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ORDER OF PLAY

PARTY PROGRAMME

GRANDSTAND	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 4	SOCIAL ARENA
10:00 Admir Kalender (CRO) vs. Attila Balazs (HUN) Followed by Miljan Zekić (SRB) vs. Tommy Robredo (ESP)	10:00 Salvatore Caruso (ITA) vs. Nik Razboršek (SLO) Followed by Daniel ALTMAIER (GER) vs. Carlos Berlocq (ARG)	10:00 Filippo Baldi (ITA) vs. Peter Torebko (GER) Followed by Rudolf Molleker (GER) vs. Fabrizio Ornago (ITA)	10:00 Marco Trungelliti (ARG) vs. Aleksandr Žurbín (RUS) Followed by Javier Barranco Cosano (ESP) vs. Stefano Napolitano (ITA)	10:00-22:00 Kviki Gaming Corner 18:00-24:00 Golf Padding Green ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL & MUSIC 19:00 Febra band

Tickets are available on the official website www.croatiaopen.hr. **FREE ENTRY TO THE PARTY PROGRAM.**



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The organizer reserves the right to change the program and timetable.

All news in the program can be followed using the official website of the tournament www.croatiaopen.hr.



1	1. FOGNINI, FABIO	ITA	>	F. FOGNINI [1]	>		>			MAIN DRAW SINGLES
	2. BYE				>		>			
	3. TRAVAGLIA, STEFANO	ITA	>		>		>			
	4. FABBIANO, THOMAS	ITA	>		>		>			
	5. QUALIFIER				>		>			
WC	6. GALOVIĆ, VIKTOR	CRO	>		>		>			
	7. DANIEL, TARO	JPN	>		>		>			
6	8. KRAJINOVIĆ, FILIP	SRB	>		>		>			
	9. ĐERE, LASLO	SRB	>	L. ĐERE [3]	>		>			
	10. BYE				>		>			
	11. QUALIFIER				>		>			
	12. LORENZI, PAOLO	ITA	>		>		>			
PR	13. STEBE, CEDRIK-MARCEL	GER	>		>		>			
	14. VESELY, JIRI	CZE	>		>		>			
	15. ANDUJAR, PABLO	ESP	>		>		>			
8	16. MAYER, LEONARDO	ARG	>		>		>			
	17. CECCHINATO, MARCO	ITA	>		>		>			
	18. BEDENE, ALJAŽ	SLO	>		>		>			
	19. SOUSA, PEDRO	POR	>		>		>			
WC	20. SINNER, JANNIK	ITA	>		>		>			
	21. RUBLJOV, ANDREJ	RUS	>		>		>			
	22. HAASE, ROBIN	NED	>		>		>			
	23. BYE				>		>			
3	24. LAJOVIĆ, DUŠAN	SRB	>	D. LAJOVIĆ [4]	>		>			
	25. KLIŽAN, MARTIN	SVK	>		>		>			
	26. BAGNIS, FACUNDO	ARG	>		>		>			
	27. QUALIFIER				>		>			
WC	28. SERDARUŠIĆ, NINO	CRO	>		>		>			
	29. MOUTET, CORENTIN	FRA	>		>		>			
	30. QUALIFIER				>		>			
	31. BYE				>		>			
2	32. ČORIĆ, BORNA	CRO	>	B. ČORIĆ [2]	>		>			

1	1. CARUSO, SALVATORE	ITA	>		>			QUALIFYING SINGLES
Alt	2. RAZBORŠEK, NIK	SLO	>		>			
Alt	3. ZEKIĆ, MILJAN	SRB	>		>			
5	4. ROBREDO, TOMMY	ESP	>		>			
	5. MOLLEKER, RUDOLF	GER	>		>			
	6. ORNAGO, FABRIZIO	ITA	>		>			
WC	7. KALENDER, ADMIR	CRO	>		>			
8	8. BALAZS, ATTILA	HUN	>		>			
	9. BALDI, FILIPPO	ITA	>		>			
	10. TOREBKO, PETER	GER	>		>			
WC	11. ALTMAIER, DANIEL	GER	>		>			
7	12. BERLOCCQ, CARLOS	ARG	>		>			
	13. TRUNGELLITI, MARCO	ARG	>		>			
	14. ŽURBIN, ALEKSANDR	RUS	>		>			
	15. BARRANCO COSANO, JAVIER	ESP	>		>			
6	16. NAPOLITANO, STEFANO	ITA	>		>			





Lawrence Frankopan

The director's view

WE'VE BEEN LIVING FOR THIS MOMENT

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We were very pleased when we saw the list of registered players, some of whom are among the best in the world. Some of them have been playing the best tennis of their careers this season, constantly moving towards the top of the rankings, and we'll also have the chance to see some of the most talented young players around who may soon join the company of the currently best ranked players.

