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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

1R: Arthur Cazaux (FRA) vs Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

19 JA Porto Alegre Juniors (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Arthur Cazaux	6-4 6-2
19 JA Milan Juniors (Italy)	Clay	R64	Shintaro Mochizuki	7-6(1) 3-6 6-4
23 US Open Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q2	Arthur Cazaux	6-1 6-2
25 Jinan CH (China)	Hard	SF	Arthur Cazaux	6-1 6-2

Arthur Cazaux | Age: 23 | World No. 58 (Career-High) | 2025: 14-13 (Kitzbuhel Final) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> After peaking at No. 4 in juniors in 2020, broke inside Top 100 in January 2024 after defeating No. 8 Rune for biggest win of career en route to Australian Open 4R and achieved career-high No. 58 in October 2025.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2025 Gstaad and 1st final at 2025 Kitzbuhel in back-to-back weeks.

> Defeated countryman Mannarino in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2021 Geneva as 18-year-old WC and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2021 Roland Garros as WC.

> Owns 79-40 Challenger record (4-5 in finals), winning titles at both 2022 and 2023 Nonthaburi-2 as Q, 2024 Noumea and 2025 Jinan.

> Went 122-48 on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Cazaux is 6-1 in his opening rounds of tour-level events since June, lone loss to Brooksby in Cincinnati 2R (1R bye as LL) and plays in his 2nd indoor tournament of 2025, reaching 2R in his hometown, Montpellier. Last week, he captured his 4th Challenger title in Jinan, including win over Mochizuki in SF.

Shintaro Mochizuki | Age: 22 | World No. 102 (Career-High) | 2025: 2-5 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 102 in September 2025 after recording 1st Grand Slam wins to advance to 2R of Wimbledon (d. Zeppieri) and US Open (d. Gaston).

> At 2023 Tokyo, earned 1st ATP Tour win over Etcheverry in 1R after 0-11 start on tour-level and recorded biggest win of career over No. 10 Fritz en route to his 1st ATP Tour SF.

> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2021 Singapore as WC and Grand Slam debut at 2023 Wimbledon as Q.

> Also entered Grand Slam main draws at 2024 Australian Open as LL, 2024 Roland Garros as Q, 2025 Wimbledon as Q and 2025 US Open as Q.

> Owns 74-70 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Barletta and 2025 Noumea.

> Ended his junior career with a 119-45 record on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles title, becoming the 1st Japanese player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title.

> Considered quitting tennis and pursuing baseball at age 9 before moving to USA as a 12-year-old to further develop in tennis at IMG Academy.

NOTE: Mochizuki is 3-17 vs. Top 100 in tour-level events, earning all 3 wins en route to 2023 Tokyo SF, defeating No. 31 Etcheverry, No. 10 Fritz and No. 41 Popyrin. He seeks 3rd tour-level win of 2025 after reaching 2R of Wimbledon and US Open. He is No. 100 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) as he continues to seek his Top 100 debut.

1R: [WC] Beibit Zhukayev (KAZ) vs [6] Alex Michelsen (USA)

First Meeting

Beibit Zhukayev | Age: 25 | World No. 237 | Career-High No. 171 | 2025: 1-2 (2 times in 1R) | Event: 2-2 (2024 QF)

> Broke into the Top 200 in 2023 after winning 1st Challenger title in Charlottesville and achieved career-high No. 171 in May 2024.

> Qualified for 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai, earning 1st ATP Tour win by defeating Napolitano in 1R (l. to Khachanov in 2R) and for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 Wimbledon.

> Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 Astana as No. 327-ranked WC and advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Almaty as WC, defeating No. 25 Machac in 2R via RET.

> Owns 62-67 Challenger record (1-1 in finals), ending 2023 season with 1st title in Charlottesville.

> Began playing tennis in Turkiye at a resort with his uncle and moved to Almaty at age 12 for training.

NOTE: Zhukayev is 1-5 vs. Top 50 players, defeating No. 25 Machac via RET in Almaty 2R last year. 25-year-old aims to record his 2nd tour-level win of 2025 after defeating unranked Rehman in Davis Cup vs. Pakistan in February.

Alex Michelsen | Age: 21 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 30 | 2025: 22-24 (2 SFs) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > 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.
- > 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 first win since defeating Moutet in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 2R in August (0-5 since). American No. 6 is tied with Fils for 3rd-most wins among players aged 21-and-under this season and seeks second win indoors this year after defeating No. 240 Wu in Davis Cup vs. Chinese Taipei in February.

21-and-Under Win Leaders on ATP Tour This Season:

Player	W-L	Born
Jakub Mensik	31-20	2005
Learner Tien	26-22	2005
Arthur Fils	22-11	2004
Alex Michelsen	22-24	2004
Joao Fonseca	21-15	2006

2R: Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs [8] Corentin Moutet (FRA)

24 Roland Garros (France) Clay R64 Corentin Moutet

Moutet Leads 1-0

6-4 6-2 0-6 6-3

Other Meetings

22 Szczecin CH (Poland)	Clay	SF	Corentin Moutet	6-4 6-2
24 Beijing Q (China)	Hard	Q1	Corentin Moutet	6-4 7-5

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 24 | World No. 91 | Career-High No. 45 | 2025: 14-18 (Chengdu SF) | Event: 4-3 ('24 QF)

- > Broke into Top 300 in March 2022, Top 200 in June 2022 and Top 100 in April 2023, achieving career-high No. 45 in February 2024 after defeating No. 7 Rune for biggest win of career to reach Rotterdam QF.
- > Saved 2 MPs to earn 1st Top 10 win over No. 9 Fritz and reach 1st ATP Tour QF in Basel, then advanced to 1st SF and final in Metz to end his 2023 season.
- > Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs in Montpellier, Rotterdam, Geneva, Almaty in 2024 & Kitzbuhel, Chengdu in 2025.
- > Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Giustino) and 1st Grand Slam win at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Otte).
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava and 2nd title at 2023 Tenerife-1.

