



GERRY WEBER OPEN: DAY 3 MEDIA NOTES

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- DAY 3 PREVIEW:** There are four second round matches on Wednesday's schedule, featuring top seed and seven-time champion **Roger Federer**, No. 3/2007 champion **Tomas Berdych** and No. 8 **Ivo Karlovic**. There are also two teenagers on the schedule, **Borna Coric** and wild card **Alexander Zverev**, both 18 and the youngest players in the Top 100 Emirates ATP Rankings. In the opening match on Stadion, German **Florian Mayer** takes on American **Steve Johnson** for the first time, followed by **Zverev** and **Karlovic** in another first-time meeting. Karlovic, who leads the ATP World Tour in aces this season, fired 28 in his 1R win on Tuesday. In the third match on, **Berdych** squares off with **Coric** for the first time. In the final match on, **Federer** and **Ernesto Gulbis** meet for the fifth time (tied 2-2), the first on grass. All four previous meetings came down to a decisive set (third or fifth), including the 4R at Roland Garros last year in which Gulbis won 6-3 in the fifth set.

- 30 MATCH WINS CLUB:** Berdych and Federer, both in action on Wednesday, are two of the eight players on the ATP World Tour this season to win at least 30 matches:

	W-L	Titles
1) Novak Djokovic	41-3	5
2) Andy Murray	37-6	2 (in Queen's 2R)
3) David Ferrer	36-8	3
Tomas Berdych	36-10	0
5) Kei Nishikori	35-8	2 (in Halle 2R)
6) Rafael Nadal	33-11	2
7) Roger Federer	30-6	3
Stan Wawrinka	30-8	3 (in Queen's 2R)

- TEENAGE MATCH WINNERS:** Coric and Zverev, both in 2R action, are on the list of teenagers to win multiple ATP World Tour/Grand Slam matches this season (going into Wednesday):

Player	Win	Loss	Total
Borna Coric	16	14	30
Thanasi Kokkinakis	9	10	19
Andrey Rublev	5	5	10
Nick Kyrgios (now 20)	5	4	9
Alexander Zverev	4	6	10
Elias Ymer	3	5	8
Yoshihito Nishioka	2	2	4
Hyeon Chung	2	2	4



WEDNESDAY FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS – In Order of Play

STADION

(PR) Florian Mayer (GER) vs Steve Johnson (USA)

First Meeting

Mayer FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

YTD W-L: 2-5

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: October 5, 1983

Emirates ATP Ranking: 487

Halle W-L (Best Result): 11-7 (QF- 2006-07, '11, '13)

- **Mayer**, 31, is making his eighth appearance in Halle (11-7) and opened on Monday with a 62 06 76(4) win over countryman Jan-Lennard Struff. Trying to reach his fifth QF. Previous QFs came in 2006 (l. to Vliegen), '07 (l. to Baghdatis), '11 (l. to Monfils) and '13 (l. to Gasquet), his last showing
- Since coming back from a groin injury in April, has a 2-5 match record. Prior to this week, won lone match in return at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo where he beat Youzhny (l. to Cilic in three sets) Trying to reach first QF since January 2014 in Doha where he advanced to SFs (l. to Monfils)
- Also lost in 1R in Bucharest, Munich, Rome and Roland Garros. In last tournament at Furth Challenger two weeks ago, lost in 1R (l. to Montanes)
- Last year played final tournament in Miami in March and was sidelined rest of year with groin injury. Finished No.147, outside Top 100 for first time since 2008 (No. 344)

Johnson FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

QF (3): Auckland (l. Anderson); Memphis (l. Anderson); Delray Beach (l. Karlovic)

YTD W-L: 18-14

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: December 24, 1989

Emirates ATP Ranking: 53

Halle W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (QF- 2014)

- **Johnson**, 25, is making his second straight appearance in Halle and trying to reach another quarter-final. Opened on Tuesday hitting 12 aces in 63 76 win over No. 7 seed Bernard Tomic. In last year's debut (d. Olivetti, W/O vs. Gabashvili, l. to Nishikori in QF)
- Comes in with an 18-14 match record on season and next win will tie last year's career-best total
- His best results are quarter-finals in Auckland (l. to Anderson) in second week of season and back-to-back in Memphis (l. to Anderson) and Delray Beach (l. to Karlovic) in February
- In Grand Slam play, reached 3R at Australian Open (l. to Nishikori in four sets) and Roland Garros (l. to eventual champ Wawrinka)

(WC) Alexander Zverev (GER) vs (8) Ivo Karlovic (CRO)

First Meeting

Zverev FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

YTD W-L: 4-6

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: April 20, 1997

Emirates ATP Ranking: 81 (Career-high)

