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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [WC] Elliot Benchetrit (MAR) vs Jesper de Jong (NED)

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

##### Other Meeting

22 M25 Sintra (Portugal)	Hard	F	Elliot Benchetrit	6-4 6-1
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**Elliot Benchetrit** | Age: 26 | World No. 608 | Career-High No. 198 | 2025: 1-0 (Davis Cup) | Event: 0-3 (2022-24 1R)

- > Earned 1st ranking point at age 17, broke into Top 500 in September 2017, then spent a week inside Top 200, achieving career-high No. 198 in February 2020.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2018 Roland Garros as WC and qualified in 2019, defeating No. 49 Norrie in 1R for biggest win of career and 1st Grand Slam win.
- > Owns 48-73 Challenger record, highlighted by runs to semi-finals at 2018 Mouilleron le Captif and 2021 Maia-2 and 96-49 record on the ITF World Tennis Tour with 6 titles, latest at M15 Monastir last October.
- > Peaked at No. 33 in junior rankings in May 2016 and went 60-46 on ITF Junior Circuit with wins over future Top-50 players Davidovich Fokina and Popyrin.
- > Started playing tennis after watching his brother play and counts clay as his favorite surface and Wimbledon as his favourite tournament.

**NOTE:** Benchetrit is looking for his 2nd career tour-level win outside of Davis Cup after defeating No. 49 Norrie at 2019 Roland Garros. The 26-year-old aims to be the first Moroccan to post an ATP Tour win since Ouahab defeated No. 34 Kohlschreiber in Marrakech 1R in 2018.

**Jesper de Jong** | Age: 24 | World No. 98 (Career-High) | 2025: 3-1 (Montpellier SF) | Marrakech: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 500 in 2019, Top 200 in 2022 and Top 100 in March 2025, achieving career-high No. 98 soon after reaching 8th Challenger final in Murcia.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 's-Hertogenbosch as WC and earned 1st tour-level win at 2024 Australian Open over Cachin as Q in Grand Slam main draw debut.
- > He went 9-2 in Grand Slam qualifying in 2024, entering the draw as Q at Australian Open and Roland Garros and losing to eventual champions Sinner and Alcaraz in 2R.
- > He owns 107-73 Challenger record (3-5 in finals), qualifying en route to 1st final and title at 2021 Almaty-2.
- > Peaked at No. 38 in junior rankings, playing and winning a match at all four junior Grand Slam events in 2018 and reaching 2018 Roland Garros QF w/Erel and US Open SF w/Wenger in boys' doubles.

**NOTE:** de Jong is making his Top 100 debut this week and is playing in his 2nd ATP Tour event of the season, reaching his first ATP Tour SF at Montpellier in February (l. to Auger-Aliassime). He is 1-3 on clay with a win over No. 39 Draper at 2024 Roland Garros (l. to Alcaraz in 2R).

#### [Q] Kamil Majchrzak (POL) vs [6] Jaume Munar (ESP)

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

##### Other Meetings

17 Antalya Q (Turkiye)	Grass	Q1	Kamil Majchrzak	6-4 6-2
19 Antwerp Q (Belgium)	Hard	Q2	Kamil Majchrzak	7-6(5) 6-1

**Kamil Majchrzak** | Age: 29 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 75 | 2025: 1-1 (Davis Cup) | Marrakech: 0-1 (2022 1R)

- > Former World No. 7 junior broke into Top 100 in July 2019 and achieved career-high No. 75 in February 2022.
- > In 2019, qualified at Australian Open and Wimbledon before advancing to US Open 3R as LL with 5-set wins over Jarry and Cuevas and saved 2 MPs in 1st qualifying round vs. Trungelliti to qualify for 2025 Australian Open.
- > Went 3-0 for Team Poland at 2022 ATP Cup and advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Pune.
- > Owns 170-104 Challenger record (7-6 in finals), defeating future Top-20 players Carreno Busta and Cecchinato to reach 1st final at 2015 Mohammedia as Q.
- > Ended junior career as 2014 Youth Olympics gold medallist, also capturing 2013 US Open boys' doubles title w/Ma. Redlicki and earning wins over future Top-10 ATP players Berrettini, Fritz, Hurkacz, Medvedev and Rublev.

**NOTE:** Majchrzak seeks first ATP Tour win since defeating Shimabukuro at 2022 Tokyo (l. to Kyrgios in 2R). The 29-year-old aims to become the first Pole to record a win at the event since Kubot at 2010 Casablanca (d. Clement in 2R; l. to Starace in QF).

