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[5] Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs [4] Nuno Borges (POR) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

21 Estoril Q (Portugal) Clay Q2 Nuno Borges 7-5 6-4

Roberto Carballes Baena | Age: 32 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 49 | 2025: 8-9 (2 QFs) | Event: 17-4 (2023 Title) > Former World No. 8 junior entered Top 50 at 30 years of age at career high No. 49 in April 2023 after rallying from a set down in three of five matches to capture his 2nd ATP Tour title in Marrakech.

- > At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.
- > Defeated No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R for 1st Top 20 win in 12th attempt and defeated No. 4 Rune at 2023 US Open for 1st win in 14 tries vs. Top 10.
- > Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.
- > Boasts 243-151 Challenger record (13-8 in finals), including clay-court titles at 2022, 2023 and 2024 Seville.

NOTE: Carballes Baena seeks 6th ATP Tour SF (3-2), all on clay and 4th at the event (2014 SF, 2023 Title, 2024 Final). Spanish No. 4 aims to record first Top 50 win on clay since defeating No. 24 Musetti in Barcelona last year.

Event Win Leaders:

25 Naples CH (Italy)

Player	Wins
Younes El Aynaoui	27
Pablo Andujar	19
Gilbert Schaller	18
Roberto Carballes Baena	17
Gilles Simon	15

Nuno Borges | Age: 28 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 30 | 2025: 12-9 (Auckland SF) | Marrakech: 1-0 (2025 QF) > Became 2nd Portuguese man to break inside Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in 2024, achieving career-high No. 30 in September 2024 after saving 3 MPs vs. Mensik to reach US Open 4R.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Bastad by joining Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Zeballos as only men to defeat Nadal in an ATP Tour final on clay.
- > Defeated No. 13 Dimitrov for biggest win of career to reach 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2024 Australian Open, becoming 1st Portuguese in fourth round in tournament's history.
- > Advanced to 10 Challenger finals, winning titles at 2021 Antalya-3, 2022 Barletta, 2023 Monterrey, 2023-24 Phoenix and 2023 Maia, his hometown.
- > Five-time All-American during 4-year college career at Mississippi State University, posting 31-match win streak that ended in his last match (I. to Jubb in 2019 NCAA singles final).

NOTE: Borges looks for his 3rd ATP Tour SF (1-1) after Bastad on clay last year and Auckland on hard courts in January. He bids to become 2nd Portuguese to reach this stage at the event after J. Sousa in 2018 (I. to Andujar).

[7] Luciano Darderi (ITA) vs Vit Kopriva (CZE) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meetings 22 Oeiras-1 CH (Portugal) Clay R16 Vit Kopriva 6-3 6-2 23 Verona CH (Italy) Clay ΩF Vit Kopriva 4-6 6-1 6-0 23 Buenos Aires CH (Argentina) Clay R16 Luciano Darderi 6-3 4-6 6-4

Luciano Darderi | Age: 23 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 32 | 2025: 4-8 (Marrakech QF) | Marrakech: 2-0 (2025 QF) > Former Top 10 junior started 2024 season as No. 128, then broke into Top 100 in February, Top 50 in May and achieved career-high No. 32 in August.

Clay

Vit Kopriva

3-6 6-3 7-6(4)



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- > Captured his 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba, defeating Bagnis in 3rd final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 and his 3rd ATP Tour event of career.
- > Also advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2024 Houston (I. to Tiafoe) and 2024 Lyon (I. to Etcheverry).
- > Owns 90-59 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi, 2023 Lima-2 and 2024 Perugia.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings in February 2020 after earning 3 singles and 3 doubles titles to start the season.
- > Born in Argentina, started playing tennis at age 4 with his father Luciano Enrique, a former tennis player and current coach.

NOTE: Darderi recorded consecutive ATP Tour wins for 1st time since Hamburg in July last year and now seeks 4th ATP Tour SF (1-2), all on clay, and first since Lyon last May (I. to Etcheverry). He aims to extend his 13-0 record on clay vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on ATP Tour and avenge loss to Kopriva in Naples CH final last Sunday.

Vit Kopriva | Age: 27 | World No. 106 (Career-High) | 2025: 2-0 (Marrakech QF) | Marrakech: 3-1 (2025 QF) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 18 in 2015, broke into Top 500 in 2016, Top 200 in 2021 and earned career-high No. 106 in March 2025 after defeating Top-2 seeds Darderi and Collignon to capture 6th Challenger title in Naples. > Advanced to 2021 Gstaad SF as 249th-ranked Q, joining 2021 Cordoba champion J. Cerundolo as 2nd player since May 2012 to reach SF in his ATP Tour main draw debut.

- > Defeated No. 10 Shapovalov in 2021 Gstaad 2R to become lowest-ranked player to earn Top-10 win since No. 698 Kokkinakis beat No. 6 Raonic at 2017 London/Queen's Club.
- > Owns 138-99 Challenger record (6-3 in finals), capturing titles at 2022 Prostejov, 2023 Verona, 2023 Tulln, 2024 Szczecin, 2024 Lima 2, and 2025 Naples.
- > Former Top-75 junior earned boys' singles wins over future Top 10 ATP players de Minaur and Ruud.

NOTE: Kopriva looks for 2nd ATP Tour SF after reaching his 1st at 2021 Gstaad as Q (I. to Ruud) to become 3rd Czech semi-finalist in tournament history. 27-year-old is No. 95 on <u>PIF ATP Live Rankings</u> (No. 90 with a win) and will make his Top 100 debut on Monday.

