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BITPANDA HAMBURG OPEN TALKING POINTS

- No. 2 seed **Frances Tiafoe** makes his Hamburg debut against **Buyunchaokete**. Tiafoe reached a clay-court final in Houston in April (l. to Brooksby) and is the first American Top 4 seed in Hamburg since No. 2 seed Roddick in 2005. Recent Bucharest champion **Flavio Cobolli** takes on lucky loser **Vitaliy Sachko**, who aims to be first Ukrainian player to earn an ATP Tour win since Marchenko defeated Bublik at 2021 Moscow.
- Daniel Altmaier** faces No. 6 seed **Felix Auger-Aliassime**, having already defeated Canadian No. 1 at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo last month. Auger-Aliassime looks to post his first win of the season on the surface, while Altmaier is seeking his 3rd Hamburg win in 7 appearances and will try to join compatriots No. 1 seed **Alexander Zverev** and wildcard **Justin Engel** in the second round.
- 38-year-old **Gael Monfils** is competing in Hamburg for the first time since 2020. He bids to be 5th-oldest match winner in tournament's Open Era history and oldest match winner this century (currently Kohlschreiber, 37, in 2021). Monfils takes on No. 5 seed **Alejandro Davidovich Fokina** in their 2nd **Lexus ATP Head2Head** meeting after 2019 Estoril and plays in his first match since giving Rublev a walkover in Madrid 2R.

Oldest Hamburg Match Winners in Open Era – Monfils would be the 5th-oldest at 38 years and 8 months.

Player	Age	Result
Istvan Gulyas	40y 7m	1972 2R (d. Osbourne, l. to Nastase)
Istvan Gulyas	39y 7m	1971 QF (d. Panatta, Lutz, l. to Szoke)
Ion Tiriac	39y 0m	1978 2R (d. Portes, l. to Vilas)
Istvan Gulyas	38y 9m	1970 2R (d. Stillwell, l. to Nastase)
Ion Tiriac	38y 0m	1977 2R (d. Fassbender, l. to Taroczy)

- On **M1**, **Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard** faces **Alexander Bublik** with both players claiming Challenger 175 titles last week. Bublik won biggest clay-court trophy of his career in Turin, while Mpetshi Perricard prevailed in Bordeaux. 2024 semi-finalist **Sebastian Baez** faces **Camilo Ugo Carabelli** for the 4th time this season after defeating him in three consecutive weeks in South America in February.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

[LL] Vitaliy Sachko (UKR) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

First Meeting

Vitaliy Sachko | Age: 27 | World No. 235 | Career-High No. 156 | 2025: 1-1 (Davis Cup) | Hamburg: 0-0 (2024 Q1)
> Earned his 1st ranking point at age 17 in 2014, broke into Top 500 in 2020 and Top 200 in June 2023 after winning 1st Challenger title in Bratislava, achieving career-high No. 156 in July 2023.
> After 0-7 start to career, captured first tour-level win of career by defeating No. 227 Dougaz in 2025 Davis Cup.
> Owns 87-94 Challenger record (1-5 in finals), claiming his lone title at 2023 Bratislava (d. Kuzmanov).
> Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2020 Vienna as No. 529-ranked LL, losing to No. 3 Thiem 4-6 5-7 in 1R.
> Reached back-to-back Challenger finals in Italy in April 2025, losing to Svrcina in Barletta and Collignon in Monza.

NOTE: Sachko seeks first tour-level win outside Davis Cup and biggest win of career (0-5 vs. Top 50 including Challenger level). He is playing his first ATP Tour match since Hong Kong in January last year (l. to Huesler) and would be first Ukrainian to earn an ATP Tour win on clay since Stakhovsky at 2018 Roland Garros (d. F. Lopez in 1R).

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 23 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 30 | 2025: 9-12 (Bucharest Title) | Hamburg: 1-1 (2024 2R)
> Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 30 in September 2024 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Washington.

