



DAY THREE NOTES: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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WEDNESDAY PREVIEW – DEFENDING CHAMP YOUZHNY, TWO CROATS HIGHLIGHT DAY THREE

- There are four first round and one second match on Wednesday's schedule at the PBZ Zagreb Indoors with a three former champions and two hometown players in action on Centre Court.
- In the opening singles match and second on Centre Court, hometown wild card **Antonio Veic** takes on **Robin Haase** of The Netherlands for the first time. The 24 -year-old Veic is playing in the Zagreb main draw for fifth straight year (2-4 record) with his best result the quarter-finals in 2009 (l. to eventual champ Cilic). He opened 2013 losing in the first round of qualifying at Doha and Australian Open. The 25-year-old Haase is playing in the Zagreb main draw for the third time (4-2). He was a quarter-finalist twice, last year (l. to Lacko) and 2008 (l. to Ancic). He reached his first Grand Slam doubles final with Igor Sijsling at the Australian Open. Dropped one set en route to the final before losing to the Bryans.
- In the third match Germany's **Tobias Kamke** faces the No. 6 **Marcos Baghdatis** of Cyprus for the second time. Baghdatis won in three sets at Munich last year. Kamke is making his main draw debut at Zagreb. He lost in the first round of qualifying in 2009 (l. to Fischer). He opened 2013 by successfully qualifying for Doha and reached second round (l. to Ferrer). At Australian Open retired in the second round due to right shoulder injury at the end of second set against Wawrinka. Last year the German finished in the Top 100 for third straight year and his best results came in Challengers, winning a title and compiling an 18-8 match record. Baghdatis the 2007 champion is playing Zagreb for the third time (8-1). Opened 2013 by reaching the semi-finals in Brisbane (l. to Dimitrov, def. Simon in QFs), fell third round at Australian Open (l. to Ferrer).
- In the evening session, the hometown 2011 champion **Ivan Dodig** and Germany's **Benjamin Becker** square off for the first time. Having lost all three Davis Cup matches played last weekend Dodig is hoping that his previous success at Zagreb (10-3 mark) will turn his fortunes around. At the Australian Open he advanced to third round of a Grand Slam tournament for first time in his 12th major. The Croat has finished in Top 100 in the past four seasons. Has career record of 71-57 in Challengers and 2-3 in finals. Owns 83-51 Futures record with three titles in six finals. Becker is making second career Zagreb main draw appearance (1-1 record). Best result of 2013 was reaching second round Australian Open (l. del Potro). Last year the German returned to Top 100 after an elbow injury in 2011, which sidelined him for six months. The German is two wins away from 100 career singles wins.
- In the final match and only second round match of the day, defending champion and No. 3 seed **Mikhail Youzhny** faces **Igor Sijsling** of The Netherlands for the first time. Youzhny is making his fifth appearance in Zagreb (10-3 mark) and has only lost in the first round once (2009 l. to Gabashvili). At Doha, on January 1, the Russian recorded his 400th career ATP World Tour-level singles win over Benjamin Becker. He's the ninth active player to accomplish the milestone. Sijsling, who is making his Zagreb debut, won is opening match Tuesday over wild card Nikola Mektic. On Jan. 26, he reached his first career Grand Slam doubles final with Robin Haase at the Australian Open. They dropped one set en route to the final, losing to the Bryans in straight sets. In 2012, the No. 2 Dutchman (behind No. 56 Haase) finished in the Top 100 fo the first time in his career and put together his best results on the Challenger circuit with a 26-8 record and three titles.
- On Court 1, 2012 finalist and No. 8 seed **Lukas Lacko** takes on **Flavio Cipolla** of Italy for the first time.

WEDNESDAY FedEx ATP Head 2 Heads – In Order of Play by Court

Centre Court

(WC) Antonio Veic (CRO) vs Robin Haase (NED)

First Meeting

Veic FastFacts:

2013 Highlights:

YTD W-L: 0-0

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: February 18, 1988

Emirates ATP Ranking: 126

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- **Veic**, 24, is playing in the Zagreb main draw for the fifth straight year (2-4) with his best result QF in 2009 (l. to eventual champ Cilic)
- Began 2013 losing in the 1R of qualifying at Doha and Australian Open
- Played mainly last year went 31-18 in Challengers, best result winning Blumenau (d. Capdeville) also finalist at Santiago (l. to Capdeville)
- Best result on ATP World Tour in 2012 was reaching 2R as a qualifier at Kitzbühel (l. to Rosol) and Miami (l. to Dolgoplov)
- Last year failed to qualify for all four Grand Slam, lost 2R Australian Open and 1R at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open
- Has career record of 11-18 (6-8 on hard) on ATP World Tour, 89-80 (5-6 on hard) in Challengers with 1 title and 83-42 (4-7 on hard) in Futures with four titles
- Reached career-high singles ranking of No. 119 in May of 2012