Halle W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2R – 2015)



- **Zverev**, 18, made his Halle debut on Monday, defeating Jarkko Nieminen 64 64. Fellow teenager Borna Coric is also in 2R. Comes in a career-high No. 81 in the Emirates ATP Rankings
- Last week in Stuttgart (d. Pavic, l. to Troicki in three sets). Also 2R at ATP Masters 1000 Miami (d. Groth, l. to Rosol) in March and Munich (d. Becker, l. to Kohlschreiber) last month
- Looking to reach his second career ATP World Tour quarter-final, first since July last year in hometown Hamburg where he fell in semi-finals (l. to Ferrer)
- Has compiled a 10-3 record in Challengers, reaching SF at Aix en Provence (l. to Mathieu) and following with second career title in Heilbronn (d. Pella) last month. In two weeks jumped from No. 110 into Top 100 for first time at No. 85 in Emirates ATP Rankings on May 18

Teenagers in Top 100 (Listed by Age) – Zverev is the youngest of four teenagers in the Top 100 Emirates ATP Rankings:

Player	Rank	Age
Zverev, Alexander GER	81	18 Years, 1 Month
Coric, Borna CRO	41	18 Years, 7 Months
Chung, Hyeon KOR	76	19 Years
Kokkinakis, Thanasi AUS	70	19 Years 2 Months

Karlovic FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

W: Delray Beach (d Young); **SF:** Doha (l Ferrer); **QF(3):** Acapulco (l Harrison); Bucharest (l Vesely); s-Hertogenbosch (l Haase)

YTD W-L: 15-11

YTD Titles: 1

Career Titles: 6

Date of Birth: February 28, 1979

Emirates ATP Ranking: 27

Halle W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2R – 2014-15)

- **Karlovic**, 36, is appearing in 2R for second year in a row after firing 28 aces in 67 64 64 win over Santiago Giraldo. Last year beat Youzhny (l. to Lu in two TBs)
- The big-serving Croat came into this week leading ATP World Tour in aces (504), first serve pts. won (84%) and break pts. saved (80%). Also No. 3 in service games won (94%)
- In February, captured sixth career ATP World Tour title in Delray Beach (d. Young) and held serve all 56 games (saving 19 break pts.)
- Opened season with SF in Doha (d. No. 1 Djokovic, l. to eventual champ Ferrer). Also QF in Acapulco (l. to Harrison), Bucharest (l. to Vesely) and last week in 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Haase)

Oldest Winners in 2015 – Karlovic is the oldest winner (35) on the ATP World Tour this season and he's one of 13 winners 30 & over to win a title. Here are the oldest winners:

	Age
Ivo Karlovic, Delray Beach	35 yrs, 11 months
Victor Estrella Burgos, Quito	34 yrs, 6 months
Roger Federer, Istanbul	33 yrs., 8 months
Roger Federer, Brisbane	33 yrs, 4 months
Roger Federer, Dubai	33 yrs, 5 months
Nicolas Mahut, 's-Hertogenbosch	33 yrs., 4 months



(3) Tomas Berdych (CZE) vs Borna Coric (CRO)

First Meeting

Berdych FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

F (3): Doha (l. Ferrer); Rotterdam (l. Wawrinka); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l. Djokovic);

SF (4): Australian Open (l. Murray); Dubai (l. Djokovic); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Miami (l. Murray); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid (l. Nadal); **QF (2):** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l. Federer); ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome (l. Federer)

YTD W-L: 36-10

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 10

Date of Birth: September 17, 1985

Emirates ATP Ranking: 6

Halle W-L (Best Result): 15-5 (**Winner-** 2007)

- **Berdych**, 29, opened in his seventh appearance in Halle on Tuesday with a 75 63 win over Victor Estrella Burgos, converting three of six break pts. Has a 15-5 record and reached final in his 2006 debut (l. to Federer) and following year won title (d. Baghdatis). Also reached SFs in 2011 (l. to Petzschner) and QFs in '12 (l. to Haas), his last visit.
- The No. 1 Czech Republic player comes in with a 36-10 match record on the season and has advanced to QFs or better in nine of 10 tournaments. Only exception came at Roland Garros (l. to Tsonga) where he lost in 4R
- A three-time finalist this season – in Doha (l. to Ferrer), Rotterdam (l. to Wawrinka) and ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (l. to Djokovic) and SF in four other tourneys, including Aust. Open (l. to Murray)

Coric FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

SF (2): Dubai (l. Federer); Nice (l. L. Mayer); **QF:** Estoril (l. Garcia-Lopez)

