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[Q] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs [8] Mattia Bellucci (ITA) **First Tour-Level Meeting**
Other Meeting
24 Pau CH (France) Hard R16 Mattia Bellucci 6-4 6-3

Pierre-Hugues Herbert | Age: 34 | World No. 169 | Career-High No. 36 | 2025: 2-1 (2x 2R) | Marrakech: 2-1 ('19, '25 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 36 in 2019 before defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas for biggest win of career en route to 4th ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Marseille.
> Formed strong doubles team with countryman Mahut, who is 9 years older, that led to his career-high No. 2 doubles ranking in 2016.
> One of 8 teams to complete career Grand Slam in doubles, winning titles at 2015 US Open, 2016 Wimbledon, 2018 Roland Garros, 2019 Australian Open and 2021 Roland Garros.
> Captured Nitto ATP Finals doubles titles in 2019 and 2021 after squandering championship point in 2018 and qualifying in 2015-17.
> Frenchmen boast 21-8 team record in tour-level doubles finals, including 7-2 at ATP Masters 1000s with 7 different titles.

NOTE: Herbert defeated Coria in 1R for his 1st ATP Tour win on clay since 2021 and now seeks 15th ATP Tour QF (8-6), 2nd on clay after 2019 Budapest (l. to Krajinovic in SF). He bids to record first Top 100 win of the season.

Mattia Bellucci | Age: 23 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 68 | 2025: 4-4 (Rotterdam SF) | Marrakech: 1-0 (2025 2R)
> Began 2022 season as No. 681 on PIF ATP Rankings, broke in Top 500 in April, Top 200 in October and ended the year as No. 154, before breaking in Top 100 in November 2024 and achieving career-high No. 68 in February 2025.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Atlanta as Q and defeated No. 7 Medvedev for biggest win of career en route to 2025 Rotterdam SF.
> Made tour-level debut at 2023 Australian Open as Q, then qualified Roland Garros and Wimbledon and US Open in 2024, defeating former champion Wawrinka in US Open 1R for 1st Grand Slam main draw win.
> Owns 61-61 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Saint-Tropez as No. 275-ranked Q, 2022 Vilnius in back-to-back weeks and 2023 Cassis.

NOTE: Bellucci seeks 3rd ATP Tour QF (1-1), previously reaching this stage in Atlanta last July (l. to Rinderknech) and Rotterdam in February (l. to de Minaur in SF), both as Q. 23-year-old is seeded at an ATP Tour event for 1st time.

[1] Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) **Carreno Busta Leads 1-0**
22 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R64 Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3 6-7(6) 7-6(3) 3-6 6-4

Tallon Griekspoor | Age: 28 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 11-6 (Dubai SF) | Marrakech: 1-2 (2023 QF)
> Earned personal-best 36 wins in 2023, won 1st ATP Tour title in Pune and achieved career-high No. 21 in November.
> Went 17-3 on home soil in 2023-24, highlighted by 2nd title at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and rallying from a set down to defeat No. 8 Hurkacz en route to 2024 Rotterdam SF.
> Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019, No. 14 Karatsev in 2022, No. 17 A. Zverev in 2023 and for 's-Hertogenbosch win over No. 18 de Minaur in 2023 – earning first 5 of 15 career Top-20 wins on home soil.
> Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

NOTE: Griekspoor is seeded No. 1 at an ATP Tour event for second time in career after 2023 Astana (l. to Korda in QF) and seeks 20th ATP Tour QF, 4th on clay (2022 & 2024 Geneva, 2023 Marrakech). In most recent event, earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Zverev en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF in Indian Wells.

P. Carreno Busta | Age: 33 | World No. 110 | Career-High No. 10 | 2025: 3-4 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 6-4 (2014, 2016 QF)
> Winner of 7 singles and 4 doubles titles achieved career-high No. 10 in singles and No. 16 in doubles during 2017 season.
> Captured 2022 Montreal championship to become 15th different Spaniard to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since start of series in 1990.
> Defeated No. 1 Djokovic and No. 2 Medvedev en route to 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medal (held in 2021).
> Reached US Open SF and Roland Garros QF in both 2017 and 2020, as well as 2016 US Open doubles final with countryman Garcia-Lopez.
> Member of 2019 Davis Cup championship team and helped Team Spain reach ATP Cup finals in 2020 (5-1 in doubles) and 2022 (4-1 in singles).

NOTE: Carreno Busta seeks 30th tour-level quarter-final on clay (16-13), first on the surface since 2022 Bastad to join Ramos-Vinolas (50) as only active Spanish men to reach that milestone. He is No. 102 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and could reach No. 96 with a win, seeking return to Top 100 for 1st time since August 2023 (fell to No. 1052 in April 2024).

