



Saturday, August 13

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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Top seed, 2013 Finalist, Evans Returns to Finals to face Qualifier

With both Americans eliminated in the Nordic Naturals Challenger semifinal rounds, an unlikely finals matchup is set for Sunday between No. 1 seed Daniel Evans, 26, No. 80 in the world and qualifier Cameron Norrie, 20, currently playing for Texas Christian University.

The two, at opposite points in their careers, will meet in the finals after knocking out both American semifinalists on Saturday. No. 1 seed Evans forced out No. 3 seed Bjorn Fratangelo 6-3, 6-3. Recently, the two have played multiple times, each time Evans walking away with the win.

This year Evans confidence continues to grow match-by-match with victories over No. 34 Grigor Dimitrov, No. 38 Alexandr Dolgoplov, No. 89 Ricardas Berankis, No. 74 John Millman and many more top-ranked players. He reached a ranking high of No. 74 last month and is enjoying moments like these.

"I didn't feel I was playing that well coming into Aptos, but I am looking forward to tomorrow's final and the U.S. Open coming up," Evans said. "But right now it's all good fun."

Until 2015, a No. 1 seed had yet to win the Aptos Challenger in 28 years. Last year John Millman overcame the so-called curse and clinched the title despite the added pressure. Tomorrow, Daniel Evans will compete for his chance to do the same and make history for the second year in a row.

"As the top seed you obviously want to win the tournament," Evans said. "Taking it match-by-match it's been good so far. I am looking forward to trying to find a way to win tomorrow."

On the other end, Norrie defeated qualifier Eric Quigly on Saturday 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. In the middle of his college career, Norrie plays professional events whenever his college tennis schedule allows. This summer, Norrie's tournament schedule has yielded results that are making him question when it is he will commit full time to tennis.

"I play pro tournaments when I can and try to make the most of it," Norrie said. "I've improved a lot at TCU. I still have to decide this upcoming fall whether I'm going to go back or possibly take some time off to focus on tennis."

Evans and Norrie, both from Great Britain, have trained together at home in the past. Tomorrow's final rounds begin with doubles at 1 p.m. followed by singles at Seascap Sports Club.

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 13, 2016

Men's Singles - Semifinals

[1] D. Evans (GBR) d [3] B. Fratangelo (USA) 63 63

[Q] C. Norrie (GBR) d [Q] E. Quigley (USA) 36 62 64

Men's Doubles - Semifinals

N. Scholtz (RSA) / T. Vorster (RSA) d Y. Nishioka (JPN) / Y. Uchiyama (JPN) 63 76(6)

ORDER OF PLAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

CENTER COURT start 11:00 AM

FINALS of the PINK DAY TOURNAMENT

Not Before 1:00 pm

N. Scholtz (RSA) / T. Vorster (RSA) vs M. McDonald (USA) / B. Mclachlan (NZL)

[1] D. Evans (GBR) vs [Q] C. Norrie (GBR)