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ORDER OF PLAY			PARTY PROGRAMME
GORAN IVANISEVIC STADIUM	GRANDSTAND	COURT 1	
<p>16:30 Attila Balazs (HUN) vs. Filip Krajinovic (SRB)</p> <p>not before 19:00 Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs. Stefano Travaglia (ITA)</p> <p>not before 21:00 Goran Ivanisevic (CRO) vs. Patrick Rafter (AUS)</p>	<p>16:00 H.Podlipnik-Castillo (CHI) / T.Weissborn (AUT) vs. T.Brkc (BIH) / A.Pavic (CRO)</p> <p>followed by Jiri Vesely (CZE) vs. Leonardo Mayer (ARG)</p> <p>not before 18:30 Laslo Djere (SRB) vs. Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)</p> <p>followed by F. Krajinovic (SRB) / N. Zimonjic (SRB) vs. A. Sancic (CRO) / N. Serdarusic (CRO)</p>	<p>16:00 A. Rublev (RUS) / A. Vasilevski (BLR) vs. R. Haase (NED) / P. Oswald (AUT)</p> <p>followed by P. Andujar (ESP) / G. Granollers (ESP) vs. D. Molchanov (UKR) / I. Zelenay (SVK)</p> <p>followed by O. Marach (AUT) / J. Melzer (AUT) vs. N. Cacic (SRB) / D. Lajovic (SRB)</p> <p>followed by L. Mayer (ARG) / A. Molteni (ARG) vs. F. Neis (BRA) / C. Stebe (GER)</p>	<p>18:30 Autographs: Ivanisevic and Rafter</p> <p>19:30 Live Chat: Ivanisevic and Rafter</p> <p>20:00 Umag STARS Open: draw ceremony</p> <p>22:00 Party Nights: W&W</p> <hr/> <p>ISTRIA GOURMET FESTIVAL & MUSIC</p> <p>21:00 Wine tasting: Merlot</p>

Tickets are available on the official website www.croatiapen.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.croatiapen.hr.

SINGLES

1	1. FOGNINI, FABIO	ITA	>	F. FOGNINI [1]				
	2. BYE							
	3. TRAVAGLIA, STEFANO	ITA	>	S. TRAVAGLIA				
	4. FABBIANO, THOMAS	ITA		6:3, 6:2				
Q	5. BALAZS, ATTILA	BRA	>	A. BALAZS				
WC	6. GALOVIĆ, VIKTOR	CRO		6:0, 6:7(5), 7:6(4)				
	7. DANIEL, TARO	JPN	>	F. KRAJINOVIĆ				
6	8. KRAJINOVIĆ, FILIP	SRB		7:5, 7:6(4)				
	9. ĐERE, LASLO	SRB	>	L. ĐERE [3]				
	10. BYE							
Q	11. TOREBKO, PETER	BRA	>	P. LORENZI				
	12. LORENZI, PAOLO	ITA		5:7, 6:4, 7:6(3)				
PR	13. STEBE, CEDRIK-MARCEL	GER	>	J. VESELY				
	14. VESELY, JIRI	CZE		7:6(5), 3:6, 7:6(2)				
	15. ANDUJAR, PABLO	ESP	>	L. MAYER [8]				
8	16. MAYER, LEONARDO	ARG		6:1, 7:5				
	17. CECCHINATO, MARCO	ITA	>	A. BEDENE				
	18. BEDENE, ALJAŽ	SLO		6:3, 6:2				
	19. SOUSA, PEDRO	POR	>	J. SINNER				
WC	20. SINNER, JANNIK	ITA		1:6, 6:3, 6:4				
	21. RUBLJOV, ANDREJ	RUS	>	A. RUBLJOV				
	22. HAASE, ROBIN	NED		6:3, 6:2				
	23. BYE							
3	24. LAJOVIĆ, DUŠAN	SRB	>	D. LAJOVIĆ [4]				
	25. KLIŽAN, MARTIN	SVK	>	F. BAGNIS				
	26. BAGNIS, FACUNDO	ARG		4:6, 6:3, 7:5				
Q	27. TRUNGELLITI, MARCO	ARG	>	N. SERDARUŠIĆ				
WC	28. SERDARUŠIĆ, NINO	CRO		6:3, 6:3				
	29. MOUTET, CORENTIN	FRA	>	S. CARUSO				
Q	30. CARUSO, SALVATORE	ITA		7:5, 6:0				
	31. BYE							
2	32. ĆORIĆ, BORNA	CRO	>	B. ĆORIĆ [2]				

