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CERUNDOLO GIVES US A FANTASTIC FINISH AND BECOMES THE NEW PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN CHAMPION





Main Draw Singles

1	1	RUBLEV, Andrey		A. Rublev 1	
2		Bye			
3		UGO CARABELLI, Camilo	ARG	C. Ugo Carabelli	A. Rublev 1 64 75
4	WC	MIKRUT, Luka	CRO		
5		SHEVCHENKO, Alexander	KAZ	F. Marozsan	A. Rublev 1 57 63 62
6		MAROZSAN, Fabian	HUN		
7		MONTEIRO, Thiago	BRA	T. Monteiro	F. Marozsan 64 46 76 ⁸ 62 76 ⁷
8	7	MACHAC, Tomas	CZE		
9	4	CERUNDOLO, Francisco	ARG	F. Cerundolo 4	F. Cerundolo 4 76 ⁶ 64
10		Bye			
11	Q	COUACAUD, Enzo	FRA	M. Dodig	
12	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO		
13	WC	POLJICAK, Mili	CRO	L. Sonogo	F. Cerundolo 4 64 26 76 ²
14		SONEGO, Lorenzo	ITA		
15		MULLER, Alexandre	FRA	A. Muller	
16	8	ARNALDI, Matteo	ITA		
17	5	DARDERI, Luciano	ITA	L. Darderi 5	F. Cerundolo 4 26 64 76
18	SE	AJDUKOVIC, Duje	CRO		
19		MENSİK, Jakub	CZE	J. Mensik	
20		POPYRIN, Alexei	AUS		
21		VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	F. Fognini	J. Mensik 60 64
22		FOGNINI, Fabio	ITA		
23		Bye		C. Tseng	
24	LL	TSENG, Chun-Hsin	TPE		
25	6	NAVONE, Mariano	ARG	F. Cobolli	L. Musetti 2 64 61
26		COBOLLI, Flavio	ITA		
27	Q	MISOLIC, Filip	AUT	D. Lajovic	
28		LAJOVIC, Dusan	SRB		
29	Q	TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	M. Trungelliti	L. Musetti 2 57 63 60
30	Q	ANDREOZZI, Guido	ARG		
31		Bye			
32	2	MUSETTI, Lorenzo	ITA		

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€ 6,215	0 pt	€ 10,165	25 pt	€ 17,510	50 pt	€ 30,220	100 pt	€ 51,400	165 pt	€ 88,125	250 pt

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Seeded Players

Seeded Players		
	Player	Rank
1	Rublev, Andrey	8
2	Musetti, Lorenzo	16
3	Rune, Holger	17
4	Cerundolo, Francisco	33
5	Darder, Luciano	35
6	Navone, Mariano	36
7	Machac, Tomas	38
8	Arnaldi, Matteo	39

Alternates/Lucky Losers

C. Tseng (LL)

Withdrawals

H. Rune (Left Wrist)

Retirements/W.O.



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Main Draw Doubles

1	1	BHAMBRI, Yuki OLIVETTI, Albano	IND FRA	Y. Bhambri 1 A. Olivetti				
2		KOVALIK, Jozef UGO CARABELLI, Camilo	SVK ARG	63 62	M. Guinard G. Jacq			
3		GUINARD, Manuel JACQ, Gregoire	FRA FRA	M. Guinard G. Jacq	64 16 10-6			
4		BORTOLOTTI, Marco ROMIOS, Matthew Christopher	ITA AUS	76 ⁹ 63		M. Guinard G. Jacq		
5	3	BARRIENTOS, Nicolas CABRAL, Francisco	COL POR	N. Barrientos 3 F. Cabral		75 62		
6		JEBAVY, Roman MACHAC, Tomas	CZE CZE	63 36 12-10	F. Romboli M. Zormann			
7		MARTINEZ, Luis David RODRIGUEZ, Cristian	VEN COL	F. Romboli M. Zormann	63 64			
8		ROMBOLI, Fernando ZORMANN, Marcelo	BRA BRA	63 36 10-4				G. Andreozzi 4 M. Reyes-Varela
9	WC	KAJIN, Karlo ZMAK, Deni	CRO CRO	J. Eysseric O. Luz				64 62
10		EYSSERIC, Jonathan LUZ, Orlando	FRA BRA	64 64	G. Andreozzi 4 M. Reyes-Varela			
11		CHANDRASEKAR, Anirudh KADHE, Arjun	IND IND	G. Andreozzi 4 M. Reyes-Varela	26 76 ⁷ 12-10			
12	4	ANDREOZZI, Guido REYES-VARELA, Miguel	ARG MEX	62 62		G. Andreozzi 4 M. Reyes-Varela		
13	WC	ROLA, Blaz SERDARUSIC, Nino	SLO CRO	S. Arends D. Molchanov		64 63		
14		AREND, Sander MOLCHANOV, Denys	NED UKR	62 64	S. Arends D. Molchanov			
15		SCHNAITTER, Jakob WALLNER, Mark	GER GER	J. Schnaitter M. Wallner	64 75			
16	2	ARRIBAGE, Theo DOUMBIA, Sadio	FRA FRA	64 63				

