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# MIAMI OPEN PRESENTED BY ITAU TALKING POINTS

- Facundo Bagnis has a tough task ahead of him on Friday at the Miami Open presented by Itau. The 33year-old Argentine had his biggest win at 2016 Marrakech 2R over No. 36 Joao Sousa, but will have to overcome a 0-16 record vs. Top 30 players to defeat his second round opponent, World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz. Alcaraz, who won his 1st ATP Masters 1000 event in Miami last year, will begin his third career title defense, after reaching the final in both previous attempts (2022 Umag F, 2023 Rio de Janeiro F). The 19-year-old Spaniard needs to win the title this fortnight to keep the World No. 1 position over Novak Djokovic.
- No. 1 American and No. 9 seed Taylor Fritz begins his Miami campaign on Friday, meeting compatriot Emilio Nava. Nava beat 2018 Miami champion World No. 46 John Isner in his opening round for his first Top 50 win, but needs to produce an even bigger upset to get the better of World No. 10 Fritz. Fritz is 16-1 in his opening rounds of hard court tournaments since the start of 2022, only loss coming at 2022 US Open to No. 303 Brandon Holt.
- 12 months ago, World No. 4 Casper Ruud reached his first ATP Masters 1000 final in Miami, losing to Alcaraz. This year, Ruud is yet to win consecutive matches at any event, but starts his Miami campaign vs.
  Ilya Ivashka in their first meeting. Ivashka owns a 0-6 record vs. Top 5 players and seeks biggest career win over the 24-year-old Norwegian.
- 2018 finalist **Alexander Zverev** will take on wildcard **Taro Daniel** for the first time in the last match of the day at the Hard Rock Stadium, while No. 10 seed **Jannik Sinner** faces **Laslo Djere**. The Italian has won at least 2 matches in all tournaments he played this year and is eyeing a potential return to the Top 10 after Miami for the first time since September 2022, currently positioned at No. 10 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings</u>.
- Two other Top-10 players are in second-round action on Friday: World No. 8 Holger Rune will meet the No. 1 Hungarian Marton Fucsovics. 19-year-old Rune will try to avoid an upset as Fucsovics owns a 0-17 record vs. Top 10 players on hard courts. World No. 7 Andrey Rublev meets No. 9 American J.J. Wolf. Wolf owns a 0-4 record (1-9 in sets) vs. Top 10 players, winning his only set against them vs. then-World No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas at the Miami courts last season before losing in the deciding set.

# ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

## STADIUM

## [9] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [WC] Emilio Nava (USA)

**First Meeting** 

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 5 | 2023: 17-5 (Delray Beach Title) | Miami: 6-6 (2021-22 4R) > Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.

> Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.

> Reached 2016 Memphis final as 18-year-old, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.

> Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 after helping Team World capture 2022 Laver Cup.

**NOTE**: Fritz is 13-3 vs. fellow countrymen since the start of 2022 (6-1 in 2023), seeking 150th hard court tour-level win (149-108).



Alcaraz Leads 1-0

**Emilio Nava** | Age: 21 | World No. 182 | Career-High No. 172 | 2023: 1-0 (Miami 2R) | Miami: 1-2 (2023 2R) > Former World No. 5 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2018 and broke into Top 200 in August 2022.

> Qualified at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami and 2022 Winston-Salem, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2022 US Open over Millman.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger SF, final and title at 2022 Shymkent-1.

> Two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up and two-time Grand Slam boys' doubles runner-up, finishing junior career as 2019 US Open boys' singles finalist.

> Also advanced to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles final, squandering 1 MP vs. Musetti and falling 4-6 6-2 7-6(12).

**NOTE**: Nava earned biggest career win over No. 46 Isner in 1R and now seeks first Top 10 win. Owning a 2-7 tourlevel record, he aims to win 2 consecutive matches for the first time in his career. He rose 13 spots to No. 169 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings</u> with a 1R win and could go up to No. 163 with a 2R win.

