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[4] Borna Coric (CRO) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP)

First Meeting

Borna Coric | Age: 27 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 12 | Career: 211-177 (3 Titles) | Event: 1-3 (2023 QF)
> Owns 11 wins vs. Top 5 and ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.
> As World No. 152, upset No. 3 Nadal en route to 2022 Cincinnati title, becoming lowest-ranked champion in tournament and ATP Masters 1000 series history.
> Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21.
> Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.
> Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed 12 months from March 2021-March 2022 – including Davis Cup Finals – due to right shoulder injury.

NOTE: Coric aims to reach 45th tour-level quarter-final (20-24), first since reaching 2023 Winston-Salem SF and first on indoor hard court since Montpellier last year (l. to Cressy).

Pedro Martinez | Age: 26 | World No. 99 | Career-High No. 40 | Career: 51-68 (1 Title) | Event: 1-0 (2024 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Santiago and reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2022 Miami.
> Defeated No. 16 Bautista Agut at 2021 Kitzbuhel for biggest win of career and en route to 1st SF and final.
> Led all players by qualifying for 6 tour-level events in 2020, including Australian Open, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Roland Garros.
> Also in 2020, earned 1st tour-level win at Australian Open (d. Koepfer), posted 1st ATP Masters 1000 win at Rome (d. Querrey) and advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Roland Garros.
> Reached 6 of his 10 career Challenger finals on home clay in Spain and finished the 2023 season on an 11-match winning streak capturing titles at Brest and Maspalomas.

NOTE: Martinez seeks 9th ATP Tour QF (2-6), fourth on hard courts and first since 2023 Pune in the first week of the season. He is 11-34 vs. Top 50 opponents on tour-level, seeking first win since defeating No. 43 Baez at 2023 Pune.

Constant Lestienne (FRA) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

23 Olbia CH (Italy)	Hard	QF	Flavio Cobolli	7-5 7-6(4)
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Constant Lestienne | Age: 31 | World No. 106 | Career-High No. 48 | Career: 15-30 (2 SFs) | Event: 1-1 (2024 2R)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 19 in February 2012, broke into Top 100 at age 30 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 48 in February 2023.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at San Diego and 1st ATP Tour SF at Tel Aviv during back-to-back weeks in September 2022.
> Defeated Monteiro in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2023 Australian Open after failing to qualify at 21 Grand Slam events from 2015-22.
> Posted 40-17 Challenger record in 2022 (3-2 in finals), capturing hard-court titles at Malaga, Pozoblanco and Vancouver during summer.
> Secret talent is that he is a magician when he is not playing tennis, performing at weddings and parties.

NOTE: Lestienne seeks 4th ATP Tour QF (2-1), first on home soil, previously reaching the quarter-final stage at 2022 San Diego (l. to Evans), 2022 Tel Aviv (l. to Cilic in SF) and 2023 Auckland (W/O to Gasquet in SF).

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 21 | World No. 76 (Career-High) | Career: 9-12 (2023 Munich QF) | Event: 1-0 (2024 2R)
> Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 76 in January 2024 after earning biggest win of career over No. 18 Jarry en route to 3R at Australian Open as Q.
> Came through qualifying to earn 2 Top 100 wins en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2023 Munich.
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
> Won Challenger titles at 2022 Zadar and 2023 Lisbon and reached finals at 2021 Rome-2, 2021 Barletta and 2023 Olbia.
> Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli ousted 3-time champion Monfils in 1R and now seeks his 2nd ATP Tour QF of career, first on hard courts. He earned new career-high No. 76 on Monday, after reaching 1st Grand Slam 3R at Australian Open.

Arthur Cazaux (FRA) vs [3] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) First Meeting

Arthur Cazaux | Age: 21 | World No. 83 (Career-High) | Career: 5-6 (2024 Aus. Open 4R) | Event: 1-0 (2024 2R)
> After peaking at No. 4 in juniors, broke inside Top 100 in January 2024 after defeating No. 8 Rune for biggest win of career en route to Australian Open 4R, earning career-high No. 83.
> Defeated countryman Mannarino in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2021 Geneva as 18-year-old WC.
> Made Grand Slam main draw debuts at 2023 Roland Garros as a WC and 2023 US Open as LL.
> Owns 61-32 record on ATP Challenger Tour (3-4 in finals), winning titles at 2022 & 2023 Nonthaburi-2 as Q and 2024 Noumea.
> Went 122-48 on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final.
> Discovered tennis at age 3 when his father was watching Nadal at Roland Garros and started playing tennis against the wall as nobody in his family played the sport.

NOTE: Montpellier-born Cazaux seeks 1st ATP Tour QF of his career and 2nd Top 30 win (1-2 vs. Top 30, d. No. 8 Rune at 2024 Australian Open 2R). He is 9-1 (including Challengers) in 2024 so far, capturing his 3rd Challenger title in Noumea (d. Couacaud) in the first week of the year.

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 23 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 185-124 (5 Titles) | Event: 1-1 (2020 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 and earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
> Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, advanced to 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, and swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Led ATP Tour with 45 hard-court and 31 indoor wins in 2022, highlighted by victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
> At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881).
> As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime looks for his 45th tour-level quarter-final (25-18 + 1 W/O loss), first since winning his 5th ATP Tour title at Basel in October. He is 7-1 vs. Frenchmen since the start of the 2022 season.

[1/WC] Holger Rune (DEN) vs [Q] Pablo Llamas Ruiz (ESP) First Meeting

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | Career: 99-64 (4 Titles) | Event: 2-1 (2023 SF)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching No. 4 in August 2023.
> Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
> From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, recording runner-up results in Monte Carlo (l. to Rublev) and Rome (l. to Medvedev).
> Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents, ending the streak with loss to No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (7-4 vs. Top 5).
> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).
> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

NOTE: Rune aims to become the second Danish man in Open Era to earn 100 tour-level wins (Carlsen – 266). He is the 5th Top 8 player on the [Pepperstone ATP Rankings](#) to play in Montpellier and seeks 22nd tour-level quarter-final (14-7), second of the season (Brisbane final).

Top 8 Players in Montpellier's Tournament History

Year	Player	Ranking	End Result
2024	Holger Rune	No. 7	?
2022	Alexander Zverev	No. 3	Final (l. to Bublik)
2018	David Goffin	No. 7	SF (l. to Gasquet)
2017	Marin Cilic	No. 7	2R (l. to Brown)
2012	Tomas Berdych	No. 7	Champion (d. Monfils)

Pablo Llamas Ruiz | Age: 21 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 131 | Career: 2-1 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 1-0 (2024 2R)
 > Broke inside Top 500 in June 2022, Top 300 in April 2023 and Top 200 in June 2023, achieving career-high No. 131 in October later that year.
 > Made ATP Tour debut in first qualifying attempt at 2023 Lyon and defeating No. 67 Purcell for first tour-level and biggest win of career before losing to No. 10 Auger-Aliassime in 2R.
 > Owns 36-23 Challenger record, highlighted by 1st title at 2023 Segovia and 71-43 on the ITF World Tennis Tour, winning titles at 2020 M25 Murcia, 2021 M15 Benicarlo and 2023 M25 Palmanova, all on Spanish soil.
 > Peaked at No. 24 on the junior circuit, reaching boys' doubles quarter-finals at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Torres) and 2019 US Open (w/ Onclin).

NOTE: Llamas Ruiz seeks biggest win of career (0-1 vs. Top 10) to reach his 1st ATP Tour QF. He would be the lowest-ranked player to defeat Rune since No. 160 Brouwer at 2023 Rotterdam.

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[6] Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs Gregoire Barrere (FRA)

First Meeting