

MISSISSIPPI STATE DAILY OLYMPIC BULLETIN

SATURDAY, JULY 27 MORNING EDITION

PARIS 2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS JULY 25 SOC France vs. Colombia Izquierdo, Perez FRA, 3-2 JULY 26 ALL Opening Ceremony ΔΙΙ Ceremonies MT Singles vs. Navone (ARG) 2nd on Court 10 First Rd **Borges** TBD Doubles vs. Greece First Rd. Borges SOC New Zealand vs. Colombia Pool Izquierdo, Perez 10 a.m. JULY 29 MT Singles vs. Musetti/Monfils Second Rd. TBD Doubles vs. Germany/Croatia Second Rd. TBD JULY 30 MT Doubles vs. TBD Quarterfinals Borges TBD JULY 31 TRD Doubles vs. TRD Semifinals Borges Third Rd. TBD Singles vs. TBD Borges SOC Colombia vs. Canada Pool Izquierdo, Perez 2 p.m. **AUGUST 1** Singles vs. TBD TRD Quarterfinals Borges AUGUST 2 Singles vs. TBD Semifinals TBD Doubles vs. TRD Bronze Medal Borges 5 a m **AUGUST 3** Singles vs. TBD Bronze Medal Borges TBD SOC Colombia vs. TBD Quarterfinals Izquierdo, Perez TBD Doubles vs TRD Gold Medal Rornes 10 a m AUGUST 4 Singles vs. TBD Gold Medal Borges 7-30 a m AUGUST 6 SOC Colombia vs. TBD Semifinals Izquierdo, Perez TRN Men's Javelin Qualifying 3:20 a.m. Group A Peters Men's Javelin Qualifying 4-50 a m TF Group B Thompson **AUGUST 7** First Round 4:55 a.m. TF Men's 800m Anderson, Arop AUGUST 8 TF Men's 800m (if nec.) Repechage Anderson, Aron 5 a.m. TF Men's Javelin Final Peters, Thompson 1:25 p.m. AUGUST 9 4-05 a.m. Men's 4x400m Relay TF First Round **Eppie** TF Men's 800m Semifinal 4:30 a.m. Anderson, Aron Colombia vs. TRD Bronze Medal Izquierdo, Perez 8 a m **AUGUST 10** SOC Colombia vs. TRD Gold Medal Izmijerdo Perez 10 a m TF Men's 800m Final Anderson, Arop 12:25 p.m. Men's 4x400m Relay TF Final 2:12 p.m.

TODAY'S EVENTS





MEN'S TENNIS SINGLES

Nuno Borges (POR) vs. Mariano Navone (ARG)



2nd on Court 10 Roland-Garros (Paris, France)

NOTEWORTHY

TENNIS TIMETABLES

- Each day's order of play of will be released the evening before.
 Schedules are determined by court with the first day's match on each court starting at 5 a.m. CT/12 p.m. local time.
- Rain has delayed the first day's action on most courts. Nuno Borges [POR] will play second on Court 10 following the conclusion of a women's singles match that will now begin at 7:30 a.m. CT.
- Borges' first round doubles match will be played on Sunday, July 28, but the day's order of play has not been released.

SEC TENNIS STARS

- Nuno Borges (POR) is one of 13 NCAA men's tennis players and five from the SEC to reach the 2024 Paris Games.
- The other four SEC players are Texas A&M's Austin Krajicek (USA), South Carolina's Francisco Cerundolo (ARG), Auburn's Tim Puetz (GER) and LSU's Nea Skupski (GBR). Borges did not face them collegiately.
- Borges and Krajicek both played for national championships while in college. Borges reached the singles national championship in 2019, and Krajicek won the doubles title in 2011.
- Borges has met Krajicek as a pro in doubles and Cerundolo in singles.
- Borges and his Olympic partner Francisco Cabral (POR) defeated Krajicek and Ivan Dodig (SRB) in the opening round of the 2022 Estoril Open 6-4, 3-6, 10-5 on their way to the doubles championship that year
- Cerundolo won their singles meeting, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 at Wimbeldon in 2023.
- Cerundolo met Borges' partner in doubles, Cabral, at the 2022 Watergen Gijon Open. Cabral and Jamie Murray (GBR) defeated Cerundolo and Pedro Cachin (ARG), 6-1, 6-2.

COMFORTABLE ON CLAY

- Nuno Borges (POR) and his Olympic doubles partner Francisco Cabral (POR) together boast a 94-35 record in doubles since Borges graduated in May 2019, including a 61-16 (.792) mark together on clay courts.
- The Olympic tournaments will be played on Roland-Garros' clay courts that host the French Open.
- The pair posted a 25-match winning streak on clay courts together from December 2021 to April 2022, claiming four Challenger Tour championships along the way including two in Borges' hometown of Maia, Porto.
- Borges has played singles at the French Open three times, posting a 4-3 record.
- Since turning pro, Borges' singles record on clay courts is 95-46 (.674).

USURPING THE CLAY KING

- Nuno Borges (POR) won his first ATP 250 Tour Championship in his final event before the Paris Olympic Games, winning the Nordea Open.
- Borges faced the "King of Clay" Rafael Nadal in the final and became just the fourth man to defeat Nadal in an ATP clay court final, joining Olympic medalists Roger Federer (SUI), Novak Djokovic (SRB) and Andy Murray (GBR).
- With the win, Borges climbed to his highest career ATP ranking, sitting at No. 42 entering the Olympic Games.
- He is the second Portuguese man to win an ATP title along with Olympian João Sousa (POR) and one of just four to reach an ATP final.
- Borges has now won 17 professional tournaments, including two in 2024. He defended his Arizona Tennis Classic title in Phoenix in March

MONUMENTAL MEDALS - TENNIS

- No Portuguese athlete, man or woman, has ever won an Olympic medal in tennis. In fact, the country has never had an athlete advance past the second round.
- Gastão Elias and João Sousa hold the national record for matches won at a single Games. In Rio in 2016, they both won a singles match and they won their first doubles match together against Slovakia. Those stand as the only matches Portuguese athletes have ever won.
- Nuno Borges (POR) and his partner Francisco Cabral (POR) will be the seventh men's doubles team that Portugal has sent to the Olympics.
- In men's doubles, Portugal has faced Slovakia (1-0), The Bahamas (0-2), Canada (0-1), France (0-1), Japan (0-1) and Spain (0-1).
- Borges will be the sixth Portuguese man have competed in Olympic singles. Pedro Sousa, (2021), António Casanovas (1924) and Rodrigo de Castro Pereira (1924) were all eliminated in their first match. Elias and Sousa both won one match in 2016

OLYMPIC TEAM TIDBITS

- Nuno Borges' (POR) mother, Paolo, was a Portuguese national champion in volleyball.
- · Nuno Borges (POR) was diagnosed as partially deaf in his left ear.
- Mississippi State is the only school in the nation to send an Olympian to Paris from Portugal.

NEXT UP...



TENNIS - MEN'S DOUBLES FIRST ROUND

MATCHUP: Borges/Cabral (POR) vs. Tsitsipas/Tsitsipas (GRE) | Order of play announced Sat.

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