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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs [Q] Marko Topo (GER)

First Meeting

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 29 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 48 | 2025: 12-26 (Tokyo QF) | Event: 3-1 (2025 SF)
> Broke into Top 200 in March 2020 prior to COVID-19 suspension of ATP Tour and Top 100 in May 2023 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2023 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Atlanta.
> Entered 2024 Eastbourne as LL, advancing to 2nd ATP Tour SF by defeating Nishioka in QF after losing to him in qualifying.
> Qualified and defeated No. 9 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 3R at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.
> Won Challenger titles at 2022 Bengaluru-2 and 2023 Busan and reached Challenger finals at 2021 and 2022 Champaign, where he was a 3-time All-American for University of Illinois from 2015-18.
> Born in Sydney after parents and older brother fled Montenegro during breakup of Yugoslavia in early-1990s.

NOTE: Vukic is 1-8 on tour-level vs. players ranked outside Top 100 since February this year. Australian No. 5 advanced to his most recent ATP Tour SF in Almaty last year, including win over No. 15 Tiafoe in QF.

Marko Topo | Age: 22 | World No. 277 | Career-High No. 255 | 2025: 0-0 (1 CH SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st PIF ATP Rankings point at age 17 in October 2020 and achieved career-high No. 255 in July 2025 soon after advancing to Challenger SF in Heilbronn - Bad Rappenau.
> Made his ATP Tour debut at age 17 as No.1512-ranked WC at 2021 Belgrade-2 and qualified for ATP Tour events at 2022 Munich, 2022 Hamburg, 2023 Munich and 2025 Almaty.
> Owns 28-36 Challenger record, highlighted by SF runs at 2023 Banja Luka and 2025 Heilbronn (Bad Rappenau).
> Won 6 ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2023 M15 Kursumlijska Banja, 2023 M25 Kursumlijska Banja, 2024 M25 Tarragona, 2024 M25 Heraklion, 2025 M25 Faro and 2025 M25 Kursumlijska Banja.
> Peaked at No. 23 in juniors in 2021, with main appearances at Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

NOTE: Topo looks for his 1st ATP Tour win of his career (0-5) after defeating B. Harris and Drognet to qualify for his first tour-level event of the season. He is 2-6 vs. Top 100 (including ATP qualifying and Challengers), earning wins over No. 94 Laaksonen in 2022 Munich Q1 and No. 67 Martinez in Bad Waltersdorf CH 1R last month, both on clay.

[LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) vs [WC] Timofey Skatov (KAZ)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

17 Osaka Juniors (Japan)

Hard QF Timofey Skatov

7-5 7-5

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 24 | World No. 114 | Career-High No. 62 | 2025: 7-17 (Adelaide QF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC, then achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.
> Rallied from a set down three times to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL.
> Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.
> Also at 2023 Australian Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.
> Won 3 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in 2022 and 2024 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.
> Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata enters the draw as a lucky loser after the withdrawal of Jarry due to elbow pain. 24-year-old is a lucky loser at an ATP Tour event for the fourth time in his career, previously reaching his only ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and his best result this year in Adelaide (QF), both as a lucky loser.

Timofey Skatov | Age: 24 | World No. 236 | Career-High No. 123 | 2025: 0-1 (Bucharest 1R) | Event: 1-3 (2021 2R)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 200 in March 2022 and achieved career-high No. 123 in September 2023.
> Earned clay-court wins over No. 22 Cerundolo and No. 28 Etcheverry in 2024 Davis Cup vs. Argentina and No. 27 Griekspoor to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Bastad as Q.
> Made ATP Tour debut on home soil at 2020 Astana as WC and defeated Seppi for 1st win at 2021 Astana as WC.
> Qualified for Grand Slam events at 2022 Australian Open, 2023 Roland Garros and US Open in 2023 and 2024.
> Owns 109-96 Challenger record (3-4 in finals) with titles at 2022 Parma, 2024 Augsburg and 2025 Todi.
> Went 90-33 on ITF Junior Circuit, including wins over future Top-30 ATP players Draper, Musetti and Nakashima.

NOTE: Skatov seeks first ATP Tour win since advancing to Bastad QF in July last year (d. Daniel, Griekspoor) and first win across all levels since winning Todi Challenger in August. He is making his fourth main draw appearance at the event, tied for most in this year's field, defeating No. 87 Seppi in 2021 1R for only previous win.

