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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUNDAY SINGLES AND DOUBLES FINALS

### Final Tidbits:

- Both players are appearing in their first final of the season. This is the second straight final between a Frenchman and an Aussie as Ugo Humbert captured the Antwerp title last week by defeating Alex de Minaur.
- John Millman is the second Aussie to reach an ATP Tour final this year (after de Minaur) and Adrian Mannarino the fifth Frenchman in a 2020 final (after Moutet, Paire, Humbert and Monfils).
- Aussies are 0-1 in finals this season while Frenchmen are 4-2 with Gael Monfils (Montpellier, Rotterdam) and Humbert (Auckland, Antwerp) lifting trophies.
- Adrian Mannarino is trying to become the fourth left-hander to win a title this season: Rafael Nadal (2), Ugo Humbert (2) and Jiri Vesely (1).

- **First-Time ATP Champions (4):** John Millman bids to become the fifth first-time winner this season (4-10 in finals). (In 2019, players trying to win their first ATP Tour title went 15-22 (most winners since 1999 with 16)

Player	Age	Tournament
Ugo Humbert	21	Auckland
Casper Ruud	21	Buenos Aires
Thiago Seyboth Wild	19	Santiago
Miomir Kecmanovic	21	Kitzbuhel

## CENTER COURT

### [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [4] John Millman (AUS)

19 Tokyo (Japan)

Hard

R32

John Millman

### Millman Leads 2-0

4-6 6-3 6-4

20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)

Hard

R64

John Millman

4-6 6-4 7-6(2)

**Mannarino 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 39 | 9-14 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan Final) | 198-233 in Career (1 Title)

- Did not drop a set in his wins over Q Sugita, PR McDonald and Q Ruusuvuori en route to 1st final since 2019 Moscow (l. to Rublev).
- Appearing in his 10th Tour-level final of career (1-8 in previous finals). Seeking 1st ATP Tour title since 2019 'S-Hertogenbosch (d. Thompson in F).
- Frenchman is coming off his first ATP Tour QF of the season in Cologne-2 last week (l. to eventual champion A. Zverev).
- Advanced to QFs in back-to-back weeks for 1st time since June 2018 at Queen's Club/London (QF) and Antalya (F).
- Advanced to US Open 3R for 4th time (l. to eventual finalist A. Zverev).
- Reached 2R at Montpellier (l. to eventual champion Monfils) and Acapulco (l. to Dimitrov after holding 2 MPs).
- Suffered 9th Roland Garros 1R loss (l. to Ramos-Vinolas).
- Did not lose more than 6 games in any of his 5 matches en route to 14th Challenger title at Monterrey, MEX.

**Millman 2020 Summary** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | 15-11 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan Final) | 84-101 in Career (3 Finals)

- No. 3 Aussie is appearing in his 3rd career ATP Tour final after saving 2 MPs in his QF win over [7] Paul. Also posted a 63 64 win over Verdasco in 2R and a 36 64 64 victory over Tiafoe in SF.
- Seeking 1st Tour-level title. Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in 2019 Tokyo F and lost to LL Cecchinato in 2018 Budapest F.
- Advanced to Auckland QF (d. Khachanov, l. to Paire).
- Reached Australian Open 3R for 2nd time (l. to 6-time champion Federer in 5th-set TB).
- Suffered 2R losses at Cincinnati/NY (d. Mannarino, l. to Isner), US Open (d. Basilashvili, l. to Tiafoe in 5 sets), Rome (d. J. Sousa, l. to eventual finalist Schwartzman) and Cologne-2 (d. Verdasco, l. to eventual champion A. Zverev).
- Went 2-0 to help Team Australia advance to ATP Cup SF (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).
- Also went 2-0 to lead Australia to 3-1 win over Brazil in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Seyboth Wild and Monteiro).
- Withdrew from Montpellier and Rotterdam due to calf tear.

**Match Point(s) Saved Champions (4):** John Millman saved 2 MPs in his QF win over Tommy Paul and he is trying to add his name to the list of 2020 winners after saving match point(s).

Player	Tournament/Opponent	Round	M.P. Saved
Jiri Vesely	Pune - d. Ricardas Berankis	SF	Saved 4 M.P.
	Pune - d. Ilya Ivashka	QF	Saved 2 M.P.
Reilly Opelka	Delray Beach - d. Milos Raonic	SF	Saved 1 M.P.
Novak Djokovic	Dubai - d. Gael Monfils	SF	Saved 3 M.P.
Ugo Humbert	Antwerp - d. Daniel Evans	SF	Saved 4 M.P.

**Tournament Statistical Comparison:** Statistical leader listed in **bold**

Astana Open	[3] Adrian Mannarino	[4] John Millman
Aces	9	5
1st-Serve Percentage	57%	59%
1st-Serve Points Won	70%	74%
2nd-Serve Points Won	61%	55%
Service Games Won	<b>92% (24 of 26)</b>	81% (34 of 42)
Break Points Saved	<b>83% (10 of 12)</b>	47% (7 of 15)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	<b>40%</b>	27%
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	<b>72%</b>	59%
Return Games Won	<b>52% (13 of 25)</b>	28% (11 of 40)
Break Points Converted	45% (13 of 29)	41% (11 of 27)

## DOUBLES FINAL

**[1] Sander Gille (BEL) / Joran Vliegen (BEL) vs.**  
**[2] Max Purcell (AUS) / Luke Saville (AUS)**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other Meetings**

18 Playford CH (Australia) Hard SF Purcell/Saville 3-6 7-6(4) 10-5

**Gille/Vliegen Summary** | Team Debut: 2013 Belgium F2 Futures | 42-32 career team record | 3 Titles Together

- Belgian duo has not dropped a set in their two wins (W/O in QF) en route to their 1st final of the season.
- They won 3 titles in 2019 at Bastad, Gstaad and Zuhai. They also reached the final at 2019 Kitzbuhel (l. to Oswald/Polasek).
- In 2020, their previous best results were SFs in Antwerp (l. to Bopanna/Middelkoop), Buenos Aires (l. to Duran/Londero) and Auckland (l. to Bambridge/McLachlan).
- Went 2-2 in doubles at ATP Cup (d. Dimitrov/Lazarov and Albot/Cozbinov, l. to Murray/Salisbury and Carreno Busta/Nadal).
- No. 43 Gille (Career-High No. 41) and No. 37 Vliegen (Career-High No. 35) are both 3-1 in ATP Tour doubles finals.

