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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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[5] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs [WC] Shang Juncheng (CHN)   First Meeting

24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Lorenzo Sonego	W/O

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 30 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 21 | Career: 168-184 (4 Titles) | Hong Kong: 2-1 (2025-26 2R)
> 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.
> At 2025 Australian Open, beat former champion Wawrinka and reigning Next Gen ATP finalists Fonseca and Tien en route to QF at age 29, to be oldest Italian Grand Slam quarter-finalist since Mulligan at 1970 Roland Garros.
> Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz and captured 4th title at 2024 Winston-Salem.
> 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.

NOTE: Sonego seeks 29th tour-level quarter-final, 1st outdoors since Australian Open last year, to join Pozzi in 1998, Tieleman in 1999 and Musetti in 2025-26 as only Italian men's quarter-finalists in event history. He went 2-8 vs. left-handers last season, including loss to Norrie in Hong Kong 2R and losses to Shelton at Australian Open (QF), Roland Garros (1R) and Wimbledon (4R).

Shang Juncheng | Age: 20 | World No. 406 | Career-High No. 47 | Career: 35-40 (1 Title) | Hong Kong: 7-2 (2024-25 SF)
> Became 1st Chinese teenager to break into Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in May 2024 and achieved career-high No. 47 in October 2024 after winning 1st ATP Tour title in Chengdu (d. No. 19 Musetti).
> Earned biggest wins over career over No. 16 Tiafoe to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in Hong Kong and No. 14 Shelton en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2024 Atlanta and No. 10 Khachanov to reach 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R.
> Advanced to 2024 Australian Open 3R, becoming 1st Chinese man to reach 3R of that event in Open Era.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 Rio de Janeiro as a WC, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2023 Australian Open, beating Otte in 1R as Q (l. to Tiafoe in 2R).
> Owns 37-27 Challenger record (1-1 in finals), highlighted by 1st title at 2022 Lexington.
> Father, Yi, was a professional football player and his mother, Na, was a world champion table tennis player and his nickname is Jerry after cartoon character of his favorite childhood show.

NOTE: Shang aims to advance to his 6th ATP Tour QF (4-1), third in Hong Kong, to become the only man to reach the last 8 stage in Hong Kong in all 3 editions since the event returned in 2024. He is 3-1 vs. Top 50 since the start of 2025 season (17-18 in career), including most recent win over No. 10 Khachanov at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.

[Q] Michael Mmoh (USA) vs [4] Karen Khachanov   Mmoh Leads 1-0

23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Michael Mmoh	6-2 6-4 6-2

Other Meeting

11 Dubai Juniors (U.A.E.)	Hard	R32	Michael Mmoh	6-2 3-6 7-5

Michael Mmoh | Age: 27 | World No. 285 | Career-High No. 81 | Career: 32-43 (6 QFs) | Hong Kong: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 81 after advancing to 3R at 2023 US Open as WC, saving 1 MP in 2R to end countryman Isner's singles career.
> Defeated No. 13 A. Zverev to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R as LL, No. 12 Auger-Aliassime in 2023 Wimbledon 1R as LL and No. 11 Khachanov for biggest win of career en route to 2023 US Open 3R as WC.
> Ended 0-7 start to career and reached 1st ATP Tour QF at 2018 Brisbane as Q.
> Broke into Top 100 in October 2018 following back-to-back Challenger titles at Columbus and Tiburon.
> Posted 127-48 record on ITF Junior Circuit from 2011-15, defeating future Top-5 ATP players Rublev and Tsitsipas, and competing in 23 countries, on 6 continents and at 9 Grand Slam events.

NOTE: Mmoh, who turns 28 on Saturday, aims to reach 7th ATP Tour QF (0-5 + 1 W/O loss), 1st since 2024 Houston. 27-year-old is 5-8 vs. Top 20, looking for first Top 20 and Top 50 win since defeating then-No. 11 Khachanov at 2023 US Open and bids to become lowest-ranked quarter-finalist at this event since No. 313 MacPhie in 1997.

Michael Mmoh's Top 20 Wins (W-L 5-8, 4-1 in 2023)

Win Over	Tournament
No. 15 Roberto Bautista Agut	2018 ATP Masters 1000 Miami
No. 13 Alexander Zverev	2023 Australian Open
No. 12 Felix Auger-Aliassime	2023 Wimbledon
No. 17 Hubert Hurkacz	2023 Washington
No. 11 Karen Khachanov	2023 US Open

Karen Khachanov | Age: 29 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 8 | Career: 313-225 (7 Titles) | Hong Kong: 0-2 (2024-25 2R)
> 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.
> Defeated No. 3 Zverev at 2025 Toronto, saving 1 MP, to reach his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 final and record biggest gap between finals in series history (since 1990).
> Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF and 2023 Aus. 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).

NOTE: Khachanov seeks first win in Hong Kong after losing in 2R to eventual finalists Ruusuvuori in 2024 and Nishikori last year. 29-year-old looks to reach his 66th tour-level quarter-final, first since reaching ATP Masters 1000 Toronto final in August last year (l. to Shelton).

Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [2] Alexander Bublik (KAZ)   van de Zandschulp Leads 2-1

22 Davis Cup Finals Group D (Great Britain) Hard	RR	B. van de Zandschulp	3-6 6-1 6-4
24 Basel (Switzerland)	Hard	R32	B. van de Zandschulp	3-6 6-4 4-0 RET
25 Kitzbuhel (Austria)	Clay	SF	Alexander Bublik	6-3 6-4

B. van de Zandschulp | Age: 30 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 22 | Career: 112-112 (3 Finals) | Event: 2-1 ('24, '26 2R)
> Achieved new career-high ranking 14 times in 2022, peaking at No. 22 in August and ending 2nd straight season as No. 1 Dutchman.
> At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.
> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, including victories over Norrie, Fritz and Bublik to help Netherlands qualify for Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage.
> In 2024, posted upsets over No. 3 Alcaraz in US Open 2R for biggest win of career and Nadal in Davis Cup Finals to end former World No. 1's career and help Netherlands advance to 1st Davis Cup final in history (since 1900).
> In Munich, upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final in 2022 and No. 10 Fritz to reach 2nd final in 2023, before squandering 4 championship points in 2023 final and losing to Rune on both occasions.
> Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Trungelliti in Q3).

NOTE: van de Zandschulp is 18-34 vs. Top 20 in career, including 2-5 last season after earning wins over No. 7 Djokovic at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and No. 17 Lehecka in Basel, both times as a LL. He seeks 15th tour-level quarter-final (8-6), first since his run to Winston-Salem final in August last year (l. Fucsovics).

Alexander Bublik | Age: 28 | World No. 11 (Career-High) | Career: 189-172 (8 Titles) | Hong Kong: 0-0 (Debut)
> Achieved career-high No. 11 in November 2025 after lifting 4 ATP Tour titles during the season, joining Alcaraz and Djokovic as only men to win titles on clay, grass and hard in a season in this decade.
> In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and recorded biggest win of career over No. 1 Sinner en route to 2025 title.
> Defeated No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final and became 1st ATP Tour champion (since 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title at 2024 Montpellier.
> Upset No. 9 de Minaur by rallying from 2 sets down and No. 5 Draper en route to 2025 Roland Garros QF, becoming 1st Grand Slam men's quarter-finalist representing Kazakhstan.
> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik finished last season on a 30-9 run since Roland Garros, including titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou. 28-year-old seeks 38th tour-level quarter-final of career and would make his Top 10 debut by winning the title in Hong Kong this week.

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[7] Alexandre Muller (FRA) vs Marcos Giron (USA)   **First Meeting**

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