

**PONTE VEDRA** replaces Amelia Island on the Tour as the latter lost its main sponsor, Bausch & Lomb, and MPS Group decided to move the tournament down the coast to the Sawgrass Country Club. The surface will still be Har-Tru, the fast, green clay used at most American clay court venues. And just like Miami, plenty of wind can be expected - 35kph forecast for Monday.

### Weather

**AMANMURADOVA** held serve just twice against Sprem in Miami and was beaten in Indian Wells by Petra Maric [#188], who lost 3 & 4 by Dushevina in the next round. The 6'3" Uzbek has no form on green clay and is likely to have her movement exposed on a surface that is difficult to change direction on. The Florida winds are also likely to negate her powerful serve.

**BAMMER OUT** - shoulder. "At the moment there seems to be no need for surgery," said coach Jürgen Waber on Friday. "However, she still not pain-free and works every day with a physiotherapist."

According to laola1.at she is back at home and she won't play here. She's also not sure to play at Charleston. She has still problems with her shoulder and neck.

**BARTOLI** was a late entry into Ponte Vedra Beach and tournament Organisers declined her a wild-card which means that she will have to undergo the highly unusual process of playing in the qualifying rounds.

She suffered a dreadful looking loss to Yakimova in Miami last time out, serving 8 double-faults and dropping her serve 6 times.

Bartoli is just 10-10 on green clay and probably too flat-footed to be any real threat on this surface.

**A.BONDARENKO** has won just 46, 49 and 36% of her service points in her last 3 matches and could only take 5 games off Vaidisova in her last 2 matches.

She does however go well enough on green clay [11-7], beating the likes of Safina and Wozniacki in Amelia Island last year.

**K.BONDARENKO** has a useful 9-5 record on green clay, but just like her sister, is in a bit of a slump form wise, winning just 3 of her 10 matches in 2009. She did however score more points and breaks of serve in defeat to Kirilenko in Miami last time out.

**CIBULKOVA** (WC) retired with cramps after a 3¼-hour grind with Medina in Miami. It's not the first time she's shown signs of lacking physical conditioning, following retirements on match-points vs. Sugiyama in Stanford and she quit at 0/4 in the third against Vesnina in Dubai, recently.

Cibulkova looked in decent form against Sprem in Miami, before retiring against Medina. (Forum extract) "Domi was much too solid for Sprem. Some nice rallies between the two but most of the time, Sprem would hit the ball hard and deep and Domi would hit it back just as deep or deeper. Her groundstrokes aren't AS penetrating but they are excellent for her size. Definitely not a pusher. Sprem served well in the very beginning of the match so her 11 double-faults were surprising but then again, Domi was right inside the baseline for her serves."

Cibulkova goes fairly well on green clay [13-5], and was a finalist in Amelia Island last year, falling to Sharapova in the final after beating Azarenka, Chakvetadze, Mauresmo and Cornet.

**CZINK** won just 14 return points against Urszla Radwanska in Miami and also served poorly herself, missing half of her 1st serves and winning just 28% behind her 2nd delivery.

Since reaching the QF in Hobart, Czink lost 6 of her next 9 matches, with the 3 wins coming against out-of-form types such as Cirstea, Kudryavtseva and Martić. Czink is 5-7 on green clay at this level, 22-13 overall.

**DOKIC** has complained of fatigue in recent weeks and appeared to have nothing left in the third set against Wozniacki in Miami, where she was aced 12 times and served 11 double-faults to also indicate tiredness.

(Ticker extract) Wozniacki won 65% of her service points [incl. 12 aces] but was helped by 11 double-faults from Dokic in a less than convincing performance. "Today I didn't feel very good. Even before the fight, I had a bad feeling," said Wozniacki. "I went into the match a bit nervous. Overall, I felt not right, the balls were flying which made returning difficult. However, it must be said that Dokic did not play badly. She played aggressively and got me in heels. Today I only won because I had my heart in the right place. But as they say over here, you've got to 'win ugly', sometimes."

Dokic is 18-11 on green clay, including a title win in Sarsota in 2002.

**GALLOVITS** has lost 5 of her last 6 matches, including defeats to several attacking players, who have been able to hit through her slice and passive game style. "I made the point every time," said Kirilenko. "But she [Gallovits] just brought the ball back and I missed couple."

