



Tuesday, August 9

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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**Americans upset No. 2 seed Nishioka and No. 4 seed Koslov in \$100,000 Nordic
Naturals Challenger**

Chicago-native Evan King took out the No. 2 seed of Japan, Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-4, 7-5. The 24-year-old American yet to reach the top hundred beat the odds today when he clinched the victory against No. 85 Nishioka.

The match was filled with long, grueling rallies, but King came out on top, forcing 20-year-old Nishioka, who just reached the semifinals of the BB&T Atlanta Open, to come up short. After struggling with several injuries and dropping over 200 ranking spots in less than two years, King's victory today over Nishioka represents the biggest win of his career.

American and current leader of the U.S. Open Wildcard Challenge, 20-year-old Ernesto Escobedo, held his own as the No. 6 seed today upon defeating Yutaka Uchiyama of Japan 6-3, 6-4.

However, a second upset found its way to center court between two Americans. 21-year-old

wildcard Mackenzie McDonald defeated No. 4 seed Stefan Koslov 6-1, 6-4. Last month, the No. 1 college player in the nation, McDonald announced he was surrendering one last year of eligibility at UCLA to turn professional. McDonald, originally from Northern California, captured the 2016 NCAA championships in both singles and doubles, being the first player to win both events in the same season in 15 years.

In his first Aptos main draw appearance, Koslov, 18, failed to break McDonald's serve the entire match. Even though Koslov managed to stay on serve in the second set, McDonald converted his fifth break point to successfully serve out the match.

No. 3 seed and 2015 Aptos semifinalist, Bjorn Fratangelo secured an early 4-0 lead against fellow American, Alex Kuznetsov in Tuesday evening's feature match. Ten years after winning his first Challenger Title at Aptos, Kuznetsov lost the first set in only 23 minutes. Closing out the first set with an ace, Fratangelo clinched the match in straight sets 6-2, 7-6.

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 09, 2016

Men's Singles - First Round

E. King (USA) d [2] Y. Nishioka (JPN) 64 75
[3] B. Fratangelo (USA) d A. Kuznetsov (USA) 62 76(4)
[WC] M. McDonald (USA) d [4] S. Kozlov (USA) 61 64
[Q] C. Norrie (GBR) d [5] R. Ramanathan (IND) 63 76(8)
[6] E. Escobedo (USA) d Y. Uchiyama (JPN) 63 64
M. Matosevic (AUS) d [7] F. Dustov (UZB) 61 60
[WC] C. Thompson (USA) d [Q] J. Lambie (USA) 63 64
B. Mitchell (AUS) d D. Kelly (AUS) 63 61

S. Bangoura (USA) d N. Scholtz (RSA) 63 63

Men's Doubles - First Round

A. Halebian (USA) / R. Sarmiento (USA) d [2] N. Meister (USA) / E. Quigley (USA) 16 64 13-11

Y. Nishioka (JPN) / Y. Uchiyama (JPN) d [WC] R. De Villiers (RSA) / T. Fawcett (USA) 64 63

ORDER OF PLAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016

CENTER COURT start 11:00 am

[6] E. Escobedo (USA) vs [Q] R. Sarmiento (USA)

Not Before 1:00 pm

J. McGee (IRL) vs [9] M. Krueger (USA)

Not Before 3:30 pm

[1] D. Evans (GBR) vs E. Gomez (ECU)

Not Before 6:00 pm

[Q] E. Quigley (USA) vs [WC] M. McDonald (USA)

COURT 5 start 12:00 noon

[WC] E. Crepaldi (ITA) / J. Pompan (USA) vs N. Scholtz (RSA) / T. Vorster (RSA)

L. Broady (GBR) / R. Ramanathan (IND) vs J. Lambie (USA) / B. Saraiva (POR)

C. Norrie (GBR) / C. Thompson (USA) vs Y. Nishioka (JPN) / Y. Uchiyama (JPN)

Not Before 5:00 pm

After Appropriate Rest - M. Krueger (USA) / A. Kuznetsov (USA) vs [3] S. Kozlov (USA) / M. Reid (AUS)