



JSM FUTURES OF CHAMPAIGN- URBANA AT THE ATKINS TENNIS CENTER JULY 15-22, 2017

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Hiltzik comes back from the brink at JSM Futures Nevolo, Clark make it three Illini in the sweet 16

Jared Hiltzik fought off five match points in a 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (1) victory over Strong Kirchheimer to provide a dramatic start to the main draw of the JSM Futures of Champaign-Urbana at the Atkins Tennis Center. The 2016 University of Illinois graduate was dominant in the third set tiebreak, overcoming a strong push down the stretch from the Northwestern alum.

"I stuck to my guns, and never gave up," said Hiltzik. "I knew I had to compete until the last point, and I did."

Hiltzik is joined in the second round by Dennis Nevolo. The two-time University of Illinois All-American was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Guy Orly Iradukunda. He'll play Jeffrey Schorsch on Wednesday with a spot in the quarterfinals on the line.

The lone University of Illinois student-athlete to advance on Tuesday was Zeke Clark. The rising sophomore was feisty as always, disrupting Manuel Sanchez in a 7-5, 6-4 win.

"I knew if I didn't dictate that I was going to be in trouble," said Clark. "From the very first point, I did everything I could to stay as aggressive as I could. I feel like that was what I was able to do, and that's why I was able to come through today. Now I've just got to keep it going."

Aron Hiltzik, Aleks Kovacevic, and Aleks Vukic all were bounced from the tournament on Tuesday. Former Illini Farris Gosea had to retire from his match due to illness.

The doubles first round begins on Wednesday afternoon. Six current or former Illini will participate in afternoon action.

Admission is free at the JSM Futures of Champaign-Urbana, through Saturday's finals. Full results, draws, and orders of play are available at illiniprotennis.com, or through our twitter account, @illiniprotennis.

Results

Alexios Halebian, United States d. Gabriel Friedrich, Brazil 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-2

John McNally, United States d. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia 6-3, 6-0

Jared Hiltzik, United States (4) d. Strong Kirchheimer 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (1)

Ricardo Rodriguez, Venezuela d. Ryan Shane, United States (5) 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (1)

Brandon Holt, United States d. Riley Smith, United States 6-3, 6-2

Dennis Nevolo, United States (7) d. Guy Orly Iradukunda, Burundi 6-3, 6-1





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Ezekiel Clark, United States d. Manuel Sanchez, Mexico 7-5, 6-4
Jose Statham, New Zealand (2) d. Aziz Dougaz, Tunisia 6-2, 6-3
Santiago Fa Rodriguez Taverna, Argentina d. Shane Vinsant, United States 6-4, 6-3
Genaro Alberto Olivieri, Argentina (8) d. Aron Hiltzik, United States 4-6, 6-3, 7-5
Jeffrey Schorsch, United States d. Farris Fathi Gosea, Great Britain 1-0, ret.
Eric James Johnson, United States d. Damon Gooch, South Africa 6-3, 4-6, 7-5
Luke Saville, Australia (1) d. Logan Smith, United States 6-4, 6-1
Evan Song, United States (6) d. Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States 7-6 (4), 6-1
Dominik Koepfer, Germany (3) d. Martin Redlicki, United States 6-3, 2-6, 6-3
Harrison Adams, United States d. Hunter Callahan, United States 6-3, 5-7, 6-3

Featured Matches for Wednesday:

10AM- Dennis Nevolo (7) vs. Jeffrey Schorsch
Jared Hiltzik (4) vs. Eric Johnson

11AM- (1) Luke Saville vs. Harrison Adams
Zeke Clark vs. Evan Song (6)

Not before 1PM- Farris Gosea/Sanchez (1) vs. Redlicki/Redlicki

Not before 3PM- Clark/Kovacevic vs. Rodriguez/Rodriguez/Taverna
A. Hiltzik/Vukic vs. Callahan/Gozun

