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PAT RAFTER ARENA

[Q] Raphael Collignon (BEL) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA)

25 Hamburg (Germany)

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R32

Brandon Nakashima

Nakashima Leads 1-0

6-5 RET

Other Meeting

24 Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve CH (Belgium) Hard

R16

Brandon Nakashima

6-3 6-2

Raphael Collignon | Age: 23 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 73 | Career: 11-14 (1 SF) | Brisbane: 2-0 (2026 QF)
> Broke into Top 100 in February 2025 and achieved career-high No. 73 in October 2025 after reaching his first ATP Tour SF in Brussels.

> Defeated former finalist No. 12 Ruud to reach 2025 US Open 3R and upset No. 8 de Minaur for biggest win of career to lead Belgium to victory in 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers vs. Australia.
> Posted 1st ATP Tour win over former-World No. 9 Fognini in Marrakech 1R in April before losing to Borges in 2R.
> Earned 1st Challenger title by defeating No. 84 van de Zandschulp in 2024 Luedenscheid final and defeated No. 97 Coric en route to 2nd title at Lyon (Décines-Charpieu).
> Injured his thumb in Hamburg, a week before Roland Garros, to delay his Grand Slam main draw debut, before playing in his 1st Grand Slam main draw at Wimbledon (l. to Cilic).
> Coached by Belgium's Davis Cup captain and former World No. 38 Steve Darcis.

NOTE: Collignon seeks 2nd ATP Tour SF after reaching the stage on home soil Brussels last October (l. to Auger Aliassime) to be 1st men's qualifier to reach Brisbane SF in event history. He is 10-4 on tour-level since US Open and No. 71 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and could jump to No. 68 with a QF win, securing a new career-high.

Qualifiers in Brisbane QF:

Qualifier	Year	End Result
Matthew Ebden	2011	l. to Soderling
Marius Copil	2014	l. to Hewitt
Michael Mmoh	2018	l. to de Minaur
Yasutaka Uchiyama	2019	l. to Chardy
James Duckworth	2024	l. to Rune
Raphael Collignon	2026	plays Nakashima

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 24 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 29 | Career: 129-109 (1 Title) | Brisbane: 2-0 (2026 QF)

> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 29 in May 2025 soon after earning 100th career win en route to biggest SF of his career in Acapulco.
> Defeated countryman Giron to win 1st ATP Tour title in hometown of San Diego in 2022 and ended season on 16-1 run in tiebreaks.
> Played in back-to-back ATP Tour finals at Los Cabos and Atlanta as 19-year-old in 2021, becoming youngest American to reach multiple finals since Roddick in 2001-02.
> Returned to Milan and went 5-0 to capture 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals title after reaching SF in 2021.
> Reached Roland Garros 3R, Wimbledon 4R and US Open 3R in 2022, highlighted by first Top 20 wins of career over No. 16 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 2R and No. 19 Dimitrov in US Open 2R.

NOTE: Nakashima is looking for 10th ATP Tour SF (3-6), 7th on hard courts (3-3), and first since Chengdu in September. He is undefeated vs. Belgians on ATP Tour (5-0) and is one of four Americans remaining in the draw, the most at this stage in tournament's history (3 Americans in 2009 QFs: Roddick, Blake, and Odesnik).

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs [LL] Kamil Majchrzak (POL)

First Meeting

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 29 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 1 | Career: 422-180 (21 Titles) | Brisbane: 5-1 (2019 Final)
 > Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
 > Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.
 > Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
 > Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
 > Won 19 of his 21 singles titles on hard courts and all 21 of his titles at different events, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st title on clay.

NOTE: Medvedev seeks 52nd tour-level semi-final on hard courts, second-most among active players behind Djokovic (127). 29-year-old went 16-0 vs. players outside Top 50 in 2024 compared to 17-13 in 2025. He is 10-3 vs. lucky losers in his career, including QF losses to Opelka in 's-Hertogenbosch and Moutet in Washington last year.

Most Hard-Court Semi-Finals (Active Players)

Player	SFs
Novak Djokovic	127
Daniil Medvedev	51
Gael Monfils	51
Alexander Zverev	46
Marin Cilic	43

Kamil Majchrzak | Age: 29 | World No. 59 (Career-High) | Career: 48-55 (2 SFs) | Brisbane: 2-0 (2026 QF)
 > Former World No. 7 junior broke into Top 100 in July 2019 and achieved career-high No. 59 in January 2026.
 > Advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2022 Pune and 2025 Marrakech as Q, before defeating former finalist Berrettini en route to 2025 Wimbledon 4R and saved 5 MPs to defeat No. 9 Khachanov en route to 2025 US Open 3R.
 > In 2019, qualified at Australian Open and Wimbledon before advancing to US Open 3R as LL with 5-set wins over Jarry and Cuevas.
 > Owns 180-106 Challenger record (9-6 in finals), defeating future Top-20 players Carreno Busta and Cecchinato to reach 1st final at 2015 Mohammedia as Q.
 > Ended junior career as 2014 Youth Olympics gold medallist, also capturing 2013 US Open boys' doubles title w/Ma. Redlicki and earning wins over future Top-10 ATP players Berrettini, Fritz, Hurkacz, Medvedev and Rublev.

NOTE: Majchrzak saved 3 MPs to defeat Opelka in 2R to become 1st lucky loser to reach Brisbane QF in tournament history. Polish No. 1 now seeks 3rd ATP Tour SF after 2022 Pune (l. to Ruusuvuori) and Marrakech in April (l. to Griekspoor). He is 1-11 vs. Top 20 opponents with a sole win against No. 9 Khachanov in US Open 2R in August.

