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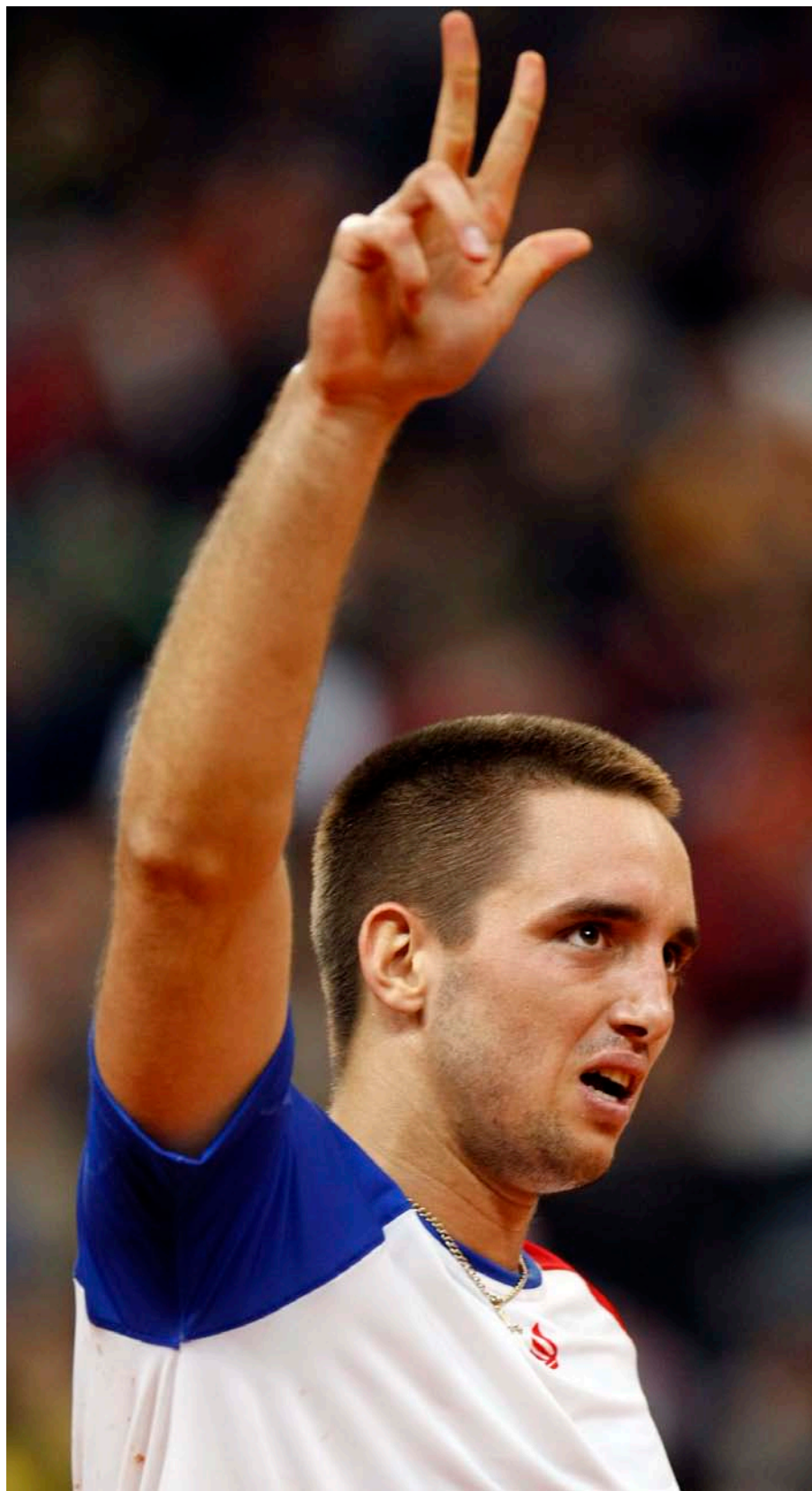
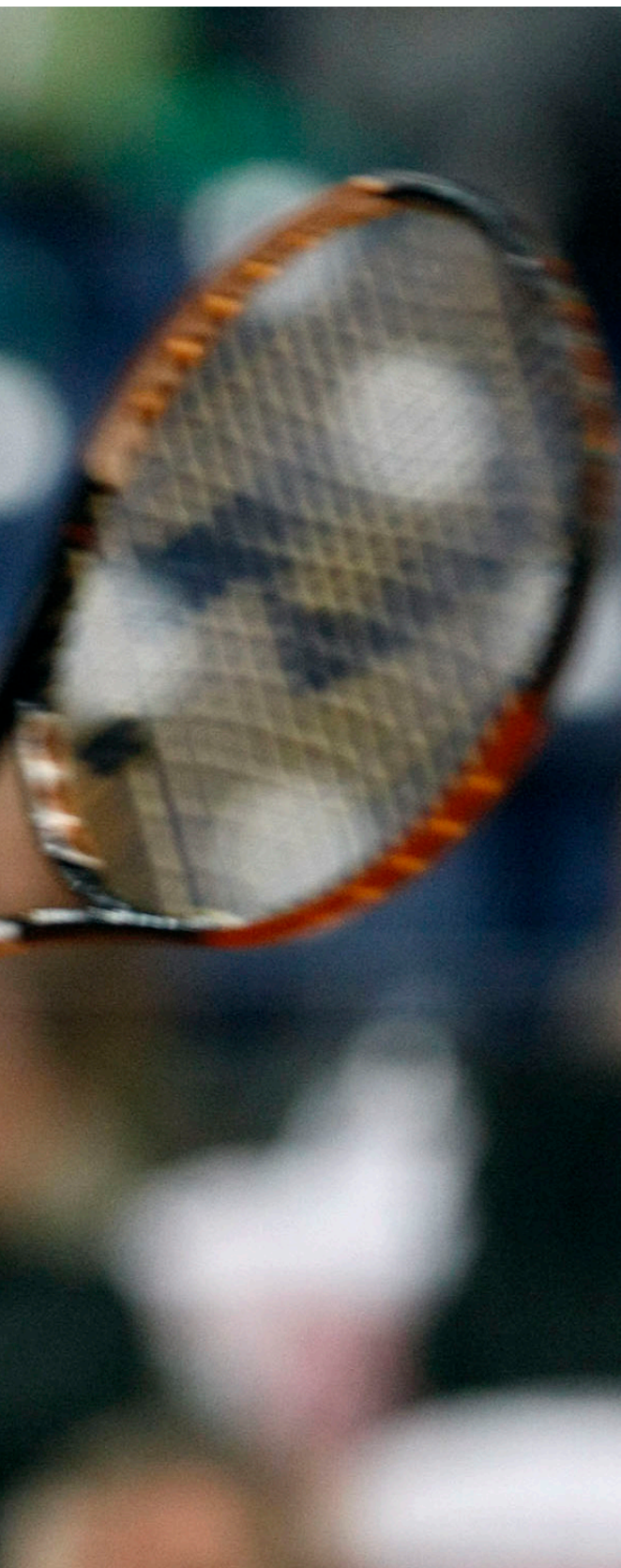
SAM QUERREY





