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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

PAT RAFTER ARENA

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

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|---|------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 19 Washington (U.S.A.) | Hard | R16 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-2 7-5 |
| 20 Australian Open (Australia) | Hard | R128 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-3 4-6 6-4 6-2 |
| 20 US Open (U.S.A.) | Hard | R16 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-4 6-1 6-0 |
| 21 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) | Hard | R16 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-4 6-3 |
| 23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) | Hard | SF | Daniil Medvedev | 7-5 7-6(4) |
| 24 Laver Cup (Germany) | Hard | RR | Frances Tiafoe | 3-6 6-4 [10-5] |
| Other Meeting | | | | |
| 15 Nice Q (France) | Clay | Q2 | Frances Tiafoe | 6-3 6-2 |

Medvedev Leads 5-1

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 29 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 1 | Career: 421-180 (21 Titles) | Brisbane: 4-1 (2019 Final)
> Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
> Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.
> Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
> Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Won 19 of his 21 singles titles on hard courts and all 21 of his titles at different events, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st title on clay.

NOTE: Medvedev seeks 90th tour-level quarter-final of career, 70th on hard courts, and 2nd in Brisbane after reaching 2019 final (l. to Nishikori) and advance to the last 8 stage in sixth of his 7 tournaments played since September. The No. 1 seed has advanced to the quarter-finals in 12 of 14 previous editions in tournament history.

Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Active Players):

| Player | QFs | Player | QFs |
|------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|
| Novak Djokovic | 225 | Grigor Dimitrov | 95 |
| Marin Cilic | 122 | Kei Nishikori | 93 |
| Gael Monfils | 119 | Daniil Medvedev | 89 |
| Stan Wawrinka | 112 | Roberto Bautista Agut | 83 |
| Alexander Zverev | 108 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | 83 |

Hard Court Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders*

| Player | QFs |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Novak Djokovic | 135 |
| Gael Monfils | 82 |
| Marin Cilic | 77 |
| Grigor Dimitrov | 70 |
| Daniil Medvedev | 69 |

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 27 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 237-214 (3 Titles) | Brisbane: 2-2 ('25-'26 2R)

> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 10 in June 2023 after lifting 3rd title in Stuttgart, saving 1 MP vs. Struff in the final to own ATP Tour titles on all three surfaces.
> Joined Fritz in Top 10 to be 1st American duo in Top 10 of PIF ATP Rankings since Fish and Isner in May 2012.
> Defeated 4-time champion Nadal en route to 2022 US Open SF, becoming that event's 1st American men's semi-finalist since Roddick in 2006 and returned to US Open SF in 2024, losing to Fritz in all-American match.
> Rallied from 3-5 in third set and saved 2 MPs vs. Rune to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Cincinnati.
> Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston and 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Houston.
> Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Tiafoe seeks 46th tour-level quarter-final (18-27), first in Brisbane, and first since Washington in July (l. to Shelton). He looks for his first Top 20 win since defeating No. 18 Cobolli in Washington 3R (1-7 vs. Top 20 in 2025).

[3] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs Sebastian Korda (USA)

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| 23 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.) | Hard | SF | Jiri Lehecka |
| 24 Adelaide (Australia) | Hard | SF | Jiri Lehecka |
| 25 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco) Clay | R64 | | Jiri Lehecka |

Lehecka Leads 2-0

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| W/O |
| 6-2 6-1 |
| 6-3 7-6(7) |

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 24 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 16 | Career: 119-89 (2 Titles) | Brisbane: 6-0 (2025 Title)
> Broke into Top 20 at career-high No. 16 in September 2025 after run to US Open QF, joining Berdych, P. Korda and Lendl as only Czech men to advance to quarter-finals of both hard-court Grand Slam events.
> Defeated No. 5 Rublev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells before defeating No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.
> In Australia, earned wins over No. 12 Norrie and No. 7 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 Australian Open QF and captured both ATP Tour titles at 2024 Adelaide and 2025 Brisbane.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Rotterdam as Q after defeating No. 12 Shapovalov in 1R for 1st ATP Tour win.
> Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.
> Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

NOTE: Lehecka aims to extend his 6-match winning streak in Brisbane to reach his 23rd tour-level quarter-final (11-11), 16th on hard courts (9-6). He bids to join Stepanek (2009-12) as only Czech men to reach multiple Brisbane QFs.

Sebastian Korda | Age: 25 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 15 | Career: 148-97 (2 Titles) | Brisbane: 1-1 (2026 2R)

> Achieved career-high No. 15 in August 2024, joining Petr Korda (No. 2 in 1998) to become only father-son duo to rank inside Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
> Earned biggest wins of career en route to ATP Masters 1000 SFs over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 Shanghai and No. 4 Zverev at 2024 Montreal.
> Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma title and captured 2024 Washington title, 32 years after his father, Petr, won in 1992, becoming 1st father-son duo to win the same ATP Tour event.
> Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).
> Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.

NOTE: Korda seeks 30th tour-level quarter-final, 24th on hard courts, and fifth in Australia after Adelaide (2023-25) and 2023 Australian Open. He looks to record his 1st Top 20 win since defeating No. 10 Tsitsipas at ATP Masters 1000 Miami in March (23-39 in career).

Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Born since 2000):

| Player | Born | QFs | Player | Born | QFs |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Felix Auger-Aliassime | 2000 | 63 | Sebastian Korda | 2000 | 29 |
| Jannik Sinner | 2001 | 60 | Sebastian Baez | 2000 | 23 |
| Carlos Alcaraz | 2003 | 53 | Jiri Lehecka | 2001 | 22 |
| Lorenzo Musetti | 2002 | 41 | Brandon Nakashima | 2001 | 22 |
| Holger Rune | 2003 | 38 | Ben Shelton | 2002 | 22 |

SHOW COURT 1
Alex Michelsen (USA) vs [8] Learner Tien (USA)

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|---------------------------------------|------|-----|----------------|
| 24 Next Gen ATP Finals (Saudi Arabia) | Hard | SF | Learner Tien |
| 25 Houston (U.S.A.) | Clay | R32 | Alex Michelsen |
| 25 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada) | Hard | R16 | Alex Michelsen |

Michelsen Leads 2-1

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| 2-4 4-2 1-4 4-0 4-1 |
| 6-4 6-2 |
| 6-3 6-3 |

Alex Michelsen | Age: 21 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 30 | Career: 67-65 (3 Finals) | Brisbane: 2-2 (2025-26 2R)
> Broke inside Top 50 in August 2024 and achieved career-high No. 30 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam 4R at Australian Open earlier in the season.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2024 Newport, where he held 1 MP vs. Giron, and 2024 Winston-Salem.
> Defeated No. 9 de Minaur for biggest win of career in 2024 Los Cabos 2R, before squandering 3 MPs in QF against eventual champion Thompson and No. 10 Musetti en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2025 Toronto.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2024 Cincinnati w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying and 2025 Shanghai w/Goransson.

NOTE: Michelsen seeks 17th ATP Tour QF (7-9), 10th on hard courts (4-5), and first on Australian soil. He is 11-20 vs. Top 30 opponents, seeking first win since defeating No. 10 Musetti at ATP Masters 1000 Toronto in July.

Learner Tien | Age: 20 | World No. 26 (Career-High) | Career: 43-30 (Metz Title) | Brisbane: 1-0 (2026 2R)

- > Broke into Top 200 in August 2024, Top 100 in January 2025 and achieved career-high No. 26 in January 2026 after finishing the previous season by winning 1st ATP Tour title in Metz.
- > Upset No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2025 Australian Open 4R as Q to be youngest man to defeat a Top-5 player at that event in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) and No. 2 Zverev at 2025 Acapulco.
- > Qualified for 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals, defeating Top-3 seeds to reach the final, before returning to Jeddah in 2025 and becoming 1st left-handed champion in tournament history.
- > Went on a 28-match winning streak from May to July 2024, capturing ITF Tour titles at M15 San Diego (2x), M15 Rancho Santa Fe, M15 Lakewood and 1st Challenger title in Bloomfield Hills.
- > 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 seeks 7th ATP Tour QF (2-4) to become the 7th youngest men to reach Brisbane QF at 20 years and 1 month. He is 6-1 vs. countrymen in last 7 matches with a sole loss to Michelsen at ATP Masters 1000 Toronto in July.

Youngest Brisbane Quarter-Finalists:

| Player | Age | Year | Player | Age | Year |
|----------------|---------|------|----------------------|---------|------|
| Alex de Minaur | 18Y 10M | 2018 | Alex de Minaur | 19Y 10M | 2019 |
| Kei Nishikori | 19Y | 2009 | Michael Mmoh | 19Y 11M | 2018 |
| Bernard Tomic | 19Y 2M | 2012 | Holger Rune | 20Y 8M | 2024 |
| Jakub Mensik | 19Y 4M | 2025 | G. Mpetshi Perricard | 21Y 5M | 2024 |

[LL] Kamil Majchrzak (POL) vs Reilly Opelka (USA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

18 Playford CH (Australia) Hard R16 Reilly Opelka

7-6(9) 7-6(8)

Kamil Majchrzak | Age: 29 | World No. 59 (Career-High) | Career: 47-55 (2 SFs) | Brisbane: 1-0 (2026 2R)

- > Former World No. 7 junior broke into Top 100 in July 2019 and achieved career-high No. 59 in January 2026.
- > Advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2022 Pune and 2025 Marrakech as Q, before defeating former finalist Berrettini en route to 2025 Wimbledon 4R and saved 5 MPs to defeat No. 10 Khachanov en route to 2025 US Open 3R.
- > In 2019, qualified at Australian Open and Wimbledon before advancing to US Open 3R as LL with 5-set wins over Jarry and Cuevas.
- > Owns 180-106 Challenger record (9-6 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 his 6th ATP Tour QF (2-3), first on hard courts since 2022 Sofia (l. to Huesler), to become the first Polish player to reach men's quarter-finals in tournament history (Kubot 2R in 2011 and 2015).

Reilly Opelka | Age: 28 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 122-116 (4 Titles) | Brisbane: 5-1 ('25 Final)

- > Former Wimbledon junior champion became No. 1 American in June 2021 and achieved career-high No. 17 in February 2022 before undergoing hip surgery later that year.
- > Defeated Isner for 4th ATP 250 title on American soil at 2022 Houston after beating him 7-6(7) 7-6(22) en route to 2022 Dallas title, winning longest tiebreak in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
- > At 2020 Delray Beach, saved 1 MP vs. Raonic and defeated Nishioka on same day to win 2nd title.
- > At 2019 New York, saved 6 MPs and hit 43 aces vs. Isner in SF, then hit 43 more aces vs. Schnur in final to win 1st title.
- > Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2021 Toronto for biggest win of career and to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final and defeated No. 7 Djokovic en route to 2025 Brisbane final to break Serbian's 34-match winning streak vs. Americans.

NOTE: Opelka seeks 24th ATP Tour QF (16-7), 19th on hard courts (11-7), and 2nd in Brisbane after reaching last year's final (retired 1-4 down vs. Lehecka). He is 1-7 in his last 8 matches vs. higher-ranked opponents, lone win over No. 43 Baez in Basel 1R.