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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Terence Atmane (FRA) vs Mattia Bellucci (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

25 Australian Open Q (Australia) Hard Q2 Terence Atmane 7-6(7) 6-4

Terence Atmane | Age: 24 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 41 | 2026: 17-22 (Acapulco QF) | Almaty: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Broke into Top 200 in 2023, Top 100 in August 2025 and achieved career-high No. 41 in April 2026 after defeating No. 8 Auger-Aliassime to reach ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.
> Posted 1st Top 10 wins of career over No. 4 Fritz and No. 9 Rune en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati as Q to secure his Top 100 debut.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2023 Zhuhai as Q and beat Thompson at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai for 1st win.
> Qualified to make Grand Slam debut at 2024 Australian Open, taking a set off eventual finalist Medvedev in 1R.
> Went 11-1 in three-week span at Challenger events in September 2023, earning 1st final and title at Zhangjiagang after saving 6 MPs vs. Sun in 1R and 2nd title at Guangzhou, saving 3 MPs vs. Polmans in the final.
> Also captured Challenger titles in Busan and Guangzhou and went 35-18 on Challenger level in 2023.
> Reached career-high No. 20 on the ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles QF w/Malgaroli.

NOTE: Atmane aims to advance to his third ATP Tour QF after 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and Acapulco earlier this season. 24-year-old bids to become the third Frenchman to reach quarter-finals at this event after Mannarino (2020, 2022-23, 2026) and Moutet (2025). He aims to break 5-match losing streak vs. Italians.

Mattia Bellucci | Age: 25 | World No. 68 | Career-High No. 63 | 2026: 12-19 (2 QFs) | Almaty: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Began 2022 season as No. 681 on PIF ATP Rankings, broke in Top 500 in April, Top 200 in October and ended the year as No. 154, before breaking in Top 100 in November 2024 and achieving career-high No. 63 in July 2025.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Atlanta as Q and defeated No. 7 Medvedev and No. 12 Tsitsipas for biggest wins of career en route to 1st SF at 2025 Rotterdam.
> Made tour-level debut at 2023 Australian Open as Q, then qualified Roland Garros and Wimbledon and US Open in 2024, defeating former champion Wawrinka in US Open 1R for 1st Grand Slam win.
> Owns 76-69 Challenger record (4-4 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Saint-Tropez as No. 275-ranked Q and 2022 Vilnius in back-to-back weeks before capturing 2023 Cassis, 2025 Sumter and 2026 Jinan.

NOTE: Bellucci seeks personal-best 13th win of the season (12 in 2025, 2026) and advance to sixth ATP Tour QF (1-4), third of the season (Acapulco, Stuttgart) and second on indoor hard court (2025 Rotterdam). He is on a 13-2 run across all levels since September 28, including Jinan Challenger title win last week (on a 6-match winning streak).

Tomas Machac (CZE) vs [5] Karen Khachanov

Khachanov Leads 1-0

24 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R32 Karen Khachanov 6-4 7-6(4) 4-6 7-6(5)

Tomas Machac | Age: 26 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 20 | 2026: 16-15 (Adelaide Title) | Event: 2-1 ('24, '26 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 in time for 2022 year-end rankings and achieved career-high No. 20 in March 2025 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title in Acapulco, becoming first Czech man in Top 20 since Berdych in 2018.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Geneva by defeating No. 1 Djokovic and upset No. 2 Alcaraz to advance to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF.
> Representing Czechia, recorded wins over Zhang at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's singles 1R and mixed doubles final to earn gold medal with Siniakova.
> Boasts 112-55 Challenger record (6-5 in finals), including back-to-back titles at Orleans and Mouilleron le Captif in October 2023.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2026 Adelaide, joining Auckland champion Mensik as the first Czech men's duo to win tour-level titles in the same week since Lendl and Smid in July 1982.

NOTE: Machac aims to record back-to-back wins for the first time since run to ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 3R in April and advance to his 14th ATP Tour QF, third of the season (Adelaide, Barcelona). He is 15-42 vs. Top 30, 2-8 in 2026, earning wins over No. 21 Paul in Adelaide SF and No. 19 F. Cerundolo in Monte-Carlo 2R.

