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2022 PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	UMAG W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	39-6 (Rio, Miami, Barcelona, Madrid Titles)	5-0 (2021 Title)
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	31-9 (6 times in QF)	1-1 (2019 2R)
3	Holger Rune (DEN)	16-16 (Munich Title)	0-1 (2021 1R)
4	Sebastian Baez (ARG)	25-18 (Estoril Title)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Alex Molcan (SVK)	21-13 (Marrakech, Lyon Finals)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Daniel Altmaier (GER)	5-18 (Pune, Mallorca QF)	3-1 (2021 SF)
7	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	14-14 (Rio de Janeiro, Belgrade SF)	20-10 (2016 Title)
8	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	18-16 (Hamburg Title)	0-0 (Debut)

Tournament History	1990-2019, 2021-Present (32nd Edition in 2022)
Singles Final	Sunday 31 July at 8:00pm
Wild Cards (3)	Duje Ajdukovic (CRO), Mili Poljicak (CRO), Dino Prizmic (CRO)
Qualifiers (4)	Franco Agamenone (ITA), Marco Cecchinato (ITA), Corentin Moutet (FRA), Giulio Zeppieri (ITA)
Protected Ranking (1)	Aljaz Bedene (PR-75)
Oldest Player	Fabio Fognini (35)
#NextGenATP (8)	Duje Ajdukovic (21), Carlos Alcaraz (19), Lorenzo Musetti (20), Mili Poljicak (18), Dino Prizmic (16), Holger Rune (19), Jannik Sinner (20), Giulio Zeppieri (20)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Carlos Moya (5) <u>Most Wins</u> – Carlos Moya (44) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Carlos Alcaraz, 18, in 2021 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Tommy Robredo, 31, in 2013 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 3 Thomas Muster in 1995 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 169 Dimitri Poliakov in 1991 <u>Last Croatian Champion</u> – Marin Cilic in 2012

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

Italy (6)	Franco Agamenone, Marco Cecchinato, Fabio Fognini, Lorenzo Musetti, Jannik Sinner, Giulio Zeppieri		
Argentina (5)	Sebastian Baez, Facundo Bagnis, Pedro Cachin, Federico Delbonis, Tomas Martin Etcheverry		
Spain (4)	Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Carballes Baena, Jaume Munar, Bernabe Zapata Miralles		
Croatia (3)	Duje Ajdukovic, Mili Poljicak, Dino Prizmic		
Colombia (1)	Daniel Elahi Galan		
Czech Republic (1)	Jiri Vesely		
Denmark (1)	Holger Rune	Slovakia (1)	Alex Molcan
France (1)	Corentin Moutet	Slovenia (1)	Aljaz Bedene
Germany (1)	Daniel Altmaier	Sweden (1)	Mikael Ymer
Serbia (1)	Laslo Djere	Switzerland (1)	Henri Laaksonen

PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	81,310	47,430	27,885	16,160	9,380	5,730
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	28,250	15,110	8,860	4,950	2,920	--

* Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

2022 PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	UMAG (BEST FINISH)
1	Simone Bolelli (ITA) Fabio Fognini (ITA)	102-57 (4 Titles) 20-8 in 2022 (1 Title)	22-12 (Rio de Janeiro Title) 23-9 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	6-2 (2011 Title) 12-6 (2011 Title)
2	Rafael Matos (BRA) David Vega Hernandez (ESP)	21-5 (3 Titles) 21-5 in 2022 (3 Titles)	25-9 (4 Titles) 21-8 (3 Titles)	0-1 (2021 1R) 4-0 (2021 Title)
3	Lloyd Glasspool (GBR) Harri Heliövaara (FIN)	34-17 (2 Titles) 26-15 in 2022 (1 Title)	26-16 (Hamburg Title) 27-15 (Hamburg Title)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Andrey Golubev (KAZ) Maximo Gonzalez (ARG)	4-4 (2022 Rome SF) 4-4 in 2022 (1 SF)	16-20 (5 times in SF) 19-13 (Estoril, Lyon Finals)	0-0 (Debut) 9-4 (2015 Title)

Doubles Final: Saturday 30 July following singles semi-finals.

PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG SINGLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	6-2 6-2
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Dusan Lajovic (SRB)	Attila Balazs (HUN)	7-5 7-5
2018	Marco Cecchinato (ITA)	Guido Pella (ARG)	6-2 7-6(4)
2017	Andrey Rublev	Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)	6-4 6-2
2016	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	Andrej Martin (SVK)	6-4 6-1
2015	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Joao Sousa (POR)	6-4 6-1
2014	Pablo Cuevas (URU)	Tommy Robredo (ESP)	6-3 6-4
2013	Tommy Robredo (ESP)	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	6-0 6-3
2012	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	6-4 6-2
2011	Alexandr Dolgoplov (UKR)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	6-4 3-6 6-3
2010	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	Potito Starace (ITA)	6-4 6-4
2009	Nikolay Davydenko	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	6-3 6-0
2008	Fernando Verdasco (ESP)	Igor Andreev	3-6 6-4 7-6(4)

BOLD: Player in 2022 Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag singles draw.

PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG DOUBLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Fernando Romboli/David Vega Hernandez	Andre Begemann/Albano Olivetti	6-3 7-5
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Robin Haase/Philipp Oswald	Oliver Marach/Jurgen Melzer	7-5 6-7(2) [14-12]
2018	Robin Haase/Matwe Middelkoop	Roman Jebavy/Jiri Vesely	6-4 6-4
2017	Guillermo Duran/Andres Molteni	Marin Draganja/Tomislav Draganja	6-3 6-7(4) [10-6]
2016	Martin Klizan/David Marrero	Nikola Mektic/ Antonio Sancic	6-4 6-2
2015	Maximo Gonzalez/Andre Sa	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Santiago Gonzalez	4-6 6-3 [10-5]
2014	Frantisek Cermak/Lukas Rosol	Dusan Lajovic/ Franko Skugor	6-4 7-6(5)
2013	Martin Klizan/David Marrero	Nicholas Monroe/Simon Stadler	6-1 5-7 [10-7]
2012	David Marrero/Fernando Verdasco	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	6-3 7-6(4)
2011	Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini	Marin Cilic/Lovro Zovko	6-3 5-7 [10-7]
2010	Leos Friedl/Filip Polasek	Frantisek Cermak/Michal Mertinak	6-3 7-6(7)
2009	Frantisek Cermak/Michal Mertinak	Johan Brunstrom/Jean-Julien Rojer	6-4 6-4
2008	Michal Mertinak/Petr Pala	Carlos Berlocq/ Fabio Fognini	2-6 6-3 [10-5]

BOLD: Player in 2022 Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag doubles draw – team Bolelli/Fognini remains intact in doubles draw.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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[Q] Giulio Zeppieri (ITA) vs Pedro Cachin (ARG)

First Meeting

Giulio Zeppieri | Age: 20 | World No. 168 | Career-High No. 164 | 2022: 0-2 (2 times in 1R) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in July 2018 and achieved career-high No. 164 at age 20 in July 2022.
> Qualified at 2022 Roland Garros in 1st try at a Grand Slam event, defeating 38-year-old Seppi in Q1 to snap his countryman's streak of 66 straight Grand Slam main draw appearances.
> Also qualified at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome with comeback wins over No. 47 Molcan and No. 62 Cressy.
> Captured 1st Challenger title of career on home soil at 2021 Barletta.
> Peaked at No. 12 in juniors after falling to countryman Musetti in 2019 Australian Open boys' singles SF and teaming with Musetti to reach 2019 Australian Open boys' doubles SF.

NOTE: Zeppieri qualified for ATP Masters 1000 Rome and Roland Garros in 2022, but seeking first career tour-level win in 5th attempt.

Pedro Cachin | Age: 27 | World No. 90 (Career-High) | 2022: 1-1 (Roland Garros 2R) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in 2011, broke into Top 200 at age 20 in 2015 and broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 90 at age 27 in 2022.
> Defeated Norrie and Carreno Busta en route to 1st ATP Tour QF of career at 2019 Cordoba as Q.
> Failed to qualify 6 times in as many attempts at Grand Slams, but entered 2022 Roland Garros as LL and defeated qualifier Gombos in Grand Slam main draw debut.
> Boasts 33-10 Challenger record in 2022 (3-3 in finals), winning 3rd career title at Madrid, 4th career title at Prague-2 and 5th career title at Todi.
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in junior rankings, defeating future ATP No. 5 Rublev en route to 4th ITF Junior Circuit title at 2013 Offenbach.

NOTE: Since the start of April, Cachin reached 6 ATP Challenger finals (3-3), after defeating No. 50 Thiem in Marbella 1R, he scored a 29-6 record in ATP Challengers. This is his 6th tour-level event (2nd in 2022, 2022 Roland Garros as a LL), first as a direct entry and first ATP Tour event since 2020 Cordoba in February.

Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) vs [7] Fabio Fognini (ITA)

First Meeting

Daniel Elahi Galan | Age: 26 | World No. 99 (Career-High) | 2022: 5-7 (Cordoba QF) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)
> Improved year-end ranking in 7 straight seasons (2015-21) and broke into Top 100 in 2022 achieving a career-high No. 99 in July.
> Defeated 2-time defending champion Johnson en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2019 Houston as Q-WC.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros as LL and 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2021 Miami. Also 3R at 2022 Wimbledon (l. to Nakashima), equaling his best Grand Slam result.
> Won ATP Tour main draw debut on home soil at 2015 Bogota as 19-year-old WC (d. Riba).
> After falling in Australian Open Q1, captured 3rd Challenger title of career at 2022 Concepcion.

NOTES: Galan entered the Top 100 on Monday on the Pepperstone ATP Rankings for the first time in his career at No. 99 following his 2R showing in Hamburg after qualifying and defeating No. 78 Coria in 1R.

Fabio Fognini | Age: 35 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 9 | 2022: 14-14 (Rio, Belgrade SF) | Umag: 20-10 (2016 Title)
> As a 32-year-old in 2019, became oldest player to break into Top 10 for 1st time, as well as 1st Italian in Top 10 since Barazzutti in 1979. Reached career-high No. 9 on 15 July 2019.
> Also became 1st Italian ATP Masters 1000 champion, beating Nadal for 3rd time on clay en route to 2019 Monte Carlo title.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at 2017 Rome and 300th win of career over Monfils at 2018 Rome.
> Broke through as a doubles player in 2015 by winning Australian Open, reaching 3 ATP Masters 1000 finals and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals with countryman Bolelli.
> Married to 2015 US Open women's singles champion Flavia Pennetta with 3 children – Federico, Farah, Flaminia.

NOTES: Fognini is making 12th appearance in Umag, debuting in 2008 and beating No. 27 and 5-time Umag champion Moya to reach his 3rd ATP Tour semi-final. He has reached the semi-final stage four more times since (2011 semi-final, 2013 final, 2014 semi-final, 2016 title).

[Q] Marco Cecchinato (ITA) vs [WC] Mili Poljicak (CRO)

First Meeting

Marco Cecchinato | Age: 29 | World No. 151 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 2-6 (2 times in 2R) | Umag: 6-4 (2018 Title)

- > Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.
- > Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career record, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.
- > As World No. 72 in 2018, became lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.
- > Owns 10-6 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-14 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

NOTE: Cecchinato is one of the 3 former champions in the draw, coming through qualifying beating local wildcard Biljesko in Q1 and receiving a walkover due to shoulder injury from countryman Seppi in Q2.

Mili Poljicak | Age: 18 | World No. 537 (Career-High) | 2022: 0-0 (Zagreb CH Final) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 537 in July 2022 after starting the year ranked outside of Top 1000 on Pepperstone ATP Rankings.
- > After previously going 0-7 in ATP Challenger Tour main and qualifying draws, he beat 3 Top-300 players to reach first ATP Challenger final on home soil in Zagreb, also owns a 6-10 record on ITF Tour (3-6 in 2022).
- > Received a wild card to his first tour-level event at 2022 Umag.
- > Posted biggest win of career over No. 186 Gaio (2022 Zagreb CH 2R).
- > Current No. 5 in juniors (peaked at No. 2 in January 2022), became the first Croatian player to win junior Wimbledon, just 3 days before turning 18.
- > Practiced with Djokovic just hours before they both went to win 2022 Wimbledon in their respective categories.

NOTE: Poljicak is seeking biggest win of career and second Top 200 win (1-2). He is aiming for first tour-level win in his debut.

GRANDSTAND

Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs Henri Laaksonen (SUI)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

16 Lyon CH (France)	Clay	R32	Henri Laaksonen	7-5 6-0
16 Bastad CH (Sweden)	Clay	QF	R. Carballes Baena	6-3 6-3
21 Marbella CH (Spain)	Clay	R32	Henri Laaksonen	1-6 6-3 6-3
21 Estoril (Portugal)	Clay	Q1	R. Carballes Baena	7-5 7-5
21 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	Q2	Henri Laaksonen	7-5 6-1

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs Mikael Ymer (SWE)

Munar Leads 1-0

21 Parma (Italy)	Clay	R32	Jaume Munar	6-3 7-6(5)
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