**Purcell/Saville Summary** | Team Debut: 2017 Kaohsiung, TPE Challenger | 14-14 career team record | 2 Finals Together

- Purcell and Saville are into the 2020 Nur-Sultan final after wins over WC Golubev/Nedovyesov, Bambridge/Sharan and [4] McLachlan/Skugor. They have dropped 1 set so far (6-1).
- No. 2 seeds are into their 2nd final of the season. They were Tour-level finalists for the 1st time in 2020 Australian Open (l. to Ram/Salisbury).
- Last week they reached the semi-finals at Cologne-2 where they lost to Klaasen/McLachlan. They also made QFs in ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l. to Melzer/Roger-Vasselin) and Kitzbuhel (l. to Krajicek/Skugor).
- Captured their 9th title on ATP Challenger Tour as a pairing at Bendigo-1, AUS (d. Erlich/Vasilevski).
- They are No. 8 in the ATP Doubles Team Rankings and they are trying to qualify for the Nitto ATP Finals in London.
- No. 41 Purcell (Career-High No. 39) and No. 38 (Career-High No. 37) Saville are both 0-1 in ATP Tour doubles finals.



## ASTANA OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 6 – SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020

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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: SATURDAY SEMI-FINAL SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [4] John Millman (AUS) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

17 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	John Millman	5-7 6-4 7-6(5)
19 Sydney (Australia)	Hard	R32	John Millman	4-6 7-6(5) 7-5
20 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Frances Tiafoe	7-6(6) 3-6 1-6 6-3 6-3
<b>Other Meetings</b>				
16 London / Queen's Club Q (Great Britain)	Grass	Q1	Frances Tiafoe	6-4 6-3

#### Millman Leads 2-1

**Millman 2020 Summary** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | 14-11 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan SF) | 83-101 in Career (2 Finals)

- Opened with a 63 64 win over Verdasco and followed with a 67(5) 64 76(5) win over [7] Paul (saved 2 MPs) to reach 4th SF of career (2-1).
- No. 3 Aussie is seeking 1st final since 2019 Tokyo as Q (d. Opelka in SF, l. to No. 1 Djokovic).
- This week, has held serve 22 of 27 games (81%), saving 6 of 11 break pts. (55%).
- Advanced to Auckland QF (d. Khachanov, l. to Paire).
- Reached Australian Open 3R for 2nd time (l. to 6-time champion Federer in 5th-set TB).
- Suffered 2R losses at Cincinnati/NY (d. Mannarino, l. to Isner), US Open (d. Basilashvili, l. to Tiafoe in 5 sets), Rome (d. J. Sousa, l. to eventual finalist Schwartzman) and Cologne-2 (d. Verdasco, l. to eventual champion A. Zverev).
- Went 2-0 to help Team Australia advance to ATP Cup SF (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).
- Also went 2-0 to lead Australia to 3-1 win over Brazil in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Seyboth Wild and Monteiro).
- Withdrew from Montpellier and Rotterdam due to calf tear.

**Tiafoe 2020 Summary** | Age: 22 | World No. 64 | 9-10 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan SF) | 69-94 in Career (1 Title)

- Defeated Moutet, [2] Kecmanovic and Gerasimov en route to his 3rd ATP Tour SF of career (2-0). Seeking 1st final since 2018 Estoril (d. Carreno Busta in SF, l. to J. Sousa in final).
- No. 2 this week in aces (18) and No. 3 in 1st serve return pts. won (36%).
- By beating Gerasimov in quarter-final, ended 7-match losing streak in ATP Tour QF.
- Earned 2nd win of career in 5 sets en route to US Open 4R (d. Millman in 2R, l. to Medvedev).
- At age 22, became youngest American to reach US Open 4R since Young, 22, in 2011.
- Advanced to Delray Beach QF (d. Paul, l. to Humbert).
- Suffered 1R losses at 7 events, including Australian Open (l. to Medvedev) and Roland Garros (l. to Struff in 5 sets).
- Captured 5th ATP Challenger Tour title of career at Parma, ITA during 2nd week of Roland Garros (d. Caruso).

#### [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA)

#### First Meeting

**Ruusuvuori 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 98 | 6-8 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan SF) | 11-12 in Career (Nur-Sultan SF)

- Qualified for the third straight week and fifth time overall this season. Defeated WC Skatov, [8] Thompson and Kukushkin to reach his 1st ATP Tour semi-final.
- Trying to become 1st Finnish player to reach an ATP Tour final since Jarkko Nieminen in 2013 Dusseldorf (l. to J. Monaco).
- Leads tournament this week in 1st serve pts. won (84%) and No. 2 in 1st serve return pts. won (40%) and No. 2 in 2nd serve return pts. won (62%) and No. 2 in return games won (14 of 29, 48%).
- Qualified at Cologne-1 (l. to Davidovich Fokina in 1R) and Antwerp (l. to Norrie in 1R).
- Broke into Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 August and achieved career-high No. 91 on 14 September.
- Won 5-setter over Bedene in Grand Slam debut at US Open (ret. vs. Ruud in 2R due to right leg injury).
- Earned win over Korda in ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (l. to Berrettini in 2R).
- Beat Novak in ATP Tour debut at Montpellier as Q (l. to Gombos in 2R).
- Defeated Top-100 players Sinner and Koepfer en route to Bendigo, AUS-1 Challenger final (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Retired in Dubai qualifying 2R vs. Harris due to viral illness.

**Mannarino 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 39 | 8-14 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan SF) | 197-233 in Career (1 Title)

- Appearing in his 1st SF of the season (9-6 in previous SFs). Seeking 1st ATP Tour final since 2019 Moscow (l. to Rublev).
- Did not face break points in his 2R win over Q Sugita and defeated McDonald (saved 6/7 break points) in QF.
- Leads tournament this week in service games won (15 of 16, 94%), break pts. saved (6 of 7, 86%), 1st serve return pts. won (42%), 2nd serve return pts. won (73%) and return games won (9 of 15, 60%).
- Frenchman is coming off his first ATP Tour QF of the season in Cologne-2 last week (l. to eventual champion A. Zverev).
- Advanced to QFs in back-to-back weeks for 1st time since June 2018 at Queen's Club/London (QF) and Antalya (F).
- Advanced to US Open 3R for 4th time (l. to eventual finalist A. Zverev).
- Reached 2R at Montpellier (l. to eventual champion Monfils) and Acapulco (l. to Dimitrov after holding 2 MPs).
- Suffered 9th Roland Garros 1R loss (l. to Ramos-Vinolas).
- Did not lose more than 6 games in any of his 5 matches en route to 14th Challenger title at Monterrey, MEX.

