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[3] Valentin Vacherot (MON) vs Luca Van Assche (FRA)

First Meeting

Valentin Vacherot | Age: 27 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 14 | 2026: 24-17 (2 SFs) | Lyon: 0-0 (Debut)

> Highest-ranked Monegasque in PIF ATP Rankings history achieved career-high No. 14 in October 2026 soon after becoming 1st home player to reach ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo QF and SF in Open Era.

> Qualified en route to becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2025 Shanghai as World No. 204, defeating No. 5 Djokovic in SF and his cousin, Rinderknech, in final to be first Monegasque to win an ATP Tour title.

> In Monte-Carlo, made ATP Tour debut in 2023 as WC and defeated Struff in 2025 for 1st ATP Tour win and advanced to semi-finals in 2026 to be the first home player to reach that stage at the event in Open Era.

> Qualified at 2024 Roland Garros for Grand Slam main draw debut and became 1st man representing Monaco to reach Grand Slam 3R in Open Era at 2026 Australian Open.

> Coached by former Monegasque player, his half-brother, Benjamin Balleret and played college tennis for Texas A&M University alongside his cousin, Arthur Rinderknech.

NOTE: Vacherot is aiming to advance to his 8th ATP Tour QF (3-4), sixth of the season after Adelaide, Acapulco, ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo, Gstaad and Tokyo. He is playing in his third ATP Tour event on indoor hard courts in his career after 2025 Basel (1R) and ATP Masters 1000 Paris (QF). He is 4-0 indoors this season, all in Davis Cup.

Luca Van Assche | Age: 22 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 40 | 2026: 11-10 (Estoril Title) | Event: 1-2 (2025-26 2R)

> Former junior World No. 1 broke into Top 200 in 2022, Top 100 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 40 in August 2026 soon after winning his 1st ATP Tour title in Estoril.

> Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Roland Garros over 2018 semi-finalist Cecchinato in 1R and defeated No. 28 Musetti to reach 3R at 2024 Australian Open.

> Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2023 Hamburg, 2023 Metz and 2026 Marrakech before defeating No. 14 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2026 Estoril title.

> Saved 2 championship points to defeat countryman Humbert at 2023 Pau in longest ATP Challenger final in history (3H56M).

> Posted 29-19 Challenger record in 2022 (1-3 in finals), going on a 19-6 run from late September to December, reaching finals of Lisbon, Brest and Valencia before winning 1st title in Maia.

> Defeated countryman Fils to win 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles title and ended junior career with 79-27 record.

NOTE: Van Assche aims to reach his 5th ATP Tour QF, third of 2026 (Marrakech, Estoril), and second on hard courts (2023 Metz). 22-year-old is 2-6 on tour-level hard courts this season, defeating No. 35 Norrie in US Open 1R and No. 158 Tabur in 1R this week and aims to record back-to-back ATP Tour wins for 1st time since run to Estoril title in July.

[Q] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs [2] Taylor Fritz (USA)

Herbert Leads 1-0

18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Pierre-Hugues Herbert 7-6(4) 6-4

Pierre-Hugues Herbert | Age: 35 | World No. 290 | Career-High No. 36 | 2026: 1-4 (Lyon 2R) | Event: 9-6 ('21 Final)

> Former Top-40 singles player defeated No. 5 Tsitsipas for biggest win of career en route to 4th ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Marseille.

> Advanced to ATP Tour finals of 2015 Winston-Salem, 2016 Shenzhen and 2019 Montpellier and reached singles Grand Slam 3R at 2016 Australian Open, 2016 Wimbledon, 2018 Roland Garros and 2019 Australian Open.

> 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 broke an 8-match tour-level losing streak to defeat Baez in 1R and now seeks 15th ATP Tour QF, first since 2023 Metz. 35-year-old is 10-41 vs. Top 20 in his career, seeking first win since defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas in 2021 Marseille QF (0-7 since), and would be the third lowest-ranked ATP Tour quarter-finalist this season.

