

## CHINA OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

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## CHINA OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Defending champion and World No. 1 Jannik Sinner arrived to Beijing last year as World No. 7, before winning the title and going on a 75-7 run in the past 52 weeks. He enters the event this year on an 11-match winning streak on the back of titles at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and US Open. He aims to join Novak Djokovic (6) and Rafael Nadal (2) as the only men to capture multiple singles titles at China Open.
- Prior to Beijing, World No. 3 **Carlos Alcaraz** became the third player to secure his qualification for Nitto ATP Finals. He is making his second appearance in Beijing after reaching the semi-finals last year. With a title win, the Spaniard would become the first player to win ATP 500 titles on all three surfaces since the introduction of the category in 2009. He previously captured 4 ATP 500 titles, 3 on clay and 1 on grass (2023 Queen's Club).
- Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev round out the Top 4 seeds in Beijing, as Medvedev looks for his first title since winning 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome in May last year. The 2023 runner-up won 18 of his 20 career titles on hard courts and will attempt to win a his 21st title in as many different locations. Rublev is making his fifth consecutive appearance in Beijing, highlighted by run to 2017 quarter-finals.
- 19-year-old Shang Juncheng enters Beijing on a 5-match winning streak after becoming the first Chinese player to capture an ATP Tour title on home soil in Chengdu on Tuesday. He leads 4 Chinese men in the Beijing main draw, most in tournament history. He is joined by Chinese No. 1 Zhang Zhizhen and Bu Yunchaokete, who played in the first all-Chinese ATP Tour SF last week and 19-year-old WC Zhou Yi. Zhang Ze in 2012 remains the only Chinese man to reach Beijing quarter-finals in event history.

Race	Player	Points	Scenario
1	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	9,000	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Jarry
2	Alexander Zverev (GER)	6,115	
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	6,010	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Mpetshi Perricard
4	Daniil Medvedev	4,420	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Monfils
5	Taylor Fritz (USA)	3,890	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Fils
6	Casper Ruud (NOR)	3,795	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Thompson
7	Andrey Rublev	3,480	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Carreno Busta
8	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	3,305	
9	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	3,260	
10	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	2,835	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Bautista Agut
11	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,735	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Arnaldi
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	2,735	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Michelsen
13	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	2,640	Tokyo – +50 for 2R win vs. Draper or Bellucci
14	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	2,460	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Nakashima
15	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	2,365	Beijing – +50 for 1R win vs. Bergs
16	Holger Rune (DEN)	2,185	Tokyo – +50 for 1R win vs. Tabilo

## PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

BOLD: Qualified for 2024 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (10-17 November)



## **2024 CHINA OPEN SINGLES**

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	<b>BEIJING W-L (BEST FINISH)</b>
1	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	55-5 (6 Titles)	5-0 (2023 Title)
2	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	43-9 (3 Titles)	3-1 (2023 SF)
3	Daniil Medvedev	39-16 (Aus. Open, Indian Wells Finals)	4-1 (2023 Final)
4	Andrey Rublev	37-18 (Hong Kong, Madrid Titles)	5-4 (2017 QF)
5	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	38-14 (Brisbane Title)	11-8 (2016 Final)
6	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	37-23 (3 Finals)	1-1 (2023 2R)
7	Karen Khachanov	23-18 (Doha Title)	5-4 (2019 SF)
8	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	24-21 (Montpellier Title)	0-0 (Debut)

Tournament History Singles Final Wild Cards (3)	2004-2019, 2023-Present (18th Edition) Wednesday 2 October not before 5:00pm Bu Yunchaokete (CHN), Stan Wawrinka (SUI), Zhou Yi (CHN)
Qualifiers (4)	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP), Zizou Bergs (BEL), Pavel Kotov, Jakub Mensik (CZE)
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Lucky Loser (1)	Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) – withdrawal of Marozsan (cold)
Special Exempt (1)	Shang Juncheng (CHN) – Chengdu champion
Protected Ranking (1)	Pablo Carreno Busta (PR-18)
Oldest Player	Stan Wawrinka (39)
#NextGenATP (1)	Shang Juncheng (19)
<b>Tournament Records</b>	Most Titles – Novak Djokovic (6)
	<u>Most Wins</u> – Novak Djokovic (29)
	Youngest Champion - Rafael Nadal, 19, in 2005
	Oldest Champion – Rafael Nadal, 31, in 2017
	Highest-Ranked Champion - No. 1 Novak Djokovic in 2013-15, Rafael Nadal in 2017
	Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 34 Nikoloz Basilashvili in 2018

