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CENTRE COURT	NEXT GEN ARENA	12.00 – 02.00 Naša kužina by LF Restoran 18.00 – 04.00 Taste Istria 18.00 – 02.00 Istria gourmet restoran by Zigante tartufi 21.00 Wine tastings – Fresh Teran 22.00 Liquor tastings by Badel – Japanese Whisky
17.30 Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs Nicolas Kicker (ARG) <i>Ne prije / Not before 20.00</i> Gaël Monfils (FRA) vs Rogerio Dutra Silva (BRA) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> M. Draganja/T. Draganja (CRO) vs I. Dodig/F. Škugor (CRO)	17.00 G. Duran/A. Molteni (ARG) vs Polmans (AUS)/Simon (FRA) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Andrej Martin (SVK) vs Andrey Rublev (RUS) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> Kenny de Schepper (FRA) vs Alessandro Gianessi (ITA) <i>Slijedi / Followed by</i> R. Dutra Silva (BRA)/P. Lorenzi (ITA) vs A. Bedene/D. Inglot (GB)	ZABAVNI PROGRAM 00.00 Fashion Live @Dance Arena 01.00 Party nights – DJ Throttle

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Lawrence Frankopan

Pogled direktora

IVAN DODIG NOSI HRVATSKE NADE U UMAGU

Moramo početi s osvrtom dana mečom Davida Goffina i Attila Balazsa koji je bio iznimno dobar. Možda se to nije očekivalo s obzirom na trenutačni status obojice u svijetu tenisa i razliku u renkingu, pa je zapravo iznenađenje što je meč otišao u tri seta.

Makar, predvidio sam da bi Balazs mogao biti opasan i raditi probleme, jer prošao je kvalifikacije, pa prvo kolo, imao je iza sebe već tri dobivena meča, naraslo mu je samopouzdanje, dok je Goffinu to bio prvi meč nakon nešto duže stanke.

Opravdao je na koncu Belgijanac status favorita, međutim nije mu bilo lako, ali je zato vjerujem publika uživala u neizvjesnom meču. No, prvi nositelj je i dalje u turniru, to je ono što smo željeli, pogotovo nakon što su ispali Gilles Simon i Benoit Paire. Ako se s Balazsom namučio, što tek onda čeka Goffina protiv Ivana Dodiga u sljedećem kolu? To će vjerujem biti spektakularan meč sutra. Dodigova pobjeda velika je stvar za njega jer pokazao je da može igrati i dalje na visokoj razini. Pozitivna je stvar imati Hrvata još uvijek u turniru, to nam je naravno prioritet tako da Dodig i dalje nosi sve naše nade. Ovo mu je prvo četvrtfinale nakon 14 mjeseci, što je dugo vremena, ali moramo uzeti u obzir da u međuvremenu i nije igrao puno pojedinačne mečeve, odnosno da ima kroničnih problema s leđima.

Tim više je ovo veliki uspjeh. A sada će sigurno imati dodatni motiv jer igra protiv prvog nositelja pa će se "napaliti" na meč.

Meč Aljaža Bedenea i Paola Lorenzija bio je zanimljiv jer se dvoboj prenio i s terena na tribine. Svaki je imao svoje navijače, što nam je lijepo za vidjeti, no u tenisu uvijek jedan mora pobijediti. Ovog je puta to bio Lorenzi...

Jiri Vesely izgledao je jako uvjerljivo, a jako je simpatična bila i njegova proslava sa psom na terenu. Nadam se da će i sljedeći puta moći napraviti nešto takvo.

Egzibicija je bila očekivano dobra i zabavna, šteta zbog izostanka Monfilsa, ali kako se Goffinov meč odužio, nije mogao tako kasno čekati jer danas igra svoj prvi meč. No, mala Kaja bila je dobra zamjena.

Danas u obranu naslova kreće Fabio Fognini, on će nam početi dan, a iza njega će na teren i Gaël Monfils. Čeka ga Dutra Silva koji je iznimno opasan, to se mora jasno naglasiti. Možda ga ljudi ne znaju, ali je jako, jako dobar i Gaël će morati igrati jako dobro da bi ga dobio.

Goran Ivanišević



Pogled legende

FALIO MI JE MONFILS, A ODUŠEVIO ME DODIG

Za mene je pobjeda Ivana Dodiga bio apsolutni najveći događaj u srijedu. Dodo igra sve bolje i bolje, pričao sam s njim, opušten je, nema pressinga nika-kvog, a kada je tako onda mu od ruke ide i ulazi ono što možda inače i ne bi

No, drago mi je zbog njega jer dugo nije spojio dvije pobjede u singlu na Touru, a još mi je draže što je to sada opet uspio na našem turniru. Lijepo je gledati ga jer igra dopadljiv tenis, igra napadački, juri na mrežu, dobro se kreće i sasvim je zaslužno stigao do četvrtfinala. Spasio je i meč-loptu, makar mu je i Cecchinato pružio ruku s onim nevjerojatnim promašajem pri kraju tie-breaka. Kad tako nešto fališ uopće nije čudno da poslije toga ne odigraš više ništa. Ali nećemo se žaliti previše jer najvažnije nam je da imamo Hrvata „živog“ u turniru. Na neki način je i spasio turnir s ovime jer izgubili smo Bornu i dobro je što domaći navijači svejedno imaju još uvijek za koga navijati.

