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2R: [LL] Martin Damm (USA) vs [3] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) First Meeting

Martin Damm | Age: 23 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 90 | 2026: 11-14 (Montpellier SF) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Former Top 10 junior broke into Top 500 in 2022, Top 200 in November 2025 and achieved career-high No. 90 in August 2026 after defeating No. 8 Medvedev for biggest win of career in Winston-Salem.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2024 Miami as WC, defeating Zhang and No. 14 Paul via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R and qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2026 Montpellier.
> Also qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 US Open (d. Blanch) and 2026 Australian Open.
> Owns 42-48 Challenger record (0-4 in finals), advancing to finals at 2024 Oeiras-2, 2025 Columbus, 2025 Lincoln and 2025 Charlottesville.
> Peaked at No. 3 in juniors in 2021, highlighted by runs in boys' singles to SFs of 2019 Roland Garros (l. to Rune) and Wimbledon, defeating future World No. 1 Alcaraz in QF.
> Father, Martin Sr., is a former player, reaching No. 42 in singles and No. 5 in doubles, winning 40 titles, including becoming 2006 US Open men's doubles champion w/Paes.

NOTE: Damm is looking for his 2nd ATP Tour QF after his run to Montpellier SF in February (l. to Mannarino). He aims to record his third Top 30 win of the season (including CH level) after defeating No. 24 Rinderknech in Bordeaux CH in May and No. 8 Medvedev in Winston-Salem 2R in August.

Damm's Top 30 Wins (including Challenger level; W-L 3-8)

Win Over	Tournament	Score
No. 14 Tommy Paul	2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R	4-6 2-1 RET
No. 24 Arthur Rinderknech	2026 Bordeaux CH 2R	6-4 7-6(13)
No. 8 Daniil Medvedev	2026 Winston-Salem 2R	7-5 6-3

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 28 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 36-20 (2 Titles) | Event: 1-1 (2022 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 and Top 50 in 2022, Top 20 in 2024 and achieved career-high No. 18 in May 2025 after equaling biggest win of career over No. 2 Zverev en route to ATP Masters 1000 Madrid SF.
> Moved into Top 25 in July 2022 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF in back-to-back weeks.
> Became 1st Argentine ATP Tour champion on grass courts since Frana in 1995 by winning 2023 Eastbourne and captured 2026 Queen's Club title to be first Argentine champion in tournament history.
> As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
> In his hometown of Buenos Aires, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final as No. 137-ranked qualifier in 2021, defeated No. 2 Zverev en route to 2025 final and did not drop a set to win the title for 1st time in 2026.
> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo is seeking his 38th ATP Tour QF (19-18), eighth of the season, and fourth on indoor hard courts after 2022 Gijon, 2024 Almaty and 2024 Belgrade. He is 11-1 vs. players outside Top 100 this season, sole loss to No. 127 Gea in Los Cabos QF, and bids to be 1st Argentine quarter-finalist at this event since Schwartzman in 2021.

2R: [8] Mariano Navone (ARG) vs Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

First Meeting

Mariano Navone | Age: 25 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 24-23 (Bucharest Title) | Event: 2-1 ('24, '26 2R)
> Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 29 in June 2024 after capturing 6th Challenger title in Cagliari.

> As No. 31 seed at 2024 Roland Garros, became first man in Open Era to be seeded in his Grand Slam main draw debut and upset No. 5 Djokovic in 2026 US Open 1R to be first man to defeat the Serb in Grand Slam 1R since 2006.

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2026 Bucharest, earning deciding set wins in 3 out of 5 matches and saving 2 match points vs. van de Zandschulp in SF and defeated No. 5 Auger-Aliassime to reach 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and advanced to 1st QF, SF and final at 2024 Rio de Janeiro as Q and defeated claycourt champions Darderi, Seyboth Wild and F. Cerundolo en route to 2nd final at 2024 Bucharest.

> On home soil, made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as WC and earned 1st Top 20 win over No. 12 Rune to reach 2025 Buenos Aires QF before squandering 2 MPs vs. eventual champion Fonseca.

> Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ending the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with 5 Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe-2.

NOTE: Navone aims to advance to his 9th ATP Tour QF (5-3), first outside of clay, to become third Argentine quarter-finalist at this event (also F. Cerundolo) after Schwartzman (2016-18, 2021) and Pella (2019). He also attempts to become fifth Argentine to record 25 wins in 2026, achieving the feat for first time in career.

Argentine Men's Tour-Level Win Leaders This Season

Player	W-L
Francisco Cerundolo	36-20
Thiago Agustin Tirante	28-18
Tomas Martin Etcheverry	26-25
Sebastian Baez	25-25
Mariano Navone	24-23

Tallon Griekspoor | Age: 30 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 21 | 2026: 14-21 (Dubai Final) | Event: 1-1 (2026 2R)

> Earned personal-best 36 wins in 2023, won 1st ATP Tour title in Pune and achieved career-high No. 21 in November.

> Went 17-3 on home soil from 2023 to 2024, highlighted by 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and advancing to Rotterdam SFs in 2023 (d. No. 17 Zverev in 2R) and 2024 (d. No. 8 Hurkacz in 2R).

> Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019, No. 14 Karatsev in 2022, No. 17 A. Zverev in 2023 and for 's-Hertogenbosch win over No. 18 de Minaur in 2023 – earning first five Top-20 wins of career on home soil.

> Upset No. 2 Zverev in 2025 Indian Wells 2R to become 1st Dutch ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finalist since Haase in 2018 and defending champion No. 2 Sinner via RET in 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R.

> Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

NOTE: Griekspoor aims to reach 25th ATP Tour QF (10-14), fourth this season after Montpellier, Rotterdam, and run to Dubai Final (l. to Medvedev via W/O). He looks to become first Dutch quarter-finalist in tournament history. 30-year-old is 2-7 vs Top 50 players since Dubai, defeating No. 3 Zverev and No. 35 Arnaldi in ATP Masters 1000 Montreal.

2R: [Q] Clement Chidekh (FRA) vs Jacob Fearnley (GBR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

24 Nottingham 2 CH (Great Britain)	Grass	Q1	Jacob Fearnley	2-6 6-3 7-6(4)
26 Lille CH (France)	Hard	R32	Clement Chidekh	6-3 2-6 6-2

Clement Chidekh | Age: 25 | World No. 152 | Career-High No. 146 | 2026: 1-0 (Brussels 2R) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)

> Earned 1st ranking point in 2019 at age 18, broke into Top 500 in June 2022, entered Top 200 in November 2024, and achieved career-high No. 146 in October 2026.

> Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2023 Montpellier as Q, losing to countryman Halys in 3 sets, and also qualified at 2025 Marseille and 2026 Brussels, where he won his first tour-level match against No. 38 van de Zandschulp.

> Owns 76-55 Challenger record (5-2 in finals), winning back-to-back titles in Nottingham and Glasgow in January 2026 following titles at 2024 Glasgow, 2025 Chisinau, and 2026 Mouilleron le Captif in September.

> Boasts 126-44 career record on ITF World Tennis Tour (10-5 in finals), earning all 10 titles on hard courts.

> Played college tennis at the University of Washington and became the first Husky ever to achieve the No. 1 national singles ranking, finishing with a 42-11 college career singles record, best in Washington history.

NOTE: Chidekh defeated No. 38 van de Zandschulp in 1R for his first ATP Tour win and now aims to reach his first tour-level quarter-final. He would become the fourth lowest-ranked quarter-finalist in event history after No. 243 A. Murray in 2019, No. 226 Mpetshi Perricard in 2023 and No. 198 Copil in 2016 (also No. 178 Onclin on Day 3).