## ATP HEAD2HEADS: POTENTIAL FINALS

### [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [4] John Millman (AUS)

19 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	R32	John Millman
20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	John Millman

### Millman Leads 2-0

4-6	6-3	6-4
4-6	6-4	7-6(2)

### [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

16 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Adrian Mannarino
18 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Frances Tiafoe

### Series Tied 1-1

7-6(4)	7-5
6-1	6-4 4-6 6-4

### [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [4] John Millman (AUS)

### First Meeting

### [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

### First Meeting



## ASTANA OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 5 – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2020

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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY QUARTER-FINAL SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### Egor Gerasimov (BLR) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

#### First Meeting

**Gerasimov 2020 Summary** | Age: 27 | World No. 83 | 12-8 in 2020 (Pune Final) | 41-24 in Career (1 Final)

- No. 1 player from Belarus advanced to 1st ATP Tour final of career at Pune (l. to Vesely) in February.
- Has wins this week over Harris 63 36 76(3) and Vesely 46 63 64 en route to his 2nd quarter-final of the season.
- Last week reached 2R at Cologne-2 as Q (d. Altmaier, l. to Auger-Aliassime).
- Achieved career-high No. 65 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 February.
- Qualified and earned biggest win of career over No. 10 Goffin in Marseille 2R (l. to Auger-Aliassime in QF).
- Won 5th-set TB vs. Ruud in Aus. Open debut (l. to A. Zverev in 2R). Also reached US Open 2R (l. to Thompson).
- Defeated Kohlschreiber and fell to Struff during Belarus' 4-1 loss to Germany in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

**Tiafoe 2020 Summary** | Age: 22 | World No. 64 | 8-10 in 2020 (Delray Beach, here QFs) | 68-94 in Career (2018 Delray Title)

- Opened with 63 62 win over Moutet and trying to reach 2nd ATP Tour quarter-final of the season.
- Advanced to Delray Beach QF (l. to Humbert). Owns 2-8 career record in tour-level QFs with 7 straight losses.
- Earned 2nd win of career in 5 sets en route to US Open 4R (d. Millman in 2R, l. to Medvedev).
- At age 22, became youngest American to reach US Open 4R since Young, 22, in 2011.
- Suffered 1R losses at 7 events, including Australian Open (l. to Medvedev) and Roland Garros (l. to Struff in 5 sets).
- Captured 5th ATP Challenger Tour title of career at Parma, ITA during 2nd week of Roland Garros (d. Caruso).

#### [7] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [4] John Millman (AUS)

#### First Meeting

**Paul 2020 Summary** | Age: 23 | World No. 59 | 14-11 in 2020 (Adelaide SF) | 25-26 in Career (2020 Adelaide SF)

- This week has posted wins over Travaglia 76(2) 63 and Albot 64 60 en route to his 3rd ATP Tour QF of the season.
- Has a 5-6 record since tour resumption in August with 2R in Hamburg as Q, Roland Garros and Sardinia.
- Broke into Top 60 and achieved career-high No. 57 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 2 March.
- Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at Adelaide as Q (l. to Harris).
- Earned biggest win of career over No. 7 A. Zverev to reach Acapulco QF as Q (l. to Isner).
- Posted 1st Grand Slam win (d. Mayer) and 1st win in 5-setter (d. Dimitrov) to reach Aus. Open 3R (l. to Fucsovics).
- Qualified at Hamburg (l. to eventual champion Rublev in 2R), then reached Roland Garros 2R (l. to Ruud in 5 sets).
- Rallied from 5-0 down in 3rd set and saved 2 MPs vs. Martin in Sardinia 1R (l. to Cecchinato in 2R).
- Reached Roland Garros doubles QF in team debut w/Monroe (d. Kubot/Melo & Cuevas/Lopez, l. to Koolhof/Mektic).
- Defeated Istomin in Davis Cup debut to cap USA's 4-0 win over Uzbekistan in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

**Millman 2020 Summary** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | 13-11 in 2020 (Auckland, here QF) | 82-101 in Career (2 Finals)

- No. 3 Aussie has a 5-7 record since tour resumption with 2R at Cincinnati/NY (d. Mannarino, l. to Isner), US Open (d. Basilashvili, l. to Tiafoe in 5 sets), Rome (d. J. Sousa, l. to eventual finalist Schwartzman) and Cologne-2 (d. Verdasco, l. to A. Zverev). Beat Verdasco 63 64 in his opening match on Wednesday.
- Advanced to Auckland QF (d. Khachanov, l. to Paire) and trying to reach his first SF since last October when he was a finalist in Tokyo (l. to Djokovic).
- Reached Australian Open 3R for 2nd time (l. to 6-time champion Federer in 5th-set TB).
- Went 2-0 to help Team Australia advance to ATP Cup SF (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).
- Also went 2-0 to lead Australia to 3-1 win over Brazil in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Seyboth Wild and Monteiro).
- Withdrew from Montpellier and Rotterdam due to calf tear.



### [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [PR] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) First Meeting

**Mannarino 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 39 | 7-14 in 2020 (Cologne-2 QF) | 196-233 in Career (1 Title)

- Frenchman is coming off his first ATP Tour QF of the season in Cologne-2 last week (l. to eventual champ Zverev).
- This is first time he's advanced to QFs in back-to-back weeks since June 2018 at Queen's Club/London (QF) and Antalya (F). Trying to reach first SF since Moscow last October when he was runner-up (l. to Rublev).
- Advanced to US Open 3R for 4th time (l. to eventual finalist A. Zverev).
- Reached 2R at Montpellier (l. to eventual champion Monfils) and Acapulco (l. to Dimitrov after holding 2 MPs).
- Suffered 9th Roland Garros 1R loss (l. to Ramos-Vinolas).
- Did not lose more than 6 games in any of his 5 matches en route to 14th Challenger title at Monterrey, MEX.

**McDonald 2020 Summary** | Age: 25 | World No. 209 | 4-7 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan QF) | 23-36 Career (2019 Delray Beach SF)

- Opened Wednesday with a 63 62 win over local hero [6] Bublik and followed with a 36 63 63 win over [WC] Seppi. Appearing in 1st ATP Tour QF since February 2019 in Acapulco (l. to Norrie). His last and only SF came in Delray Beach the week before Acapulco. He beat Fritz in 1R, No. 4 Del Potro in QF before losing to eventual champ Albot.
- Last week qualified at Istanbul Challenger and reached QF (l. to Klizan).
- Returned to scene of hamstring injury and reached Roland Garros 2R (l. to 13-time champion Nadal).
- Ended 5-match tour-level losing streak by reaching Delray Beach 2R (d. Uchiyama, l. to eventual champion Opelka).
- Qualified at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati. Lost to former college teammate Giron in 1R.
- Blew 2-set lead vs. Ruud in US Open 1R. Reached US Open doubles QF w/Eubanks as WC (l. to Ram/Salisbury).
- Returned in Auckland qualifying following 7-month hiatus due to right hamstring injury (l. to M. Ymer in Q2).

### Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) vs [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) First Meeting

**Kukushkin 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 91 | 6-9 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan QF) | 166-208 Career (2010 St. Petersburg Winner)

- No. 2 player from Kazakhstan opened with a 67(5) 63 62 win over Delbonis and rallied to beat [1] Paire 67(4) 76(2) 61 (trailed 1-4 in 2nd set) and reach his first ATP Tour QF since St. Petersburg in September 2019 (l. to Sousa).
- Trying to advance to his first SF since February 2019 in Marseille where he was runner-up (d. Shapovalov in 2R, Rublev in QF, Humbert in SF, l. to No. 12 Tsitsipas).
- Snapped 6-match losing streak by reaching US Open 3R for 5th time (d. Balazs and Garin, l. to Thompson).
- Advanced to 2R at Doha (l. to Rublev) and Roland Garros (d. No. 15 Fognini, l. to Martinez). Qualified at Rotterdam (l. to Simon in 1R).
- Reached 1st Grand Slam doubles SF and 3rd tour-level doubles SF at Aus. Open w/Bublik (l. to Purcell/Saville).
- Lost to Haase before Kazakhstan rallied for 3-1 win over The Netherlands in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

**Ruusuvuori 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 98 | 5-8 in 2020 (Nur-Sultan QF) | 10-12 in Career (Nur-Sultan QF)

- Top player from Finland qualified for the third straight week and fifth time overall this season. Opened with 62 60 win over [WC] Skatov and followed with a 62 36 64 victory over [8] Thompson to reach his 1st ATP Tour quarter-final.
- Trying to become first Finnish player to reach an ATP Tour SF since Jarkko Nieminen in Kuala Lumpur in September 2014 (l. to No. 8 Nishikori).
- Last two weeks qualified at Cologne-1 (l. to Davidovich Fokina in 1R) and Antwerp (l. to Norrie in 1R).
- Broke into Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 August and achieved career-high No. 91 on 14 September.
- Won 5-setter over Bedene in Grand Slam debut at US Open (ret. vs. Ruud in 2R due to right leg injury).
- Earned win over Korda in ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (l. to Berrettini in 2R).
- Beat Novak in ATP Tour debut at Montpellier as Q (l. to Gombos in 2R).
- Defeated Top-100 players Sinner and Koepfer en route to Bendigo, AUS-1 Challenger final (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Retired in Dubai qualifying 2R vs. Harris due to viral illness.



## ASTANA OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 4 – THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2020

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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [8] Jordan Thompson (AUS)

#### First Meeting

**Ruusuvuori 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 98 | 4-8 in 2020 (4 times in 2R) | 9-12 in Career (4 times in 2R)

- Third straight week he qualified and fifth time overall this season. Last two weeks at Cologne-1 (l. to Davidovich Fokina in 1R) and Antwerp (l. to Norrie in 1R). Opened with 62 60 win over [WC] Skatov. Trying to reach 1st ATP QF.
- Broke into Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 August and achieved career-high No. 91 on 14 September.
- Won 5-setter over Bedene in Grand Slam debut at US Open (ret. vs. Ruud in 2R due to right leg injury).
- Earned win over Korda in ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (l. to Berrettini in 2R).
- Beat Novak in ATP Tour debut at Montpellier as Q (l. to Gombos in 2R).
- Defeated Top-100 players Sinner and Koepfer en route to Bendigo, AUS-1 Challenger final (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Retired in Dubai qualifying 2R vs. Harris due to viral illness.

**Thompson 2020 Summary** | Age: 26 | World No. 60 | 9-10 in 2020 (New York QF) | 52-72 in Career (1 Final)

- No. 4 Aussie opened with a 57 76(6) 62 win over Norrie in 1R and trying to reach second QF of the season.
- Defeated 6-foot-11 Karlovic and 6-foot-10 Isner to reach New York QF (l. to Seppi).
- Advanced to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at US Open (l. to Coric).
- Fell to 2-8 lifetime in 5-setters with Australian Open 2R loss to Fognini.
- Defeated Monteiro to help Australia beat Brazil 3-1 in Davis Cup Qualifiers.
- Retired in Delray Beach 1R vs. Kecmanovic and withdrew from Acapulco due to neck injury.

#### [3] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [Q] Yuichi Sugita (JPN)

#### Mannarino Leads 2-1

17 Antalya (Turkey)	Grass	F	Yuichi Sugita	6-1	7-6(4)
17 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Adrian Mannarino	6-1	5-7 4-6 7-6(2) 6-2
17 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	QF	Adrian Mannarino	6-2	6-4

#### Other meetings:

12 Nottingham-2 CH (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Yuichi Sugita	6-4	3-6 7-6(3)
17 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q	Clay	--	Adrian Mannarino	6-3	6-4

**Mannarino 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 39 | 6-14 in 2020 (Cologne-2 QF) | 195-233 in Career (1 Title)

- Frenchman is coming off his first ATP Tour QF of the season in Cologne-2 last week (l. to eventual champ Zverev).
- Last time he advanced to QFs in back-to-back weeks was June 2018 at Queen's Club/London (QF) and Antalya (F).
- Advanced to US Open 3R for 4th time (l. to eventual finalist A. Zverev).
- Reached 2R at Montpellier (l. to eventual champion Monfils) and Acapulco (l. to Dimitrov after holding 2 MPs).
- Suffered 9th Roland Garros 1R loss (l. to Ramos-Vinolas).
- Did not lose more than 6 games in any of his 5 matches en route to 14th Challenger title at Monterrey, MEX.

**Sugita 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 101 | 3-4 in 2020 (Pune QF) | 53-82 in Career (1 Title)

- Qualified and ousted [Q] Dzumhur 61 57 64 in the opening round. Trying to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF of the season.
- Advanced to Pune QF (l. to Berankis) and Australian Open 2R (l. to Rublev).
- Fell in 1R at US Open (l. to Humbert) and Roland Garros (l. to Ruud).
- Reached 20th ATP Challenger Tour final of career at Noumea, CAL (l. to Wolf).
- Also reached Bengaluru, IND Challenger QF (l. to Bonzi).

**[WC] Andreas Seppi (ITA) vs [PR] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) McDonald Leads 1-0**  
18 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands) Grass R32 Mackenzie McDonald 6-4 6-2

**Seppi 2020 Summary** | Age: 36 | World No. 103 | 7-6 in 2020 (New York Final) | 377-403 in Career (3 Titles)

- Opened with a 63 16 63 win over [Q] Karatsev and trying to reach 2nd ATP Tour quarter-final of the season.
- Advanced to 10th ATP Tour final of career at New York (d. Dzumhur in 1R after saving 1 MP, l. to Edmund).
- Played in 61st straight Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. to Korda in 1R) -- 4th-longest streak of all-time behind Lopez' 74 (active), Verdasco's 67 and Federer's 65.
- Reached 2R at Auckland (l. to Edmund) and Australian Open (l. to Wawrinka in 5 sets).
- Suffered 1R losses at US Open (l. to Tiafoe), Roland Garros (l. to Korda) and Sardinia (l. to Delbonis).
- Fell to No. 103 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 19 October -- lowest since No. 111 on 09 July 2007.
- Withdrew from Delray Beach due to left leg injury.

**McDonald 2020 Summary** | Age: 25 | World No. 209 | 3-7 in 2020 (3 times in 2R) | 22-36 Career (2019 Delray Beach SF)

- Opened on Wednesday with a 63 62 win over local favorite [6] Bublik. Trying to reach 1st ATP Tour QF since February 2019 in Acapulco (l. to Norrie).
- Returned to scene of hamstring injury and reached Roland Garros 2R (l. to 13-time champion Nadal).
- Last week qualified at Istanbul Challenger and reached QF (l. to Klizan).
- Ended 5-match tour-level losing streak by reaching Delray Beach 2R (d. Uchiyama, l. to eventual champion Opelka).
- Qualified at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati. Lost to former college teammate Giron in 1R.
- Blew 2-set lead vs. Ruud in US Open 1R. Reached US Open doubles QF w/Eubanks as WC (l. to Ram/Salisbury).
- Returned in Auckland qualifying following 7-month hiatus due to right hamstring injury (l. to M. Ymer in Q2).