Sada Dodigu slijedi okršaj s Goffinom. Tko je favorit? Teško je ne reći Belgijanac jer ipak je čovjek u Top 15 na svijetu, a Ivan je 412. Istina, Goffin nije odigrao nešto za past u nesvijest u svom prvom

meču protiv Attila Balazsa, zato je i prošao teže nego očekivano. No, David se vraća nakon ozljede, nije igrao od Roland Garrosa, propustio je i Wimbledon pa još uvijek traži formu. Neodstaje mu mečeva, no kada realno pogledamo i dalje se mora reći da ima veće šanse za polufinale. Međutim, Dodig je poznat kao borac, pa uz neku ludu fajt i uz publiku, zašto ne napraviti i još jedan korak dalje.

Dan je završila ekshibicija, bilo je veselo, opušteno, zafrkancija. Uostalom, više ni ne možemo igrati za ozbiljno jer godine to ne dozvoljavaju. Jedino što se mora jest biti barem donekle tjelesno spreman pa ako nešto pokušamo izvesti a ne možemo da ne ispadnemo blesavi. Falio nam je Monfils, da još to malo podigne, ali morali smo biti fleksibilni zbog njegovog meča danas. Kaja se malo prepala, bila je impresionirana, ali Redfoo mi je bio zakon, napalio se čovjek na meč.

EGZIBICIJA Kvartet wimbledonskih pobjednika zajedno s glazbenom zvijezdom priredio noć za sjećanje

IVANIŠEVIĆ, CASH I KRAJICE REDFOOA I KAJE ODUŠEVILI



Trojac tenisača koji je, svaki na svoji poseban način, kreirao povijest najvećeg svjetskog turnira, kreirao je i spektakularnu večer na stadionu umaškog ATP turnira. Wimbledonski pobjednici iz tri različita desetljeća - Pat Cash iz 1980-ih, Richard Krajicek iz 1990-ih te Goran Ivanišević iz 2000-ih, uveličali su sinoćnji hommage Wimbledonu te u egzibiciji priredili zabavu za dugo pamćenje.

Bio je tu i Redfoo, glazbena zvijezda, inače veliki teniski fan, a trebao se priključiti i Gaël Monfils, no Francuz je džentlmenki mjesto prepustio Kaji Juvan. Tako su na terenu doista bili svi wimbledonski pobjednici, budući da je mlada Slovenka prije samo nekoliko dana osvojila juniorske parove u All England Clubu.

Suvišno je reći kako su svjetski slavna imena bila magnet za publiku, koja je uživala u majstorijama i teniskim minijaturama legendi. Ali istovremeno i njihovim luckastima potezima i idejama, u čemu je prednjačio, naravno, Goran Ivanišević.

Sjajna pratnja su mu bili ostali sudionici egzibicije koji su u jednako opuštenom i šaljivom ritmu izvodili raznorazne ludorije te doprinijeli večeri punoj smijeha i dobrog raspoloženja.

"Tjednima sam trenirao kako bih se pripremio za ovu ekshibiciju, trenirao sam i svaki dan za vrijeme Wimbledonu kako bih ostao u formi, jer igrati

protiv meni dva najdraža servera u povijesti... E, to nije lako, dobacio je Cash kojem su danas 52 godine, ali i dalje forsira rokerski izgled, s raščupanom frizuricom i naušnicom u lijevom uhu.

No, i dalje je u zavidnoj tjelesnoj spremi, nije oronuo, iako je od njegova trijumfa u Wimbledonu prošlo točno 30 godina.

"Sretan sam što sam još živ", rekao je Pat, jedan od onih tipičnih Australaca koje je jednostavno zavoljeti, vrlo društven i vrlo pričljiv.

Krajicekov najblistaviji trenutak karijere zbio se 1996. godine, a njegov trijumf u All England Clubu i danas je jedno od najvećih senzacija u povijesti Wimbledonu.

"Osjetio sam veliko olakšanje nakon pobjede, jer sam time ostvario sve svoje snove. Tenis mi je dao sve u životu, pa čak i u trenucima dok sam bio ozlijeđen i nisam igrao. Jer u tom sam razdoblju upoznao svoju današnju suprugu s kojom sam danas, eto, 23 godine."

Neki malo sretniji gledatelji za uspomenu su uhvatili majice koje su Goran i ekipa lansirali u publiku i rukom i pračkom i topom. I sami sudionici dobili su darove od Ronalda Korotaja, direktora Istraturista i predsjednika Organizacijskog odbora turnira, te Lawrencea Frankopana, direktora umaškog turnira.



K UZ POMOĆ UMAG



TENISKI MEČ KAO ŽIVOT U MALOM

Prije egzibicije Ivanišević, Cash i Krajiček posjetili su Poreč i prisjetili se, između ostalih, i svojih igračkih dana. "Tenis mi je dao puno životnih lekcija, jedan meč je kao jedan mini-život. Ne ide uvijek sve najbolje, ali boriš se i pokušavaš se izvući iz problema i doći do cilja", lijepo je to uspedio Pat Cash.



GORAN MI JE BIO SKUPLJAČ LOPTICA U SPLITU

Brbljavi Pat Cash otkrio je i jednu zgodnu anegdotu za koju je i sam saznao po dolasku u Umag.

"Bio sam u Hrvatskoj prvi put 1985. godine, kada sam igrao Davis Cup u Splitu, a jedan od skupljača loptica tada je bio - Goran Ivanišević. Nisam to, naravno, znao tada, ali mi je Goran sada to ispričao i rekao da je bio ponosan zbog toga."

