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RIO OPEN PRESENTED BY CLARO TALKING POINTS

- Former World No. 6, **Matteo Berrettini,** opens **Quadra Guga Kuerten**, who is making his second Rio appearance after run to 2022 QF. 29-year-old Italian is 22-5 on clay since the start of 2023 season, including titles in Marrakech, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in 2024. He takes on **Tomas Barrios Vera** who is 1 of four lucky losers in the main draw, most in tournament history, with LL **Dusan Lajovic** awaiting in second round.

- 19-year-old and No. 3 seed **Joao Fonseca** earned his 1st ATP Tour wins at this venue in 2024, defeating No. 36 Fils and No. 88 Garin as No. 655-ranked WC, before losing to eventual finalist **Muller** in 1R last year. He takes on countryman and qualifier **Thiago Monteiro**, who owns most Rio main draw match wins amongst Brazilians (10) and bids to advance to the 2R for the 9th time in 10 appearances.

Most Rio Main Draw Appearances

Player	Appearances	Best Result
Dusan Lajovic	**12***	**2023 QF (l. to Alcaraz), 2024 QF (l. to F. Cerundolo)**
Thiago Monteiro	**10***	**2017 QF (l. to Ruud), 2024 QF (l. to Baez)**
Albert Ramos-Vinolas	10	2017 SF (l. to Thiem)

* including 2026 edition

- The winner of **Fonseca** and **Monteiro** will ensure Brazilian presence in Rio 2R in 11 of the 12th editions with the sole exception in 2018. Fellow Brazilian **Luis "Guto" Miguel**, who turns 17 years of age next week, could join them to become the first player born in 2009 or later to win an ATP Tour or Grand Slam match and the second youngest match winner at the event after Alcaraz, 16, in 2020.

Brazilian Match Winners in Rio de Janeiro Tournament History: Luis "Guto" Miguel aims to join the list.

Player	W-L	Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Thiago Monteiro	10-9	Thomas Bellucci	3-6	Joao Souza	2-4
Thiago Seyboth Wild	3-4	**Joao Fonseca**	2-3	Felipe Meligeni Alves	1-4

- On **Quadra 1**, No. 4 seed **Sebastian Baez**, takes on LL **Jaime Faria**, who advanced to Rio QF as LL last year. Baez is on a 10-match winning streak at **Jockey Club Brasileiro**, where he became 1st man to win multiple titles in event history and is looking this week to become first man born in 1991 or later to three-peat at an ATP Tour event. No. 1 seed **Francisco Cerundolo** arrives on a 4-match winning streak after capturing Buenos Aires title, his hometown, last week, and now faces 2024 finalist **Mariano Navone** in first round.

Players to Defeat Rio Defending Champions in 1R

Player	Defending Champion	Year/Result
Arthur de Greef	Pablo Cuevas	2017 – 6-3 3-6 7-5
Pablo Cuevas	Diego Schwartzman	2019 – 6-1 4-1 RET
Federico Coria	Cristian Garin*	2022 – 6-2 6-0

* Garin won the 2020 edition and was defending his title in 2022 (tournament not held in 2021)

Active Players to Three-Peat at an ATP Tour or Grand Slam Event

Kei Nishikori	2014-16 Memphis
Stan Wawrinka	2014-16 Chennai
Novak Djokovic	2009-11 Dubai, 2011-13 Australian Open, 2012-15 Nitto ATP Finals, 2012-15 Beijing, 2013-15 ATP Masters 1000 Paris, 2014-16 ATP Masters 1000 Miami, 2014-16 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells, 2018-19,* 2021-22 Wimbledon, 2019-21 Australian Open

* Wimbledon not held in 2020

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QUADRA GUGA KUERTEN

[LL] Tomas Barrios Vera (CHI) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