This will make the coming week very interesting, and our two exhibition spectacles – the first of which between the two Gorans already filled the stadium, reminding us of 1990 when it all started – will complement what is already a strong and exciting main tournament.

The draw has brought us a few interesting matches starting right from the first round. One of these is a duel between Marco Cecchinato, the cu-

rent tournament champion, and Aljaz Bedene, one of our most faithful friends. Aljaz has been after a big result in Umag for years, and Cecchinato's appetites are surely just as big as they were a year ago. Some brilliant tennis awaits us as well as a stadium full of Italian and Slovenian fans.

The second big match in the first round is between another former champ, Russian Andrey Rublev, and the always interesting Robin Haase. Last year, the two of them played one of the best matches of the tournament in the quarter-finals, but this year the draw has brought them together right at the start.

It won't be easy for the first stars of the tournament either. They will be free during the first round, but Fabio Fognini will be playing against a fellow Italian right at the beginning, either Travaglia or Fabbiano. Borna Coric, who has completely recovered from his injury, could be squaring off against brilliant young Frenchman Corentin Moutet.

With excellent qualifying matches featuring great players like young Germans Molleker and Altmaier, as well as the experienced Robredo and Berlocq, I'm sure that we'll be warming up for everything that awaits us in the best possible way. I wish all our players lots of luck, and I wish our visitors lots of good fun and great tennis.

Goran Ivanišević

The legend's view



I REGRET PLAYING IN UMAG ONLY ONCE

We're counting down the final hours before yet another edition of the Umag ATP tournament. The closer the matches get, the more we remember when it all started. Time has flown by – the tournament has been around for 30 years, which is quite a long time. However, the memories are still fresh, so we'd like to sum them up for you.

I remember a lot of details from the first edition of the tournament. To be completely honest, my plan was to play a tournament in Rome that was taking place that same week; in the early phase of my career, playing a tennis tournament as big as the Masters 1000 series on a clay court was a big deal. However, the ATP switched me and Prpic over to Umag, according to rules I didn't even know existed. They told us they had the right to switch us over to another tournament if it contributed to the development of tennis in that country.

We weren't exactly thrilled, as playing in Rome was supposed to be a big thing. But we came to Umag and we didn't regret it. Not just because of the results – who could complain about making the finals? Everything was great, we felt wonderful. You could tell everyone was making an effort, and you could tell they were learning, because it was the first time, and that's always especially hard. This kind of competition didn't exist before in Croatia, and I'm not just talking about tennis. What Umag did was completely new, and even then, we could see the direction the sport could go at a professional level.

There weren't many people on the stands, especially the first few days.

This showed how new it all was, how unknown. I loved that week, I didn't lose a set in the first few matches, and I had a tough match against Andrei Cherkasov in the semi-finals. I lost, and rightly so, to Prpic in the finals. Prpic played better and deserved to win, so I can say it was a lovely experience, even though no one wants to lose in the finals. I've forgotten some things from the finals, but someone reminds me of something every once and a while or I notice a detail. For example, yesterday I noticed being at a 4:3 break point in the third set and hitting a forehand volley into the third row of the stands.

But all in all, the tournament was a starting point for me. Everything started there, a lot of great things started happening that week. We went to the national cup in Dusseldorf and we won, even though we weren't even close to being favourites or potential winners. Then I took Boris Becker down in the first round of the Roland Garros and made it into the quarter-finals, then I made it to the semi-finals at Wimbledon. I don't know what would have happened if I'd played Rome instead of Umag, but that's how it went. Today, I only regret one thing: not playing in Umag more often, instead of just in 1990.

A REPLAY OF THE 1990 FINALS AT THE START OF THE 30TH EDITION OF THE UMAG ATP TOURNAMENT

STILL GREAT EVEN AFTER THIRTY YEARS!

