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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

[5] Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs J.J. Wolf (USA)

First Meeting

Sebastian Baez | Age: 22 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 30-22 (3 Titles) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)
> Achieved career-high No. 27 in September 2023 soon after going on a 12-match winning streak, earning back-to-back ATP Tour titles at Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
> Defeated Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st final at 2022 Santiago and 1st title at 2022 Estoril, as well as for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.
> Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
> Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez is one of five players to win 3+ tour-level titles this season (Alcaraz – 6, Djokovic, Medvedev – 5, Sinner – 3). He is 2-6 vs. Americans on tour-level in his career (0-5 on hard courts) and 9-1 vs. players ranked outside of Top 50 in last ten matches against them.

J.J. Wolf | Age: 24 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 39 | 2023: 25-22 (Dallas, Atlanta SF) | Stockholm: 1-1 (2022 2R)
> Already ranked No. 272 when he turned pro in July 2019, then broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 39 in February 2023.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final of career at 2022 Florence after reaching US Open 3R as WC in both 2020 and 2022.
> Upset No. 14 Tiafoe for biggest win of career and to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Dallas.
> Defeated fellow American Mmoh to advance to 2023 Australian Open 4R, falling in 5 sets to countryman Shelton.
> Owns 78-42 Challenger record overall, including 5-1 in finals and 21-7 with 2 titles in Columbus, where he played 3 seasons of college tennis for Ohio State University.

NOTE: Wolf is 4-0 vs. Argentines on tour-level in his career, including a win over Cachin at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 1R last week, where he went on to defeat No. 16 Norrie in 2R and Arnaldi in 3R to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 4R of career.

Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [Q] Benjamin Hassan (LIB)

First Meeting

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 24 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 37 | 2023: 25-23 ('s-Hertogenbosch SF) | Stockholm: 3-2 (2022 SF)
> Ex-World No. 4 junior set career-high No. 37 in April 2023 after becoming the first Finnish player to reach ATP Masters 1000 QF since Nieminen in 2013 at 2023 Miami (l. to Sinner).
> In 2022, reached 1st ATP Tour final at Pune and earning personal-best 35 tour-level wins during season.
> Defeated No. 5 Thiem during 2019 Davis Cup tie and No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.
> In 2020, reached 1st SF at Astana after winning ATP debut at Montpellier (d. D. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene).
> Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.
> Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

NOTE: Ruusuvuori is on a 5-match winning streak against players outside the Top 100 since losing to No. 115 M. Ymer at 2022 Washington 3R. No. 1 Finn is playing in his first event since going 2-1 in singles at Davis Cup Group Stage to help Finland qualify for Davis Cup Finals in Malaga.

Benjamin Hassan | Age: 28 | World No. 161 (Career-High) | 2023: 2-1 (Davis Cup) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)
> Became the first Lebanese player to break into Top 200 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching career-high No. 161 in October 2023 after reaching his 3rd Challenger final at 2023 Lisbon.
> Reached 2022 Troyes CH final, becoming the first Lebanese player to reach an ATP Challenger final (l. to Torres).
> Made his tour-level debut playing for Lebanon at Davis Cup in 2018 against Chinese Taipei, defeating No. 699 Yu on his debut and owns a 12-5 Davis Cup record in his career.
> Boasts 75-66 Challenger record (0-3 in finals), reaching finals at 2022 Troyes, 2023 Grodzisk Mazowiecki and 2023 Lisbon and 78-52 on ITF Tour, winning titles at 2018 Qatar F2 and 2022 M25 Manacor.
> Started playing tennis with his father, who was a Davis Cup player. Treated tennis as a hobby until 22 years-of-age, before deciding to stop university to try and play professional tennis.

NOTE: Hassan is the first Lebanese player in an ATP Tour draw in Open Era and seeks biggest win of career after entering the qualifying draw as alternate, saving 3 MPs to defeat Vavassori in Q1 and coming from a set and a break down to beat Albot in Q2.

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs [WC] Leo Borg (SWE)

First Meeting

Laslo Djere | Age: 28 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 32-24 (Hamburg Final) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set, reaching career-high No. 27 in June 2019.
> Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
> Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.
> Earned 5 victories and won 5 TBs en route to 2022 Winston-Salem final despite entering event with 15-44 career record on hard courts and 1-18 TB record in 2022.
> Also on hard courts, upset World No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Djere is 16-7 in his opening tour-level rounds this season, losing the last two against Medjedovic in Astana 1R and Hijikata at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 1R. No. 2 Serbian earned personal-best 32 wins this season (previous best – 23 in 2021).

Leo Borg | Age: 20 | World No. 359 | Career-High No. 334 | 2023: 1-4 (Bastad 2R) | Stockholm: 0-2 (2021-22 1R)
> Earned 1st ranking point in May 2021, broke into Top 500 in May 2023 and reached career-high No. 334 in September 2023 after capturing his 3rd ITF Tour title at M25 Jakarta.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2021 Stockholm as WC, losing to eventual champion Paul and notched his first ATP Tour win at 2023 Bastad over E. Ymer in 1R (l. to Coria in 2R).
> Owns 70-45 record on the ITF Tour (3-3 in finals), winning titles at 2022 M15 Sharm ElSheikh, 2023 M25 Jakarta in April and 2023 M25 Jakarta in August.
> Peaked at No. 12 on ITF junior rankings and gathered a 97-56 record on the circuit with 3 titles.
> Son of former World No. 1 Bjorn Borg grew up playing on hard court, but feels his game is best suited to clay courts.

NOTE: Borg aims to earn first Top 100 win of career (0-3) to join fellow Swede Elias Ymer in 2R of Stockholm. It would mark the first time multiple Swedes reach 2R of a tour-level event since 2022 Stockholm (Elias Ymer – 2R, Mikael Ymer – QF).

Borna Gojo (CRO) vs Stan Wawrinka (SUI)

First Meeting

Borna Gojo | Age: 25 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 74 | 2023: 10-7 (US Open 4R) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 74 in October 2023 soon after reaching 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 US Open as Q.
> Led Croatia to 2021 Davis Cup final with 4 singles wins (d. Gunneswaran, Popov, Sonego, Lajovic).
> Made ATP Tour main draw debut on his college campus at 2018 Winston-Salem as WC (l. to Harrison).
> Owns 100-74 record on the Challenger circuit (1-3 in finals), including 1st title at 2022 Ortisei.
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 17 in 2016 before playing college tennis at Wake Forest University from 2017-19.
> Three-time All-American helped Demon Deacons win 2018 NCAA team title and lost to teammate Chrysochos in 2018 NCAA singles final.

NOTE: Gojo is 4-3 vs. Top 50 players this season (7-8 in career), highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 11 Tiafoe at Davis Cup Finals Group Stage last month.

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 38 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 25-19 (Umag Final) | Stockholm: 2-2 (2010 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.

> Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
> One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
> Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte Carlo.
> Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup.

NOTE: Wawrinka is making his third Stockholm appearance, first since 2011. In 2010, played in all-Swiss quarter-final, losing to eventual champion No. 2 Federer. At 38, he aims to become the oldest player to win a match at the Stockholm event since Connors, 39, in 1991 (d. Jaite in 1R).

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[Q] Pavel Kotov vs [7] Christopher Eubanks (USA)	First Meeting
[8] Daniel Evans (GBR) vs [Q] Filip Misolic (AUT)	First Meeting