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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- Reigning champion **Matteo Berrettini**, 2010 winner **Sam Querrey**, former World No. 3 **Stan Wawrinka** and British wild card **Ryan Peniston** headline Thursday's order of play at the cinch Championships.
- In the first match on Centre Court, **Tommy Paul** takes on **Wawrinka**, who won the only previous meeting in three sets in the 2R of 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris. Paul defeated No. 6 seed Denis Shapovalov on Wednesday for his first career tour-level grass win (1-2). He's trying to reach his fifth ATP Tour quarter-final of the season. Wawrinka, a semi-finalist here in 2014, is attempting to advance to his first ATP Tour quarter-final since February 2021 in Melbourne-2 and first QF on grass since 2015 Wimbledon (l. to Gasquet 11-9 in 5th).
- In the next match on, lucky loser **Denis Kudla** and **Berrettini** meet for the fifth time (tied 2-2) with the Italian winning the last two meetings in 2019 Munich and Stuttgart. Kudla, who took the place of Andy Murray, beat Italian No. 3 Lorenzo Sonego on Tuesday. He's trying to reach the Queen's Club quarter-finals for the second time (2013). Kudla is looking for his first career Top 10 victory (0-13).
- Berrettini comes in having won 16 of his last 17 grass court matches since June last year with his only loss to Djokovic in the Wimbledon final.

BERRETTINI GRASS COURT SUCCESS – Since the 2019 season, Berrettini has compiled an outstanding 27-3 record on grass with three titles (there were no grass court tournaments in 2020).

2022 - London/Queen's	2nd Round (vs. Kudla)
2022 - Stuttgart	Champion (d. Murray)
2021 - Wimbledon	Finalist (l. to Djokovic)
2021 - London/Queen's	Champion (d. Norrie)
2019 - Wimbledon	4th Round (l. to Federer)
2019 - Halle	Semi-finalist (l. to Goffin)
2019- Stuttgart	Champion (d. Auger-Aliassime)

- In the third match on, **Peniston** and No. 3 Argentine, **Francisco Cerundolo**, ranked No. 46, square off for the first time. Peniston, the lone remaining British player in the singles draw, defeated top seed and World No. 5 Casper Ruud in his ATP Tour main draw debut on Tuesday while Cerundolo beat Pedro Martinez in his first career main draw tour-level match on grass.
- In the final match on, **Querrey**, who qualified for the first time here in his 12th Queen's Club appearance, takes on **Filip Krajinovic** for the third time (tied 1-1). Querrey has slipped to No. 121 in the Pepperstone ATP Rankings but is projected to re-enter the Top 100 (at No. 99) with his result so far. Krajinovic beat Brooksby in the first round for his first career tour-level grass court win (1-4).

CAREER GRASS COURT WINS LEADERS (active players) –

	W-L	Titles
1) Roger Federer	192-29	19
2) Andy Murray	114-24	8
3) Novak Djokovic	102-18	7
4) Feliciano Lopez	85-48	4
5) Marin Cilic	79-31	3
6) Sam Querrey	77-44	1

ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Tommy Paul (USA) vs [PR] Stan Wawrinka (SUI)

20 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R32 Stan Wawrinka

Wawrinka Leads 1-0

4-6 7-6(3) 6-2

Tommy Paul | Age: 25 | World No. 35 | Career-High: No. 33 | 2022: 17-14 (Delray Beach SF)|Queen's: 1-0 (2022 2R)
> Former World No. 3 junior earned personal-best 25 wins in 2021 and achieved career-high No. 33 in April 2022.
> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
> Upset No. 5 Rublev in 2021 Indian Wells 3R and No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Indian Wells 2R for biggest wins of career.
> After qualifying in men's singles at 2015 US Open, ended junior career there by reaching boys' singles final (d. de Minaur 6-0 6-0, l. to Fritz).
> Grew up playing on clay courts in North Carolina, preparing him for run to 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz) and boys' doubles final w/Blumberg.

NOTES: Paul won his first career tour-level grass court match (1-2) over [6] Shapovalov on Wednesday. He's looking to reach his fifth QF-or-better this season. His best result is the SF in Delray Beach (l. to eventual champion Norrie) and QF in Adelaide-1 (l. to eventual champ Monfils), Adelaide-2 (l. to Cilic) and Acapulco (l. to eventual winner Nadal).

