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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [9] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs Pablo Andujar (ESP)

19 Cordoba (Argentina)  
19 US Open (U.S.A.)

Clay R32  
Hard R64

Lorenzo Sonego  
Pablo Andujar

#### Series Tied 1-1

6-3 6-2  
6-2 6-4 6-2

#### Other Meeting

18 Florence CH (Italy)

Clay SF

Pablo Andujar

6-2 4-6 6-1

**Lorenzo Sonego** | Age: 27 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 21 | 2022: 17-20 (1 SF) | Kitzbuhel: 3-1 (2019 SF)  
> 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.  
> 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.  
> Defeated Fritz 7-6(5) 6-3 7-6(17) to reach 2020 Roland Garros 4R, winning longest men's singles TB in tournament history.

**NOTE:** Sonego saved 8 MPs vs. Delbonis and 1 MP vs. Carballes Baena en route to 2019 Kitzbuhel SF (l. to Thiem).

**Pablo Andujar** | Age: 36 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 7-11 (1 QF) | Kitzbuhel: 5-4 (2011, 2019 QFs)

> Achieved career-high No. 32 in 2015 and broke back into Top 100 in 2018 following right elbow surgeries in March 2016, November 2016 and April 2017.  
> Owns 4-5 record in ATP Tour finals with all 9 finals on clay and 3 of 4 titles in Morocco.  
> Won most recent title at 2018 Marrakech as No. 355, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked champion since ATP Tour was established in 1990 (No. 550 Hewitt at 1998 Adelaide).  
> In 2021, upset Federer in Geneva 2R, rallied from 2 sets down for biggest career win vs. No. 4 Thiem in Roland Garros 1R, and reached 1st Grand Slam doubles SF at Roland Garros with countryman Martinez.  
> Boasts 201-119 Challenger record (11-10 in finals), defeating future No. 5 Ruud en route to most recent title at 2019 Prostějov.

**NOTE:** Andujar is 0-6 in tour-level matches since defeating Evans in Marrakech 1R on 5 April.

#### [Q] Gerald Melzer (AUT) vs Yannick Hanfmann (GER)

17 Munich (Germany)

Clay R32

Yannick Hanfmann

#### Hanfmann Leads 1-0

6-4 5-7 6-1

**Gerald Melzer** | Age: 32 | World No. 188 | Career-High No. 68 | 2022: 0-0 (Season Debut) | Kitzbuhel: 5-4 (2016 SF)  
> Broke into Top 100 after advancing to 2016 Kitzbuhel SF and ended same season at career-high No. 68.  
> Defeated future World No. 3 Thiem to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2015 Munich and older brother J. Melzer to reach 2nd SF at 2016 Kitzbuhel.  
> Also beat 3-time champion Estrella Burgos to reach 2018 Quito QF, becoming only player to defeat Dominican in tournament history (16-1 from 2015-18).  
> Captured 8th Challenger title at 2021 Bogota following 2-year absence due to chronic ankle injury.  
> Still seeking 1st Grand Slam main draw win (0-3) and 1st ATP Masters 1000 main draw win (0-0).

**NOTE:** Melzer is playing his 1st ATP Tour main draw match since 2018 Bastad (d. Moutet, l. to Gasquet in 2R).

**Yannick Hanfmann** | Age: 30 | World No. 140 | Career-High No. 92 | 2022: 4-5 (1 QF) | Kitzbuhel: 4-3 (2020 Final)

> Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 92 in 2021.  
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of

playing qualifying at Roland Garros.

> Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).

> Captured 6 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

**NOTE:** Hanfmann qualified and earned 6 wins en route to 2020 Kitzbuhel final (l. to Kecmanovic).

## **[10] Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs [Q] Sebastian Ofner (AUT) First Meeting**

**Richard Gasquet** | Age: 36 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 15-12 (1 SF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-1 (2019 1R)

> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 7 in 2007 and finished 4 seasons in Top 10 overall (2007, 2012-13, 2015).

> Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).

> Owns 15 titles, but seeking 1st above ATP 250 level after qualifying at Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, as well as reaching ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.

> Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).

> Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 577 wins overall – most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968).

**NOTE:** Gasquet is playing Kitzbuhel for 2nd time in 20+ years on ATP Tour (l. to Kohlschreiber in 2019 1R).

**Sebastian Ofner** | Age: 26 | World No. 235 | Career-High No. 126 | 2022: 0-1 (RG 1R) | Kitzbuhel: 5-4 (2017 SF)

> Earned 1st ranking point at age 17 in July 2013, broke into Top 200 in July 2017 and achieved career-high No. 126 in May 2019.

> Advanced to 2017 Wimbledon 3R in Grand Slam qualifying debut, highlighted by 5-set win over No. 18 Sock.

> Failed to qualify in his next 15 tries at Grand Slams before qualifying at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF on home soil at 2017 Kitzbuhel as WC.

> Owns 91-87 Challenger record (3-4 in finals), winning titles at 2018 Astana, 2019 Puerto Vallarta and 2022 Prague-1.

**NOTE:** Ofner and Melzer both qualified after meeting last week in Tampere Challenger 2R (Melzer d. Ofner 6-3 7-6).

## **[LL] Alexander Shevchenko vs [PR] Dominic Thiem (AUT) First Meeting**

**Alexander Shevchenko** | Age: 21 | World No. 157 | Career-High No. 155 | 2022: 0-0 (Debut) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0

> Broke into Top 300 in March 2022 and Top 200 in June 2022 before achieving career-high No. 155 in July 2022.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava.

> Lost final-round qualifying matches at July 2022 ATP Tour events in Hamburg and Kitzbuhel.

> Member of team roster at 2022 ATP Cup in Sydney, but did not compete during event.

> Owns 97-58 ITF record with World Tennis Tour titles at 2020 Monastir, 2021 Tbilisi, 2021 Velenje and 2022 Antalya.

**NOTE:** Shevchenko is making ATP Tour main draw debut and coached by Thiem's former mentor Gunter Bresnik.

**Dominic Thiem** | Age: 28 | World No. 199 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 5-8 (1 SF) | Kitzbuhel: 12-7 (2019 Title)

> Achieved career-high No. 3 in March 2020 and remained in Top 5 until suffering right wrist tear in June 2021.

> Playing in his 4th Grand Slam final, defeated A. Zverev in 5th-set TB to win 2020 US Open title, becoming 1st player to win US Open final from 2 sets down since Gonzales in 1949.

> Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals each year from 2016-20, defeating No. 3 Federer and No. 2 Djokovic en route to 2019 championship match, then beating No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2020 final.

> Playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 final, defeated 5-time champion Federer to win 2019 Indian Wells title.

> Went 9-3 from 2019-20 against Djokovic, Nadal and Federer, joining Murray as 1 of 2 players with at least 5 career wins over each member of Big 3.

**NOTE:** Thiem reached his 1st final at 2014 Kitzbuhel (l. to Goffin), then won 2019 Kitzbuhel title (d. Ramos-Vinolas).

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## **[WC] Nicolas Jarry (CHI) vs [7] Pedro Martinez (ESP) First Meeting**