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NEXT GEN ATP FINALS PRESENTED BY PIF - TALKING POINTS

- Youngest players in the 2024 **Next Gen ATP Finals presented by PIF** field meet in Sunday's championship match. 18-year-old Brazilian **Joao Fonseca** takes on 19-year-old **Learner Tien** in a rematch of their round robin match on Thursday and their last year's US Open boys' singles final, both won by Fonseca.
- Fonseca** became the third man in tournament history to reach the final before turning 19 years of age, joining **Jannik Sinner** in 2019 and **Carlos Alcaraz** in 2021, with both players going on to win the title. The Brazilian, who started the season as World No. 730, jumped 585 spots to No. 145 and aims to become the lowest-ranked champion in tournament history.

Youngest Next Gen ATP Finals Competitors (in tournament history):

No. Player	Age	Year (Result)
1. Jannik Sinner	18 years 2 months	2019 (Title)
2. Joao Fonseca	18 years 3 months	2024 (Final*, plays Tien)
3. Carlos Alcaraz	18 years 6 months	2021 (Title)
4. Holger Rune	18 years 6 months	2021 (RR – 1-2)
5. Denis Shapovalov	18 years 6 months	2017 (RR – 1-2)

- Learner Tien** became the third American finalist in event history after **Sebastian Korda** in 2021 and **Brandon Nakashima** in 2022 by defeating all-Top 3 seeds, No. 1 Fils and No. 3 Mensik in round robin and No. 2 seed **Alex Michelsen** in SF. He became the second player to beat all-Top 3 seeds at the event after **Hamad Medjedovic** beat No. 1 Fils, No. 2 Van Assche and No. 3 Stricker to win the title in Jeddah last year.
- Fonseca** defeated **Tien** in their round robin match 4-0 4-0 1-4 4-2 and with both competitors reaching the final, it marks the third time in 7-year tournament history that the finalists meet for the second time that week with the winner of the round robin match winning the final on both previous occasions.

Let's Meet Again – Next Gen ATP Finals History

Year	Round Robin Match	Final
2017	H. Chung d. A. Rublev 4-0 4-1 4-3(1)	H. Chung d. A. Rublev 3-4(5) 4-3(2) 4-2 4-2
2022	B. Nakashima d. J. Lehecka 4-1 4-3(2) 4-2	B. Nakashima d. J. Lehecka 4-3(5) 4-3(6) 4-2
2024	J. Fonseca d. L. Tien 4-0 4-0 1-4 4-2	?

Past Next Gen Finalist	Best Finish	Age at Event	Ranking at Event	Career-High
Hamad Medjedovic (SRB)	2023 Champion	20	No. 110	No. 102 in 2023
Arthur Fils (FRA)	2023 Runner-up	19	No. 36	No. 20 in 2024
Brandon Nakashima (USA)	2022 Champion	21	No. 49	No. 35 in 2024
Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	2022 Runner-up	21	No. 74	No. 23 in 2024
Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	2021 Champion	18	No. 32	No. 1 in 2022
Sebastian Korda (USA)	2021 Runner-up	21	No. 39	No. 15 in 2023
Jannik Sinner (ITA)	2019 Champion	18	No. 95	No. 1 in 2024
Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2019 Runner-up 2018 Runner-up	20 in 2019 19 in 2018	No. 18 in 2019 No. 31 in 2018	No. 6 in 2024
Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	2018 Champion	20	No. 15	No. 3 in 2021
Hyeon Chung (KOR)	2017 Champion	21	No. 54	No. 19 in 2018
Andrey Rublev	2017 Runner-up	20	No. 37	No. 5 in 2021

Next Gen ATP Finals Championship Matches:

2017: Hyeon Chung (54) d. Andrey Rublev (37) 3-4(5) 4-2 4-2
2018: Stefanos Tsitsipas (15) d. Alex de Minaur (31) 2-4 4-1 4-3(3) 4-3(3)
2019: Jannik Sinner (95) d. Alex de Minaur (18) 4-2 4-1 4-2
2020: Not held
2021: Carlos Alcaraz (32) d. Sebastian Korda (39) 4-3(5) 4-2 4-2
2022: Brandon Nakashima (49) d. Jiri Lehecka (74) 4-3(5) 4-3(6) 4-2
2023: Hamad Medjedovic (110) d. Arthur Fils (36) 3-4(6) 4-1 4-2 3-4(9) 4-1

2024 Jeddah Statistics	Joao Fonseca	Learner Tien
Aces	27	16
1st-Serve Percentage	70% (194 of 276)	67% (213 of 319)
1st-Serve Points Won	77% (149 of 194)	72% (153 of 213)
2nd-Serve Points Won	66% (54 of 82)	51% (54 of 106)
Service Games Won	91% (42 of 46)	80% (40 of 50)
Break Points Saved	64% (7 of 11)	68% (21 of 31)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	29% (57 of 199)	22% (43 of 195)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	52% (56 of 108)	53% (48 of 91)
Return Games Won	30% (14 of 47)	16% (8 of 49)
Break Points Converted	32% (14 of 44)	47% (8 of 17)

BOLD: Leads all 8 players in 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals field.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD – CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

