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BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL TALKING POINTS

- There are 11 second round singles matches on Wednesday's schedule at the **Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell** with No. 2 seed and two-time finalist **Stefanos Tsitsipas** leading the way.

- Other Top 10 seeds in action are: No. 4 **Jannik Sinner**, No. 6 **Karen Khachanov**, No. 7 **Cameron Norrie**, No. 8 **Alex de Minaur** and No. 9 **Lorenzo Musetti.**

- In the opening match on Pista Rafa Nadal, **Emilio Gomez** takes on No. 11 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** for the first time. The Ecuadorian's father, Andres, won the Barcelona title in 1989-90. Emilio reached a career-high No. 90 on 27 February. Dimitrov is making his sixth Barcelona appearance and his best result are the QFs in 2018.

- In the next match on, **Diego Schwartzman** looks for his first win (0-2) against **Sinner**, who was leading 6-0 3-1 last week at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo before the Argentine retired with a left shoulder injury. Schwartzman, a semi-finalist here last year, is looking to break a seven-match losing streak against Top 10 opponents since his last win over No. 9 Auger-Aliassime in the Barcelona QFs a year ago.

- Sinner is 24-6 on the season and he's making his second Barcelona appearance. Two years ago he reached the semi-finals (l. to Tsitsipas). He has reached the SFs or better in 5 of 7 tournaments he's played this season.

- In thie third match on, **Tsitsipas** meets **Pedro Cachin** for the first time. Tsitsipas is 12-4 lifetime in Barcelona, reaching the final twice (2018, 2021) and losing to Rafael Nadal in both encounters. Last year he lost to eventual champion Alcaraz in the quarter-finals. Tsitsipas was runner-up at the Australian Open in January.

- Cachin, a 28-year-old from Argentina, is facing a Top 10 opponent for the first time in his career. After a slow start (1-8) in the first two months of the season, he is 3-3 and he's coming off a runner-up at the Madrid Challenger on Sunday.

- In the final singles match on, **Jason Kubler** meets **Musetti** for the first time. Kubler is a career-high No. 66 in this week's Pepperstone ATP Rankings and he's one of six Aussies in the Top 100. Last week in Monte Carlo the 21-year-old Italian beat No. 1 Djokovic for his biggest career win before losing to Sinner in the QFs.

- On Pista Andres Gimeno, there are five matches:
  -- [14] **Denis Shapovalov** (CAN) vs [Q] **Jozef Kovalik** (SVK) – Shapovalov is making his season clay court debut. Kovalik is 1 of 3 qualifiers in the 2R and trying to reach Barcelona 3R for first time since 2018.

  -- [8] **Alex de Minaur** (AUS) vs **Alexander Shevchenko** – No. 1 Aussie reached the SFs here last year, losing to eventual champion Alcaraz (after holding 2 MPs). Shevchenko is in Top 100 for 1st time this week.

  -- [7] **Cameron Norrie** (GBR) vs [Q] **Pavel Kotov** - Norrie is 10-2 on clay this season, highlighted by Rio title (d. Alcaraz). Kotov, who reached SFs in Marrakech, is looking for first career Top 20 win.

  -- **Nicolas Jarry** (CHI) vs [6] **Karen Khachanov** – Jarry leads the ATP Tour with most clay court wins (12-3) this season. No. 11-ranked Khachanov looking to return to Top 10 for first time since 28 October 2019 (No. 8).

  -- [12] **Daniel Evans** (GBR) vs [Q] **Matteo Arnaldi** (ITA) – Evans trying to reach 3R here for first time since 2017 debut. No. 105 Arnaldi earned his first career ATP Tour win (1-5) on Tuesday and closing in on Top 100.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

PISTA RAFA NADAL

Emilio Gomez (ECU) vs [11] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) — First Meeting

Emilio Gomez | Age: 31 | World No. 120 | Career-High No. 90 | 2023: 4-4 (Dallas QF) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> Earned 1st ranking point in September 2008 at age 16, entered Top 200 in April 2019 at age 27 and reached career-high No. 90 in February 2023 after reaching first ATP Tour QF in Dallas (l. to Isner).
> Posted 16 of his 22 tour-level wins as member of Ecuadorian Davis Cup team, highlighted by victory over future Top-20 player Garin.
> Went 8 years between his 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Bogota over Colombian Sturvay and his 2nd ATP Tour win at 2021 Los Cabos over Colombian Mejia.
> Owns 160-152 Challenger record (4-6 in finals), winning titles at 2019 Tallahassee, 2021 Salinas-2, 2022 Salinas and 2022 Winnipeg.
> Son of 1990 Roland Garros champion Andres Gomez helped Univ. of Southern California Trojans win 2011 and 2012 NCAA team titles.