YTD W-L: 16-15

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: November 14, 1996

Emirates ATP Ranking: 41 (Career-high)

Halle W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2R – 2015)

- **Coric**, 18, made his Halle debut on Monday saving 10 of 12 break pts. in a 64 36 63 win over American Donald Young to improve his season record to 16-15
- Trying to reach his fourth ATP World Tour quarter-final of the season and his best results are semi-finals in Dubai (d. No. 3 Murray in QF, l. to Federer) as a lucky loser and Nice last month (l. to L. Mayer). Also a QF in Estoril (l. to Garcia-Lopez)
- Broke into Top 50 on May 25 after SF in Nice and first 18-year-old to rank in Top 50 since Bernard Tomic (49) at 18 years 11 months on 10/10/2011
- In first two Grand Slam tournaments, lost in 1R at Australian Open (l. to Chardy) and reached personal-best 3R at Roland Garros (d. Querrey, No.19 Robredo in five sets, l. to Sock). Afterwards jumped to career-high No. 41 in Emirates ATP Rankings
- Has a 2-3 career record vs. Top 10 opponents with wins coming over No. 3 Nadal in QF in Basel last October and No. 3 Murray in QF in Dubai in February



(1) Roger Federer (SUI) vs Ernests Gulbis (LAT)

Tied 2-2

10 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	QF	Roger Federer	6-2	4-6	6-4
10 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Rome	Clay	R32	Ernests Gulbis	2-6	6-1	7-5
10 ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Madrid	Clay	QF	Roger Federer	3-6	6-1	6-4
14 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R16	Ernests Gulbis	6-7(5)	7-6(3)	6-2 4-6 6-3

Federer FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

W (3): Brisbane (d Raonic); Dubai (d Djokovic); Istanbul (d Cuevas); **F (2):** ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l Djokovic); ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l Djokovic); **QF:** Roland Garros (l Wawrinka)
 YTD W-L: 30-6

YTD Titles: 3/Career Titles: 85

Date of Birth: August 8, 1981

Emirates ATP Ranking: 2

Halle W-L (Best Result): 47-5 (**Winner** – 2003-06, '08, '13-14)

- **Federer**, 33, opened on Monday in his 13th Halle appearance, hitting 15 aces in 76 36 76 win over top German Philipp Kohlschreiber. Has never lost before QFs in 12 previous outings and has a 47-5 match record, winning seven titles in 2003-06, '08 and '13-14. Last year defeated Alejandro Falla in two tie-breaks in the final. He is 7-2 in Halle finals (l. to Hewitt in '10, Haas in '12).
- Comes in with a 30-6 match record on the season with three ATP World Tour titles – Brisbane (d. Raonic), Dubai (d. Djokovic) and Istanbul (d. Cuevas). Also runner-up at ATP Masters 1000 tournaments in Indian Wells and Rome (l. to Djokovic in both)
- In last tournament at Roland Garros, lost to countryman/eventual champion Wawrinka in quarter-finals (did not break serve and first time in a Grand Slam match since '02 US Open 4R vs. Mirnyi)
- Won 1,000th career match in Brisbane, becoming third player in Open Era to accomplish feat (Connors 1,254, Lendl 1,071). Has 1,026 career match wins
- Has 14 grass court titles, most in Open Era and has won at least one for 10 of last 12 years (except 2010-11)

Gulbis FastFacts:

2015 Highlights:

QF: Nice (l Thiem)

YTD W-L: 4-13

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 6

Date of Birth: August 30, 1988

Emirates ATP Ranking: 86

Halle W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2R – 2013, '15)

- **Gulbis**, 26, opened on Tuesday with a 64 76 win over Sergiy Stakhovsky to reach 2R for the second time. Two years ago in debut (d. Baghdatis, l. to Haas)
- The Latvian is trying to reach his second ATP World Tour quarter-final of the season and comes in with a 4-13 match record. His best result came in Nice where as defending champion he lost in QFs (l. to eventual champ Thiem)
- In first two Grand Slam tournaments, lost in 1R at Australian Open (l. to Kokkinakis 8-6 in fifth set) and 2R at Roland Garros (d. Sijlsing, l. to Mahut). Dropped from No. 29 to No. 87 in Emirates ATP Rankings after dropping last year's Roland Garros SF points (No. 86 this week)
- Has a 16-41 career record vs. Top 10 opponents and last time he faced a Top 10 foe was No. 2 Djokovic in last year's SFs at Roland Garros. Has 2-2 mark vs. Top 10 on grass, winning last two (d. No. 7 Berdych in '12 Wimbledon 1R; d. No. 7 Tsonga-ret. in '13 Wimbledon 2R)