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- > Defeated clay court champions Gasquet and Baez to capture 1st ATP Tour title at 2025 Bucharest after entering the event on an 8-match losing streak on tour-level, becoming 1st Italian champion in history of that event.
- > Earned wins over Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington and beat No. 9 Rune via RET for 1st Top 10 win at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
- > Also in 2024, reached Australian Open 3R as Q (d. No. 18 Jarry in 1R) and US Open 3R as No. 31 seed.
- > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli is 7-4 on clay on the ATP Tour this year, highlighted by first title in Bucharest, after going 2-8 on hard courts. He seeks his first ATP 500 win of the season (0-3) and owns 50-50 (.500) record on tour-level.

Buyunchaokete (CHN) vs [2] Frances Tiafoe (USA)

First Meeting

Buyunchaokete | Age: 23 | World No. 70 | Career-High No. 64 | 2025: 5-14 (Montpellier QF) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 5 junior earned 1st ranking point in January 2022, broke into Top 100 in September 2023 and achieved career-high No. 65 in December 2024.
> Reached back-to-back ATP Tour SFs on home soil, losing to Zhang in first all-Chinese ATP Tour SF in Hangzhou and defeating No. 6 Rublev for biggest win of career to reach Beijing SF (l. to No. 1 Sinner).
> Made tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup (l. to M. Cuevas) and ATP Tour debut at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai as WC, earning first career win over No. 45 Kecmanovic in 1R.
> Owns 65-37 Challenger record (3-3 in finals) with titles at 2023 Seoul, 2024 Wuxi and 2024 Granby.
> He notes Andy Murray as his tennis idol and played against him at 2023 Surbiton CH, losing in straight sets.
> Earned win over future-Top 10 player Rune en route to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles 3R and reached quarterfinals in boys' doubles at 2019 Roland Garros w/Khan and 2020 Australian Open w/Mitsui.

NOTE: Bu is 2-7 vs. Top 20 (0-2 on clay), posting both wins en route to Beijing SF last September (d. No. 19 Musetti, No. 6 Rublev). He reached Turin CH final last week (l. to Bublik) and now seeks first ATP Tour win on clay (0-6). He is 2nd Chinese man in tournament's Open Era history after Zhang (2023 SF, 2024 QF).

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 27 | World No. 15 | Career-High No. 10 | 2025: 12-11 (Houston Final) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
> 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 men's duo in Top 10 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.
> Led Team World to 2022 Laver Cup title, teaming w/Sock to defeat Federer/Nadal in Swiss' final match before clinching cup with win over Tsitsipas.
> 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 is 9-2 in opening-round matches this year after 8-0 start (3-2 on clay). One of 4 American men in Top 20, he won the latest of his 3 ATP Tour titles on German soil in Stuttgart in 2023 (saved 1 MP vs. Struff on grass).

[5] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Gael Monfils (FRA) Davidovich Fokina Leads 1-0

19 Estoril (Portugal)

Clay

QF

A. Davidovich Fokina

6-7(2) 7-5 6-4

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 25 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 21-12 (2 Finals) | Hamburg: 3-3 ('22 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 21 in August 2023, later improving year-end ranking for 8th consecutive year in 2023, finishing at No. 26.
> Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match to defeat then-World No. 1 en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte-Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.
> In 2025, reached consecutive finals in Delray Beach, squandering 2 championship points, and Acapulco.
> Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.
> Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

NOTE: Davidovich Fokina reached quarter-finals in his two most recent ATP 500 appearances (Acapulco final, Barcelona QF) and owns 14-8 record vs. Top 50 opponents this season after going 3-16 in 2024.

Gael Monfils | Age: 38 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 16-6 (Auckland Title) | Hamburg: 4-5 (2011 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 in 2016 and married former WTA No. 3 Elina Svitolina in 2021.

> Owns 13 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.

> At 38 years and 4 months, won 2025 Auckland, becoming oldest champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990) and oldest tour-level titlist since Rosewall at 1977 Hong Kong.

> Reached at least 1 final in 19 straight seasons (2005-23), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.

> Earned 581 career victories, highlighted by biggest wins over No. 1 Nadal at 2009 Doha and No. 1 Medvedev at 2022 Indian Wells, as well as career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.

> Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004.

NOTE: Monfils would be oldest Hamburg match winner since Tiriach, 39, in 1978. He made his first appearance at this event as a 19-year-old in 2006 (l. to Murray in 1R) and was the No. 7-ranked top seed in 2011 (l. to Simon in QF)

Daniel Altmaier (GER) vs [6] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)

24 Auckland (New Zealand) Hard R16 Daniel Altmaier
25 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco) Clay R64 Daniel Altmaier

Altmaier Leads 2-0

7-6(9) 7-5
7-6(5) 6-3

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Insight from their previous meeting (2025 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 1R):

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Auger-Aliassime	32%	55%	27%	8.3	7.9	7.1	6.6
Altmaier	20%	73%	45%	8.1	6.4	6.9	7.6
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Despite experiencing a 12% deficit in the In Attack metric, Altmaier successfully leveraged his defensive capabilities, achieving a Steal Score of 45%. Furthermore, when he transitioned to attack, he demonstrated impressive efficiency with a 73% Conversion Score, ultimately securing a winning advantage.

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 26 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 47 | 2025: 9-12 (2x QF) | Hamburg: 2-6 (2023 QF)

> Made Top 50 debut a day before his 25th birthday in September, achieving career-high No. 47 in October 2023.

> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid as a LL and defeated countryman No. 6 Zverev for biggest win of career at 2024 Acapulco.

> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and defeated No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.

> Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil.

> Hits a one-handed backhand and says that his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

NOTE: Altmaier looks to post 10 tour-level wins in a season for 3rd year in a row (2023 – 14, 2024 – 13). He is 1-6 in opening rounds at this venue, reaching 2023 QF and posting 3rd of his 4 Top 10 wins over No. 7 Rublev in 2R.

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 24 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 17-10 (2 Titles) | Hamburg: 1-1 ('20 2R)

> Achieved career-high No. 6 and earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.

> Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, advanced to 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, and swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

> Led ATP Tour with 45 hard-court and 31 indoor wins in 2022, highlighted by victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.

> At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881) and at 2024 Madrid, became 1st Canadian ATP Masters 1000 finalist on clay in series history (since 1990).

> As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime seeks 1st clay-court win since reaching Paris Olympics SF (0-6 since including Challenger level) and is 2-6 in last 8 tour-level matches after starting the year 15-4, highlighted by Adelaide, Montpellier titles.

M1

Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs Francisco Comesana (ARG) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

19 M15 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	QF	Tomas Martin Etcheverry	6-3 6-1
22 Santa Cruz CH (Bolivia)	Clay	R32	Francisco Comesana	4-6 7-5 1-0 RET

[8] Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG)

Baez Leads 3-0

25 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Sebastian Baez	6-4 6-4
25 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	Clay	SF	Sebastian Baez	3-6 6-1 6-1
25 Santiago (Chile)	Clay	SF	Sebastian Baez	6-1 3-6 6-2

Other Meetings

16 Argentina F8 (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	6-3 6-1
16 Argentina F12 (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Sebastian Baez	3-6 6-3 6-3
20 M25 Jablonec nad Nisou (Czechia)	Clay	QF	Sebastian Baez	6-1 6-7(2) 6-3
21 Santiago CH (Chile)	Clay	QF	Sebastian Baez	6-2 6-1

Insight from their previous meeting (2025 Santiago SF):

	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Baez	25%	66%	49%	7.2	5.8	7.6	7.0
Ugo Carabelli	19%	51%	34%	7.3	6.4	7.8	6.4
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Forehand quality played a pivotal role in the match, influencing the set scores and the ability to win points from Attack significantly

•Set 1: Baez 7.2 – Ugo Carabelli 6.9 •Set 2: Baez 6.6 – Ugo Carabelli 9.3 •Set 3: Baez 9.0 – Ugo Carabelli 7.7

Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) vs Alexander Bublik (KAZ)

Series Tied 1-1

23 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	QF	Alexander Bublik	6-4 4-6 6-2
24 Lyon (France)	Clay	SF	G. Mpetshi Perricard	6-4 7-5