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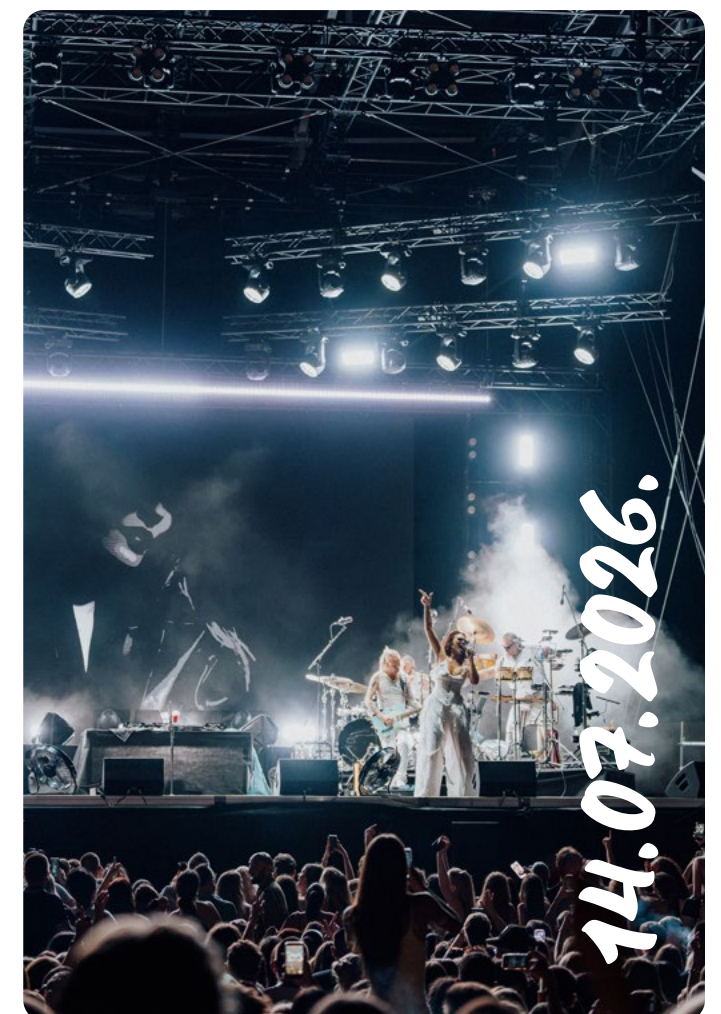
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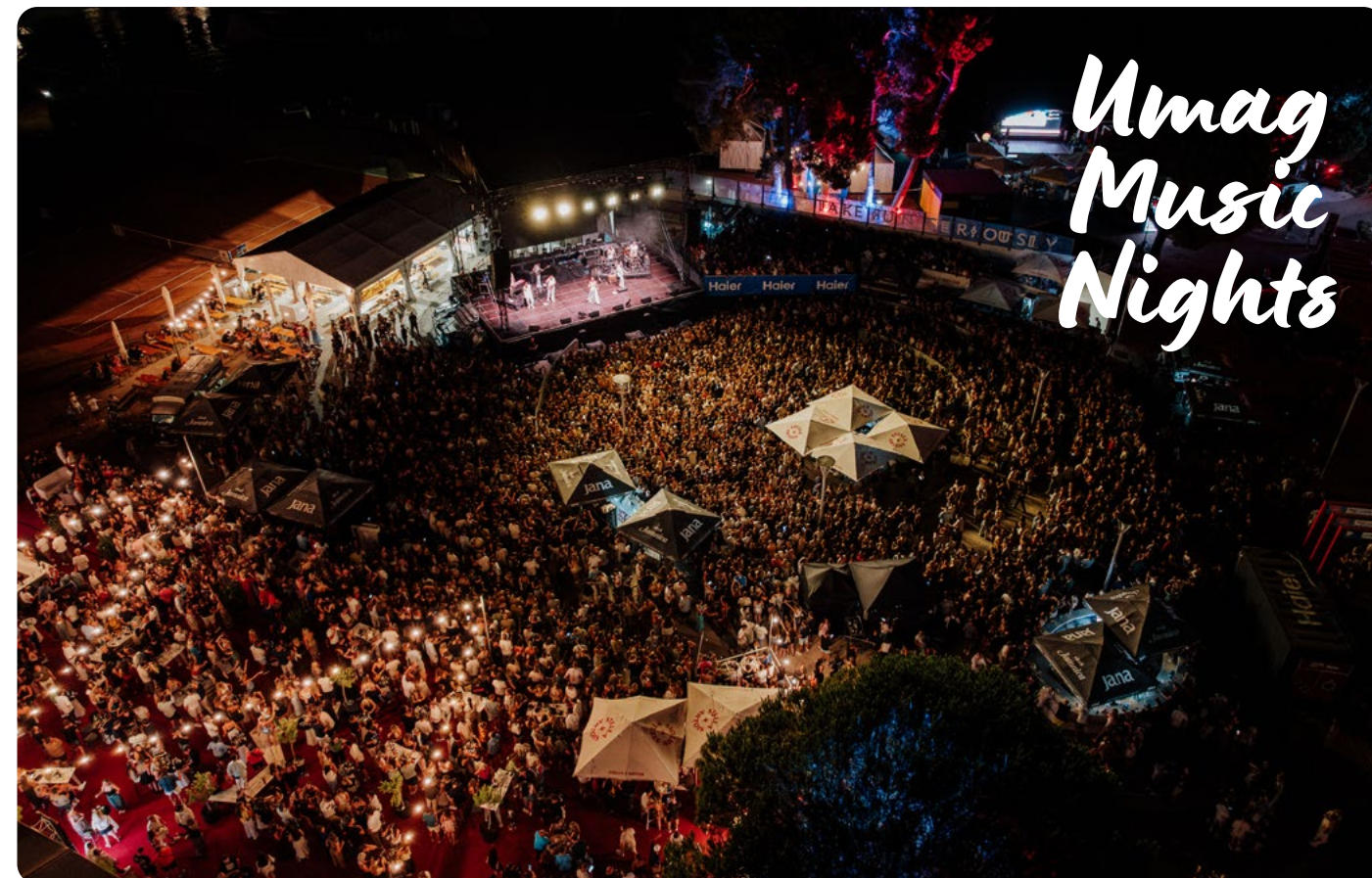


