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CENTRE COURT

20:00

FINALE

Andrey Rublev (RUS) vs Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)

GOURMET PROGRAM

12.00 - 02.00 Naša kuhina by LF Restoran

18.00 - 04.00 Taste Istria

18.00 - 02.00 Istria gourmet restoran by Zigante tartufi

19.00 Wine tastings – Proclamation of ATP wine

PARTY PROGRAM

22:00 Party Nights – Final dance EXTRAVAGANZA

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Lawrence Frankopan

Pogled direktora

RUBLJEV JE ZVIJEZDA U NASTAJANJU

Oba subotnja meča s hrvatskim predstavnicima nisu završila kako smo priželjkivali, ali zbog toga ne smijemo i ne moramo biti ni najmanje tužni, a još manje razočarani. Jer i Ivan Dodig i braća Draganja ostvarili su puno više nego je itko to od njih mogao očekivati. I zato im treba čestitati i zahvaliti se jer je njihovim zaslugama opet i ove godine naš turnir imao jaki hrvatski štih, a to je uvijek ono što nam je najvažnije.

Publika je vjerujem mogla uživati u svakom meču subotnjeg programa. Posebno sam sretan što se pokazalo da smo donijeli ispravnu i dobru odluku što smo Ivanu Dodigu dali pozivnicu za glavni ždrijeb pojedinačnog dijela turnira. Iako je u posljednje vrijeme imao slabije rezultate u singlu, pokazao je ovdje da još uvijek nije za staro željezo, da može parirati onima koji su i puno bolje plasirani od njega na svjetskog rang ljestvici. Uostalom, današnji tenis sve je manje ovisan o godinama, životni vijek igrača se produžuje, a oni preko 30 godina i dalje drže kontrolu. Siguran sam stoga da Ivan još nije rekao svoju posljednju riječ u singlu. Iako je možda o tome razmišljao budući da je želio fokus u karijeri potpuno prebaciti na igru parova gdje je već godinama u samom svjetskom vrhu. Međutim, vjerujem da mu je

upravo i igra parova dosta pomogla u njegovom pristupu igri u singlu, da je možda kroz parove pronašao bolji i jednostavniji način kako igrati i kada je sam na terenu, bez partnera. Protiv Rubljeva je odigrao sjajan jedan set, vraćao se iz izgubljenih situacija, nije se dao, ali poslije toga je ponestalo energije. Rus je ipak 13 godina mlađi i grizao je puno više jer bio je u sjajnoj situaciji da napravi najbolji rezultat dosadašnje karijere. I još uvijek jest. Doći kao lucky loser do finala zaista je fantastična priča, tim više što je riječ o mladom tenisaču, pripadniku Next Gen generacije koji je projekt budućnosti. I drago mi je što se sve to događa ovdje, pred našim očima. Imamo privilegiju gledati zvijezdu u nastajanju. I to je jedan od razloga zašto se isplati gledati današnje finale, koje će vjerujem biti odlično.

Goran Ivanišević

Pogled legende



ŠTETA ŠTO BRAĆA DRAGANJA NISU UZELA TU 'KANTU'

Bez obzira na poraz Ivan Dodig junački je odradio i polufinale protiv Andreja Rubljeva. Nema se što Dodi prigovoriti, dao je sve od sebe, ali očito je u ovom trenutku sve to bilo malo previše za njega. Nadao sam se doduše da će maloga Rusa malo impresionirati polufinale, da će mu se malo zakočiti ruka, ali on je odigrao vrhunski meč, kao rutiner. Ni u jednom trenutku nije izgledao preplašeno na terenu, dapače igrao je kao svaki prethodni meč.

Ima taj Rubljev dobre udarce, snažne, koji mogu izbaciti protivnika iz terena. Dodig je majstor obrane, istrčavao je puno toga, ali Rubljev je konstantno pogađao i bez njegovih grešaka teško je bilo suprotstaviti mu se. Probao je Dodo i sa svojim najboljim oružjem, izlascima na mrežu, ali i tu je Rus bio precizan i prodoran i zato je sasvim zaslužen prošao u finale. Ima priliku postati drugi ruski pobjednik u Umagu, Nikolaj Davidenko je slavio ovdje 2009. godine, ali mislim da će biti zeznuto današnje finale. Paolo Lorenzi je tipični, prekaljeni zemljaš, zna kako umrtviti igru protivniku i ako u tu svoju mrežu ulovi i neiskusnog Rubljeva, onda će tu biti problema za Rusa. Ali, vidjet ćemo, puno je bilo iznenađenja na ovom turniru, zato se ne treba praviti pametan unaprijed i baviti se prognozama već jednostavno uživati u finalu. Kao što smo mogli uživati u finalu

parova. Šteta, baš šteta što Draganja nisu uzela tu „kantu“ jer kako su igrali ovaj cijeli tjedan zaslužili su i malo sreće na kraju. Marin je iskusniji, već je imao nekoliko jakih rezultata na Touru, bio 20. na svijetu i dobro on vodi tu bratsku kombinaciju. Bio je kao junior jako dobar i u singlu, dosta je obećavao, ali ga je put odveo u parove. I tu je jedan od naših najboljih igrača, malo ga je zeznula ta ozljeda i operacija zbog koje je morao pauzirati šest mjeseci, pa je izgubio partnera Henrija Kontinena. A taj je Finac ove godine osvojio Australian Open, igrao polufinale Wimbledona i osvojio ATP Finals u Londonu s Johnom Peersom. Da nije bilo ozljede, to je hladno mogao biti Marin uz njega. Ali, dobro, ako je to donijelo da braća počnu igrati, onda ne treba žaliti. Pogotovo ako će biti ovakvih rezultata kao u Umagu.

Hrvatsko-rusko polufinale nakon sat i 41 minute otišlo na stranu tinejdžera

RUBLJEV PREKO DODIGA DO SVOG PRVOG VELIKOG FINALA

Labuđi pjev Ivana Dodiga završio je nažalost u polufinalu umaškog turnira. Hrvatski tenisač morao je čestitati na pobjedi (7:6 (4), 6:1) 13 godina mlađem od sebe, Rusu Andreju Rubljevu.

U dvoboju tenisača koji su po svemu neobične priče Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag, slavio je plavokosi ruski tinejdžer i izborio svoje prvo ATP finale u karijeri, a Dodiga time ostavio na dva koja je imao iz Zagreba i 's Hertogenboscha iz 2011. godine.

- Ključ je bio završetak prvog seta koji je cijeli bio pun preokreta, dobrih poena, a na kraju je otišao na njegovu stranu, rekao je Dodig. - Da se prelomio tie-break u moju korist, bilo bi lakše igrati u nastavku, ali ovako sam izgubio dosta energije i još sam bio u zaostatku.