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Smireno, sigurno i na krilima publike Viktor je imao meč loptu kada je na semaforu stajalo 3:33 minuta od početka bitke, ipak iskoristio je četvrtu i rezultatom 7:6(4), 6:7(5), 7:5, 6:4 upisao prvu pobjedu Srbije u duelu sa najtrofejnim timom u historiji Dejvis kup takmičenja.

„Meč sa Iznerom je bio teži nego što sam očekivao. Bio je to prvi meč i imao sam tremu u prvom setu. Samopouzdanje mi je dao preokret koji sam napravio upravo u tom setu. Nakon toga je bilo mnogo lakše, igrao sam rasterećenije, sa više hrabrosti i vere, iako je moj protivnik uspeo da dobije drugi set u taj brejku. Smatram da je ključan bio treći set kada je Izner vodio 5:4 i imao 0:30 na moj servis i ja sam uspeo da napravim preokret, a on je tada pao na psihološkom planu, što mi je u nastavku olakšalo posao. Bilo mi je teško da se naviknem na njegov stil igre, igrao je bez pritiska na početku meča i bilo mi je teže da pratim njegov servis nego kada smo igrali na betonu. Ipak, došao sam do pobjede, veoma važnog poena za Srbiju u ovom susretu i to je najvažnije“ – rekao je Troicki.



