



## Day 10 Match 20 – Report: Musafir.com UAE Royals vs Manila Mavericks

### **Musafir.com UAE Royals make home fans proud in dazzling victory against Manila Mavericks**

**Dubai, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014:** In Dubai's second match of the inaugural Coca Cola IPTL presented by Qatar Airways, the United Arab Emirates welcomed its team, the Musafir.com UAE Royals, to their first home match played against the Manila Mavericks at the Hamdan Sports Complex.

- Caroline Wozniacki met Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens in the opening set. The World No. 8 Dane ruled from the beginning and gave the Royals a solid start with a 6 – 2 victory
- In the Legend's Set, Goran Ivanisevic played against an in-form Mark Philippoussis in a heady set up that witnessed the Mavericks taking their first set in the course of a shootout
- With his exquisite combination of shots, World No. 12 Jo-Wilfred Tsonga played remarkably against World No. 1 Novak Djokovic. The set went into a shootout, which Tsonga won for the Mavericks
- Playing against Nenad Zimonjic and Kristina Mladenovic, the experienced Mixed Doubles pair of Flipkens and Nestor won their set 6 – 4 at ease, taking the match to an interesting 20 – 20 overall
- In a top quality Doubles Set that went into an exciting shootout, Zimonjic and Marin Cilic won their important encounter against accomplished Tsonga and Nestor

#### What the Players said:

##### **Novak Djokovic**

"The format is very special, we didn't know what to expect, the guys have been travelling already for 3 weeks, it's a lot of fun. The team spirit that we get to feel that we saw today is something that we don't get to experience much on the tour, but here we have the whole team supporting you, all the players, the coaches ... its very good."

"We all have our teams, and when we are in big events, we have our set routines, and most of the players like to keep the same daily routine. You have certain best friends that you sometimes occasionally go for dinner or practice with, and there's not much of a social life on the tour. And it's been like that forever. This is a good opportunity for us off-season to get to know each other better, to hang out, have some fun, to spend some time, still practice and play some good tennis!"

##### **Marin Cilic**

"I think it was to be or not to be for both teams, the Royals and the Mavericks. There was tremendous spirit and it was a pleasure to play. I have really enjoyed being a part of the team. I hope the crowds loved it as much as we did!"



## Boris Becker

“I have had a great time watching the IPTL. The players are playing their hearts out. The best way to practice is play matches. The more you play the better you get. This is a wonderful way to practice for the new season.”

### Match Scores:

	Musafir.com UAE ROYALS	SCORE (GAMES)		MANILA MAVERICKS
<b>WOMEN'S SINGLES</b>	CAROLINE WOZNIACKI	6	2	KIRSTEN FLIPKENS
<b>PAST CHAMPIONS' SINGLES</b>	GORAN IVANISEVIC	5	6	MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS
<b>MEN'S SINGLES</b>	NOVAK DJOKOVIC	5	6	JO-WILFRIED TSONGA
<b>MIXED DOUBLES</b>	NENAD ZIMONJIC / KRISTINA MLADENOVIC	4	6	DANIEL NESTOR / KIRSTEN FLIPKENS
<b>MEN'S DOUBLES</b>	NENAD ZIMONJIC / MARIN CILIC	6	5	JO-WILFRIED TSONGA / DANIEL NESTOR
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	

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