NOTES: Gomez made his Barcelona debut Tuesday with a 6-3 1-6 6-4 win over Ramos-Vinolas. Emilio's father Andres won the Barcelona title in 1989 (d. Skoff) and 1990 (d. Perez-Roldan) and compiled a 25-8 record in 10 visits.

Grigor Dimitrov | Age: 31 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 9-7 (Rotterdam SF) | Event: 4-5 (2018 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.
> Top-ranked Bulgarian in history and only champion from his country, winning 8 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.
> Surpassed 300 career wins in 2019, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
> Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open, as well as 8 ATP Masters 1000 SFs.
> Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer in 2019 US Open QF as World No. 78, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open men's semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

NOTES: Dimitrov opened his clay court campaign last week in Monte Carlo and beat Shelton (l. to Lehecka in 2R). His best results of the season are a semi-final in Rotterdam (l Medvedev) and quarter-final in Marseille (l Bublik).

Diego Schwartzman (ARG) vs [4] Jannik Sinner (ITA) — Sinner Leads 2-0

21 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	F	Jannik Sinner	6-2	6-2
23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Jannik Sinner	6-0	3-1 ret (shoulder)

Diego Schwartzman | Age: 30 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 5-10 (Miami 3R) | Event: 7-4 (2022 SF)
> More than 2 years after rising to No. 11, broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 8 in 2020 and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals.
> Advanced to Grand Slam QF-or-better on 5 occasions, highlighted by win over No. 3 Thiem in 5:08 to reach 2020 Roland Garros SF.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Nadal en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2020 Rome, having entered 0-9 vs. Nadal and 0-22 vs. Top 5.
> Shortest Top-8 player at 1.70m (5'7") since Solomon in 1981 at 1.68m (5'6"), Grand Slam semi-finalist since Solomon at 1980 Roland Garros, and ATP Masters 1000 finalist in series history (since 1990).
> Snapped 5-match losing streak with 5 straight wins at 2016 Istanbul, rallying from a set and 5-2 down vs. Dimitrov to capture 1st of 4 ATP Tour titles in 1st of 14 finals.

NOTES: Schwartzman opened with a 6-2 6-2 win over Wu on Tuesday. He reached QF in 2021 and SF last year here (l. to Carreno Busta each time). Last week in Monte Carlo broke a 7-match losing streak on clay courts (0-5 in 2023) going back to last July in Bastad (d. E. Ymer in 2R) with win over Goffin (ret. vs. Sinner due to left shoulder injury).

Jannik Sinner | Age: 21 | World No. 8 (Career-High) | 2023: 24-6 (Montpellier Title) | Event: 3-1 (2021 SF)
> Unranked to begin 2018, entered Top 100 in 2019, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021. Reached a career-high No. 8 in April 2023 one week after Miami final (l. to Medvedev).
> Won 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals title and 7 ATP Tour titles from 2020-23, latest one at 2023 Montpellier.
> As 19-year-old in 2021, became 1st teenager to win an ATP 500 title at Washington and 1st Italian finalist in 37-year tournament history of ATP Masters 1000 Miami.
> Came back to Miami 2 years later to reach 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final after beating World No. 1 Alcaraz in SF for biggest win of career and became first Italian with multiple ATP Masters 1000 finals.
> Earned 49 victories in 2021, including 6-2 6-2 win over Hurkacz in Nitto ATP Finals debut as ALT, avenging loss in Miami final.
> Reached QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, including 2022 Wimbledon (l. to eventual champion Djokovic after holding 2-set lead) and 2022 US Open (l. to eventual champion Alcaraz after holding 1 MP).

NOTES: Sinner has reached the semi-final stage at 5 of 7 tournaments played this season, including his last 3 in ATP Masters 1000 events: Indian Wells (l. to Alcaraz in SF), Miami (l. to Medvedev in Final) and Monte Carlo (l. to Rune in SF). He is 20-2 vs. players outside the Top 10 (4-4 vs. Top 10) in 2023.