Čak četiri breaka viđena su u prvoj dionici, ali na kraju je odluka pala u 13. igri. I tu se stalno prednost prebacivala kao na klackalici, s jedne na drugu stranu, da bi na koncu Rubljev uzeo set. Početkom drugog Međugorac je imao nove prilike za oduzimanje servisa, no njihovo propuštanje označile su početak kraja.

- On je na break-lopte odigrao sjajna tri poena i to ga je jako podiglo, dok sam ja fizički pao i nisam više mogao držati taj ri-

tam. Rubljev je igrao na jako visokoj razini, teško je bilo preuzeti igru, on je sve diktirao. I reternirao je odlično, tako da mi je bilo teško i na izlascima na mrežu, gdje se inače osjećam sigurno i ugodno.

Međugorac je u Umag stigao s pozivnicom i upisao tri pobjede, što mu se u pojedinačnoj konkurenciji na ATP razini nije dogodilo pune četiri godine. Stoga nije imao razloga za nezadovoljstvo unatoč porazu.

- Puno je iznenađenja bilo na turniru, sretan sam da sam ja jedno od pozitivnih. Najvažnije je da sam sebi dokazao da još uvijek mogu igrati na

visokoj razini. Leđa generalno nisu loše, dapače da su ovako stalno, ne bih se uopće žalio. No, to je kod mene uvijek upitnik, tko zna kako ću se sutra probuditi. Iskreno, kada sam i došao u Umag nije bilo dobro, nisam bio siguran hoću li igrati. Na kraju jesam i ispalo je odlično.

Andrej Rubljev igrat će danas prvo veliko finale u svojoj mladoj karijeri. Tinejdžer koji je ispao u kvalifikacijama, ali ušao u turnir kao "sretni gubitnik" zahvaljujući odustajanju Borne Čorića, ima priliku postati prvi lucky loser s osvojenim turnirom nakon Rajeewa Rama u Newportu 2009. godine



OSCAROV KUTAK



Polufinale nam je ponudio susret našeg glavnog favorita Ivana Dodiga i Rusa Andreja Rubljeva koji je sretni gubitnik, s obzirom na to da nije prošao kvalifikacije, ali je na kraju kao sretnik ušao u glavni turnir odustajanjem Borne Čorića. Je li stvarno sretnik vidjet ćemo danas u finalu protiv Paola Lorenzija. Je li Dodig u meču popustio u odnosu na prethodne nastupe ili je Rubljev, predstavnik mlade generacije tenisa, stvarno bio predobar ovog puta i taj ćemo odgovor dobiti danas. Kakvo nezvjesno finale!

U finalu parova sam žestoko navijao za naše igrače, a želim se i zahvaliti organizatorima koji su i ove godine ispunili očekivanja publike i to ne samo dobrom igrom!

Vidimo se iduće godine!

piše: Oscar Visintin

LORENZI NASTAVIO TRADICIJU NOSITELJA

Bilo je sigurno da će Talijan biti u finalu Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag, samo je pitanje bilo koji - Paolo Lorenzi ili Alessandro Giannessi. Sunarodnjake, ali i inače dobre prijatelje na ATP ljestvici razdvaja točno 70 mjesta (Lorenzi 34, Giannessi 104), no u meču se ta razlika nije vidjela, razdvajala ih je tek pokoja loptica. Lorenzi se pobrinuo da nastavi tradiciju nositelja u finalima umaškog turnira. U svakom od prethodnih 27. izdanja u posljednjem meču turnira igrao je barem jedan od nositelja, a Giannessi je imao priliku prekinuti tu seriju. Međutim, nakon maratonska dva i pol sata na Stadionu Goran Ivanišević teren je uzdignutih ruku napustio osam godina stariji Talijan

(6:2, 4:6, 6:3).

Međutim, budući da je ovdje ostvario rezultat karijere igrajući svoje prvo ATP polufinale u karijeri, a za koje je maksimalno iskoristio dio ždrijeba u kojem je ispao Gaël Monfils, Giannessi sigurno neće nezadovoljan napustiti Umag.

U prva tri meča na turniru svaki je puta igrao tri seta, pri tome u dva navrata okrenuo set zaostatka u pobjedu. Protiv Lorenzija je bio u istoj situaciji, izgubio prvi, dobio drugi set, ali u trećem je ostao bez goriva. Lorenzi će tako igrati svoje četvrto finale u karijeri, za sada jedinu titulu ima iz Kitzbühela u 2016, a u Umagu mu se napokon isplatila upornost dolaženja. Naime, do ove

je godine na umaškom turniru imao omjer pobjeda i poraza svega 1-5, ali sada je u šestom pokušaju otišao do posljednje stepenice.

Hoće li se i na nju uspeti, otkrit ćemo večeras od 20 sati kada počinje veliko finale 28. Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag.



FINALE PAROVA Argentinci Guillermo Duran i Andres Molteni pobjednici su turnira u konkurenciji parova

BRAĆA DRAGANJA KRALJEVI SU I BEZ KRUNE

Ni nakon 28. izdanja umaškog ATP turnira nemamo hrvatske pobjednike u parovima. Marin i Tomislav Draganja bili su vrlo blizu da prekinu tu ipak pomalo nevjerojatnu tradiciju, no ostali su tek za koji poen prekratki. Splitski tandem izgubio je finale Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag od argentinske kombinacije Guillerma Durana i Andresa Moltenija u napetom ponoćnom trileru koji je privukao na tribine Stadiona Goran Ivanišević neobičajan broj ljudi za to doba noći.

Draganje, kojima je ovo bio premijerni zajednički nastup na ATP razini, umalo su opet kreirali preokret na koje su nas navikli ovoga tjedna u svojim mečevima. Do finala su stigli s tri pobjede u mečevima koje su mogli jednako tako i izgubiti.

U 1. kolu su gubili set i 5:2 protiv Fabija

Fogninija i Alessandra Giannessija, pa dobili. U četvrtfinalu su dobili vrlo tijesan hrvatski derbi protiv Dodiga i Škugora, a onda su u polufinalu spasili tri meč-lopte protiv Bedenea i Inglota. Dovoljno da dobiju etiketu Kraljevi povratka.

Na tom su tragu bili i u finalu, spasili su dvije meč-lopte kod 5:3 u drugom setu pa odveli dvoboj u match tie-break. Tamo su 1:3 okrenuli u 5:4, no poslije toga ih je stala karta. Od posljednjih sedam poena meča, dobili su tek jedan.

