

Kohlschreiber stuns Djokovic

● Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer advance into the fourth round of the ATP Indian Wells Masters

● Nadal races into the fourth round with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Argentina's Diego Schwartzman

● Federer reached the last 16 after a 6-3, 6-4 victory over fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka



Novak Djokovic waves to the crowd after losing to Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany

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Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber stunned Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday, claiming his first career win over a world No. 1 player to reach the fourth round of the ATP Indian Wells Masters.

Serbian superstar Djokovic was playing his first tournament since lifting a record seventh title in Melbourne, taking his tally of Grand Slam victories to 15.

He had won eight of nine prior meetings with Kohlschreiber, but could find no answer to the 39th-ranked veteran, who had come up empty in 11 prior attempts to beat a top-ranked

rival.

"It's a very special moment," Kohlschreiber said. "Of course, playing the top guys is always a big pleasure, but most of the time they beat you."

In match that resumed after rain stopped play just one game in on Monday night, Kohlschreiber said the warmer daytime conditions suited him better, and Djokovic agreed.

"I liked my chances more at night against Kohlschreiber," Djokovic said. "Completely different conditions today: Ball bounces much higher.

Nadal speeds through

World number two Nadal stayed on track to improve that number as he swept past Argentine Diego Schwartzman 6-3, 6-1 to reach the last 16.

Nadal took his record against the world No. 26 to 7-0 in emphatic style, never facing a break point in a match lasting an hour and 16 minutes.

"I think I played a very solid match. I did a lot of things well," Nadal said.

Nadal, a three-time winner of the Indian Wells title, next faces Serbian qualifier Filip Kra-

jinovic, who ousted 14th-seeded Russian Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2.

Fourth-seeded Roger Federer eased through with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over friend and fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka.

Federer took his record to 22-3 over Wawrinka, a former world number three who is climbing back up the rankings in the wake of double knee surgery.

"I felt good from the beginning," said Federer, who is coming off his 100th career title at Dubai last month. "For me, the plan worked. I was able to mix

Top-ranked Osaka, Halep crash out of Indian Wells

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World number one Naomi Osaka crashed out of Indian Wells on Tuesday, routed by Belinda Bencic on a day that saw second-ranked Simona Halep sent packing, too.

Bencic, ranked 23rd in the world, defeated Osaka 6-3, 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals of the prestigious WTA premier mandatory event, where Osaka won her first tour title last year.

That marked the start of a remarkable rise that included Osaka's first Grand Slam title at the US Open. She followed that with an Australian Open crown that sent her to number one.

But she never found her feet against Bencic, whose crisp groundstrokes and precise

service game propelled her to victory in 66 minutes.

The women's field lost its top two seeds as Romania's Halep, the 2015 Indian Wells winner, fell to Czech teenager Marketa Vondrousova 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Halep, who received treatment for blisters on her foot during the match, hit just six winners and piled up 36 unforced errors.

Former world number ones Venus Williams and Garbine Muguruza made it into the quarter-finals.

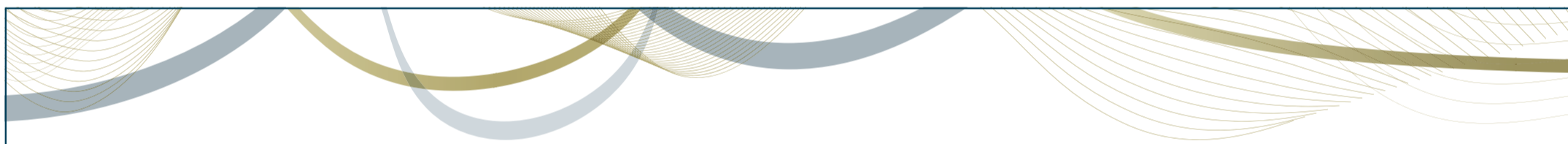
Spain's Muguruza, a two-time Grand Slam champion now ranked 20th in the world, outlasted seventh-ranked Kiki Bertens 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 while Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam winner, beat Germany's Mona Barthel 6-4, 6-4.

up my game, cover my serve, be dangerous on the return -- maybe take some rhythm away from Stan.

"You can't always make it work. Tonight it worked well so I think it was a good match for me," said Federer, who like Djokovic is a five-time winner at Indian Wells.

Federer next faces Britain's Kyle Edmund, who beat Macdonian qualifier Radu Albot 6-3, 6-3.

Poland's 67th-ranked Hubert Hrekacz upset sixth-seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the last 16 of a Masters 1000 event for the first time.



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