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ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CAMPO CENTRALE

Federico Coria (ARG) vs [6] John Millman (AUS)

First Meeting

Federico Coria | Age: 29 | World No. 86 | Career-High No. 83 | Career: 12-16 (1 SF) | 2021: 5-6 (Cordoba SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 83 in March 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour SF at Cordoba (l. to JM Cerundolo).
> Qualified and saved 2 MPs vs. Moutet en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Rio de Janeiro.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 26 Paire to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.
> Went 275-147 on ITF Futures Circuit from 2009-18 with 9 titles in 20 finals and all 422 matches on clay.
> Says that his idol is Guillermo Coria, his older brother by 10 years who peaked at No. 3 in 2004.

NOTE: Coria lost to Cilic last week in Miami Open 1R on his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 main draw appearance.

John Millman | Age: 31 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 33 | Career: 88-109 (1 Title) | 2021: 1-6 (Singapore 2R)
> After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33.
> Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan.
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
> Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
> In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Millman is 1-6 in 2021, posting lone win over Pervolarakis in ATP Cup RR.

Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs Dennis Novak (AUT)

First Meeting

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 19 | World No. 90 | Career-High No. 90 | Career: 10-5 (2 SFs) | 2021: 5-2 (Acapulco SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 90 on 5 April 2021 following his 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 3R at Miami (l. to Cilic).
> In March 2021, advanced to 2nd ATP Tour SF at Acapulco as Q, where he made his 1st Top 10 win vs. No. 9 Schwartzman (l. to No. 5 Tsitsipas).
> Beat Wawrinka and Nishikori to reach 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R as Q-WC, becoming 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match and youngest player in Rome 3R since Santoro, 18, in 1991.
> Following Rome run, defeated 4 Top-100 players for 1st Challenger title at 2020 Forli as WC.
> Became World No. 1 junior after winning 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and reaching 2018 US Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Musetti reached his 1st ATP Tour SF at Sardinia in October 2020 as WC (d. Cuevas, Pellegrino and Hanfmann, ret. vs. eventual champion Djere).

Dennis Novak | Age: 27 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 85 | Career: 22-36 (2 QFs) | 2021: 3-5 (Montpellier QF)
> Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 85 in early-2020 prior to ATP Tour suspension due to COVID-19.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Cologne-1 and defeated No. 17 Fognini for biggest win of career at 2021 ATP Cup.
> Came within 1 win of qualifying for all 4 Grand Slams in 2018, reaching Wimbledon 3R and also qualifying at Australian Open and US Open.

- > Earned 3 wins in Match TB en route to 2016 Kitzbuhel doubles final with countryman and lifelong friend Thiem.
- > Coached by Thiem's father, Wolfgang, and was born 6 days before Thiem in same town of Wiener Neustadt.

NOTE: Novak is 3-5 in 2021 and reached QF in Montpellier (d. Simon and Lajovic, l. to Gojowczyk). Seeking 1st Tour-level win on clay court since defeating Rodionov in 2019 Kitzbuhel 1R.

Marco Cecchinato (ITA) vs [WC] Thomas Fabbiano (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

11 Bergamo CH (Italy)	Hard	Q1	Thomas Fabbiano	6-4 6-1
11 Italy F17 (Italy)	Clay	SF	Thomas Fabbiano	3-6 6-3 6-1
15 Todi CH (Italy)	Clay	R32	Marco Cecchinato	6-1 6-4

Marco Cecchinato | Age: 28 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 16 | Career: 48-90 (3 Titles) | 2021: 1-6 (Cordoba 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.
- > Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career record, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.
- > Reached 2018 Roland Garros SF as World No. 72, becoming lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.
- > Owns 7-4 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-11 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

NOTE: Cecchinato is 1-6 this season, posting lone win over Dellien in Cordoba 1R (l. to Schwartzman) and ending a 5-match losing streak. Advanced to his 4th career ATP Tour final at Sardinia in October 2020 (l. to Djere).

