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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

NOTE: Both players are seeking their 1st ATP Tour title. Bagnis is playing in his second final (2021 Santiago), while Darderi is playing in 1st ATP Tour final in his third tour-level event of career. It is just the third final between two qualifiers since ATP Tour was established in 1990.

First-Time ATP Tour Champions in 2024 (2): Players are 8-19 in finals when attempting to win their first ATP Tour title since the start of the 2023 season (Giron also in play for 1st title in Dallas).

Age Tournament

Jiri Lehecka 22 Adelaide Alejandro Tabilo 26 Auckland

ATP Tour Finals Between Qualifiers (since 1990)

Tournament Results

2015 Sydney (Q) Viktor Troicki d. (Q) Mikhail Kukushkin 6-2 6-3 2018 Kitzbuhel (Q) Martin Klizan d. (Q) Denis Istomin 6-2 6-2

CANCHA CENTRAL

[Q] Facundo Bagnis (ARG) vs [Q] Luciano Darderi (ITA) Other Meetings 22 Campinas CH (Brazil) 23 Roland Garros Q (France) Clay QF Luciano Darderi Clay Q1 Facundo Bagnis 6-3 6-4

Facundo Bagnis | Age: 33 | World No. 207 | Career-High No. 55 | 2024: 4-0 (Cordoba Final) | Cordoba: 7-5 (2024 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 55 in 2016 and broke back into Top 100 in 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago.

- > Celebrated 31st birthday by competing in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba as Q after earning 6 wins.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 US Open after entering event with 1-10 record on hard courts.
- > In Grand Slam main draw debut, defeated Benneteau 18-16 in 5th at 2014 Roland Garros as Q.
- > Boasts 357-211 Challenger record (17-13 in finals), posting 6-0 finals record in 2016 tied for 2nd-most titles in a single season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

NOTE: By reaching his 2nd ATP Tour final (0-1), Bagnis became the oldest Argentine finalist in Open Era. He would be the lowest-ranked ATP Tour champion since No. 335 J.M Cerundolo at 2021 Cordoba and would rise to No. 114 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Rankings</u>, more than halving his ranking from the start of 2024 season in January (No. 242).

Luciano Darderi | Age: 21 | World No. 136 | Career-High No. 124 | 2024: 4-0 (Cordoba Final) | Cordoba: 5-1 (2024 Final)

- > Former Top 10 junior achieved career-high No. 124 in November 2023 after winning 2nd Challenger title at Lima-2.
- > In ATP Tour debut as Q at 2023 Cordoba defeated Gaston for first win, then entered 2023 Acapulco as LL.
- > Owns a 75-56 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi and 2023 Lima 2.
- > 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: With a run to his 1st ATP Tour final, Darderi secured his Top 100 debut on Monday, making him the 49th Italian to enter the Top 100 since the start of Pepperstone ATP Rankings in 1973. He is No. 94 on the <u>Pepperstone</u> ATP Live Rankings and would go up to No. 76 with a title win and become the 7th active Italian with an ATP Tour title.

Active Italian Male Players with Tour-Level Titles

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Player	Titles	Player	Titles		
Jannik Sinner	11	Marco Cecchinato	3		
Fabio Fognini	9	Lorenzo Sonego	3		
Matteo Berrettini	7	Lorenzo Musetti	2		



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Most Recent Qualifiers to Win an ATP Tour Title

Tournament Player

2024 Auckland Alejandro Tabilo

2021 Cordoba Juan Manuel Cerundolo

2018 Tokyo
 2018 Chengdu
 2018 Shenzhen
 Daniil Medvedev
 Bernard Tomic
 Yoshihito Nishioka

Last 5 Finals Between Players Both Seeking their 1st ATP Tour Title:

Tournament Result

2024 Adelaide Jiri Lehecka d. Jack Draper 4-6 6-4 6-3

2023 Pune Tallon Griekspoor d. Benjamin Bonzi 4-6 7-5 6-3
2022 San Diego Brandon Nakashima d. Marcos Giron 6-4 6-4
2022 Munich Holger Rune d. Botic van de Zandschulp 3-4 ret.
2022 Santiago Pedro Martinez d. Sebastian Baez 4-6 6-4 6-4

2024 Cordoba Statistics	Facundo Bagnis	Luciano Darderi
Aces	8	17
1st-Serve Percentage	65% (193 of 298)	58% (167 of 287)
1st-Serve Points Won	71.50% (138 of 193)	72.46% (121 of 167)
2nd-Serve Points Won	48% (50 of 105)	58% (69 of 120)
Service Games Won	81% (34 of 42)	86% (37 of 43)
Break Points Saved	74% (23 of 31)	67% (12 of 18)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	40% (75 of 189)	37% (58 of 158)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	56% (43 of 77)	61% (54 of 88)
Return Games Won	39% (16 of 41)	44% (18 of 41)
Break Points Converted	55% (16 of 29)	53% (18 of 34)

BOLD: Leads all 28 players in 2024 Cordoba Open.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[1] Maximo Gonzalez (ARG) / Andres Molteni (ARG) vs Series Tied 1-1

[2] Sadio Doumbia (FRA) / Fabien Reboul (FRA)

23 Cordoba (Argentina)Clay F Gonzalez/Molteni 6-4 6-4
23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada) Hard R32 Doumbia/Reboul 6-3 7-5

Gonzalez / Molteni Notes

- > The Argentines are 54-30 overall (6-2 in 2024) as a team, winning their first ATP Tour title at 2022 Gijon.
- > They are aiming to become the first duo to defend an ATP Tour title since Ram/Salisbury at 2023 Nitto ATP Finals.
- > Team is ranked No. 5 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings</u>. Gonzalez is ranked No. 13T (career-high No. 10 in September 2023) and Molteni is ranked No. 13T (career-high No. 7 in August 2023).
- > Gonzalez, 40, is 17-6 in ATP Tour doubles finals (12-5 on clay). He went undefeated in finals in 2023 (5-0), highlighted by biggest title of career at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Molteni.
- > Molteni, 35, is 16-7 in ATP Tour doubles finals (10-4 on clay). He is going for his 4th Cordoba title (of 6 tournament editions) after winning in 2019 w/Jebavy, 2022 w/S. Gonzalez, and 2023 w/M. Gonzalez.

Doumbia / Reboul Notes

- > The French duo is 51-43 on tour-level (9-3 in 2024) as a team, making their team debut at 2015 Algeria F3 before making their tour-level debut at 2021 Roland Garros.
- > They reached their 3rd ATP Tour final without dropping a set and are currently on a 7-match winning streak after winning their 2nd ATP Tour title at Montpellier last week on indoor hard court.
- > Team is ranked No. 7 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings.</u> Doumbia is ranked No. 32 (career-high) and Reboul is ranked No. 34 (career-high).
- > Doumbia, 33, and Reboul, 28, are 2-1 in ATP Tour finals (0-1 on clay), reaching their 1st final in Cordoba last year, before winning their 1st ATP Tour title in Chengdu in September.