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ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Ilya Ivashka (BLR)

18 Marseille (France)

Hard

R32

Ilya Ivashka

Ivashka Leads 1-0

6-3 6-1

Laslo Djere | Age: 26 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 27 | 2021: 23-24 (F Cagliari) | St. Pete: Debut

> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.

> 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.

> Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro 1R) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid 2R).

> Owns records of 61-37 on clay (.622), 9-33 on hard (.214) and 2-6 on grass (.250) with all 18 of his ATP Tour QFs coming on clay.

Note: Djere has won a title (both on clay) 2 out of the past 3 years on the ATP Tour so far ('19 Rio, '20 Sardinia).

Ilya Ivashka | Age: 27 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 43 | 2021: 29-14 (T, Winston Salem) | St. Pete: 1-3

> Qualified at 8 tour-level events in 2018 to break into Top 100 and earned personal-best 25 wins in 2021 to achieve career-high No. 53.

> Defeated Olympic bronze medallist Carreno Busta en route to 2021 Winston-Salem title, becoming 2nd Belarusian singles champion in ATP Tour history (also Mirnyi at 2003 Rotterdam).

> Upset No. 6 A. Zverev for biggest win of career en route to 2021 Munich SF as Q.

> Advanced to 2021 Wimbledon 4R and 2021 US Open 3R after starting career 1-6 at Grand Slams.

> Won 3-setters against Monfils and Kukushkin to reach 2020 Tokyo Olympics 3R (held in 2021).

Note: Ivashka had not played a singles final on the ATP Tour before winning his 1st title at Winston Salem this year.

Federico Delbonis (ARG) vs [PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP)

12 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)

Clay

R64

Pablo Andujar

3-6 6-4 6-2

14 Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Clay

R32

Pablo Andujar

3-6 7-5 6-1

19 Marrakech (Morocco)

Clay

R32

Pablo Andujar

7-6(6) 6-3

20 Sardinia (Italy)

Clay

R16

Federico Delbonis

5-7 7-6(5) 6-4

21 Roland Garros (France)

Clay

R64

Federico Delbonis

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

Other Meetings

09 Napoli CH (Italy)

Clay

QF

Pablo Andujar

7-5 6-2

10 Reggio Emilia CH (Italy)

Clay

SF

Pablo Andujar

6-1 6-0

10 Genova CH (Italy)

Clay

R32

Pablo Andujar

3-6 7-5 6-0

Federico Delbonis | Age: 31 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 33 | 2021: 23-22 (3 SF) | St. Pete: Debut

> Finished 8 straight seasons in Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings (2013-20), peaking at No. 33 in 2016.

> Clinched Argentina's 1st Davis Cup by beating Karlovic in 2016 final (ARG d. CRO 3-2).

> Competed in 4 ATP Tour finals – all on clay – with titles at 2014 Sao Paulo and 2016 Marrakech.

> Went 23-13 on clay in 2021, reaching Roland Garros 4R and qualifying at all 3 ATP Masters 1000 clay-court events (Monte Carlo 2R, Madrid 3R, Rome QF).

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Murray (2016 Indian Wells) after posting clay-court wins over No. 5 Federer (2013 Hamburg) and No. 9 Wawrinka (2015 Geneva).

Note: Delbonis has not advanced past the 1st round he's played on the ATP Tour since July 2021 (Gstaad).

Pablo Andujar | Age: 35 | World No. 92 | Career-High No. 32 | 2021: 11-16 (SF Geneva) | St. Pete: 0-1
 > Achieved career-high No. 32 in 2015 and broke back into Top 100 in 2018 following right elbow surgeries in March 2016, November 2016 and April 2017.
 > Owns 4-5 record in finals with all 9 finals on clay and 3 of 4 titles in Morocco.
 > Won most recent title at 2018 Marrakech as No. 355, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked champion since ATP Tour was established in 1990 (No. 550 Hewitt at 1998 Adelaide).
 > In 2021, upset Federer in Geneva 2R, rallied from 2 sets down for biggest career win vs. No. 4 Thiem in Roland Garros 1R and reached 1st Grand Slam doubles SF at Roland Garros with countryman Martinez.
 > Peaked at No. 5 in junior rankings after winning 2004 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Granollers.

Note: It has been 11 years since Andujar played in St. Petersburg (1. Round of 32 to Rajeev Ram, 2010).

[Q] Egor Gerasimov (BLR) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA)

First Meeting

Egor Gerasimov | Age: 28 | World No. 105 | Career-High No. 65 | 2021: 16-22 (SF Montpellier) | St. Pete: 3-2
 > Achieved career-high No. 65 in February 2020 after defeating No. 10 Goffin at Marseille for biggest win of career.
 > Earlier that month, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at Pune.
 > Earned 7 wins in 8 days across 2 countries en route to 1st SF at 2019 St. Petersburg (2 Davis Cup, 2 qualifying, 3 main draw).
 > Qualified at a Grand Slam for 1st time in 14th attempt at 2019 US Open and defeated Harris in 1R.
 > Owns 6-1 record in Challenger finals, including 2019 Recanati title.

Note: Gerasimov has played qualifiers in all 5 St. Petersburg's events participated in save 1 (2020, 1. to Donskoy).

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 26 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 55 | 2021: 17-16 (F Washington) | St. Pete: 0-1
 > Achieved new career-high ranking 12 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 57 in 2019 before undergoing right hamstring surgery.
 > Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington.
 > Also in 2021, qualified at Roland Garros and Wimbledon after reaching Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
 > Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
 > Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

Note: McDonald has a 9-4 1st round record on the 2021 ATP Tour.

Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

First Meeting

Taylor Fritz | Age: 23 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 24 | 2021: 26-19 (5 SF) | St. Pete: 0-1
 > In 2021, became No. 1 American, and in 2019, became youngest American in Top 25 at age 21 since Roddick, 21, in 2004.
 > Also in 2019, captured 1st ATP Tour title at Eastbourne and earned 5 victories vs. Top 10, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Thiem at Laver Cup.
 > Reached 2016 Memphis final as 18-year-old WC and remains youngest American finalist since Chang, 17, at 1989 Wembley.
 > Owns 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R (0-5 vs. Top 10), including 5-set loss to World No. 1 and eventual champion Djokovic at 2021 Australian Open.
 > Ended junior career in 2015 as World No. 1 after winning US Open title, reaching Roland Garros final and posting wins over future Top-10 ATP players Rublev, Shapovalov and Tsitsipas.

Note: Defeated top 10 ATP Tour ranked players (Berrettini & Zverev) en route to Indian Wells SF (1. to Basilashvili)

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 22 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 66 | 2021: 23-20 (2 SF) | St. Pete: Debut
> Former World No. 4 junior achieved career-high No. 66 and advanced to SFs at Atlanta and Winston-Salem during summer 2021.
> In 2020, advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at Nur-Sultan after winning ATP debut at Montpellier (d. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene).
> Defeated No. 5 Thiem during 2019 Davis Cup tie and No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.
> Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.
> Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

Note: Ruusuvuori beat 2 players ATP Tour ranked 29 or higher in 2021 (Norrie in Atlanta & Karatsav in Nur-Sultan).

COURT 1

Pedro Martinez (ESP) vs Tommy Paul (USA)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Tommy Paul
21 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Tommy Paul

Paul Leads 2-0

4-1 ret
6-4 7-5

OTHER MEETING

19 US Open Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Pedro Martinez	6-4 6-4
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[Q] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [Q] Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)

First Meeting

John Millman (AUS) vs [WC] Yshai Oliel (ISR)

First Meeting