ARGENTINA OPEN: DAY 4 MEDIA NOTES

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DEFENDING CHAMP, THREE-TIME CHAMP BEGING GOLDEN SWING

DAY 4 MATCHES: Defending champion **Rafael Nadal** and three time champion **David Ferrer** (2012-14) begin their 'Gold Swing" on Thursday at the Argentina Open. There are seven matches scheduled (4 singles and 3 doubles).

In the opening match on Guillermo Vilas, Uruguayan No. 8 seed **Pablo Cuevas** brings a 5-1 head-to-head advantage over the Colombian **Santiago Giraldo**. Giraldo's lone tour-level win came in their first meeting in the 2006 Davis Cup first round of Group II play-offs. Both players are looking to reach their first ATP World Tour quarter-final of the year.

Following is a first time meeting between local wild card hope **Renzo Olivo** and the world No. 6 **Ferrer**. Ferrer is No. 2 on the active wins on clay court with a career 303-117 record and 12 titles; he is one of four players playing here this week that are in the top 5 of clay court wins for active players. He is joined here this week by: No. 1 **Rafael Nadal** (344-30, 47 titles), No. 3 **Nicolas Almagro** (260-128, 12 titles) and No. 5 **Juan Monaco** (227-134, 7 titles).

In the third match Italian **Paolo Lorenzi** looks to even his head-to-head with Argentinian **Diego Schwartzman** at 1-all. Schwartzman won their only previous tour-level meeting in straight sets last year in the first round at Sao Paulo.

The last match of the day is a repeat of last year's final between the top seed **Nadal** and 2007 champion **Juan Monaco**. Rafa, "The King of Clay", has won titles at four different Golden Swing tournaments: Acapulco (2005, '13), Sao Paulo (2005, '13), Rio de Janeiro (2014) and last year in Buenos Aires. On Tuesday Monaco made a successful return to action with a 61 63 win over Italian qualifier Marco Cecchinato. The 31-year-old Argentine had been side lined since undergoing right wrist surgery shortly after the Kitzbühel tournament last August.

DAY 4 FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS – In Order of Play by Court

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[8] Pablo Cuevas (URU) vs Santiago Giraldo (COL)				**Cuevas Leads 5-1**		
06 COL v. URU AGII 1st RD (Col)	Clay	RR	Santiago Giraldo	6-4	7-6(4)	7-6(3)
08 URU vs. COL AG I 1st RD (Uruguay)	Clay	RR	Pablo Cuevas	6-4 3-6 5-7 7-6(6) 6-4		
08 Stuttgart (Germany)	Clay	R32	Pablo Cuevas	4-6	6-4	7-6(11)
11 URU vs. COL AGI 1st RD (Uruguay)	Clay	RR	Pablo Cuevas	6-2	6-3	6-4
15 Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Clay	SF	Pablo Cuevas	6-4	6-3	
15 URU vs. COL AGI 1st RD (Uruguay)	Clay	RR	Pablo Cuevas	6-2	6-3	6-3
Other meetings:						
05 Colombia F6 (Colombia)	Clay	R16	Santiago Giraldo	6-4	6-2	

Cuevas FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 3-2 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3
Date of Birth: January 1, 1986
Emirates ATP Ranking: 35
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 4-5 (QF in 2015)

- The 30-year-old opened with a 75 62 win over Albert Ramos-Vinolas on Tuesday. He is making his 6th appearance and has a 4-5 tournament record. Best result was QF last year (l. to Monaco)
- Playing tournament since falling in the 2R at Australian Open (l. to Kyrgios). Opened season by reaching 2R at Sydney (l. to Dimitrov)
- **In 2015**, Uruguayan enjoyed 2nd straight Top 50 finish in comeback from right knee injury
- Won 3rd singles title of career at São Paulo (d. Vanni 76 in 3rd). Also reached Istanbul final (d. Dimitrov, l. to No. 2 Federer)
- Earned career-high 29 singles wins (previous-best 21 in 2010)