Calm, self-confident and carried on the supporters' wings, Viktor faced a match point of his at the moment when the clock showed the match duration of 3 hrs 33'; yet it took his fourth match point to finally prevail. The score of 7-6(4), 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-4 meant the first win for Serbia within this duel against the most successful team in the history of Davis Cup.

Here is how Troicki looked back upon the match: *“The rubber against Isner was harder than I had foreseen. It was the opening rubber and I was overwhelmed with stage fright during the first set. But the overturn I made in that set gave me some self-confidence. It was much easier after that, I played with more ease, more daringly and with greater assurance, despite my opponent winning the second set in tiebreak. I find the third set to have been of key importance, when Isner led 5-4 and got 0-30 on my serve, but I managed to make a turn while he was sinking psychologically, and that made my job easier through the rest. It was difficult for me to get used to his playing style, for he played free of pressure in the beginning, and it was harder to countervail his service here than on concrete. Anyhow, I have made the win, a very important one for Serbia in this tie, and that's what matters most.”*

Istom merom uzvratilo je i najbolji srpski teniser Novak Đoković koji je u drugom singl meču istog dana doneo prednost domaćinu 2:0, pobedom nad Semom Kverijem 6:2, 7:6(4), 2:6, 6:3. Nije imao šansu američki „broj 2“ pred izuzetno raspoloženim srpskim asom Đokovićem, koji je u prvom setu nagovestio da pobjeda neće doći u pitanje. Iako je Amerikanac imao vođstvo u drugom setu 3:0, Novak je sve vreme meča držao konce u svojim rukama. Kveri je uspeo da dobije treći set, ali nakon toga srpski „broj 1“ kreće u pobjedničku ofanzivu. U četvrtom, koji će se ispostaviti kao odlučujući set u ovom duelu, Novak je odmah stigao do brejka, uskoro i vođstva od 3:0 u nastavku, održavajući prednost brejka i do pobjede, time i 2:0 za Srbiju.

The same was achieved by Novak Djoković who in the second singles rubber established a 2-0 lead for the home team defeating Sam Querrey 6-2, 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-3. The American no. 2 was deprived of any chance against the exceptionally zealous Serbian ace who in the first set immediately 'foretold' that his victory was not questionable at all. Despite the American's 3-0 lead in the second set, Novak was the one to pull the strings of the rubber all along. Querrey did manage to win the third set, but a triumphal offensive of the Serbian number one followed: in the fourth set, the one which proved decisive, Novak took his first chance to make a break which led him to a 3-0 lead, which was to be maintained for the rest of play and take him to the win, which implied the 2-0 score for Serbia on the first day.



NOVAK ĐOKOVIĆ - SAM QUERREY 3:1



„Bio je to jako uzбудljiv duel. Kveri je, kao i Izner protiv Viktora, pokazao da ako ga servis služi, može da bude jako nezgodan protivnik. Šljaka je podloga na kojoj se troši najviše energije i meni je, očigledno u trećem i četvrtom setu, bilo malo ponestalo snage. Najvažnije je da smo nakon prvog dana takmičenja stigli do ogromnog vođstva i na korak od plasmana u četvrtfinale Dejvis kupa“ – rekao je Đoković.

Bilo je jasno da samo dubl može da prebaci pritisak na srpski tim. Ipak, pred srpsku publiku ne izlaze braća Brajan, jedan od najboljih dublova svih vremena u „belom sportu“. Majk je zbog stomaćnog virusa izostao iz dubl meča, a na teren su izašli Bob Brajan i Izner i suprotstavili se srpskom dubl asu Nenadu Zimonjiću i Janku Tipsareviću. Uoči samog dubl meča, Zimonjić je od predsednika TSS Slobodana Živojinovića primio nagradu u ime toga što je ovo Nenadu bio 50. meč u karijeri koji je odigrao u nacionalnom dresu. Posle velike borbe, ponovo u četiri seta, tri sata i 18 minuta igre, Amerikanci smanjuju rezultat u susretu Srbije i SAD pobedom protiv Zimonjića i Tipsarevića 6:7(8), 7:5, 6:7(8), 3:6.

