

Comerica Bank Challenger
A USTA Pro Circuit Event
Monday, August 10
Seascape Sports Club
Aptos, CA
Purse: \$100,000
Surface: Hard-outdoor

MONDAY AUGUST 10th RESULTS

In a turn of events **former world No. 8 Radek Stepanek** was knocked out by **Mischa Zverev of Germany** in the final round of qualifying matches. The two battled closely but Zverev took the first set 6-4. Stepanek, known for his deadly drop shots, came back strong and was up 5-2 in the second set. Showing mental toughness, Zverev continued to apply pressure and run down balls. You could hear the crowd gasp at 6-5 as Zverev closed the gap and won the match with an ace.

Zverev and the **other three qualifiers Daniel Nguyen, Tennys Sandgren, and Ze Zhang** have all earned spots in the main draw.

Young Americans Jared Donaldson and Mitchell Krueger played their first round of the main draw today. 18 year-old, Donaldson showcased a pure baseline game that did not seem to waver against his opponent **Gastao Elias from Portugal**. However, Krueger's run in Aptos and hopes for winning the U.S. Open Wild Card Challenge were cut short against **Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka** in a tough three-setter.

Due to the length of matches, the last match of the day featuring **No. 1 seed John Millman** of Australia has been rescheduled for second on center court tomorrow.

Tuesday's highlight match will begin at 6 p.m. Former No. 2 Tommy

Haas will take on 17 year-old Andrey Rublev.

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ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

With 90-plus tournaments hosted annually throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the pathway to the US Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players and a frequent battleground for established professionals. The USTA launched its Pro Circuit 32 years ago to provide players with the opportunity to gain professional ranking points, and it has since grown to become the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world, offering more than \$2.5 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **Maria Sharapova, Andy Roddick, Caroline Wozniacki, James Blake, Justine Henin, Andy Murray and Sam Querrey** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.