SENIDAH LIGHTS UP THE DANCE ARENA WITH HER BIGGEST HITS

The Dance Arena comes alive as fans sing along to the biggest hits of Senidah, the regional music star whose songs have amassed hundreds of millions of streams across digital platforms. The energy never lets up from the opening song to the final encore, once again proving why Senidah remains one of the biggest names on the regional music scene.

Tonight, the Dance Arena welcomes Shaquille O'Neal, who performs under his DJ alias, DJ Diesel. The legendary NBA center and Hall of Famer has often shared that he discovered electronic music almost by chance after attending TomorrowWorld in 2014, where performances by Steve Aoki and Skrillex inspired him to step behind the DJ booth. In Umag, he will perform alongside his son, Myles O'Neal.

On Thursday, the stage belongs to Prljavo kazaliste, while the Umag Music Nights lineup concludes over the weekend with performances by Dombresky and Fedde Le Grand.



DIESEL
AKA SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

WEDNESDAY
15.7.
DJ DIESEL
AKA SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
SUPPORT BY: MYLES O'NEAL

THURSDAY
16.7.
PR LJAVO KAZALISTE

FRIDAY
17.7.
FEDDE LE GRAND

SATURDAY
18.7.
DOMBRESKY

SATURDAY
11.7.
PARNI VALJAK

SUNDAY
13.7.
SUPERSTAR SHOW ITALIA

SUNDAY
12.7.
MAMBO KINGS

RESIDENT DJ: ANTONIO PREN



MATEJ DODIG OUTPLAYED BY PABLO CARREÑO BUSTA IN UMAG OPENER

Matej Dodig was unable to make a winning start to this year’s Plava Laguna Croatia Open in Umag, falling 6–4, 6–2 to 35-year-old Pablo Carreno Busta in the first round.