**[1] Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) First Meeting**

**Paire 2020 Summary** | Age: 31 | World No. 28 | 10-12 in 2020 (Auckland Final) | 224-238 in Career (3 Titles)

- No. 2 Frenchman (behind No. 11 Monfils) is trying to turn things around after an 1-5 record upon tour resumption.
- His only win came at Roland Garros (d. Kwon, l. to Coria) last month.
- Advanced to 9th ATP Tour final of career at Auckland (l. to Humbert in 3rd-set TB).
- Loss to Humbert marked 9th straight season with an All-French final on ATP Tour (14 of last 15 seasons).
- Broke back into Top 20 of FedEx ATP Rankings on 3 February for 1st time since 2 May 2016.
- Went 2-1 for Team France at ATP Cup including loss to Anderson in 3rd-set TB after holding 1 MP.
- Lost 5th-set TB to Cilic in Australian Open 2R. Saved 4 MPs vs. Cilic in Dubai 1R (l. to Gasquet in 2R).
- Played in Australia (2 events), New Zealand, India, The Netherlands, France and UAE prior to pandemic.
- Retired vs. Coric in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R due to illness and vs. Ruud in Hamburg 1R due to dizziness.
- Withdrew from US Open after testing positive for COVID-19.

**Kukushkin 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 91 | 5-9 in 2020 (US Open 3R) | 165-208 Career (2010 St. Petersburg Winner)

- No. 2 player from Kazakhstan opened with a 67(5) 63 62 win over Delbonis and trying to reach his first ATP Tour since St. Petersburg in September 2019 (l. to Sousa).
- Snapped 6-match losing streak by reaching US Open 3R for 5th time (d. Balazs and Garin, l. to Thompson).
- Advanced to 2R at Doha (l. to Rublev) and Roland Garros (d. No. 15 Fognini, l. to Martinez). Qualified at Rotterdam (l. to Simon in 1R).
- Reached 1st Grand Slam doubles SF and 3rd tour-level doubles SF at Aus. Open w/Bublik (l. to Purcell/Saville).
- Lost to Haase before Kazakhstan rallied for 3-1 win over The Netherlands in Davis Cup Qualifiers.





## ASTANA OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020

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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY FIRST & SECOND ROUND MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### 2R:

#### Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs [2] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

**Tiafoe Leads 1-0**

19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R64 Frances Tiafoe

7-6(6) 7-6(5)

#### Other meeting:

18 Newport Beach CH (United States) Hard R32 Miomir Kecmanovic 6-4 3-6 6-3

**Tiafoe 2020 Summary** | Age: 22 | World No. 64 | 7-10 in 2020 (Delray Beach QF) | 67-94 in Career (2018 Delray Beach Title)

- Opened with 63 62 win over Moutet and trying to reach 2nd ATP Tour quarter-final of the season.
- Advanced to Delray Beach QF (l. to Humbert). Owns 2-8 career record in tour-level QFs with 7 straight losses.
- Earned 2nd win of career in 5 sets en route to US Open 4R (d. Millman in 2R, l. to Medvedev).
- At age 22, became youngest American to reach US Open 4R since Young, 22, in 2011.
- Suffered 1R losses at 7 events, including Australian Open (l. to Medvedev) and Roland Garros (l. to Struff in 5 sets).
- Captured 5th ATP Challenger Tour title of career at Parma, ITA during 2nd week of Roland Garros (d. Caruso).

**Kecmanovic 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 40 | 16-10 in 2020 (Kitzbuhel **Winner**) | 40-34 Career (2020 Kitzbuhel Winner)

- Captured 1st ATP Tour title at Kitzbuhel (d. Hanfmann) during 2nd week of US Open (l. to Bautista Agut in 2R).
- Broke into Top 40 and achieved career-high No. 39 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 14 September.
- Since title, has a 2-4 record with 2R in St. Petersburg (d. Kukushkin, l. to Norrie) and Cologne-2 (d. Nagal, l. to Mannarino). Lost in 1R in Rome (l. to Nishioka) and Roland Garros (l. to Schwartzman).
- Fell to eventual champions in 2nd ATP Tour SF at Doha (l. to Rublev) and 3rd SF at New York (l. to Edmund).
- Also lost to eventual champion Nadal in Acapulco 2R.

#### 2R:

#### Fernando Verdasco (ESP) vs [4] John Millman (AUS)

**Series Tied 1-1**

19 Eastbourne (Great Britain) Grass R32 Fernando Verdasco 6-7(3) 6-4 6-1

20 Cologne 2 (Germany) Hard R32 John Millman 6-4 6-2

**Verdasco 2020 Summary** | Age: 36 | World No. 61 | 6-6 in 2020 (Doha QF) | 552-422 in Career (7 Titles)

- Playing 3rd straight week: 2R in Cologne-1 (d. Murray, l. to Zverev) and 1R in Cologne-2 (l. to Millman). Opened with 64 76(5) win over Duckworth on Monday. Trying to reach 2nd quarter-final of the season.
- Missed US Open, ending streak of 67 straight Grand Slams played -- 2nd-longest all-time behind Lopez' 74 (active).
- Also missed Roland Garros after testing positive for COVID-19.
- Advanced to Australian Open 3R-or-better for 7th time (d. Basilashvili, l. to A. Zverev in 3R).
- Reached only QF of season in opening week at Doha (l. to Moutet).
- Withdrew from Adelaide due to left knee injury, Buenos Aires due to illness and Santiago due to knee injury.

**Millman 2020 Summary** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | 12-11 in 2020 (Auckland QF) | 81-101 in Career (2 Finals)

- No. 3 Aussie has a 4-7 record since tour resumption with 2R at Cincinnati/NY (d. Mannarino, l. to Isner), US Open (d. Basilashvili, l. to Tiafoe in 5 sets), Rome (d. J. Sousa, l. to eventual finalist Schwartzman) and Cologne-2 (d. Verdasco, l. to A. Zverev).
- Reached Australian Open 3R for 2nd time (l. to 6-time champion Federer in 5th-set TB).
- Advanced to Auckland QF (d. Khachanov, l. to Paire), his best result of the season.
- Went 2-0 to help Team Australia advance to ATP Cup SF (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).
- Also went 2-0 to lead Australia to 3-1 win over Brazil in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Seyboth Wild and Monteiro).
- Withdrew from Montpellier and Rotterdam due to calf tear.