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
€ 3,160 0 pt	€ 5,370 45 pt	€ 9,600 90 pt	€ 16,380 150 pt	€ 30,610 250 pt

Last direct acceptance	Seeded Teams	Alternates/Lucky Losers	Withdrawals	Retirements/W.O.
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FRANCISCO CERUNDOLO WINS THE TITLE IN UMAC AFTER 3 HOURS OF AMAZING TENNIS

Francisco Cerundolo is the newest Umag champion! The 25-year-old Argentinian player won the 34th Plava Laguna Croatia Open's final match on Saturday when he defeated Italy's Lorenzo Musetti (2:6, 6:4, 7:6 (5)), securing the third title in his career. He also became the third Argentinian player to win the title at Stella Maris, with Guillermo Cañas and Guillermo Coria winning the tournament in 2004 and 2005, respectively. This is his first title in Croatia, after winning at the ATP Challenger in Split in 2020.

„It was a great duel, with many ups and downs, an absolutely thrilling match. I wasn't aggressive enough at the start, but I managed to snatch the victory“, said Cerundolo, whose Umag title moved him from the 37th to the 26th place of the singles ATP rankings, not that far away from the best spot of his career (19th). When talking about the award ceremony, he added: „I didn't know we'd have fireworks, it was an amazing show. I loved it!“

At the start of the match, it didn't seem that it would be so tied, since Musetti won the first set having lost only two games. The Argentinian opened the second set with 3:0, then lost his serve, but won a break in the tenth game, and brought everything back into balance. Both players were brilliant in the third set, the audience enjoyed some amazing tennis, and it seemed that Musetti took a decisive step towards victory when he won a break to take the lead at 5:4. However, Cerundolo fought back when the Italian player was serving for the match, and in the

tie break the Argentinian took back the advantage and he was in the lead 3:1. Cerundolo turned it over yet again, winning six points in a row, and then it didn't take him long to conclude the match.

The day before, in the semi-finals, Cerundolo defeated the top-seeded player, Russian Andrey Rublev, so on his road to winning this tournament title he had to defeat two top-seeded players. This is the third time this happened in Umag, after Félix Mantilla in 1997 and Pablo Cuevas in 2014.

“I made a mistake and didn't stay on the same level I played on in the first set. There were some chances in the third, but tie breaks are like Russian roulette, it can go both ways. If nothing else, I can say I lost to a friend,” said Musetti.

There's not much time for the players to celebrate their amazing achievements in Umag, as the first matches of the Olympic Games tournament in Paris are set to start on Sunday afternoon. Musetti faces off with France's Gael Monfilis, while Cerundolo will be challenged by Chilean player Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera.

“I'll grab 3 or 4 hours of sleep, and then I leave for my flight in Pula. It won't be easy, but I'm not missing the opportunity to represent my country at the Olympics,” said Cerundolo.

SUNG-BONG HAN WINS THE 5TH ITF WHEELCHAIR CROATIA OPEN UMAG BY HEP

After the longest final match in the history of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP, which lasted 3 hours and 10 minutes, the title went to South Korea's Sung-Bong Han, the 54th best player in the world, and third-seeded player at this tournament.