16 Italy F28 (Italy)	Clay	QF	Matteo Berrettini	6-4 6-3

Tomas Barrios Vera | Age: 28 | World No.107 | Career-High No. 93 | 2026: 2-1 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Rio: 1-3 ('24 2R)
> Former World No. 5 junior broke in the Top 300 in 2018, Top 200 in 2021 and Top 100 at career-high No. 93 in January 2024.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2020 Santiago as WC, defeating Taberner for first win and reached 1st ATP Tour QF as a WC at 2023 Cordoba, losing to eventual champion Baez.
> Earned 1st Grand Slam win at 2023 Wimbledon as Q (d. Baez in 1R), after previously qualifying for 2021 Wimbledon and 2022 Australian Open.
> Owns 201-128 Challenger record (7-10 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Meerbusch, 2023 San Luis Potosi, 2023 Florianopolis, 2024 Amersfoort, 2025 Campinas, 2025 Cali and 2025 Lima-2.
> Reached 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles QF (l. to Fritz), before defeating Kecmanovic in 3rd to 4th Play-Off at 2016 ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu.

NOTE: Barrios Vera aims to join Tabilo in 2R, marking the 2nd time in tournament history that 2 Chileans reach the 2R after 2024 (Garin and Barrios Vera). He seeks first Top 60 win on clay after recording wins over No. 46 Baez at 2023 Wimbledon on grass and No. 48 Monfils in ATP Masters 1000 Toronto last year on hard courts.

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 29 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 6 | 2026: 1-1 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Rio: 1-1 (2022 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 after reaching 2022 Australian Open SF, becoming 4th-highest-ranked Italian since start of PIF ATP Rankings in 1973 (No. 1 Sinner in 2024, No. 4 Panatta in 1976, No. 5 Musetti in 2026).
> At 2021 Wimbledon, became 1st Italian men's singles finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam men's singles finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
> First Italian man to reach QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events and 1st to earn a win at Nitto ATP Finals (d. Thiem in 2019 RR).
> Owns 42-12 record on grass with 4 of his 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 London/Queen's Club to become 1st player in Open Era to win titles in each of his 1st 2 appearances at that event.
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 3 Ruud en route to 2023 United Cup team final before defeating No. 2 Zverev at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Berrettini is 14-1 in his last 15 opening round matches on clay, with a sole loss to Kecmanovic at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and 17-3 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on the surface with last loss to No. 186 Altmaier at 2020 Roland Garros.

[3] Joao Fonseca (BRA) vs [Q] Thiago Monteiro (BRA) — First Meeting

Joao Fonseca | Age: 19 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 24 | 2026: 0-2 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Rio: 2-3 (2024 QF)
> 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals champion became junior No. 1 in September 2023, broke into Top 100 of PIF ATP Rankings 16 months later and achieved career-high No. 24 in November 2025 after winning Basel title.
> Captured 1st title at 2025 Buenos Aires at age 18, becoming youngest Brazilian champion in Open Era and youngest South American tour-level champion since Perez-Roldan in 1987.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Rublev in 2025 Australian Open 1R as Q, becoming youngest man to defeat a Top 10 player at Australian Open in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
> Went 5-0 at 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals to join Alcaraz and Sinner as only 18-year-old champions in event history.
> In his hometown of Rio de Janeiro, made ATP Tour debut in 2023 and earned 1st ATP Tour wins over No. 36 Fils and former champion Garin for his 1st ATP Tour QF in 2024, 10 years after watching Nadal win 2014 title as a fan.
> Won 2023 US Open boys' singles event to become World No. 1 in junior rankings after reaching quarter-finals of Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon earlier in the season.

NOTE: Rio-native Fonseca looks for first win of the season and first since defeating Shapovalov at ATP Masters 1000 Paris in October (l. to Khachanov in 2R). He is the second Brazilian to be seeded at the event, 10 years after No. 8 seed Thomaz Bellucci in 2016 and faces a countryman on the ATP Tour for the first time in career.

Thiago Monteiro | Age: 31 | World No. 208 | Career-High No. 61 | 2026: 0-0 (Itajai CH QF) | Rio: 10-9 ('17, '24 QF)
> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 61 after going 18-6 at Challengers in 2022, highlighted by titles at Salzburg and Genoa.
> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2024 Madrid (d. No. 7 Tsitsipas in 2R) and 1st 4R at 2024 Rome in his following event.
> Defeated No. 9 Tsonga in ATP Tour debut at 2016 Rio de Janeiro as 338th-ranked WC for 1st Top 10 win of career and also beat a Frenchman to advance to 1st ATP Tour SF of career at 2018 Quito (d. Monfils).
> Ended 7-match losing streak at Grand Slams and reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros.
> Posted 86-33 record on ITF Junior Circuit, including 6-2 6-1 win over Kyrgios en route to 2011 Offenbach Grade 1 title and 6-1 6-1 win over Pouille en route to 2011 Charleroi Grade 1 title.

