



Thursday, August 11

**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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**U.S. Open Wildcard Within Reach with Four Americans Remaining in \$100,000 Nordic
Naturals Quarterfinals**

With four Americans and three qualifiers remaining in the 29th Nordic Naturals Challenger quarterfinals anything is possible. On Thursday, the 2010 Aptos Challenger Champion, Marinko Matosevic eliminated fellow Australian No. 239 Benjamin Mitchell 6-2, 6-1. American Evan King, 24, defeated Erik Crepaldi of Italy 6-3, 7-5.

Coming in as a qualifier to this tournament, Great Britain's Cameron Norrie upset the highest ranked player in the lower half of the draw, No. 250 American Sekou Bangoura in straight sets. With each player only breaking serve once, both sets were forced to a tiebreaker. Dominating the first set tiebreaker, Norrie began to lose momentum in the second set. Norrie gathered up the strength to combat Bangoura's aggressive tactics, force the second set to another tiebreak and secure his well-deserved victory and place in Friday's quarterfinals.

American and No. 3 seed Bjorn Fratangelo defeated wildcard Clay Thompson 6-3, 7-5 to

reach his first quarterfinal in three months. No. 115 Fratangelo remained steady, focused and calm throughout Thursday's feature match. The 23-year-old Pittsburgh-native posted a career high ranking right inside the top hundred this year and in the past year has competed in four consecutive grand slam main draws.

The Nordic Naturals Challenger quarterfinal matchups are set for Friday with four Americans remaining, all of which are competing for the opportunity to earn a U.S. Open wildcard. If an American seizes the Aptos title this week, he will automatically take the lead in the U.S. Open Wildcard Challenge, receiving direct entry into the U.S. Open main draw. If not, No. 6 seed Ernesto Escobedo, who fell in the round of 16 earlier this week, will maintain the lead and receive the wildcard.

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.

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RESULTS - AUGUST 11, 2016

Men's Singles - Second Round

[3] B. Fratangelo (USA) d [WC] C. Thompson (USA) 63 75
M. Matosevic (AUS) d B. Mitchell (AUS) 62 61
[Q] C. Norrie (GBR) d S. Bangoura (USA) 76(3) 76(4)
E. King (USA) d E. Crepaldi (ITA) 63 75

Men's Doubles - Quarterfinals

N. Scholtz (RSA) / T. Vorster (RSA) d [1] D. O'Brien (RSA) / R. Roelofse (RSA) 64 62
[3] S. Kozlov (USA) / M. Reid (AUS) d L. Broady (GBR) / R. Ramanathan (IND) 62 62

M. McDonald (USA) / B. McLachlan (NZL) d A. Halebian (USA) / R. Sarmiento (USA) 75 36 10-1

First Round

M. McDonald (USA) / B. McLachlan (NZL) d D. Evans (GBR) / L. Glasspool (GBR) 61 64

ORDER OF PLAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016

CENTER COURT start 11:00 am

[Q] C. Norrie (GBR) vs E. King (USA)

[Q] R. Sarmiento (USA) vs [Q] E. Quigley (USA)

Not Before 3:30 pm

[3] B. Fratangelo (USA) vs M. Matosevic (AUS)

Not Before 6:00 pm

[1] D. Evans (GBR) vs J. McGee (IRL)