Karen Khachanov | Age: 30 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 26-21 (US Open SF) | Event: 7-2 (2024 Title)
> Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in July 2019 after ending 2018 season at No. 11.
> Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title, but went on a 23-match losing streak to Top 10 players (August 2019-March 2023), ended by beating No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 4th ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Miami.
> At 2018 Paris, became 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
> Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF, 2023 Australian Open SF and 2026 US Open SF.
> Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).
> Saved a match point to defeat No. 3 Zverev and reach 2025 Toronto final, recording biggest gap between ATP Masters 1000 final appearances (2468 days) in series history (since 1990).

NOTE: Khachanov is one of three former champions in the field (also Mannarino, Medvedev), winning 2024 title. He is on a 10-3 run since the start of September, advancing to US Open SF, Beijing QF, and ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 4R, and aims to advance to his 70th tour-level quarter-final, fifth of the season, and first indoors since 2024 Paris.

Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Players Born since 1990)

Player	Born	QFs	Player	Born	QFs
Alexander Zverev	1997	120	Milos Raonic	1990	81
Daniil Medvedev	1996	98	Dominic Thiem	1993	76
Grigor Dimitrov	1991	96	Taylor Fritz	1997	72
Andrey Rublev	1997	91	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	71
Stefanos Tsitsipas	1998	86	Karen Khachanov	1996	69

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs Sho Shimabukuro (JPN)

First Meeting

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 30 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 45-18 (3 Titles) | Almaty: 7-1 (2025 Title)
> Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
> Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.
> Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
> Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Won 22 of his 24 singles titles on hard courts, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami before winning 2023 Rome, his 1st title on clay and captured first 22 titles at 22 different events, before winning his second Dubai title in 2026.

NOTE: Medvedev leads all players in hard-court wins this season (34), including titles in Brisbane, Dubai and Hangzhou. He is on a 4-match winning streak in Almaty after capturing last year's title and will attempt to successfully defend a title for the first time in career. 30-year-old looks for his 99th tour-level quarter-final, tenth of the season.

Active Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders

Player	QFs
Novak Djokovic	228
Marin Cilic	124
Alexander Zverev	120
Stan Wawrinka	112
Daniil Medvedev	98

2026 Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders

Player	QFs
Alexander Zverev	12
Luciano Darderi	10
Arthur Fils	10
Ben Shelton	10
de Minaur, Medvedev , Paul, Rublev	9

2026 Men's Hard-Court Win Leaders

Daniil Medvedev	34	Frances Tiafoe	28
Alexander Zverev	33	Alex de Minaur	27
Carlos Alcaraz	28	Jakub Mensik	27

Sho Shimabukuro | Age: 29 | World No. 109 | Career-High No. 87 | 2026: 7-15 (Stuttgart QF) | Event: 2-1 ('23, '26 2R)
 > Earned 1st ranking point in April 2016, broke into Top 500 in August 2019, Top 200 in May 2023 and Top 100 in June 2026, achieving career-high No. 89 after run to his 1st ATP Tour QF in Stuttgart.
 > Defeated Istomin at 2022 Davis Cup for first tour-level win, made an ATP Tour debut at 2022 Tokyo two weeks later as Q (l. to Majchrzak) and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Washington (d. L. Harris).
 > Earned biggest win of career by defeating No. 22 Machac at 2025 Tokyo.
 > Qualified to make Grand Slam main draw debuts at 2023 Wimbledon and 2023 US Open and as direct entry at 2026 Wimbledon and 2026 US Open.
 > Owns 108-73 Challenger record (5-4 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Nonthaburi-3, 2023 Tunis as Q, 2024 Shanghai, 2025 Zhangjiagang and 2025 Seoul.

NOTE: Shimabukuro is 0-1 vs. Top 10, seeking the biggest win of his career to become the first Japanese man to record a Top 10 win since Mochizuki beat No. 10 Fritz at 2023 Tokyo. He aims to advance to his second ATP Tour QF after Stuttgart earlier this year to join Mochizuki in 2025 as only Japanese quarter-finalists in event history.