„U meč dubla ušli smo sa prednošću od 2:0 i nismo očekivali da će Amerikanci izaći na teren u sastavu Bob Brajan – Izner, očekivali smo oba brata na terenu. Izner je odigrao sjajno, možda i bolje od njegovog dubl partnera. Duel su odlučile nijanse, a mi nismo osvojili neke ključne poene. Bez obzira na podlogu, teško je igrati protiv sjajnih servisera, a naši protivnici su servis majstori“ – rekao je selektor Dejvis kup tima Srbije Bogdan Obradović.

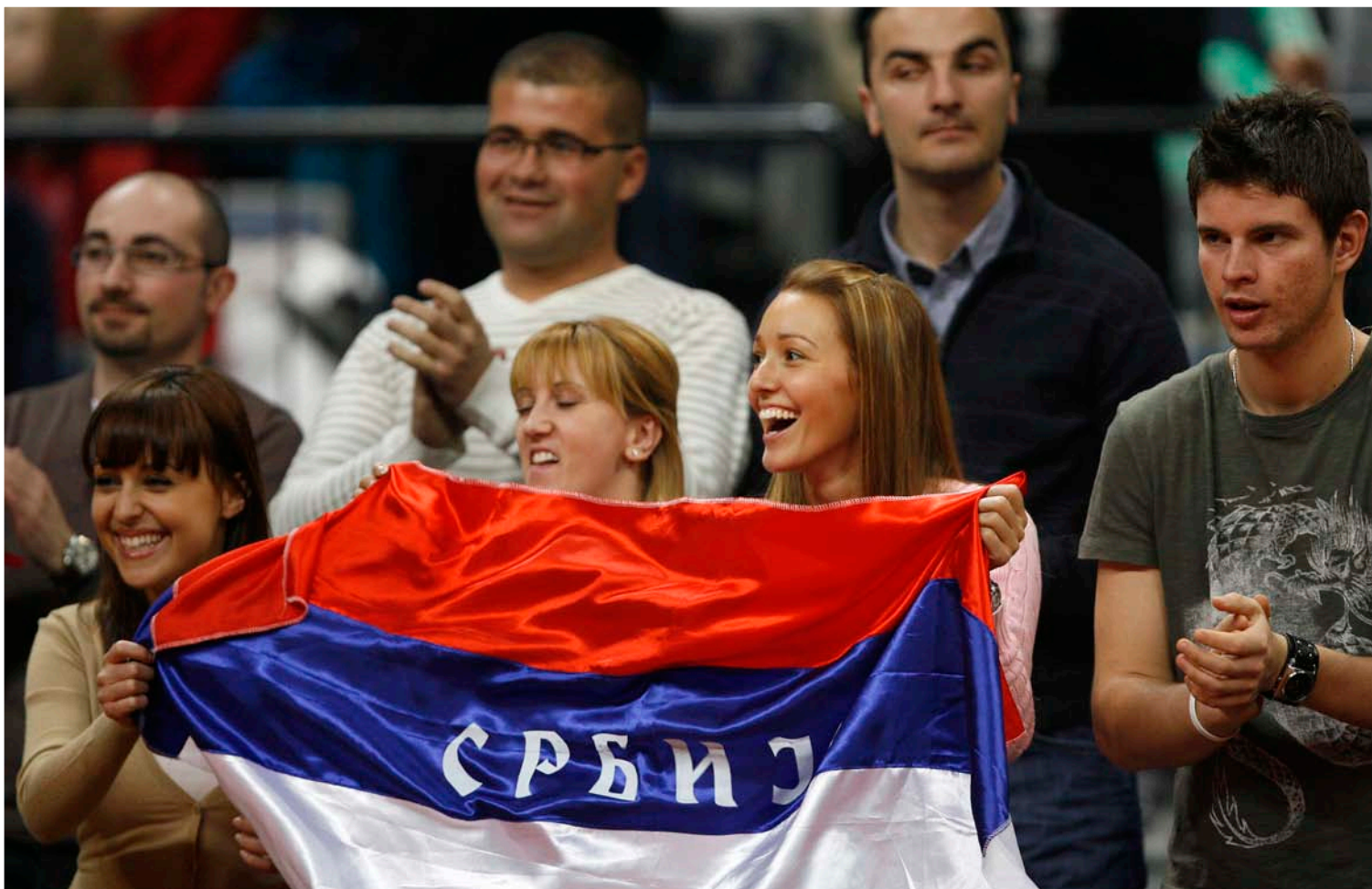
Usledio je „dan D“, dan velike odluke i ispostaviće se pobeđe Srbije! Opet je na potezu bio ljubimac nacije Novak Đoković, koji je prvi izašao na teren, odmerio snage sa Džonom Iznerom, na kraju, posle velike borbe, izuzetnog meča koji je trajao četiri sata i 16 minuta, doneo plasman Srbiji u četvrtfinale Dejvis kupa 2010. godine.