#### [1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs Facundo Bagnis (ARG)

22 Umag (Croatia) Other Meeting	Clay	ĞQF `	Carlos Alcaraz	6-0 6-4
20 Cordenons CH (Italy)	Clay	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	7-6(5) 4-6 6-2
21 Oeiras-3 CH (Portugal)	Clay	F	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 6-4

**Carlos Alcaraz** | Age: 19 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2023: 14-1 (2 Titles) | Miami: 6-1 (2022 Title) > Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season.

> Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.

> Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (164 events since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (290 events since 1990).

> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch,
18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

**NOTE**: Alcaraz is 26-2 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 since the start of 2022 (9-0 in 2023). This is his 3rd title defense, reaching the final in both previous attempts (2021 Umag champion – 2022 F I. to Sinner, 2022 Rio de Janeiro champion – 2023 F I. to Norrie).

**Facundo Bagnis** | Age: 33 | World No. 100 | Career-High No. 55 | 2023: 1-5 (Miami 2R) | Miami: 1-2 (2023 2R) > Won biggest title of career at 2020 Rio de Janeiro to rise to No. 18, then ended 2021 season at career-high No. 17. > Five-time ATP Tour champion saved 5 MPs vs. Chardy en route to 2019 Houston title and 2 MPs vs. No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2019 Munich title.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after reaching ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Paris, 2021 Madrid and 2022 Rome.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Vina del Mar as 16-year-old WC (d. Lajovic) and 2nd ATP Tour win at 2019 Buenos Aires (d. Auger-Aliassime).

> Former World No. 4 junior defeated A. Zverev for 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles title and reached boys' doubles final with countryman Jarry.

**NOTES**: Bagnis broke a 7-match tour-level losing streak since 2022 Los Cabos (d. Escobedo in 2R) by defeating Meligeni Alves in 1R. He seeks biggest career win entering the match with a 0-4 record vs. Top 10 players. Owning a 4-35 career record vs. Top 50 players (0-9 vs. Top 20), he would have to break a 21-match losing streak against Top 50 players since defeating No. 41 Sousa at 2018 Gstaad 1R.

## [WC] Taro Daniel (JPN) vs [13] Alexander Zverev (GER) First Meeting

**Taro Daniel** | Age: 30 | World No. 97 | Career-High No. 64 | 2023: 7-4 (Acapulco QF) | Miami: 2-2 (2022-23 2R) > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final en route to 1st title at 2018 Istanbul, achieving career-high No. 64 later that season.

> Led all players by qualifying for 9 tour-level events in 2022, including Australian Open, ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and ATP Masters 1000 Miami.

> Also qualified at 2023 Acapulco and defeated No. 4 Ruud in 2R for biggest win of career.



> Defeated 5-time champion Djokovic to reach 2018 Indian Wells 3R as Q and 5-time finalist Murray to reach 2022 Australian Open 3R as Q.

> Won 17 of 21 tour-level and Challenger matches during 6-week span in 2016, defeating 2-time medallist Sock at Rio Olympics along the way.

**NOTE**: Daniel owns a 3-20 record vs. Top 20 players in his career (1-1 in 2023), earning biggest career win over No. 4 Ruud at 2023 Acapulco 2R at the start of the March.

Alexander Zverev | Age: 25 | World No. 15 | Career-High No. 2 | 2023: 8-8 (Dubai SF) | Miami: 13-7 (2018 Final) > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.

> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 19 career titles, defeating No. 1
Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.

> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).

**NOTE**: A. Zverev is 34-6 in his opening rounds since the start of 2020 (4-1 this season). The German is 6-2 vs. Japanese players on tour-level (5-1 vs. Nishikori).

#### GRANDSTAND

J.J. Wolf (USA) vs [6] Andrey Rub	Rublev Leads 1-0			
22 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Andrey Rublev	6-2 6-3

**J.J. Wolf** | Age: 24 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 39 | 2023: 9-6 (Dallas SF) | Miami: 2-1 (2022-23 2R) > Already ranked No. 272 when he turned pro in July 2019, then broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 40 in February 2023.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final of career at 2022 Florence after reaching US Open 3R as WC in both 2020 and 2022.