If you weren't there, you can only regret it: Goran Ivanisevic and Goran Prpic once again presented themselves to audiences, thirty years after they squared off in the finals of the first edition of the ATP tournament in Umag! This time, they weren't playing for points or for prestige, but rather for the good cheer of the audience, which filled the stands of the main stadium at Stella Maris in huge numbers to enjoy the masterwork of these two tennis greats. Some points were at a truly high level, possibly even worthy of a performance at the main tournament, showing that players this talented never forget some things. Goran and Goran weren't bothered by comments on their age – they took them stoically before taking the court to remind the audience of their match in the finals in the first edition of the tournament in 1990, which Prpic won in three sets. To help everyone get even more into the mood, video from the match was projected, reminding the audience of the days when professional tennis first came to Umag thirty years ago. The audience enjoyed watching Prpic's

and Ivanisevic's moves, getting into the action at the invitation of the two hosts, creating a brilliant atmosphere with plenty of great tennis, fun and a relaxed mood, just as you would expect from this kind of match. Prpic took the victory this time around as well after one set (6:4), but the result was the least important part. It can be said that this appealing exhibition match was the ideal continuation of the Croatia Open's tradition, and this 30th birthday celebration probably couldn't have started with better players than these two. Goran and Goran made Saturday evening at Stella Maris unforgettable, together with the cheerleaders who also deserved a round of applause. However, this was just the first of two exhibition matches that will be played during the tournament this year. On Wednesday, at around 9:30, there will be another replay of a final match, but this time it will be the 2001 Wimbledon finals, when Goran Ivanisevic beat Australian Patrick Rafter. They will meet again at Stella Maris, giving audiences a new chance to greet these two tennis legends in the flesh!







PAIRS DRAWN FOR THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN

GREAT MATCHES RIGHT FROM THE FIRST ROUND

The draw for this year's Croatia Open brought luck to some, but not so much to others; there will be world-class matches right from the first round of the tournament that will bring together opponents with big ambitions. One of these, in the third quarter of the draw, is sure to be a battle between last year's semi-finalist Robin Haase from the Netherlands and Andrey Rublev from Russia, the 2017 tournament champion. The winner of this match will go on to the eighth-finals to play the fourth seed, Dusan Lajovic from Serbia.

Croatian tennis players will surely not be complaining about the results of the draw. As one of four top seeds, Borna Coric will be free at the start of the tournament, and he will be playing against the winner of

a match between Corentin Moutet and an as-of-yet unknown qualifier in the eighth-finals. Viktor Galovic and Nino Serdarusic, who were invited to play in the main tournament, will be playing in the first round against players who will be coming from the qualification round, which means they won't learn the names of their opponents until Monday. The first seed, Italian Fabio Fognini, will have bye at the start of the tournament, but his first opponent will be a fellow Italian: either Thomas Fabbiano or Stefano Travaglia. Marco Cecchinato, last year's champion, has been placed as the fifth seed for this year; he will be playing the first round against Slovenian Aljaz Bedene, which could also be a great match.

The main draw will start on Mon-



day, and eight matches of the first round of qualifications will be played on Sunday. The only Croatian player in action will be promising junior Admir Kalender, who was received the wild card; he will be playing against Hungarian Attila Balazs.

Another familiar name will be playing in the qualifications –

Spaniard Tommy Robredo, for whom Umag 2013 was the last of his twelve ATP singles titles. He is currently 168th on the singles rankings, which means his current ranking was not sufficient to allow him to enter the main tournament directly. He will begin his qualifications with a match against Miljan Zekic from Serbia.

UMAG PARTY NIGHTS AT THE DANCE ARENA

TONY CETINSKI GETS FANS ON THEIR FEET

Saturday night at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open was closed by Tony Cetinski with a concert that started just before midnight, warming up audiences in the cool Umag night. One of Croatia's favourite singers once again showed why he is deserving of this status, and both his old and new hits and those of some of his colleagues were well-received at the Dance Arena, thus ringing in this year's Umag Party Nights programme.

