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\$100,000 Stockton Men's Challenger, A USTA Pro Circuit Tour Event

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FORMER TOP 20 PLAYER TURSunOV ADVANCES AFTER BEATING TOP QUALIFYING SEED ON SECOND DAY OF STOCKTON CHALLENGER

Stockton, Calif. – Former world's No. 20 men's singles player Dmitry Tursunov of Russia started out strong, but withstood swirling winds and uneven play to advance on the second day of qualifying at the \$100,000 Stockton Men's Challenger tournament, a USTA Pro Circuit event, on a gusty Sunday at the Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center on the University of the Pacific campus.

Tursunov, a 34-year-old who has seven ATP World Tour singles titles, used his strong all-around game to outlast top qualifying seed Nikola Milojevic of Serbia 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

"It was definitely tough to play, and you're not playing your best, or even if it was tennis at all," said Tursunov. "You just have to do what it takes to win. Mentally you just have to hang in there. I'm not going to complain. ... There were a lot of mistakes on both sides. "

Tursunov moves on to one more qualifying match against former USC standout Eric Johnson, who defeated up-and-coming junior player Jenson Brooksby of Sacramento 6-4, 6-3. Johnson was a member of two of the Trojans' NCAA Division I championships when he was a freshman and junior.

Johnson, who played in Stockton in his days as a junior, said of the Tigers' new tennis center, "I had never been to (Pacific) before and it's a really cool facility. They have 12 new quality courts and a new clubhouse so you can't ask for anything more."

Frederik Nielsen of Denmark notched an upset of his own, eliminating No. 6 seed Alejandro Gonzalez of Colombia 6-4, 6-1. Nielsen plays wild card Sebastian Korda, the son of former world No. 2 Petr Korda, who won by walkover over No 2 Jay Clarke of Great Britain.

Nielsen, 34, who paired with Johnathan Marray of Great Britain to win the 2012 Wimbledon men's doubles title, was pleased with Sunday's victory.

"Very difficult conditions with the wind and the sun sitting low in the sky like it does this time of year," Nielsen said. "I tried to move him around and I was doing well with the neutral shots and taking advantage when he hit short. I was very clinical on returns so I was always a threat. I was super excited with the win."

Ruan Roelofse of South Africa, another doubles specialist, defeated American and Sacramento resident Collin Altamirano 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.

"I don't play singles much because I'm concentrating more on doubles, but when I get the opportunity to play singles, I will," said Roelofse, who will meet No. 4 qualifier Sekou Bangora of the U.S., who rolled past Pacific's John Lieu 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3 Jan Choinski of Germany defeated Alexios Halebian of the U.S. 6-3, 7-5, and today will face Matias Franco



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Descotte of Argentina, who rolled past Pacific's Bernardo Oliveira 6-2, 6-1.

The tournament continues with the main draw at 10 a.m. today at the Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center. Featured players in action include 2016 Stockton finalist Noah Rubin, who meets Pacific's Akram El Allaly, and No. 6 seed Darian King of Barbados against Alexander Ward of Great Britain.

Tickets are available at the door or at evezimmermantenniscenter.com.

For more information on the tournament, visit evezimmermantenniscenter.com, ustaproccircuit.com and atpworldtour.com.

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Sunday, October 2, 2017

Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center

Stockton, Calif.

Purse: \$100,000

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles -- Qualifying

Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, d. (1) Nikola Milojevic, Serbia 6-3, 2-6, 6-2

Eric Johnson, United States, d. Jenson Brooksby, United States, 6-4, 6-3

WC-Sebastian Korda, United States, d. (2) Jay Clarke, Great Britain, walkover

Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, d. (6) Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-4, 6-1

(3) Jan Choinski, Germany, d. Alexios Halebian, United States, 6-3, 7-5

Matias Franco Descotte, Argentina, d. WC-Bernardo Oliveira, Brazil 6-2, 6-1

(4) Sekou Bangoura, United States, d. WC-John Lieu, United States, 6-1, 6-1

Ruan Roelofse, South Africa, d. Collin Altamirano, United States, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0

Doubles-Qualifying

(1) Denis Kudla, United States-Mikelis Libietis, Latvia d. Christopher Cajigan, Guam-Tadiwa Chinamo, Zimbabwe, 6-3, 6-1.

(2) Nick Chappell, United States-Bernardo Saraiva, Portugal d. Liam Broady, Great Britain and Jay Clarke, Great



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Britain 6-4, 7-5.

Monday, October 2 - SCHEDULE

Stadium Court - starting at 10 a.m.

WC-Sebastian Korda vs. Frederik Nielsen-QUALIFYING, followed by

Not before 11:30 a.m.

Mitchell Kruger, United States vs. Liam Broady, Great Britain, followed by

Stefan Kozlov, United States vs. Brayden Schnur, Canada, followed by

WC-Akram El Sallaly, Egypt, vs. Noah Rubin, United States

Court 2 - starting at 10 a.m.

(4) Sekou Bangoura vs. Ruan Roelofse-QUALIFYING, followed by

Not before 11:30 a.m.

Jan Satral, Czech Republic vs. Brydan Klein, Great Britain, followed by

Hans Hach Verdugo, Mexico-Ramkumar Ramanathan, India vs. (2) Ruan Roelofse-Andreas Siljeström, Sweden, followed by

Nikola Milojevic, Serbia-Jan Satral, Czech Republic vs. WC-Jenson Brooksby-Boris Kozlov

Court 5 - starting at 10 a.m.

(3) Jan Choinski vs. Matias Franco Descotte-QUALIFYING

Court 6 - Starting at 10 a.m.

Dmitry Tursunov vs. Eric Johnson – QUALIFYING

Not before 11:30 a.m.

PR-Alexander Ward, Great Britain vs. (6) Darian King, Barbados, followed by

(1) Denis Kudla-Mikelis Libietis vs. Nick Chappell-Bernardo Saraiva-QUALIFYING