**Jaume Munar** | Age: 27 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 52 | 2025: 9-6 (2 SFs) | Marrakech: 4-3 (2019 QF)  
> Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.  
> Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.  
> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.  
> Earned 3 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R, No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R and No. 8 Medvedev at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R.  
> Owns 141-71 Challenger record (10-8 in finals), including most recent clay-court title at 2024 Bad Waltersdorf.  
> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

**NOTE:** Munar earned 1st of 3 Top 10 wins of his career in Marrakech in 2019, defeating No. 3 Zverev in 2R. 27-year-old seeks 100th tour-level win (99-140) and is 7-1 after winning the first set in 2025 (2-5 after losing 1st set).

## **Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) vs [WC] Younes Lalami Laaroussi (MAR) First Meeting**

**P. Carreno Busta** | Age: 33 | World No. 110 | Career-High No. 10 | 2025: 2-4 (Aus. Open 2R) | Event: 5-4 (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 is making his first appearance at the event since 2016 and playing in his first tour-level clay match since Roland Garros last May (l. to Navone in 1R). He seeks first win on the surface since defeating Nardi at 2022 Hamburg (l. to Molcan in 2R).

**Younes Lalami Laaroussi** | Age: 23 | World No. 1193 | Career-High No. 915 | 2025: 0-0 | Marrakech: 0-1 (2023 1R)  
> Broke into Top 1000 in 2022 achieving career-high No. 915 in August 2022 soon after reaching his first ITF World Tennis Tour SF at M15 Casablanca and first final at M15 Gubbio in back-to-back weeks.  
> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2023 Marrakech as WC losing to Popyrin in 1R and played his only match at Davis Cup in 2024 tie vs. Monaco, losing to Balleret.  
> Owns 54-58 record on ITF World Tennis Tour, highlighted by a final at Gubbio (l. to Forti).  
> Born in Casablanca, he went on to play college tennis at Old Dominion University.

**NOTE:** Lalami Laaroussi is playing in his 3rd tour-level match (0-2), seeking biggest win of career against No. 110 Carreno Busta. He aims to be the lowest-ranked player to record a match win at the event.

## **[Q] Juan Manuel Cerundolo (ARG) vs Hugo Gaston (FRA) Gaston Leads 1-0**

21 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	R32	Hugo Gaston	6-4 6-2
<b>Other Meeting</b>				
18 US Open Juniors (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Hugo Gaston	6-2 6-1

**J.M Cerundolo** | Age: 23 | World No. 128 | Career-High No. 79 | 2025: 1-3 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Former Top-10 junior achieved career-high No. 79 in January 2022 after winning 3 Challenger titles in 5 finals during 2021 season.  
> Qualified, won 8 matches in 9 days and captured title at 2021 Cordoba in his ATP Tour debut as a 19-year-old ranked 335th.  
> Became 1st player to win a title in his debut since Ventura at 2004 Casablanca and 5th-lowest-ranked player to win a title since ATP Tour was established in 1990.

- > Boasts 138-72 Challenger record (10-3 in finals), sweeping back-to-back titles on home soil at 2023 Tigre-1 and Tigre-2.
- > Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; older brother, Francisco, achieved career-high No. 19 in June 2023; older sister, Constanza, played on Argentine field hockey team that won gold at 2018 Youth Olympics.

**NOTE:** Cerundolo qualified at tour-leading four ATP Tour events this season (4 of 4), earning wins over Bennani in Q1 and Droguet in Q2 to make Marrakech main draw debut. He looks for his first tour-level win outside South America since defeating Ivashka to reach 2023 US Open 2R.

#### 2025 ATP Tour Qualifying Leaders –

Player	No.	Best Result – Tournament
<b>Juan Manuel Cerundolo</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2nd Round - Buenos Aires</b>
Nishesh Basavareddy	3	Semi-final - Auckland
Nikoloz Basilashvili	3	Quarter-final - Montpellier
Christopher O'Connell	3	2nd Round - Doha, Dubai
Ethan Quinn	3	2nd Round - Dallas
Adam Walton	3	2nd Round - Indian Wells

- Hugo Gaston** | Age: 24 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 58 | 2025: 3-6 (3 times in 2R) | Marrakech: 1-2 (2023 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 seeks 1st clay win since advancing to his 2nd ATP Tour final in Kitzbuhel last August (l. to Berrettini). He is 0-3 on clay this season, losing to Argentines Coria in Buenos Aires 1R, F. Cerundolo in Rio de Janeiro 1R, and Etcheverry in Santiago 1R.

## COURT 2

### **Daniel Altmaier (GER) vs Otto Virtanen (FIN)**

25 Marseille (France) Hard R16 Daniel Altmaier

### **Altmaier Leads 1-0**

6-4 6-3

### **Pavel Kotov vs [8] Mattia Bellucci (ITA)**

#### **Other Meeting**

23 Phoenix CH Q (U.S.A.) Hard Q2 Pavel Kotov

### **First Tour-Level Meeting**

6-4 6-3

### **[Q] Federico Coria (ARG) vs [Q] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)**

21 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Pierre-Hugues Herbert

### **Herbert Leads 1-0**

6-4 6-2