Lucky Losers in ATP Tour SFs (since the start of 2024 season):

Player	Tournament	End Result
Aleksandar Vukic	2024 Eastbourne	l. to Fritz
Camilo Ugo Carabelli	2025 Rio de Janeiro	l. to Baez
Reilly Opelka	2025 's-Hertogenbosch	l. to Bergs
Jenson Brooksby	2025 Eastbourne	l. to Fritz in the final
Corentin Moutet	2025 Washington	l. to de Minaur
Vitaliy Sachko	2025 Metz	l. to Tien

SHOW COURT 1

Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) vs Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA)

First Meeting

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 27 | World No. 58 (Career-High) | Career: 31-55 (2 Finals) | Brisbane: 2-0 (2026 QF)
 > Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 58 in January 2026.
 > Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and upset No. 10 Rublev for biggest wins of career to reach ATP Tour finals of 2025 Montpellier and 2025 Los Cabos.

- > Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final and captured latest title at 2025 Oeiras-2.
- > Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open.
- > Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.

NOTE: Kovacevic seeks 4th ATP Tour SF (2-1), all on hard courts, and first since run to Los Cabos final in July (l. to Shapovalov). He bids to be the fourth American men's semi-finalist in Brisbane after Roddick in 2010-11, R. Harrison in 2018 and Opelka last year (also winner of Korda/Michelsen and Nakashima if he defeats Collignon).

Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard | Age: 22 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 29 | Career: 39-41 (2 Titles) | Brisbane: 5-1 (2025 SF)

- > Began 2024 season as No. 205 and broke into Top 100 in May, Top 50 in July and achieved career-high No. 29 in February 2025.
- > Recorded 6-1 start to his career vs. Top 20 opponents, including wins over former champion No. 19 Auger-Aliassime and No. 14 Rune to win 2024 Basel title without dropping serve all tournament (60/60 service games won).
- > Saved a championship point to win 1st ATP Tour title in his hometown of Lyon in 2024 as No. 117-ranked WC.
- > Entered 2024 Wimbledon as LL, defeating No. 21 Korda in 1R for 1st Grand Slam main draw win then became 1st lucky loser to reach Wimbledon 4R since Norman in 1995.
- > Owns 54-33 Challenger record (5-0 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Leon, 2024 Nottingham, 2024 Cuernavaca, 2024 Acapulco and 2025 Bordeaux.
- > Peaked at No. 4 in junior rankings during 2021 season, after advancing to 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles SF (l. to Fils) and winning the boys' doubles title w/Fils.

NOTE: Mpetshi Perricard defeated Hijikata in 2R, eliminating the last Australian in the field, marking the first time since 2013 that no Australian man reached Brisbane QF. He seeks 6th ATP Tour SF (2-3) to become the 2nd Frenchman after Chardy (2014, 2019) to reach multiple Brisbane SFs.

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs Alex Michelsen (USA)

First Meeting

Sebastian Korda | Age: 25 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 15 | Career: 149-97 (2 Titles) | Brisbane: 2-1 (2026 QF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 15 in August 2024, joining Petr Korda (No. 2 in 1998) to become only father-son duo to rank inside Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
- > Earned biggest wins of career en route to ATP Masters 1000 SFs over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 Shanghai and No. 4 Zverev at 2024 Montreal.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma title and captured 2024 Washington title, 32 years after his father, Petr, won in 1992, becoming 1st father-son duo to win the same ATP Tour event.
- > Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).
- > Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.

NOTE: Korda ousted defending champion Lehecka in 2R via RET and now seeks 150th tour-level win of career (149-97) to be the sixth man born in 2000s to achieve the feat. 25-year-old looks for his 20th ATP Tour SF, 15th on hard.

Men's Tour-Level Win Leaders (Born in 2000s)

Player	Born	W-L	Player	Born	W-L
Jannik Sinner	2001	321-86	*Lorenzo Musetti	2002	178-133
Carlos Alcaraz	2003	280-65	Holger Rune	2003	175-107
Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	266-172	*Sebastian Korda	2000	149-97

* playing in Brisbane/Hong Kong on Friday

Alex Michelsen | Age: 21 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 30 | Career: 68-65 (3 Finals) | Brisbane: 3-2 (2026 QF)

- > Broke inside Top 50 in August 2024 and achieved career-high No. 30 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam 4R at Australian Open earlier in the season.
- > Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis.
- > Also advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2024 Newport, where he held 1 MP vs. Giron, and 2024 Winston-Salem.
- > Defeated No. 9 de Minaur for biggest win of career in 2024 Los Cabos 2R, before squandering 3 MPs in QF against eventual champion Thompson and No. 10 Musetti en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2025 Toronto.
- > Reached ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2024 Cincinnati w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying and 2025 Shanghai w/Goransson.

NOTE: Michelsen seeks 8th ATP Tour SF (3-4), 5th on hard courts (1-3), and looks for his 50th tour-level win on the surface (49-43). At 21 years and 4 months, he would be the 4th youngest men's semi-finalist in tournament history.

Youngest Brisbane Semi-Finalists:

Player	Age	Year
Alex de Minaur	18Y 10M	2018
Bernard Tomic	19Y 2M	2012
Holger Rune	20Y 8M	2024
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	21Y 6M	2025
Grigor Dimitrov	21Y 8M	2013