The experienced Spaniard seized an early break in both sets, while the Croatian never found an answer to his opponent’s serve. Dodig failed to even reach deuce in any of Carreno Busta’s service games. One break, earned for a 3–2 lead, proved enough to decide the opening set, while in the second the Spaniard reeled off four consecutive games after the score was tied at 1–1.

Fresh off reaching last week’s ATP Challenger final in Trieste, Dodig was making his third appearance in Umag. It was here in 2024 that he made his ATP Tour debut and immediately recorded his maiden tour-level victory by defeating France’s Enzo Couacaud. This time, however, he was unable to trouble the world No. 65, who climbed as high as No. 10 in the ATP Rankings during his career.

“After reaching the final in Trieste, I came here full of confidence, but this was a very difficult opponent. He got everything back and didn’t give me many opportunities to attack. I’ve never faced a player like him before—someone who makes so few unforced errors. It was a new experience for me,” said Dodig, who will celebrate his 21st birthday in a few days.

The Croatian also revealed that he will soon begin the next chapter of his career in the United States, where he is set to attend the University of Texas.

“In recent years, many players have chosen that path. I believe it will provide me with better conditions to keep improving and ultimately break into the world’s Top 100, which is my goal,” said Dodig, who is currently ranked No. 254 in the ATP Rankings.

With Dodig’s defeat, Dino Prizmic remains the only Croatian left in the singles draw. He will face Slovakia’s Alex Molcan in the round of 16 on Wednesday, with the match scheduled to begin no earlier than 9 p.m. local time.

Carreno Busta will next take on last year’s semifinalist Camilo Ugo Carabelli in the round of 16. The Argentine had to battle back from the brink of elimination after German qualifier Marko Topo led 7–6(2), 3–1. Carabelli eventually completed the comeback, winning 6–7(2), 7–6(3), 6–3.

Elsewhere, 2018 Umag champion Marco Cecchinato was knocked out in the opening round, losing 6–1, 6–4 to Argentina’s Roman Andres Burruchaga. Fifth seed Alexander Blockx also made an early exit, with France’s Titouan Droguet recovering from a set down to claim a 3–6, 6–2, 6–0 victory. The tournament has also lost its sixth seed, Hungary’s Fabian Marozsan, who withdrew with a knee injury. He has been replaced by Austrian lucky loser Lukas Neumayer.

SINGLES

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Main Draw Singles

1	1	COBOLLI, Flavio	ITA	F. Cobolli 1
2		Bye		
3	Q	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA	R. Burruchaga
4		BURRUCHAGA, Roman A...	ARG	61 64
5	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO	P. Carreno Busta
6		CARRENO BUSTA, Pablo	ESP	64 62
7	Q	TOPO, Marko	GER	C. Ugo Carabelli 7
8	7	UGO CARABELLI, Camilo	ARG	67 ² 76 ³ 63
9	3	ETCHEVERRY, Tomas M...	ARG	T. Etcheverry 3
10		Bye		
11	WC	SESKO, Ziga	SLO	D. Merida
12		MERIDA, Daniel	ESP	64 61
13		LAJOVIC, Dusan	SRB	L. Van Assche
14		VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	26 75 64
15		DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	T. Droguet
16	5	BLOCKX, Alexander	BEL	36 62 60
17	LL	NEUMAYER, Lukas	AUT	J. Prado Angelo
18	Q	PRADO ANGELO, Juan C...	BOL	63 76 ⁶
19		DZUMHUR, Damir	BIH	D. Dzumhur
20		ROCHA, Henrique	POR	62 61
21	Q	GOMEZ, Federico Agustin	ARG	F. Gomez
22	WC	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	63 76 ⁴
23		Bye		M. Arnaldi 4
24	4	ARNALDI, Matteo	ITA	
25	8	KOPRIVA, Vit	CZE	D. Prizmic
26		PRIZMIC, Dino	CRO	61 63
27		MOLCAN, Alex	SVK	A. Molcan
28		ROYER, Valentin	FRA	64 75
29		JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	M. Trungelliti
30		TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	62 63
31		Bye		A. Davidovich Fokina 2
32	2	DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, AI...	ESP	

Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
€ 6,570	0 pts	€ 10,750	25 pts	€ 18,515	50 pts
		€ 31,955	100 pts	€ 54,360	165 pts
				€ 93,175	250 pts

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Seeded Players

Player	Rank
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.