Pedro Cachin (ARG) vs [2] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) First Meeting

Pedro Cachin | Age: 28 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 54 | 2023:4-11 (4 times 2R) | Event: 1-0 ('2023 2R)
> After debuting in Top 200 in September 2015, broke into Top 150 in June 2022 and Top 100 in July 2022 before peaking at No. 54 in November 2022.
> Won 5th-set TBs over Bedene and Holt to reach 2022 US Open 3R.
> Defeated Norrie and Carreno Busta en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2019 Cordoba as Q.
> Posted 38-11 Challenger record in 2022 (4-3 in finals), winning clay-court titles at Madrid, Prague-2, Todi and Santo Domingo.
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in junior rankings, defeating future ATP No. 5 Rublev en route to 4th ITF Junior Circuit title at 2013 Offenbach.

NOTES: Cachin made his tournament debut with a 6-3 7-5 win over Brouwer on Tuesday. After a 1-8 start in first two months of season, has a 3-3 record along with a runner-up at Madrid Challenger last week (l. to Shevchenko).

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 24 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 16-5 (Aus. Open Final) | Event: 12-4 ('18,'21 Finals)
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 10 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 3 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).
> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals.
> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.
> Won 9 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-9 in finals).
> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTES: Tsitsipas is making his fifth straight Barcelona appearance and last week had his 12-match Monte Carlo winning streak snapped with a QF loss to Fritz. Lost to Nadal in 2018 and 2021 finals and to Alcaraz in QF last year.

Jason Kubler (AUS) vs [9] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) First Meeting

Jason Kubler | Age: 29 | World No. 66 (Career-High) | 2023: 10-6 (Houston QF) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> Unranked in March 2017 following string of knee surgeries, then broke into Top 100 in August 2018 and achieved career-high No. 66 in April 2023 shortly after QF in Houston (l. to eventual champion Tiafoe).
> Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Hijikata, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.
> After advancing to 2022 Wimbledon 4R as Q, saved 1 MP for biggest win of career vs. No. 9 Auger-Aliassime en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2022 Newport (l. to Bublik).
> To protect his knees, played exclusively on clay from March 2012-May 2015, winning 1st of 7 career Challenger titles at 2014 Sibiu.
> Earned 35 straight junior wins from July 2009-January 2010 (70-4 in sets), became World No. 1 junior in May 2010 and ended junior career by reaching 2011 Wimbledon boys' singles SF.

NOTE: Kubler opened on Tuesday with a 6-4 6-3 win over [WC] Rincon to win his 10th tour-level match of the season. Last year he won a personal-best 11 matches (11-9).

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 21 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 18 | 2023: 9-9 (3 times in QF) | Event: 3-2 (2022 3R)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 18 in January 2023 after posting 4-1 singles record at inaugural United Cup.
> Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych).
> Did not drop a set en route to 2nd ATP title at 2022 Naples, defeating countryman and United Cup teammate Berrettini in final on home soil.
> Advanced to 2021 Roland Garros 4R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic from 2 sets up) and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF (d. No. 4 Ruud in 3R for first Top 5 win of career).
> Reached 2018 US Open boys' singles final, won 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and defeated Wawrinka at 2020 Rome to become 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match.

NOTES: Musetti earned his biggest win of career over World No. 1 Djokovic in third round at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo before losing to countryman Sinner in the quarter-finals. Last year here lost to Schwartzman in 3R.

PISTA ANDRES GIMENO

[14] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) vs [Q] Jozef Kovalik (SVK) First Meeting

Denis Shapovalov | Age: 24 | World No. 28 | Career-High No.10 | 2023: 6-7 (Adelaide-1 QF)| Event: 1-2 (2021 3R)
> After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.
> Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.
> Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).
> Beat Carreno Busta to begin 2022 ATP Cup final and Kokkinakis to begin 2022 Davis Cup final, helping Canada sweep both team titles.
> Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of Pepperstone ATP Rankings less than 15 months later

NOTES: Shapovalov is playing in his first clay court tourney of the season after compiling a 6-7 record on hard courts. His best result came in opening week in Adelaide-1 where he reached quarter-finals (l. to eventual champ Djokovic).