## 1R:

### Federico Delbonis (ARG) vs Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ)

**Delbonis Leads 1-0**

14 Nice (France) Clay R32 Federico Delbonis 7-5 6-3

#### Other meeting:

13 US Open Q (U.S.A.) Hard -- Mikhail Kukushkin 6-4 6-2

**Delbonis 2020 Summary** | Age: 30 | World No. 76 | 9-10 in 2020 (Three QFs) | 130-151 in Career (2 Titles)

- Has advanced to QFs in three clay court tournaments: Santiago (l. to eventual finalist Ruud), Kitzbuhel as Q (l. to eventual champion Kecmanovic) and Sardinia (l. to Petrovic).
- Snapped 6-match tour-level losing streak by beating J. Sousa in Australian Open 1R (l. to No. 1 Nadal in 2R).
- Squandered 1 MP in Roland Garros 1R and lost to countryman Londero 14-12 in 5th set after 4 hours, 54 minutes.
- Defeated Italians Seppi, Lorenzi and Cecchinato to reach Parma, ITA Challenger SF (l. to Tiafoe).

**Kukushkin 2020 Summary** | Age: 32 | World No. 91 | 4-9 in 2020 (US Open 3R) | 164-208 Career (2010 St. Petersburg Winner)

- Snapped 6-match losing streak by reaching US Open 3R for 5th time (d. Balazs and Garin, l. to Thompson).
- Advanced to 2R at Doha (l. to Rublev) and Roland Garros (d. No. 15 Fognini, l. to Martinez). Qualified at Rotterdam (l. to Simon in 1R).
- Reached 1st Grand Slam doubles SF and 3rd tour-level doubles SF at Aus. Open w/Bublik (l. to Purcell/Saville).
- Lost to Haase before Kazakhstan rallied for 3-1 win over The Netherlands in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

## 1R:

### [PR] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs [6] Alexander Bublik (KAZ)

**Bublik Leads 1-0**

20 St. Petersburg (Russia) Hard R32 Alexander Bublik 2-6 7-6(2) 6-4

**McDonald 2020 Summary** | Age: 25 | World No. 209 | 2-7 in 2020 (2 times in 2R) | 21-36 Career (2019 Delray Beach SF)

- Returned to scene of hamstring injury and reached Roland Garros 2R (l. to 13-time champion Nadal).
- Last week qualified at Istanbul Challenger and reached QF (l. to Klizan).
- Ended 5-match tour-level losing streak by reaching Delray Beach 2R (d. Uchiyama, l. to eventual champion Opelka).
- Qualified at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati. Lost to former college teammate Giron in 1R.
- Blew 2-set lead vs. Ruud in US Open 1R. Reached US Open doubles QF w/Eubanks as WC (l. to Ram/Salisbury).
- Returned in Auckland qualifying following 7-month hiatus due to right hamstring injury (l. to M. Ymer in Q2).

**Bublik 2020 Summary** | Age: 23 | World No. 49 | 14-14 in 2020 (Marseille SF) | 35-38 in Career (2 Finals)

- No. 1 player from Kazakhstan achieved a career-high No. 47 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 February.
- Advanced to 3rd ATP Tour SF of career at Marseille (d. Paire and Shapovalov, l. to eventual champion Tsitsipas).
- Went 0-4 upon tour resumption before reaching 1st ATP 500 QF of career at Hamburg as LL (d. Auger-Aliassime, l. to Garin).
- Then defeated No. 9 Monfils for biggest win of career in Roland Garros 1R (l. to Sonogo in 2R) and followed with 2R in St. Petersburg (d. McDonald, l. to Raonic).
- Beat T. Griekspoor and Haase to lead Kazakhstan to 3-1 win over The Netherlands in Davis Cup Qualifiers.
- Appeared in 1st tour-level doubles SF at Australian Open with countryman Kukushkin (l. to Purcell/Saville).

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## 2R:

### [7] Tommy Paul (USA) vs Radu Albot (MDA)

**First Tour Level Meeting**

#### Other meeting:

16 Acapulco Q (Mexico) Clay -- Tommy Paul 1-6 7-6(4) 6-2

## 2R:

### Jiri Vesely (CZE) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

**Vesely Leads 1-0**

20 Pune (India) Hard F Jiri Vesely 7-6(2) 5-7 6-3

#### Other meeting:

19 Dubai Q (U.A.E.) Hard -- Egor Gerasimov 7-6(5) 6-4



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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [5] Tennys Sandgren (USA) vs Jiri Vesely (CZE)

First Tour-Level Meeting

##### Other Meetings

17 Prostějov CH (Czech Republic)	Clay	SF	Jiri Vesely	6-2 6-2
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**Sandgren 2020 Summary** | Age: 29 | World No. 48 | 8-11 in 2020 (Australian Open QF) | 39-54 in Career (1 Title)

- Fell in 1R at Cologne-2 (l. to Herbert) and St. Petersburg (l. to Karatsev).
- Beat Berrettini and Fognini en route to 2nd Australian Open QF (l. to 6-time champion Federer after holding 7 MPs).
- Reached 2018 Australian Open QF as World No. 97 and 2020 Australian Open QF as World No. 100.
- Lowest-ranked Australian Open quarter-finalist since No. 105 Tillstrom in 1996.
- Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 R16 for 1st time at Cincinnati as WC (d. Auger-Aliassime, l. to No. 1 Djokovic).
- Saved 2 MPs and won 11-9 in 5th against Hurkacz in Roland Garros 1R (l. to Galan in 2R).
- Qualified at ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l. to Caruso in 1R after squandering 1 MP) and Hamburg (l. to Rublev in 1R).
- Withdrew from Delray Beach and Acapulco qualifying due to left knee injury.

**Vesely 2020 Summary** | Age: 27 | World No. 66 | 11-5 in 2020 (Pune Title) | 121-136 in Career (2 Titles)

- Saved 2 MPs vs. Ivashka and 4 MPs vs. Berankis en route to 2nd ATP Tour title of career at Pune (d. Gerasimov).
- Reached 2nd QF of the season at Sardinia (d. Majchrzak and Sonogo, l. to eventual champion Djere).
- Suffered 2R losses at Hamburg as Q (d. 2011 champion Simon, l. to Humbert) and Roland Garros (l. to Khachanov).
- Advanced to Pau, FRA Challenger SF (l. to Janowicz) and Bangkok, THA-2 Challenger QF (l. to Gaio).
- Lost in Prostějov, CZE Challenger 2R as 3-time champion (l. to Vukic).
- Defeated Kovalik and Martin to lead Czech Republic to 3-1 win over Slovakia in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

#### Lloyd Harris (RSA) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

Gerasimov Leads 1-0

19 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Egor Gerasimov	7-5 7-6(5) 7-6(3)
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##### Other Meetings

18 Karshi CH (Uzbekistan)	Hard	QF	Egor Gerasimov	6-1 3-6 6-3
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**Harris 2020 Summary** | Age: 23 | World No. 80 | 12-11 in 2020 (Adelaide Final) | 32-32 in Career (1 Final)

- Reached QFs as Q at Cologne-1 (l. to eventual champion A. Zverev) and Antwerp (l. to eventual champion Humbert).
- Qualified and advanced to 1st ATP Tour final of career at Adelaide (l. to Rublev).
- Became No. 1 African on 6 January and achieved career-high No. 72 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 20 January.
- Also qualified at Dubai (l. to Gasquet in 1R) and ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l. to Fritz in 1R).
- Lost to Top-10 players in 2R at US Open (l. to Goffin) and Roland Garros (l. to Berrettini).
- Posted 1-2 record for Team South Africa at ATP Cup (d. Jarry, l. to Lajovic and Simon).
- Went 1-1 during South Africa's 3-1 loss to Bosnia-Herzegovina in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Basic, ret. vs. Dzumhur).
- Retired in Forlì, ITA Challenger SF vs. Musetti (hip) and withdrew from Parma, ITA Challenger (right knee).

