Millennium Estoril Open: DAY 7 MEDIA NOTES

Sunday, May 1, 2016

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CARRENO BUSTA, ALMAGRO MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN ALL-SPANISH FINAL

- **FINAL PREVIEW**: The championship at the Millennium Estoril Open on Sunday is an all-Spanish contest as No. 8 seed **Pablo Carreno Busta** takes on unseeded **Nicolas Almagro** for the first time. This is the first all-Spanish final on the ATP World Tour since last October in Kuala Lumpur where David Ferrer defeated Feliciano Lopez. The last all-Spanish final in Portugal on the ATP World Tour came in 2001 when Juan Carlos Ferrero defeated Felix Mantilla

  Carreno Busta has not dropped a set en route to his second career ATP World Tour final. He comes into the final with a 15-11 match record (14-7 on clay) this season. En route to the final, he has defeated top seed Gilles Simon in the quarter-finals and No. 3 Benoit Paire in the semi-finals.He leads the tournament in return games won (18 of 37, 49%). In February he advanced to his maiden ATP World Tour final in Sao Paulo (l. to Cuevas). He is trying to become the second or third first-time ATP World Tour winner this season, joining Nick Kyrgios (Marseille). Argentine Diego Schwartzman is also attempting to win his maiden ATP World Tour title on Sunday in Istanbul (vs. Dimitrov).

  Almagro leads the tournament in aces (33) and he is also appearing in his second ATP World Tour final of the season and 23rd of his career (12-10). In February, he was runner-up in Buenos Aires (l. to Thiem). The 30-year-old Spaniard last won an ATP World Tour title in Nice in May 2012 (d. Baker). Almagro is No. 2 in the tournament in service games won (38 of 44, 86%). En route to the final, he defeated No. 4 seed and Portugal's No. 1 player Joao Sousa in the 2R, No. 7 seed Leonardo Mayer in the QF and No. 2/last year's finalist Nick Kyrgios in the SF.

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[8] Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) vs Nicolas Almagro (ESP) First Meeting

Carreño Busta 2016 FastFacts
F: São Paulo (l. to Cuevas); **QF (2)**: Quito (l. to Bellucci); Marrakech (l. to Delbonis)
YTD W-L: 15-11 (14-7 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: July 12, 1991
Emirates ATP Ranking: 50
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 7-1 (2016 Finalist)

• Tournament Note: The 24-year-old Spaniard, a semi-finalist last year, has advanced to his second career AT PWorld Tour final without dropping a set, posting wins over countryman Verdasco 61 63 in 1R, Japanese No. 2 Taro Daniel 64 75 in 2R, top seed Gilles Simon 63 64 in QF and No. 3 Paire 63 63. Last year defeated Lestienne, Vega Hernandez and Muller to reach SF (l. to Kyrgios). Has held 31 of 38 service games (82%) and leads in return games won (18 of 37, 49%)
• In February, defeated 4 countrymen en route to 1st ATP World Tour singles final at São Paulo (l. to Cuevas)
• Trying to become second (or third) first-time ATP World Tour winner this season (Kyrgios won Marseille). Diego Schwartzman is in Istanbul final on Sunday and attempting to win maiden ATP World Tour title
• Also advanced to QFs at Quito (l. to Bellucci in 3 sets) and Marrakech (l. to Delbonis)
• Won 1st ATP doubles title at Quito w/Duran (d. Bellucci/Demoliner)
• Also reached back-to-back doubles finals w/Marrero at Rio de Janeiro (d. Melo/Soares, l. to Cabal/Farah) and São Paulo (l. to Peralta/Zeballos)

Almagro 2016 FastFacts
F: Buenos Aires (l. to Thiem)
YTD W-L: 11-9 (10-6 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 12
Date of Birth: August 21, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 71
Estoril W-L (Best Result): 6-1 (2016 Finalist)

• Tournament Note: The 30-year-old Spaniard has lost one set in four matches, posting wins over wild card Frederico Ferreira Silva 63 62 in 1R, No. 4 seed Joao Sousa 46 61 62 in 2R, No. 7 Leonardo Mayer 64 76 in QF and No. 2/last year's finalist Nick Kyrgios 63 75 Last year beat Robert and L. Mayer en route to QF (l. to Gasquet). Leads tourney in aces (33) and No. 2 in service games won (38 of 44, 86%) and has broken 15 of 41 games (37%)
• In February, advanced to 1st final since 2014 Houston at Buenos Aires in February (l. to Thiem 76 in 3rd). Beat No. 9 Tsonga in QF and No. 6 Ferrer in SF (1-15 vs. countryman) to snap 6-match losing streak vs. Top 10 (19-66 overall)
• Appearing in 23rd career ATP World Tour final (12-10), all on clay and trying to win first ATP title since 2012 Nice
• 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

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP –
[1] Lukasz Kubot (POL) / Marcin Matkowski (POL) vs
[4] Eric Butorac (USA) / Scott Lipsky (USA) First Meeting

• **Kubot**/**Matkowski** came from a set down in their 1R and QF matches to reach their first ATP World Tour final together. They have an 18-12 career record together, including 13-10 this season
• Kubot has a 13-7 career record in ATP World Tour doubles finals and his last title came in Vienna last October
• Matkowski is 16-27 in doubles finals and his last title came in Kuala Lumpur in 2014

• **Butorac**/**Lipsky** have only dropped one set en route to the final and they are appearing in their fifth career final together (2-2). In January, they reached the final in Auckland. Their last title came in Valencia last year. They made their ATP World Tour debut together in Estoril in 2009, capturing the title. They have a 37-28 career record
• Butorac is trying to extend his title streak to 10 consecutive years while Lipsky is aiming to increase his title streak to nine straight years
• Butorac is 17-11 in career doubles finals while
• Lipsky is 14-11 in career doubles finals