Millennium Estoril Open: PREVIEW & DAY 1 MEDIA NOTES

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MILLENNIUM ESTORIL OPEN TALKING POINTS

- **TOURNAMENT PREVIEW**: Three of the four semi-finalists from the inaugural Millennium Estoril Open return to the Clube de Ténis do Estoril this week. No. 2 seed **Nick Kyrgios** is back after reaching his first ATP World Tour final at Estoril last year. The Aussie, who will celebrate his 21st birthday on Wednesday, is one of four Next Generation stars playing in Portugal alongside 19-year-old **Borna Coric**, 20-year-old **Elias Ymer** and 21-year-old **Kyle Edmund**. Kyrgios is also one of four players to receive a bye, joining No. 1 seed **Gilles Simon**, No. 3 seed **Benoit Paire** and No. 4 seed **Joao Sousa** in the second round. Sousa is the highest-ranked Portuguese player and the nation's only ATP World Tour singles champion, winning titles at 2013 Kuala Lumpur and 2015 Valencia. No. 5 seed **Guillermo Garcia-Lopez** and No. 8 seed **Pablo Carreño Busta** will play in Estoril for the second straight year after reaching the semi-finals in 2015. Fellow Spaniard **Fernando Verdasco** is bound for Estoril after playing in Monday's rain-delayed Bucharest final.

- **DAY 1 PREVIEW**: A pair of Portuguese wild cards kick off the Millennium Estoril Open on Monday. In the first match on Estadio Millennium, 27-year-old **Pedro Sousa** seeks his first win at an ATP World Tour event against No. 7 seed **Leonardo Mayer**. Sousa is 4-6 lifetime in tour-level matches, with all four wins coming for the Portuguese Davis Cup team. Likewise, both of **Frederico Ferreira Silva**'s tour-level wins came in Davis Cup. The 21-year-old goes for ATP win No. 1 against Buenos Aires finalist **Nicolas Almagro**. Play concludes with No. 6 seed **Borna Coric** taking on Italian qualifier **Andrea Arnaboldi**, who earned his only tour-level victory at Roland Garros last spring.

- **ESTORIL SINGLES CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS**

YEAR	WINNER	FINALIST	SCORE
2015	Richard Gasquet	**Nick Kyrgios**	6-3, 6-2

Bold = Player in this year's draw

- **ESTORIL DOUBLES CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS**

YEAR	WINNER	FINALIST	SCORE
2015	**Treat Huey/Scott Lipsky**	Marc Lopez/David Marrero	6-1, 6-4

Bold = Players in this year's draw

- **WHO TO WATCH IN SINGLES**

SEED	PLAYER	RECORD	BEST FINISH
1	Gilles Simon (FRA)	0-0	2016 Debut
2	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	4-1	2015 Runner-up
3	Benoit Paire (FRA)	0-0	2016 Debut
4	Joao Sousa (POR)	0-1	2015 Round of 32
5	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	3-1	2015 Semi-finalist
6	Borna Coric (CRO)	2-1	2015 Quarter-finalist
7	Leonardo Mayer (ARG)	0-1	2015 Round of 16
8	Pablo Carreño Busta (ESP)	3-1	2015 Semi-finalist

- **WILD CARDS (3)**
  Frederico Ferreira Silva (POR)
  Pedro Sousa (POR)
  Fernando Verdasco (ESP)

- **QUALIFIERS (4)**
  Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA)
  Steve Diez (CAN)
  Stephane Robert (FRA)
  Elias Ymer (SWE)

- **YOUNGEST**
  Borna Coric (CRO) - 19 years, 5 months

- **OLDEST**
  Stephane Robert (FRA) - 35 years, 11 months

- **TOP COUNTRY BREAKDOWN**
  Spain (7), France (4), Portugal (4),
  Italy (3), Germany (2)

WHO TO WATCH IN DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	BEST FINISH
1	Lukasz Kubot/Marcin Matkowski	2016 Debut
2	Treat Huey/Max Mirnyi	Huey: 2015 **Champion** Mirnyi: 2015 Semi-finalist
4	Eric Butorac/Scott Lipsky	Butorac: 2016 Debut Lipsky: 2015 **Champion**

Note: [3] Marc Lopez/David Marrero withdrew due to Lopez' abductor injury.