REDFOO SKLEKOVIMA PLATIO NOGOMETNI PORAZ OD MONFILSA

Niti reketom ni za DJ pultom već s PlayStationom. Tako su se Gaël Monfils i Redfoo odlučili obračunati. U Social Areni dogovorili su nogometnu utakmicu, a da stvar bude zanimljivija ubacili su u računicu i okladu: tko izgubi, radi sklekove. Redfoo je kao svog suigrača uzeo Arasha Ebadija, inače Monfilsovog prijatelja, dok je Monfils za jokera

pozvao direktora umaškog turnira Lawrencea Frankopana.

Nakon što su ukrstili upravljačke palice i napetog „gamerskog“ dvoboja, Monfils i Frankopan pokazali su se kao uspješnija kombinacija. Redfoo i njegov partner morali su priznati poraz, pa su morali malo razgibati mišiće, dok se pobjednički dvojac iz udobne fotelje naslađivao...





VINSKE DEGUSTACIJE

Kuša i piše: Antonija Mandić



ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL NA VINSKIM DEGUSTACIJAMA SLAVILA VINARIJA MATOŠEVIĆ

Treće vino koje će se uz svježju malvaziju vinarije Franković i odležanu malvaziju Istra vina u finalnom izboru boriti za naslov najboljeg ATP vina 2017. godine je crna Grimalda vinarije Matošević, berba 2015. Na trećim ovogodišnjim vinskim degustacijama svoj cuvee predstavili su vinarije Benvenuti, Degrassi i Matošević, i to berbe 2011. i 2015. Ne znajući koje vino kušaju, gosti degustacije složili su se da im je najbolje prijala crna Grimalda te ju nagradili najvećim brojem bodova i tako ju izravno plasirali u finale koje će se

održati u nedjelju, posljednjeg dana turnira. I ovog puta na degustacijama 'Skrivene čari istarskih vina' sudjelovao je sommelier Emil Perdec koji je posjetiteljke poblize upoznao s kupazama otkrivši im kakav okus i miris trebaju imati, s kojom hranom ih poslužiti i još mnoge zanimljivosti svoga zanata koje i laici mogu primijeniti kako bi mogli uživati u svim čarima koje vino nudi. Današnje vinske degustacije u Gourmet zoni, kao i uvijek počinju u 21 sat, a kušat će se najbolji svježeri terani vinarija Zigante, Geržinić i Kozlović.



PREPORUKA DANA:

VJEŽBAJTE S OSOBNIM TRENEROM U TERETANI NA OTVORENOM

U Fit laguni, teretani na otvorenom, postavljenoj tik uz Social Arenu, svaki dan od 12 do 22 sata možete vježbati s osobnim trenerom Marinom Bašićem. Fit laguna, u organizaciji Kickboxing kluba Buje i Basic Gym

One iz Zagreba, prezentira 'Basic trening for life' sustav vježbanja čiji je Bašić začetnik. Uz njegove savjete i nadzor, svakog dana do završetka turnira mogu vježbati profesionalni sportaši, ali i amateri. '



REDFOO UMAŽANE RASPLESAO DO DUGO U NOĆ

Svjetski poznati hitovi američkog DJ-a, repera, producenta, ali i tenisača, odjekivali su sinoć iz Dance Arene gdje je nekadašnji član dua LMFAO napravio pravi spektakl. Cijeli koncert sastojao se isključivo od plesnih pjesama, pa je nepregledna masa

ljudi u Dance Areni i oko nje, satima bez prestanka plesala. Redfoo je u Umag stigao već u utork navečer te je većinu vremena proveo družeći se s tenisačima u ATP zoni. S njim je došla i djevojka, a naknadno je u Umag stiglo i 10 njegovih prijatelja



koji ga prate na svim koncertima. Rođeni zabavljač, svojim otkaćenim stilom i hitovima poput 'Every day I'm shuffelin', 'I'm sexy and I know it', 'Party Rock Anthem', osvojio je svjetske top liste, a sinoć i Umažane koji su noć proveli nasmijani i rasplešani. Danas nas u Dance Areni čeka nešto drugačiji program. Točno u ponoć počinje Fashion Live, multimedijalni modno-plesni spektakl autorice Ivone Brnelić, s Matijom Vuicom i modnim dvojcem ELFS u glavnim ulogama.



Spašena meč-lopta za veliku pobjedu hrvatskog tenisača u 2. kolu

DODIG PREOKRETOM DO ČETVRTFINALA

Ivan Dodig pobrinuo se da na Plava Laguna Croatia Openu u Umagu ne tuguju previše zbog odustajanja Borne Ćorića. Hrvatski tenisač probio se u četvrtfinale nakon dramatične pobjede nad Marcom Cecchinatom (ATP 105) pri čemu je spasio meč-loptu u tie-breaku drugog seta za 3:6, 7:6(6), 6:2.

Dodig je hrabro izlazio mrežu i kad je god imao priliku, pa čak i na svom drugom servisu. Ta je hrabrost nagrađena, a posebno na Ivanovu set-loptu kada je Talijan promašio nemoguće: volej koji je samo trebao prebaciti preko mreže jer je Dodig bio "kilo-

metrima" daleko, položio je u aut. Poslije tog promašenog zicera na zicerima, Cecchinato se raspao. Dodig je dobio injekciju samopouzdanja i poslije toga projurio trećim setom, dok je Talijan bacao reket i u napadu bijesa opalio jednu lopticu preko tribina.