- Eto, sad smo samo skoro kraljevi, našalio se stariji brat Marin.

Osim toga postali su prave noćne ptice, posljednja dva meča su završavali iza ponoći...

- Nismo se zato baš naspavali, a k tome mene leđa „štekaju“ još od



1. kola. Međutim, kad sve zbrojimo, ovo je odličan rezultat za prvi zajednički ATP nastup.

Marin je četiri godine iskusniji i etabliraniji, do prije dvije godine bio je 20. na rang-listi, onda je morao na operaciju kuka, koja mu je odnijela šest mjeseci, ali mu je odnijela i partnera Henrija Kontinena. I iz toga se izrodila kombinacija s četiri godine

mlađim bratom.

- Stekli smo ovime samopouzdanje, pogotovo ja jer lijepo je sebi dokazat da možeš pobijediti Grand Slam pobjednike. Plan za dalje? Igrati zajedno što više i što manje se svađati, podvukao je Tomislav. Kruna u Umagu je izostala, ali ćemo im titulu kraljeva svejedno ostaviti. Zavrijedili su...



Ilvio Vidovich iz talijanskog UB tenisa, slavio je jučer u finalu novinarskog turnira pobjedom nad kolegom Zlatkom Horvatom iz Novog lista. Pobjedniku i drugoplasiranom trofeje je uručio direktor turnira Lawrence Frankopan, a poklon paket Babo-

lat proizvoda Branko Marović, predstavnik tvrtke Vat, generalnog uvoznika sportskog branda. Babolat je ove godine partner turnira te je zaslužan za održavanje Kid's Weeka na kojem su se djeca tijekom pet dana družila s tenisačima, a u ATP zoni imali su i svoj izložbeni prostor.

Dodjela nagrada bila je prigodna prilika i za posebno priznanje Mirni

ILVIO VIDOVICH POBJEDNIK NOVINARSKOG TURNIRA

Zidarić, novinarki HRT-a koja s umaškog turnira neprekidno izvještava od 1997. Povodom velike obljet-



nice Lawrence Frankopan uručio joj je trofej i čestitao u ime cijele organizacije turnira, a poklon paket primila je od Lorette Krote, voditeljice pressa.

Novinarski turnir koji zadnjih devet godina nosi ime 'Memorijal Ico Kerhin' igra se od samog početka Croatia Opena Umag, a ove godine na njemu se natjecalo 14 sudionika. Za okrijepu nakon turnira, i ovoga puta bio je zadužen PIK Vrbovec koji je za novinare priredio roštilj.

DANAS SE IGRA FINALE VIP TURNIRA

Jučer je na terenima Umag Tennis Academy počeo tradicionalni Peugeot VIP turnir na kojem sudjeluje 28 poznatih osoba iz sportskog, društvenog i političkog života Hrvatske, kao i ugledni gospodarstvenici.

Makar je u ova dva dana vikenda u Umagu u prvom planu ipak tenis, ali i puno dobre zabave uz prijateljsko druženje, danas ćemo doznati i pobjednike turnira. Finale se igra od 9.30 na teniskoj Akademiji smještenoj u Katoru.





VINSKE DEGUSTACIJE

Kuša i piše: Antonija Mandić



ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL BENKOVAČKO VINO MEĐU ISTARSKIM ŠAMPIONIMA

Istarski šamponi osvojili su sinoć gourmet zonu posljednje večeri vinskih degustacija. Iako je večer bila izvan konkurencije za naslov ATP vina 2017., sva su mjesta bila popunjena. Predstavljena su nagrađivana istarska vina vinarija Kozlović, Benvenuti, Vina Istria (Laguna), Degrassi i po prvi put ove godine, jedno neistarsko vino Korlat, s

etiketom Badel. Nakon što su čuli sve o ovim vrhunskim vinima, gosti su dobili priliku osvojiti po jednu butelju degustiranih vina. Uz pomoć sommeliera Emila Perdeca morali su odgovoriti na nekoliko pitanja, a najpažljiviji na degustacijama lako su došli do odgovora. Vinska priča završava danas, dodjelom nagrade ATP vinu 2017., u 19 sati.



NAJBOLJI AUSTRIJSKI SOMMELIER GOSTOVAO NA MASTERCLASSU



Hrvatski Sommelier Klub organizirao je jučer svoj treći Masterclass na temu 'Istrian wines vs. Austrian wines' koji je vodio istaknuti austrijski sommelier Suvi Zlatic. Okupljeni ljubitelji vina na radionici su kušali i uspoređivali austrijska i hrvatska vina podijeljena u

šest kategorija: pjenušci, malvazije, bijeli sovinjon, TBA, odnosno desertna vina i kupaži, a hrvatski teran komparirao se s austrijskim zweigeltom. Zlatic, vlasnik titule najboljeg austrijskog sommeliera za razdoblje od 2014.-2017., Ambassadeur du champagne 2016. i jedan od najboljih europskih stručnjaka za sake, ljubiteljima vina govorio je o porijeklu pojedinog vina, utjecaju različitih uvjeta uzgoja grožđa na kvalitetu vina, stilistici, ali i kulturološkim razlikama uživanja u hrani i piću. S obzirom da su među polaznicima bili vrsni poznavatelji vina i vinari, i oni su Zlatica upoznali s načinom na koji oni proizvode svoje

najbolje primjerke. Iako naziv radionice sugerira suprotstavljanje hrvatskih i austrijskih vina, Zlatic je kazao kako poanta nije odlučiti koja su vina bolja nego ih usporediti i uživati u svim nji-

hovim jedinstvenim karakteristikama. U opuštenu atmosferu svi su polaznici sudjelovali i doprinosili predavanju i sasvim sigurno s radionice otišli bogatiji za nova enološka znanja.



ŠPANJOLSKI RUM JEDNAKO JE DOBAR KAO DUPLO STARIJI ŠKOTSKI

Na trećim Badelovim večerima degustacije alkoholnih pića 'Liquor tastings by Badel' u Gourmet Istrija zoni, sinoć se su se kušale čak četiri

vrste Bacardi ruma. Zagrebački barman Vjenceslav Madić Kishoni koji je i Bacardi ambasadorka, kazao je kako je španjolski rum puno slađi od

britanskog te je Hrvatima ujedno i puno draži. Stoga nije čudno što je Bacardi jedan od najpoznatijih brandova ruma u nas, a u svijetu je i najprodavaniji. Kishoni je okupljenima govorio o procesu nastanka ruma te objasnio kako je, zbog intenzivnijeg dozrijevanja, španjolski rum star tek osam godina pandan škotskom rumu starom 15 godina. Okupljeni su imali priliku kušati Bacardi 'Ron carta blanca' i 'Carta oro' koje Kishoni preporučuje za koktele ili miješanje s Colom te 'Oakhart' i 'Ron 8 Anos' (Osam godina star rum) koje zbog njihove punoće valja piti čiste. Četvero naj sretnijih sudionika radionice koji



su pažljivo slušali Kishonija i znali odgovore na njegova pitanja, kućama su ponijeli bocu Bacardi ruma.



