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US OPEN CHAMPION WAWRINKA MAKES TOURNAMENT DEBUT

DAY 3 PREVIEW: Ten days after capturing his third Grand Slam title at the US Open, World No. 3 **Stan Wawrinka** is set for his St. Petersburg Open debut. The Swiss owns a 5-0 FedEx ATP Head 2 Head advantage against his opponent on Wednesday, 85th-ranked **Lukas Rosol** of the Czech Republic. However, their last two matches have gone the distance -- a three-set semi-final at Geneva on May 20 and a five-set, first-rounder at Roland Garros on May 23. Wawrinka and Rosol also met in a record-setting doubles match. On February 2, 2013, Rosol and **Tomas Berdych** defeated Wawrinka and **Marco Chiudinelli** 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-7(3), 24-22 in the longest rubber in Davis Cup history (7 hours, 1 minute).

STAN WAWRINKA'S US OPEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 3/4 of way to career Grand Slam (2014 Australian Open, 2015 Roland Garros, 2016 US Open)
- 1st player to save match point en route to Grand Slam title since **Novak Djokovic** at 2011 US Open
- 1st player to win 1st 3 Grand Slam titles at different majors since **Andre Agassi** from 1992-95
- 1st player to win 1st 3 Grand Slam titles after turning 28 since **Jaroslav Drobny** from 1951-54
- 3-0 vs. World No. 1 in Grand Slam finals (0-19 in all other tournaments and rounds)
- 11-0 in finals from 2014-16 (4-9 in finals from 2005-13)
- Oldest major champ since Agassi at 2003 Aus. Open and US Open champ since **Ken Rosewall** in 1970

Also in second-round action on Centre Court is No. 4 seed **Roberto Bautista Agut**, who faces **Ricardas Berankis** in the final match of the evening. The other five singles matches on Wednesday's schedule are first-rounders. Russian wild card **Andrey Rublev** meets **Mikhail Kukushkin** to begin play at 12 pm. Though Kukushkin won their only previous encounter at Moscow last October, Rublev gained a measure of revenge by helping Russia defeat Kazakhstan in a Davis Cup World Group Play-off tie this past weekend.

Following Rublev vs. Kukushkin, former finalists **Mikhail Youzhny** and **Janko Tipsarevic** will meet for the eighth time on the ATP World Tour. Youzhny, the winningest player in tournament history, is 4-3 against Tipsarevic. Two more Russians will contest the third match on Centre Court when Davis Cup teammates **Andrey Kuznetsov** and **Evgeny Donskoy** go one-on-one. Donskoy defeated Kuznetsov at the 2010 St. Petersburg Open for the first ATP World Tour victory of his career. On Court 1, Portuguese players **Joao Sousa** and **Gastao Elias** will meet qualifier **Radu Albot** and No. 7 seed **Viktor Troicki** respectively.

FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS: DAY 3 SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

1R: [WC] Andrey Rublev (RUS) vs Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) — Kukushkin Leads 1-0

15 Moscow (Russia)	Hard	R32	Mikhail Kukushkin	6-2 6-4

Rublev 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 2-4 (2-2 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: October 20, 1997
Emirates ATP Ranking: 201
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 0-1 (2015 1st Round)

• Tournament Note: Made St. Petersburg debut as a 17-year-old WC in 2015, falling to Bolelli in 3 sets
• Achieved career-high No. 154 in Emirates ATP Rankings on March 21
• Earned 10th tour-level win of career by beating Devvarman in Chennai 1R (l. to No. 4 Wawrinka in 2R)
• Lost in 1R at Miami as WC (l. to Cervantes), Monte-Carlo as WC (l. to A. Zverev) and Istanbul as Q (l. to Sela)
• Captured 1st ATP Challenger Tour title in 1st final at Quimper, FRA as Q (d. Khachanov, Lacko and Mathieu)
• Beat Harrison 76 in 3rd on 11th MP en route to Irving, USA Challenger QF (l. to Donaldson)
• In Davis Cup World Group Play-off, teamed w/Kravchuk to defeat Golubev/Nedovyesov (RUS d. KAZ 3-1)
• In Group I tie, defeated Haase and teamed w/Kravchuk to clinch tie vs. Haase/Middelkoop (RUS d. NED 4-1)