"Drago mi je što sam u četvrtfinalu. I zbog direktora Frankopana, jer mi je dao pozivnicu, zbog ovih ljudi koji su zdušno navijali za mene i stvorili lijepu atmosferu. Lakše je igrati kad nema pritiska i kad se onaj drugi osjeća favoritom. On je pobijedio Simona, vjerojatno je mislio da će i mene dobiti s obzirom da ne igram previše pojedinačno. Ja sam



daleko na rang-listi, ali u sportu to malo znači", rekao je jedini preostali Hrvat u pojedinačnom ždrijebu. Ovo je Dodigu prvi plasman u četvrtfinale Umaga u petom pokušaju, a ujedno i prvo četvrtfinale na ATP Touru od Münchena prošle godine. Premijeru u Umagu odradio je i prvi nositelj David Goffin. Doduše, njegov prvi meč potrajao je možda malo duže nego očekivano, jer Attila Balazs pružio je žestok otpor, no Belgijanac je ipak potvrdio status favorita.

OSCAROV KUTAK



U iščekivanju egzibicijskog meča, velikog spektakla jučerašnjeg dana, ljubitelji tenisa uživali su u atraktivnom duelu koji im je priuštio Ivan Dodig. Odličnom igrom Dodig je porazio Talijana Marca Cecchinata rezultatom 3:6, 7:6, 6:2. U nape- tom i neizvjesnom meču, Dodig se snašao u drugom setu i pokazao svoju najbolju igru. Za njega uistinu vrijedi pravilo "što stariji to bolji"! Dan ranije u konkurenciji parova Tomislav Draganja i Marin Draganja iznenadili su pobjedom nad braniteljim naslova Fabiom Fogninijem i mladim Alessandrom Giannessijem. Vjerujem da će jedini Hrvat u singlu ove godine nastaviti put do finala i tome se iznimno radujem.

piše: Oscar Visintin

FOGNINI U RESTORANU ZIGANTE PREUZE ULOGU GLAVNOG CHEFA

Glavni chef restorana Zigante velikodušno je sinoć svoje mjesto za štednjakom prepustio talijanskom tenisaču Fabiu Fogniniju. Iako je treći nositelj turnira jutro odlučio iskoristiti za odmor, pa se s prijateljima otisnuo na pučinu pecati ribu, za večeru ipak nije pripremao ništa od morskih plodova. Zbog loše sreće u ribolovu ili možda nečega drugoga, u Ziganteu se ipak odlučio za nešto jednostavnije. Pod budnim okom chefa Damira Modrušana, skuhao je tjesteninu s bijelim umakom i tartufima. Iako se bolje snalazi s reketom u ruci, ni kuhača, čini se, Fogniniju nije mrska. Tenisač je s osmijehom pripremao



jelo, zafrkavao se s okupljenima i ispitivao chefa o porijeklu tartufa. Prošlogodišnji pobjednik Umaga u obrani naslova danas će se na terenu susresti s Nicolásom Kickerom koji je u prvom kolu uspio svladati Mikhaila Youzhnyja, bivšeg 10. igrača svijeta.

FOGNINI AS HEAD CHEF AT ZIGANTE RESTAURANT



Yesterday evening, the head chef at the Zigante Restaurant graciously gave up his place behind the stove for the Italian tennis player Fabio Fognini. Even though the tournament's third seed had decided to relax that morning and had gone out on the open sea to fish together with his

friends, he opted not to prepare seafood for dinner. It was perhaps his bad luck in fishing or maybe even something entirely different, but last night he decided to cook something way simpler. He prepared pasta in white sauce with truffles under the watchful eye of Chef Damir Modrušan. And even though he is much better with a tennis racket in his hands, it seems that Fognini is quite comfortable in the kitchen as well. Last year's Umag winner will play today against Nicolás Kicker, who had beaten former no. 10 Mikhail Youzhny in the first round.

DEBI U UMAGU: SPEKTAKL S MATIJOM VUICOM, ELFSIMA I IVONOM BRNELIĆ



Program Party Nights danas točno u ponoć donosi nešto potpuno drugačije u Dance Arenu. U režiji Ivone Brnelić, koreografkinje i dugogodišnje plesačice Tine Turner, na multimedijalnom glazbeno-modnom spektaklu *Fash!on Live* svoje najnovije modne kolekcije predstaviti će Matija Vuica i modni duo ELFS. Revije omiljenih

domaćih dizajnera pratit će spoj glazbe, plesa i teatra u raskošnom showu koji nikoga neće ostaviti ravnodušnim. Live izvedbe Nikole Marijanovića, Danijele Večerinović uz pratnju Global Disca i plesne točke studija RiS Ivone Brnelić ovaj događaj izdvajaju od svega do sad viđenog. Uvijek izvrsni ELFS-i predstaviti će ženstvenu cvjetnu ljetnu kolekciju te kolekciju kupaćih kostima s notom zaigranosti, dok Matija Vuica u kontrastnoj igri emocija ostaje vjerna svojim couture unikatnim haljinama. U jedan sat iza ponoći na pozornicu će se popeti DJ Throttle koji će popularnim hitovima nastaviti zabavljati posjetitelje.

SHOW WITH MATIJA VUICA, ELFS AND IVONA BRNELIĆ

Tonight at midnight, as part of the Party Nights entertainment program, Umag's Dance Arena will host something completely new and different. Directed by Ivona Brnelić, choreographer and longtime dancer for Tina Turner, the multimedia music and fashion show *Fash!on Live* will feature the latest collections by fashion designer Matija Vuica and fashion duo ELFS. Live performances by Nikola Marijanović and Danijela Večerinović, accompanied by Global Disco, and dance routines by Ivona Brnelić's RiS Dance Studio will make this particular event unlike anything



you have ever seen. The ever excellent ELFS will present their feminine floral summer collection as well as their swimwear collection. At the same time, Matija Vuica will remain loyal to her unique couture dresses. At 1 AM the stage will be taken over by DJ Throttle.

