



Monday, August 8

**Nordic Naturals Challenger
Presented by Santa Cruz County Bank**

A USTA Pro Circuit Event
Seascape Sports Club
Aptos, CA

Purse: \$100,000

Surface: Hard- Outdoor

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14 Americans still in main draw of \$100,000 Nordic Naturals Challenger

Including qualifiers and wildcards, following the first day of main draw competition, 14 Americans are still in the main draw of the Nordic Naturals Challenger presented by Santa Cruz County Bank.

Today, Americans 20-year-old Tom Fawcett and No. 204 Nicolas Meister fell in the opening singles round. However two American players, No. 9 seed Mitchell Krueger and qualifier Raymond Sarmiento ousted their opponents on Monday. Krueger currently holds second place in the U.S. Open Wild Card challenge. In an all-American first round featuring qualifier Eric Quigley and wildcard Christopher Eubanks, Quigley came out on top.

On Monday, Seascape Sports Club was lit up by Ireland's James McGee who posted a thrilling comeback to defeat Meister 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. Not long after, No. 1 seed Daniel

Evans advanced to the round of 16 after battling past Fawcett in a match he hopes to be the first of many this week.

Currently ranked No. 80 in the world, Evans reached a career high ranking of No. 73 last month after defeating top-ranked players No. 34 Grigor Dimitrov, No. 38 Alexandr Dolgoplov, No. 89 Ricardas Berankis, No. 74 John Millman and many more. "I feel good, I've had some good success this year, but I need to keep going forward and hopefully some good wins this week will really help my ranking," Evans said.

After losing to No. 23 Jack Sock in the round of 16 at the Citi Open, Evans' results in the next two tournaments, the Kentucky Challenger and BB&T Atlanta Open, did not reflect the significant season he has had up to this point. He said that today's win against Fawcett felt good after losing two first rounds in a row.

Evans returns as the No. 1 seed this year after reaching the Aptos finals in 2013. "It is nice to come back," Evans said. "I've done well here in a final before and hopefully I can win the tournament, but I have to go match by match and see what happens."

Tuesday's schedule is highlighted by several Americans currently in the spotlight. Among those are 2016 NCAA doubles and singles champion Mackie McDonald, 2015 Aptos semifinalist No. 115 Bjorn Fratangelo and the current leader of the U.S. Open Wild Card Challenge, 20-year-old Ernesto Escobedo.

ABOUT THE USTA PRO CIRCUIT:

With approximately 90 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 37 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 nearly \$3 million in prize money. Last year, more than 1,000 men and women from more than 70 countries competed in cities nationwide. **John Isner, Maria Sharapova, Sam Querrey, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka and Andy Murray** are among today's top stars who began their careers on the USTA Pro Circuit.

NORDIC NATURALS CHALLENGER PRESENTED BY SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BANK - APTOS, CA, USA \$100,000 8 - 14 AUGUST 2016

RESULTS - AUGUST 08, 2016 Men's Singles - First Round

[1] D. Evans (GBR) d [WC] T. Fawcett (USA) 62 62

[9] M. Krueger (USA) d L. Broady (GBR) 62 64
E. Gomez (ECU) d M. Reid (AUS) 63 64
J. McGee (IRL) d N. Meister (USA) 46 75 75
[Q] R. Sarmiento (USA) d L. Glasspool (GBR) 63 62
[Q] E. Quigley (USA) d [WC] C. Eubanks (USA) 62 61
E. Crepaldi (ITA) d [LL] A. Halebian (USA) 75 75

Men's Doubles - First Round

C. Norrie (GBR) / C. Thompson (USA) d [4] S. Bangoura (USA) / E. King (USA) 64 26 10-4

ORDER OF PLAY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2016

CENTER COURT start 11:00 am

N. Scholtz (RSA) vs S. Bangoura (USA)
E. King (USA) vs [2] Y. Nishioka (JPN)
[WC] M. McDonald (USA) vs [4] S. Kozlov (USA)

Not Before 6:00 pm

[3] B. Fratangelo (USA) vs A. Kuznetsov (USA)

COURT 5 start 11:00 am

D. Kelly (AUS) vs B. Mitchell (AUS)
[6] E. Escobedo (USA) vs Y. Uchiyama (JPN)
[Q] J. Lambie (USA) vs [WC] C. Thompson (USA)
M. Matosevic (AUS) vs [7] F. Dustov (UZB)

Not Before 5:00 pm

After Appropriate Rest - Y. Nishioka (JPN) / Y. Uchiyama (JPN) vs [WC]
R. De Villiers (RSA) / T. Fawcett (USA)

COURT 6 start 1:00 pm

[5] R. Ramanathan (IND) vs [Q] C. Norrie (GBR)

Not Before 3:30 pm

May Be Moved to Center Court - A. Halebian (USA) / R. Sarmiento (USA)
vs [2] N. Meister (USA) / E. Quigley (USA)