Lowest-Ranked ATP Tour Quarter-Finalists This Season

Rank	Player	Tournament	Rank	Player	Tournament
No. 427	Tiago Torres	Estoril	No. 214	Zhang Zhizhen	's-Hertogenbosch
No. 406	Shang Juncheng	Hong Kong	No. 189	Alex Molcan	Bucharest
No. 285	Michael Mmoh	Hong Kong	No. 181	Jack Pinnington Jones	Dallas

Taylor Fritz | Age: 28 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 34-19 (Washington Title) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024 after becoming 1st American since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 of year-end rankings.
 > At 2024 US Open, became 1st American man to play in a Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over former finalists Ruud and Zverev and defeating countryman Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
 > 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.
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
 > Clinched United Cup titles for Team USA in 2023 and 2025, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022, 2023 and 2025 and earned bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

NOTE: Fritz is 1-4 in his last 5 matches and attempts to reach his 73rd tour-level quarter-final, eighth of the season. 28-year-old is 17-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on hard courts since the start of 2024 season, lone loss to No. 136 Atmane in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 4R last year.

[1] Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs [WC] Stan Wawrinka (SUI)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Flavio Cobolli	6-7(6) 7-6(4) 6-3
26 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Flavio Cobolli	6-4 6-7(2) 7-6(4)

Cobolli Leads 2-0

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 24 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2026: 33-22 (Acapulco Title) | Event: 0-0 (2022 Q1)
 > Broke into Top 100 in October 2023 and Top 10 in June 2026 after advancing to his 1st Grand Slam final at Roland Garros and achieved career-high No. 6 in August 2026.
 > During 2025 season, defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Baez to win 1st ATP Tour title in Bucharest, defeated former champion Rublev in Hamburg final, and led Italy to their third consecutive Davis Cup victory.
 > 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 before beating No. 3 Zverev for biggest win of career to reach 2026 Munich final.
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam final at 2026 Roland Garros and reached back-to-back Wimbledon quarter-finals in 2025 and 2026.
 > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli aims to avoid fifth consecutive loss since advancing to US Open 3R and owns 11-10 record in opening rounds this season. 24-year-old, who is ranked No. 5 on PIF ATP Live Race to Turin, attempts to reach his 20th tour-level quarter-final, eighth of the season, and third indoors after 2024 Montpellier and 2025 Almaty.

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 41 | World No. 140 | Career-High No. 3 | 2026: 8-17 (Aus. Open 3R) | Event: 6-6 ('15-'16, '23 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
 > Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
 > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
 > Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte-Carlo.
 > Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup and advance to 2026 United Cup final.

NOTE: Wawrinka is playing in his penultimate ATP Tour event of his career, set to retire after Basel next week. He now aims to reach his 113th tour-level quarter-final, first since 2024 Stockholm, to become the third oldest quarter-finalist since the ATP Tour began in 1990 and oldest tour-level quarter-finalist on hard courts since Rosewall, 44, at 1978 Hong Kong. He is 63-107 vs. Top 10, seeking 1st win since defeating No. 7 Rublev at 2024 Stockholm. He aims to earn first win over Flavio, 24 years after defeating his father and coach, Stefano, in 2004 Umag qualifying.

Oldest ATP Tour / Grand Slam Quarter-Finalists (since the ATP Tour was established in 1990):

Player	Age	Tournament	Surface	End Result
Jimmy Connors	42Y 9M	1995 Halle	Grass	QF (l. to Rosset)
Feliciano Lopez	41Y 9M	2023 Mallorca	Grass	QF (l. to Hanfmann)
Jimmy Connors	40Y 5M	1993 San Francisco	Hard	SF (l. to Gilbert)
Jimmy Connors	39Y 11M	1992 Indianapolis	Hard	QF (l. to Becker)
Jimmy Connors	39Y 11M	1992 Los Angeles	Hard	QF (l. to Woodforde)
Roger Federer	39Y 10M	2021 Wimbledon	Grass	QF (l. to Hurkacz)
Ivo Karlovic	39Y 10M	2019 Pune	Hard	Final (l. to Anderson)
Feliciano Lopez	39Y 9M	2021 Mallorca	Grass	QF (l. to Mannarino)

* At 41 years and 6 months, Wawrinka would be the third oldest quarter-finalist in ATP Tour era (since 1990).