NA BADELOVIM DEGUSTACIJAMA UŽIVALO SE U TEQUILI

U Istria Gourmet zoni jučer je održana prva Badelova degustacija alkoholnih pića na ovogodišnjem turniru pod nazivom 'Liquor tastings by Badel'. Mnoštvo okupljenih ljubitelja žestice kušalo je tequila Sierra Milenario s

kojom ih je upoznao poznati barmen Vjenceslav Kishoni. Zagrepčanin koji je znanje stjecao u SAD-u i Švicarskoj, govorio je, između ostalog, o procesu proizvodnje, kulturnom kontekstu tequile i svim mogućim aspektima

njene uporabe i sljubljanja s hranom. Posjetitelji Badelovih degustacija dobili su sinoć priliku doznati mnoštvo zanimljivih informacija od vrhunskog stručnjaka, i uživati u kvalitetnoj žestici i ugodnoj atmosferi. Danas nipošto ne

propustite u 22 sata svratiti do Istria Gourmet zone jer je na rasporedu degustacija japanskog viskija.

ENJOYING TEQUILA AT BADEL'S TASTINGS

Badel's first liquor tasting at this year's tournament was held yesterday in the Istria Gourmet Zone under the headline Liquor Tastings by Badel. The many gathered liquor lovers tried the Sierra Milenario tequila,

presented by the famous barman Vjenceslav Kishoni. The Zagreb-born barkeep talked about the production process, the cultural context of tequila, and food pairing. Visitors of Badel's tastings last night got the

opportunity to find out a plethora of interesting facts from a top-grade expert, and enjoy the quality liquor and pleasant atmosphere. Today join us in Istria Gourmet Zone at 10 PM and try Japanese whisky.





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Više od struje



BENE LORENZI, CECCHINATO KO. E OGGI TOCCA A FOGNINI

Bene Paolo Lorenzi, oggi grande attesa per l'esordio nel singolare del campione in carica Fabio Fognini. Marco Cecchinato, alla Next Gen Arena contro la 'wild card' croata Ivan Dodig, ha invece illuso tutti chiudendo il primo set sul 6-3. Poi, nonostante alcuni colpi deliziosi, ha pagato una progressiva flessione che lo ha portato a cedere di misura al tie break del secondo set (6-8, dopo aver addirittura avuto un match point sul 6-5), per poi piegarsi sotto un netto 6-2 nel set decisivo. Subito

dopo, Paolo Lorenzi esordisce da testa di serie numero 4 affrontando lo sloveno naturalizzato britannico Aljaz Bedene: due set sudati con il primo chiuso sul 7-5 e il secondo sul 6-3 dopo che l'avversario era riuscito a vanificare ben quattro match point dell'italiano in due diversi game. Nel frattempo, il belga David Goffin ('wild card' ma testa di serie numero 1 e grande favorito) faticava più del dovuto per superare in tre set l'ungherese Attila Balazs, proveniente dalle qualificazioni.



ISTRIA GRANFONDO, TORNA LA REGINA DELLE PEDALATE

Un evento dedicato agli irriducibili appassionati del pedale, ma punto di riferimento anche per le famiglie e per i semplici amanti della vita all'aria aperta. Presentazione ufficiale, nell'ambito degli eventi collaterali del 'Plava laguna Croatia Open Umag 2017', per la sesta edizione dell'Istria Granfondo. È stata la Social Arena, collocata a fianco dello stadio centrale, a ospitare la passerella che ha rivelato grandi novità sul progetto generale e sui numerosi eventi collaterali. La manifestazione ciclistica andrà in scena il 6 (la Wine & Bike by the Sea Tour da 9 km), 7 (l'Istria Granfondo Small da

90 km e la Classic da 136 km, sempre con partenza e arrivo al complesso 'Stella Maris' di Umago) e l'8 ottobre prossimi (l'Istria Granfondo Family & Gourmet Tour da 25 km) per un progetto che consentirà agli iscritti di apprezzare non solo i suggestivi percorsi garantiti dalle strade locali fino a Cittanova, ma anche i vini e le altre specialità autoctone. A presentare i piccoli-grandi segreti di questa edizione il direttore di Istraturist, Ronald Korotaj, il presidente di Umag's Tourist Board, Milovan Popović, Laura Šimenc (vincitrice nel 2016) e la testa di serie numero uno del torneo, David Goffin.

FASH!ON LIVE, QUESTA IL GRANDE EVENTO MULTIMEDIALE DEDICATO ALLA MODA

Riflettori ancora una volta puntati, questa sera intorno alla mezzanotte, sul variopinto e ricco mondo degli eventi collaterali. Dopo la musica nelle sue molteplici variazioni, l'attenzione generale cadrà in questo caso sulla moda quando alla Dance Arena andrà in scena Fash!on Live, occasione

propizia per unire sonorità, bellezza e creatività con la partecipazione dei talentuosi Matija Vuica e del duo ELFS. Allo scoccare preciso del nuovo giorno, infatti, la genialità di Ivona Brnelić regalerà un progetto multimediale senza precedenti, capace di abbinare la moda di Vuica,



la collezione di alta moda e il design urbano di ELFS con l'ausilio di sonorità, ballo e teatro. La visione di Brnelić, in cui la moda diventa libera e giocosa, costituisce uno spettacolo glamour che non lascerà indifferente nessuno dei presenti.

