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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) / Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs Nikola Mektic (CRO) / Rajeev Ram (USA)

First Meeting

Musetti / Sonego Notes

- > Italian pair is 11-6 on tour-level as a team (4-2 in 2025), first teaming up at 2021 Tokyo Olympics, losing to eventual champions Mektic/Pavic in 2R.
- > Advanced to 2 ATP Tour finals, at 2024 Doha (I. to J. Murray/Venus) and 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati, becoming first Italian men's doubles finalists at this event in Open Era.
- > Defeated 2023 champions M. Gonzalez/Molteni in 1R and saved 1 MP to beat No. 5 seeds Salisbury/Skupski in SF.
- > Sonego and Musetti are now 5-1 in doubles in Cincinnati after advancing to QF two years ago.
- > They aim to join Camporese at 1991 Rome (w/Ivanisevic) as only Italian ATP Masters 1000 doubles champions in series history (since 1990). Italians Bolelli/Fognini lost in finals of 2015 Indian Wells, Monte-Carlo and Shanghai.
- > In singles, World No. 10 Musetti lost in 2R to Bonzi, while Sonego reached 3R before losing to Fritz.
- > Team is ranked No. 34 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Musetti is ranked No. 247 (career-high No. 142 in 2024) and Sonego is ranked No. 234 (career-high No. 60 in 2022) with both projected inside Top 100 after Cincinnati.
- > Musetti, 23, is 0-1 in ATP Tour doubles finals after 2024 Doha w/Sonego and seeks first ATP Tour title since 2022 Naples (singles) and 1st ATP Masters 1000 title after losing in singles final of Monte-Carlo earlier this year.
- > Sonego, 30, is 2-1 in ATP Tour doubles finals, winning 2021 Cagliari w/Vavassori & 2022 Kitzbuhel w/Martinez, as he seeks 1st tour-level doubles title on hard.
- > Sonego's best ATP Masters 1000 result prior to this week was run to 2021 Rome SF in singles.
- > Musetti became the first man to reach ATP Masters 1000 final in singles and doubles this season and would be the youngest ATP Masters 1000 doubles champion since Auger-Aliassime, 20, at 2020 Paris (w/Hurkacz).

Players to Reach ATP Masters 1000 Singles and Doubles Finals in a Season (since 2020):

Year	Player	Singles Final	Doubles Final
2025	Lorenzo Musetti	Monte-Carlo (L)	Cincinnati (?)
2024	Alexander Zverev	Rome (W), Paris (W)	Monte-Carlo (L)
2023	Andrey Rublev	Monte-Carlo (W), Shanghai (L)	Madrid (W)
2022	Hubert Hurkacz	Montreal (L)	Miami (W)
2021	Andrey Rublev	Monte-Carlo (L), Cincinnati (L)	Indian Wells (L)

Mektic / Ram Notes

- > Duo of former World No. 1s is 6-3 as a pair (5-2 in 2025), making their team debut at 2018 Vienna and repaired for their second event at 2025 Washington last month.
- > Advanced to their first final as a team in Cincinnati this week after losing in Washington 1R and Toronto 2R.
- > Earned wins over No. 4 seeds Krawietz/Puetz in 2R, No. 7 seeds Harrison/King in QF, before stopping 22-match winning streak by No. 2 seeds Cash/Glasspool in SF, first team to defeat them since June.
- > Ram is 15-13 in Cincinnati, highlighted by 2022 title w/Salisbury, while Mektic is 12-7 at the event, reaching his first Cincinnati final after QF losses in 2018 (w/Peya), 2020 (w/Koolhof) and 2023 (w/Peers).
- > At 41 years and 4 months, Ram would be second-oldest men's doubles Cincinnati champion in Open Era after Nestor, 42, in 2015 (w/Roger-Vasselin).
- > By reaching Cincinnati final, Mektic joined Bopanna and Pavic as only active doubles players to reach finals of all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events (Ram missing Madrid & Shanghai).
- > Team is ranked No. 33 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Mektic is ranked No. 15 (No. 1 in 2021), while Ram is ranked No. 46 (career-high No. 1 in 2022). Mektic will return to Top 10 for the first time since January.
- > Mektic, 36, is 31-19 in tour-level doubles finals, aiming to earn his second title of the season (Auckland w/Venus) and 11th ATP Masters 1000 title (10-2 in finals), first since Paris last year and become a champion at 8th of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events (also missing Canada 2021 final).
- > Ram, 41, is 31-25 in tour-level doubles finals, seeking first title since 2024 Adelaide in January (w/Salisbury) and his 6th ATP Masters 1000 title (5-4 in finals), seeking first title at this level since 2022 Cincinnati.
- > Ram earned all of his 14 men's doubles titles from 2019 to 2024 with Salisbury, including three consecutive titles at US Open (2021-23).



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Most ATP Masters 1000 Doubles (Active Players):

Titles		Finals	
Marcel Granollers	10	Marcel Granollers	17
Nikola Mektic	10	Marcelo Melo	16
Marcelo Melo	9	Mate Pavic	15
Mate Pavic	9	Rohan Bopanna	14
Horacio Zeballos	9	Ivan Dodig	13
		Nikola Mektic	13