UMAŽANI DO JUTRA PLESALI UZ THE AVENERA I DJ ANTONIA

Nakon uzbudljive pobjede Guillerma Durána i Andrésa Moltenija nad Marinom i Tomislavom Draganjom u finalu parova, mnogobrojna publika sa središnjeg teniskog stadiona preselila se sinoć u Dance Arenu na još jedan u nizu koncerata svjetskih glazbenih zvijezda. Najviše pažnje plijenile su atraktivne plesačice koje su pratile resident DJ-a Antonia koji je zagrijao atmosferu do dolaska zvijezde večeri, The Avenera. Izvršno

raspoložena publika ovacijama je dočekala francuskog DJ-a i uz njegov set nastavila zabavljati do sitnih noćnih sati, a najizdržljiviji među njima dočekali su i svitanje uz DJ Antonia koji se nakon Francuza ponovno vratio za mix-pult. Danas nakon završnog meča nipošto nemojte propustiti finalni ples 'Ekstravaganza' kojim ćemo ovogodišnji Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag zatvoriti showom za pamćenje.



UMAG MI JE BOLJI ČAK I OD MONAKA

Ovo mi je prvi posjet Umagu i oduševio me. Ovo je sigurno jedna od najljepših lokacija koju mogu zamisliti za igranje tenisa, kazao je Feđa Šalihbašić, poznati bosanski fotograf s danskom adresom koji je Istru posjetio povodom Plava laguna Croatia Opena Umag. Feđa se unazad nekoliko godina profilirao kao jedan od najutjecajnijih svjetskih influencera kojeg na Instagramu prati gotovo pola milijuna ljudi. U fotografiju se zaljubio još kao dječak, a najrađe objektivom svog fotoaparata bilježi ljepote svakodnevnog života i prirodu. Izuzev impresivnog krajolika, u Umagu ga je privukla i ljubav prema tenisu kojim se bavi od svoje šeste godine. Vrhunski tenisači i bogat popratni sadržaj Plava laguna Croatia Opena Umag, oduševili su ga - Cijela atmosfera na glavnom stadionu, a i pogled na more i plažu je fenomenalan. Bio sam u Monaku, gdje se održava nešto slično, ali mi se osobno više sviđa turnir u Umagu. Stadion nije ogroman, puno je intimniji, atmosfera ugodnija, a osvjetljenje i akustika odlični, govori Feđa



i dodaje da mu je među najdražim trenucima u Umagu u Umagu bila egzibicija s pobjednicima Wimbledonja jer mu je Goran Ivanišević jedan od najvećih teniskih uzora.

- Imao sam malo više sreće od drugih, pa sam sjedio blizu igrača. Bilo je nevjerojatno biti tako blizu nekih od najvećih sportaša svijeta. To ću pamtići zauvijek, kazao je i dodao da je osim u tenisu uživao i u autohtonoj istarskoj kuhinji i vinima koja smatra najboljima na svijetu. - Uistinu sam uživao u turniru, gastronomskoj ponudi i raznovrsnim koncertima. Snimio sam i puno dobrih fotografija koje možete vidjeti na mom Instagram profilu @felecool. Nadam se da ću ponovno doći i da će mi posjet umaškom turniru postati jedna od ljepših tradicija, zaključio je Šalihbašić.



PBZ TE VODI U NEWYORK, A S HEP-OM MOŽEŠ ZABILJEŽITI OMILJENE TRENUTKE

Za sve posjetitelje Plava laguna Croatia Opena Umag, svakodnevno je otvorena Social Arena u kojoj mogu odmoriti, popiti kavu i uživati u mnogobrojnim aktivnostima koje nude sponzori turnira. Jedna od njih je i nagradna igra PBZ American

Expressa u kojoj možete osvojiti dvije ulaznice za US Open. Sve što trebate napraviti je odigrati 'Memory meč' i, uz malo sreće, uskoro ste na letu za New York. Par koraka dalje je HEP-ova fotkaona pomoću koje možete zabilježiti svoje najdraže trenutke

na turniru i fotografiju ponijeti kući. Aparat omogućuje odabir nekoliko vrsta filtera, a tijekom turnira prosječno se dnevno fotkalo 180 ljudi. Posjetite i vi HEP-ov kutak te doma ponesite uspomenu iz Umaga.

PBZ TO TAKE YOU TO NEW YORK; CAPTURE YOUR FAVORITE MOMENTS WITH HEP

Every day, the visitors of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag are welcome to visit the Social Arena, where they can relax, have a cup of coffee or enjoy the many activities offered by the tournament's sponsors. One of

those activities is a prize-winning game by PBZ American Express, allowing you to win two tickets to this year's US Open. All you need to do is play a game of Memory and, with a bit of luck, you will soon be

flying to New York. A few steps away is HEP's photo booth, where you can capture your favorite moments on the tournament and take the photo home. The camera features several different filters, and so far, on average



180 people have used it daily. Visit HEP's corner and take a souvenir from Umag to bring home with you.



OD ŠEŠIRA I RUČNIKA DO MAJICE I LOPTICE S POTPISOM GORANA IVANIŠEVIĆA

I ove godine svaki posjetitelj Plava Laguna Croatia Opena Umag s turnira može ponijeti posebnu uspomenu - brendirane službene proizvode i suvenire. Merchandise turnira oduševljava jednako i stare i mlade, a među najprodavanijim artiklima su šeširi, koji su sjajna zaštita od vru-

ćeg ljetnog sunca, te stilizirani veliki ručnici za plažu s otiskom umaškog teniskog stadiona.

Od traženih suvenira, koji mogu jednako tako poslužiti i kao darovi, tu su još brendirane kape, muške i ženske majice, kišobrani, a za najmlađe teniske fanove tu su i jumbo teniske loptice...

Za one nešto ozbiljnije ili, recimo kao prikladan dar za poslovne partnere, od ove godine u ponudi trgovine, koja se nalazi odmah na glavnom ulazu kompleksa Stella Maris, jest poseban paket koji u ukrasnoj tubi sadrži majicu i tenisku lopticu s potpisom naše teniske legende Gorana Ivaniševića.