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 37 | World No. 290 | Career-High: No. 3 | 2022: 3-3 (Rome 3R) | Queen's: 7-7 (2014 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
> Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
> One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Murray at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
> Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte Carlo.
> Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup.

NOTES: Wawrinka beat Tiafoe in three tie-breaks on Tuesday in his first Queen's Club appearance since 2019. His best result is the semi-finals in 2014 (l. to eventual champ Dimitrov). Has a 3-3 record this season with best result 3R at ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l. to Djokovic).

[LL] Denis Kudla (USA) vs [2] Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

18 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard R128

Denis Kudla

Series Tied 2-2

6-4

7-5

6-2

19 Dubai (U.A.E.)

Hard R32

Denis Kudla

2-6

7-5

7-5

19 Munich (Germany)

Clay R16

Matteo Berrettini

7-5

6-3

19 Stuttgart (Germany)

Grass QF

Matteo Berrettini

6-3

6-3

Other Meetings:

18 Australian Open Q (Australia)

Hard Q3

Denis Kudla

4-6

6-3

7-5

18 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells Q (USA)

Hard Q1

Matteo Berrettini

6-4

7-5

Denis Kudla | Age: 29 | World No. 82 | Career-High: No. 53 | 2022: 4-9 (Miami 3R) | Queen's: 5-2 (2013 QF)
> Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2008, broke into Top 100 in 2013 and achieved career-high No. 53 in 2016.

> Won 13 straight matches overall during 2-week stretch in March 2022, sweeping singles and doubles titles at Phoenix Challenger before reaching ATP Masters 1000 Miami 3R as Q.

> Also qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2015 Atlanta and 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2018 Halle.

> Posted grass-court records of 26-24 on tour and 28-11 at Challengers, including win over former World No. 1 and 2-time Wimbledon champion Murray at 2022 Surbiton Challenger (l. to Thompson in final).

> Defeated future World No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2015 Wimbledon 4R as WC and has qualified at Australian Open 3 times, Roland Garros twice and Wimbledon 3 times.

NOTES: Kudla, who lost in the final round of qualifying to Halys, beat Sonogo in three sets on Tuesday in his first Queen's Club main draw match since 2014 (l. to Querrey in 2R). His best Queen's result is QF in 2013 (l. to No. 7 Tsonga). Has a 26-24 career record on grass compared to 34-77 on hard and 5-16 on clay. Looking to reach first ATP Tour quarter-final since August 2021 in Washington (l. to McDonald).

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 26 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 6 | 2022: 14-6 (Stuttgart Title) | Queen's: 6-0 (2021 Title)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 after reaching 2022 Australian Open SF, becoming 2nd-highest-ranked Italian since start of ATP Rankings in 1973 (No. 4 Panatta in 1976).
> At 2021 Wimbledon, became 1st Italian men's singles finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam men's singles finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
> First Italian man to reach QFs at all 4 Grand Slam events, including SFs at 2022 Australian Open (1st Italian semi-finalist in tournament history) and 2019 US Open (2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history after Barazzutti on clay in 1977).
> Posted 41-12 record in 2021 (.774), including 5th ATP Tour title at London/Queen's Club and 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Madrid.
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).

NOTES: Berrettini, the defending champion, opened with a 6-3 6-3 win over Evans after winning his sixth career ATP Tour title in Stuttgart (d. Murray). It was his third grass court title and his first tournament since March (l. to Kecmanovic at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R) after being sidelined with a hand injury. Has a 28-6 lifetime record on grass.

[WC] Ryan Peniston (GBR) vs Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

First Meeting

Ryan Peniston | Age: 26 | World No. 180 (Career-High) | 2022: 12-10 (Challenger Tour) | Queen's: 1-0 (2022 2R)
> British left-hander is appearing in his maiden ATP Tour main draw and comes in a career-high No. 180 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings this week with a 12-10 Challenger Tour record (5-3 on clay, 4-2 on grass, 3-5 on hard). Will move to around No. 157 in Live Pepperstone ATP Rankings and to No. 145 if he reaches his first ATP Tour QF.
> He advanced to the quarter-finals the past two weeks at Surbiton and Nottingham Challengers, posting 1R Top 100 wins over No. 69 Mannarino and No. 76 Vesely, respectively.
> His best Challenger result was a runner-up on clay in Ostrava on 1 May (l. to Furness)
> In January, opened season with a runner-up at ITF World Tour event in Loughborough.
> Has a 103-67 career record with 4 hard court titles on ITF Tour and 41-40 record on Challengers with 3 runner-up showings (2022 Ostrava, 2021 Antalya-3, 2021 Prague-3).
> Played four years at University of Memphis from 2014-18 and one of the top players in school history along with Joe Salisbury.