Thomas Fabbiano | Age: 31 | World No. 172 | Career-High No. 70 | Career: 27-60 (1 SF) | 2021: 0-1 (Miami 1R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 70 on 18 September 2017 soon after run to US Open 3R. Enjoyed 1st Top 100 finish in 2017. One of 4 Italians to end 2017 in Top 100 (also Fognini, Lorenzi and Seppi).
- > Qualified and snapped 9-match tour-level losing streak en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Eastbourne.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R on 4 occasions: 2017 US Open, 2018 Wimbledon as Q, 2019 Australian Open and 2019 Wimbledon. Defeated 3-time Grand Slam champion Wawrinka in 2018 Wimbledon 2R. Withstood 67 aces to beat Opelka in 2019 Australian Open 2R. Earned biggest wins of career over No. 6 Tsitsipas in 2019 Wimbledon 1R and No. 4 Thiem in 2019 US Open 1R.
- > Owns 170-153 record on ATP Challenger Tour (6-2 in finals) and won last title at 2018 Ningbo, CHN.
- > Peaked at No. 6 in junior rankings on 2 April 2007. Went 76-41 on ITF Junior Circuit including appearances in boys' singles SFs at 2007 Australian Open and 2007 US Open. Captured 2007 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Karatchenia.

NOTE: Fabbiano qualified last week at ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Bedene in 1R). Seeking 1st Tour-level win since defeating No. 4 Thiem in 2019 US Open 1R (l. to Bublik in 2R).

Gilles Simon (FRA) vs Stefano Travaglia (ITA)

First Meeting

Gilles Simon | Age: 36 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 493-372 (14 Titles) | 2021: 1-3 (Melbourne-2 2R)

- > Broke into Top 10 in 2008 after beating No. 1 Federer at Toronto and No. 1 Nadal at Madrid.
- > Qualified for 2008 Nitto ATP Finals, defeating Federer in RR before losing to Djokovic in 3-set SF.
- > Won biggest of 14 titles at 2011 Hamburg and earned 400th career win over No. 3 Wawrinka at 2016 Shanghai.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2015 Wimbledon, having played 13 Grand Slam matches that exceeded 4 hours (6-7).
- > Reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2008 Madrid and 2014 Shanghai.

NOTE: In 2021, Simon won lone Tour-level match at Melbourne-2 over E. Ymer (l. to Chardy in 2R) and fell in 1R at Australian Open (l. to Tsitsipas) and Montpellier (l. to Novak).

Stefano Travaglia | Age: 29 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 60 | Career: 23-34 (1 Final) | 2021: 7-6 (Melbourne-1 Final)

- > Achieved career-high No. 60 on 8 February 2021 after falling to Sinner at Melbourne-1 in 1st tour-level final between Italians since 1988 Florence (Narducci d. C. Panatta).
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros by earning 1st win in 5 sets over Nishikori, who had won 9 straight 5th sets.
- > Defeated No. 1 Italian Fognini for 1st tour-level win at 2017 US Open and biggest win of career at 2019 Umag.

- > Qualified at 4 consecutive Grand Slams from 2018 Wimbledon through 2019 Roland Garros, as well as at Wimbledon and US Open in 2017.
- > Fell through a glass window at his apartment in 2011, undergoing surgery after suffering several arm injuries and returning to tour following 1-year hiatus without full feeling in his right hand.

NOTE: Travaglia fell in Miami Open 1R against Tiafoe last week in his 4th career ATP Masters 1000 appearance. Started 2021 season with 2nd Tour-level QF at Antalya (d. Kecmanovic and Ruusuvuori, l. to Goffin) and 1st Tour-level final (d. Bublik and Hurkacz, l. to Sinner).

CAMPO 14

Joao Sousa (POR) vs [5] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

14 Halle (Germany)	Grass	R32	Joao Sousa	6-4 6-2
17 POR vs GER WG Play-Off (Portugal)	Clay	RR	Jan-Lennard Struff	6-0 6-7(3) 3-6 7-6(6) 6-4
Other Meeting				
11 Furth CH (Germany)	Clay	F	Joao Sousa	6-2 0-6 6-2

Series Tied 1-1

[Q] Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI) vs [Q] Liam Broady (GBR)

First Meeting

[Q] Sumit Nagal (IND) vs [Q] Jozef Kovalik (SVK)

First Meeting

Andrej Martin (SVK) vs Jiri Vesely (CZE)

20 CZE vs SVK DC Qualifier 1R (Slovakia)	Clay	RR	Jiri Vesely	4-6 7-5 7-5
Other Meeting				
12 Czech Republic F2 (Czech Republic)	Clay	R32	Andrej Martin	7-5 2-6 7-5

Vesely Leads 1-0