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1R: [Q] Moise Kouame (FRA) vs [8] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) First Meeting

Moise Kouame | Age: 16 | World No. 552 (Career-High) | 2026: 0-0 (2 ITF Titles) | Montpellier: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former Top-20 junior earned 1st ranking point in October 2024 and is the youngest man in Top 1000 of PIF ATP Rankings, achieving career-high No. 552 in February 2026 after winning M15 Bressuire title.
> Making ATP Tour debut at 2026 Montpellier as No. 552-ranked qualifier at age 16, becoming sixth-youngest man to qualify for an ATP Tour event in this century and youngest since Molleker, 16, at 2017 Hamburg.
> Received qualifying wildcards to 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to No. 88 van de Zandschulp) and 2025 Roland Garros, losing to Martin Tiffon in 3 sets.
> Captured back-to-back ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2026 M25 Hazebrouck and M15 Bressuire to be youngest Frenchman to win a professional title since Gasquet, 16, at 2003 Sarajevo CH.
> Peaked at No. 14 in junior rankings in March 2025, highlighted by run to 2024 Orange Bowl U18 final.
> Began playing tennis at age 6 with older brother, Michael, who plays college tennis for University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

NOTE: Kouame saved 1 MP vs. E. Ymer in Q1 en route to becoming the youngest man to qualify for an ATP Tour event since Molleker, 16, at 2017 Hamburg. He aims to record 1st Top 100 win of career to become youngest man to earn an ATP Tour win since Alcaraz, 16, at 2020 Rio de Janeiro. He is 12-0 across all levels this season, winning ITF titles at M25 Hazebrouck and M15 Bressuire in January.

Youngest Men to Earn 1st ATP Tour / Grand Slam Main Draw Win since 2000:

Player	Age	Tournament	Win Over	Wins Before Turning 17
Richard Gasquet	15Y 10M	2002 Monte-Carlo	d. Squillari	3
Rafael Nadal	15Y 10M	2002 Mallorca	d. Delgado	6
Ryan Harrison	15Y 11M	2008 Houston	d. Cuevas	1
Bernard Tomic	16Y 2M	2009 Aus. Open	d. Starace	1
Cristian Garin	16Y 8M	2013 Vina del Mar	d. Lajovic	1
Carlos Alcaraz	16Y 9M	2020 Rio de Janeiro	d. Ramos-Vinolas	1
Justin Engel	17Y 13D	2024 Almaty	d. Wong	0

* At 16 years and 10 months, Kouame would become just the seventh man in this century to win an ATP Tour or Grand Slam match before turning 17 years of age as well as first man born in 2009 or later to record an ATP Tour win.

First Man Born in ____ To Record an ATP Tour or Grand Slam Win (since 2000):

Year	Player	Tournament	Win Over	Result
2008	Diego Dedura	2025 Munich	d. Shapovalov	7-6 3-0 RET
2007	Justin Engel	2024 Almaty	d. Wong	7-5 6-4
2006	Joao Fonseca	2024 Rio de Janeiro	d. Fils	6-0 6-4
2005	Shang Juncheng	2023 Australian Open	d. Otte	6-2 6-4 6-7 7-5
2004	Stefanos Sakellaridis	2023 United Cup	d. Bergs	5-7 6-1 6-3
2003	Carlos Alcaraz	2020 Rio de Janeiro	d. Ramos-Vinolas	7-6 4-6 7-6
2002	Lorenzo Musetti	2020 Rome	d. Wawrinka	6-0 7-6
2001	Jannik Sinner	2019 Budapest	d. Valkusz	6-2 0-6 6-4
2000	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2018 Indian Wells	d. Pospisil	6-2 7-6

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 27 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 54 | Career: 32-58 (2 Finals) | Montpellier: 4-1 ('25 Final)
> Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 54 in January 2026.

> Upset No. 10 Rublev twice for biggest wins of career to reach ATP Tour finals of 2025 Montpellier and 2025 Los Cabos.

> Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and former champion Kyrgios en route to 2026 Brisbane SF.

- > Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final and captured latest titles at 2025 Oeiras-2 and 2025 Cap Cana.
- > Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open.
- > Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.

NOTE: Kovacevic is making his second appearance in Montpellier after reaching his 1st ATP Tour final at this venue last year as a qualifier (d. No. 10 Rublev in SF, l. to Auger-Aliassime). 27-year-old is seeded at an ATP Tour event for the second time in career (No. 7 seed at 2025 Los Cabos, d. No. 10 Rublev in SF, l. to Shapovalov).

1R: Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs [WC] Stan Wawrinka (SUI) First Meeting

Hamad Medjedovic | Age: 22 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 57 | Career: 40-36 (2 Finals) | Montpellier: 0-0 (Debut)
 > 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 3rd 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 owns 19-8 (.704) tour-level record indoors compared to 21-28 (.429) outdoors, highlighted by 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals title and run to Marseille final last year (d. No. 8 Medvedev in SF). He bids to be the third Serbian man to record a main draw win in Montpellier after Krajnovic (9) and Troicki (1).

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 40 | World No. 113 | Career-High No. 3 | Career: 585-381 (16 Titles) | Montpellier: 0-1 ('25 1R)
 > Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
 > Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
 > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
 > Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte-Carlo.
 > Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup and advance to 2026 United Cup final.