"We came from Pula because we're big fans of Tony's. We were afraid it might rain, but it was great in the end," said Marija, who has visited

Umag during the tournament before, but until now only for the tennis matches. **"I came for the first time with my friends two years ago, we wanted to see if it was really as good as our group said it was. This was a great Saturday night out, and we'll definitely be coming back for Borina's first match in the tournament."** As in previous seasons, the Umag Party Nights programme in the Dance Arena will be quite appealing. The Queen Tribute Band awaits you on Tuesday at around 11PM, W&W on Wednesday, Salvatore Ganacci on Thursday, Gianluca Vacchi on Friday, and Mike Candys on Saturday.



HEPI TOURNAMENT HITS THE SPOT AGAIN



Marin Lazaric and Matej Nemeč have won the Hepi Tournament, which HEP, the proud sponsor of

the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, has organised for the third year in a row as a part of the ATP tournament.

The prize was handed to the winners by legendary Croatian tennis player Goran Ivanisević. A trophy was also handed to second-place doubles team Damir Nežnanović and Jan Jereb by Goran Prpić, another Croatian tennis great and 1990 Umag finalist. The Hepi Tournament brings together customers of HEP Distribution System from Croatia and HEP Ener-

gy from Slovenia, and the number of participants grows every year. At this year's tournament, 32 competitors played in doubles teams on eight courts. Everyone enjoyed the great, relaxed atmosphere, and all players are sure to take home great memories from Umag.

"Our customers are more than satisfied for having attended the Hepi Tournament. We're especially glad that many of them have come back to Umag, and that new players join us every year. Although the Hepi Tournament is still relatively young,

we're proud to be a part of a big, important story for Croatia – the 30th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag," said Nada Podnar, marketing director of HEP Distribution.

The Hepi Tournament is one of seven different tournaments to be held as a part of this year's Croatia Open Umag by HEP, as well as the Umag Stars Open, which some of the most successful Croatian athletes, former professionals and sports figures will be attending.



LET'S CUT THE BIRTHDAY CAKE!

The Umag ATP Tournament will be celebrating its 30th birthday this year, and the first part of the celebration will already be taking place this Sunday, 14 July, starting

at 8PM on Trg Slobode square in Umag.

We'll cut the birthday cake, Goran Griff will sing the tournament hymn What a Wonderful World, and we'll

give away some tennis balls as a souvenir of this birthday edition of the longest-running Croatian ATP tournament.

The Free Dream Advanced dance

group from Umag will dance a few routines, and we're preparing a few more exciting surprises. So come join us in celebrating this big jubilee!



ADRENALINE-FILLED GAMING EXPERIENCE

All visitors to the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag will also have the opportunity to enjoy their favourite video games. From 13 to 15 July, Social Arena hosts a gaming corner and gaming tournament led by Good Game Global and sponsored by Podravka.

“We’re thrilled to present the world of electronic computer game competition at a platform that brings together the world’s best tennis players – the Umag ATP Tournament. Physical and electronic sports differ in many ways, but they share competitive spirit, competitors’ desire to win and reach the best possible results,” said Nikola Stolnik, CEO of Good Game Global.

VR fans will be able to try this technology out through the game Beat Saber, the most popular VR game in 2018 and 2019. Visitors can play Beat Saber using an HTC Vive VR headset, and winners of the competition will win one of these popular VR headsets signed by Goran Ivanišević.

Fans of one of today’s most popular battle royale games, Apex Legends, will be able to test their skills against other players on three Acer Predator computers. The player with the highest damage result at the end of each day will win



interesting awards with the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag signature. Anyone interested can sign up for the competition.

What is sure to thrill all visitors is the possibility to try a flight and gliding simulator for the first time in Croatia and experience the exciting feeling of flying using an HTC Vive VR system and supporting system. The system proved to be exceptionally interesting at the last Good Game Global competition, and it is sure to draw a great deal of attention at this year’s ATP Tournament in Umag as well.

On Sunday, 14 June, there will be another special tournament bearing the ATP name – the ATP Mario

Kart Championship, which will be played on Nintendo Switch consoles. This year’s tennis players will try out their skills at this popular game, which has sold more than

135 million copies since 1992. All fans will be able to watch their favourites via a live stream on the Good Game Global YouTube channel.

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Croats took two titles

Croatian tennis has been represented in Umag singles finals on three occasions. First, during the inaugural event in 1990, when Goran Prpic defeated Goran Ivanišević. It took two decades for the

next Croat to reach another final, when Marin Cilic lost to Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgoplov in 2011. In 2012, Cilic made a comeback and won the Croatia Open title.

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