“It was such a thrilling duel. Like Isner facing Viktor, Querrey has shown that – provided his serve is in good nick – he can be an extremely tricky opponent. Clay is a surface where you spend most energy and in the third and fourth sets I obviously lost in force a little bit. What matters most is that after the first day of the contest we have reached a substantial lead and are just one step away from the Davis Cup quarterfinal” – Djokovic summed up the second singles encounter.

It was clear that only the doubles rubber could transfer the pressure to Serbia’s team. However, the Serbian fans were not to see the Bryan brothers, one of the best doubles ever, playing together on court. Due to a stomach virus, Mike Bryan was substituted with Isner; thus, Bob Bryan and his new partner had to face the Serbian doubles wizard Nenad Zimonjić paired with Janko Tipsarević. Just before the beginning of the rubber, Zimonjić was handed in an award by Slobodan Živojinović, President of the Serbian Tennis Federation, for this was a major date in his career – the 50th match played in the national colours. After a great struggle, another four-setter (it lasted three hours and 18 minutes) brought a rise to the Americans: the scoreboard now read Serbia v U.S.A. 6-7(8), 7-5, 6-7(8), 3-6.

At that point, Bogdan Obradović, captain of Serbia’s Davis Cup team, reviewed the course of the tie: *“We entered the doubles rubber with a 2-0 lead and did not expect Bob Bryan and Isner to appear on the court as the American pair; we expected the two brothers. Isner performed brilliantly, maybe even better than his partner. It was the nuances that decided the duel, and we failed to win some crucial points. Regardless of the surface, it is difficult to play against superb serve-strikers, and our opponents are true masters of the serve.”*

What followed was the “D-day”, the day of a great decision and, as it turned out, a great victory for Serbia! Again, it was Novak Djoković’s turn, and he was the first to appear on the court and measure his strength against John Isner. The titanic battle lasted for four hours and 16 minutes; it was an outstanding match which took Serbia to the quarterfinal of the 2010 Davis Cup.



Izner je servirao kao sa drugog sprata, jer to i visina američkog „diva“ od 2,06 m dozvoljava, šljaka je bila tvrda i neravna, ali Novak je ponovo pokazao zašto je „broj 2“ na svetu. Tokom celog meča vodila se rovovska borba za svaki poen.

Prvi set je okončan nakon 54 minuta igre kada je Novak uspeo da sa dva forhend vinera dođe do brejka. I dok se „Nole nazionale“ radovao iz sveg glasa, Izner je sa druge strane iskalió bes na reketu. Ista situacija će se ponoviti na početku drugog seta, s tim da je sada „stradao“ reket srpskog asa, dok je Amerikanac slavio prednost brejka. Do izjednačenja u setovima 1:1 stiglo se nakon ravno 100 minuta igre.

Isner's service seemed to come "from the second floor", for the fellow is 2.06 m tall; the shale surface was hard and not quite smooth, but once again Novak justified his being the world's number two.

Each point would be scored by way of a "trench warfare" throughout the rubber. The first set came to an end after 54 minutes, when Novak managed to make a break after two forehand winners. While Nole nazionale rejoiced aloud, Isner wreaked revenge on his racket. The same happened at the beginning of the second set, but it was the Serb's racket that was 'victimized' this time, while the American celebrated his break-forged lead. It took no less than 100 minutes before the 1-1 set score.