The final match took place at the Studenac Arena court at Stella Maris (prize fund of USD 3,000), where Han defeated his fellow South Korean Sang-Ho Oh 6:7, 6:2, 7:6. The finalist received his trophy from Vladimir Jovanoski, CEO of the Croatian Tennis Association, while Tomislav Poljak, tournament director, awarded the trophy to the winner.

The South Korean players also dominated in the doubles tournament, where Sung Bong-Han and Sang-Ho Oh defeated Martin Legner and Jozef Riegler with 6:0, 6:1, and the final match was attended by Goran Ivanišević, who congratulated them on their excellent performance and awarded them their trophy.

"Our fifth tournament was a definite success. I am happy with the participants who joined us, and the final match was very exciting, as it lasted over 3 hours. I'm certain we'll be back next year, and I'd like to once again thank Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag for another excellent year of cooperation, as well as our sponsor HEP, for their long-standing support," said Anto Joskić, tournament organiser and Croatia's most successful wheelchair tennis player.



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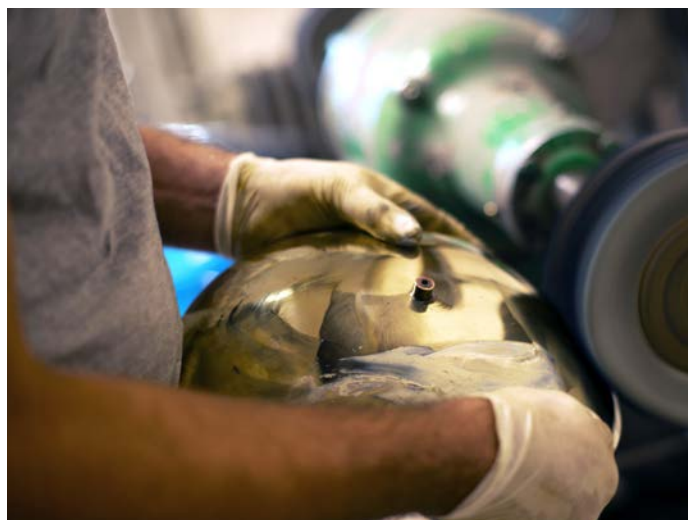
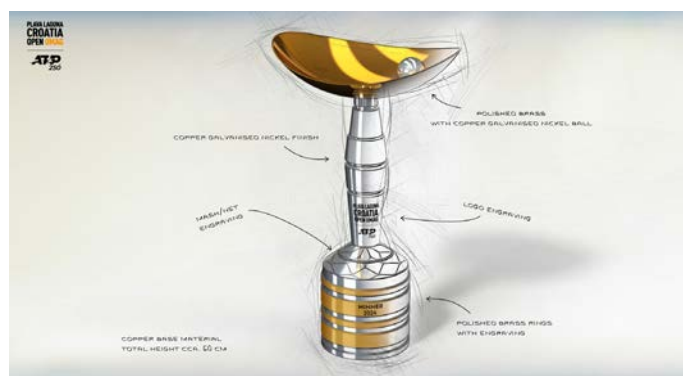


THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG WINNER TROPHY



Custom-made in Croatia, this trophy masterpiece showcases the finest art of design. The trophy was crafted from brass and bronze, and it combines high-tech processes and traditional techniques, such as metal turning.

Its shine is owed to a fine finishing and hours of polishing, achieving a notable contrast between the original golden brass and galvanized silver. This special design is a symbol of excellence and innovation, embodying the spirit of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.



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PLAVA LAGUNA AND PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO ALL PARTNERS, SPONSORS, LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TOURNAMENT TEAM

As we look back on another successful Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, we recall ten days of amazing matches and a thrilling final match, as well as an excellent accompanying programme, all once again highlighting Umag on the global map of sports and tourism.

The tennis tournament in Umag, which was held for the 34th time this year, is extremely meaningful for the tourism in Umag, Istria and Croatia, as evidenced by the numerous visitors during the tournament week, who enjoyed all that was offered.