> Upset No. 14 Tiafoe for biggest win of career and to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Dallas.

> Defeated fellow American Mmoh to advance to 2023 Australian Open 4R, falling in 5 sets to countryman Shelton.
> Owns 78-42 Challenger record overall, including 5-1 in finals and 21-7 with 2 titles in Columbus, where he played 3 seasons of college tennis for Ohio State University.

**NOTE**: Wolf seeks biggest career win vs. No. 7 Rublev (0-4 vs. Top 10 players) after earning biggest career win over No. 14 Tiafoe at 2023 Dallas in February. He bids to win consecutive matches at an ATP Masters 1000 event for the first time in his career.

Andrey Rublev | Age: 25 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 5 | 2023: 11-7 (Dubai Final) | Miami: 8-7 (2021 SF) > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.

> Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte Carlo and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals, then beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2022 Belgrade.

> Led tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.

> Seven-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist reached 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF and won gold medal in All-ROC mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).

> Went 9-1 in singles and 4-1 in doubles at team events during 2021 season, sweeping titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

NOTE: Rublev aims to reach Miami 3R for the third time after 2019 3R (I. to Shapovalov) and 2021 SF (I. to Hurkacz).

## [3] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs Ilya Ivashka

## **First Meeting**

**Casper Ruud** | Age: 24 | World No. 4 | Career-High No. 2 | 2023: 4-5 (Indian Wells 3R) | Miami: 5-3 (2022 Final) > Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final. > First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (9), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final), and reach both a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros, US Open) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).



> Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.

> Ex-World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (70), finals (10) and titles (8).
> Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

NOTE: Ruud seeks multiple wins at an event for 2nd time since reaching 2022 US Open final (2022 Nitto ATP Finals).

**Ilya Ivashka** | Age: 29 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 40 | 2023: 3-5 (Indian Wells 3R) | Miami: 3-2 (2019, 2022-23 2R) > Qualified at 8 tour-level events in 2018, earned personal-best 31 wins in 2021 and achieved career-high No. 40 in June 2022.

> Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2021 Winston-Salem by beating Ruusuvuori 6-2 6-1 in SF and M. Ymer 6-0 6-2 in final.
> Upset No. 6 A. Zverev for biggest win of career en route to 2021 Munich SF as Q.

> Advanced to 2021 Wimbledon 4R and 2022 US Open 4R after starting career 1-6 at Grand Slams.

> Earned 3-set wins over Monfils and Kukushkin to reach 2020 Tokyo Olympics 3R (held in 2021).

NOTE: Ivashka is 2-17 vs. Top 10 (0-6 vs. Top 5) and hopes to earn biggest win of career over No. 4 Ruud.

## **BUTCH BUCHHOLZ**

#### [PR] Guido Pella (ARG) vs [24] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

20 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay

R64 Denis Shapovalov

Shapovalov Leads 1-0 6-2 6-3

**Guido Pella** | Age: 32 | World No. 581 | Career-High No. 20 | 2023: 3-4 (3 times in 2R) | Miami: 4-6 (2017 3R) > Achieved career-high No. 20 and earned personal-best 36 wins in 2019, but was limited to only 1 Challenger match in 2022 due to knee injury.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title in 5th career final at 2019 Sao Paulo.

> Upset 2018 finalist Anderson and 2016 finalist Raonic to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Wimbledon.

> Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 3R with biggest win of career over 2017 finalist and World No. 5 Cilic.

> Helped Argentina win 1st Davis Cup title in 2016, earning victories in 1R (d. Przysiezny), QF w/Del Potro (d. Fognini/Lorenzi) and SF (d. Edmund).

**NOTE**: Pella started the year unranked and rose 107 spots this week after his 1R win over Varillas to No. 474 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings</u>. He aims to earn first Top 30 win since defeating No. 19 Goffin at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R (I. to A. Zverev in 3R).

**Denis Shapovalov** | Age: 23 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 10 | 2023: 5-6 (Adelaide-1 QF) | Miami: 8-4 (2019 SF) > After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.

> Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.

> Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).