[7] Luciano Darderi (ITA) vs Hugo Gaston (FRA)

Series Tied 1-1

23 Cordoba (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Luciano Darderi	6-4 6-3
25 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Hugo Gaston	6-3 6-3

Luciano Darderi | Age: 23 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 32 | 2025: 3-8 (3 times in 2R) | Marrakech: 1-0 (2025 2R)
> Former Top 10 junior started 2024 season as No. 128, then broke into Top 100 in February, Top 50 in May and achieved career-high No. 32 in August.
> Captured his 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba, defeating Bagnis in 3rd final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 and his 3rd ATP Tour event of career.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2024 Houston (l. to Tiafoe) and 2024 Lyon (l. to Etcheverry).
> Owns 90-59 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi, 2023 Lima-2 and 2024 Perugia.
> 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: Darderi seeks consecutive ATP Tour wins for 1st time since run to Hamburg QF in July last year to reach his 6th ATP Tour QF, all on clay. Italian No. 7 is 6-1 vs. left-handers on clay, including win over Bagnis to win 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba last year.

Hugo Gaston | Age: 24 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 58 | 2025: 4-6 (4 times in 2R) | Marrakech: 2-2 (2023, 2025 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.
> Saved 2 MPs to beat defending champion Baez at 2024 Kitzbuhel en route to 2nd ATP Tour final.
> At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.
> As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Gaston posted 1st clay win of 2025 over J. Cerundolo in 1R and now seeks 8th ATP Tour QF (3-4), 4th on clay (1-2). He is 1-12 vs. Italians on tour-level, sole win over Darderi in ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 1R in March. His coach, Younes El Aynaoui, owns record 27 wins at this event, highlighted by winning 2002 title.

Vit Kopriva (CZE) vs [2] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

First Meeting

Vit Kopriva | Age: 27 | World No. 106 (Career-High) | 2025: 1-0 (Marrakech 2R) | Marrakech: 2-1 (2022, 2025 2R)
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 18 in 2015, broke into Top 500 in 2016, Top 200 in 2021 and earned career-high No. 106 in March 2025 after defeating Top-2 seeds Darderi and Collignon to capture 6th Challenger title in Naples.
 > Advanced to 2021 Gstaad SF as 249th-ranked Q, joining 2021 Cordoba champion J. Cerundolo as 2nd player since May 2012 to reach SF in his ATP Tour main draw debut.
 > Defeated No. 10 Shapovalov in 2021 Gstaad 2R to become lowest-ranked player to earn Top-10 win since No. 698 Kokkinakis beat No. 6 Raonic at 2017 London/Queen's Club.
 > Owns 138-99 Challenger record (6-3 in finals), capturing titles at 2022 Prostějov, 2023 Verona, 2023 Tulln, 2024 Szczecin, 2024 Lima 2, and 2025 Naples.
 > Former Top-75 junior earned boys' singles wins over future Top 10 ATP players de Minaur and Ruud.

NOTE: Kopriva earned his first ATP Tour win of 2025 over Gojo in 1R and now seeks 2nd ATP Tour QF after reaching his 1st at 2021 Gstaad as Q (l. to Ruud in SF). He looks for 2nd career Top 40 win (1-3, d. No. 10 Shapovalov in 2021 Gstaad 2R) and is No. 100 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) (No. 95 with a win) as he seeks Top 100 debut on Monday.

Czech Quarter-Finalists at the Event*

Player	Year
Martin Strelba	1993
Jiri Novak	1996
Tomas Zib	2005
Jiri Vanek	2006
Jiri Vesely	2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

*No player went to win the title

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 29 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 8-8 (2 QFs) | Marrakech: 3-2 (2019, 2024 QF)
 > Earned personal-best 30 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, sweeping Cagliari titles to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).
 > Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.
 > At 2025 Australian Open, beat former champion Wawrinka and 2024 Next Gen ATP finalists Fonseca and Tien en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at age 29, to be oldest Italian quarter-finalist since Mulligan at 1970 Roland Garros.
 > Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz.
 > Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equaling fewest games ever conceded to Djokovic in a match.
 > Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.

NOTE: Sonego aims to advance to his 27th tour-level quarter-final (10-16), third of 2025 after Australian Open and Marseille. 29-year-old is playing on clay for 1st time since his run to Umag QF in July last year and bids to reach last 8 in Marrakech for 3rd time in as many appearances.