RISULTATI DI IERI (ITALIANI)

NEXT GEN ARENA

[WC] Ivan Dodig (CRO) - **Marco Cecchinato (ITA)** 3-6 7-6 (8-6) 6-2

[4] **Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)** - Aljaz Bedene (GBR) 7-5 6-3

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Lawrence Frankopan

The director's view

IVAN DODIG CARRIES CROATIA'S HOPES

We need to start the day's overview with the match between David Goffin and Attila Balazs, which was extremely good. Perhaps people didn't expect it considering their current status in the world of tennis and the difference in their respective rankings.

That is why it was so surprising that it extended to three sets. Still, I did predict Balazs might be dangerous and a problem; he had survived the qualifiers and advanced to the first round, thus already having three wins under his belt. Moreover, his confidence had grown and this was only Goffin's first match after a somewhat lengthy break.

In the end, the Belgian justified his status of the match favorite but it hadn't been easy. The spectators enjoyed the uncertainty of the match, and the first seed is still in the tournament, which is what we have wanted all along, especially since Gilles Simon and Benoit Paire are out.

And if Goffin had problems with Balazs, then what will happen in his next-round match against Ivan Dodig? I believe theirs will be a spectacular match tomorrow. Dodig's win is a huge accomplishment as he showed that he could still play at a high level. It's a good thing to have a Croatian player in the tournament. Naturally, that's our priority and Dodig continues to carry our hopes. This will be his first quarterfinal appearance after 14 months, which is a long time, but we have to take into account that he hasn't played many singles

matches, and that he has chronic back problems. That makes his win an even bigger success. Also, he will be going against the first seed so he will probably be even more motivated and all fired up to win.

The match between Aljaž Bedene and Paolo Lorenzi was quite interesting as the duel spread from the court to the stands. Both players had their fans, which was nice to see; however, in tennis one always needs to win. And this time it was Lorenzi's turn. Jiri Vesely looked rather convincing and his on-court celebration with the dog was really nice. I hope he will be able to do a repeat of that next time as well.

The exhibition match was good and lots of fun. It was a pity Monfils wasn't there but as Goffin's match took longer than anticipated, he could not wait that long for the exhibition to start – he has his first match today. Still, young Kaja was a decent replacement.

Title defender Fabio Fognini will kick off the day. He will be followed by Gaël Monfils, who will face Dutra Silva, an extremely dangerous player. Perhaps people don't know him but he is really, really good and Gaël will have to bring his A game to beat him.

Goran Ivanišević

The legend's verdict



I MISSED MONFILS AND WAS IMPRESSED BY DODIG

For me, Ivan Dodig's win was absolutely the biggest thing that happened on Wednesday. With each passing day, Dodo is playing better and better. I've talked to him, he is relaxed and feels no pressure whatsoever

And when he's like that, then he wins even those points he normally wouldn't. I'm happy for him. It's been a long time since he has managed to win two consecutive singles matches on the Tour, and I'm even happier that he's done it here, at our tournament.

It's great to watch him: he plays an attractive tennis, he is aggressive, comes to the net and moves well. His advancement to the quarterfinal has been well earned. He even saved a match point, even though Cecchinato lent him a helping hand with that unbelievable miss near the end of the tie-break. When you miss something like that, it's not surprising if you can't make anything afterwards. But we won't complain too much as the most important thing now is that we have a Croat in the tournament. In a way, Dodig saved the tournament as we no longer have Borna here and it is always a good thing when the home crowd has someone they can root for.

Dodig will be facing Goffin now. Who's the favorite? It's hard not to say the Belgian is. I mean, he is a Top 15 player and Ivan is currently ranked 412th in

the world. True, Goffin hasn't done anything spectacular in his match against Attila Balazs, which is why it was more difficult for him to win it than anyone expected. David is on his way back after an injury and hasn't played since Roland Garros. He even missed Wimbledon and is still searching for his form. He hasn't played much but, if we are to look at it objectively, he still has a bigger chance of reaching the semifinal. Still, Dodig is a known fighter and with a fight or two and the home crowd behind him, he could make another step forward, why not? The day ended with the exhibition match. It was fun, relaxing and entertaining. Besides, we can no longer play seriously because of our age. The only thing we need to do now is stay relatively fit so that if we try something, we can accomplish it without making fools of ourselves. We missed Monfils as he would have upped the game a bit but we had to be flexible because of his match today. Kaja got scared a bit, she was overwhelmed, but Redfoo ruled, he was so psyched up for this match.

EXHIBITION Wimbledon champions quartet partners with music star to create a memorable night

IVANIŠEVIĆ, CASH AND KRAJIC WITH HELP FROM REDFOO AN



Yesterday evening, a trio of tennis players, each of whom had in their own special way shaped the history of the world's greatest tournament, were responsible for creating a spectacular night at the stadium of the ATP tournament in Umag. Wimbledon champions who had all peaked in three different decades – Pat Cash in the eighties, Richard Krajicek in the nineties and Goran Ivanišević in the noughties – made last night's homage to Wimbledon all the more special and gave the spectators a night to remember.

Redfoo, music star and huge tennis fan, was there as well. Even Gaël Monfils was supposed to join them on the court but the Frenchman gallantly gave up his place to Kaja Juvan. That way, all of the tennis players on the court were actual Wimbledon winners as only a few days earlier the young Slovenian had won the girls' doubles title at the All England Club.

Suffice to say, these international names were a true magnet for the spectators who enjoyed the legends' tricks and tennis miniatures, as well as their silly moves and ideas, with Goran Ivanišević, naturally, being the worst of the bunch, so to speak. The other exhibition participants followed suit, doing all sorts of crazy things in an equally relaxed and funny manner, thus contributing to an evening of laughter and great atmosphere.