NOTES: In his ATP Tour main draw debut on Tuesday Peniston defeated top seed/World No. 5 Ruud 7-6(4) 7-6(2). He was ranked No. 375 coming into last year's tournament and lost in final round of qualifying to Vukic.

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 23 | World No. 46 | Career-High: 44 | 2022: 12-8 (Rio, Miami SF) | Queen's: 1-0 (2022 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 44 in May 2022 after breaking into Top 100 in February 2022, joining J. Cerundolo as 1st brothers in Top 100 at same time since A. Zverev and M. Zverev in May 2019.
> As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
> Lost to countryman Schwartzman in 2021 Buenos Aires final as Q, 2022 Buenos Aires QF as Q and 2022 Rio de Janeiro SF as SE.
> Owns 73-36 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), highlighted by 17-2 run to end 2020 season with titles at Split, Guayaquil and Campinas.
> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTES: Cerundolo defeated Martinez 6-3 6-2 in his tour-level main draw grass court debut on Tuesday and looks to reach his fourth ATP Tour quarter-final this season. Advanced to SFs in Rio de Janeiro (l. to Schwartzman) and ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Ruud) along with QF in Buenos Aires (l. to Schwartzman).

Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs [Q] Sam Querrey (USA)

Series Tied 1-1

10 Belgrade (Serbia)	Clay	SF	Sam Querrey
17 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R32	Filip Krajinovic

6-1	6-2
6-4	6-4

Filip Krajinovic | Age: 30 | World No. 48 | Career-High: No. 26 | 2022: 13-11 (Montpellier SF) | Queen's: 1-0 (2022 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 26 in 2018 and earned 1st Top-100 finish in 2017 after ending 2014 and 2015 at No. 101.
> Reached 1st of 4 ATP Tour finals at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris as 77th-ranked Q (0-4 in finals).
> Remains only qualifier to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final since Janowicz at 2012 Paris and lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since No. 98 Fish at 2008 Indian Wells.
> Beat No. 2 Djokovic 6-4 ret in 2010 Belgrade QF and remains youngest player (18) to beat Top-2 opponent since 2004 and lowest-ranked (No. 319) since 2006.
> Underwent right shoulder surgery in 2011 and right wrist surgery in 2016.

NOTE: Krajinovic posted his first career tour-level grass court win (1-4) by defeating Brooksby 6-4 6-3 on Tuesday.

Sam Querrey | Age: 34 | World No. 121 | Career-High: No. 11 | 2022: 4-6 (Four Events 2R) | Queen's: 21-10 (2010 Title)
> Achieved career-high No. 11 in 2018 and would have broken into Top 10 by winning 2018 Indian Wells QF (l. to Raonic).

> Winner of 10 ATP Tour titles, including Mexican sweep in 2017 at Acapulco and Los Cabos.

> Advanced to 2016 QF, 2017 SF and 2019 QF at Wimbledon, defeating Djokovic in 2016 and Murray in 2017 to become 1st player in back-to-back years to beat World No. 1 since Becker in 1988-89 and to beat reigning champion since Sampras in 1992-93.

> Snapped Djokovic's Open Era-record 30-match Grand Slam win streak at 2016 Wimbledon, then set an Open Era record by reaching 1st Grand Slam SF in 42nd Grand Slam appearance at 2017 Wimbledon.

> Hit unprecedented 10 straight aces during 1st of 23 Top-10 wins at 2007 Indianapolis (d. No. 10 Blake).

NOTES: Querrey qualified for the first time in his 12th Queen's Club appearance and opened with a 6-1 6-4 win over [5] Schwartzman on Tuesday. Captured the 2010 title (d. Fish) and advanced to SFs in 2012 (l. to Cilic) and QFs in 2017 (l. to Muller) and in his last appearance in 2018 (l. to Cilic). Has a 77-44 career record on grass (1-4 in finals). Trying to reach his first ATP Tour quarter-final since June last year in Mallorca where he reached the final (l. to Medvedev).