Gallovits has a fine 64-16 record on U.S clay courts, including ITF title wins in Charlottesville, Pelham, Indian Harbour Beach, Lafayette, Tunica Resorts and Greenville.

**GOVORTSOVA** won just 25% of her service points against Yakimova in Miami, though she did require medical attention on court. The Belarusian has also lost to out-of-form players such as A.Bondarenko and Maret Ani, while she was a set and a break down to Keothavong before the Brit collapsed.

Govortsova is 18-8 on clay in the U.S.

**HANTUCHOVA** The usual disappointing effort from the Slovak in Miami, where she required 3 sets to beat Oudin and was comfortably beaten by the slumping Ana Chakvetadze in R3, winning just 46% of her service points.

Hantuchova was comfortably beaten by Bammer in Indian Wells [her favourite venue], should also have lost in R1 to Wickmayer, who missed several match-points, and 7/5 7/5 vs. Cetkovska, who scored just 6 points less, doesn't look a great effort. Hantuchova is just 8-7 on green clay and hasn't played the Tier 1 event in Charleston since 2003 to suggest she isn't that keen on this surface.

**KIRILENKO OUT** was beaten by her doubles partner Pennetta in Miami, where she played with a support bandage on her left and never really showed her best tennis [e.g. scored less points than the out-of-form K.Bondarenko in R1; Pennetta lost in the next round]. Kirilenko does have a couple of clay court titles to her name, but she is yet to play on green clay, having never competed in Charleston or Amelia Island.

**KUDRYAVTSEVA** has lost 7 of her last 9 matches in straight sets, though she was fairly competitive with Medina in Miami, where she served for the first set and won 58% of her service points.

The 21-year-old Russian lost 4 of her 5 matches on clay last year though she is 7-4 on green clay, including an appearance in the ITF final in Dothan in 2007.

**LISICKI** served 11 double faults in just 9 service games in windy conditions against Benesova in Miami. The 19-year-old German's only two titles [both at ITF level] came indoors where her big serve is far more effective. She just 15-15 on clay [2-5 in WTA main draws] and 1-1 on the faster, Har-Tru green clay.

**MATTEK** was comfortably beaten by Pivovarova in Miami, despite the Russian chipping in with 9 double-faults, though she boasts a fairly useful 39-21 record on green clay, including ITF title wins in Palm Beach Gardens, Indian Harbour Beach and Dothan.

**MAYR** struggled with blisters on her right hand when losing to Vaidisova in Miami, but appeared to have recovered well enough in Pelham [green clay] this week, where she was due to compete in the quarter-finals on Friday.

**MIRZA** and her partner Chuang Chia-jung of Taiwan continued their giant-killing ways by knocking out the second-seeded Spaniards Medina Garrigues and Ruano Pascual in the quarter-finals and make the last four in the women's doubles event in Miami on Wednesday. In singles however, the 22-year-old suffered a dismal looking 1st round loss to Mathilde Johansson, despite scoring three more breaks of serve and the Frenchgirl serving 18 double faults. She also struggled against Koryttseva in Indian Wells and was well beaten by Pennetta to suggest she still has some way to go before finding her best form.

Mirza was a finalist on green clay at the ITF event in Palm Beach Gardens in 2004. 4-2 overall.

**MORITA** gets into the main draw after Bammer's withdrawal. The 19-year-old was unlucky to lose to Krajicek in Miami, where she was the better player in almost every statistical category. Morita also served for the match at \*5-3 in the third set.

Like most Asian players, Morita doesn't have a great game for clay and lacks experience on this surface [16-14]. She has lost her last 5 matches on red clay, but did win a couple of qualifying matches in Amelia Island last year. She was a semi-finalist at French Open juniors in 2005.

**PASZEK** led Kuznetsova 6/2 3/1 before finally running out of gas having come through the qualifying rounds earlier in the week. "I am satisfied and I have gained self-confidence after her three victories here this week," she said in Miami.

Paszek has lost her last 5 matches on clay, though she has never played on green clay before. She's probably vulnerable to a player who can make her change direction on this surface.

**PENG** has had some tough draws in 2009, but she was competitive enough with Serena in Miami, where she led 5-4 in the 1st set, even though the American appeared to be having an off day. "I didn't play great. I had a lot of unforced errors. I haven't made that many unforced errors in a while," said Serena. Peng played well to beat Santangelo in R1 in Miami, winning 71% behind a 68% 1st serve and firing 8 aces.