[8] Joao Fonseca (BRA) vs [5] Learner Tien (USA)

24 Next Gen ATP Finals (Saudi Arabia) Hard RR Joao Fonseca

Fonseca Leads 1-0

4-0 4-0 1-4 4-2

Other Meetings

23 Roland Garros Juniors (France)	Clay	QF	Learner Tien	6-3 2-6 6-1
23 US Open Juniors (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Joao Fonseca	4-6 6-4 6-3

Joao Fonseca | Age: 18 | World No. 145 (Career-High) | 2024: 11-7 (Rio, Bucharest QF) | Event: 4-0 (2024 Final)

> After reaching World No. 1 in juniors in September 2023, he earned career-high No. 145 on PIF ATP Rankings in November 2024 and qualified for Next Gen ATP Finals.

> In February 2024, defeated No. 36 Fils in 1R for biggest win of career and 1st ATP Tour win, before becoming the youngest Brazilian quarter-finalist in Open Era in his hometown of Rio de Janeiro.

> Made ATP Tour debut as 16-year-old WC in Rio de Janeiro in 2023, losing to Molcan in 1R.

> Attended previous editions of the Rio de Janeiro event as a fan and saw Nadal win the title in 2014.

> Won 2023 US Open boys' singles event to become World No. 1 in junior rankings after reaching the quarter-finals at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon earlier in the season and became 2023 ITF World Champion.

> Owns a 28-18 Challenger record (1-1 in finals), highlighted by 1st title at 2024 Lexington.

> In 2023 he was invited to Nitto ATP Finals as a sparring partner for the qualified players.

NOTE: At 18 years and 3 months, Fonseca is the second-youngest player in event history behind 2019 champion Sinner (18y2m). He defeated World No. 20 and top seed Fils on Wednesday for biggest win of career, followed by wins over Tien and Mensik to go 3-0 in Blue Group and Van Assche in SF to become the first South American finalist in event history. He would be the second No. 8 seed to win the title (Sinner in 2019).

Road To Final:

18 December: d. [1] Arthur Fils 3-4(9) 4-2 4-1 1-4 4-1

19 December: d. [5] Learner Tien 4-0 4-0 1-4 4-2

20 December: d. [3] Jakub Mensik 3-4(4) 4-3(8) 4-3(5) 3-4(4) 4-3(5)

21 December (SF): d. [6] Luca Van Assche 4-2 4-2 4-1

Lowest-Ranked Finalists in Tournament History:

Rank	Player	Year (Result)
No. 145	Joao Fonseca	2024 (Final, plays Tien)
No. 122	Learner Tien	2024 (Final, plays Fonseca)
No. 110	Hamad Medjedovic	2023 (Title, d. Fils)
No. 95	Jannik Sinner	2019 (Title, d. de Minaur)
No. 74	Jiri Lehecka	2022 (Final, l. to Nakashima)

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Learner Tien | Age: 19 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 114 | 2024: 6-3 (Winston-Salem QF) | Event: 3-1 (2024 Final)
 > Broke into Top 200 in August 2024 after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Winston-Salem, becoming youngest American man in Top 200 since Kozlov, 18, in 2016, then achieved career-high No. 114 in November.
 > Received 2022 and 2023 US Open WCs after winning 2022 and 2023 USTA Boys' 18s National Championships and 2024 US Open WC by winning US Open Wild Card Challenge.
 > Went on a 28-match winning streak from May to July 2024, capturing ITF Tour titles at M15 San Diego twice, M15 Rancho Santa Fe, M15 Lakewood and 1st career Challenger title in Bloomfield Hills.
 > Also earned Challenger titles at 2024 Las Vegas and 2024 Fairfield, going 35-9 during 2024 Challenger season.
 > Peaked at No. 4 in juniors, highlighted by runs to junior finals of 2023 Australian Open (l. to Blockx) and US Open (l. to Fonseca) and defeated Blockx/Fonseca to capture 2023 Australian Open boys' doubles title w/C. Williams.

NOTE: Tien earned 3 of 4 career Top 50 wins this week over No. 48 Mensik, No. 20 Fils in RR and No. 41 Michelsen in SF to become the first left-handed finalist in tournament history. After turning 19 on December 2, he would become the third youngest champion behind Sinner, 18, in 2019 and Alcaraz, 18, in 2021.

Road To Final:

18 December: d. [3] Jakub Mensik 4-3(6) 4-3(3) 2-4 2-4 4-3(8)
 19 December: l. to [8] Joao Fonseca 0-4 0-4 4-1 2-4
 20 December: d. [1] Arthur Fils 4-2 4-2 3-4(4) 4-3(5)
 21 December (SF): d. [2] Alex Michelsen 2-4 4-2 1-4 4-0 4-1

American Finalists in Tournament History –

Player	Year	Result
Sebastian Korda	2021	Final – l. to Alcaraz
Brandon Nakashima	2022	Title – d. Lehecka
Learner Tien	2024	plays Fonseca

Finalists in Tie-Breaks at Next Gen ATP Finals:

	Tie-Break W-L
Joao Fonseca	3-3
Learner Tien	4-1