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SUPER WEDNESDAY: ALL OF UMAG'S TOP STARS SET TO TAKE THE COURT!

Day three of the main draw at the 36th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag promises not only a packed schedule but a spectacular showcase of world-class tennis. Super Wednesday features the entire singles Round of 16, with all of the tournament's top seeds and Croatia's leading hope in action.

Flavio Cobolli, who climbs to a career-high World No. 9 this week, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Matteo Arnaldi and Dino Prizmic will all take to the court, either on the ATP Stadium Goran Ivanisevic or the Studenac Arena.

The Wednesday line-up underlines the exceptional quality of this year's ATP event in Umag. Play on the Goran Ivanisevic Stadium begins at 4:00 p.m., with Roland Garros semifinalist Matteo Arnaldi facing Argentine qualifier Federico Gomez. That will be followed, not before 6:00 p.m., by top seed and Roland Garros finalist Flavio Cobolli taking on Argentina's Roman Andres Burruchaga. The evening session concludes with Croatia's No. 1 Dino Prizmic meeting Slovakia's Alex Molcan.

Action on the Studenac Arena also gets underway at 4:00 p.m., where third seed Tomas Martin Etcheverry will face Spain's Daniel Merida. The second match on court features second seed Alejandro Davidovich Fokina of Spain against Argentina's Marco Trungelli, a former Umag semifinalist in 2018.

Despite the strength of the field, last year's semifinalists Damir Dzumhur and Camilo Ugo Carabelli were unable to secure a place on either of the tournament's two show courts and will instead play their second-round matches on Court 1.



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COBOLLI, POLAROID AMBASSADOR AND THE FACE OF THE TOURNAMENT'S OFFICIAL EYEWEAR, DELIGHTED FANS AT A SOCIAL ARENA MEET & GREET

He spent the morning on a jet ski and midday with the fans. Flavio Cobolli briefly stepped away from tournament action to visit the Polaroid Eyewear activation zone in the Social Arena. As one of the ATP Tour's official partners, Polaroid Eyewear is also the official eyewear partner of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.

The Italian, who arrived in Umag this year as the tournament's top seed, also became a global ambassador for Polaroid Eyewear this season. The brand says his energy, authenticity and modern approach to sport perfectly reflect the values it aims to share with a new generation of tennis fans and active lifestyle enthusiasts.

Cobolli's appearance attracted a large crowd, with the activation zone quickly filling up as fans patiently waited for photos and autographs. The Italian was equally happy to be back in Umag.

"It's always a pleasure to return to Umag. This time I came with my family, my girlfriend and my friends, so I'm really looking forward to spending a few days here together," said Cobolli.

Throughout the season, Polaroid Eyewear hosts fan activations at selected ATP Tour events, including the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. Visitors have

the opportunity to try on the latest sunglasses, learn more about the brand's polarized lens technology and take part in a range of interactive experiences.

Particular attention is drawn to the ATP Special Edition collection, developed in collaboration with the ATP Tour. The collection features a range of limited-edition sunglasses, including the model worn by Flavio Cobolli.

Through its partnership with the ATP Tour and its collaboration with Flavio Cobolli, Polaroid Eyewear continues to strengthen its presence in professional tennis, bringing together sport, technology and design at tournaments that attract fans from around the world.





FROM NBA GREATNESS TO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FESTIVAL STAGES: DJ DIESEL TAKES OVER UMAG TONIGHT

Tonight, the Dance Arena welcomes one of the most recognizable names in global sport and entertainment as Shaquille O'Neal arrives in Umag under his DJ persona, DJ Diesel. A name synonymous with NBA greatness for nearly two decades has, in recent years, become just as familiar on the world's biggest electronic music festival stages.