DOUBLES

	MARACH, OLIVER	AUT		O. MARACH,				
1	1. MELZER, JURGEN	AUT	>	J. MELZER				
	SOUSA, PEDRO	POR		6:2, 7:6(2)				
	2. TRAVAGLIA, STEFANO	ITA						
	BEHAR, ARIEL	URU		N. ĆAČIĆ,				
	3. LAMMONS, NATHANIEL	USA	>	D. LAJOVIĆ				
	ĆAČIĆ, NIKOLA	SRB		5:7, 6:2, 11:9				
	4. LAJOVIĆ, DUŠAN	SRB						
	MAYER, LEONARDO	ARG						
4	5. MOLteni, ANDRES	ARG	>					
	NEIS, FABRICIO	BRA						
	6. STEBE, CEDRIK-MARCEL	GER						
	PODLIPNIK-CASTILLO, HA	CHI						
	7. WEISSBORN, TRISTAN-SAM	AUT	>					
	BRKIĆ, TOMISLAV	BIH						
WC	8. PAVIĆ, ANTE	CRO						
	KRAJINOVIĆ, FILIP	SRB						
PR	9. ZIMONJIĆ, NENAD	SRB	>					
	SANČIĆ, ANTONIO	CRO						
WC	10. SERDARUŠIĆ, NINO	CRO						
	ANDUJAR, PABLO	ESP						
	11. GRANOLLERS, GERARD	ESP	>					
	MOLCHANOV, DENYS	UKR						
3	12. ZELENAY, IGOR	SVK						
	FABBIANO, THOMAS	ITA						
	13. LORENZI, PAOLO	ITA	>	S. BOLELLI,				
	BOLELLI, SIMONE	ITA		F. FOGNINI				
	14. FOGNINI, FABIO	ITA		6:7(5), 6:1, 10:8				
	RUBLEV, ANDREY	RUS						
	15. VASILEVSKI, ANDREI	BLR	>					
	HAASE, ROBIN	NED						
2	16. OSWALD, PHILIPP	AUT						



Lawrence Frankopan

The director's view

WE GAVE WILD CARDS TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE

It was a great day. Unfortunately, not a full house, but it was certainly fantastic for the home crowd with Serdarusic winning. He set up a wonderful encounter in the next round against another Argentinian, Facundo Bagnis. The draw looks to be opening up, and it's quite interesting with Bedene, Lajovic, Rublev...

These are the kind of quarterfinal matches you see in other events, ATP 500's or 1000's. Lajovic has been there, reaching the finals in Monte Carlo earlier this year. These are truly special matches we are witnessing here.

Viktor Galovic played a thrilling match on the Grandstand, and it was really something special to see, as he had so many opportunities to close out the match, but it was the Hungarian qualifier who prevailed and went to the next round. It was unfortunate for Galovic and Croatian fans, but great for Balazs and his fans. It showed once again how cruel tennis can be and that emotions are a big part of our sport. It could have gone the other way, for sure. It was a good, close match, something to talk about.

I would like to underline that we are very happy that the wild cards were given to Croats. OK, Viktor didn't win, but this is how it goes in tennis – one ball here, one ball there. But, he wasn't whitewashed

6:0, 6:0, and that's a testimony to our team that we made the right decisions, gave the wild cards to the right people.

We saw today that Andrey Rublev won convincingly. He has already won a title here, so he enjoys playing in Umag. Unfortunately, he's had some problems with injuries over the last year or so, so we are happy to see him playing well again. It will be really a close match in the round of 16, against fourth-seeded Dusan Lajovic, and it's a pity that two such great players have to meet so early. On the other hand, it shows how deep the draw is, as we've mentioned on numerous occasions.

We will see another spectacle on Wednesday, a replay of the 2001 Wimbledon final, and I strongly feel that all tennis fans should try to be with us tomorrow. Two great players and two great guys, we couldn't ask for more. We will once again enjoy watching amazing tennis stars, and it's something that shouldn't be missed.

Goran Ivanišević



The legend's view

OUR MATCH TODAY IS THE ICING ON THE CAKE

Last year, Nino Serdarusic played great in the first round, but he lost to Maximilian Marterer in three sets. This is enormous progress compared to last year. Playing the way he did today, Nino would smash Marterer, there's no doubt. His coach, Goran Prpic, is greatly to thank for this, he put it all together wonderfully. You can see his work, his contribution. It seems they've "clicked", they work well together and it is bringing results.