Players 40-and-Over to Earn Top 10 Wins in PIF ATP Rankings History (since 1973)*:

Player	No. of Wins
Ken Rosewall	8 (most recent at 1977 WCT Challenge Cup, d. No. 10 Stockton at 43 years and 12 days)
Roy Emerson	1 (d. No. 7 Tanner at 1977 San Jose at 40 years and 3 months)
Feliciano Lopez	1 (d. No. 5 Rublev at 2021 Davis Cup Finals at 40 years and 2 months)

* At 41 years and 6 months, Wawrinka would be the second oldest man to record a Top 10 win after Rosewall (7 Top 10 wins after turning 41 years of age)

[Q] Kyrian Jacquet (FRA) vs [5] Brandon Nakashima (USA)

First Meeting

Kyrian Jacquet | Age: 25 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 76 | 2026: 8-9 (Hangzhou SF) | Lyon: 1-0 (2026 2R)
 > Broke inside Top 500 in March 2021, Top 200 in January 2024, and Top 100 in September 2026, achieving career-high No. 76 after advancing to biggest quarter-final of his career in Tokyo.
 > Qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 US Open and made main draw appearances at Roland Garros in 2025 and 2026 as Q, 2026 Australian Open as WC and 2026 Wimbledon as Q, defeating Gaubas in 1R for 1st win.
 > At Roland Garros, qualified for main draw debut in 2025, squandering 2 sets to 0 lead vs. No. 41 Borges in 1R and qualified in 2026 after being sidelined due to elbow surgery for 2 months prior to the tournament.
 > Entered 2025 Metz as LL and earned wins over countrymen Van Assche and Added to reach 1st ATP Tour QF.
 > Owns 85-61 Challenger record (5-2 in finals), defeating future-Top 10 player Cobolli for 1st title at 2023 Olbia as Q.
 > Went on an 11-0 run at Challenger level (20-1 in sets) in February 2025, winning back-to-back titles in Chennai and New Delhi.

NOTE: Jacquet seeks his fourth ATP Tour quarter-final, third since September after Hangzhou SF and Tokyo QF, and second on home soil after reaching the stage in Metz last year. He is 1-2 vs. Top 20, defeating No. 19 Darderi in Tokyo 2R earlier this month and now seeks the biggest win of his career.

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 25 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 16 | 2026: 35-20 (2 Finals) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)
 > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and Top 20 in August 2026, achieving career-high No. 16 in September 2026 soon after reaching biggest final of career at ATP Masters 1000 Montreal.
 > Defeated countryman Giron to win 1st ATP Tour title in hometown of San Diego in 2022 and ended season on 16-1 run in tiebreaks.
 > Advanced to 2026 Montreal final and Cincinnati SF in back-to-back weeks to become the first American man to reach both Canada and Cincinnati SFs in a season since Fish in 2011.
 > Played in back-to-back ATP Tour finals at Los Cabos and Atlanta as 19-year-old in 2021, becoming youngest American to reach multiple finals since Roddick in 2001-02.
 > Returned to Milan and went 5-0 to capture 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals title after reaching SF in 2021.
 > Reached Roland Garros 3R, Wimbledon 4R and US Open 3R in 2022, highlighted by Top 20 wins over No. 16 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 2R and No. 19 Dimitrov in US Open 2R and defeated No. 15 Rune and No. 18 Musetti to reach 2024 US Open 4R.

NOTE: Nakashima aims to record personal-best 36th win of the season (35 in 2022, 2026) and earn back-to-back wins for the first time since his run to ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF. 25-year-old seeks 29th ATP Tour QF, seventh of the season, and third on indoor hard courts after 2021 Antwerp and 2022 Florence.

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[Q] Borna Gojo (CRO) vs Daniel Altmaier (GER)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

20 Launceston CH (Australia)	Hard	QF	Daniel Altmaier	7-5 6-4
23 Halle Q (Germany)	Grass	Q1	Daniel Altmaier	7-6(5) 6-3

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	Scenario
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	9,150	----
2	~~Jannik Sinner (ITA)~~	~~7,950~~	<i>Out for the rest of 2026 season</i>
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	4,600	----
4	Ben Shelton (USA)	4,480	----
5	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	3,540	Lyon - +50 for 2R win vs. Wawrinka
6	Daniil Medvedev	3,420	Almaty - +50 for 2R win vs. Shimabukuro
7	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	3,380	----
8	Arthur Fils (FRA)	3,375	Brussels - +50 for QF win vs. Goffin or Michelsen
9	Rafael Jodar (ESP)	3,159	----
10	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2,880	----
11	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2,840	----
12	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,635	Lyon - +50 for QF win vs. Moutet
13	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,530	Lyon - +50 for 2R win vs. Herbert
14	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	2,495	----
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,465	----
16	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	2-350	----

BOLD: Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)