> Beat Carreno Busta to begin 2022 ATP Cup final and Kokkinakis to begin 2022 Davis Cup final, helping Canada sweep both team titles.

> Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of Pepperstone ATP Rankings less than 15 months later.

**NOTE**: Shapovalov is 1-5 in his last 6 matches (d. No. 31 Kecmanovic at 2023 Acapulco 1R). He is aiming to avoid second straight defeat against a fellow left-handed player after losing to Humbert at 2023 Indian Wells 2R.

[10] Jannik Sinner (ITA) vs Laslo	Djere Leads 2-1			
19 Budapest (Hungary)	Clay	R16	Laslo Djere	6-3 6-1
20 Kitzbuhel (Austria)	Clay	R16	Laslo Djere	6-4 6-4
22 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.	) Hard	R64	Jannik Sinner	6-3 6-3

Jannik Sinner | Age: 21 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 9 | 2023: 16-4 (Montpellier Title) | Miami: 8-2 (2021 Final) > Unranked to begin 2018, entered Top 100 in 2019, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021.

> Won 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals title and 7 tour-level titles from 2020-23, including 2022 Umag (d. Alcaraz).
> As 19-year-old in 2021, became 1st teenager to win an ATP 500 title at Washington and 1st Italian finalist in 37-year tournament history of ATP Masters 1000 Miami.



> Earned 49 victories in 2021, including 6-2 6-2 win over Hurkacz in Nitto ATP Finals debut as ALT, avenging loss in Miami final.

> Reached QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, including 2022 Wimbledon (I. to eventual champion Djokovic after holding 2-set lead) and 2022 US Open (I. to eventual champion Alcaraz after holding 1 MP).

NOTE: Sinner is 46-3 vs. players ranked outside of Top 50 since the start of 2022 and 12-0 vs. them this season (27-2 in sets after defeating Fucsovics at 2023 Australian Open 3R in 5 sets).

Laslo Djere | Age: 27 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 10-7 (2 times in QF) | Miami: 2-2 (2021, 2023 2R) > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.

> Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.

> Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.

> Earned 5 victories and won 5 TBs en route to 2022 Winston-Salem final despite entering event with 15-44 career record on hard courts and 1-18 TB record in 2022.

> Also on hard courts, upset World No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Djere owns 5-24 career record vs. Top 20 players, 1-9 on hard courts after defeating No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland 2R for biggest career win.

## Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI) vs [16] Tommy Paul (USA)

#### Other Meeting

18 Fairfield CH (U.S.A.)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Tommy Paul Hard Q3 2-6 7-6(5) 6-3

Marc-Andrea Huesler | Age: 26 | World No. 47 (Career-High) | 2023: 7-7 (3 times in 2R) | Miami: 1-0 (2023 2R) > Swiss No. 1 broke into Top 100 at age 26 in July 2022, then achieved career-high No. 47 in February 2023.

> Beat #NextGenATP players Musetti and Rune en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Sofia.

> Qualified at Halle, Wimbledon, Bastad, Winston-Salem and ATP Masters 1000 Paris in 2022.

> Defeated 2021 champion Ivashka and 2021 finalist M. Ymer en route to 2022 Winston-Salem SF as Q.

> Boasts 79-60 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), including clay-court titles in 2022 at Mexico City and Aguascalientes.

NOTE: Huesler is 4-5 vs. Top 20 players in his career (1-2 in 2023). He is currently No. 46 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings and could go up to No. 43 with a win over Paul.

Tommy Paul | Age: 25 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 18 | 2023: 14-5 (Acapulco Final) | Miami: 2-3 (2023 3R) > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 18 in February 2023 after becoming 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF since Roddick in 2009.

> Owns 5-6 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.

> Posted personal-best 39 wins in 2022, including upsets of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.

> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.

> Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (I. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul is 5-0 in his opening rounds matches this year and 11-1 in his last 12 opening rounds (I. to Thiem at 2022 Vienna 1R).