I don't need to emphasise how important it is, or how important it could be, that he won playing like this today. These are matches that turn careers around. How many times have we seen promising players that clearly have something, get an opportunity, take advantage of it, and then suddenly make a big jump? One or two matches here, one or two victories at some other tournament, and you've gone from 350th in the world to 150th. And that's a truly large difference.

This is a great victory, and I'm very happy both for him and for Prpic. I know, last year I said I could see him among the top 100 fairly soon, which didn't happen, but with the way he was playing today and his overall advancement, I'm even more convinced now.

I've got another exhibition on Wednesday, this time against Patrick Rafter. I've heard that Patrick said that Umag is even more beautiful than I described it, but in any case,

it will be a great time for everyone tonight. The stadium will be full, it's another chance for tennis lovers to enjoy themselves, so we might all see a very, very interesting exhibition match soon, and everything that goes along with it. I'm not in the best health altogether, but I'm sure I'll be able to run enough to score some good points. In any case, I'll have to give my all.

Patrick and I are good friends, he's one of those people I can say aren't just top athletes, but great people too. We go back a long way, ever since he joined the Tour, and I'm very happy to see him today. Not because I beat him at the Wimbledon finals, but generally. The tournament always strives for the best, and I say there's no better way than what will happen on Wednesday. Come watch, because after this, there are no more exhibitions for me, this is the icing on the cake. I'll be signing off as of Wednesday night, and I'll be glad to be doing something else here.



ATP TOURNAMENT AND TOWN OF UMAG LIVE TOGETHER

THE PARALLEL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT



Vili Bassanese,
mayor of Umag

The town of Umag, which won the prestigious title of European Town of Sport last year, is a town that continuously invests into sport and lives for sport. This year, Umag will proudly host the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag Tournament for the 30th year in a row. Throughout its thirty years of constant development, the tournament

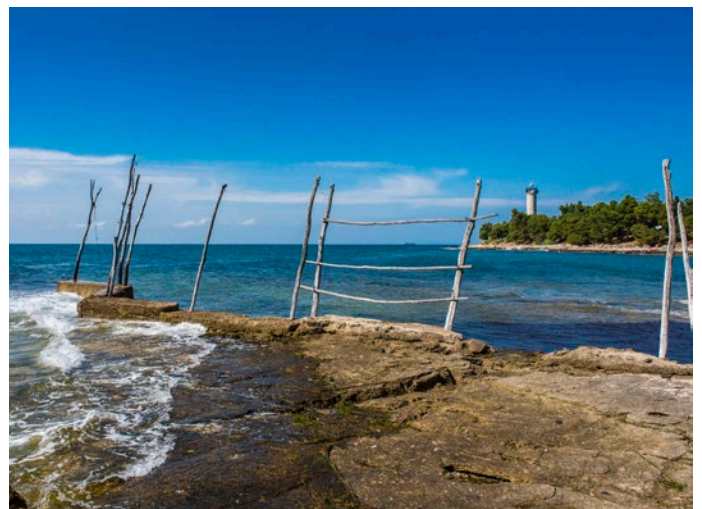
in Umag has grown from a small tennis event into an exceptional world-class sports, entertainment and gourmet event.

As the mayor of Umag, but especially as a citizen of the town of Umag, I am immensely proud when I look back at what has been done in the past 30 years, and at how much has been invested into developing Umag's tennis brand, which promotes us throughout the world in the best possible light.

Year after year, Umag is host to a string of sports events, crowned by the ATP tournament. Umag is an incubator for numerous sports events, especially cycling races, regattas, volleyball and beach volleyball tournaments, the WKF junior karate championship, summer and winter training camps of national football teams and first division clubs, as well as the 100 Miles of Istria ultra-trail race, which is held during Umag's Sports Fair, the only fair of its kind in the region. The promotion of sport is intended to pass on sports values to citizens as a healthy lifestyle, which should be the only choice.

The Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag is a unique tennis event that, aside from world-class tennis, offers a wealth of entertainment and gourmet food. Every year, the diverse entertainment programme hosts numerous local and international performers for all tastes, while the gastro zone offers various delicacies from the region, from splendid wines to food, which is the best way to promote Istrian cuisine. Looking at a timeline of the past

30 years, the ATP tournament has developed alongside the town of Umag. Year after year, they both offer our citizens and visitors alike something new, more beautiful, more fun, and more enjoyable. The synergy between the tournament and Umag is becoming even deeper and more harmonious, and the path we have set off on together is headed towards the future, progress and perfection.



