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ROLEX SHANGHAI MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- 2023 champion **Hubert Hurkacz** is playing at **Rolex Shanghai Masters** for the first time since saving a championship point vs. Rublev in the final three years ago. He owns 13-2 record in Chinese ATP Tour events in this decade, including runs to Chengdu final and Beijing SF in last two weeks. He faces Australian **James Duckworth** and aims to set up a second-round meeting vs. four-time champion **Novak Djokovic**.
- Chinese No. 1 **Buyunchaokete** arrived to Shanghai after advancing to Hangzhou quarter-finals and Beijing 2R, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 3 sets, and now takes on World No. 45 **Luca Van Assche**. If Bu joins Wu Yibing and Zhou Yi in the second round, it would mark the second time in tournament history three Chinese players reach Shanghai 2R after Shang, Wu and Zhou advanced to the second round in 2024.
- Former World No. 3 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** opens **Stadium Court** action on Thursday against qualifier **Kimmer Coppejans** in their 1st tour-level meeting after Coppejans won in all three prior Challenger encounters. Tsitsipas is making his sixth appearance in Shanghai, highlighted by win over No. 1 Djokovic to reach 2019 SF. Coppejans bids to become the fourth-oldest man to earn his 1st ATP Masters 1000 win in series history.
- Cameron Norrie** looks for his third main draw win in Shanghai after defeating Simon in 2019 1R and Cazaux in 2R last year, vs. qualifier **Dalibor Svrčina**. **Zizou Bergs**, who reached his lone ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final in Shanghai last year, meets 29-year-old **Vit Kopriva**. **Bernard Tomic**, former World No. 17, plays in his first ATP Masters 1000 main draw since 2019, and faces Roland Garros semi-finalist **Matteo Arnaldi**.
- On **Grandstand 2**, 20-year-old **Martin Landaluce**, No. 3 on PIF ATP Next Gen Race to Reggio Calabria, is 9-5 at ATP Masters 1000 level this season, including QFs in Miami and Rome, and faces **Jan-Lennard Struff** in bid to take on No. 5 seed **Daniil Medvedev** in 2R. **Thiago Agustin Tirante** is 13-5 at ATP Masters 1000 level in 2026, reaching at least the third round in last 4 events at this level, highlighted by win over No. 5 Djokovic en route to Cincinnati QF, and now takes on **Hamad Medjedovic** in their first meeting.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	This Week
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	8,760	Shanghai – 2R vs. Wu
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	7,950	Out for the rest of 2026 season
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	4,560	Shanghai – 2R vs. J. Cerundolo or Mejia
4	Ben Shelton (USA)	4,440	Shanghai – 2R vs. Altmaier
5	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	3,540	Shanghai – 2R vs. Mannarino
6	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	3,340	Shanghai – 2R vs. Hanfmann
7	Arthur Fils (FRA)	3,285	Shanghai – 2R vs. Kotov or Griekspoor
8	Daniil Medvedev	3,030	Shanghai – 2R vs. Landaluce or Struff
9	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2,840	Shanghai – 2R vs. Hurkacz or Duckworth
10	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2,690	Shanghai – 2R vs. Molcan
11	Rafael Jodar (ESP)	2,519	Shanghai – 2R vs. Tirante or Medjedovic
12	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,490	Shanghai – 2R vs. Tomic or Arnaldi
13	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	2,405	Shanghai – 2R vs. Kecmanovic
14	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,395	Shanghai – 2R vs. Vallejo or Royer
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,375	Shanghai – 2R vs. Ugo Carabelli or Simakin
16	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	2,285	Shanghai – 2R vs. Berrettini

BOLD: Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM COURT

[Q] Kimmer Coppejans (BEL) vs Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

16 Izmir CH (Turkiye)	Hard	R16	Kimmer Coppejans	3-6 7-5 7-6(5)
17 Sophia Antipolis CH (France)	Clay	R32	Kimmer Coppejans	6-2 6-4
17 Barletta CH (Italy)	Clay	R32	Kimmer Coppejans	6-4 6-4