# **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)**

Spain (6)	Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Bautista Agut, Roberto Carballes Baena Pablo Carreno Busta, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pedro Martinez
China (4)	Bu Yunchaokete, Shang Juncheng, Zhang Zhizhen, Zhou Yi
Italy (4)	Flavio Cobolli, Lorenzo Musetti, Jannik Sinner, Lorenzo Sonego
France (3)	Adrian Mannarino, Gael Monfils, Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard
Czechia (2)	Jiri Lehecka, Jakub Mensik
Germany (2)	Jan-Lennard Struff, Alexander Zverev
Argentina (1)	Francisco Cerundolo
Belgium (1)	Zizou Bergs
Bulgaria (1)	Grigor Dimitrov
Chile (1)	Nicolas Jarry
Kazakhstan (1)	Alexander Bublik
Netherlands (1)	Tallon Griekspoor
Switzerland (1)	Stan Wawrinka
	Karen Khachanov, Pavel Kotov, Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev

## PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

China Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	330	200	100	50	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	695,750	374,340	199,495	101,925	54,405	29,015
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	0	
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	228,510	121,870	61,660	30,830	15,960	



# 2024 CHINA OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Simone Bolelli (ITA)	45-24 (2 Titles)	35-16 (2 Titles)	0-1 (2015 1R)
1	Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	35-16 in 2024 (2 Titles)	36-17 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Rohan Bopanna (IND)	10-7 ('17 Montreal Final)	22-14 (2 Titles)	3-6 (2012, 2017-18 QF)
2	Ivan Dodig (CRO)	0-0 in 2024 (Debut)	24-19 (2 Finals)	10-2 (2019, 2023 Titles)
2	Harri Heliovaara (FIN)	26-7 (3 Titles)	33-17 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Henry Patten (GBR)	26-7 in 2024 (3 Titles)	30-16 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Neal Skupski (GBR)	21-7 (2 Titles)	34-22 (2 Titles)	5-2 (2023 Final)
4	Michael Venus (NZL)	18-6 in 2024 (2 Titles)	30-20 (3 Titles)	0-3 (2015-16, 2019 1R)

**Doubles Final**: Wednesday 2 October at 2:00pm.

# **CHINA OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Daniil Medvedev	7-6(2) 7-6(2)
2020-22	TOURNAM	IENT NOT HELD	
2019	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	3-6 6-4 6-1
2018	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	6-4 6-4
2017	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	6-2 6-1
2016	Andy Murray (GBR)	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	6-4 7-6(2)
2015	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-2 6-2
2014	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	6-0 6-2
2013	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-3 6-4
2012	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	7-6(4) 6-2
2011	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	3-6 6-4 6-1
2010	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-2 6-4
2009	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	6-2 7-6(4)

BOLD: Player in 2023 China Open singles draw.

# **CHINA OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Ivan Dodig / Austin Krajicek	Wesley Koolhof / Neal Skupski	6-7(12) 6-3 [10-5]
2020-22	TOURNAMEN	IT NOT HELD	
2019	Ivan Dodig / Filip Polasek	Lukasz Kubot / Marcelo Melo	6-3 7-6(4)
2018	Lukasz Kubot / Marcelo Melo	Oliver Marach / Mate Pavic	6-1 6-4
2017	Henri Kontinen / John Peers	John Isner / Jack Sock	6-3 3-6 [10-7]
2016	Pablo Carreno Busta / Rafael Nadal	Jack Sock / Bernard Tomic	6-7(6) 6-2 [10-8]
2015	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	Daniel Nestor / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	3-6 6-3 [10-6]
2014	Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecau	Julien Benneteau / Vasek Pospisil	6-7(6) 7-5 [10-5]
2013	Max Mirnyi / Horia Tecau	Fabio Fognini / Andreas Seppi	6-4 6-2
2012	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Carlos Berlocq / Denis Istomin	6-3 6-2
2011	Michael Llodra / Nenad Zimonjic	Robert Lindstedt / Horia Tecau	7-6(2) 7-6(4)
2010	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mariusz Fyrstenberg / Marcin Matkowski	6-1 7-6(5)
2009	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mark Knowles / Andy Roddick	6-4 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2024 China Open doubles draw - no team remains intact.