"I've been training for weeks to

be ready for this exhibition. I even trained at Wimbledon, and I did it every single day so I would stay fit. I mean, playing against my two favorite servers in the history of the sport... Well, it isn't easy, said Cash, who is 52 years old but still sports a rocker look, with disheveled hair and an earring in his left ear.

He is still in great physical shape and carries his age well, even though it has been 30 years since his triumph at Wimbledon.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said Pat, one of those typical Aussies that you cannot help but like – very outgoing and talkative.

Krajicek's career had its moment of glory in 1996, and his triumph at the All England Club remains one of the greatest achievements in the history of Wimbledon.

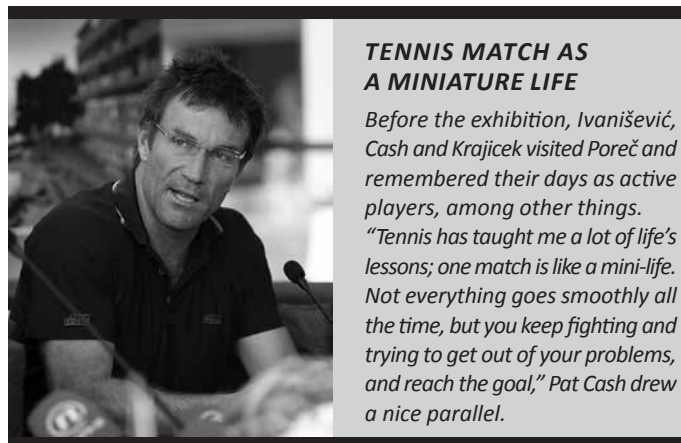
"I felt a great relief after the victory, because I had just fulfilled all my dreams. Tennis has given me all I have in life, even when I was hurt and not playing. Because in that period I met my wife, and we've been together for 23 years now."

Some of the luckier spectators managed to catch the T-shirts that Goran and the crew had launched into the audience by hand, sling and cannon, and got to keep them as mementos. Even the players received gifts from Ronald Korotaj, Istraturist's CEO and chairman of the tournament's Organizing Committee, and Lawrence Frankopan, Umag tournament director.



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TENNIS MATCH AS A MINIATURE LIFE

Before the exhibition, Ivanišević, Cash and Krajčević visited Poreč and remembered their days as active players, among other things. "Tennis has taught me a lot of life's lessons; one match is like a mini-life. Not everything goes smoothly all the time, but you keep fighting and trying to get out of your problems, and reach the goal," Pat Cash drew a nice parallel.



GORAN WAS MY BALL BOY IN SPLIT

The chatty Pat Cash revealed an anecdote that he himself learned when he arrived in Umag.

"I visited Croatia in 1985 for the first time, when I played in the Davis Cup in Split, and one of the ball boys at that time was – Goran Ivanišević. Of course I did not know it then, but now Goran has told me, and he said he was proud of it."



REDFOO DOES PUSH-UPS FOR LOSING AGAINST MONFILS

They neither used tennis rackets nor stood behind the decks – they battled it out on PlayStation. That was both Gaël Monfils and Redfoo's preferred weapon of choice. They set up a football match at the Social Arena, and to make things more interesting, they even made a bet: the loser had to do push-ups. Redfoo partnered with Monfils' friend Arash Ebadi, while Monfils joined forces

with tournament director Lawrence Frankopan.

After going at each other with nothing by PlayStation controllers and playing an exciting game, Monfils and Frankopan proved to be the more successful team. Redfoo and his partner ended up admitting defeat and stretching their muscles, while the winning duo gloated sitting comfortably on the recliners...



WINE TASTINGS

Tasted and written by: Antonija Mandić



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ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL MATOŠEVIĆ WINERY TRIUMPHS AT WINE TASTING EVENT

The third wine that has joined Fran-
ković Winery's fresh malvasia and

Istra Vina's aged malvasia in the final
round of the 2017 ATP Wine contest

is the black Grimalda from Matošević winery, harvest 2015. At this year's third wine tasting event, Benvenuti, Degrassi and Matošević wineries showcased their 2011 and 2015 vintage cuvees. Not knowing which cuvee they were actually tasting, the guests agreed that Matošević's Grimalda was the best, awarding it with the highest number of points. That way, the cuvee in question automatically went through to the final, which will be held this Sunday, the last day of the tournament. Once again, sommelier Emil Perdec participated in

this wine tasting event titled Skrivene čari istarskih vina (Hidden Charms of the Istrian Wines). He taught the guests about coupages, telling them how they should taste and smell, and which foods they are best paired with, and revealing many other interesting secrets of his trade that laymen could use to enjoy the many charms of different wines. Today's wine tasting event will, as usual, take place in the Gourmet Zone, starting at 9 PM. The guests will be able to taste the best fresh terans made by the Zigante, Geržinić and Kozlović wineries.



RECOMMENDATION OF THE DAY

WORK OUT WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER IN AN OUTDOOR GYM

Every day, from noon until 10 PM, you can work out with personal trainer Marin Bašić at the Fit Laguna outdoor gym, right next to the Social Arena. Owing to the organizers, Buje Kickboxing Club and Zagreb-based Basic Gym One,

Fit Laguna is showcasing the Basic Training for Life, a workout system designed by Bašić himself. Following his advice and under his supervision, both professionals and amateurs can work out at the Fit Laguna.



