. I have known Ante for many years, and I truly take my hat off to everything he has done with this tournament. These players are proof that there are no barriers in sport when you have character and a love for the game," said Ivanisevic.

Since its inception, the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open has promoted equality, inclusion and the spirit of sport. Once again, Umag has confirmed its role as one of the leading hosts of wheelchair tennis and a place where top-level sport truly knows no barriers.

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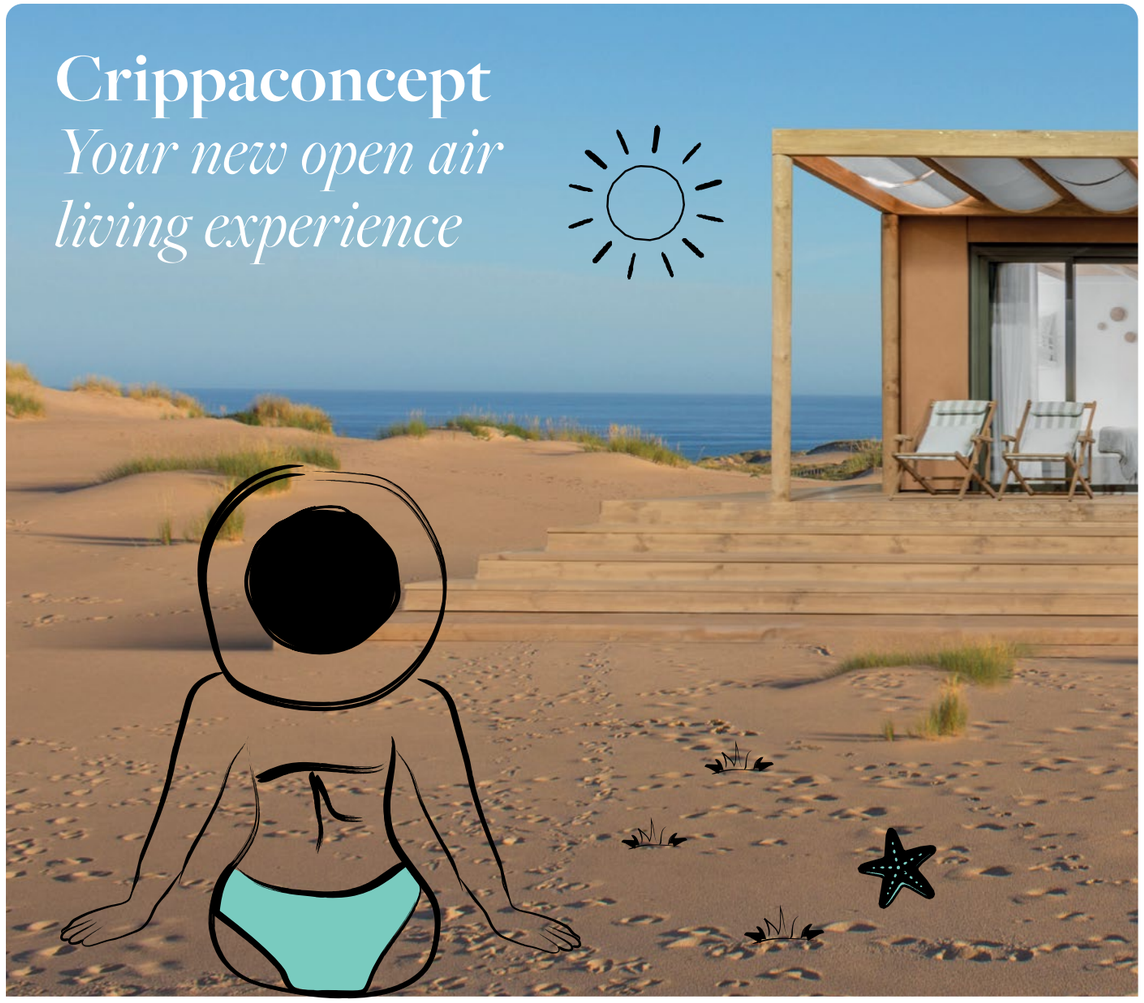