Kukushkin 2016 FastFacts
QF: Memphis (l. to Nishikori)
YTD W-L: 12-18 (9-12 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: December 26, 1987
Emirates ATP Ranking: 79
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 6-5 (2010 **Champion**)

• Tournament Note: Defeated No. 10 Youzhny to capture 1st and only ATP World Tour title at 2010 St. Petersburg
• Advanced to Memphis QF (d. Vanni and Kudla, l. to No. 7 Nishikori)
• Qualified at Sydney (l. to Chardy in 1R), Miami (l. to Dzumhur in 3R) and Rome (l. to No. 3 Murray in 2R)
• Fell to No. 3 Nishikori in ATP Masters 1000 Rome 2R – 10th straight loss vs. Top 10 opponents (2-27 overall)
• Captured back-to-back Challenger titles at Prostejov, CZE (d. Fucsovics) and Moscow, RUS (d. Diez)
• Defeated Troicki and led No. 1 Djokovic 2 sets to 1 before falling in 5 sets during Davis Cup 1R (SRB d. KAZ 3-2)
• Beat Donskoy in 5 sets before losing to Kuznetsov during Davis Cup World Group Play-off (RUS d. KAZ 3-1)
• Retired in Delray Beach 1R (left leg) and conceded walkover in Wimbledon 2R (knee)

1R: [PR] Janko Tipsarevic (SRB) vs Mikhail Youzhny (RUS) — Youzhny Leads 4-3

08 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Janko Tipsarevic	7-6(3) 6-4
08 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Janko Tipsarevic	3-6 6-0 6-3
09 Moscow (Russia)	Hard	F	Mikhail Youzhny	6-7(5) 6-0 6-4
10 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	QF	Mikhail Youzhny	6-3 6-4
12 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Mikhail Youzhny	6-3 6-4 3-6 6-3
12 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R32	Janko Tipsarevic	7-6(2) 6-4
13 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R32	Mikhail Youzhny	6-4 6-4 6-3

Tipsarevic 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 3-6 (1-1 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: June 22, 1984
Emirates ATP Ranking: 227
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 8-5 (2011 Runner-up)

• Tournament Note: 2011 runner-up (l. to Cilic) returns to St. Petersburg with protected ranking of No. 39
• Snapped 7-match tour-level losing streak at London/Queen's Club (d. Dimitrov, l. to Cilic in 2R)
• Also advanced to 2R at US Open, defeating Querrey before letting 2-set lead slip away vs. Carreño Busta
• As World No. 413, qualified and captured 11th Challenger title at Qingdao, CHN (d. Ramirez Hidalgo)
• Returned from foot and knee injuries at Ostrava, CZE Challenger in April (l. to Michalicka in 2R)
• Made 1st Davis Cup appearance since 2013, falling to Edmund and beating Ward in QF (GBR d. SRB 3-2)
• Withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati due to fatigue following 7-match title run in Qingdao

Youzhny 2016 FastFacts
QF (2): Stuttgart (l. to Thiem); Gstaad (l. to Brown)
YTD W-L: 15-14 (7-5 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 10
Date of Birth: June 25, 1982
Emirates ATP Ranking: 53
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 31-12 (2004 **Champion**)