FROM HATS AND BEACH TOWELS TO T-SHIRTS AND BALLS AUTOGRAPHED BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

Once again, the visitors of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag can take souvenirs from the event back home - branded official products and souvenirs. The tournament's merchandise has impressed young and old alike. The most popular products are the hats, which offer great protection from the

sun, and large, stylized beach towels with the print showing Umag's tennis stadium.

Other souvenirs, which can double as gifts, include branded baseball caps, men's and women's t-shirts, and umbrellas, as well as jumbo tennis balls for the youngest tennis fans. As

of this year, the souvenir shop, which is located right next to the main entrance of the Stella Maris complex, offers even somewhat more "serious" products that could be used as gifts to one's business partners, including a special package containing a decorative tube with a



T-shirt and a tennis ball signed by our tennis legend Goran Ivanišević.

ČETVERO SRETNIKA PODRAVKA ODVELA NA BOLJA MJESTA NA STADIONU

Četvero sretnika gledalo je jučer polufinalne mečeve s najboljih pozicija na stadionu Goran Ivanišević zahvaljujući Podravci! U nagradnoj igri 'Podravka vas vodi na bolja mjesta',

gledatelji koje je kamera snimila i prikazala na velikom ekranu na stadionu, dobili su priliku meč gledati iz južne lože, bez obzira na to za koja su mjesta kupili ulaznice. Oduševljeni

dobitnici nagrade zahvalili su Podravci, s osmijehom se preselili u ložu i s najboljih pozicija uživali u vrhunskom tenisu.



PODRAVKA MOVES FOUR LUCKY PEOPLE TO BETTER SEATS

Four lucky people watched yesterday's semifinal match from the best seats at the Goran Ivanišević Stadium thanks to Podravka! In a prize contest titled

Podravka vas vodi na bolja mjesta (Podravka takes you to better seats), the spectators who the camera had caught and showed on the big screen

in the stadium got the chance to watch the match from the southern box, regardless of the tickets that they had purchased. The overjoyed

spectators thanked Podravka, moved to the box with smiles on their faces, and enjoyed great tennis from the best seats in the house.



Sjaj u tami.

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Više od struje



DERBY E FINALE CONTRO RUBLEV A LORENZI, PER GIANNESSI L'ONORE DELLE ARMI

Dura 2h36' in derby tricolore con la finale del 'Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag 2017' in palio. E, questa sera sulla terra rossa del campo centrale 'Stadium Goran Ivanisevic', scenderà l'esperto Paolo Lorenzi (unica testa di serie rimasta in gioco) per contendere al giovane 'lucky loser' russo Andrey Rublev il titolo che nel 2016 era stato di Fabio Fognini. Per superare l'amico e compagno di allenamenti Alessan-

dro Giannessi, tuttavia, il romano ha dovuto imporsi al termine di un confronto duro ed equilibrato, cavalleresco ma per nulla amichevole. E che, in prospettiva della finale di oggi,

ha richiesto un enorme dispiego di energie. Buona la partenza di Lorenzi che vola subito sul 3-0 e risulta poi impendibile. Meglio, invece, il ligure nel secondo set che, nonostante la

richiesta di intervento medico da parte di Lorenzi per un problema muscolare sull'1-2, vedeva quest'ultimo avanti fino a 4-2 prima dei quattro game consecutivi conquistati da Giannessi. Equilibrato e sfibrante anche l'ultimo set (richiesta del medico per entrambi) ma, dopo aver rimontato un break sul 2-2, Lorenzi trova la forza per spingere fino al 5-2 che prelude alla misurata esultanza finale.

RISULTATI DI IERI (ITALIANI)

CAMPO CENTRALE – STADIUM GORAN IVANISEVIC

SEMIFINALE SINGOLARE

[4] Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) - Alessandro Giannessi (ITA) 6-2 4-6 6-3

LORENZI: "OBIETTIVO RECUPERARE DALLA FATICA PER UNA FINALE AL MASSIMO"

Lorenzi il vecchietto continua a stupire: non solo esperienza, ma anche resistenza fisica e determinazione fino all'ultimo punto. "Preferirei avere qualche anno in meno – esordisce dopo il successo - ma va bene così. Sono felicissimo, ovviamente. Ma sono anche molto stanco e il mio primo pensiero è quello di recuperare in

vista della finale. Ho avuto qualche problema fisico a metà del secondo set, ma poi sono stato bravo a spingere all'inizio del terzo e a servire meglio di prima. Alessandro è un grande amico, ci alleniamo insieme ed era anche al mio matrimonio: poi, però, ognuno cerca sempre di vincere. Ho iniziato attaccandolo sul rovescio,

ho finito attaccandolo sul dritto". E ora sotto con Rublev. "Gioca molto bene e, quando è in giornata, può diventare un bruttissimo cliente con i suoi colpi sempre più forti. Non l'ho visto all'opera contro Fognini – aggiunge – e so già che sarà dura. Ci sono i video e parlerò con il mio tecnico: spero solo di stare bene".



GIANNESSI: "HO DATO TUTTO, NON POSSO CHE ESSERE SODDISFATTO"

Alessandro Giannessi, sportivamente, la prende come un altro passo avanti. Giunto a un solo passo dalla finale, è costretto a cedere sotto i colpi di un amico. "E' stata dura – ammette – Eravamo entrambi molto stanchi

e abbiamo dato tutto. Paolo ha più esperienza di me in questi frangenti e l'ha fatta pesare. Sono comunque soddisfatto, ho dato tutto e credo di aver espresso un buon tennis nonostante le partite dure alle spalle e l'umidità

fastidiosa. È stato un ottimo torneo anche mentalmente". Un consiglio a Lorenzi? "Non ne ha bisogno. Sarà durissima, ma di certo farà del suo meglio". E adesso? "Prima Cortina, più avanti gli Stati Uniti".

TORNEO GIORNALISTI, DOMINA L'ITALIANO ILVIO VIDOVICH

Quale buon auspicio per l'esito del torneo principale, parla italiano anche la combattuta kermesse internazionale riservata come tradizione ai giornalisti accreditati al 'Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag 2017'. Il triestino Ilvio Vidovich (Ubitetennis) ha infatti conquistato con autorità e classe il 'Memorial Ico

Kerhin', liquidando in finale con un secco 6-1 6-1 il collega croato Zlatko Horvat (Novi List e Glas Istre) sulla terra rossa della Nex Gen Arena. La succulenta festa e le ricche premiazioni si sono svolte nel pomeriggio a poche decine di metri dalla vivace sala stampa, mentre profumi mangerecci

e allestimenti colorati caratterizzavano l'area riservata al Pik Barbecue dove la Pik Vrbovec, azienda croata specializzata in generi alimentari, ha allestito una zona accogliente e protetta dal sole dove gli addetti alla griglia hanno lavorato per ore.