Haase FastFacts:**2013 Highlights:**

YTD W-L: 1-3

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: April 6, 1987

Emirates ATP Ranking: 58

- **Haase**, 25, playing Zagreb main draw for third time (4-2) record), QF twice 2012 (l. to Lacko) and 2008 (l. to Ancic)
- Best result of 2013 was 2R at Chennai (l. to Bedene), lost 1R at Auckland and Australian Open
- Reached first career Grand Slam doubles final with Igor Sijsling at Australian Open. Dropped one set en route to the final, losing to Bryans in straight sets.
- Last year the top Dutchman finished just outside Top 50 highlighted by a repeat title performance in Kitzbühel, rallying to defeat top seed Kohlschreiber in 3 sets
- Also reached 3 QF in Zagreb (l. to Lacko), Monte-Carlo (l. to Djokovic), his best career ATP Masters 1000 result, and Estoril (l. to Wawrinka)
- In Grand Slam play, won his only match at Roland Garros (d. Dodig, l. to Youzhny)
- Compiled records of 12-11 on clay, 7-13 on hard and 0-4 on grass. Went 0-3 vs. Top 10 opponents and his highest ranked win came over No.14 Monaco who retired with an ankle injury in 1R in Monte-Carlo
- The Dutchman has finished in Top 75 past 3 seasons after coming back from a knee injury in 2009

Tobias Kamke (GER) vs (6) Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)

12 Munich (Germany)

Clay

R32

Marcos Baghdatis

Baghdatis Leads 1-0

6-1 3-6 6-3

Kamke FastFacts:**2013 Highlights:**

YTD W-L: 2-3

YTD Titles: 0

Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: May 21, 1986

Emirates ATP Ranking: 89

- **Kamke**, 26, making main draw debut at Zagreb, lost 1R qualifying in 2009 (l. to Fischer)
- Opened 2013 by successfully qualifying for Doha reached 2R (l. to Ferrer). At Australian Open retired in the 2R due to right shoulder injury at the end of second set versus Wawrinka
- The German finished in Top 100 for 3rd straight year and best results came in Challengers, winning a title and compiling an 18-8 match record
- Captured title at Petange in September, defeating Mathieu in final. Also runner-up on home soil in Braunschweig (l. to Bellucci) in June
- Last year his best ATP World Tour result was QF in Washington where he defeated Paire and Matosevic in straight sets before losing to Haas
- In Grand Slam play, won his lone match at Australian Open (d. Hanescu, l. to Dolgoplov 8-6 in 5th set)
- Compiled career best results on Challenger circuit with a 123-92 record, including 4-5 in finals

Baghdatis FastFacts:**2013 Highlights:**

SF: Brisbane (I. Dimitrov)

YTD W-L: 5-2

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 4

Date of Birth: June 17, 1985

Emirates ATP Ranking: 36

- **Baghdatis**, 27, the 2007 champion is playing Zagreb for the third time (8-1 record). Also SF last year (I. to Lacko)
- Began the season with SF in Brisbane (I. to Dimitrov, def. Simon in QFs) and fell in 3R at Australian Open (d. Ramos in 1R in five sets, Ito in 2R, I. to Ferrer)
- Last year finished in Top 50 for sixth time in seven years (except '08) and was QF or better six times on ATP World Tour, including four SF results – in Sydney (I. to Benneteau), Zagreb (I. to Lacko), Tokyo (I. to Nishikori) and Stockholm (I. to Tsonga). Also QF in Brisbane (I. to Murray) and Munich (I. to Haas)
- In Grand Slam play, best result was 3R at Wimbledon (I. to Murray). Lost in 2R in other Slam events
- Highest ranked win came over No.10 Monaco in Tokyo 2R. Overall had five Top 20 wins
- Went 26-16 on hard, 6-4 on grass and 3-5 on clay and 1-8 vs. Top 10 opponents
- The Cypriot has posted a winning record in seven straight seasons. Reached at least one final in six of the past eight seasons. Spent 13 weeks in Top 10 in '06, reaching career-high No.8 on Aug. 21

Ivan Dodig (CRO) vs Benjamin Becker (GER)**First Meeting****Dodig FastFacts:****2013 Highlights:**

YTD W-L: 2-4

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: January 2, 1985

Emirates ATP Ranking: 63

- **Dodig**, 28, the 2011 champion, is making his fifth consecutive main draw appearance (10-3). Won title in 2011 (d. Berrer) and QFs last year (I. to Baghdatis) and 2009 (I. Ancic) as qualifier
- Advanced to 3R of a Grand Slam tournament for first time in 12th major at Australian Open (d. Chinese WC Di, Nieminen in five sets) before losing to No. 10 Gasquet.
- Represented country in 2013 Davis Cup vs. Italy, losing all three matches - singles (I. to Seppi and Fognini) and in doubles partnered with Cilic (I. to Bolelli / Fognini)
- Last year the Croat finished in the Top 75 for second straight year and best ATP World Tour result was Valencia SF. Also QF in Zagreb and at London/Queen's Club where he defeated No.5 Tsonga in third set TB (I. to Querrey)
- In Grand Slam play, won only match at US Open (d. Moriya, I. to eventual champion Murray)
- Represented his country in Davis Cup (1-2), World Team Cup (1-2) and Olympics (1R)
- Went 1-3 vs. Top 10 opponents and compiled records of 10-14 on hard, 3-4 on grass and 3-8 on clay
- The Croat has finished in Top 100 in past three seasons. Has career record of 71-57 in Challengers and 2-3 in finals. Owns 83-51 Futures record with three titles in six finals