O'Neal's basketball legacy includes four NBA championships, the 2000 NBA Most Valuable Player Award, an Olympic gold medal and induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Yet his influence has long extended far beyond the court. During and after his playing career, he built an impressive presence across the worlds of music, film, business and television, while also becoming one of the most recognizable athletes on social media worldwide. A platinum-selling recording artist and Sports Emmy Award winner, O'Neal has spent decades seamlessly blending sport, entertainment and entrepreneurship, cementing his place as one of the defining personalities of modern popular culture.

Music has always been part of his life, but his journey as a DJ truly began after attending TomorrowWorld in 2014, where performances by Steve Aoki and Skrillex inspired him to step behind the decks himself. Just a year later, he returned to the festival—not as a guest, but as a performer.

Today, performing as DJ Diesel, he is a regular at some of the world's premier electronic music festivals, including Tomorrowland, Lollapalooza and Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) Las Vegas. His high-energy sets blend EDM, bass music, dubstep, trap and hip-hop into an unmistakable signature sound. Along the way, he has collaborated with some of the biggest names in electronic and hip-hop music, including Steve Aoki and Eminem, fulfilling another lifelong dream by performing on the world's most prestigious festival stages. At the same time, his extensive film and television work has further reinforced his status as one of the few athletes to build an equally successful career beyond professional sport.

In Umag, DJ Diesel will be joined by his son, Myles O'Neal, a DJ and producer steadily establishing his own name on the electronic music scene. Their appearance is one of the most anticipated highlights of this year's Umag Music Nights, and tonight's show promises to once again place Umag among the summer's premier party destinations. As the Stella Maris resort comes alive tonight, fans can also expect to hear one of Shaq's most iconic catchphrases echo across the venue: "Can You Dig It?"



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HOW IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHANGING SPORT? "CASKAIMO IN SPORTS" PANEL HELD AT THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG

The Plava Laguna Stage hosted "CaskAlmo in Sports" on Tuesday, a new interactive talk show by the Alsurfaj platform exploring the growing impact of artificial intelligence on sport and human performance. The panel featured Roberto Malnar of Technogym, an expert in health, corporate wellness and sports performance, Daniel Dimic, Head of Mid-Market Europe at Infobip, and Dino Marcan, manager of Croatian tennis player Dino Prizmic.

The discussion focused on how artificial intelligence is reshaping sport, from technology and data analytics to the innovations behind every point and the ways AI is influencing athletic performance. With the event taking place during the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, tennis naturally became the centerpiece of the conversation, as the panelists shared their perspectives on the growing role of AI in the sport.

The interactive format encouraged the audience to take part in the discussion. Visitors asked numerous questions throughout the session, showing strong interest in the topics being explored, while prize activities kept the audience engaged throughout the event.

CaskAlmo is an AI-focused talk show that introduces artificial intelligence through relaxed conversations and real-world examples. Created by the Alsurfaj platform, an initiative dedicated to promoting AI literacy, the project aims to make complex technological topics more accessible while demonstrating how artificial intelligence is increasingly transforming fields such as healthcare, education and sport.



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TRIGLAV'S CHALLENGE BROUGHT PLENTY OF LAUGHS AS ARGENTINE PLAYERS TOOK ON SUP(ER) TENNIS

In addition to competing on the court, many of the players in Umag have also taken part in activities away from the tournament action. Once again, one of the biggest highlights proved to be Triglav's SUP(er) tennis on water, a fun challenge that combines tennis with the balance and coordination required to play on a stand-up paddleboard.

Argentine players Tomás Martín Etcheverry and Marco Trungelliti embraced the challenge in a lively contest filled with laughter, competitive spirit and, inevitably, a few splashes into the sea. While both are more accustomed to clay courts, this time they had to rely on balance and agility to stay afloat.

Tomás Martín Etcheverry has established himself as one of Argentina's leading players in recent seasons. Earlier this year, he captured the first ATP Tour title of his career in Rio de Janeiro and said he has been enjoying both his return to Umag and the unique atmosphere surrounding the tournament.