Jacob Fearnley | Age: 25 | World No. 87 | Career-High No. 49 | 2026: 6-9 (5 times in 2R) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Unranked in July 2023, broke into Top 500 in June 2024, Top 200 in August 2024 and Top 100 in September 2024, before achieving career-high No. 49 in June 2025 after run to Roland Garros 3R.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2024 Eastbourne as WC, defeated Moro Canas at 2024 Wimbledon for 1st tour-level win (l. to 7-time champion Djokovic in 2R) and advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2025 London/Queen's Club.
> Posted 27-3 (.900) Challenger record in 2024 with titles at Nottingham-2, Lincoln, Rennes and Orleans, owning highest win percentage in a season at Challenger level since 2011 (min. 25 matches played).
> Advanced to 3R of 2025 Australian Open after defeating former-World No. 13 Kyrgios in 1R and 2025 Roland Garros after ousting former champion Wawrinka in 1R.
> Peaked at No. 27 in junior rankings, highlighted by wins over future World No. 1s Alcaraz in 2018 Sanxenxo Grade 2 final by 6-2 4-6 7-6(12) and Sinner in 2017 Malta ITF U18 Grade 4 1R.
> Spent five-years playing college tennis for Texas Christian University, former team of countryman Norrie, becoming four-time ITA All-American and helped his team clinch the national championship in his final year

NOTE: Fearnley aims to reach second career ATP Tour QF, first on hard courts, after reaching his first at London / Queen's Club last year. 25-year-old bids to become fourth British quarter-finalist in tournament history after Edmund in 2018 (Title), Murray in 2019 (Title) and Evans in 2020 (SF) and 2022 (QF).

1R: [WC] David Goffin (BEL) vs [LL] Remy Bertola (SUI)

First Meeting

David Goffin | Age: 35 | World No. 657 | Career-High No. 7 | 2026: 0-0 (2 times in Q2) | Event: 6-7 (2017 SF)
> Earned career-high 59 wins in 2017, ending season at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.
> Became 6th and final player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray and Nalbandian).
> First Belgian to break into Top 10, qualify for Nitto ATP Finals, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
> In 2022, earned 300th victory (d. Andujar in Marrakech 2R), captured 6th ATP Tour title (Marrakech) and posted 3rd win over World No. 1 (d. Alcaraz in Astana 1R).
> Advanced to 4 Grand Slam QFs, most recently 2022 Wimbledon, and led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017.

NOTE: Goffin is playing in his final ATP Tour event of career as 35-year-old announced plans to retire after this tournament. In his 633rd tour-level match of career, 35-year-old aims to record his first tour-level win since defeating No. 6 Shelton in ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 2R last year. He is the highest-ranked Belgian in PIF ATP Rankings history (No. 7) and owns records for most wins (357) and titles (6) among Belgian men in the Open Era.

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Win Leaders (Open Era)	Title Leaders (Open Era)	Grand Slam Win Leaders (All-Time)
David Goffin 357	David Goffin 6	David Goffin 69
Xavier Malisse 294	Xavier Malisse 3	Xavier Malisse 58
Olivier Rochus 238	Darcis, Dewulf, O. Rochus 2	Jacques Brichant 48

Most Appearances in Event History

Player	Appearances
Richard Gasquet	8 (2016, 2018-24)
David Goffin	8 (2016-17, 2019-20, 2022-23, 2025-26)
Diego Schwartzman	6 (2016-19, 2021-22)
Jan-Lennard Struff	6 (2016, 2018-19, 2021, 2023, 2026)
Botic van de Zandschulp	6 (2021-26)

Remy Bertola | Age: 28 | World No. 219 | Career-High No. 174 | 2026: 1-0 (Davis Cup) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point in 2019 at age 20, broke into Top 500 in May 2022, entered Top 300 in June 2024, and achieved career-high No. 174 in August 2026.
> Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2025 Basel as a qualifier, losing to Munar in 1R, and entered the 2026 Brussels main draw as a lucky loser.

- > Captured all 3 tour-level wins of his career playing for Switzerland in Davis Cup, defeating Bueno vs Peru in 2024, Landaluce vs Spain in 2025 and Pucinelli De Almeida vs. Brazil in 2026.
- > Owns 47-74 Challenger record (0-1 in finals), highlighted by run to 1st final at 2026 Quimper.
- > Earned biggest wins of career over Mannarino as No. 58 in 2025 Basel Q1 and No. 69 in 2026 Quimper CH 1R.