Czech Semi-Finalists at the Event*

Player Years
Tomas Zib 2005
Jiri Vesely 2015-17
*No player went to win the title

[1] Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs [8] Mattia Bellucci (ITA)

First Meeting

Tallon Griekspoor | Age: 28 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 12-6 (Dubai SF) | Marrakech: 2-2 ('23, '25 QF) > Earned personal-best 36 wins in 2023, won 1st ATP Tour title in Pune and achieved career-high No. 21 in November.

- > Went 17-3 on home soil in 2023-24, highlighted by 2nd title at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and rallying from a set down to defeat No. 8 Hurkacz en route to 2024 Rotterdam SF.
- > Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019, No. 14 Karatsev in 2022, No. 17 A. Zverev in 2023 and for 's-Hertogenbosch win over No. 18 de Minaur in 2023 earning first 5 of 15 career Top-20 wins on home soil.
- > Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

NOTE: Griekspoor looks for 9th ATP Tour SF (3-5), first on clay, to become the first No. 1 seed to reach this stage at the event since Wawrinka at 2013 Casablanca (I. to Robredo). 28-year-old attempts to be the 2nd Dutchman to reach SF in tournament history after Schalken in 1995.

Mattia Bellucci | Age: 23 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 68 | 2025: 6-4 (Rotterdam SF) | Marrakech: 2-0 (2025 QF) > Began 2022 season as No. 681 on PIF ATP Rankings, broke in Top 500 in April, Top 200 in October and ended the year as No. 154, before breaking in Top 100 in November 2024 and achieving career-high No. 68 in February 2025.

- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Atlanta as Q and defeated No. 7 Medvedev for biggest win of career en route to 2025 Rotterdam SF.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2023 Australian Open as Q, then qualified Roland Garros and Wimbledon and US Open in 2024, defeating former champion Wawrinka in US Open 1R for 1st Grand Slam main draw win.
- > Owns 61-61 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Saint-Tropez as No. 275-ranked Q, 2022 Vilnius in back-to-back weeks and 2023 Cassis.



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NOTE: Bellucci seeks 2nd ATP Tour SF, previously reaching this stage in Rotterdam in February by earning wins over No. 7 Medvedev and No. 12 Tsitsipas (3-8 vs. Top 50). He is No. 65 on <u>PIF ATP Live Rankings</u> and could jump to No. 61, securing new career-high on Monday, if he records his first Top 50 win on clay (0-1).

[3] Alexandre Muller (FRA) vs [Q] Kamil Majchrzak (POL) First Meeting

Alexandre Muller | Age: 28 | World No. 41 (Career-High) | 2025: 11-6 (Hong Kong Title) | Marrakech: 5-2 (2023 Final) > Broke into Top 500 in 2016, Top 250 in 2019, Top 100 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 41 in February 2025 after advancing to biggest final of career in Rio de Janeiro.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2025 Hong Kong, becoming 3rd man in Open Era to win a tour-level title by rallying from a set down in all matches played after Ashe at 1975 WCT Finals and Bublik at 2024 Montpellier.
- > Defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Musetti en route to 1st SF and final at 2023 Marrakech and earned biggest win of career over No. 6 Rublev to reach 4R at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Rome.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2017 Roland Garros as a WC (I. to Monteiro) and won 1st tour-level match at 2021 Australian Open as LL, beating Londero in 1R.
- > Owns a 140-122 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning 1st title at 2022 Blois, saving a MP in his 1R match.
- > Had a tennis court at his childhood home and began playing with his dad at age 6 and says he was better at football than tennis before choosing the latter.

NOTE: Muller seeks 4th ATP Tour SF (3-0), 2nd in Marrakech (2023; I. to Carballes Baena in final). After runs to Hong Kong title and Rio de Janeiro final earlier this year, he bids to join Auger-Aliassime (4) as only players to reach 3+ ATP Tour SFs this season (also Baez in Bucharest).

Frenchmen with Multiple SFs in Event History

Player	Year	Player	Year
Gilles Simon	2006, 2008 , 2019	Julien Benneteau	2004, 2008
Benoit Paire	2017, 2019	Julien Boutter	2002, 2003
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	2008, 2019	Sebastien Grosjean	1998, 2000
Florent Serra	2009, 2010	BOLD: Player went to win the title	

Kamil Majchrzak | Age: 29 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 75 | 2025: 3-1 (Marrakech QF) | Marrakech: 2-1 (2025 QF)

- > Former World No. 7 junior broke into Top 100 in July 2019 and achieved career-high No. 75 in February 2022.
- > In 2019, qualified at Australian Open and Wimbledon before advancing to US Open 3R as LL with 5-set wins over Jarry and Cuevas and saved 2 MPs in 1st qualifying round vs. Trungelliti to qualify for 2025 Australian Open.
- > Went 3-0 for Team Poland at 2022 ATP Cup and advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Pune.
- > Owns 170-104 Challenger record (7-6 in finals), defeating future Top-20 players Carreno Busta and Cecchinato to reach 1st final at 2015 Mohammedia as Q.
- > Ended junior career as 2014 Youth Olympics gold medallist, also capturing 2013 US Open boys' doubles title w/Ma. Redlicki and earning wins over future Top-10 ATP players Berrettini, Fritz, Hurkacz, Medvedev and Rublev.

NOTE: Majchrzak seeks 2nd ATP Tour SF after reaching the stage at 2022 Pune (I. to Ruusuvuori). 29-year-old aims to be 1st qualifier to reach SF at the event since Carballes Baena in 2014. He is 2-16 vs. Top 50, earning wins over No. 44 Delbonis at 2022 ATP Cup and No. 41 Bublik at 2022 Geneva.