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

## CAPITAL GROUP DIAMOND

## [WC] Zhou Yi (CHN) vs [Q] Pavel Kotov

### **First Meeting**

**Zhou Yi** | Age: 19 | World No. 446 (Career-High) | 2024: 3-2 (Chengdu 2R) | Beijing: 0-1 (2023 1R) > Former World No. 3 junior earned first PIF ATP Rankings point in February 2023, then achieved career-high No. 446 in September 2024 after earning 1st ATP Tour win in Chengdu 1R over Tseng.

> Made tour-level debut at 2023 Davis Cup vs. Mexico and ATP Tour debut as WC at 2023 Zhuhai the following week, then earned 1st tour-level wins in Davis Cup vs. Slovenia, defeating Kriznik and Dominko.

> Owns 30-21 ITF Tour record, capturing two titles in 2024 – M15 Tianjin and M25 Tianjin.

> Made Zhuhai QF in his Challenger debut in 2023, beating Rai and Sekulic (saved 3 MPs).

> Went 98-31 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by runs to Australian Open SF and US Open QF in boys' singles.
> First wanted to be a professional badminton player and began playing tennis at age 10 as his uncle urged him to

take up the sport. At 14 was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, but managed to continue with his training.

**NOTE**: Zhou recorded 1st ATP Tour win in Chengdu last week, defeating No. 121 Tseng in 1R. He is 0-2 vs. Top 100 players, including loss to No. 25 Davidovich Fokina in Beijing 1R last year and looks for the biggest win of his career.

**Pavel Kotov** | Age: 25 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 50 | 2024: 17-19 (Marrakech SF) | Beijing: 0-0 (2023 Q1) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 100 in October 2022 and achieved career-high No. 50 in June 2024 after defeating former champion Wawrinka to reach Roland Garros 3R.

> Defeated No. 25 Griekspoor for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Stockholm as Q.
> Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R), returning to Marrakech to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in 2023 and 4th SF in 2024.

> Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2020 St. Petersburg and Grand Slam debut at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Owns 89-71 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.

**NOTE**: Kotov earned personal-best 17 wins this season, including 6 on hard courts, highlighted by runs to QF in Hong Kong and Winston-Salem. Earned wins over Nagal in Q1 and Carballes Baena in Q2 to make his main draw debut in Beijing after losing to Kecmanovic in Q1 last year.

[1] Jannik Sinner (ITA) vs Nicolas	Jarry (	CHI)		Jarry Leads 1-0
19 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands)	Grass	R32	Nicolas Jarry	7-6(4) 6-3

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Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Jannik Sinner	24%	72%	37%	8.1	8.0	8.8	8.4
Nicolas Jarry	31%	67%	28%	8.6	6.4	7.8	6.7
Tour Average	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Insights from their 52-wk averages:

Nicolas Jarry is 3rd on the In Attack leaderboard taking into account all players' 52-week averages. This is in part due to his high serve quality metric with an average first serve speed of 126mph (tour average is 118mph). His challenge will be getting the chance to attack, given Sinner's high forehand and backhand quality. Interestingly, Jarry holds a 1-0 record having beaten Sinner on grass at 's-Hertogenbosch in 2019 (7-6(4), 6-3).



Jannik Sinner | Age: 23 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2024: 55-5 (6 Titles) | Beijing: 5-0 (2023 Title) > Unranked to begin 2018, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager, broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021 and became 1st Italian World No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 22 in June 2024.