Anche questo è Umago!

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**Lawrence
Frankopan**

The director's view

RUBLEV IS A STAR IN THE MAKING

Neither of the two matches on Saturday ended the way we wanted but we shouldn't and mustn't be sad about it, let alone disappointed. Both Ivan Dodig and the Draganja brothers did more than anyone would have expected from them. That is why we should congratulate and thank them as because of them this year's tournament has once again had a strong Croatian representation, and that's something we find to be most important.

I believe the spectators enjoyed both of these matches on Saturday. I am especially pleased that our decision to give Ivan Dodig the invitation to the main draw of the singles competition proved to be right. Even though before Umag his results in the singles competition had been far from good, here he showed that he was still not ready to be dismissed that easily, and that he could still hold his own against higher ranked players. And anyway, tennis today is less dependent on one's age – the players' lifespan is getting longer and those over 30 are still in control. That's why I'm confident Ivan still has much to do in the singles competition even though he wasn't thinking about it as he wanted to switch his career focus to playing doubles matches, where for years now he has been one of the best in the world. However, I do believe that his experience in the doubles com-

petition has helped him with his approach to playing singles matches, that through playing doubles he has found a better and simpler way of playing when he's alone on the court, without a partner to rely on. He played a great set against Rublev, came back from some tough situations and would not give up, but at one point he just lost his energy. The Russian is 13 years his junior and attacked more as he was in a great situation to achieve the result of his career. And he still is in that situation. To reach a final as a lucky loser is a truly fantastic story, even more so as he is a young player, one of the Next Gen players who are the project of the future. I'm really pleased all this has been happening right here, in front of us. We have the privilege of watching a star in the making. And that's one of the reasons why you should watch today's final, which I believe will be fantastic.

**Goran
Ivanišević**

The legend's verdict



SHAME THAT THE 'BUCKET' ELUDED DRAGANJAS

Regardless of his loss, Ivan Dodig played heroically in the semifinal against Andrey Rublev. He gave his best but, at this point, it seems all this has been a little too much for him. I did hope that the Russian kid would be overwhelmed by the semifinal and that his arm would falter a bit. However, he played a fantastic match, like it was all routine for him. Not once did he look scared out there. On the contrary, he played as he had in all the previous matches.

His shots are good and strong, and can take his opponents out of the court. Dodig is a master at defense, but Rublev continued to win points, and without him making a mistake, it was difficult to fight him. Dodo even tried using his best weapon, coming to the net, but even then the Russian was precise and advanced to the final deservedly. He now has a chance to become the second Russian player to win in Umag as Nikolay Davydenko celebrated here in 2009. Still, I feel today's match is going to be rather tricky. Paolo Lorenzi is a typical experienced clay player who knows how to slow down the opponent, and if he manages to do that to the inexperienced Rublev, then the Russian will be in big trouble. But we'll see. We shouldn't try and be smart before the match has even begun as we have seen enough surprises here already. We should simply enjoy the final. Just as we enjoyed the doubles final. It's a real pity the Draganja brothers

failed to claim that "bucket". The way that they had been playing this past week, they deserved a bit of luck in the end. Marin is the more experienced of the two. He's had a few good results on the Tour and was ranked 20th. He has been leading their brotherly team pretty well. As a junior he was even good in the singles competition. He was a promising young player but then he ended up playing doubles. And even in the doubles competition he is one of our best players. That injury of his sidelined him for six months and cost him his partner Henri Kontinen, the Finn who this year won the Australian Open, played in the Wimbledon semifinal and won the ATP Finals in London with John Peers. Had it not been for the injury, it could have been Marin by his side. But, hey, if that was what it took for the brothers to team up then we shouldn't feel sorry about it. Especially if they continue playing as well as here in Umag.

After an hour and 41 minutes, Croatian-Russian semifinal was won by the teenager

RUBLEV BEATS DODIG TO REACH HIS FIRST BIG FINAL



Ivan Dodig's swan song unfortunately ended in the semifinal of the tournament in Umag. The Croatian tennis player had to congratulate 13 years his junior, Russian Andrey Rublev, on winning the match 7:6 (4), 6:1.

The clash between two players, both rather unusual heroes of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, was won by the blond Russian teenager. He has thus reached his first ATP final of his career, leaving Dodig with his two finals in Zagreb and Hertogenbosch in 2011.

- The key to everything was the outcome of the first set, which had been packed with turnarounds and great points but was eventually won by him, Dodig said.

- If the tie-break had gone my way, it would have been easier for me to continue to play. This way I lost a lot of energy and I was also trying to catch up.

There were as many as four breaks in the first part of the set but the decision was finally made in the 13th game. Even then the advantage went from one player to another, only for Rublev to eventually take the set. At the start of the second set the Međugorje native had some new chances to break the Russian but he failed, signaling the start of the end.

- He played three great points on my break points and that gave him immense confidence, while I slum-

ped physically and could not hold the rhythm. Rublev played at a very high level and it was difficult to take over the game – he dictated everything. He also returned well so I had problems going to the net, where I usually feel safe and comfortable.

Dodig arrived in Umag on an invitation and won three matches, something that he hadn't done in the ATP singles competition for four years. He therefore had no reason to be unhappy, despite the loss.

- There were many surprises in this tournament and I'm happy to be one of the pleasant ones. What is most important is that I have shown myself that I can still play at a high level. My back is generally not bad at all. In fact, if it stayed like this all the time, you would hear no complaints from me. But that's always a gamble with me. Who knows what state I'll be in when I wake up tomorrow? Honestly, when I came here to Umag, I wasn't even sure if I'd play. In the end, I did and it turned out great.

Today, Andrey Rublev will be playing his first final of his young career. The teenager, who had gone out in the qualifiers but then reentered the tournament as a lucky loser thanks to Borna Ćorić's withdrawal, now has a chance to become the first lucky loser to win a tournament after Rajeev Ram in Newport in 2009.

OSCAR'S CORNER



The semifinal match was a duel between our main favorite Ivan Dodig and Russia's lucky loser Andrey Rublev, who had lost in the qualifiers but entered the main draw after Borna Ćorić had dropped out. Whether he is really lucky will be seen in today's final against Paolo Lorenzi.

Did Dodig let up in the match as compared to his previous matches here, or was Rublev, the representative of the younger tennis generation, just too good this time? We'll get that answer today as well. What an unpredictable final this is going to be!