REDFOO MAKES UMAG RESIDENTS DANCE UNTIL LATE IN THE NIGHT

Last night, world famous hits by the American DJ, rapper, producer and even tennis player Redfoo echoed from the Dance Arena, where this former LMFAO member made quite a spectacle. The concert was a succession of choice dance songs and the massive crowd of people at the Dance Arena danced for hours on end.

Redfoo arrived in Umag on Tuesday evening and spent most of his time with the tennis players in the ATP Zone. He was accompanied by his girlfriend, while his ten friends, who follow him at every concert, arrived a little later. He is a born entertainer, with an unconventional style, and his hits, such as Every day I'm



shuffelin, I'm sexy and I know it, and Party Rock Anthem, have topped the international music charts. Last night he wowed the people here in Umag and they ended up spending the night smiling and dancing. Today, we can look forward to something a little bit different at the Dance Arena. *Fash!on Live*, multimedial fashion and dance spectacle, created by Ivona Brnelić and with designers Matija Vuica and ELFS in main roles, will start exactly at midnight,



Croatian tennis player's huge win in the second round

DODIG TURNS MATCH AROUND TO REACH QUARTERFINAL

Ivan Dodig has made sure people at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open in Umag aren't too upset about Borna Ćorić's withdrawal. The Croatian tennis player advanced to the quarterfinal after his dramatic triumph over Marco Cecchinato (ATP 105). In the tie-break of the second set, he saved a match point and went on to win 3:6, 7:6(6), 6:2.

Dodig came to the net and volleyed, whenever he could, even after second serve. His courage was rewarded, especially when Ivan had a set point and the Italian missed the impossible: a volley that just needed to tip the ball over the net, as Dodig was miles away, actually sent the



ball out. After missing that slam dunk, Cecchinato fell apart. Dodig got a boost of self-confidence and charged through the third set, while the Italian kept throwing his racket and even hit a ball over the stands in a fit of rage.

"I'm happy to be in the quarterfinal. I'm also happy for director Frankopan, as he was the one to give me the invitation, and for all these people who rooted for me, creating a wonderful atmosphere. It's easier to play when there's no pressure and when the other guy is the favorite. He beat Simon and

probably thought he would beat me as well, seeing as I don't play many singles matches. I'm way down in the rankings but that doesn't mean much in sports," said the only remaining Croat in the singles competition.

This is Dodig's first quarterfinal here after five attempts, and also his first quarterfinal on the ATP Tour since Munich last year.

First seed David Goffin started his Umag campaign with a win over Attila Balazs. It took maybe a bit longer than expected, but Belgian favourite fought off fierce resistance from Hungarian player.

OSCAR'S CORNER



Awaiting yesterday's grand spectacle, the exhibition match, tennis fans enjoyed an attractive duel starring Ivan Dodig. He played fantastic, beating Italy's Marco Cecchinato 3:6, 7:6, 6:2. In a nail-biting and exciting match, Dodig found his stride in the second set and brought his A game. That saying, "the older, the better," truly does apply in his case! A day earlier in the doubles competition, Tomislav and Marin Draganja surprised everyone by upsetting title defender Fabio Fognini and young Alessandro Giannessi. I believe Croatia's only representative in the singles competition will go all the way to the final, and that makes me really happy

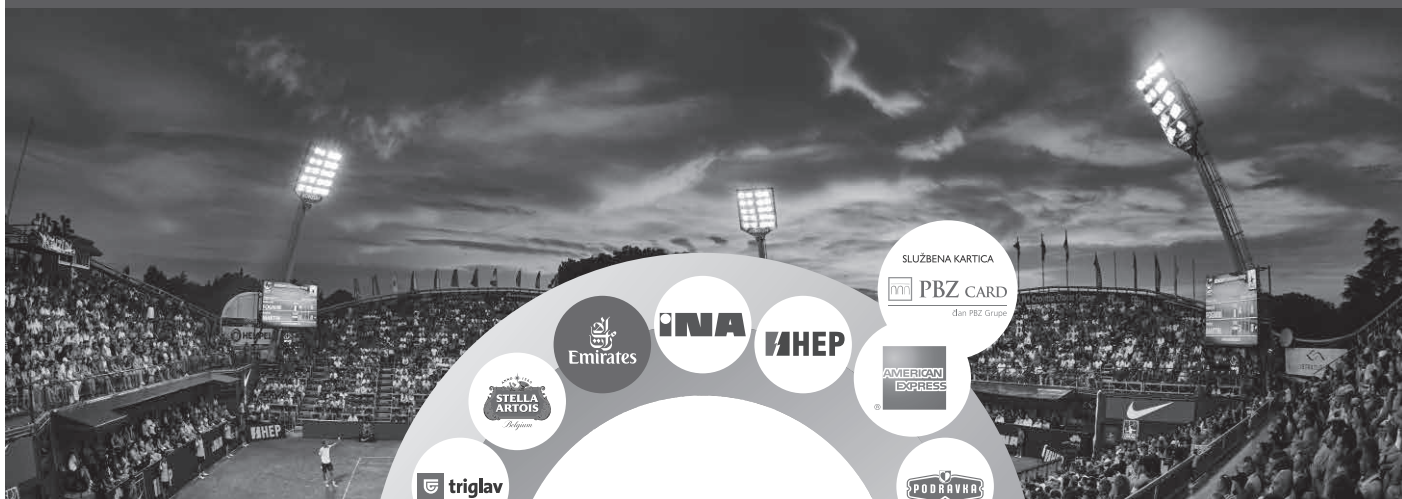
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