 > At 2024 Australian Open, defeated 10-time champion Djokovic in SF and rallied from two sets down in final against Medvedev to win his 1st Grand Slam title. Became 1st player to beat Djokovic in SF or later at the tournament.
> Became the first Italian champion in Australian Open tournament history and second Italian man to win a Grand Slam title in Open Era (Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros).

 Captured 2024 US Open to join Djokovic, Federer and Wilander as only men to capture both hard court Grand Slams in the same season and first man since Vilas in 1977 to win 1st two Grand Slam of career in the same year.
Earned personal-best 64 wins in 2023, setting the record for most wins by an Italian player in a single season in Open Era, highlighted by first ATP Masters 1000 title in Toronto.

> First Italian man to play in 2023 Nitto ATP Finals SF and championship match on home soil in Turin, then led Italy to 2023 Davis Cup title, first since 1976.

**NOTE**: Sinner is on an 11-match winning streak after capturing titles at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and US Open. He is 12-0 in his opening rounds this season and 47-0 vs. players ranked outside Top 20 since losing to No. 66 Lajovic in 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 2R in August. He is 14-1 in last 15 tiebreaks played (19-6 in 2024).

**Nicolas Jarry** | Age: 28 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 16 | 2024: 17-19 (2 Finals) | Beijing: 2-1 (2023 QF) > Unranked to begin 2021, he earned a career-high No. 16 in May 2024 after becoming 1st Chilean since F. Gonzalez in 2007 to reach ATP Masters 1000 final in Rome.

> In 2023, came from a set down three times in five matches to win 2nd ATP Tour title in Santiago, his hometown, and upset double defending champion Ruud in QF and 2019 champion Zverev in SF en route to 3rd title in Geneva.
> Joined countryman Garin as fellow 2019 first-time ATP Tour champion by winning Bastad title without losing a set.
> Saved 1 MP vs. No. 3 A. Zverev in 2019 Barcelona 2R for 1st Top 3 win of career, but squandered 2 MPs vs. A.

Zverev in Geneva final one month later.

> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings after advancing to 2013 Roland Garros boys' doubles final with countryman Garin.

> Parents, Allan and Cecilia, are former pro volleyball players; grandfather, Jaime Fillol, great-uncle, Alvaro Fillol, and uncle, Martin Rodriguez, are former ATP players.

**NOTE**: Jarry defeated No. 2 Alcaraz in Buenos Aires SF in February this year for biggest win of career and now looks for first win over a World No. 1 (0-1). He would be the first Chilean to defeat a World No. 1 on hard courts since F. Gonzalez beat No. 1 Federer at 2007 Tennis Masters Cup.

## [8] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

### **First Meeting**

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Alexander Bublik	24%	69%	38%	8.3	6.7	7.5	6.8
Flavio Cobolli	24%	67%	33%	7.5	6.2	7.2	7.0
Tour Average	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Insights from their 52-wk averages:

It is the first meeting between these two players. Bublik has an exceptional steal score and is 10th on our leaderboard taking into account 52-week averages. Subsequently, he is good when his opponent is at the net, winning 43% of points (tour average - 38%).

Alexander Bublik | Age: 27 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 17 | 2024: 24-21 (Montpellier Title) | Beijing: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved career-high No. 17 in May 2024 after becoming the 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title in Montpellier. > Defeated five Top 25 players in as many matches including No. 9 Sinner in QF and No. 7 Rublev in final to earn biggest of 4 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Halle.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final.

> Runner-up at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Singapore, 2022 Newport, 2022 Metz and 2024 Dubai.

> Posted personal-best 35 wins in 2021 and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at Miami and Madrid.



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Series Tied 2-2

> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

**NOTE**: Bublik is 9-12 vs. Top 50 in 2024 after 8-1 start and aims to record 1st Top 50 win since defeating No. 15 Shelton at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid 3R. He aims to be the 1st male player representing Kazakhstan to record a main draw win in Beijing.

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 31-24 (Washington Final) | Beijing: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 31 in August 2024 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Washington.