As far as the doubles final is concerned, I really rooted for our boys. I would also like to thank the organizers for once again meeting the expectations, and not just with great tennis!

See you next year!

writes: Oscar Visintin

LORENZI CARRIES SEED TRADITION

One thing was sure, we would have an Italian in the final of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. The question was, which one – Paolo Lorenzi or Alessandro Giannessi? The two compatriots and great friends are 70 places apart on the ATP rankings (Lorenzi is ranked 34th, and Giannessi 104th); however, that difference was barely visible on the court. They were separated by a few points only.

Lorenzi made sure to continue the tradition of having a seed in the tournament's singles final. In each of the previous 27 editions of the tournament, we always had at least one seed fighting for the title, and Giannessi had an opportunity to end that. However, after a marathon two and a half hours at the Goran Ivani-

šević Stadium, the eight years older Italian left the court with his arms high in the air (6:2, 4:6, 6:3).

Seeing as he has achieved the result of his career here in Umag, playing his first semifinal ever and using to the fullest the draw that Gaël Monfils had dropped out early on, Giannessi definitely won't be leaving Umag feeling unhappy.

In his first three matches here, Giannessi had played three sets each time, and twice he even fought back from a set down. He was in that same situation against Lorenzi as well: he lost the first set, won the second, but then found himself "out of fuel". Lorenzi will thus be playing in his fourth final ever; for the time being, his only title is from Kitzbühel in 2016. Here

in Umag, his longtime participation in the tournament has finally paid off. Until this year, his win-loss ratio was 1-5. In his sixth attempt though, he has finally gone all the way to

the final. Will he win it or not, that is something that we will find out tonight at 8 PM, when the singles final of the 28th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag is scheduled to start.



DOUBLES FINAL Argentinians Guillermo Duran and Andres Molteni claim doubles title

DRAGANJA BROTHERS ARE KINGS EVEN WITHOUT CROWNS

Even after the 28th edition of the ATP tournament in Umag, we still lack homegrown winners in the doubles competition. Marin and Tomislav Draganja were close to ending that somewhat unbelievable tradition but fell just a few points short.

The Split-born duo lost in the final match of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag to the Argentinian combination Guillermo Duran and Andres Molteni in a tight midnight thriller, which had drawn an unusual number of spectators for that time of the night to the stands of the Goran Ivanišević Stadium.

The Draganja brothers, for whom this was their team debut on the ATP Tour, nearly managed another upset, something they had gotten used to over the past week. They reached the final after winning three matches that they could just as ea-

sily have lost.

In the first round, they were down one set and 5:2 against Fabio Fognini and Alessandro Giannessi, but they still won. In their quarterfinal appearance, they won a tight Croatian derby against Dodig and Škugor, and in the semifinal, they saved three match points against Bedene and Inglot. Enough to be labelled "kings of comeback".

Something similar happened in the final: they saved two match points at 5:3 in the second set and led the set to tie-break. In the tie-break they turned 1:3 to 5:4, but from then on things stopped going their way. - There, we are now nearly kings, joked older brother Marin.

Also, they have become quite the night owls, finishing their last two matches well after midnight.

- That's why we didn't get much

sleep. And my back has been giving me trouble since the first round. All in all, this is a huge result for our first ATP team effort.

Marin is four years older, more experienced and more established.

Two years ago he was ranked 20th

but then he had to have his hip surgery, and that forced him to take a six-month break and cost him his partner Henri Kontinen. That was also when he decided to join forces with his younger brother.

- We have gained some confidence here. I especially, since it's nice to see that we can defeat

even Grand Slam winners. Our plan for the future? To play together as much as possible and to argue less, Tomislav concluded. They did not take the crown here in Umag but we'll give them the title of kings anyway. They've earned it...



ENGLISH



Ilvio Vidovich of the Italian UB tennis celebrated in yesterday's final of the media representatives' tournament after defeating his colleague Zlatko Horvat of Novi list. Both finalists were presented with their trophies

gave them a Babolat gift bag each. Babolat is this year tournament's partner who has its own stand in ATP zone and made it possible for kid's to play tennis with professional players at Kid's Week. The award

ILVIO VIDOVICH WINS JOURNALISTS' TOURNAMENT

by tournament director Lawrence Frankopan. Moreover, Branko Marović of Vat, an importer of the Babolat sports brand,

ceremony was also an opportunity to give a special recognition to Mirna Zidarić, a reporter for the public broadcaster HRT, who has been reporting from the Umag tournament since 1997. To mark the anniversary, Lawrence Frankopan presented Mirna with a trophy and congratulated her on behalf of the tournament's organization. She also received a gift bag from

Loretta Krotka, head of press. The journalists' tournament, which has for the past nine years been known as the Ico Kerhin Memorial, has been taking place since the very start of the Croatia Open Umag. This year, the tournament featured 14 participants. Finally, following the ceremony, everyone was invited to a barbecue organized by PIK Vrbovec.

TODAY IS THE FINAL OF THE VIP TOURNAMENT

Yesterday, on the courts of the Umag Tennis Academy, began the traditional Peugeot VIP tournament, featuring 28 persons from Croatia's social and political life, athletes and prominent businessmen.

Even though tennis will remain in the foreground during these two days, there will also be a lot of great fun and friendly get-togethers. And today, we are also going to find out who the winners of the tournament are. The final starts at 9:30 AM at the Tennis Academy in Katoro.





WINE TASTINGS

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ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL WINE FROM BENKOVAC JOINS ISTRIAN CHAMPIONS

Last night, at this year's final wine tasting, Istria's champions conquered the Gourmet Zone. Even though the wines were out of the competition for the title of the 2017 ATP Wine, the venue was filled to capacity. The event showcased award-winning Istrian wines by Kozlović, Benvenuti, Vina Istria (Laguna), and Degrassi, and for the first time this year, a non-Istrian wine, Badel's Korlat. After hearing

about these top-quality wines, the guests were given an opportunity to taste win, a bottle per each wine. The sommelier Emil Perdec then asked them several questions about the wines and those who had carefully listened to what he had been saying earlier, had no problem answering them. The wine story will end today, with the 2017 ATP Wine award ceremony, which starts at 7 PM.