- **EMIRATES ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY**

	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
SINGLES RANKING POINTS	250	150	90	45	20	0
SINGLES PRIZE MONEY (€)	82,450	43,430	23,525	13,400	7,900	4,680
DOUBLES RANKING POINTS	250	150	90	45	0	--
DOUBLES PRIZE MONEY (€)	25,070	13,170	7,140	4,080	2,390	--

DAY 1 FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS – In Order of Play

ESTADIO MILLENNIUM

[7] Leonardo Mayer (ARG) vs [WC] Pedro Sousa (POR) First ATP Meeting

Other meetings:

12 Guayaquil CH (Ecuador)	Clay	QF	Leonardo Mayer	3-6 6-3 6-3
13 Guayaquil CH (Ecuador)	Clay	F	Leonardo Mayer	6-4 7-5

L. Mayer 2016 FastFacts
QF: Doha (l. to Djokovic)
YTD W-L: 7-7 (1-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: May 15, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 46
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 0-1 (2015 Round of 16)

• Tournament Note: Following 1R bye, lost to Almagro in 2015 Estoril 2R
• Extended Davis Cup win streak to 11 matches by beating Hurkacz and Przysiezny in 1R (ARG d. POL 3-2)
• Started season with run to Doha QF (l. to eventual champion Djokovic)
• Beat Groth and Troicki en route to ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R (l. to Cilic)
• Went 1-5 in 6 matches following Doha 2R win over Andujar
• Loss to No. 9 Tsonga in Buenos Aires 2R was 8th straight defeat against a Top 10 opponent (1-24 overall)
• Withdrew from Houston and Barcelona due to shoulder tendinitis

P. Sousa 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 0-1 (0-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 27, 1988
Emirates ATP Ranking: 368
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (2016 Main Draw Debut)

• Tournament Note: Fell in final round of qualifying at 2015 Estoril (l. to Lestienne)
• Posted 33-6 record with 3 titles in 6 finals at 9 Futures events -- all 9 in Hammamet, TUN
• Improved ranking from No. 781 at end of 2015 to No. 368 presently
• Qualified and reached 2R at Torino, ITA Challenger (d. Golubev, l. to Elias 75 in 3rd)
• Lost to Novak in dead rubber during Davis Cup Europe/Africa Zone Group I tie (AUT d. POR 4-1)

[WC] Frederico Ferreira Silva (POR) vs Nicolas Almagro (ESP) First Meeting

Silva 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 0-0
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: March 18, 1995
Emirates ATP Ranking: 249 (Career-High)
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 0-1 (2015 Round of 32)

• Tournament Note: Lost 3-setter to Muller in 2015 Estoril 1R
• Advanced to Bangkok, THA Challenger SF (l. to Pavlasek)
• Captured Futures titles in singles at Loule, POR (d. Machado) and in doubles at Sharm El Sheikh, EGY w/Vivero Gonzalez (d. Geerts/Merckx)
• Achieved career-high No. 253 in Emirates ATP Rankings on April 4

Almagro 2016 FastFacts
F: Buenos Aires (l. to Thiem)
YTD W-L: 7-9 (6-6 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 12
Date of Birth: August 21, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 71
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2015 Quarter-finalist)

• Tournament Note: Defeated Robert and L. Mayer en route to 2015 Estoril QF (l. to Gasquet)
• Advanced to 1st final since 2014 Houston at Buenos Aires (l. to Thiem 76 in 3rd)
• Beat No. 9 Tsonga in QF and No. 6 Ferrer in SF to snap 6-match losing streak vs. Top 10 (19-66 overall)
• Improved to 1-15 lifetime against fellow Spaniard Ferrer
• Reached 2R at Australian Open (l. to Thiem), Rio de Janeiro (l. to No. 5 Nadal) and Marrakech (l. to Garcia-Lopez)
• Held 2 MPs in Barcelona 1R before falling to Gabashvili 16 76(3) 62

[6] Borna Coric (CRO) vs [Q] Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA) First Meeting

Coric 2016 FastFacts
F (2): Chennai (l. to Wawrinka); Marrakech (l. to Delbonis)
YTD W-L: 11-11 (3-3 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 14, 1996
Emirates ATP Ranking: 40
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2015 Quarter-finalist)