NOTE: Shevchenko looks for 9th ATP Tour QF (2-6), 6th on indoor hard and third of 2025 (Kitzbuhel, Chengdu). He aims to record 4th Top 50 win of the season (3-8), after wins over No. 11 Tsitsipas in United Cup, No. 36 Cobolli in Munich and No. 36 Mpetshi Perricard in Chengdu, to be 1st Kazakhstani player to reach multiple QFs at this event.

Corentin Moutet | Age: 26 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 37 | 2025: 27-21 (Mallorca Final) | Event: 1-2 (2025 2R)

- > Former Top-10 junior ended 2022 at No. 51, broke inside Top 50 in July 2025 and achieved career-high No. 37 in September after earning personal-best 27 wins in 2025, highlighted by run to Mallorca final.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final as 20-year-old at 2020 Doha, becoming youngest French finalist on tour since Gasquet, 20, at 2006 Lyon.
- > Beat former champion Wawrinka en route to 2022 US Open 4R, becoming 1st men's lucky loser on record to reach US Open 4R, then reached 4R of 2024 Roland Garros and 3R of 2024 Paris Olympics.
- > Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas for 1st Challenger title at 2017 Brest as 18-year-old WC.
- > In 2025, recorded first Top 10 wins of career over No. 10 Rune in Rome 3R in 3H 45M and saved 1 MP for biggest win of career over No. 4 Fritz in London/Queen's Club 1R in 2H 54M.
- > Enjoys rapping and playing piano, having released an 8-song EP entitled "Ecorche" in 2020.

NOTE: Moutet aims to reach 14th ATP Tour QF, fourth of the season after Mallorca, Washington and Hangzhou. 26-year-old, who owns most wins among Frenchmen this season (27), bids to reach his 2nd tour-level quarter-final on indoor hard courts after run to Metz SF last year.

French Win Leaders on 2025 ATP Tour:

Player	W-L	Best Result
Corentin Moutet	27-21	Mallorca Final
Arthur Rinderknech	26-26	ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai Final
Arthur Fils	22-11	Barcelona SF

2R: [5] Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs Fabian Marozsan (HUN) First Meeting

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 24 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 29 | 2025: 31-25 (3 SFs) | Event: 1-0 (2025 2R)
 > 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 bids to reach 9th quarter-final of the season (23rd of career) to become the fifth American man to advance to last 8 stage at this event. He has previously reached 2 ATP Tour QFs on indoor hard courts at 2021 Antwerp and 2022 Florence.

American Men – Most Tour-Level QFs in 2025

Player	QFs
Taylor Fritz	10
Brandon Nakashima	8
Ben Shelton	8
Tommy Paul	6
Alex Michelsen	6

* Giron seeks 6th QF of 2025 in Brussels on Wednesday

American Quarter-Finalists in Event History

Player	QFs
Frances Tiafoe	2020, 2024
Sebastian Korda	2023
Mackenzie McDonald	2020
Tommy Paul	2020

Fabian Marozsan | Age: 26 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 36 | 2025: 25-24 (Munich SF) | Event: 1-1 (2025 2R)
 > Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in June 2023 and earned career-high No. 36 in May 2024, becoming fourth Hungarian to break into Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
 > In ATP Tour debut, defeated No. 2 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R as Q and reached 1st QF at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (d. No. 9 Ruud in 4R).
 > Upset No. 7 Rune in 2R and No. 10 de Minaur in 4R en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami QF.
 > Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 US Open (d. Gasquet) and reached 3R at 2024 and 2025 Australian Open and advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Munich after 0-6 start in ATP Tour QFs.
 > Owns 55-30 Challenger record (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Banja Luka, 2023 Antalya and 2023 Perugia and losing to countryman Fucsovics in 2022 Bratislava-2 final.

NOTE: Marozsan seeks 9th ATP Tour QF (1-7), fourth this year after Hong Kong, Munich and Beijing, to be first Hungarian quarter-finalist in tournament history. He is 11-18 vs. Top 50 players this season, including 7-10 on hard courts, highlighted by Top 10 win over No. 8 Rublev in Hong Kong.

Hungarian Men to Record 25 Wins in a Season (Open Era):

Player	Year (No. of Wins)
Balazs Taroczy	1976 (43), 1977 (39), 1978 (44), 1979 (40), 1980 (46), 1981 (47), 1982 (43)
Marton Fucsovics	2018 (25), 2021 (26)
Fabian Marozsan	2025 (25)

COURT 1

1R: Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA)
25 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Jan-Lennard Struff

Struff Leads 1-0
3-6 7-6(4) 6-3 6-3

2R: [7] Gabriel Diallo (CAN) vs [Q] James Duckworth (AUS)
Other Meeting
22 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal Q (Canada) Hard Q1 Gabriel Diallo

First Tour-Level Meeting
6-3 7-6(5)

2R: [LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) vs [3] Flavio Cobolli (ITA)
24 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R128 Flavio Cobolli

Cobolli Leads 1-0
7-5 4-6 6-4 6-4