NOTE: Monteiro seeks first ATP Tour win since defeating J.M Cerundolo in Santiago 1R last year and is 8-1 in Rio opening rounds with lone loss to Cuevas in 2017. He posted 2 of his 5 Top 10 wins at this venue, defeating No. 9 Tsonga in 2016 1R and No. 2 Alcaraz via RET in 2024 1R, both as WC.

Rio Win Leaders in Tournament History:

Player	Wins	Player	Wins
Fabio Fognini	15	Sebastian Baez	12
Pablo Cuevas	13	Dominic Thiem	12
Albert-Ramos Vinolas	12	Diego Schwartzman	11

* Monteiro is tied with Alcaraz, Delbonis, Ferrer and Nadal at 10 wins

[WC] Luis "Guto" Miguel (BRA) vs [Q] Vilius Gaubas (LTU) First Meeting

Luis "Guto" Miguel | Age: 16 | World No. 1593 | Career-High No. 1576 | 2026: 0-0 | Rio: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point in August 2025 and achieved career-high No. 1576 in singles in November 2025.
> Making his ATP Tour debut at the Rio Open against qualifier Gaubas, bidding to become first man born in 2009 to win an ATP Tour match.
> In doubles, peaked at No. 332 in January 2026 6-3 in doubles, partnering countryman Ribiero to win 2025 Costa do Sauipe CH at age 16 to be the youngest Challenger doubles champion since Herrera, 16, at 1988 San Luis Potosi.
> Also teamed up with his brother, Luis Felipe, to win ITF doubles titles at M25 Sao Paulo and M15 Joinville last year.
> Current World No. 3 junior advanced to 2025 US Open boys' singles SF & 2026 Australian Open boys' singles QF.

NOTE: 16-year-old Miguel is the third youngest player to compete in Rio after Fonseca (16Y 6M) in 2023 and Alcaraz (16Y 9M) in 2020. A win would make him the youngest ATP match winner since Alcaraz, who defeated Ramos-Vinolas in 1R at this event six years ago and first man born in 2009 or later to win an ATP Tour match after Kouame (2009) lost to Kovacevic in Montpellier 1R two weeks ago.

Youngest Men to Earn 1st ATP Tour / Grand Slam Main Draw Win since 2000:

Player	Age	Tournament	Win Over	Wins Before Turning 17
Richard Gasquet	15Y 10M	2002 Monte-Carlo	d. Squillari	3
Rafael Nadal	15Y 10M	2002 Mallorca	d. Delgado	6
Ryan Harrison	15Y 11M	2008 Houston	d. Cuevas	1
Bernard Tomic	16Y 2M	2009 Aus. Open	d. Starace	1
Cristian Garin	16Y 8M	2013 Vina del Mar	d. Lajovic	1
Carlos Alcaraz	16Y 9M	2020 **Rio de Janeiro**	d. Ramos-Vinolas	1
Justin Engel	17Y 13D	2024 Almaty	d. Wong	0

* At 16 years and 11 months, Miguel would become just the seventh man in this century to win an ATP Tour or Grand Slam match before turning 17 years of age as well as first man born in 2009 or later to record an ATP Tour win.

First Man Born in ____ To Record an ATP Tour or Grand Slam Win (since 2000):

Year	Player	Tournament	Win Over	Result
2008	Diego Dedura	2025 Munich	d. Shapovalov	7-6 3-0 RET
2007	Justin Engel	2024 Almaty	d. Wong	7-5 6-4
2006	Joao Fonseca	2024 **Rio de Janeiro**	d. Fils	6-0 6-4
2005	Shang Juncheng	2023 Australian Open	d. Otte	6-2 6-4 6-7 7-5
2004	Stefanos Sakellaridis	2023 United Cup	d. Bergs	5-7 6-1 6-3
2003	Carlos Alcaraz	2020 **Rio de Janeiro**	d. Ramos-Vinolas	7-6 4-6 7-6
2002	Lorenzo Musetti	2020 Rome	d. Wawrinka	6-0 7-6
2001	Jannik Sinner	2019 Budapest	d. Valkusz	6-2 0-6 6-4
2000	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2018 Indian Wells	d. Pospisil	6-2 7-6

