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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES CENTER COURT

### [Q] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs [8] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) First Meeting

**Arthur Rinderknech** | Age: 25 | World No. 129 | Career-High No. 127 | 2021: 3-1 (Marseille QF) | Belgrade:1-0  
> Opened 2021 season by qualifying and won Istanbul, TUR Challenger title (d. Bonzi) and one month later SF at Cherbourg, FRA (l. to Bemelmans). Has 12-5 Challenger record.  
> Qualified in Marseille and advanced to first ATP Tour QF with wins over Kukushkin and Davidovich Fokina (l. to Humbert).  
> Made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Roland Garros as WC and lost to Bedene in 4 sets in 1R.  
> Captured two Challenger titles in 2020, at Rennes, FRA (d. Ward) and Calgary, CAN (d. Cressy). Also runner-up at Drummondville, CAN (l. to Cressy).  
> Has a 47-35 career record on ATP Challenger Tour with 3 titles, all on hard courts. Has 37-20 record on hard and 10-15 on clay courts.

**NOTE:** French qualifier opened with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Londero and trying to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF (Marseille).

**Miomir Kecmanovic** | Age: 21 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 38 | 2021: 8-8 (Buenos Aires SF) | Belgrade: 1-0  
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel (d. Hanfmann) and finished season in Top 50 for 1st time at No. 44.  
> Set new career-high ranking 15 times in 2019, breaking into Top 100 following run to ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells QF as LL.  
> Earned 1st 24 tour-level victories of career in 2019 with biggest win over No. 6 A. Zverev at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.  
> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).  
> Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

**NOTE:** Kecmanovic, who opened with a 7-6(5), 7-6(4) win over [Q] Bagnis, reached SF in Buenos Aires (l. Schwartzman).

### [1] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs Soonwoo Kwon (KOR) First Meeting

**Novak Djokovic** | Age: 33 | World No. 1 | Career-High No. 1 | 2021:10-1 (Aus. Open Title) | Belgrade: 8-1 (2 Titles)  
> Owns record for most weeks as World No. 1 in FedEx ATP Rankings (316) and is tied with his idol Sampras for most year-end finishes as No. 1 (6).  
> Boasts most Australian Open (9) and 3rd-most Grand Slam titles (18), sweeping all 4 events from 2015 Wimbledon through 2016 Roland Garros to join Budge and Laver as 3rd man to hold all 4 major titles at one time.  
> Captured 5 Nitto ATP Finals titles overall and is only player to sweep 4 straight year-end championships (2008, 2012-15).  
> Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events, doing so multiple times for a record 36 ATP Masters 1000 titles.  
> Owns winning records against Nadal (29-27) and Federer (27-23), as well as win streaks of 43 matches overall (2010-11), 31 matches at ATP Masters 1000s (2011) and 30 matches at Grand Slams (2015-16).

**NOTE:** Djokovic opened his clay campaign last week in Monte Carlo and reached 3R (d. Sinner, l. to Evans). Won Belgrade titles in 2009 (d. Kubot) and 2011 (d. Lopez) and QF in 2010 (ret. vs. Krajinovic).

**Soonwoo Kwon** | Age: 23 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 69 | 2021:6-6 (Singapore, Marbella QF) | Belgrade: 1-0  
> Achieved career-high No. 69 on 2 March 2020 after reaching 4 QFs in as many weeks.  
> Made Grand Slam debut at 2018 Australian Open as WC, qualified at Wimbledon and US Open in 2019, then earned 1st Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Kvitkowski).  
> Went 35-14 at Challengers in 2019 with titles at Yokohama and Seoul, then captured 3rd Challenger title at 2021 Biella-2. Played exclusively in Asia and Australia on ITF Junior Circuit, ending career on 12-match and 22-set winning streaks in April 2015.

