



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

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Clark cooks up a birthday win Gosea gets through to the quarterfinals

University of Illinois rising sophomore Zeke Clark celebrated his 19th birthday in style, advancing to the quarterfinals of the JSM Futures of Champaign-Urbana with a 6-3, 6-1 win over 6-seed Evan Song. It's the second time this summer that Clark has reached a quarterfinal in a professional event, the other coming in Tulsa late last month.

"Every match is going to be tough no matter what in the Futures, so you definitely grow from it," said Clark. "The Futures tour is definitely good, with a lot of good players, week in and week out. That's what I get out of this week."

Clark had a 5-love lead in the first set, but was broken twice by the 25-year old to stretch it to 5-3. Clark broke to close out the set, and then cruised in the second. He'll face another tough test tomorrow, as he battles 2-seed Jose Statham of New Zealand.

Clark is now the lone Illini left in the singles draw, as both Dennis Nevolo and Jared Hiltzik were knocked out on Wednesday. Hiltzik fell in straight sets to Eric Johnson, while Nevolo dropped a three setter to Jeffrey Schorsch, who is in to his first professional quarterfinal.

Only two seeds remain in the singles draw. The day's biggest upset saw qualifier Harrison Adams take out #1 Luke Saville in a grueling three-setter. Saville served for the match at 5-4 in the third while cramping, and couldn't close it out.

The doubles quarterfinals are also now set, with the top three seeds moving on to tomorrow's action. That includes former Illini Farris Gosea and his partner Manuel Sanchez. The tournament's top seeds eliminated Martin and Michael Redlicki 6-4, 6-2.

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:

Singles:

Brandon Holt, United States d. Genaro Alberto Olivieri, Argentina (8) 6-3, 7-5

Jeffrey Schorsch, United States d. Dennis Nevolo, United States (7) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3

Eric Johnson, United States d. Jared Hiltzik, United States (4) 6-3, 6-4

Dominik Koepfer, Germany (3) d. Alexios Halebian, United States 6-4, 6-2





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Harrison Adams, United States d. Luke Saville, Australia (1) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5
Ezekiel Clark, United States d. Evan Song, United States (6) 6-3, 6-1
Ricardo Rodriguez-Pace, Venezuela d. John McNally, United States 6-2, 6-2
Jose Statham, New Zealand (2) d. Santiago Fa Rodriguez Taverna 6-4, 7-5

Doubles:

Robert Galloway, United States & Damon Gooch, South Africa (3) d. Dennis Nevolo/Chad Rhoden,
United States 6-1, 6-0
Farris Fathi Gosea, Great Britain & Manuel Sanchez, Mexico (1) d. Martin Redlicki/Michael Redlicki,
United States 6-4, 6-2
Hunter Callahan/Alexandru Gozun, United States (2) d. Jonathan Binding, Great Britain & Andrea
Caligiana, Italy 6-3, 6-2
Brandon Holt/Riley Smith, United States d. Strong Kirchheimer/Jeffrey Schorsch, United States 6-3, 2-6,
10-7
John McNally/Govind Nanda, United States d. Erroll Lawrence, United States & Rowland Phillips,
Jamaica 6-4, 6-2
Tomas Stillman/Shane Vinsant, United States d. Alexios Halebian/Evan Song, United States (4) 6-2, 6-1
Santiago FA Rodriguez Taverna, Argentina & Ricardo Rodriguez-Pace, Venezuela d. Ezekiel
Clark/Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States 6-4, 6-1

Featured Matches for Thursday:

9AM- Zeke Clark vs #2 Jose Statham
Not before 11AM- Farris Gosea/Sanchez vs. Adams/Johnson