From excellent tennis matches, a fantastic music programme with performances by local and regional stars, as well as world renowned DJs, to the exquisite wine selection and gourmet offer, the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag had something for everyone, as always.

As the main sponsor and tournament organiser, Plava Laguna would like to especially thank the local community and citizens who were once again full of understanding and support throughout the tournament, as well as all of the sponsors and friends of the tournament who contribute to its growth and success year after year. Our efforts, hard work, and cooperation all contributed to the success of the tournament, which brought Umag, Istria and Croatia to viewers around the world thanks to 40 broadcasters, including Sky, Eurosport, Tennis Channel, and many others.

Plava Laguna also thanks the entire team who participated in the organisation – none of this would have been possi-

ble without them. Alongside the main team members, who are involved in the organisation throughout the year, there are another about 500 people who participate in the organisation of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag every year, spread out over 10 organisational units and about 20 tournament services, and they are mostly from the local community.

The drivers, officials, the welcome office, the ticket office, hostesses, line judges, ball retrievers... They all put in an amazing amount of effort and love for this sport, contributing to the highest level of quality in all segments of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, thus making sure that the tournament retains the highest possible standards. This is why we would like to express our utmost gratitude to all of you, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the next, our 35th tournament in July 2025!

See you on our courts for some relaxation!





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UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS: VIDA LOCA AND INNA CLOSE OUT THE TENNIS WEEK WITH A TRUE SPECTACLE

Following the thrilling tennis final and the spectacular fireworks display, Umag Music Nights brought out Vida Loca, frequent guests of the best clubs in Italy, Formentera, and Malta, to warm up the visitors.

The heated atmosphere reached new heights when Inna took the stage and performed her biggest hits, such as Hot, Sun Is Up, and Amazing, with the audience singing and dancing into the night.



PHOTO NEWS: JOSIPA LISAC ENJOYING UMAG MATCHES FROM THE VIP STANDS

Josipa Lisac has been staying in Umag for the past few days and visiting the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag matches.

The famous singer is a regular visitor to the Umag tournament. This time, she sat in the VIP stands and enjoyed the matches between the Argentinian Camilo Ugo Carabelli and our young player Luka Mikrut, as well as the one between Argentinian Marco Trungelliti and Italy's Lorenzo Musetti.

She also made sure to visit the Taste Istria zone to enjoy the amazing Istrian flavours and aromas.



TASTE OF SUMMER IN CROATIA





AGED TERAN CROWNED THE BEST WINE AT THE 2024 PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG

This year, the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag drew numerous visitors to the Taste Istria zone, where Istrian wines were presented via the 11th iteration of the unique wine tasting event called Hidden Charm of Istrian Wine. The tastings took place over five days, hosted by renowned sommelier Lucija Matijević from the Croatian Sommelier Club. Visitors could taste the wine and find out everything about how the Istrian winegrowers perfect themselves year after year, inspired by dedicated work.

The oenological journey at this year's Umag tournament started with fresh Malvasia wines, and continued with aged Terans, traditionally-made sparkling wines, Sauvignon Blancs, and aged Malvasia. The wine story concluded with the announcement of the winners in the five individual categories, as well as the winning ATP wine at the Grand Finale at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag.

In the fresh Malvasia category, the title went to the Coronica winery, while the Rossi winery took the prize for their aged Malvasia. The winning sparkling wine came from the Roxanich winery, and the Sauvignon Blanc and the aged Teran from the Zigante winery. The overall champion was the aged Teran from the Zigante winery, which was awarded 9 points. The winner received their trophy from Monika Udovičić, President of the Office for the Tourist Board System, Categorisation and Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Tourism, and Vili Bassanese, Mayor of Umag.

"The Hidden Charm of Istrian Wine once again delighted the visitors, and highlighted the diversity and abundance of the Istrian wine scene. The event was divided into five categories, with winning wines from each category moving on to the Grand Final. The final was very exciting, showing exactly what the audience likes most. In the end, the winning wine was the same as last year, an aged Teran with the most audience votes," said Emil Perdec, regional commissioner of the Croatian Sommelier Club in Istria and the sommelier for Plava Laguna.