**NOTE:** Looking for first career Top 10 win (0-2) and to reach 3rd QF in 2021: Singapore (l. Cilic); Marbella (l. Carreno Busta)

## Marco Cecchinato (ITA) vs [2] Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

## First Tour-Level Meeting

### Other meeting:

17 Francavilla CH (Italy) Clay QF Marco Cecchinato 6-7(4) 7-6(3) 6-3

**Marco Cecchinato** | Age: 28 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 4-8 (4 Times 2R) | Belgrade: 1-0  
 > Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.  
 > Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career record, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.  
 > Reached 2018 Roland Garros SF as World No. 72, becoming lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.  
 > Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.  
 > Owns 7-4 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-11 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

**NOTE:** Has an 1-8 record vs. Top 10 opponents with lone win over No. 9 Goffin at 2018 Roland Garros 4R. Started season 1-6, and reached 2R the past 3 tournaments in Cagliari, ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo as a Q and Belgrade.

**Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 8-3 (Antalya QF) | Belgrade: 0-0  
 > Achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 to become highest-ranked Italian since No. 8 Barazzutti in 1978.  
 > Defeated No. 3 Thiem at 2021 ATP Cup for biggest win of career and No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).  
 > Won titles at 2018 Gstaad and 2019 Stuttgart without dropping serve, as well as 2019 Budapest title.  
 > Beat Monfils in 5th-set TB at 2019 US Open to become 2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history (also Barazzutti in 1977).

**NOTES:** Top Italian is playing singles in his 2nd tournament since Aust. Open 4R (W/O vs Tsitsipas). Has been sidelined with an abdominal injury. Also led Italy to ATP Cup final with 3-1 record (l. to Russia) and QF in Antalya. Last week returned in singles in Monte Carlo and lost in opening match (2R) to Davidovich Fokina.

## [5] Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs [WC] Nikola Milojevic (SRB)

## Milojevic Leads 1-0

20 Roland Garros (France) Clay R128 Nikola Milojevic 6-4 3-6 6-3 6-1

**Filip Krajinovic** | Age: 29 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 26 | 2021: 6-4 (3 Times 3R) | Belgrade: 4-2 (2010 SF)  
 > Achieved career-high No. 26 in 2018 and earned 1st Top-100 finish in 2017 after ending 2014 and 2015 at No. 101.  
 > Reached 1st of 3 ATP Tour finals at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris as 77th-ranked Q.  
 > First qualifier to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final since Janowicz at 2012 Paris and lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since No. 98 Fish at 2008 Indian Wells.  
 > Beat No. 2 Djokovic 6-4 ret in 2010 Belgrade QF and remains youngest player (18) to beat Top-2 opponent since 2004 and lowest-ranked (No. 319) since 2006.  
 > Underwent right shoulder surgery in 2011 and right wrist surgery in 2016.

**NOTE:** No. 2 Serb (behind Djokovic) advanced to his first ATP Tour SF 11 years ago in Belgrade (l. to eventual champion Querrey). Opened with 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 win over Travaglia on Monday.

**Nikola Milojevic** | Age: 25 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 129 | 2021: 1-1 (Belgrade 2R) | Belgrade: 1-0  
 > Has a 5-5 career record in ATP Tour level play and two weeks ago qualified in Marbella and lost in 1R to #NextGenATP Spaniard Alcaraz, who reached SF. Reached career-high No. 129 on 5 April.  
 > Last month advanced to final at Zadar, CRO Challenger (l. to Kuzmanov) and in February reached SF at Gran Canaria-1 Challenger. Overall has an 11-4 record in Challengers this season.  
 > Last season qualified in Pune (d. Hoang, l. to Gerasimov) and for first Grand Slam tourney at Roland Garros (d. Krajinovic, l. to Bedene).  
 > Has a 118-103 record on ATP Challenger Tour, including 50-41 on clay with 2 titles and 68-62 on hard with 1 title.

**NOTE:** Serbian wild card opened with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Coria for his first tour level win since last year at Roland Garros where he beat Krajinovic (l. to Bedene in 2R). Trying to reach second career ATP Tour QF (2019 Moscow).