For Marco Trungelliti, Umag holds a special place in his career. It was here, at the 2012 Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, that he made his first ATP Tour main draw appearance. This year, he added another milestone by becoming the oldest player in the Open Era to break into the ATP Top 100 for the first time.

Triglav SUP(er) tennis on water has become one of the tournament's signature off-court attractions, giving players a chance to unwind between matches while offering fans a fun and different perspective on the personalities and atmosphere that make the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag unique.



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TASTE ISTRIA IN FULL SWING

On Tuesday evening, visitors flocked to the Taste Istria zone and food trucks, exploring a selection of renowned wineries, local producers and dishes inspired by Istrian cuisine. From street food specialties to wine tastings and local delicacies, guests enjoyed one of the tournament's most popular gathering spots once again this year.



The best of Taste Istria



INTERVIEW:

**ROMAN ANDRES
BURRUCHAGA**


I'M PLAYING DOUBLES, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO WATCH THE WORLD CUP, BUT I'M PREDICTING ARGENTINA TO WIN 2-1.

This year's events in Umag have created a unique link between tennis and football—not because of the Croatian national team, but because of Argentina, and the man behind it is Roman Andres Burruchaga.

Currently ranked No. 67 in the ATP singles rankings, Burruchaga is enjoying the best season of his career. Earlier this year, he reached the final in Houston, where he held three championship points against American Tommy Paul before narrowly missing out on the title.

He also got off to a strong start at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, defeating 2018 champion Marco Cecchinato of Italy 6-1, 6-4 to set up a second-round clash on Wednesday with top seed Flavio Cobolli.

"I played a really good match—one of my best performances of the season. The level was very similar to what I produced in Houston, especially in the first set," Burruchaga said.

He was then asked whether he was pleased to have won his doubles match on Monday. At first glance, it seemed like an unusual question, but he immediately understood what the reporter was getting at.

"Yes, because on Wednesday I'll play my singles match first and then the doubles, which means I won't be able to watch the World Cup semi-final between Argentina and England. Of course, every interview starts with tennis questions and ends with football," Burruchaga said with a smile. "I'm used to it by now. My prediction—and my hope—for the semi-final is an Argentina 2-1 win."



Roman Andres is more than just a passionate supporter of Argentina. His connection to the national team runs much deeper. His father, Jorge Burruchaga, scored the winning goal in the 1986 FIFA World Cup final in Mexico, sealing Argentina's famous 3-2 victory over West Germany.

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Main Draw Doubles

1	1	PAVLASEK, Adam RIKL, Patrik	CZE CZE	A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl	
2	WC	IVANISEVIC, Emanuel POLJICAK, Mili	CRO CRO	64 62	
3		NAM, JiSung NIKLAS-SALMINEN, Patrik	KOR FIN	J. Nam P. Niklas-Salminen	
4		DUDA, Filip VRBENSKY, Michael	CZE CZE	36 64 10-4	
5	3	GONZALEZ, Maximo GONZALEZ, Santiago	ARG MEX	M. Gonzalez 3 S. Gonzalez	
6		ISARO, Pruchya KALIYANDA POONACH...	THA IND	62 62	
7		HO, Ray KITTAI, Benjamin	TPE USA	R. Burruchaga M. Kestelboim	
8		BURRUCHAGA, Roman ... KESTELBOIM, Mariano	ARG ARG	64 16 12-10	
9		REYMOND, Arthur SANCHEZ, Luca	FRA FRA	D. Stevenson M. Willis	
10		STEVENSON, David WILLIS, Marcus	GBR GBR	63 76 ⁶	
11		DZUMHUR, Damir LATINOVIC, Stefan	BIH SRB	D. Dzumhur S. Latinovic	
12	4	MOLTENI, Andres TRHAC, Patrik	ARG USA	75 46 10-5	
13	WC	KALENDER, Admir SERDARUSIC, Nino	CRO CRO	A. Kalender N. Serdarusic	
14		LIUTAREVICH, Ivan REYES-VARELA, Miguel	MEX	64 61	
15		BANTHIA, Siddhant DONSKI, Alexander	IND BUL	C. Frantzen 2 R. Haase	
16	2	FRANTZEN, Constantin HAASE, Robin	GER NED	75 64	