Jozef Kovalik | Age: 30 | World No. 155 | Career-High No. 80 | 2023: 1-1 (Barcelona 2R) | Event: 2-1 (2018 3R)
> Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 80 during 2018 season.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Sofia and 2nd SF at 2018 Hamburg SF.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 6 Cilic in 2017 Chennai 2R as Q.
> Qualified at 2016 Australian Open, 2017 Roland Garros and 2018 Roland Garros, but owns 0-9 Grand Slam main draw record.
> Owns 6 Challenger titles overall with 181-141 record, ending 2019 on 18-3 run with titles at Szczecin and Maia.

NOTES: Kovalik qualified and beat Martinez 7-5 2-6 7-5 on Monday in first Barcelona main draw appearance since 2018 when he reached third round as lucky loser with bye and win over Pella before losing to No. 7 Thiem. This is his first ATP Tour main draw since last July when he qualified in Hamburg (d. Rehberg in 1R). He is trying to win back-to-back matches for first time since July 2021 in Kitzbuhel where he reached the quarter-finals.

[8] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Alexander Shevchenko First Meeting

Alex de Minaur | Age: 24 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 13-7 (Acapulco Title) | Event: 4-2 (2022 SF)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 15 in June 2021.
> Earned personal-best 47 victories in 2022, then defeated No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup for biggest win of career and captured biggest of 7 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Acapulco (d. Paul).
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
> Defeated Murray to help Team World win 2022 Laver Cup and went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during the season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003.
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTES: Last week opened his clay court campaign in Monte Carlo (d. Murray, l. to Struff). Last year in Barcelona advanced to semi-finals and lost to eventual champion Alcaraz 6-7(4) 7-6(4) 6-4 after holding two match points.

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 22 | World No. 98 (Career-High) | 2023:1-1 (15-6 Challengers) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 in April 2023 at No. 98 after capturing his second Challenger title of season in Madrid (d. Cachin). In January, won Tenerife-1, ESP title (d. Ofner).and runner-up in Phoenix (l. to Borges) in March as qualifier.
> Broke into Top 300 in March 2022 and Top 200 in June 2022
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava.
> Lost final-round qualifying matches at July 2022 ATP Tour events in Hamburg and Kitzbuhel.
> Member of team roster at 2022 ATP Cup in Sydney, but did not compete during event.
> Owns 97-58 ITF record with World Tennis Tour titles at 2020 Monastir, 2021 Tbilisi, 2021 Velenje and 2022 Antalya.

NOTES: Shevchenko earned his first career ATP Tour main draw win (1-4) on Tuesday over [Q] Giustino 6-2 6-2. He is playing in his second ATP Tour main draw of the season after falling to No. 11 Hurkacz in a third set tie-break in Dubai first round in February as a lucky loser. Has a 15-6 Challenger record this season.

[7] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [Q] Pavel Kotov — First Meeting

Cameron Norrie | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 21-6 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Event: X-X (2019 3R)
> Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.
> Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.
> Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets.
> Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before beating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup and No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro final for biggest wins of career.
> Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University, and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie is 10-2 on clay this season, reaching the final in Buenos Aires (l. to Alcaraz) a week before winning the title at Rio de Janeiro (d. Alcaraz in F). Last week fell in first round at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (l. to Cerundolo).

Pavel Kotov | Age: 24 | World No. 108 | Career-High No. 96 | 2023: 5-4 (Marrakech SF) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and achieved career-high No. 96 in October 2022.
> Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R) before losing to Gasquet in 2R.
> Also qualified at 2020 St. Petersburg, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Stockholm, 2022 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open, 2022 Astana, 2023 Australian Open, 2023 Dubai and 2023 Miami.
> Owns 79-67 Challenger record (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.
> Went 83-47 on ITF Junior Circuit and peaked at No. 34 in junior rankings.

NOTES: Kotov qualified and won his first round Monday over [Q] Krutykh in three sets. Earlier this month he advanced to his first ATP Tour SF in Marrakech (l. to Muller). Three of his five wins this season are in a third set TB.