Becker FastFacts:**2013 Highlights:**

YTD W-L: 1-3

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: June 16, 1981

Emirates ATP Ranking: 56

- **Becker**, 31, is making his second career Zagreb main draw appearance (1-1), 2R 2010 (I. to Perzschner), lost in 2R of qualifying last year
- Best result of 2013 reaching 2R Australian Open (d. Bedene, I. to del Potro)
- Last year the German returned to Top 100 after an elbow injury in 2011, which sidelined him for six months
- Jumped 240 ranking positions from previous season, third biggest improvement in Top 100
- Compiled a combination of ATP World Tour and Challenger results with SF in Memphis (I. to Raonic) and QF in Newport (ret. vs. Harrison) while winning title at Nottingham Challenger (d. Tursunov) in June and Ortisei (d. Seppi) in November. Had 21-8 record in Challengers
- Went 7-10 on hard and 3-3 on grass courts

- The German has five career Top 100 seasons, and owns one ATP World Tour title and seven Challenger titles in 12 finals with an 97-43 Challenger record

(3) Mikhail Youzhny (RUS) vs Igor Sijsling (NED)

First Meeting

Youzhny FastFacts:

2013 Highlights:

YTD W-L: 2-2

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 8

Date of Birth: June 25, 1982

Emirates ATP Ranking: 32

- **Youzhny**, 30, the defending champion (d. Lacko), is making his fifth appearance in Zagreb (10-3 mark). Also SF in 2007 (l. to Ljubicic), QF in 2006 (l. to Ljubicic) and 1R in 2009 (l. to Gabashvili)
- At Doha, the Russian recorded his 400th career ATP World Tour-level singles win over Benjamin Becker. He's the ninth active player to accomplish the milestone. He is the fourth Russian to reach the 400 Match Wins Club, joining Yevgeny Kafelnikov (609), Nikolay Davydenko (455) and Marat Safin (422)
- At the Australian Open, he rallied from two sets down and saved one match point at 4-5 in the fourth set vs. Ebden in 1R, lost to countryman Donskoy in five sets in 2R
- Last year finished in Top 35 for seventh straight year and in Top 50 for 11th year in a row
- Captured his eighth career ATP World Tour title in Zagreb in February (d. Lacko) and SF in Halle (l. to Federer) in June and St. Petersburg (l. to eventual champ Klizan) in September. Also reached QF in seven other tournaments, including personal- best at Wimbledon (l. to Federer), his 5th QF in a Grand Slam (has reached QF in each Slam)
- Compiled records of 20-12 on hard, 7-3 on grass and 6-6 on clay. Went 2-9 vs. Top10 opponents with wins over No.8 Fish in 2R in Dubai and No.8 Tipsarevic in 3R at Wimbledon

Sijsling FastFacts:

2013 Highlights:

YTD W-L: 2-3

YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: August 18, 1987

Emirates ATP Ranking: 66

- **Sijsling**, 25, is playing in Zagreb for the first time and he advanced to the 2R with a 64 62 win over Mektic on Tuesday
- Reached first career Grand Slam doubles final with Robin Haase at Australian Open. Dropped one set en route to the final, losing to Bryans in straight sets. Comes in ranked No. 66 after reaching career-high No. 65 on Jan. 14
- In 2012, the No. 2 Dutchman (behind No. 56 Haase) finished in Top 100 for 1st time in his career and put together his best results on Challenger circuit. Compiled a 26-8 record and won 3 titles; Quimper (d. Jaziri) and Wolfsburg (d. Janowicz) in February along with Vancouver (d. Bubka) in July. Also runner-up in Granby (l. to Pospisil)
- On home soil, reached his 1st ATP World Tour QF in 's-Hertogenbosch on grass (d. Nieminen, Rochus, l. to eventual champ Ferrer). In September, advanced to QF in Kuala Lumpur (d. F. Lopez, l. to Ferrer)
- In Grand Slam play, qualified at Roland Garros (l. to Muller 8-6 in 5th set) and at US Open (d. Gimeno-Traver, l. to Ferrer)
- Went 0-4 vs. Top 10 opponents with 3 losses to No.5 Ferrer and 1 loss to No.9 Tipsarevic. His highest-ranked win came over No. 32 F. Lopez in Kuala Lumpur. Earned a career-high \$239,460

Court 1

(8) Lukas Lacko (SVK) vs Flavio Cipolla (ITA)

First ATP Meeting

Other meetings:

08 US Open Q (U.S.A.)

Hard

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Flavio Cipolla

2-6 6-4 6-1

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Clay

RR

Flavio Cipolla

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