SATURDAY PREVIEW – SPANIARD, FRENCHMAN & ARGENTINE DUO ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

- The semi-finals of the VTR Open presented by Cachantun in Viña del Mar on Saturday features Spain's king of clay **Rafael Nadal**, two clay courters from Argentina **Horacio Zeballos** and **Carlos Berlocq** and a Frenchman **Jeremy Chardy**. Nadal has 50 career titles while the other three have one combined title (Chardy).

- The first semi-final on Central Court features a pair of Argentine's with **Horacio Zeballos** taking on No. 8 seed **Carlos Berlocq**. This is the first ATP World Tour meeting for the two but they played four times previously in Challengers and Futures with Berlocq winning three times. The 27-year-old Zeballos is playing in his first ATP World Tour semi-final since Houston in 2010 and third overall. Last season, Zeballos did not advance past the second round at any of the tour-level events, but went on to capture three ATP Challenger titles to finish back in the Top 100 Emirates ATP Rankings. He entered this week as the World No. 73. The 30-year-old Berlocq advanced to semi-finals here for the second year in a row when Guillaume Rufin withdrew prior to their quarter-final match with an abdominal strain. He is looking to reach his second career ATP World Tour final. Last year he was runner-up to Monaco and has a career tournament record of 10-5.

- The second semi-final is wild card and World No. 5 **Rafael Nadal** taking on No. 3 seed **Jeremy Chardy** of France for the first time. Nadal is playing in 41st career ATP World Tour clay semi-final and has won 40 straight since his last lost in Umag in 2003 (l. to Moya). The former World No. 1 has the best career match record on clay in the Open Era with a 256-19 mark and is seeking his 37th clay-court trophy on Sunday. He also holds the record for the longest winning streak on clay, having won 81 successive matches from 2005 Monte Carlo through the 2007 Hamburg final. He enters today's match on a 14-match winning streak on clay. Chardy is looking to reach his third career ATP World Tour final. He is playing in his first semi-final of the year and is 2-4 in career semi-final matches. He has a career record of 7-18 against Top 10 opponents, 1-1 in 2013. The highest ranked player he defeated was World No. 4 Murray last August at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

SATURDAY SEMI-FINALS FEDEX ATP Head 2 Heads – In Order of Play
Central Court

Horacio Zeballos (ARG) vs (8) Carlos Berlocq (ARG) — First ATP Meeting

Other Meetings:

04 Argentina F5 (Buenos Aires)	Clay	R32	Horacio Zeballos	6-4	6-4
06 Asuncion CH (Paraguay)	Clay	R32	Carlos Berlocq	6-3	6-2
07 Buenos Aires Q (Argentina)	Clay	--	Carlos Berlocq	6-3	6-3
10 Cancun CH (Mexico)	Clay	QF	Carlos Berlocq	7-6(4)	6-2

Zeballos FastFacts:
2013 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 3-1
YTD Titles: 0/Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: April 27, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 73

- **Zeballos**, 27, knocked out a seeded opponent for the second day in a row on Friday, defeating No. 5 seed Albert Ramos 61 57 76(6) to reach his third career ATP World Tour SF and first here. Has a 6-3 career tournament record and reached QF in 2011 (l. to Starace)
- The left-hander is playing in his third career ATP World Tour SF, first since Houston in 2010, 1-1 in SF matches
- Opened year winning Challenger in Sao Paulo (d. Dutra Silva) for his 10th career Challenger title
- Last year returned to the Top 100 with a 39-15 Challenger season, winning three titles in four finals
- Best ATP Result was 2R at Viña del Mar, Houston and Roland Garros
- Challenger titles came in Prague, Montevideo and Sao Leopolda. Also reached final at Barranquilla
- Won five Challenger doubles titles with three partners
- The Argentine has had two Top 100 seasons with a 187-112 (139-87 on clay) Challenger record and 10 titles in 16 finals

