



Day One of Qualifying Singles Completed at Car-X Futures of Champaign

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The Car-X Futures of Champaign commenced on Saturday morning with the qualifying singles draw at the Atkins Tennis Center in Champaign, Ill. The tournament saw 12 of the 14 top-seeded players advance to day two of the qualifying singles draw that is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. CT.

Ecuador's Gonzalo Escobar comes into the qualifying singles draw as the No. 1 seed and received a bye in the first round. Escobar is currently ranked No. 336 in the ITF singles rankings. Tennys Sandgren, USA, comes into the Car-X Futures Tournament as the top-ranked player entered into the draw. Sandgren is currently ranked No. 289 in singles. The former University of Tennessee Volunteer has already won two singles titles on the Illinois Swing at the USA F25 Future in Edwardsville and the USA F24 Future in Godfrey.

Current Illini rising redshirt sophomore, Pablo Landa of Mexico, defeated Canada's Stefan Frljanic on Saturday morning, 7-6(5), 6-2 in the first round of the qualifying singles draw. Alex Lawson, USA, defeated fellow-American, Eddie Grabill [9], in a three-set thriller, 6-7(4), 7-5, 6-2.

Other former and current Big Ten Conference competitors include: a recent graduate of Ohio State University, Hunter Callahan, receiving the No. 2 seed, Northwestern's Konrad Zieba earning the No. 3 seed and No. 5 seed Felix Corwin of the University of Minnesota. Callahan, Zieba and Corwin will begin play in the qualifying singles draw on Sunday morning after receiving byes in the first round.

The Car-X Futures of Champaign is the final tournament leg of the "Illinois Swing" that includes four tournaments in a row in the state of Illinois-Godfrey, Edwardsville, Decatur and Champaign.

The main draw is set to begin on Monday, August 8, at the Atkins Tennis Center.

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