SERDARUSIC'S FIRST VICTORY, GALOVIC MISSES SEVEN MATCH POINTS

NINO SHINES, GALOVIC OUT AFTER A THRILLER

Croatian tennis won't have three players in the eighth-finals, but that scenario very, very nearly came to pass. After Nino Serdarusic, in great form, beat Argentinian qualifier Marco Trungelliti with 6:3; 6:3, Viktor Galovic (pictured here) came just shy of beating Attila Balazs, but he was defeated after an epic struggle, made even more painful as he missed seven match points. The Hungarian won with 6:0; 6:7 (5); 7:6 (4); this means there will be no repeat of 2010, when Ivan Ljubicic, Ivan Dodig and Franko Skugor played in the eighth-finals in Umag. Now the remaining two, Serdarusic and Borna Coric, will both see action on Thursday.

"The feeling is great, especially because my first career victory at an ATP tournament came right here in

Umag," said Serdarusic, who didn't let his opponent have a single break point. **"The first game was a bit shaky, because I started nervous, but the further it went, the better it was. I changed the rhythm of hitting the ball, and later I had a lot of 'free' points."**

Last year, Serdarusic also played a good match in the first round, but he tripped up after three sets. Goran Prpic recently became his coach, and he is very satisfied with their work together.

"We've clicked as coach and player, but also as friends. He obviously cares about my success," says Serdarusic, whose next opponent will be Argentinian Facundo Bagnis, against whom he won only two games at an ATP Challenger event in Uruguay

earlier this year.

"I had had a very difficult match the day before and I wasn't prepared. It will be different now," said Serdarusic.

Viktor Galovic missed his first chance for victory in Umag. He was leading 5:3 in the third set and had two match points at service, then two while receiving at 5:4, and finally another three back to back at 6:5.

"Besides one volley, I didn't make a single mistake at the match points. It's a shame. I started poorly because

I wanted to be aggressive, but that didn't work out. I pulled back later, started playing from the back, and it got better and better. It's hard to keep going in a match with so many missed opportunities, but I played well straight to the end."

The 2017 title holder, Russian Andrey Rublev, beat Dutchman Robin Haase with unexpected ease (6:3; 6:2), a semi-finalist from last year, thus moving on to a duel in the eighth-finals against the fourth seed, Dusan Lajovic from Serbia.



PATRICK RAFTER ARRIVES IN UMAG

IT'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN GORAN SAID

Cheerful Australian Patrick Rafter arrived in Umag on Tuesday, where he immediately had his first training session. This Wednesday, at the 30th anniversary edition of the ATP Tournament in Umag, he will play an exhibition match against Goran Ivanisevic, a replay of the legendary 2001 Wimbledon finals.

"I'm very happy to finally be here in Umag after a 30 hour flight. It's great to see Goran again and visit this place,

which is even more beautiful than he described it. I'm not just looking forward to Umag, but to what's ahead after my match with Ivanisevic. I'm planning to spend a few days in Dubrovnik and on Korcula," said Rafter. The Australian player revealed what viewers can expect from the duel between the two tennis legends.

"Although we're not in great form, I'm sure everyone will enjoy what they get from us," said Rafter.



OSCAR'S CORNER

SERDARUSIC WAS BRILLIANT

The second day of the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag tournament, among other things, saw a great game between Croatian player Nino Serdarusic and qualifier Marco Trungelliti from Argentina. After a great game, he beat the Argentinian, currently ranked 161 on the ATP men's singles list, with a result of 6:3; 6:3. We're looking forward to our representative continuing to play. He will come up against another Argentinian in the eighth-finals – Facundo Bagnis. In addition to this match, it was a pleasure to see two tennis greats in action, Russian Andrey Rublev (who took the title in Umag in 2017)

who beat Dutchman Robin Haase with 6:3; 6:2.



writes: Oscar Visintin



WINE TASTING

KAPPI AGED TERAN ENTERS THE FINALS FOR ATP WINE OF THE YEAR

In its second tasting evening, the Hidden Charms of Istrian Wine featured a presentation of aged Terans by Zigante, Cattunar and Coronica wineries. While visitors enjoyed a blind tasting, experienced sommelier Emil Perdec introduced those present to all the specificities of this old Istrian variety. **“Teran goes great with game and other similar, strong dishes,”** said Perdec, and guests agreed that it could be easily paired with steak, as well as with fish dishes with red sauces such as polenta with calamari.