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner					
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Team	Rank
1 Pavlasek / Rikl	84
2 Frantzen / Haase	86
3 Gonzalez / Gonzalez	114
4 Molteni / Trhac	115

Alternates/Lucky Losers

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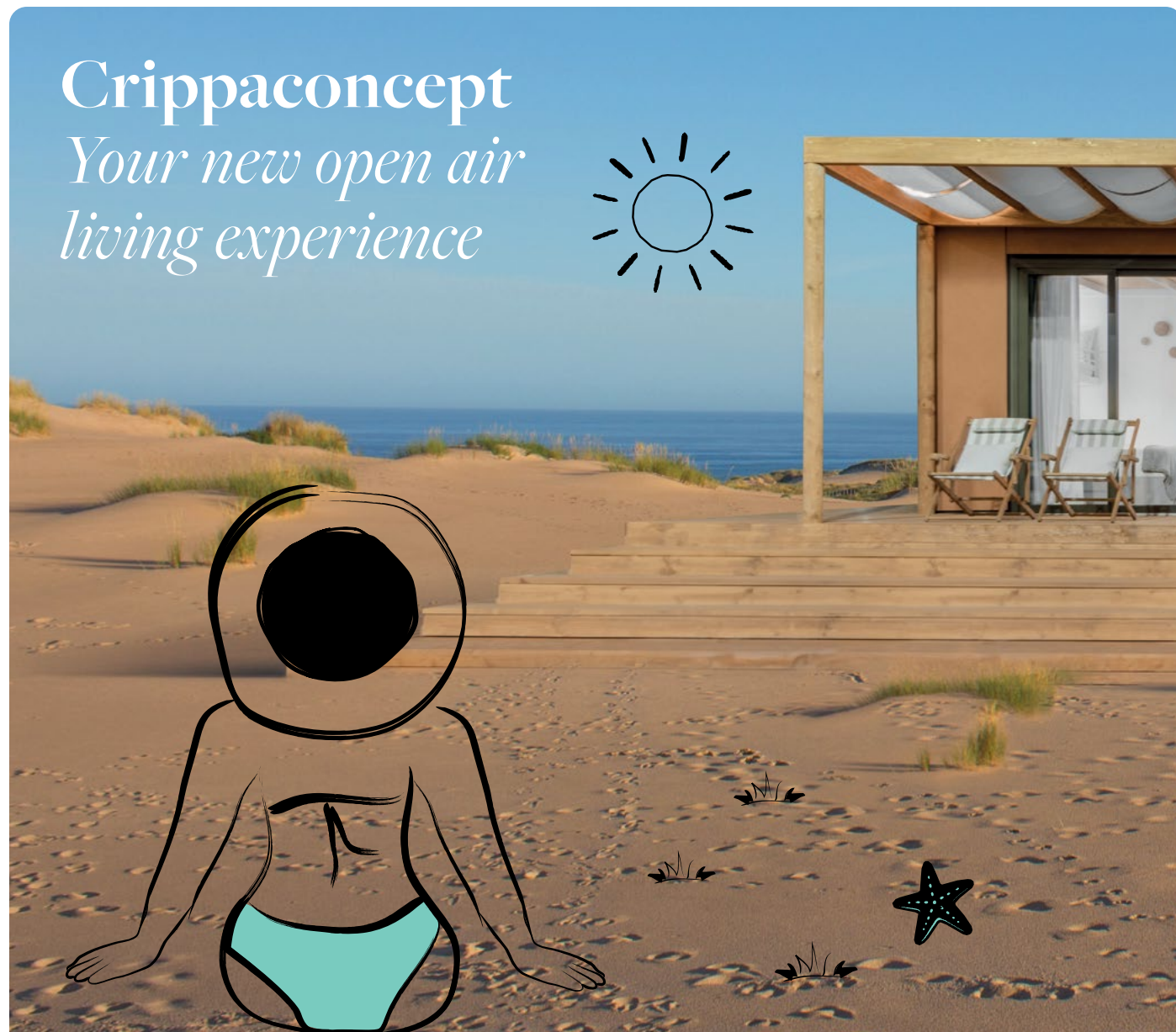