Giraldo FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 2-2 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 27, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 73
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2R in 2014, '16)

- The 28-year-old Colombian advanced to the 2R here for the second time with a 61 75 win over Inigo Cervantes on Monday. Also reached the 2R in 2014 (l. to eventual champion Ferrer) and has a 2-1 tournament record
- Playing first event since falling in 2R at Australian Open (l. to Sousa)
- Opened year with 1R loss at Chennai (l. to Rosol), followed with QF at Canberra Challenger (l. to Dodig)
- **In 2015**, Colombian finished in Top 100 of Emirates ATP Rankings for 6th straight season
- Reached QF-or-better at 5 ATP World Tour events -- all on clay

[WC] Renzo Olivo (ARG) vs [2] David Ferrer (ESP) First Meeting

Olivo FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
QF: Quito (l Estrella Burgos)
YTD W-L: 4-2 (3-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: March 15, 1992
Emirates ATP Ranking: 151
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2R in 2015-16)

- The 23-year-old Argentinian advanced to the 2R for the second year in a row with a 76(9) 75 win over countrymen and qualifier Facundo Bagnis on Tuesday. Also reach 2R last year (l. to Robredo) in tournament main draw debut, has a 2-1 tournament record
- Playing first top 10 opponent
- Last week reached 2nd career ATP World Tour QF at Quito (l.to eventual champion Estrella Burgos). Reached maiden QF at 2014 Bastad (l. to Cuevas) as a qualifier
- Made Grand Slam debut at Australian Open as a qualifier – fell in 2R (l. to Delbonis)
- **In 2015**, went 2-2 in tour-level matches. Reached 2R at Quito (l. to Estrella Burgos) as a qualifier and Buenos Aires (l. to Robredo)
- Posted 24-23 record in Challengers (0-1 in finals) to improve to 70-78 lifetime (0-3 in finals)

Ferrer FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
SF: Auckland (l Sock); **QF**: Australian Open (l Murray)
YTD W-L: 6-3 (0-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 26
Date of Birth: April 2, 1982
Emirates ATP Ranking: 6
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 21-4 (**Winner** in 2012-14)

- The 33-year-old is a three time champion here 2012 (d. to Almagro), 2013 (d. Wawrinka), 2014 (d. Fognini) and is playing here for the eight time. He has a 21-4 tournament record and also reached the finals in 2010 (l. to Ferrero)
- Playing first event since falling in the QF at Australian Open (d. Isner in 4R, l. to Murray)
- Opened season by reaching SF at Auckland (l. to Sock)
- **In 2015**, Spaniard posted 6th straight Top 10 finish in Emirates ATP Rankings and 7th overall. Also earned 50+ wins for 6th straight season and 7th overall
- Captured 25th title of career in 50th final at Kuala Lumpur (d. Lopez), which he followed with Vienna title (d. Johnson 75 in 3rd)

Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) vs Diego Schwartzman (ARG) — Schwartzman Leads 1-0

15 Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Clay	R32	Diego Schwartzman	7-5	6-4	
Other meetings:						
13 Genova CH (Italy)	Clay	R16	Paolo Lorenzi	1-6	6-1	6-3

Lorenzi FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
SF: Quito (l Bellucci)
YTD W-L: 4-3 (4-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 15, 1981
Emirates ATP Ranking: 52
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 2-3 (2R in 2015-16)

- The 34-year-old advanced to the 2R here for the second year in a row with a 26 75 62 win over Pablo Andujar on Tuesday. Also reached the 2R last year (l. to Delbonis). He is playing here for the 4th time and has a 2-3 tournament record
- Last week reached 2nd career ATP World Tour SF at Quito (l. to Bellucci). Previous SF appearance came en route to only career final at 2014 Sao Paulo (l. to Delbonis)
- In opening month fell in 1R at Doha (l. to Andujar) and Australian Open (l. to Dimitrov). Captured 17th career Challenger title at Canberra (d. Dodig) and reached final at Bucaramanga (l. to Melzer). Career 17-14 record in Challenger finals
- **In 2015**, Italian finished in Top 100 of Emirates ATP Rankings for 4th time