> Earned biggest wins of career over Americans 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 No. 13 Paul in 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R.
> 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.
> Won Challenger titles at 2022 Zadar and 2023 Lisbon and reached finals at 2021 Rome-2, 2021 Barletta and 2023

Olbia.

> Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

**NOTE**: Cobolli is 18-5 in his opening rounds this season, on an 8-match winning streak since losing to No. 9 Hurkacz in Halle 1R. In last ATP 500 event played, he advanced to his 1st ATP Tour final in Washington (I. to Korda).

## LOTUS

#### Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

Clay	R64	Lorenzo Sonego	2-6 7-6(4) 6-3
Grass	QF	Lorenzo Sonego	3-6 7-6(3) 6-3
Hard	R128	Adrian Mannarino	6-1 6-4 2-6 6-3
Hard	RR	Adrian Mannarino	6-4 6-4
	Grass Hard	Grass QF Hard R128	Grass QF Lorenzo Sonego Hard R128 Adrian Mannarino

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 36 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 17 | 2024: 11-25 (Dallas SF) | Beijing: 1-2 (2016 2R) > Ended 11 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-23), before breaking into Top 20 at the age of 35, achieving career-high No. 17 in January 2024.

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch, 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.

> Posted personal-best 43 wins in 2023, highlighted by ATP Tour titles in Newport, Astana and Sofia.

> Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.

> Reached Australian Open 4R in 2022 and 2024 and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018, but owns 0-22 record vs. Top-10 players at Grand Slams.

**NOTE:** Mannarino looks for 300th tour-level win of career (299-337) to become the 12th Frenchman in Open Era to achieve the feat. He is 2-11 vs. Top 50 players this season, including win over No. 46 Sonego in United Cup RR.

Frenchmen Career Win Leaders:						
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Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 29 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 18-23 (Winston-Salem Title) | Beijing: 0-1 (2023 1R) > 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.

> Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz.

> 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.



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**NOTE**: Sonego earned 9 of 18 tour-level wins this year on hard courts, highlighted by 4th ATP Tour title in Winston-Salem without losing a set. He lost to Humbert in 2023 1R in only prior appearance at the event.

### Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP)

### **First Meeting**

Series Tied 1-1

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 22 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 21-13 (Adelaide Title) | Beijing: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved career-high No. 23 in January 2024 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title in Adelaide.

> Defeated No. 5 Rublev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells, then defeated No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.

> Earned wins over No. 12 Norrie in 3R and No. 7 Auger-Aliassime in 4R en route to 2023 Australian Open QF.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Rotterdam as Q after defeating No. 12 Shapovalov in 1R for 1st ATP Tour win.

> Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.

> Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

**NOTE**: Lehecka aims to become the first Czech man to record a win at the tournament since Berdych in 2017. He recorded 17 of 21 wins this season on hard courts, including 1st ATP Tour title in Adelaide in January.

**Pedro Martinez** | Age: 27 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 17-17 (Estoril Final) | Beijing: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved career-high No. 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Santiago and reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2022 Miami.

> Defeated No. 16 Bautista Agut at 2021 Kitzbuhel for 1st Top 20 win en route to 1st SF and final and No. 8 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 2024 Estoril final.

> Led all players by qualifying for 6 tour-level events in 2020, including Australian Open, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Roland Garros.

> Also in 2020, earned 1st tour-level win at Australian Open (d. Koepfer), posted 1st ATP Masters 1000 win at Rome (d. Querrey) and advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Roland Garros.

> Reached 7 of his 12 career Challenger finals on home clay in Spain, highlighted by 2020 Marbella, 2021 Seville, 2023 Maspalomas and 2024 Girona titles.

**NOTE**: Martinez looks for first Top 50 win on hard courts since defeating No. 43 Baez at 2023 Pune in the first week of the season. Last week in Chengdu, he advanced to his 4th ATP Tour hard court QF, losing to Hanfmann.

### **BRAD DREWETT**

#### Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

24 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands)	Grass		Tallon Griekspoor	6-7(3) 7-6(7) 7-6(3)
24 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Miomir Kecmanovic	4-6 7-6(7) 1-6 6-2 6-3