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### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

#### CENTER COURT

#### [Q] Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) vs [3] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) First Meeting

**Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard** | Age: 20 | World No. 226 | Career-High No. 206 | 2023: 2-2 (Antwerp QF) | Antwerp: 2-0 (2023 QF)  
> Former World No. 26 junior broke into Top 500 in July 2022 and Top 300 in April 2023, earning career-high No. 206 in July 2023 soon after reaching SF at Salinas CH (l. to Marchenko).  
> In April 2023, qualified in back-to-back weeks in Mexican Challengers at San Luis Potosi with QF and 1st title in Leon (d. Ficovich). Afterwards his ranking improved from No. 330 to No. 229 on 17 April.  
> Advanced to first Challenger SF at 2022 Liberec as a qualifier and QF at Lima-2 PER.  
> Has 26-23 Challenger record (1-0 in finals), winning 1st title at 2023 Leon on hard courts.  
> Has 35-32 career record (1-2 in finals) on ITF World Tennis Tour with one clay court title at 2021 M25 Uriage.

**NOTE:** Mpetshi Perricard is playing in his 1st ATP Tour QF, seeking biggest win of career over No. 36 Bublik. He is set to make his Top 200 debut on Monday, advancing 32 spots to No. 194 on [Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings](#) and could go up to No. 171 with a SF win.

**Alexander Bublik** | Age: 26 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 25 | 2023: 19-25 (Halle Title) | Antwerp: 1-0 (2023 QF)  
> Achieved career-high No. 25 soon after capturing 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Halle, defeating 5 Top 25 players including No. 9 Sinner in QF and No. 7 Rublev in final to win the biggest title of career.  
> Earned biggest wins of career over A. Zverev as No. 3 in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final and as No. 7 in 2021 Rotterdam 1R.  
> Runner-up at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Singapore, 2022 Newport and 2022 Metz.  
> Posted personal-best 35 wins in 2021 and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at Miami and Madrid.  
> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

**NOTE:** Bublik recorded his 1st ATP Tour win on hard courts since February (d. Lazarov in Dubai 1R). He aims to reach his 13th ATP Tour SF (8-4) and 3rd of the season, after reaching Marseille SF and winning the title in Halle.

#### [Q] Maximilian Marterer (GER) vs Hugo Gaston (FRA) First Tour-Level Meeting

##### Other Meetings

20 Cherbourg CH (France)	Hard	R64	Maximilian Marterer	6-7(5) 6-4 6-4
20 Trieste CH (Italy)	Clay	R32	Maximilian Marterer	6-1 6-2

**Maximilian Marterer** | Age: 28 | World No. 127 | Career-High No. 45 | 2023: 8-4 (Pune, Antwerp QF) | Antwerp: 2-0 (2023 QF)  
> Former World No. 12 junior achieved career-high No. 45 in August 2018 before suffering left knee injury and falling as low as No. 379 in February 2020.  
> Defeated No. 16 Schwartzman for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Munich.  
> Ended 0-14 start to career in tour-level matches by advancing to 2018 Australian Open 3R, then went on to reach 2018 Roland Garros 4R.  
> Qualified at 7 Grand Slam events, including Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open in 2022.  
> Owns 148-107 Challenger record (8-3 in finals), winning most recent title at 2023 Amersfoort.

**NOTE:** Marterer aims to reach his 2nd ATP Tour SF, 5 years of reaching his first at 2018 Munich (l. to Kohlschreiber). He seeks to become the third qualifier in tournament history to reach the semi-finals after Tsitsipas in 2017 and Brooksby in 2021 (both l. to Schwartzman in SF).

**Hugo Gaston** | Age: 23 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 58 | 2023: 5-7 (Antwerp QF) | Antwerp: 2-0 (2023 QF)  
> Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.  
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.  
> At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.  
> As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.  
> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

**NOTE:** Gaston saved 3 MPs to oust No. 27 Struff in 2R and earn his 1st Top 50 win of the season. He is playing in his first ATP Tour QF since 2022 's-Hertogenbosch, aiming to reach 2nd SF of career after reaching 2021 Gstaad final.

### [1] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [5] Yannick Hanfmann (GER) **Hanfmann Leads 1-0**

23 Mallorca (Spain)	Grass	R16	Yannick Hanfmann	6-4 3-6 6-2
<b>Other Meetings</b>				
16 Austria F2 (Austria)	Clay	F	Yannick Hanfmann	6-4 6-4
17 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	Q2	Stefanos Tsitsipas	7-6(5) 7-6(5)

**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 25 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 44-19 (Los Cabos Title) | Antwerp: 4-1 (2017 SF)  
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 10 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 3 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).  
> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.  
> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.  
> Won 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).  
> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

**NOTE:** Tsitsipas aims to reach his 47th tour-level semi-final (27-19), fifth of the season (3-1), and first since winning the title in Los Cabos in July. He is 18-8 against German players, 0-2 in 2023 including the latest loss to Hanfmann at 2023 Mallorca 2R.