**Gerasimov 2020 Summary** | Age: 27 | World No. 83 | 10-8 in 2020 (Pune Final) | 39-24 in Career (1 Final)

- Last week reached 2R at Cologne-2 as Q (d. Altmaier, l. to Auger-Aliassime).
- No. 1 player from Belarus advanced to 1st ATP Tour final of career at Pune (l. to Vesely) in February.
- Achieved career-high No. 65 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 February.
- Qualified and earned biggest win of career over No. 10 Goffin in Marseille 2R (l. to Auger-Aliassime in QF).
- Won 5th-set TB vs. Ruud in Aus. Open debut (l. to A. Zverev in 2R). Also reached US Open 2R (l. to Thompson).
- Defeated Kohlschreiber and fell to Struff during Belarus' 4-1 loss to Germany in Davis Cup Qualifiers.

**[WC] Timofey Skatov (KAZ) vs [Q] Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)**

**First Meeting**

**Skatov 2020 Summary** | Age: 19 | World No. 438 | 0-0 in 2020 | 0-0 in Career (ATP Tour Debut)

- Making ATP Tour main draw debut at Nur-Sultan this week.
- Achieved career-high No. 438 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 26 October.
- Owns 28-9 record on ITF World Tennis Tour this season.
- Captured ITF World Tennis Tour titles at M15 Antalya, TUR, M15 Bucharest, ROU and M15 Melilla, ESP.
- Also reached ITF World Tennis Tour SF at M15 Sharm El Sheikh, EGY.

**Ruusuvuori 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 98 | 3-8 in 2020 (3 times in 2R) | 8-12 in Career (3 times in 2R)

- Qualified at Cologne-1 (l. to Davidovich Fokina in 1R) and Antwerp (l. to Norrie in 1R).
- Broke into Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings on 24 August and achieved career-high No. 91 on 14 September.
- Won 5-setter over Bedene in Grand Slam debut at US Open (ret. vs. Ruud in 2R due to right leg injury).
- Earned win over Korda in ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (l. to Berrettini in 2R).
- Beat Novak in ATP Tour debut at Montpellier as Q (l. to Gombos in 2R).
- Defeated Top-100 players Sinner and Koepfer en route to Bendigo, AUS-1 Challenger final (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Retired in Dubai qualifying 2R vs. Harris due to viral illness.

**[Q] Aslan Karatsev (RUS) vs [WC] Andreas Seppi (ITA)**

**First Meeting**

**Karatsev 2020 Summary** | Age: 27 | World No. 113 | 1-1 in 2020 (St. Petersburg 2R) | 2-8 in Career (2 2R)

- Earned 2nd tour-level win of career over Sandgren in St. Petersburg 1R (d. Youzhny in 2015 Moscow 1R as Q). Fell to Khachanov in 3 sets in St. Petersburg 2R.
- Achieved career-high No. 113 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 19 October 2020.
- Reached 3 ATP Challenger Tour finals in as many weeks following tour resumption. Fell to Wawrinka in Prague, CZE-1 final before winning titles at Prague, CZE-2 (d. T. Griekspoor) and Ostrava, CZE (d. Otte).
- Also advanced to Bangkok, THA-1 Challenger final in 1st tournament of season (l. to Balazs in 3rd-set TB).

**Seppi 2020 Summary** | Age: 36 | World No. 103 | 6-6 in 2020 (New York Final ) | 376-403 in Career (3 Titles)

- Played in 61st straight Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. to Korda in 1R) -- 4th-longest streak of all-time behind Lopez' 74 (active), Verdasco's 67 and Federer's 65.
- Advanced to 10th ATP Tour final of career at New York (d. Dzumhur in 1R after saving 1 MP, l. to Edmund).
- Reached 2R at Auckland (l. to Edmund) and Australian Open (l. to Wawrinka in 5 sets).
- Suffered 1R losses at US Open (l. to Tiafoe), Roland Garros (l. to Korda) and Sardinia (l. to Delbonis).
- Fell to No. 103 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 19 October -- lowest since No. 111 on 09 July 2007.
- Withdrew from Delray Beach due to left leg injury.

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**[Q] Damir Dzumhur (BIH) vs [Q] Yuichi Sugita (JPN)**

**First Meeting**



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## 2020 ASTANA OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2020 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Benoit Paire (FRA)	10-12 (Auckland Final)	224-238 (3 Titles)
2	Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)	16-10 (Kitzbuhel Title)	40-34 (2020 Kitzbuhel Title)
3	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	6-14 (Cologne-2 QF)	195-233 (2019 's-Hertogenbosch Title)
4	John Millman (AUS)	12-11 (Auckland QF)	81-101 (2 Finals)
5	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	8-11 (Australian Open QF)	39-54 (2019 Auckland Title)
6	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	14-14 (Marseille SF)	35-38 (2 Finals)
7	Tommy Paul (USA)	12-11 (Adelaide SF)	23-26 (2020 Adelaide SF)
8	Jordan Thompson (AUS)	8-10 (New York QF)	51-72 (2019 's-Hertogenbosch Final)

#### Finals

Sunday 1 November not before 4 pm

#### Qualifiers (4)

TBD on Monday

#### Wild Cards (3)

Dmitry Popko (KAZ), Andreas Seppi (ITA), Timofey Skatov (KAZ)

#### Protected Rankings (1)

Mackenzie McDonald (PR-83)

#### Oldest Player

Fernando Verdasco (36)

#### #NextGenATP (3)

Timofey Skatov (19), Miomir Kecmanovic (21), Corentin Moutet (21)