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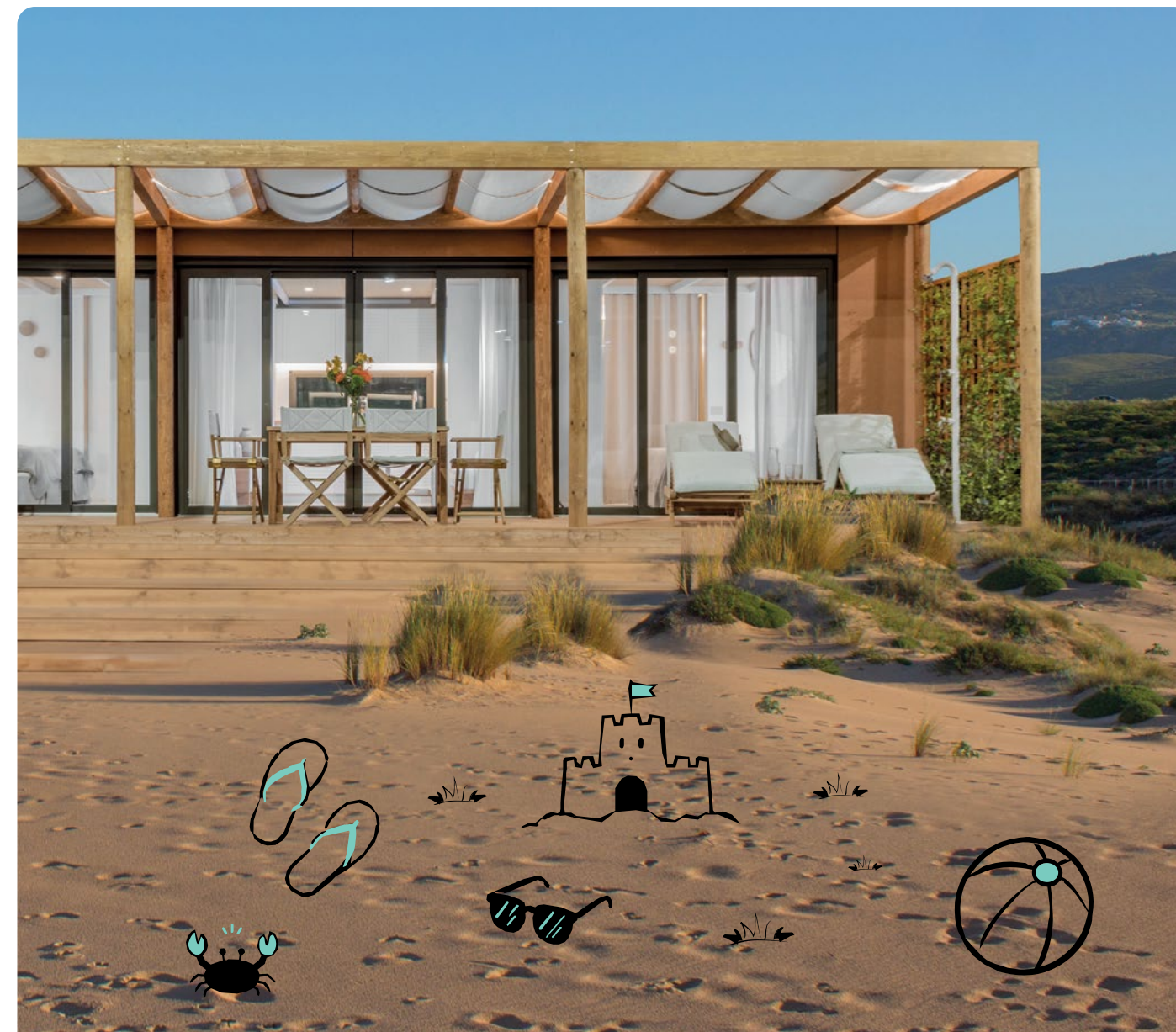
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