NOTE: Wawrinka bids to become the oldest man to record a tour-level win indoors outside Davis Cup since Rosewall, 45, at 1980 Melbourne. 40-year-old aims to successfully pass his opening match in fifth of his last six events played, including en route to Australian Open 3R two weeks ago (d. Djere, Gea, l. to Fritz).

Most Tour-Level Wins After Turning 40 Years of Age (since the ATP Tour was established in 1990):

Player	Wins	Achieved in
Ivo Karlovic	9	2019-21
Jimmy Connors	8	1992-95
Stan Wawrinka	7	2025-26
Feliciano Lopez	5	2021, 2023

2R: [5] Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs Adrian Mannarino (FRA)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R64 Adrian Mannarino
 23 Roland Garros (France) Clay R128 Ugo Humbert
 23 Newport (U.S.A.) Grass SF Adrian Mannarino

Mannarino Leads 2-1

6-4 6-2
 6-3 6-3 6-1
 6-4 6-3

Ugo Humbert | Age: 27 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 13 | Career: 173-148 (7 Titles) | Montpellier: 3-5 (2021 QF)
 > Broke into Top 20 in November 2023 and achieved career-high No. 13 in April 2024 soon after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final (now 7-4 in finals).
 > Went on a 13-match winning streak on French indoor hard courts, capturing titles at 2023 Metz and 2024 Marseille and equaled biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Paris.
 > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 7 career titles at 2021 Halle.

- > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
- > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles in Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert is on a 19-1 run indoors on home soil, including titles at 2023 Metz, 2024 Marseille and 2025 Marseille and run to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Paris (l. to Zverev). He seeks 36th tour-level quarter-final, second of the season after run to Adelaide final in January (l. to Machac), and ninth on French soil.

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 37 | World No. 70 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 317-361 (5 Titles) | Montpellier: 6-7 ('22 QF)

- > Ended 13 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-25) and became the oldest man to break into Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 35, achieving career-high No. 17 in January 2024.
- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch, 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.
- > Posted personal-best 43 wins in 2023, highlighted by ATP Tour titles in Newport, Astana and Sofia.
- > Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.
- > Reached Australian Open 4R in 2022 and 2024 and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018 and posted win over No. 6 Shelton via RET to reach 2025 US Open 4R, after 0-22 start vs. Top-10 at Grand Slams.

NOTE: Mannarino looks for his 63rd ATP Tour QF, first since 2024 Chengdu, and fourth on French soil after 2008 Metz, 2016 Nice and 2022 Montpellier. 37-year-old is 6-4 vs. Top 50 since August, after going 0-6 from January to July last year, and seeks back-to-back tour-level wins for the 1st time since his run to US Open 4R in August.

2R: [WC] Arthur Gea (FRA) vs [3] Tomas Machac (CZE)**First Meeting**

Arthur Gea | Age: 21 | World No. 168 (Career-High) | Career: 2-2 (2 times in 2R) | Montpellier: 1-0 (2026 2R)

- > Former Top-10 junior broke into Top 200 at career-high No. 168 in February 2026 after defeating No. 19 Lehecka for biggest win of career to reach Australian Open 2R, losing to former champion Wawrinka in 5 sets.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2025 Marseille as Q, losing to countryman Grenier in 1R, and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2026 Australian Open after losing 14 games in 6 sets in qualifying.
- > Advanced to 1st Challenger final at 2026 Noumea, defeating Rodionov for his 1st title at Challenger level.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors in 2023, advancing to 2023 US Open boys' singles semi-final and partnered with Djuric to reach 2023 Wimbledon boys' doubles final.

NOTE: Gea is 10-1 across all levels this season, winning his 1st Challenger title in Noumea and coming from qualifying to reach Australian Open 2R (d. No. 19 Lehecka in 1R), lone loss to Wawrinka in fifth set tie-break. Carpentras-native seeks his 2nd Top 30 win (1-0) and attempts to reach 1st ATP Tour QF of career.

Tomas Machac | Age: 25 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 20 | Career: 79-61 (2 Titles) | Montpellier: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 100 in time for 2022 year-end rankings and achieved career-high No. 20 in March 2025 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title in Acapulco, becoming first Czech man in Top 20 since Berdych in 2018.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Geneva by defeating No. 1 Djokovic and upset No. 2 Alcaraz to advance to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF.
- > Representing Czechia, recorded wins over Zhang at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's singles 1R and mixed doubles final to earn gold medal partnering Siniakova.
- > Boasts 110-54 Challenger record (6-5 in finals), including back-to-back titles at Orleans and Mouilleron le Captif in October 2023.
- > Says that his favourite sports team is Chicago Bulls and his hero is Michael Jordan, who played his last game as a Bull in 1998 – 2 years before Machac was born.

NOTE: Machac looks for his 13th ATP Tour QF (5-7), 10th on hard courts, and second of 2026 after winning Adelaide in January. He attempts to become third Czech quarter-finalist in Montpellier after Berdych (2012, 2019) and Hajek (2013).

COURT 1**1R: Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Luca Nardi (ITA)****First Meeting****2R: [Q] Martin Damm (USA) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)****First Meeting**