NOTE: Bertola lost to Cina in final round of qualifying before entering as a lucky loser for his second ATP Tour main draw appearance after 2025 Basel (l. to Munar). The 28-year-old is looking to become the fourth Swiss man in tournament history to win a main draw match joining Wawrinka (2019), Laaksonen (2017, 2021), and Stricker (2022).

2R: [LL] Gauthier Onclin (BEL) vs Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

First Meeting

Gauthier Onclin | Age: 25 | World No. 178 | Career-High No. 158 | 2026: 1-2 (Stuttgart 2R) | Event: 0-0 ('23, '26 Q2)
> Earned 1st ranking point in 2019 at age 18, broke into Top 500 in November 2021, broke into the Top 200 in August 2023, before achieving career-high No. 158 in August 2026.
> Qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 Australian Open, losing to Opelka in 1R, and defeated No. 61 Marozsan for 1st ATP Tour win at 2026 Stuttgart as a qualifier.
> Owns 68-73 Challenger record (2-1 in finals), winning back-to-back titles in Abidjan-1 and Abidjan-2 in 2026.
> Boasts 186-77 career record on ITF World Tennis Tour (16-10 in finals), achieving 23-3 record in 2026 including winning 3 titles at M25 Vila Real de Santo Antonio, M25 Toulouse-Balma, and M25 Monastir.
> Peaked at No. 8 in juniors in 2019, highlighted by boys' doubles runs to 2019 Roland Garros SF w/Fomin and 2019 US Open QF w/Llamas Ruiz and posting wins over future-Top 20 players Darderi, Lehecka and Rune.

NOTE: Onclin lost to Chidekh in final round of qualifying and advanced to the main draw as a lucky loser after Belgian No. 1 and No. 4 seed Blockx withdrew due to an ankle sprain. He seeks second ATP Tour win of career after defeating No. 61 Marozsan in Stuttgart 1R earlier this season to reach his first career tour-level quarter-final.

Jan-Lennard Struff | Age: 36 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 21 | 2026: 17-19 (Wimbledon QF) | Event: 7-5 ('16, '18 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 21 in June 2023 after advancing to 3rd ATP Tour final at 2023 Stuttgart.
> Entered 2023 Madrid as LL, defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas in QF and Karatsev in SF, after losing to him in qualifying, to become 1st lucky loser to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final in series history (since 1990).
> Became the oldest man in Open Era to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at age 36 at 2026 Wimbledon after earning 3 fifth set wins in 4 matches after losing in 4R of 2019 and 2021 Roland Garros and 2025 US Open.
> On home soil, advanced to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Munich, earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev in 2021 Halle 1R and became 3rd oldest first-time ATP Tour champion at 2024 Munich.
> Posted personal-best 35 victories in 2019, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam 4R appearance at Roland Garros.
> In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer and Karlovic).
> Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tour-level win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

NOTE: Struff, in his sixth appearance at this event, aims to reach his 41st tour-level quarter-final, 21st on hard courts, and second this season after Wimbledon (l. to Sinner). At 36 years and 5 months, the German seeks to become the second oldest quarter-finalist in tournament history after 2024 champion Bautista Agut.

Oldest Quarter-Finalists in Event History – Struff (36Y 5M) aims to join the list.

Player	Age	Year (End Result)
Roberto Bautista Agut	36Y 6M	2024 (Champion)
Richard Gasquet	36Y 4M	2022 (SF)
Julien Benneteau	35Y 10M	2017 (QF)

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1R: Dino Prizmic (CRO) vs Damir Dzumhur (BIH)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

23 Banja Luka CH (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	Clay	QF	Dino Prizmic	6-3 6-4
23 Istanbul CH (Turkiye)	Hard	QF	Damir Dzumhur	6-3 6-7(3) 7-5
24 Istanbul CH (Turkiye)	Hard	R16	Damir Dzumhur	6-2 6-2