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Tomas Barrios Vera (CHI) vs [2] Luciano Darderi (ITA) — Darderi Leads 1-0

24 Cordoba (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Luciano Darderi	4-6 6-1 6-2
Other Meeting				
23 Santa Fe-2 CH (Argentina)	Clay	R16	Tomas Barrios Vera	6-4 4-6 7-6(3)

Tomas Barrios Vera | Age: 28 | World No.114 | Career-High No.93 | 2026: 2-0 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 1-0 (’26 2R)
> Former World No. 5 junior broke in the Top 300 in 2018, Top 200 in 2021 and Top 100 at career-high No. 93 in January 2024.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2020 Santiago as WC, defeating Taberner for first win and reached 1st ATP Tour QF as a WC at 2023 Cordoba, losing to eventual champion Baez.
> Earned 1st Grand Slam win at 2023 Wimbledon as Q (d. Baez in 1R), after previously qualifying for 2021 Wimbledon and 2022 Australian Open.
> Owns 201-128 Challenger record (7-10 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Meerbusch, 2023 San Luis Potosi, 2023 Florianopolis, 2024 Amersfoort, 2025 Campinas, 2025 Cali and 2025 Lima-2.
> Reached 2015 Roland Garros boys’ singles QF (l. to Fritz), before defeating Kecmanovic in 3rd to 4th Play-Off at 2016 ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu.

NOTE: Barrios Vera rallied from 4-6 2-5, saving 3 MPs vs. Seyboth Wild in 1R, and now aims to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF after 2023 Cordoba. He is 0-2 vs. Top 30, seeking biggest win of career (d. No. 46 Baez in 2023 Wimbledon 1R).

Luciano Darderi | Age: 23 | World No. 22 (Career-High) | 2026: 4-2 (Auckland QF) | Event: 1-2 (2024 2R)
> Former Top 10 junior started 2024 season as No. 128, then broke into Top 100 in February, Top 50 in May and achieved career-high No. 22 in February 2026 after run to Australian Open 4R.
> Captured his 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba, defeating Bagnis in 3rd final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990.
> In 2025, won Bastad and Umag titles in back-to-back weeks in July after Marrakech title in April.
> Owns 95-61 Challenger record (4-3 in finals) with titles at 2023 Todi, 2023 Lima-2, 2024 Perugia and 2025 Genoa.
> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings in February 2020 after earning 3 singles and 3 doubles titles to start the season.
> Born in Argentina, started playing tennis at age 4 with his father Luciano Enrique, a former tennis player and current coach.

NOTE: Darderi, who turns 24 on Saturday, enters Buenos Aires on a 9-match winning streak on clay (14 including Challenger level) after winning back-to-back titles in Bastad and Umag last July and looks for 12th ATP Tour QF, 11th on clay. Last year, posted 21 tour-level wins on clay, including 3 titles, tying Alcaraz for most clay titles in 2025.

Juan Manuel Cerundolo (ARG) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting				
20 Buenos Aires Q (Argentina)	**Clay**	**Q2**	**Pedro Martinez**	**7-5 6-0**

Juan Manuel Cerundolo | Age: 24 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 71 | 2026: 1-1 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 2-2 (‘25-'26 2R)
> Former Top-10 junior reached No. 79 in 2022, dropped outside Top 200 in 2024 and achieved career-high No. 71 in September 2025 after winning 11th Challenger title at Guangzhou.
> Qualified, won 8 matches in 9 days and captured title at 2021 Cordoba in his ATP Tour debut as a 19-year-old ranked 335th.
> Became 1st player to win a title in his debut since Ventura at 2004 Casablanca and 5th-lowest-ranked player to win a title since ATP Tour was established in 1990.
> Defeated two-time champion and No. 13 Ruud en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2025 Gstaad after earning 1st Top 20 win over No. 19 Auger-Aliassime to reach 3R of 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid as Q.
> Boasts 159-82 Challenger record (11-4 in finals), sweeping back-to-back titles on home soil at 2023 Tigre-1 and Tigre-2.

> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; older brother, Francisco, achieved career-high No. 18 in May 2025; older sister, Constanza, played on Argentine field hockey team that won gold at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo seeks 5th ATP Tour QF (2-2), first since Gstaad last year and 3rd on home soil (Cordoba in 2021, 2023). If he joins his brother, No. 1 seed Francisco, in QF, they will contest the quarter-finals of the same ATP Tour event for the second time in career (2023 Cordoba).

Brothers to Reach ATP Tour QFs of Same Event (since the ATP Tour was established in 1990):

Players	**Tournaments**
Francisco and Juan Manuel Cerundolo	**2023 Cordoba**
Gerald and Jurgen Melzer	2016 Kitzbuhel
Christophe and Olivier Rochus	2000 Palermo, 2002 Copenhagen, 2006 Rotterdam
Byron and Wayne Black	1999 Copenhagen, 2000 Tokyo
Emilio and Javier Sanchez	1994-95 Estoril, 1996 Prague
John and Patrick McEnroe	1991 Chicago, 1992 Rotterdam

Pedro Martinez | Age: 28 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 36 | 2026: 1-2 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 5-4 (2025 SF)
> Broke into Top 50 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Santiago in February and Top 40 in May 2022, before achieving career-high No. 36 in February 2025.
> Defeated No. 16 Bautista Agut at 2021 Kitzbuhel en route to 1st SF and final and No. 8 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 2024 Estoril 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 8 of his 14 career Challenger finals on home clay in Spain, highlighted by 2020 Marbella, 2021 Seville, 2023 Maspalomas, 2024 Girona and 2024 Valencia titles.