Nošen burnim navijanjem oko 15.000 gledalaca u „Areni“, uz zvuke pesme „U boj krenite junaci svi“, treći set uzima Novak i stiže na korak od pobeđe, velike pobeđe za Srbiju. Usledio je četvrti, dramatičan set, koji će posle odigranog taj brejka pripasti Izneru. Bez ijedne brejk lopte u setu, ušlo se u taj brejk u kojem je Amerikanac imao vođstvo od 3:0, ali Novaka to nije pokolebalo, stiže do izjednačenja na 6:6, kada Izner pravi dva važna poena, poslednji je bio bekhend viner za 2:2 u setovima. Uprkos maratonskom i iscrpljujućem četvrtom setu, Novak lagano privodi meč kraju u petom, održavajući brejk koji je napravio za vođstvo od 3:2. Na kraju, posle četiri sata bespoštedne borbe, iskoristivši šestu meč loptu, Novak odvodi Srbiju u četvrtfinale Dejvis kupa.

Carried by the 15,000 vociferous supporters in the Arena, along the tune “Forward to Battle, You Heroes, All” (U boj krenite junaci svi), Novak took the third set and came one step away from a great win for Serbia. But the next set appeared to be a real drama, without a single break, ending in a tiebreak: the American made a 3-0 lead, but Novak, unshaken, managed to level at 6-6; but Isner scored two big points then, the last one with a backhand winner, and the rubber was all square at 2-2. Despite the exhausting fourth, marathon set, Novak made a break for 3-2; he then patiently kept the superior position until the last point which was his sixth match ball after four hours of unsparing fight. Doing so, he took Serbia into the Davis Cup quarterfinal.



Selekcija domaćina bila je oslabljena neigranjem Ivo Karlovića (49) koji je bio povređen, pa je na njegovo mesto uskočio Ivan Ljubičić (16. na ATP listi u tom trenutku) koji se u ovom meču vratio iz reprezentativne „penzije“. Pored Ljubičića za Hrvatsku su igrali: Marin Čilić (13), Ivan Dodig (159) i Antonio Veić (171).

Voljom žreba prvi meč su odigrali Novak i Ljubičić, a srpski as rutinski stiže do pobede 7:6(3), 6:4, 6:1. Iskusni hrvatski teniski as Ljubičić uspeo je da se održi protiv Novaka do taj brejka u prvom setu, ali je morao da poklekne pred Srbinom. Drugi set doneo je briljantnu partiju Đokovića, treći set egzibicionu igru našeg asa.

Usledio je susret Troickog i Čilića nakon kojeg se domaćinu vratila nada, jer je uspeo da izjednači. Viktor je krenuo silovito, ali od sredine prvog seta, kao da se dogodilo isključenje srpskog igrača, što je olakšalo posao prvom reketu Hrvatske Čiliću koji stiže do pobede nakon 6:4, 7:5, 6:2, a time i do izjednačenja za Hrvatsku u prvom danu bitke u Splitu. Troicki je prokomentarisao:

The host team was afflicted by the injury of Ivo Karlović who was therefore unable to play, so Ivan Ljubičić (ATP no. 16) came out of Davis Cup retirement to replace him. Next to Ljubičić, the Croatian lineup included Marin Čilić (13), Ivan Dodig (159) and Antonio Veić (171).

The draw determined that Novak Djoković and Ivan Ljubičić meet in the opening rubber in which the Serb made a routine win: 7-6(3), 6-4, 6-1. A seasoned wizard of the Croatian tennis, Ljubičić managed to counterbalance Novak's play until the first-set tiebreak, and then he succumbed. The second set brought about some brilliant performance on Djoković's part, while the third set was a real exhibition of the Serbian player's skill.