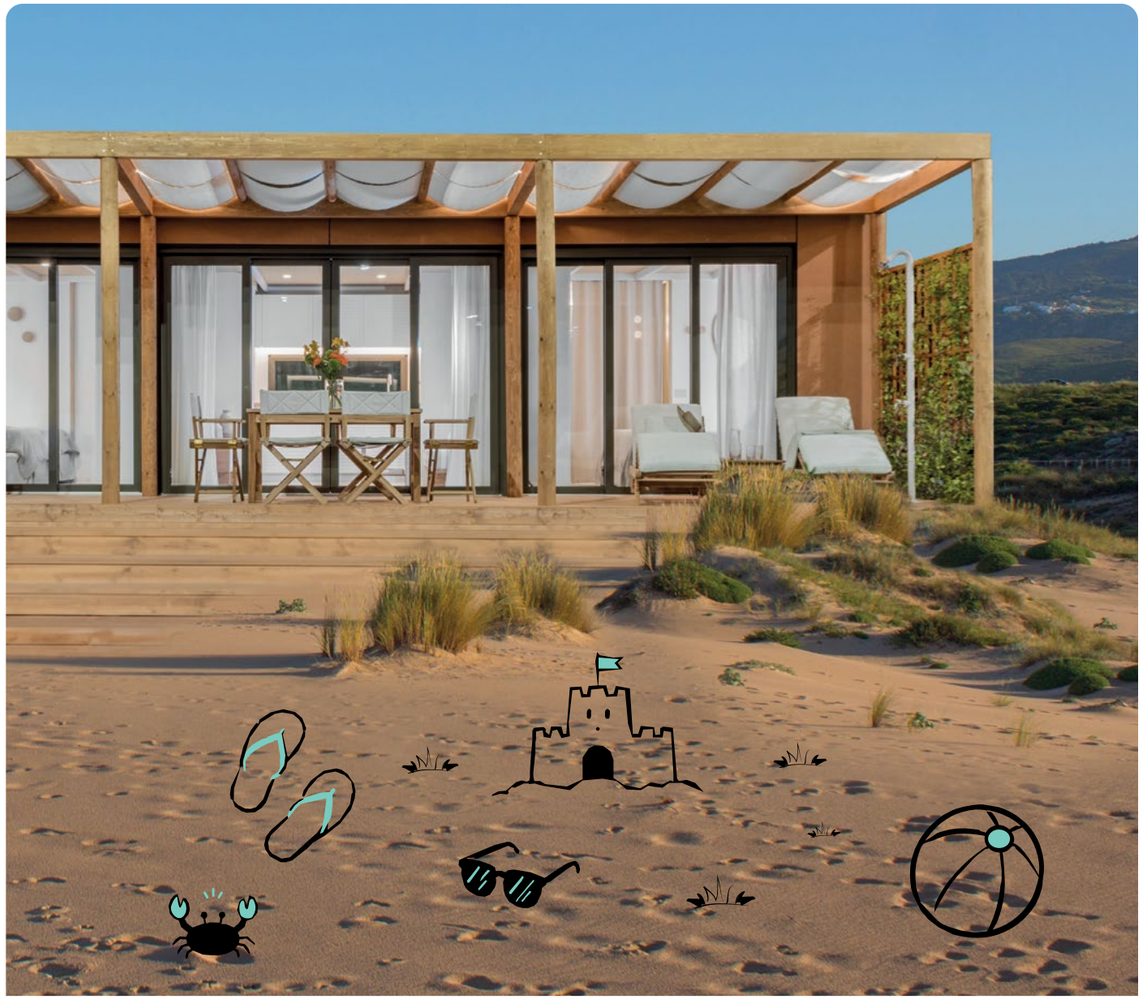

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