• Tournament Note: Defeated Chardy and Machado en route to 2015 Estoril QF (l. to Garcia-Lopez)
• Began season by reaching 1st ATP World Tour final at Chennai (d. Bautista Agut 76 in 3rd, l. to No. 4 Wawrinka)
• Became 1st teen to play in an ATP final since countryman Cilic at 2008 New Haven (d. Fish)
• Spent 9 hours, 29 minutes on court en route to final, nearly 3 times Wawrinka's 3 hours, 16 minutes
• Beat Mathieu and Vesely to reach 2nd ATP World Tour final at Marrakech (l. to Delbonis)
• Reached ATP Masters 1000 3R for 1st time at Indian Wells (d. Pouille and Bellucci, l. to No. 7 Berdych)
• After falling to Goffin in 5 sets, clinched Croatia's 3-2 win over Belgium in Davis Cup 1R (d. Coppejans)

Arnaboldi 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 0-1 (0-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 27, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 168
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (2016 Debut)

• Tournament Note: Qualified at 2016 Estoril with 3-set wins over G. Granollers and Caruso
• Qualified at Bucharest (l. to Haase in 1R)
• Fell in qualifying at Doha, Australian Open, Montpellier and ATP Masters 1000 Miami
• Advanced to Jonkoping, SWE Challenger QF (d. Kravchuk, l. to Khachanov)

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Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) vs [Q] Stephane Robert (FRA) First ATP Meeting

Other meeting:

08 Italy F24 (Italy)	Clay	SF	Thomas Fabbiano	6-4 6-4

OTHER FIRST-ROUND FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS

Gastao Elias (POR) vs Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA) — First ATP Meeting

Other meetings:

13 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid Q (Spain)	Clay	1R	Paul-Henri Mathieu	6-3 7-6(4)
14 Braunschweig CH (Germany)	Clay	QF	Paul-Henri Mathieu	6-3 6-3
15 Aix en Provence CH (France)	Clay	R32	Paul-Henri Mathieu	6-3 6-2

Taro Daniel (JPN) vs [Q] Steven Diez (CAN) — First ATP Meeting

Other meetings:

11 Spain F15 (Spain)	Clay	R16	Taro Daniel	6-2 6-0
11 Spain F39 (Spain)	Clay	QF	Steven Diez	6-0 6-2
12 Spain F1 (Spain)	Clay	R16	Steven Diez	6-0 7-5
13 Spain F14 (Spain)	Clay	F	Taro Daniel	6-3 6-2
14 Seville CH (Spain)	Clay	R32	Taro Daniel	6-1 6-2

[WC] Fernando Verdasco (ESP) vs [8] Pablo Carreño Busta (ESP) — Verdasco Leads 1-0

14 Båstad (Sweden)	Clay	QF	Fernando Verdasco	7-5 6-3

Kyle Edmund (GBR) vs Daniel Gimeno-Traver (ESP) — First ATP Meeting

Other meeting:

12 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain)	Grass	1R	Kyle Edmund	6-3 6-7(4) 6-4

Michael Berrer (GER) vs [5] Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP) — Garcia-Lopez Leads 2-1

10 Bangkok (Thailand)	Hard	R32	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	6-4 7-6(4)
10 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R32	Michael Berrer	6-3 4-6 7-5
11 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	6-4 6-4 3-6 6-3

Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) vs [Q] Elias Ymer (SWE) — First ATP Meeting

Other meeting:

14 Cordenons CH (Italy)	Clay	QF	Paolo Lorenzi	6-2 7-5

Benjamin Becker (GER) vs Rogerio Dutra Silva (BRA) — First ATP Meeting

Other meeting:

12 Le Gosier CH (Guadeloupe)	Hard	R32	Benjamin Becker	6-4 6-2

Daniel Muñoz de la Nava (ESP) vs Iñigo Cervantes (ESP) — First ATP Meeting

Other meetings:

15 Hamburg Q (Germany)	Clay	1R	Iñigo Cervantes	6-4 3-6 6-3
15 ATP Challenger Tour Finals (Brazil)	Clay	RR	Iñigo Cervantes	4-6 7-6(3) 7-5
15 ATP Challenger Tour Finals (Brazil)	Clay	F	Iñigo Cervantes	6-2 3-6 7-6(4)