Vilius Gaubas | Age: 21 | World No. 126 (Career-High) | 2026: 2-0 (Davis Cup) | Rio: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former Top-20 junior earned 1st ranking point in 2021, broke into Top 500 in 2023 and Top 200 in August 2024, achieving career-high No. 126 in February 2026.
> Made tour-level debut at 2021 Davis Cup and qualified for ATP Tour debut at 2025 Rome, defeating No. 28 Shapovalov in 2R for biggest win of career to become 1st Lithuanian to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R in series history.
> In Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2024 US Open, defeated former semi-finalist Gasquet to reach final round of qualifying, before losing to 2-time quarter-finalist Schwartzman.
> Owns 60-48 Challenger record (3-4 in finals), highlighted by titles at 2024 Cordenons, 2025 Menorca, and 2025 Lisbon and earned wins over former Top 20 players Basilashvili, Cecchinato and Gasquet.
> Peaked at No. 20 in juniors in 2022, earned run to doubles SF at 2022 European Junior Tennis Championships in Klosters w/countryman Butvilas.

NOTE: Gaubas is the first Lithuanian to compete in Rio and is seeking his third tour-level win outside Davis Cup after reaching ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R last May (d. No. 28 Shapovalov in 2R). He could jump to No. 105 on PIF ATP Live Rankings, getting closer to become 2nd Lithuanian to break into Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) following Berankis (career-high No. 50 in 2016).

QUADRA 1

[8] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs Francisco Comesana (ARG) — Etcheverry Leads 1-0

25 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	R32	Tomas Martin Etcheverry	7-6(4) 6-3
Other Meetings				
19 M15 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	QF	Tomas Martin Etcheverry	6-3 6-1
22 Santa Cruz CH (Bolivia)	Clay	R32	Francisco Comesana	4-6 7-5 1-0 RET

[1] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Mariano Navone (ARG) — Series Tied 1-1

24 Bucharest (Romania)	Clay	QF	Mariano Navone	5-7 6-4 7-5
25 Bastad (Sweden)	Clay	R16	Francisco Cerundolo	6-3 6-3

[LL] Jaime Faria (POR) vs [4] Sebastian Baez (ARG) — First Meeting

QUADRA 2

[Q] Dino Prizmic (CRO) vs [LL] Francesco Passaro (ITA) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting				
23 Trieste CH (Italy)	Clay	R16	Francesco Passaro	4-6 6-4 6-2

Juan Manuel Cerundolo (ARG) vs [2] Luciano Darderi (ITA) — Darderi Leads 1-0

24 Santiago (Chile)	Clay	R16	Luciano Darderi	6-3 3-6 6-3
Other Meetings				
22 Vicenza CH (Italy)	Clay	R16	Juan Manuel Cerundolo	6-4 6-1
23 Campinas CH (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Luciano Darderi	6-2 6-4
23 Buenos Aires CH (Argentina)	Clay	QF	Luciano Darderi	6-3 7-5
24 Rio de Janeiro Q (Brazil)	**Clay**	**Q1**	**Juan Manuel Cerundolo**	**6-2 6-2**

QUADRA 4

[5] Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) vs Roman Andres Burrachaga (ARG) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings				
20 M25 Cordoba (Argentina)	Clay	QF	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	7-6(3) 6-4
23 Antofagasta CH (Chile)	Clay	SF	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	6-4 6-4
23 Guayaquil CH (Ecuador)	Clay	QF	Roman Andres Burrachaga	6-4 5-7 6-1
25 Piracicaba CH (Brazil)	Clay	QF	Roman Andres Burrachaga	7-5 4-5 RET
26 Rosario CH (Argentina)	Clay	F	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	6-2 6-3

Damir Dzumhur (BIH) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP) — Series Tied 1-1

25 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Pedro Martinez	0-6 6-2 7-6(3)
25 Bucharest (Romania)	Clay	QF	Damir Dzumhur	6-1 2-0 RET