NOTE: Martinez aims to advance to his 18th ATP Tour QF, first since Bucharest in April last year and record back-to-back tour-level wins for 1st time since his run to Wimbledon 3R in July. He is down to No. 107 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and needs to reach the semi-finals to avoid dropping outside Top 100 for the first time since March 2024.

Ignacio Buse (PER) vs [4] Sebastian Baez (ARG) First Meeting

Ignacio Buse | Age: 21 | World No. 96 (Career-High) | 2026: 1-0 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)
> Former Top-10 junior broke into Top 200 in May 2025 and achieved career-high No. 96 in February 2026, becoming 6th Peruvian to break inside Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
> Made his tour-level debut in Davis Cup, defeating Budkov Kjaer in 2023 and No. 20 Jarry for biggest win of career in 2024, before advancing to his 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Gstaad as Q.
> Qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 US Open, becoming fourth Peruvian man to play in Grand Slam main draw in this century after Horna, Miranda and Varillas.
> Owns 56-40 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2025 Heilbronn - Bad Rapenau and 2025 Seville.
> Peaked at No. 9 in junior rankings in January 2022 and went on runs in boys' doubles to Roland Garros final and US Open SF with countryman Bueno later that season.

NOTE: Buse saved 2 MPs and rallied from 5-7 1-5 down vs. Passaro and now seeks 2nd ATP Tour QF after Gstaad last year. If he earns second Top 40 win of career (d. No. 20 Jarry in 2024 Davis Cup), he will become the third Peruvian quarter-finalist in tournament history after Horna (2003, 2007) and Varillas (2023).

Sebastian Baez | Age: 25 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 8-2 (Auckland Final) | Event: 4-4 (2024 QF)
> Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago and achieved career-high No. 18 in June 2024.
> During 2023 season, went on career-best 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reaching 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril, then earned 2nd title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
> Began 2026 season on a 7-0 run, breaking 15-match losing streak vs. Top 10 players to earn back-to-back Top 10 wins over No. 9 Fritz at United Cup and No. 8 Shelton en route to Auckland final (now 3-18 vs. Top 10).
> Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals tied for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
> Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez began this season on an 8-2 run, including earning 2 of 3 Top 10 wins of career, defeating No. 9 Fritz at United Cup and No. 8 Shelton in Auckland. He is 1-9 in his last 10 matches on clay (including Challenger level), lone win over No. 298 Budkov Kjaer in Bastad 1R in July and seeks 25th ATP Tour QF, second in Buenos Aires.

Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Players Born in 2000s):

Player	Born	QFs	Player	Born	QFs
*Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	64	Holger Rune	2003	38
Jannik Sinner	2001	61	Sebastian Korda	2000	31
Carlos Alcaraz	2003	54	*Ben Shelton	2002	24
Lorenzo Musetti	2002	43	***Sebastian Baez**	**2000**	**24**

* Auger-Aliassime (Rotterdam), Shelton (Dallas) and Baez (Buenos Aires) attempt to reach QF on Thursday.

[6] Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) vs Mariano Navone (ARG) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

22 Villa Maria CH (Argentina)	Clay	R16	Mariano Navone	6-1 7-6(2)
22 Lima-2 CH (Peru)	Clay	R32	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	6-2 6-3
24 Punta del Este CH (Uruguay)	Clay	R32	Camilo Ugo Carabelli	6-4 7-6(3)

Camilo Ugo Carabelli | Age: 26 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 43 | 2026: 1-3 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 3-3 ('23-24, '26 2R)
> Broke into Top 200 in January 2022, Top 100 in August 2022 and Top 50 in July 2025 after reaching back-to-back ATP Tour SFs in Bastad and Umag, achieving career-high No. 43 in August 2025.
> Entered Rio de Janeiro as LL after squandering 4 MPs in qualifying and advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF, defeating Faria in second quarter-final between lucky losers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990.
> Did not drop a set to qualify for 2022 Roland Garros, then won 5th-set TB vs. Karatsev in tour-level debut.
> Posted 49-16 Challenger record in 2024, leading all players for most Challenger wins that year, highlighted by titles in Piracicaba, Santa Cruz and Villa Maria.
> Peaked at No. 70 on ITF Junior Circuit, winning 2 boys' singles and 4 boys' doubles titles.

NOTE: Ugo Carabelli is 7-3 in South America since the start of last year, highlighted by runs to SFs of Rio de Janeiro and Santiago in 2025, all 3 losses to Baez. 26-year-old captured his 9th Challenger title in Rosario last week and now aims to advance to his 5th ATP Tour QF (4-0), first on home soil.

Mariano Navone | Age: 24 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 1-3 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Event: 3-2 (2025 QF)
> Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 29 in June 2024 after capturing 6th Challenger title in Cagliari.
> As No. 31 seed at 2024 Roland Garros, became 1st man in Open Era to be seeded in his Grand Slam main draw debut and defeated former-World No. 10 Carreno Busta in 1R.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and advanced to 1st QF, SF and final at 2024 Rio de Janeiro as Q and defeated clay-court champions Darderi, Seyboth Wild and F. Cerundolo en route to 2nd final at 2024 Bucharest.
> On home soil, made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as WC and earned biggest win of career over No. 12 Rune to reach 2025 Buenos Aires QF before squandering 2 MPs vs. eventual champion Fonseca.
> Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ending the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with 5 Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe-2.
> Began playing at age 3 as his parents and sister all played tennis and is nicknamed La Navoneta.

NOTE: Navone looks for back-to-back Buenos Aires quarter-finals after defeating No. 12 Rune in 2R last year for biggest win of career. By recording his first Top 50 win since upsetting No. 30 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 1R in July, he would advance to his 6th ATP Tour QF, first since this event 12 months ago (l. to eventual champion Fonseca).