Visitors of the Taste Istria zone had the opportunity to enjoy the wide selection of wines from renowned Istrian wineries, known for their countless international awards, who contribute to strengthening the image of Istria as a prestigious wine region. The tasting zone offered Malvasia and Teran wines from excellent wineries such as Fiore, Benčić, Cattunar, Brič, Coronica, CUJ, Fraković, Prelac, Tomaz, Ravalico, Vina Zigante, Geržinić, Deklić, Degrassi, Roxanich, Agrolaguna and Rossi, and this amazing offer was accompanied by Aura's gin and rakia.



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TOMISLAV POLJAK, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

WE ARE EXTREMELY SATISFIED,
EVERYTHING WENT WELL

We have had another very successful year. We are all very pleased with what we saw over the past eight days at Stella Maris. The tennis was at an all-time high, and the final match one of the longest in the history of the tournament. The winner simply played better in the final. It seemed as though Musetti was in control, and when he came back after being a break behind, I thought it was the decisive moment of the match, bringing him the victory. But Cerundolo was braver, and it paid off.

I congratulate him sincerely, and I applaud everyone who fought to the last point this week, even though they are going to need all of their strength to play at the Olympics in a few days. Of course, I'd like to thank everyone who made this 34th tournament possible and everyone who participated in its organisation in any way. They have outdone themselves and helped ensure an amazing atmosphere and sold-out stands.

We've further improved the conditions for our players, with the aim of making sure they have a great time at the tournament, regardless of their results. They want to come back, and that says

something. Francisco Cerundolo is the fifth player from Argentina to hold the Umag title, and I'm certain we'll see him here again. This was his first time in Umag, although it wasn't supposed to be, as we had been close to reaching an agreement once before. He had to cancel once as he had won several tournaments in a row, and last year it was close but didn't work out. However, I think this is the start of a long cooperation.

I am even more excited for the relationship we made this year with Lorenzo Musetti, who deserves so much respect. The points he won in Umag won't make much of a difference for him when it comes to the ranking, but he still played amazingly throughout the week, and in the final match.

The entire week was extremely positive, and this atmosphere could be felt during the matches and all over the tennis complex. This is no accident, as lots of effort, love and enthusiasm went into the project in all of its stages. Of course this setting led to amazing results, and I'm truly proud of what we have achieved.

COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

I'VE ENJOYED THIS TOURNAMENT, IT
WAS EXCELLENT

It might not have been evident from the start of the final match, but it ended up being very interesting and thrilling. We didn't even get to see Cerundolo in the first set, Musetti won so convincingly. Maybe not because he played especially well, but because the Argentinian did nothing to stop him. This is where Musetti went wrong. He should have pressed him at the start of the second set and kept playing like that, it probably would have ended pretty quickly. He put on the brakes, and Cerundolo took his chance. The third set was the best and the most interesting. The Italian player could have given more, but he made a double serve error at the 3:1 tie break, and helped out his opponent once again.

All in all, I have enjoyed the entire tournament. We watched some excellent tennis, and Croatian players showed us we could count on them. There were many good matches, something for everyone, and it was one of the more successful tournaments, without a doubt. The audience proved this, there were many spectators and the atmosphere was excellent. If I had one complaint, and it's difficult to even think of one, I'd say that maybe the courts should be better at this level of tournament. I have no doubt we'll get

there, though. All in all, an outstanding tournament.

Will it be possible to make it even better next year? I think so, and I'm certain that tournament director Tomislav Poljak will come up with something once again. We are always somewhat worried over the tournament – will it turn out well, the Olympics are here, there's some other issue, this or that, and in the end it turns out fantastically! I'm certain we'll get to see another amazing tournament next year.

I'm happy that we got to see four Croatian players in the main tournament this year, so I'm sure we'll bring back this Croatia note to the tournament. I actually hope we get to see more Croatian players, and that someone will qualify for the main rounds of the tournament. The four we've had the chance to see are young guys, from 19-year-old Dodig to 23-year-old Ajduković, and all of them have lots of time to improve, so I'm certain new victories are on the horizon.

Every year there's something better and something new, so I'd like to congratulate Plava Laguna as the organiser and Tomislav on a very successful tournament.

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