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Andrea Petkovic advanced to the fourth round of the U.S. Open on Saturday with a straight-sets victory.

Andrea Petkovic, the No. 10 seed at the U.S. Open, advanced to the fourth round Saturday. In her latest post as a guest blogger for The Wall Street Journal, she talks about laser treatment on her knee and her mini crush on James Blake, as told to Tom Perrotta.

I won again today and my knee is holding up fine. I'm doing everything I can to take care of it—now I'm working with an Italian doctor who treats a lot of the players. His name is Pier Francesco Parra and he has this laser that he puts on your knee three times for about two minutes, in the morning and at night. I'm going again later, after my doubles match.

The treatment made me a little nervous, but my coach talked to all the players and we had maybe 25 opinions before we decided to try it. Everybody said at worst it wouldn't work, but it wouldn't make matters worse. Personally, I think my knee is feeling better, but I don't know if it's just in my head. And it doesn't matter! As long as it feels better that's what counts.

I ended up going to the club [I mentioned in my last blog](#). It's called Sugar Bar,

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Before turkey and cranberry sauce, before the argument at the dining room table that grows too tense, you will play the most important sporting event of the year: Thanksgiving Day touch football. Here are 29 more rules.

on the Upper West Side. The guy who started it, Nick Ashford, died recently. He and his wife wrote all these great Motown songs, like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and a lot of incredible musicians play at the club. I went on Thursday to the open mic session, but I didn't sing. Never! I was blown away, the people who sing at this place are absolutely amazing. The band can play any song and they usual play jazzy, funky songs like Stevie Wonder or the Temptations. I got there around 9:30 and stayed until midnight. I wanted to stay so much longer, but I have to be reasonable.

People wonder sometimes how often tennis players watch tennis during a tournament. I don't watch much, but the two times I turned on the television so far, James Blake was on. And right away he hits just incredible shots—unbelievable. And because he's cute, it's easier to remember! I know him, we talk a little bit, "Hi, how are you, good, thanks," and then I get all nervous.

Things are going well for me here at the Open, and I'm feeling confident. Today I had a tricky opponent, Roberta Vinci. She plays different from all the other girls, with a lot of slice. So I hit a lot more topspin than usual and tried to play a less risky game. It worked out well and I won 6-4, 6-0.

It's good that this match wasn't as dramatic as my last one, because my parents needed a break. They're doing better, especially now that I'm having the laser therapy. I just keep telling them everything is fine, it's getting much better, don't worry about it. I just hope they don't read The Wall Street Journal.

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