[5] Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs Hamad Medjedovic (SRB)

24 Belgrade (Serbia)

Hard R32 Hamad Medjedovic

Medjedovic Leads 1-0

3-6 7-5 6-3

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 24 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 29 | 2025: 30-25 (3 SFs) | Almaty: 0-0 (Debut)
> 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 aims to break a 4-match losing streak on indoor hard courts since defeating No. 12 Paul in Vienna 1R last year and first career win vs. fellow Next Gen ATP Finals champions (0-4). He is 10-1 in his last 11 opening rounds on hard courts, lone loss to No. 66 Majchrzak in ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 2R last week (after 1R bye).

Most Tour-Level Wins This Season (Players Ranked Outside Top 20):

Wins	Player	Ranking
35	Francisco Cerundolo	No. 21
30	Brandon Nakashima	No. 34
29	Zizou Bergs	No. 39
29	Luciano Darderi	No. 26

Hamad Medjedovic | Age: 22 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 57 | 2025: 17-14 (Marseille Final) | Event: 3-1 ('23 SF)
> 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals champion broke into Top 100 in January 2025 after opting to miss Australian Open Q to win Challenger title at Oeiras-1 and achieved career-high No. 57 in August 2025.
> Defeated countryman Djere to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Belgrade and advanced to 2025 Marseille final after wins over former champions Khachanov and No. 8 Medvedev for biggest win of career.
> Came through qualifying and upset former World No. 3 Thiem en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Gstaad.
> Owns 51-31 Challenger record (5-1 in finals) and joined Djokovic and Tipsarevic as third Serbian teenager to win 3 Challenger titles, doing so at 2022 Luedenscheid, 2023 Szekesfehervar and 2023 Mauthausen.
> Achieved career-high No. 9 in junior rankings after winning titles without dropping a set at 2019 Berlin Grade 1 and 2019 New Delhi Grade 2.

NOTE: Medjedovic is 19-6 indoors on tour-level (19-26 outdoors), including 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals title and ATP Tour finals in Belgrade and Marseille in last 52 weeks. He owns 8-2 record vs. Top 50 on indoor hard courts, including wins over No. 12 Rune in Davis Cup and No. 8 Medvedev in Marseille SF earlier this season.

Former Next Gen ATP Finals Champions:

2017 – Hyeon Chung	2022 – Brandon Nakashima
2018 – Stefanos Tsitsipas	2023 – Hamad Medjedovic
2019 – Jannik Sinner	2024 – Joao Fonseca
2021 – Carlos Alcaraz	

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ)

First Meeting

Laslo Djere | Age: 30 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 27 | 2025: 13-11 (Santiago Title) | Event: 2-3 (2021 QF)

- > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set, reaching career-high No. 27 in June 2019.
- > Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
- > Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia and former champions Martinez and Baez to capture 3rd title at 2025 Santiago.
- > Earned 5 victories and won 5 TBs en route to 2022 Winston-Salem final despite entering event with 15-44 career record on hard courts and 1-18 TB record in 2022.
- > Also on hard courts, upset World No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Djere seeks his first ATP Tour win since defeating Bu in Mallorca 1R in June (0-4 since) and first hard-court win since advancing to Belgrade SF in November last year. In his only ATP Tour hard-court event of the season, he lost to eventual champion Vacherot in ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 1R and looks for 1st win at this event since 2021.

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 24 | World No. 91 | Career-High No. 45 | 2025: 13-18 (Chengdu SF) | Event: 3-3 (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, Kazakhstani No. 2, looks to advance to 2R at this event for third consecutive year. He is 16-13 indoors on tour-level (.552), highlighted by ATP Tour final at 2023 Metz and both Top 10 wins (2-11) over No. 9 Fritz at 2023 Basel and No. 7 Rune at 2024 Rotterdam, compared to 34-53 (.391) outdoors.

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Tristan Schoolkate (AUS) vs Adam Walton (AUS)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

23 Columbus-2 CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Tristan Schoolkate	4-6 6-3 6-1
23 Tiburon CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Adam Walton	6-4 7-5
24 Burnie-2 CH (Australia)	Hard	SF	Adam Walton	6-4 6-4
24 Acapulco CH (Mexico)	Hard	QF	Adam Walton	6-2 6-4
24 Guangzhou CH (China)	Hard	F	Tristan Schoolkate	6-3 3-6 6-3
25 Brisbane-1 CH (Australia)	Hard	SF	Tristan Schoolkate	4-6 6-3 7-6(5)
25 ATP Masters 1000 Miami Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q2	Tristan Schoolkate	6-3 6-4