“Old texts say Teran grapes were used to make table wine, but after making truly great wine from them, I think it’s time for us to rewrite the book,” said Moreno Coronica. Tasters also participated in a brief quiz to reinforce their knowledge, and the winners won a valuable prize – a bottle of Teran. The most points went to Kappi aged Teran by Cattunar Winery, which will be going on to the final selection for 2019 ATP wine, scheduled for Sunday. Tastings will continue today at 9PM, the theme being Merlot.



UMAG PARTY NIGHTS

W&W GUARANTEES GREAT FUN!

As the tournament goes on, the temperature keeps ramping up, and it’s the right time for Umag Party Nights at the Dance Arena! On Tuesday evening, the Queen Tribute Band warmed up audiences, and now it’s time for W&W, a Dutch duo that has performed in Croatia many times, always well-received by audiences.

“We’ve played in Croatia many times! We love this country! The food is absolutely amazing, some of the best seafood you can find anywhere! The people are very friendly and the nature is probably the most beautiful in Europe. It’s hard to pick a favourite memory because we’ve had so many great experiences in Croatia. We’ve played the Ultra Music Festival a few times, we’ve played at Papaya Club in Novalja for at least 6 years in a row now, and we’ve visited the amazing cultural



city of Dubrovnik!”
 Are you tennis lovers?
“We love watching sports, mostly football, but we definitely also love tennis! We don’t have a particular favourite player, but we love watching matches if guys like Djokovic, Nadal and Federer are playing.”
 Did you know that Istria is known for its wines? Do you like wine?
“We’re actually more beer drinkers than wine drinkers, haha! But we didn’t know that – that means we should definitely try out the wines when we’re there!”

In recent years, Umag Party Nights has been an absolute hit, and we’re expecting no less this season. The programme is a real smash: W&W on Wednesday (starting around 10PM), Salvatore Ganacci on Thursday, Gianluca Vacchi on Friday, and Mike Candys on Saturday. Enjoy!



ROBREDO ENJOYS HIMSELF AT SEA

On Tuesday, 2013 Umag champ Tommy Robredo from Spain had the opportunity to enjoy a jet ski ride. He was defeated this season in the final qualifications round, but some time at sea put him in a better mood!



KIDS WEEK:

BRKIC AND PAVIC SHARE VALUABLE TENNIS ADVICE WITH KIDS

Today, at Kids' Week, players Tomislav Brkic and Ante Pavic shared valuable tennis lessons and advice with young players.

Pavic and Brkic played two doubles matches with the little ones. In the first match, Pavic played with little Arian against Brkic and Oscar, who came to Umag from Hungary. Everyone present was thrilled by the game, and so a second match took place; this time Pavic played doubles with Mia against Brkic and the very experienced Nea. **"It was a really nice game. There are truly great players here, and I'm very glad that they're all active and love the sport,"** said Pavic, who will be playing doubles with Brkic at the 30th Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. Ante and Tomislav won the ATP Challenger title on Sunday in Perugia, and Pavic came close to his best career doubles placement;

he is currently at 121st, just eight places lower than his best result.

They also took a group photo, and the tennis duo autographed Umag Tournament branded tennis balls for their fans. A fun game followed, and Babolat prepared some special surprises. Every day, girls and boys have the opportunity to train with their tennis idols at Kids' Week and learn from them.



WHAT THEY'VE SAID ABOUT US



The Ministry of Tourism has recognized the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag as a genuine sports spectacle that not only promotes Umag and Istria, but also has great promotional value for the whole country. This traditional event offers much more than top-level tennis, and its varied additional offer provides further motivation to come to Umag. I would like to congratulate the organizers for their work and wish them a lot of success in the coming years.

Gari Cappeli,
Minister of Tourism

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The most number of titles went to Spain

One-third of the Umag singles titles were won by players from Spain, mostly by Carlos Moyá, who lifted the trophy on five occasions. Among the winners were also Alberto Berasategui, Tommy Robredo, Felix Mantilla, Fernando Verdasco and Juan Carlos Ferrero.

The most successful country after Spain was Austria, with four titles: three were won by Thomas Muster and one by Dominic Thiem. Five countries have two titles each: Argentina (Guillermo Coria and Guillermo Canas), Croatia (Goran Prpic and Marin Cilic), Italy (Fabio Fognini and Marco Cecchinato), Ukraine (Dmitri Poliakov and Alexandr Dolgoplov) and Russia (Nikolay Davydenko and Andrei Rublev).

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