## **COURT 1**

#### [Q] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs [21] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) **Dimitrov Leads 3-2** 13 Stockholm (Sweden) R16 Grigor Dimitrov 6-1 6-3 Hard 17 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco) Clay R32 Jan-Lennard Struff 4-6 6-3 6-2 19 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco) Clay R32 Grigor Dimitrov 7-6(2) 6-4 19 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R64 Jan-Lennard Struff 6-4 6-7(5) 6-3 21 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco) Clay R64 Grigor Dimitrov 6-3 6-4 **Other Meeting** F 10 Germany F10 (Germany) **Grigor Dimitrov** Clay 7-57-5

Jan-Lennard Struff | Age: 32 | World No. 103 | Career-High No. 29 | 2023: 2-2 (2 times in 2R) | Miami: 5-6 ('17, '21 3R) > Achieved career-high No. 29 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2020 Cincinnati, but fell to out of Top 100 in June 2022 after suffering right foot injury.

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> On home soil, advanced to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Munich and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev in 2021 Halle 1R.

Posted personal-best 35 victories in 2019, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam 4R appearance at Roland Garros.
In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer and Karlovic).

> Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tourlevel win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

**NOTE**: Struff is No. 96 on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings</u> after qualifying and 1R win and could re-enter the Top 100 after Miami for the first time since June 2022. He is 2-10 vs. Top 50 players on tour-level since the start of 2022.

**Grigor Dimitrov** | Age: 31 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 7-5 (Rotterdam SF) | Miami: 10-11 ('12, '16 4R) > Former World No. 1 junior ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.

> Top-ranked Bulgarian in history and only champion from his country, winning 8 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> Surpassed 300 career wins in 2019, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

> Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open, as well as 8 ATP Masters 1000 SFs.

> Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer in 2019 US Open QF as World No. 78, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open men's semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

**NOTE**: Dimitrov lost his 8-match winning streak vs. players ranked outside of Top 50 after retiring in the third set to No. 75 Kubler at 2023 Indian Wells 2R in his previous event. Miami is the only ATP Masters 1000 event where Dimitrov is yet to reach a quarter-final (0-2 in Miami 4R).

#### Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs [7] Holger Rune (DEN)

#### **First Meeting**

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 31 | World No. 74 | Career-High No. 31 | 2023: 7-5 (Indian Wells 4R) | Miami: 3-4 (2021 3R) > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983. > Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.

> Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st men's quarter-finalist from Hungary at that event since Asboth in 1948.

> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.

> Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics is 2-23 vs. Top 10 players and seeks first Top 10 win on hard courts (0-17).

**Holger Rune** | Age: 19 | World No. 8 (Career-High) | 2023: 12-6 (Montpellier, Acapulco SF) | Miami: 0-0 (2022 Q1) > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973).

> Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.

> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).

> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

**NOTE**: Rune is 11-1 in his last 12 opening rounds, 5-1 in 2023 (I. to No. 36 Nishioka at 2023 Adelaide-1 1R). He is 1-5 in deciding sets this season.



## **COURT 7**

Alexei Popyrin (AUS) vs [26] Botic							
21 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	R32	Botic van de Zandschulp	6-4 3-6 6-0			
[20] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA) Davidovich Fokina Leads 1-0							
23 Adelaide-2 (Australia)	Hard	R32	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina				
COURT 5							
[22] Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Series Tied 1-1						
21 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-1 6-3 6-2			
23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Emil Ruusuvuori	7-6(5) 6-2			
[31] Diego Schwartzman (ARG) vs	First Meeting						
[29] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs	Series Tied 3-3						
19 Antalya (Turkey)	Grass	R16	Miomir Kecmanovic	6-4 7-5			
19 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Miomir Kecmanovic	6-2 6-2			
20 New York (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Miomir Kecmanovic	3-6 6-2 6-4			
20 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Ugo Humbert	6-4 7-6(6)			
21 Mallorca (Spain)	Grass	R32	Ugo Humbert	4-6 7-6(3) 6-2			
21 Tokyo Olympics (Japan)	Hard	R32	Ugo Humbert	4-6 7-6(5) 7-5			
Dusan Lajovic (SRB) vs [30] Maxi	Cressy Leads 1-0						

22 Sydney (Australia)

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