Zeballos Career ATP World Tour SFs: playing in his third career ATP World Tour SF, 1-1 in SF matches
2013 Viña del Mar ??
2010 Houston (l. to Chela)
2009 St. Petersburg (d. Kunitsyn in SFs, l. to Stakhovsky in final)

Berlocq FastFacts:
2013 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 5-1
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: February 3, 1983
Emirates ATP Ranking: 81

- **Berlocq**, 30 (last Sunday birthday), advanced when Guillaume Rufin withdrew prior to their quarter-final match with an abdominal strain. He was runner-up to Monaco in last year's final, has a career tournament record of 10-5
- Looking to reach his second career ATP World Tour final (last year l. to Monaco here)
- Represented Argentina in 5-0 win over Germany in Davis Cup World Group 1R, beating Kohlschreiber and Kas in singles rubbers
- The Argentine finished in Top 70, winning a career-high 25 matches and advancing to his first ATP World Tour final in Viña del Mar (l. to countryman Monaco)
- Reached QF in five other tournaments, all on clay – São Paulo, Buenos Aires, Acapulco, Houston and Umag
- In Grand Slam play reached 2R at Australian Open (d. Huta Galung, l. to Karlovic), his best result
- Posted Top 20 wins over No. 12 and No. 13 Simon in Buenos Aires and Acapulco
- Went 0-4 vs. Top 10 opponents and compiled records of 17-13 on clay, 7-14 on hard and 1-4 on grass
- The Argentine has finished in the Top 100 five times in his career. Until recent years, had played primarily at Challenger level, compiling a 241-116 match record with 14 titles in 22 finals

Berlocq Career ATP World Tour SFs: playing in his third career ATP World Tour SF, 1-1 in SF matches
2013 Viña del Mar ??
2012 Viña del Mar (d. Chela in SFs, l. to Monaco in Finals)
2007 Bucharest (l. to Simon)

(1-WC) Rafael Nadal (ESP) vs (3) Jeremy Chardy (FRA) First Meeting

Nadal FastFacts:
2013 Highlights:
YTD W-L: 2-0
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 50
Date of Birth: June 3, 1986
Emirates ATP Ranking: 5

- **Nadal**, 26, advanced to the SF defeating No. 7 seed Danial Gimeno-Traver 61 64. He broke his countryman three times and saved all four break points he faced (all came in the final game of the match). Also left in doubles final (w/Monaco) and will try to win his ninth career title on Sunday
- Last year SF or better eight times on ATP World Tour, going 5-3 in SF matches, 4-0 on clay and 1-3 on hard
- Holds the record for the longest winning streak on clay having won 81 successive matches from 2005 Monte Carlo through the 2007 Hamburg final. He enters today's match on a 14-match winning streak.
- Career 40-1 in clay court SF and has won 40 straight since losing in Umag in 2003 (l. to Moya)
- Has won 36 tour-level clay-court titles (36-4 in finals) and has the best career match record on clay in the Open Era with a 256-19 mark (.930)
- Last year the Mallorcan won a Grand Slam title for eighth consecutive year. Finished outside Top 2 for first time since 2004 with four titles, including his record-breaking seventh at Roland Garros (d. Djokovic). That was also his last title
- His season ended with 2R five-set loss to Lukas Rosol on Centre Court at Wimbledon on June 28. Did not play rest of year after being sidelined with a left knee injury
- Captured a record eighth straight Monte-Carlo title (d. Djokovic), seventh in Barcelona (d. Ferrer) and sixth in Rome (d. Djokovic)

- Opened season by reaching SF in Doha (l. to Monfils) and followed with runner-up finish at Australian Open, falling to Djokovic 7-5 in fifth set in a Slam record 5h53m marathon
- In Indian Wells, he reached singles SF (l. to Federer) and captured his eighth career doubles title (w/M. Lopez). Did not drop a set in 5 matches during doubles play
- In Miami, defeated No.6 Tsonga in QF before withdrawing from SF (vs. Murray) due to left knee injury. It was only second walkover he gave in 777 matches ('04 Estoril)
- Compiled records of 23-1 on clay, 17-3 on hard and 2-2 on grass. Went 11-2 vs. Top 10 opponents with only losses to Djokovic at Australian Open and Federer in Indian Wells