Nicolas Jarry (CHI) vs [6] Karen Khachanov — Khachanov Leads 1-0

17 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Karen Khachanov	6-4	3-6	7-6(4)	6-1

Nicolas Jarry | Age: 27 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 38 | 2023: 13-4 (Santiago Title) | Event: 4-2 (2019 QF)
> Achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018, then peaked at No. 38 after winning 2019 Bastad title without dropping a set.
> Came from a set down three times in five matches to win 2nd ATP Tour title in his hometown at 2023 Santiago.
> Saved 1 MP vs. No. 3 A. Zverev in 2019 Barcelona 2R for biggest win of career, but squandered 2 MPs vs. A. Zverev in Geneva final one month later.
> Unranked to begin 2021 and rose as high as No. 104 in August 2022 after posting 39-18 record on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021 (2-2 in finals).
> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings after advancing to 2013 Roland Garros boys' doubles final with countryman Garin.
> Parents, Allan and Cecilia, are former pro volleyball players; grandfather, Jaime Fillol, great-uncle, Alvaro Fillol, and uncle, Martin Rodriguez, are former ATP players.

NOTES: Jarry opened on Monday with a 7-5 6-3 win over [Q] Trungelliti.in his first Barcelona appearance since 2019 when he qualified and reached QF with wins over No. 3 Zverev in 2R (highest-ranked victory) and Dimitrov in 3R before losing to No. 14 Medvedev. His 12 clay court wins (12-3) this season are most on ATP Tour.

Karen Khachanov | Age: 26 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 15-7 (2 times in SF) | Event: 6-5 (2017 QF)
> Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in July 2019 after ending 2018 season at No. 11.
> Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
> At 2018 Paris, became 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
> Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF and 2023 Aust. Open SF.
> Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in '21).

NOTES: Khachanov opened his clay court campaign last week in Monte Carlo with a 3R showing (d. Davidovich Fokina, Ivashka) before losing to eventual champ Rublev. In 2017 Barcelona reached QF (l. to Zeballos).

[12] Daniel Evans (GBR) vs [Q] Matteo Arnaldi (ITA) First Meeting

Daniel Evans | Age: 32 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 5-11 (Marrakech SF) | Event: 2-3 (2017 3R)
> Former Top-10 junior was unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 22 in September 2021.
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2 (d. Auger-Aliassime)..
> Rallied from 2 sets down and won 5th-set TB vs. Popyrin to reach 2nd Grand Slam 4R of career at 2021 US Open.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Djokovic in 3R) and 2022 Montreal.
> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2021 Miami w/N. Skupski, 2021 Monte Carlo w/N. Skupski and 2022 Montreal w/Peers.

NOTES: Evans is 2-3 on clay this season, losing a Davis Cup tie to Colombia's Mejia, then reaching SF in Marrakech (l. to eventual winner Carballes Baena) and falling in 1R to Ivashka at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo. Reached 3R in 2017 Barcelona debut (l. to No. 9 Thiem) and last two years lost in opening match (after bye) to Moutet and Musetti.

Matteo Arnaldi | Age: 22 | World No. 105 | Career-High No. 102 | 2023: 1-1 (Barcelona 2R) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> Broke into Top 1,000 in November 2020, Top 500 in September 2021 and Top 200 in August 2022 before achieving career-high No. 102 on 10 April 2023..
> This season has an 11-5 record on ATP Challenger Tour with titles at Tenerife-2 and Murcia, both in Spain.
> Beat countrymen Nardi and Forti in pre-qualifying tournament to earn 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome WC (l. to Cilic in ATP Tour debut).
> Posted 38-25 Challenger record in 2022 (1-2 in finals), highlighted by 1st title on home soil at Francavilla al Mare.
> Captured ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2021 Bolzano and 2021 Skopje.
> Peaked at No. 22 in juniors, posting 80-42 singles record (3 titles) and 34-35 doubles record (2 titles).

NOTES: Arnaldi earned his first career ATP Tour main draw win (1-5) over Munar on Tuesday. In his only previous ATP Tour appearance this season, lost to No. 7 Medvedev in first round in Dubai as a lucky loser.

PISTA 2

[16] Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) vs David Goffin (BEL) Series Tied 1-1

16 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	R32	David Goffin	7-5	6-2	
19 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Yoshihito Nishioka	6-7(5)	6-2	7-6(5)

Francesco Passaro (ITA) vs [15] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) First Meeting