• Tournament Note: Winningest player in event history is 1-2 in finals, winning title 12 years ago (d. K. Beck)
• Reached QFs at Stuttgart (d. Lopez and Stakhovsky, l. to Thiem 75 in 3rd) and Gstaad (l. to Brown)
• Advanced to Nottingham 3R (l. to Muller) before reaching Wimbledon 2R (l. to A. Zverev in 5 sets)
• Qualified and reached 2R at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (d. Fritz, l. to No. 7 Nishikori)
• Won 30 of 32 sets to sweep 3 consecutive ATP Challenger Tour titles in January
• Captured 2 titles in Bangkok, THA (d. Soeda and Pavlasek), followed by title at Manila, PHI (d. Chiudinelli)
• Illness forced walkover vs. Bautista Agut in Indian Wells 2R and retirement vs. Bellucci in Munich 1R
• Left hamstring strain forced w/o vs. Kuznetsov in Winston-Salem 2R and ret vs. No. 1 Djokovic in US Open 3R

1R: Evgeny Donskoy (RUS) vs Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS) — Donskoy Leads 1-0

10 St. Petersburg (Russia)	**Hard**	**R32**	**Evgeny Donskoy**	**7-5 7-6(2)**
Other Meeting:				
10 Kazakhstan F1 (Kazakhstan)	Hard	QF	Evgeny Donskoy	7-6(3) 6-3
10 Kazakhstan F2 (Kazakhstan)	Hard	SF	Andrey Kuznetsov	6-4 6-4

Donskoy 2016 FastFacts
YTD W-L: 6-18 (3-10 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: May 9, 1990
Emirates ATP Ranking: 90
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 3-4 (2010, 2013, 2015 2nd Round)

• Tournament Note: Earned 1st ATP World Tour win at 2010 St. Petersburg as Q (d. Kuznetsov, l. to No. 10 Youzhny)
• Saved 2 MPs to defeat Ferrer 75 in 3rd and reach Rio Olympics 3R (l. to Johnson 61 61)
• Advanced to 2R at 4 events, including Båstad (d. Khachanov after saving 2 MPs, l. to Arnaboldi)
• Led 64 61 52 in US Open 1R vs. Johnson with American serving at Love-40. Lost in 5 sets after holding 6 MPs
• Held at least 1 MP and lost in Chennai 1R vs. Ebden, Rotterdam 1R vs. Chardy and Barcelona 2R vs. Dolgopolov
• Captured Challenger titles at Raanana, ISR (d. Berankis) and Astana, KAZ (d. Kravchuk)
• Retired vs. Kukushkin in Munich 1R due to hip injury

Kuznetsov 2016 FastFacts
QF (5): Doha (l. to Nadal); Marseille (l. to Cilic); Barcelona (l. to Kohlschreiber); Geneva (l. to Rosol); Winston-Salem (l. to Carreño Busta)
YTD W-L: 26-17 (18-10 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: February 22, 1991
Emirates ATP Ranking: 46
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 1-2 (2009 2nd Round)

• Tournament Note: Earned 1st ATP World Tour win at 2009 St. Petersburg as WC (d. Granollers, l. to Stakhovsky)
• Advanced to Aus. Open 4R (l. to Monfils), Wimbledon 3R (l. to No. 6 Nishikori) and US Open 3R (l. to No. 5 Nadal)
• Reached Indian Wells 3R (d. Chardy, l. to No. 4 Wawrinka) and Miami 4R (d. No. 4 Wawrinka in 2R, l. to Kyrgios)
• Set career-highs this season in wins (26) and ranking (No. 39 on April 25)
• Fell to 0-10 in ATP QFs with losses at Doha (l. to No. 5 Nadal), Marseille (l. to Cilic), Barcelona (l. to Kohlschreiber), Geneva (l. to Rosol) and Winston-Salem (l. to Carreño Busta). Played 10 games en route to Winston-Salem QF
• Improved to 8-0 in Davis Cup, beating Nedovyesov and Kukushkin to lead RUS into World Group (RUS d. KAZ 3-1)
• Withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati due to ankle injury

