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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs [WC] Dominic Thiem (AUT)

Baez Leads 1-0

22 Bastad (Sweden) Clay QF Sebastian Baez 6-2 6-7(5) 6-4

Sebastian Baez | Age: 22 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 30 | 2023: 20-19 (Cordoba Title) | Event: 4-0 (2023 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 30 in April 2023 soon after capturing 2nd ATP Tour title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.

- > Defeated Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st final at 2022 Santiago and 1st title at 2022 Estoril, as well as for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.
- > Beat No. 8 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2022 Bastad final (I. to F. Cerundolo).
- > Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
- > Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez is playing in 5th career ATP Tour final, seeking 3rd ATP Tour title (2022 Estoril, 2023 Cordoba). He jumped up 25 places to No. 47 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings</u> and could go up to No. 42 with a title win. He is 17-8 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 on clay courts since the start of 2023.

Dominic Thiem | Age: 29 | World No. 116 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 13-17 (Kitzbuhel F) | Event: 18-8 (2019 Title)

- > Achieved career-high No. 3 in March 2020 and remained in Top 5 until suffering right wrist tear in June 2021.
- > Playing in his 4th Grand Slam final, defeated A. Zverev in 5th-set TB to win 2020 US Open title, becoming 1st player to win US Open final from 2 sets down since Gonzales in 1949 (Amateur Era).
- > Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals each year from 2016-20, defeating No. 3 Federer and No. 2 Djokovic en route to 2019 championship match, then beating No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2020 final.
- > Playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 final, defeated 5-time champion Federer to win 2019 Indian Wells title.
- > Went 9-3 from 2019-20 against Djokovic, Federer and Nadal, joining Murray as 1 of 2 players with at least 5 career wins over each member of Big 3.

NOTE: Thiem seeks his 18th tour-level title, first since 2020 US Open. On clay he owns a 10-7 tour-level record in finals, his last ATP Tour title on the surface was at 2019 Kitzbuhel (d. Ramos-Vinolas).

The Austrian could become the 7th ATP Tour champion this season to save a match point on the way to the title (saved 5MPs to defeat Djere in SF).

Match Point(s) Saved Champions (6)

Player	Tournament	Opponent	Round	M.P. Saved
Novak Djokovic	Adelaide-1	Sebastian Korda	Final	Saved 1 M.P
Yibing Wu	Dallas	John Isner	Final	Saved 4 M.P
Hubert Hurkacz	Marseille	Mikael Ymer	QF	Saved 1 M.P
Holger Rune	Munich	Botic van de Zandschulp	Final	Saved 4 M.P
Frances Tiafoe	Stuttgart	Jan-Lennard Struff	Final	Saved 1 M.P
Christopher Eubanks	Mallorca	Lloyd Harris	SF	Saved 5 M.P

2023 Kitzbuhel Statistics	Sebastian Baez	Dominic Thiem	
Aces	8	30	
1st-Serve Percentage	74% (193 of 262)	64% (248 of 386)	
1st-Serve Points Won	70% (135 of 193)	73% (182 of 248)	



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2nd-Serve Points Won	54% (37 of 69)	60% (83 of 138)
Service Games Won	79% (33 of 42)	91% (52 of 57)
Break Points Saved	57% (12 of 21)	81% (22 of 27)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	39% (64 of 163)	26% (61 of 235)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	57% (64 of 112)	43% (59 of 136)
Return Games Won	44% (18 of 41)	14% (8 of 56)
Break Points Converted	47% (18 of 38)	28% (8 of 29)

BOLD: Leads all 28 players in 2023 Generali Open.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[1] Alexander Erler (AUT) / Lucas Miedler (AUT) vs[4] Gonzalo Escobar (ECU) / Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ)

First Meeting

Erler / Miedler Notes

- > Austrians made their team debut at 2021 Kitzbuhel, winning their 1st ATP title in their first event as a team (d. Jebavy/Middelkoop in F). They are 38-25 on tour-level (27-18 in 2023), winning their most recent title at 2023 Munich.
- > Erler is ranked No. 37 and Miedler is ranked No. 38.
- > The team is ranked No. 15 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Team Rankings.
- > Erler, 25, is 4-1 in ATP Tour finals, winning titles at 2021 Kitzbuhel, 2022 Vienna, 2023 Acapulco, 2023 Munich w/Miedler.
- > Miedler, 27, is 4-1 in ATP Tour finals, 2-1 in 2023, winning 2023 Acapulco, 2023 Munich and losing in final of 2023 Marrakech.

Escobar / Nedovyesov Notes

- > The Colombian and Kazakhstani pair reached the final at 's-Hertogenbosch on their debut as a pair (I. to Koolhof/Skupski). This is their third tour-level final in six tournaments.
- > In their second week as a pair, they claimed the Ilkley Challenger. Overall, they are 11-4 at the tour-level.
- > Escobar is ranked No. 51 and Nedovyesov is ranked No. 45.
- > They are ranked No. 27 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings.
- > Nedovyesov, 36, is 1-4 on tour-level finals, winning at 2023 Bastad w/Escobar.
- > Escobar, 34, is 4-6 on tour-level finals, winning at 2021 Delray Beach, 2021 Marbella, 2022 Belgrade w/Behar and 2023 Bastad w/Nedovyesov.