The 23-year-old Chinese doesn't appear to be that well suited to clay court tennis, but she did win an ITF Tour title on green clay in Dothan in 2004 and she beat Schnyder in Charleston in 2007.

**PETROVA** returned from injury in Miami where she battled back to beat an erratic Michaela Krajicek before losing to Makarova in R3. Makarova took one of her 6 break-points to win a tight opening set against Petrova [0-6 bps] before running away with the 2nd set.

Petrova is extremely comfortable on green clay, racking up a solid 33-11 record which includes a 14-match winning streak that saw her land titles in Amelia Island and Charleston in 2006.

**RAZZANO** returned from injury to lose 7/6 in the 3rd against Goerges in Miami. "It was not a bad match against Julia Goerges, but I am always disappointed to lose a tight match," said Razzano. "My opponent has a good game and was strong in the important moments."

On her fitness: "I lacked endurance in Miami, so I am working on my physical state. I will prepare for the next tournaments are Ponte Vedra Beach and Charleston on clay."

Razzano is 15-10 on green clay, including semi-finals in Amelia Island and Sarasota.

**SCHNYDER** has been woefully out of form this year, though she did show signs of life in Miami, where she lost 4 & 4 to Wozniacki but beat Safarova. (Tocker extract) Schnyder dropped the first set but bounced back to win the next two sets impressively, giving up just one break-point and winning 73% of her service points overall. "I am satisfied with the game and be happy about my performance," said Schnyder, who felt that playing in Indian Wells was beneficial to her this year, despite losing in R1. "Perhaps it helped me to play in Indian Wells and get extensive preparation for Miami?"

Schnyder is particularly comfortable on the fast, green clay courts in America. She's 44-26 overall and tends to enjoy moving her opponents from side to side on this surface.

**STOSUR** was well beaten in Miami by eventual finalist Azarenka, but her form [and serve in particular] were promising overall. "It's disappointing to not try and get another win here this week, but credit to [Azarenka], she played well and I had a lot of game points but didn't convert any of them really," she said. "I had really close games but I always fell behind."

The Aussie is 9-9 on green clay, including a semi-final appearance at the ITF event in Dothan, last year.

**VOSKOBEOVA** trailed Dushevina in both sets but still came out a straight sets winner in windy conditions in Miami last week. She was however comfortably beaten by Kleybanova in R2, winning just 48% of her service points.

Voskoboeva also won 14 of 29 second serve points against De Britto in Indian Wells, though 9 of them were double faults and she was still comfortably beaten.

Voskoboeva is just 5-9 on green clay.

**WOZNIACKI** appeared to run out of gas after battling back from 4/6 2/5 against Kuznetsova in Miami. She had been involved in a fairly gruelling encounter with Dementieva the day before. "She (Wozniacki) was running and she was recovering many balls. She forced me to miss. But I think when I was playing the right tactics and the right game and mixing her up I was in control of everything. I was until score 5-3 feeling very comfortable out there, but I got so dizzy and tired. The conditions played a big role in my game." Kuznetsova 51w52ue; Wozniacki 20w28ue.

Wouldn't have through the Dane's moves or slides well enough to be a major threat on the clay. She did nothing at the French Open as a junior [2xR3] and is yet to beat anyone of any real note on this surface. 1-1 on green clay.

**WOZNIAK** won just 41% of her service points against Na Li in Miami, to suggest that she may still be troubled by the shoulder injury which forced her to skip several recent tournaments.

**NA LI** won just 51% of her service points and was broken 7 times by Wozniak. (Forum extract) "Wozniak started with a break, but then Na won 4 games in a row. With Na leading 4-1, the choke started. Wozniak won 4 games in a row then, and was 2 points away from the set serving for it at 5-4 30-15. After all, a win is a win. Na had no major problems in the second despite start losing the serve too. Looking at the stats, it seems like Aleks is still bothered with her shoulder."

Wozniak is 12-10 on green clay.

**STRYCOVA** has suffered recent defeats to "ball-pushers" such as Gallovits, Llagostera and Cornet in recent weeks. The match with Cornet however, was a fairly tight looking contest. "For the first time in three months, I did not feel the shoulder," said Cornet. "I was able to let go. It is like a fresh start." Cornet was a break down a couple of times (including being 1-4 in the TB) but she managed to keep breaking back & fought through to the end.

Strycova is 15-8 on green clay, though most of those wins came in qualifying matches.