CLAY COURT DOMINATOR – Nadal has the best career match record on clay in the Open Era with a 256-19 mark (.930) and he's 36-4 in clay finals. Here's a year-by-year look at Nadal's clay court supremacy since 2005, compiling a 229-9 match record (.962) and 36-4 mark in clay court finals on the ATP World Tour:

	W-L	**Clay Finals**			
2012 –	23-1	4-0	2008 –	24-1	4-0
2011 –	28-2	3-2 (l. to Djokovic both)	2007 –	31-1	5-1 (l. to Federer)
2010 -	22-0	4-0	2006 –	26-0	4-0
2009 -	23-2	3-1 (l. to Federer)	2005 –	50-2	8-0

Note: Nadal has lost to two players in a clay court final – Djokovic and Federer (twice each)

Chardy FastFacts:
2013 Highlights:
QF: Australian Open (l Murray)
YTD W-L: 6-3
YTD Titles: 0
Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: February 12, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 26

- **Chardy**, 25 (turns 26 next Tuesday), defeated No. 6 seed Paolo Lorenzi 62 63 to reach the SFs here for the second year in a row. He won 89% of first serve points and improved to 6-3 on the year. He is playing in Viña del Mar for the second time (5-1), last year lost to eventual champion Juan Monaco in the SF his only SF of the year
- Is playing in his seventh career ATP World Tour SF, 2-4 in SF matches and looking to reach his third career ATP World Tour Final, 1-1 in finals
- The Frenchman reached his first Grand Slam quarter-final at the Australian Open, beat del Potro in five sets in 3R and Seppi in 4R, fell in his first Grand Slam QF to No. 3 Murray in straight sets. Afterwards rose 11 places to career-high World No. 25 on Jan. 28
- Last year finished a year-end best No. 32 (also in '09) by climbing 71 ranking positions from previous season to finish in Top 50 for third time in four years
- His best ATP World Tour results were SF in Viña del Mar (l. to Monaco) and QF in Acapulco (l. to Wawrinka), Casablanca (l. to Ramos), Hamburg (l. to Monaco) and ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (d. No.4 Murray, l. to del Potro)
- In Grand Slam play, reached 3R at US Open (l. to Klizan) and 2R at Roland Garros (l. to Tipsarevic) and Wimbledon (l. to Monaco)
- Compiled records of 12-8 on clay, 10-10 on hard and 2-2 on grass and went 2-2 vs. Top 10 opponents
- The Frenchman has finished in the Top 100 in four of past five seasons
- Has a 7-18 career record vs Top 10 opponents, 1-1 in 2013. The highest-ranked player he defeated was World No. 4 Murray last August at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati

Chardy Career ATP World Tour SFs: playing in his seventh career ATP World Tour SF, 2-4 SF matches
2013 Viña del Mar ??
2012 Viña del Mar (l. to Monaco)
2011 Moscow (l. to Troicki)
2009 Stuttgart (d. Kiefer in SFs, d. Hanescu in finals)
2009 Munich (l. to Berdych)
2009 Delray Beach (l. to Fish)
2009 Johannesburg (d. Ferrer in SFs, l. to Tsonga in finals)

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

(1-WC) Rafael Nadal (ESP) vs Horacio Zeballos (ARG)				**Nadal Leads 1-0**
10 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Rafael Nadal	6-2 6-2 6-3
(1-WC) Rafael Nadal (ESP) vs (8) Carlos Berlocq (ARG)				**First Meeting**
(3) Jeremy Chardy (FRA) vs Horacio Zeballos (ARG)				**First Meeting**
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