2R: [1] Stan Wawrinka (SUI) vs Lukas Rosol (CZE) — Wawrinka Leads 5-0

13 Davis Cup 1R (Switzerland)	Hard	RR	Stan Wawrinka	6-4 6-3 6-4
15 Geneva (Switzerland)	Clay	R16	Stan Wawrinka	6-4 3-6 6-3
16 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Stan Wawrinka	6-2 6-3 7-6(3)
16 Geneva (Switzerland)	Clay	SF	Stan Wawrinka	6-2 4-6 6-3
16 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Stan Wawrinka	4-6 6-1 3-6 6-3 6-4

Wawrinka 2016 FastFacts
W (4): Chennai (d. Coric); Dubai (d. Baghdatis); Geneva (d. Cilic); US Open (d. Djokovic); **SF (2)**: Roland Garros (l. to Murray); ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (l. to Nishikori); **QF (2)**: Marseille (l. to Paire); ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (l. to Nadal)
YTD W-L: 39-12 (26-6 on hard)
YTD Titles: 4 / Career Titles: 15
Date of Birth: March 28, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 3 (Career-High)
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Debuting)

• Tournament Note: Only other appearance in Russia came at 2004 St. Petersburg Challenger (l. to Lisnard in final)
• Owns 11-match win streak in finals after capturing 3rd major title at US Open (d. No. 7 Nishikori and No. 1 Djokovic)
• At 31, oldest Grand Slam champ since Agassi at 2003 Aus. Open and US Open champ since Rosewall in 1970
• First Grand Slam champ since Djokovic at 2011 US Open to save MP en route to title (saved 1 MP vs. Evans in 3R)
• Improved to 3-0 vs. World No. 1 in Grand Slam finals (0-19 in all other tournaments and rounds)
• Also won ATP World Tour 500 title at Dubai (d. Baghdatis) and 1st Swiss title at Geneva (d. Cilic)
• Captured 3rd straight Chennai title (d. Coric), increasing win streaks at event to 12 matches and 24 sets
• Enjoyed 400th career win in Australian Open 3R on Jan. 23 (d. Rosol) before falling in 4R (l. to Raonic in 5 sets)
• In defense of Roland Garros title, won 5-setter over Rosol in 1R and reached SF (l. to No. 2 Murray)
• Appeared in 47 consecutive Grand Slam main draws since making major debut at 2005 Roland Garros
• Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SF at Toronto (l. to No. 6 Nishikori) and QF at Monte-Carlo (l. to No. 5 Nadal)
• Saved 1 MP to beat Evans in US Open 3R and 2 MPs to beat Stakhovsky in Marseille 2R

Rosol 2016 FastFacts
SF: Geneva (l. to Wawrinka); **QF**: Auckland (l. to Ferrer)
YTD W-L: 14-20 (10-12 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2
Date of Birth: July 24, 1985
Emirates ATP Ranking: 85
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 4-2 (2013 Quarter-finalist)

• Tournament Note: 2013 quarter-finalist won 30 of 37 first-serve points in 64 64 win over Schwartzman on Monday
• Lost to No. 4 Wawrinka in 3-set Geneva SF on May 20 and 5-set Roland Garros 1R on May 23
• Reached Auckland QF (d. Paire, l. to No. 8 Ferrer) and Aus. Open 3R for 1st time (d. Sock, l. to No. 4 Wawrinka)
• In Davis Cup, fell to Kohlschreiber in 5 sets before clinching 1R tie over A. Zverev (CZE d. GER 3-2). In QF, saved 2 MPs to beat No. 10 Tsonga in 5 sets, then fell w/Stepanek to Herbert/Mahut in 5 sets (FRA d. CZE 3-1)
• Led Querrey by 2 sets in Wimbledon 1R before falling 12-10 in 5th
• Advanced to Challenger QFs at Irving, USA (d. Istomin, l. to Granollers); Aix en Provence, FRA (l. to E. Ymer); Prostejov, CZE (d. E. Ymer, l. to Khachanov) and Prague, CZE (l. to Pavlasek)

