

Nadal eyeing No. 11

Spanish tennis star gaining momentum at Monte Carlo

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The Associated Press

MONACO Rafael Nadal's bid for a record-extending 11th Monte Carlo Masters title is proving more comfortable than he imagined after his latest return from injury.

Others may not be so surprised, given how the top-ranked Spaniard won nine straight games while beating fifth-seeded Dominic Thiem 6-0, 6-2 to reach the semifinals on Friday.

"I played great. I played so well this afternoon, playing very aggressive, backhand, forehand, serve. I'm defending well, returning well," said Nadal, affording himself another rare compliment. "It is difficult to play better than today. Being honest, I have to recognize that."

Nadal recently returned from a right hip injury, which



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In this Sunday, April 8 file photo, Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Germany's Alexander Zverev during a World Group quarterfinal Davis Cup tennis match between Spain and Germany at the bullring in Valencia, Spain.

forced him to retire during the Australian Open quarterfinals. The problem then flared up again, and he dropped out of the Mexico Open and Masters tournaments at Indian Wells and Miami.

But since coming back in early April, Nadal has not even dropped a set in five straight wins, including two in singles for Spain in the Davis Cup. He needs to win this tournament

to keep his No. 1 ranking, or it will go back to Roger Federer.

The way he dismantled Thiem, it appears little can stop him from doing so.

"The Davis Cup probably helped to come here with better rhythm, better confidence," Nadal said. "But, of course, things are going much better than what I thought two weeks, three weeks ago. That's the truth."

Canadians Abanda and Bouchard set to play opening singles matches in Fed Cup tie

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The Canadian Press

MONTREAL Eugenie Bouchard says she just wants to play some matches and enjoy being part of a team again.

Canada's Fed Cup team hopes she can also rediscover at least some of the form that propelled her to the 2014 Wimbledon final and a fifth-place world ranking.

The Canadian squad will be under pressure to defeat favoured Ukraine when the countries meet Saturday and Sunday on the indoor hardcourt at IGA Stadium in a best-of-five World Group II playoff series. The winner stays in World Group II next year while the loser drops to zonal play.

Bouchard, of Westmount, Que., has plunged to 117th in the world after a run of disappointing seasons in which she has sometimes appeared to be more interested in off-

court activities than in tennis. She is 4-6 in WTA singles play this year.

"I'm trying to work," Bouchard said Friday as the teams took part in the draw of opponents at a downtown hotel. "You can't always make finals of grand slams every single year, so you've got to keep working until it clicks again. That's where I'm at."

Bouchard will face veteran Kateryna Bondarenko in the second singles match on Saturday after Francoise Abanda of

Montreal opens against Lesia Tsurenko. They will swap singles opponents on Sunday, while Gabriela Dabrowski of Ottawa and Bianca Andreescu of Mississauga, Ont., will play doubles if a fifth and deciding match is needed.

This time, at least, Bouchard shook hands with Bondarenko, which she famously refused to do twice before with opponents at Fed Cup draws.



Eugenie Bouchard

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 12 TO APRIL 18, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

2451 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE SE (Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 731504) DP14329. Single Detached House (Over Height Fence).

227 7 STREET SE (Lot 7, Block 7, Plan 1132M) DP14331. Garage.

35 VINTAGE MEADOWS PLACE SE (Lot 67, Block 3, Plan 9511466) DP14335. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).

COMMERCIAL

1 - 181 CARRY DRIVE SE (Lot 88, Block 45, Plan 8610856) DP14310. Two Fascia Signs.

3295 DUNMORE ROAD SE (Lot, Block 7, Plan 9611503) DP14328. Thirteen Fascia Signs.

HOME OCCUPATION

50 10 STREET SE (Lot 27, Block 18, Plan 1132M) DP14320. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.

428 7 STREET NW (Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 7989HD) DP14321. Office Use Only. Electronic Technician.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services	403.526.2828



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PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing
 - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
- Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
- Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

PARKS AND RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAS CITY CAMPGROUND Reserve Online Now

Opening Weekend May 4th
Free WIFI is back

Reserve Online today

<http://www.medicinehat.ca/campground>

EVENTS IN OUR PARKS & TRAILS

Please be aware of the following events taking place in City Parks
April 28th - Rattler Run - Kin Coulee Park and Trails
May 5th - Kidney Foundation Walk for Life - Kin Coulee Park and Trails
May 6th - MS Walk - Kin Coulee Park and Trails
May 12th - Walk to Cure Diabetes - Echo Dale Regional Park Trails
May 26th - Conquer the Coulee - Kin Coulee Park will be closed to vehicular traffic

OUTDOOR WASHROOMS AND PARK BUILDINGS

Due to the late spring and risk of freezing during the evenings, there are delays in turning on water to our park washrooms and facilities. We are anticipating that all facilities will be turned on for the first weekend in May.

SAAMIS ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

Did you know that the Saamis Archeological Site west of the Trans Canada overpass through Kin Coulee is one of the largest and most significant First Nation camps in Southeastern Alberta; and was designated a Provincial Historical Site in the 1980's by the province.

BYLAW REMINDER

Park Hours #2527
Reminder to residents that all Parks have been designated to close at 11:00 pm each night. All fires should be extinguished before you leave the Park. All Environmental Reserve and Park areas are off limits to a motor vehicle, trailers, or any other personal property items unless a permit is issued from the department

PARKS MAINTENANCE

Parks crews are working hard to clean up leaves after a long winter, and are still working on remediating sites where trees were lost due to the 2017 October wind storm. All playfields and Sports fields are behind in season starting preparation due to the lasting snow and cold.

Please consult your sport organization for any schedule changes.

ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Electric Distribution Department would like to advise residents and business owners that City of Medicine Hat crews will be upgrading electrical systems in the downtown core from April to October 2018. Alleyways from 1st Street to 5th Street and South Railway to 4th Avenue SE will be affected. For more information visit www.medicinehat.ca/upgrades

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

UDS-GAS DISTRIBUTION 2018 FEEDER MAIN REPLACEMENT

1 Street SW, 2 Street SW, 1 Avenue SW,
2 Avenue SW and 3 Avenue SW.

The City of Medicine Hat Gas Utility will be replacing gas mains in the roadways which will include the gas services to the homes in the affected area. This will help to ensure continued safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to the residents of Medicine Hat.

This project is set to begin on May 1, 2018 and expected to

take approximately 8-10 weeks, depending on weather and unforeseen circumstances.

During construction, it will become necessary at certain times to install temporary traffic controls and detours to maintain the safety of the public and the construction personnel on site. Please adhere to all construction signage to ensure the work can be completed in a timely manner.



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