**Yannick Hanfmann** | Age: 31 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 45 | 2023: 23-19 (2 SFs) | Antwerp: 2-0 (2023 QF)  
> Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 45 in July 2023.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Mallorca en route to 6th ATP Tour SF.  
> Defeated No. 9 Fritz in 2R and No. 6 Rublev in 4R to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome.  
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.  
> Captured 1st Top 10 win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.  
> Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).  
> Captured 6 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

**NOTE:** Hanfmann seeks his 7th ATP Tour SF (2-4), third this season (0-2), and first on hard court. He is 4-10 vs. Top 10 players, 3-6 in 2023, aiming to capture first hard court Top 50 tour-level win of career (0-10).

### [4] Arthur Fils (FRA) vs [8] Juan Pablo Varillas (PER) **First Meeting**

**Arthur Fils** | Age: 19 | World No. 38 (Career-High) | 2023: 17-14 (Lyon Title) | Antwerp: 1-0 (2023 QF)  
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in January 2021, then achieved career-high No. 38 in October 2023.  
> Became youngest Frenchman at 18 years and 11 months to win an ATP Tour title since Gael Monfils at 2005 Sopot at 2023 Lyon as No. 112-ranked WC.  
> In February 2023, became the youngest Frenchman to reach an ATP Tour SF since Gasquet in 2004 at 2023 Montpellier (l. to Sinner) and advanced to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Marseille (l. to Bonzi).  
> Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris after beating Top-60 players Munar and Fognini in qualifying before losing to [LL] Fognini in 1R.

- > Defeated former Top-20 player Tomic in Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2021 Roland Garros as 16-year-old ranked 1,035th.
- > Also at 2021 Roland Garros, advanced to boys' singles final (l. to countryman Van Assche) and won the boys' doubles title w/Mpetshi Perricard, achieving career-high No. 3 in junior rankings during 2021 season.

**NOTE:** Fils is undefeated in ATP Tour QFs (3-0) with wins over Halys in 2023 Montpellier, Wawrinka in 2023 Marseille and Ruud in 2023 Hamburg, in addition to a W/O from Auger Aliassime in 2023 Lyon. He seeks his fifth ATP Tour SF (1-3) and third on indoor hard courts, all this season.

- Juan Pablo Varillas** | Age: 28 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 60 | 2023: 17-19 (Buenos Aires SF) | Antwerp: 2-0 (2023 QF)
- > Broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 60 in June 2023 after becoming the first Peruvian to reach Roland Garros 4R since Yzaga in 1994.
  - > Rallied from two sets down at Roland Garros 1R & 2R and defeated No. 14 Hurkacz in 3R for biggest win of career, becoming the 1st player since 2006 to reach 4R at the event with three 5-set wins.
  - > Came from qualifying and swept 10 straight sets to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Buenos Aires.
  - > Joined Horna, Yzaga, Di Laura and Arraya as 5th Peruvian to break into Top 100 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
  - > Boasts 117-81 Challenger record (5-5 in finals), ending 2022 season with most recent title at Sao Leopoldo.
  - > Squandered 2-set lead vs. Auger-Aliassime in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2022 Roland Garros as Q.

**NOTE:** Varillas is the first Peruvian to reach an ATP Tour QF on hard court since Horna at 2005 Washington (l. to Srichaphan). He is 5-16 vs. Top 50 players, 4-11 this season and 1-5 on hard courts, defeating No. 46 Kecmanovic at 2023 US Open 1R for lone win.

## PEPPERSTONE ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	Scenario
1	<b>Novak Djokovic (SRB)</b>	8,945	----
2	<b>Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)</b>	8,445	----
3	<b>Daniil Medvedev</b>	6,935	----
4	<b>Jannik Sinner (ITA)</b>	4,945	----
5	Andrey Rublev	4,275	----
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	3,660	Antwerp – +90 for QF win vs. Hanfmann on Friday
7	Alexander Zverev (GER)	3,415	Tokyo – Lost to Thompson in 1R
8	Holger Rune (DEN)	3,110	Stockholm – Lost to Kecmanovic in 2R
9	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,965	Tokyo – Lost to Mochizuki in 2R
10	Casper Ruud (NOR)	2,815	Tokyo – Lost to Giron in 2R
11	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	2,775	Tokyo – Lost to Zhang in 1R
12	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,595	Tokyo – Lost to Shelton in QF
13	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2,560	Tokyo – +90 for QF win vs. Karatsev on Friday
14	Karen Khachanov	2,205	Tokyo – Lost to Popyrin in 1R
15	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	2,175	Tokyo – Lost to Karatsev in 1R
16	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	1,970	----

**BOLD:** Qualified for 2023 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (12-19 November)