2R: [4] Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) vs Ricardas Berankis (LTU) Series Tied 1-1

13 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Ricardas Berankis	6-3 6-3
14 Moscow (Russia)	Hard	QF	Roberto Bautista Agut	7-5 6-3
Other Meeting:				
12 Australian Open Q (Australia)	Hard	Q2	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-7(3) 6-3 6-1

Bautista Agut 2016 FastFacts
W (2): Auckland (d. Sock); Sofia (d. Troicki); **F**: Winston-Salem (l. to Carreño Busta); **QF (5)**: Chennai (l. to Coric); Rotterdam (l. to Klizan); Dubai (l. to Baghdatis); London/Queen's Club (l. to Raonic); Rio Olympics (l. to del Potro)
YTD W-L: 40-17 (29-10 on hard)
YTD Titles: 2 / Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: April 14, 1988
Emirates ATP Ranking: 16
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 6-3 (2015 Semi-finalist)

• Tournament Note: Reached QF or better in all 3 prior appearances, highlighted by 2015 SF (l. to No. 9 Raonic)
• Captured titles at Auckland (d. Sock) and Sofia (d. Troicki), fell in Winston-Salem final (l. to Carreño Busta in 3 sets)
• Saved 1 MP to beat No. 10 Tsonga in Auckland SF, snapping 17-match losing streak to Top 10 opponents
• Beat No. 9 Tsonga again 76 in 3rd to reach ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R (l. to No. 6 Nishikori)
• Reached 4R at Aus. Open (d. Cilic, l. to No. 6 Berdych in 5 sets) and Roland Garros (d. Coric, l. to No. 1 Djokovic)
• Led Pouille 2 sets to 1 before falling in US Open 3R
• Quarter-finalist at Rio Olympics in singles (l. to del Potro) and doubles w/Ferrer (l. to Johnson/Sock)
• Also advanced to QFs at Chennai (l. to Coric 76 in 3rd), Rotterdam (l. to Klizan after 5 MPs), Dubai (l. to Baghdatis) and London/Queen's Club (l. to No. 9 Raonic)
• Withdrew from Munich due to meniscus injury

Berankis 2016 FastFacts
SF: Memphis (l. to Fritz)
YTD W-L: 9-12 (9-7 on hard)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: June 21, 1990
Emirates ATP Ranking: 83
St. Petersburg W-L (Best Result): 3-3 (2012 Quarter-finalist)

• Tournament Note: 2012 quarter-finalist converted 6 of 8 break points to beat Mannarino 76(7) 36 63 on Monday
• Advanced to 2nd ATP World Tour SF of career at Memphis (d. Sela, Dzumhur and Young; l. to Fritz)
• Achieved career-high No. 50 in Emirates ATP Rankings on May 23
• Converted 1 of 20 break points in Wimbledon 1R loss to 772nd-ranked qualifier Willis
• Suffered 1st 60 60 loss of career in Rio Olympics 1R vs. Millman
• Captured back-to-back Challenger titles at Gwangju, KOR (d. Zemlja) and Nanjing, CHN (d. Zemlja)
• Reached Challenger final at Raanana, ISR (d. Sela, l. to Donskoy)
• Withdrew from Washington and ATP Masters 1000 Toronto due to asthma problems

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1R: [Q] Radu Albot (MDA) vs [8] Joao Sousa (POR) Series Tied 1-1

13 Davis Cup Group II (Moldova)	Hard	RR	Radu Albot	3-6 3-6 6-3 6-4 11-9
15 St. Petersburg (Russia)	**Hard**	**R32**	**Joao Sousa**	**3-6 7-5 6-4**
Other Meeting:				
13 Poznan CH (Poland)	Clay	R32	Joao Sousa	6-1 6-2

1R: Gastao Elias (POR) vs [7] Viktor Troicki (SRB) First Meeting