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## **Mazzei cheers home crowd in Livorno**

Fabian Mazzei (ITA) gave the home supporters a boost on Wednesday when he became the only non-seed to reach the quarter-finals at the INAIL Citta di Livorno, part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour, in Italy.

Mazzei, one of six players to win through their opening match in straight sets on Tuesday, moved into the last eight after a 67(5), 75 60 win over sixth seed Ben Weekes (AUS).

The remaining seven seeds all successfully won through to the quarter-finals in straight sets, with Mazzei's next opponent, second seed Ronald Vink (NED), winning his opening match against Daniel Pellegrina (SUI) 63 61.

Three of the remaining six quarter-finalists are French, headed by top seed and World No 1 Michael Jeremiasz. Defending champion Jeremiasz began the defence of his Livorno title with a 61 61 win over Belgian junior Mike Denayer. Jeremiasz now faces an intriguing quarter-final against compatriot Stephane Houdet. Houdet eased past Glenn Barnes (NZL) in his opening match after Barnes had come within just a few point of defeat before overcoming Thomas Suter (SUI) 46 76 62 in Tuesday's first round.

Tuesday's only other three set first round match had seen Nicolas Peifer (FRA) edge past Steffen Sommerfeld (GER) 75 57 63, but the young French player had to give second best to one of the game's other leading young players, eighth seed Stefan Olsson (SWE) on Wednesday. Olsson's 63 61 win sets up a quarter-final against third seed Martin Legner (AUT), while fourth seed Peter Wikstrom (SWE) and fifth seed Lahcen Majidi (FRA) will contest the other quarter-final.

All eight seeds have reached the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles, each winning their opening matches in straight sets. The pick of the quarter-finals could be that between fourth seed Young-Suk Hong (KOR) and Annick Sevenans (BEL). Meanwhile, top seed Sharon Walraven (NED) will take on sixth seed Lucy Shuker (GBR). Third seed Karin Suter-Erath (SUI) and seventh seed Ilanit Fridman (ISR) will also go head-to-head, while the only all-Dutch quarter-final will see second seed Korie Homan take on eighth seed Aniek Van Koot.

Thursday's quarter-final line-ups in the Quad Singles were decided during Tuesday's first day of play, with three of the four first round matches going to British players. Jamie Burdekin, Adam Field and Chris Johnson all won their opening matches in straight sets to earn their places in the last eight against seeded opposition. The other first round match was won by Patrick Sappino (FRA), who defeated Gianluca Giovagnoli 62 61 and now faces top seed and home favourite Giuseppe Polidori (ITA).