AUSTRIA'S TOP SOMMELIER GUESTS AT MASTERCLASS



Yesterday, the Croatian Sommelier Club organized its third Masterclass titled Istrian Wines vs. Austrian Wines. It was led by Austria's renowned sommelier Suwi Zlatic. The wine enthusiasts, who had gathered at the event, tasted and compared a

number of Austrian and Croatian wines divided into six categories: sparkling wines, malvasias, white sauvignons, TBA or dessert wines and coupages, while the Croatian teran was compared to the Austrian zweigelt. Zlatic, owner of the best Austrian sommelier title for the period between 2014 and 2017, Ambassadeur du Champagne 2016, and one of the best European experts in sake, talked about the origin of every wine and the effects of various grape-growing conditions on the quality of wines, as well as the stylistics and cultural differences of enjoying food and beverages. Seeing as there were many



wine connoisseurs and winemakers among the participants, they told Zlatic about the way they produced their top wines. Even though the name of the workshop suggested they would compare and contrast the wines from Croatia and Austria, Zlatic said the point wasn't to decide

which wines were better but to compare them and enjoy all their unique characteristics. The atmosphere was very relaxed and all the participants gladly partook in and contributed to the discussion, leaving the workshop with new oenological experiences and deeper knowledge of wines.

SPANISH RUM IS AS GOOD AS THE TWICE OLDER SCOTTISH RUM

The participants of Badel's third tasting event Liquor Tastings by Badel, which took place last evening in the Gourmet Istria Zone, tasted four different kinds of Bacardi rum.

Zagreb-based barman Vjenceslav Madić Kishoni, who is also a Bacardi ambassador, said Spanish rum was much sweeter than the British rum, which was why the Croats preferred

it. It isn't a surprise then that Bacardi is one of the most popular rum brands in Croatia and one of the most sold rums around the world. Kishoni also talked about rum production and explained that, because of the more intense maturing, an 8-year-old Spanish rum was the equivalent of a 15-year-old Scottish rum. The participants were given an opportunity to taste Bacardi 'Ron carta blanca' and 'Carta oro', which Kishoni believes to be perfect for cocktails or mixing with Coca-Cola, as well as 'Oakhart' and 'Ron 8 Anos' (8-year-old rum), which should be drunk straight because of their fullness. Four of the luckiest workshop parti-



cipants, who had listened carefully to Kishoni and knew the answers to his questions, left the place with a bottle of rum each.



UMAG RESIDENTS DANCE UNTIL MORNING TO HITS BY THE AVENER AND DJ ANTONIO

Last night, after the exciting win of Guillermo Durán and Andrés Molteni over Marin and Tomislav Draganjaa in the doubles final, the spectators moved from the central court to the Dance Arena. The attractive backup dancers for the resident DJ Antonio drew the most attention. The DJ warmed up the atmosphere until the arrival of the star of the night, The Avener. The crowd was in an exultant mood and welcomed

the French DJ with ovations and continued to have a great time dancing to his set until late in the night. The most persevering ones greeted the dawn with DJ Antonio who returned to the stage following the Frenchman's set. Today, after the final match, don't miss the final dance titled Extravaganza, as we intend to close this year's Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag with a show to remember.



I FIND UMAG EVEN BETTER THAN MONACO

This is my first time in Umag and I've been blown away by it. This is surely one of the best tennis venues imaginable, said Feđa Šalihbašić, a well-known photographer from Bosnia and Herzegovina with a permanent address in Denmark, who had visited Istria because of Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. Over the past few



years, Feđa has become one of the world's most prominent influencers with nearly half a million followers on Instagram. He fell in love with photography when he was little, and prefers taking photos of beautiful moments in everyday life as well as of nature. Apart from its breathtaking scenery, Umag attracted him because of his love for tennis, which he has been playing since he was six. - The central court atmosphere and the views of the sea and the beach are just phenomenal. I was in Monaco, where they have something similar but, personally, I prefer the tournament in Umag. The stadium isn't as big and is much more intimate. The atmosphere is much better, and the lighting and the acoustics are excellent, Feđa explained, adding that one of his favorite moments in

Umag was the exhibition with the Wimbledon champions as Goran Ivanišević is one of his biggest tennis role models.

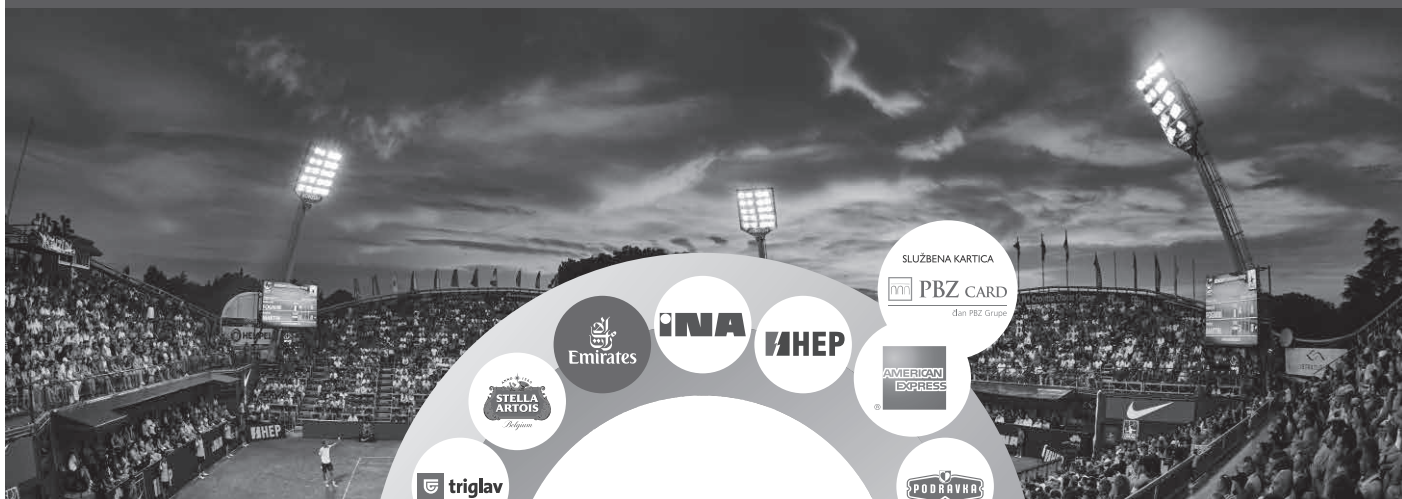
- I was a bit luckier than others so I was sitting close to the players. It was incredible to be that close to some of the greatest players in the world. I'll remember that forever, Feđa said and added that, alongside tennis, he also enjoyed Istria's cuisine and wines, which he believes are best in the world.

- I truly enjoyed the tournament, the gourmet offer and the many different music performances. I also took a lot of photos and everyone can see them on my Instagram profile @felecool. Hopefully, I will be back and visits to the tournament in Umag will become one of my better traditions, Šalihbašić concluded.



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