Schwartzman FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 1-1 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 16, 1992
Emirates ATP Ranking: 89
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 2-2 (2R in 2013, '16)

- The 23-year-old Argentinian defeated No. 7 seed Alexandr Dolgopolov 57 64 63 in the opening round on Monday. He is making is third appearance here and has a 2-2 tournament record. Also reached the 2R in 2013 (l. to Robredo)
- In only other tour-level event of year ret. in 1R at Australian Open (l. to Millman)
- **In 2015**, Argentine finished in Top 100 of Emirates ATP Rankings for 2nd straight season
- Achieved a career-high ranking of No. 57 on May 4 after advancing to Istanbul SF (l. to No. 2 Federer 75 in 3rd)

[1/WC] Rafael Nadal (ESP) vs Juan Monaco (ARG) — Nadal Leads 6-1

05 Bastad (Sweden)	Clay	R32	Rafael Nadal	6-1	6-1	
07 Stuttgart (Germany)	Clay	QF	Rafael Nadal	6-1	6-3	
07 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Juan Monaco	7-6(5)	4-1	ret
11 ESP vs. ARG DC Final (Spain)	Clay	RR	Rafael Nadal	6-1	6-1	6-2
12 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R16	Rafael Nadal	6-2	6-0	6-0
14 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R32	Rafael Nadal	6-1	6-0	
15 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	F	Rafael Nadal	6-4	6-1	

Nadal FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
F: Doha (l Djokovic)
YTD W-L: 4-2 (0-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 67
Date of Birth: June 3, 1986
Emirates ATP Ranking: 5
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 6-1 (**Winner** in 2015)

- The 29-year-old defeated Juan Monaco last year in the finals to capture his 46th career clay court. He is playing here for the third time, also reached the QF in 2005 (l. to Gaudio), and has a 6-1 tournament record
- The top ranked Spaniard is playing in his tournament since falling in the 1R at Australian Open (l. to Verdasco in 5-sets). It was just the second time in his career that he had lost in the 1R of a major – 2013 Wimbledon (l. to Darcis)
- Opened year by reached finals at Doha (l. to Djokovic)
- **In 2015**, Spaniard finished in Top 5 of Emirates ATP Rankings for 11th straight season
- Captured titles at Buenos Aires (d. Monaco), Stuttgart (d. Troicki) and Hamburg (d. Fognini), while also reaching finals at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to No. 3 Murray), Beijing (l. to No. 1 Djokovic) and Basel (l. to No. 3 Federer)

Monaco FastFacts:
2016 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 1-0 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 8
Date of Birth: March 29, 1984
Emirates ATP Ranking: 55
Buenos Aires W-L (Best Result): 23-10 (**Winner** in 2007)

- The 31-year-old opened with a 61 63 win over Italian qualifier Marco Cecchinato on Tuesday. Has reached the QF or better 6 times on home soil including winning in 2007 (d. Di Mauro). Also reached the finals in 2009 (d. Nalbandian in SF, l. to Robredo) and last year (l. to Nadal). Has a 23-10 tournament record
- **In 2015**, Argentine finished in Top 100 of Emirates ATP Rankings for 12th straight season
- Reached at least 1 final in 9 straight seasons, most recently on home soil at Buenos Aires in 2015 (l. to No. 4 Nadal)
- Earned 20+ wins for 9th straight season
- Injured right wrist in Kitzbühel 1R and underwent surgery in August that side lined him for rest of season
- Career 19-53 record vs Top 10 opponents, last win was over No. 10 Cilic at 2015 Indian Wells. Career 5-23 vs Top 5 opponents, has lost last nine matches, last win was over No. 5 Ferrer in at 2011 Valencia