

Comerica Bank Challenger
A USTA Pro Circuit Event
Thursday, August 13
Seascape Sports Club
Aptos, CA
Purse: \$100,000
Surface: Hard-outdoor

RACE TO THE QUARTERFINALS LEADS TO SECOND ROUND UPSET

A service break early on in the first set allowed **former world No. 2 Tommy Haas** to secure a fairly quick lead against **No. 127 Mathew Ebden of Australia**. Haas' depth and placement had Ebden on his back foot for most of the time up until 3-1 in the second set.

Ebden gained momentum and clawed his way back to win the second set in a tiebreak. The Aussie rose to the occasion by tightening up his footwork and preparation, combatting his opponent's aggressive tactics. The two stayed on serve in the third set until Ebden broke Haas at 3-3. **Ebden clinched the match, upsetting Haas with a 6-4 victory in the third.**

Tomorrow Ebden will take on American Bjorn Fratangelo, who currently holds the lead in the U.S. Open Wild Card Challenge. No. 4 seed, Fratangelo is also feeling confident in his game as he advances to the quarterfinals. **Big serves and even bigger risks defined the match between 22 year-old Fratangelo and 19 year-old, Swede, Elias Ymer earlier this afternoon.** Strong winds did not make it easy for either to find their groove, but the power from both players was unmistakable. Despite some adversity, **Fratangelo was stoked to say that he gained some revenge today**, referencing his loss to Ymer the last time the two met on the court.

"Today my biggest thing was trying to go forehand to forehand with him and I think it worked well in the second set. I took it from him and executed my game plan the way I wanted to," said Fratangelo.

Tomorrow, No. 1 seed, Australian, John Millman will face 21 year-old Taro Daniel in the feature match at 6 p.m.

Daniel is an American-born Japanese tennis player who does his training in Valencia, Spain. He has won two Challenger titles this year and at No. 110 he is moments away from breaking the top hundred. Daniel's father grew up in Aptos and so far he has had a sizable fan base this week at Seascape.

At the beginning of last summer Millman's ranking fell to No. 1,193 after an unfortunate shoulder injury in 2013. He broke the top hundred and is now ranked No. 84, cruising through his first two rounds here in Aptos.

RESULTS - AUGUST 13, 2015

Men's

Singles - Second Round

[2] M. Jaziri (TUN) d G. Clezar (BRA) 63 36 63

[4] B. Fratangelo (USA) d E. Ymer (SWE) 63 64

[6] M. Ebden (AUS) d [WC] T. Haas (GER) 26 76(5) 64

[7] A. Krajicek (USA) d [Q] M. Zverev (GER) 63 64

Men's

Doubles - Quarterfinals

[1] C. Guccione (AUS) / A. Sitak (NZL) d [LL] R. Gonzales (PHI) / D. Walsh (GBR) 63 64

[2] A. Krajicek (USA) / N. Monroe (USA) d [Q] M. Copil (ROU) / A. Rublev (RUS) 63 16 10-7

K. Khachanov (RUS) / E. Ymer (SWE) d [3] D. O'Brien (RSA) / R. Roelofse (RSA) 62 26 10-8

ORDER OF PLAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015

CENTER COURT start 11:00 am

[7] A. Krajicek (USA) vs [2] M. Jaziri (TUN)

Not Before 12:00 noon

[6] M. Ebden (AUS) vs [4] B. Fratangelo (USA)

[3] K. Edmund (GBR) vs [8] Y. Nishioka (JPN)

Not Before 4:00 pm

May be Moved to Court 5 - M. Jaziri (TUN) / Z. Zhang (CHN) vs
Y. Bhambri (IND) / M. Ebden (AUS)

Not Before 6:00 pm

[1] J. Millman (AUS) vs [5] T. Daniel (JPN)

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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.