Players to Oust No. 1 Seed in Opening Round (Tournament History, since 2020)

Player	No. 1 Seed	Year
Mikhail Kukushkin	Benoit Paire	2020
Emil Ruusuvuori	Aslan Karatsev	2021
David Goffin	Carlos Alcaraz	2022
Jan-Lennard Struff	Karen Khachanov	2025

* No. 1 seed Griekspoor d. Shimabukuro in 2023 2R, I. Korda in QF, No. 1 seed Tiafoe d. Evans in 2024 2R, I. Vukic in QF

[3] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Fabian Marozsan (HUN)

First Meeting

Alexander Bublik | Age: 29 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 10 | 2026: 30-21 (Hong Kong Title) | Event: 3-4 ('21 SF)
 > Broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 10 in January 2026 following Hong Kong title in the 1st week of the season after ending 2025 at No. 11.
 > Earned personal-best 37 wins in 2025, captured titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou and joined Djokovic and Alcaraz as third man to win titles on clay, grass and hard courts in a season since 2018.
 > Upset No. 9 de Minaur from 2 sets down and No. 6 Draper en route to 2025 Roland Garros QF, becoming 1st man representing Kazakhstan to become a Grand Slam quarter-finalist.
 > In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and defeated No. 1 Sinner for biggest win of career en route to 2025 title.
 > Defeated No. 3 Zverev for 1st title in 5th final at 2022 Montpellier and became 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to 2024 Montpellier title.
 > In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik aims to earn his first win at this event since advancing to 2022 2R, then held in Astana. He is 14-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 30 on hard courts this season, earning back-to-back losses to No. 117 Hijikata in Indian Wells 3R and No. 68 Berrettini in Miami, both in March. He seeks 44th tour-level quarter-final, seventh of 2026, and third on hard courts this year (Hong Kong, Rotterdam) to become 1st home player to reach multiple QFs at this event.

Kazakhstani Quarter-Finalists in Event History

Player	Year	End Result
Mikhail Kukushkin	2020	QF (l. to Ruusuvuori)
Alexander Bublik	2021	SF (l. to Kwon)
Aleksandr Shevchenko	2024	QF (l. to F. Cerundolo)
Beibit Zhukayev	2024	QF (l. to Khachanov)

Fabian Marozsan | Age: 27 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 36 | 2026: 23-24 (3 SFs) | Almaty: 3-2 (2025 QF)
 > Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in June 2023 and earned career-high No. 36 in May 2024, becoming fourth Hungarian to break into Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
 > In ATP Tour debut, defeated No. 2 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R as Q and reached 1st QF at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (d. No. 9 Ruud in 4R).
 > Upset No. 7 Rune in 2R and No. 10 de Minaur in 4R en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami QF.
 > Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 US Open (d. Gasquet) and advanced to Australian Open 3R in three consecutive years (2024-26).
 > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Munich after 0-6 start in ATP Tour QFs and reached semi-finals in Auckland, Bucharest and Mallorca during 2026 season.

> Owns 55-30 Challenger record (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Banja Luka, 2023 Antalya and 2023 Perugia and losing to countryman Fucsovics at 2022 Bratislava-2 in first all-Hungarian final in Challenger history.

NOTE: Marozsan is 10-26 vs. Top 20 in his career, 1-5 this season after defeating No. 13 Ruud in Auckland 2R (0-5 since). 27-year-old seeks 15th ATP Tour QF, fourth indoors after 2023 Sofia, 2024 Belgrade and Almaty last year, and aims to become the first Hungarian man to reach 6 QFs in a season since Taroczy in 1982 (14).

2026 ATP 250 Win Leaders

Player	W-L	Best Result
Luciano Darderi	16-9	Santiago Title
Sebastian Baez	14-10	Auckland Final
Mariano Navone	14-10	Bucharest Title
Fabian Marozsan	13-7	Auckland, Bucharest, Mallorca SF

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)