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

#### Kazakhstan (4)

Alexander Bublik, Mikhail Kukushkin, Dmitry Popko, Timofey Skatov

#### United States (4)

Mackenzie McDonald, Tommy Paul, Tennys Sandgren, Frances Tiafoe

#### Australia (3)

James Duckworth, John Millman, Jordan Thompson

#### France (3)

Adrian Mannarino, Corentin Moutet, Benoit Paire

#### Italy (2)

Andreas Seppi, Stefano Travaglia

#### Argentina (1)

Federico Delbonis

#### Belarus (1)

Egor Gerasimov

#### Czech Republic (1)

Jiri Vesely

#### Great Britain (1)

Cameron Norrie

#### Moldova (1)

Radu Albot

#### Serbia (1)

Miomir Kecmanovic

#### South Africa (1)

Lloyd Harris

#### Spain (1)

Fernando Verdasco

NOTE: Qualifiers not included

## 2020 ASTANA OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	2020 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Sander Gille (BEL) Joran Vliegen (BEL)	12-14 (3 SFs) 12-14 (3 SFs)	41-33 (3 Titles) 43-35 (3 Titles)
2	Max Purcell (AUS) Luke Saville (AUS)	10-9 (Australian Open Final) 10-9 (Australian Open Final)	11-15 (2020 Australian Open Final) 12-21 (2020 Australian Open Final)
3	Marcus Daniell (NZL) Philipp Oswald (AUT)	12-9 (Sardinia Title) 11-9 (Sardinia Title)	126-111 (5 Titles) 140-138 (11 Titles)
4	Ben McLachlan (JPN) Franko Skugor (CRO)	14-11 (Auckland, Cologne-2 Titles) 13-11 (Kitzbuhel Title)	79-71 (6 Titles) 94-90 (6 Titles)

**Doubles Final:** Sunday 1 November at 2 pm



## FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Astana Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	13,410	11,210	9,135	7,480	6,650	5,455
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	6,080	5,040	4,030	3,230	2,650	--

\* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [WC] Dmitry Popko (KAZ) vs Radu Albot (MDA)

#### First Meeting

**Popko 2020 Summary** | Age: 24 | World No. 172 | 0-0 in 2020 (ATP Tour Debut) | 4-2 in Career (All in Davis Cup)  
 • Making ATP Tour debut on home soil as Nur-Sultan WC.  
 • Achieved career-high No. 165 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 31 August.  
 • Lost 3-setters in final round of qualifying at Australian Open (l. to Benchetrit) and Roland Garros (l. to Gomez).  
 • Reached ATP Challenger Tour SFs at Bangkok, THA-2 (l. to Gaio) and Prague, CZE-2 (l. to Karatsev).

**Albot 2020 Summary** | Age: 30 | World No. 85 | 3-9 in 2020 (Cologne-1 QF) | 76-100 in Career (2019 Delray Beach Title)  
 • Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF since 2019 Los Cabos at Cologne-1 in October (l. to Auger-Aliassime).  
 • Ended 0-7 start to season and 8-match losing streak overall at Roland Garros (d. Thompson, l. to Fritz in 2R).  
 • Squandered 1 MP vs. Sock in Delray Beach 1R as defending champion.  
 • Went 0-3 in singles for Team Moldova at ATP Cup (l. to Goffin, Dimitrov and Evans).  
 • Withdrew from Auckland, Aus. Open and Montpellier (right shoulder). Conceded W/O to Sinner in Rotterdam 1R (ill).

#### Fernando Verdasco (ESP) vs James Duckworth (AUS)

#### Verdasco Leads 2-0

15 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Fernando Verdasco	6-2 7-6(3)
15 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Fernando Verdasco	4-6 6-2 6-1

**Verdasco 2020 Summary** | Age: 36 | World No. 61 | 5-6 in 2020 (Doha QF) | 551-422 in Career (7 Titles)  
 • Missed US Open, ending streak of 67 straight Grand Slams played -- 2nd-longest all-time behind Lopez' 74 (active).  
 • Also missed Roland Garros after testing positive for COVID-19.  
 • Advanced to Australian Open 3R-or-better for 7th time (d. Basilashvili, l. to A. Zverev in 3R).  
 • Reached only QF of season in opening week at Doha (l. to Moutet).  
 • Withdrew from Adelaide due to left knee injury, Buenos Aires due to illness and Santiago due to knee injury.

**Duckworth 2020 Summary** | Age: 28 | World No. 97 | 4-7 in 2020 (Pune SF) | 25-53 in Career (2020 Pune SF)  
 • Achieved career-high No. 71 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 17 February.  
 • Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF of career at Pune (d. Daniel in 2R after saving 1 MP, l. to Gerasimov).  
 • Earned 1st tour-level win since 2018 Washington by defeating Delbonis in Auckland 1R (l. to Auger-Aliassime in 2R).  
 • Captured 11th ATP Challenger Tour title of career at Bengaluru, IND (d. Bonzi).  
 • Reached Aus. Open doubles QF w/Polmans (l. to Bublik/Kukushkin). Entered with 0-8 Grand Slam doubles record.  
 • Withdrew from Kitzbuhel qualifying due to shoulder injury.

## Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs Corentin Moutet (FRA)

20 Sardinia (Italy)

Clay R32 Corentin Moutet

## Moutet Leads 1-0

7-6(0) 6-4

- Tiafoe 2020 Summary** | Age: 22 | World No. 64 | 6-10 in 2020 (Delray Beach QF) | 66-94 in Career (2018 Delray Beach Title)
- Earned 2nd win of career in 5 sets en route to US Open 4R (d. Millman in 2R, l. to Medvedev).
  - At age 22, became youngest American to reach US Open 4R since Young, 22, in 2011.
  - Advanced to Delray Beach QF (l. to Humbert). Owns 2-8 career record in tour-level QFs with 7 straight losses.
  - Suffered 1R losses at 7 events, including Australian Open (l. to Medvedev) and Roland Garros (l. to Struff in 5 sets).
  - Captured 5th ATP Challenger Tour title of career at Parma, ITA during 2nd week of Roland Garros (d. Caruso).

**Moutet 2020 Summary** | Age: 21 | World No. 74 | 9-9 in 2020 (Doha Final) | 17-30 in Career (2020 Doha Final)

- Achieved career-high No. 69 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 14 September.
- Qualified and beat No. 15 Wawrinka for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Doha (l. to Rublev).
- Third qualifier in 28-year Doha tournament history to reach final (also Schuettler in 1999, Ulihrach in 2001).
- At age 20, became youngest Frenchman to reach an ATP Tour final since Gasquet, 20, at 2006 Lyon.
- Defeated higher-ranked opponents Vesely and Evans to reach US Open 3R (l. to Auger-Aliassime).
- Upset 2019 finalist Pella to reach Cordoba QF (l. to Martin). Squandered 2 MPs vs. Coria in Rio de Janeiro 1R.
- Lost to Giustino 18-16 in 5th set after 6 hours, 5 minutes in Roland Garros 1R. Served for match at 7-6, 14-13 and 15-14 in 5th set. Longest match at Roland Garros since 2004 1R (Santoro d. Clement in 6 hours, 33 minutes).
- Withdrew from Santiago due to shoulder injury.

## COURT 1

### [7] Tommy Paul (USA) vs Stefano Travaglia (ITA)

### First Meeting

### Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [8] Jordan Thompson (AUS)

18 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard R128 Cameron Norrie

7-5 4-6 6-4 6-3

19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)

Hard R128 Jordan Thompson

4-6 7-6(5) 6-3

19 Atlanta (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Cameron Norrie

7-6(3) 4-6 6-3

### Other Meeting

17 Binghamton CH (U.S.A.)

Hard F Cameron Norrie

6-4 0-6 6-4