The next rubber featured Troicki and Čilić. The latter managed to level the tie, which revived the host-team's hopes. Viktor had started with great force, but midway first set he seemed to have 'switched off' himself, thus enabling Čilić, the Croatian no. 1 racket, to make a 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 win. So, Day One of the "Battle of Split" ended up all square. This is how Troicki looked back upon his failure in this rubber:



Usledio je dubl u kojem je najbolji dubl igrač sveta Zimonjić, u tandemu sa Tipsarevićem, odigrao jedan od najboljih mečeva u Dejvis kupu: zabeležili su pobedu nad hrvatskim parom Čilić – Dodig 6:3, 6:2, 6:4 nakon kojeg Srbija stiže na korak od plasmana u polufinale, na šta je Nenad Zimonjić izjavio sledeće:

„Sigurno ne postoje lake pobeđe u Dejvis kup mečevima, ma koliko to rezultatski izgledalo lako. Bio je ovo težak meč. Ušli smo kao favoriti i mislim da smo dobro odigrali, iskoristili smo šanse koje su nam se ukazale, a i jedan mali pad tokom meča nije uticao na nas, već smo se brzo vratili. Zahvalio bih se Janku koji je odlično odigrao. Ovo je izuzetno važan poen, jer kao što sam rekao, ovaj poen drugog dana donosi veliku psihološku prednost ekipi. Drago mi je što smo dobro igrali. U svim elementima smo bili dobri. Pravili smo jako veliki pritisak najpre Ivanu, pa Marinu, riterima, da probaju da rizikuju. Prezadovoljan sam nivoom na kojem smo odigrali. Definitivno nije lako. Već par godina igram sa jednim partnerom, a kad sam u reprezentaciji moram da se prilagođavam bilo Novaku, bilo Viktoru ili Janku. Prezadovoljan sam kako je sve funkcionisalo sa Jankom. Samo mi je krivo što smo izgubili u Beogradu protiv SAD, jer smo i tada odlično igrali, a presudilo je par lopti. Sada mi je posebna čast što je prvi meč kao oženjen čovek odigrao sa mnom i što smo ostvarili pobedu.“

What followed was the doubles rubber. The world's top doubles player Zimonjić, paired with Tipsarević, presented one of the best plays in Davis Cup. The two triumphed over the Croatian double Čilić/Dodig with 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, and for Serbia there was just one step left to make in order to reach the semifinal.

After the third rubber, Nenad Zimonjić said: *“There are certainly no easy wins in Davis Cup matches, however easy they may appear on the scoreboard. This was a very difficult rubber. We entered it as favourites, and I think we have played it well enough, using the chances that occurred; one short lapse during the rubber did not make an impact on us, we were back all right soon. I would like to thank Janko who performed superbly. This has been a most important win, for the win in the second day brings great psychological advantage to the team. I am happy that we played well. I think we did play well. We were good in all elements. We were putting big pressure on Ivan first, then Marin, by way of returns, in order to make them take risk. I am all too satisfied with the level of our performance. Definitely, it is not easy. It has been for years that I've been playing with one partner, and when I play for the national team I have to adjust either to Novak, or to Viktor, or to Janko. I am more than satisfied with the way everything worked with Janko. Only, I feel bad about our failure against the U.S.A. in Belgrade, for we performed excellently there, too, and just a couple of shots proved decisive in the end. Now I have a special privilege that he has played his first match as a married man with me, and that together we have won.”*



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Prvi put u Beogradu, prvi put u istoriji prilika za Srbiju da osvoji najstarije timsko takmičenje na svetu. Srbija je na ovo finale čekala 83 godine, koliko je i proteklo od prvog meča koji smo odigrali u jednom od najelitnijih sportskih takmičenja na planeti – Dejvis kupu, koji danas uživo u toku jedne sezone isprati preko 550.000 gledalaca, a putem interneta 17 miliona ljudi, dok je broj poklonika tenisa, koji mečeve Dejvis kup takmičenja gleda putem TV ekrana, višemilionski. Naši momci vodili su bitku koja će obeležiti istoriju belog sporta Srbije i planete! Preko Francuza do lovorika! Francuski, kao i srpski tim, krase sjajni teniseri, koji čine samu elitu svetskog tenisa, što je dodatno garantovalo da će ovaj meč biti veoma uzbudljiv. Igrači oba tima poznati su po tome što u mečevima koje igraju u nacionalnom dresu daju više od svih maksimuma, čine svaki meč posebnim, drugačijim, istorijom za sebe!



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