Kimmer Coppejans | Age: 32 | World No. 232 | Career-High No. 97 | 2026: 0-0 (5 CH SFs) | Shanghai: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 97 in June 2015 soon after beating three Frenchmen in qualifying to make his Grand Slam debut at 2015 Roland Garros.
 > Made ATP Tour debut as a WC at 's-Hertogenbosch and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 Roland Garros as a Q, losing to Mahut in 1R on both occasions before defeating Kovacevic for 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Zhuhai.
 > Earned 3 of 4 career tour-level wins in Davis Cup, where he owns a 3-5 record playing for Belgium.
 > Owns 265-239 Challenger record (6-9 in finals), coming from qualifying to win most recent title at 2022 Toulouse and 132-44 on World Tennis Tour, winning 11 titles, latest at 2025 M25 Grasse.
 > Went 138-55 on the ITF junior circuit, defeating future Top 20 players Kyrgios and Edmund en route to 2012 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Peliwo in final).

NOTE: Coppejans defeated Basavareddy and Sweeny to make his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at age 32, becoming third oldest debutant at this level since 1992. He is 0-9 vs. Top 50, seeking the biggest win of career. He is playing in his first tour-level event since 2023 Zhuhai, where he defeated Kovacevic in 1R, losing to McDonald in 2R.

Oldest ATP Masters 1000 Main Draw Debutant in This Century

Player	Age	Tournament	Result
Werner Eschauer	33Y 10M	2008 Indian Wells	1R (l. to Giraldo)
Pedro Sousa	32Y 9M	2021 Miami	1R (l. to Herbert)
Kimmer Coppejans	32Y 8M	2026 Shanghai	plays Tsitsipas
Rogério Dutra Silva	32Y 1M	2016 Miami	1R (l. to Kuznetsov)
Roberto Marcora	32Y 1M	2021 Indian Wells	1R (l. to Martinez)

Oldest Men to Earn 1st ATP Masters 1000 Win in Series History (since 1990)

Player	Age	Tournament	Win Over
Jimmy Connors	38Y 6M	1991 Miami	d. Ringlewski
Marco Truogelliti	36Y 6M	2026 Cincinnati	d. Medjedovic
Victor Estrella Burgos	34Y 8M	2015 Monte-Carlo	d. Bolelli
Kevin Curren	32Y 3D	1990 Indian Wells	d. Agenor
Rajeev Ram	31Y 11M	2016 Indian Wells	d. Rubin

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 28 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 3 | 2026: 31-21 (Gstaad Title) | Shanghai: 9-5 ('19 SF)
 > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 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, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.
 > 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 13 ATP Tour titles, including 2021, 2022 and 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo and captured 1st ATP 500 title in 12th final at 2025 Dubai.
 > 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.

NOTE: Tsitsipas is making his sixth appearance in Shanghai (2017-19, 2023-24) and extend his perfect record in opening rounds at the event (5-0). He aims to earn 10+ wins at 7th of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events (also 9 at Indian Wells, Canada). He is 13-1 vs. players outside Top 100 in 2026, lone loss to No. 104 Arnaldi in Roland Garros 2R.

Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs James Duckworth (AUS)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)
24 Halle (Germany)

Hard QF Hubert Hurkacz
Grass R16 Hubert Hurkacz

Hurkacz Leads 2-0

6-2 6-7(4) 7-5
7-6(3) 6-4

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 29 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 6 | 2026: 24-19 (Chengdu Final) | Shanghai: 8-2 (2023 Title)
> Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.
> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.
> Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.
> Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.
> Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-5 in finals).

NOTE: Hurkacz is on a 6-match winning streak in Shanghai, playing at the event for the first time since winning 2023 title. 29-year-old holds 6-7 record at ATP Masters 1000 level this season, highlighted by runs to 3R of Monte-Carlo and Montreal. In last two weeks, he reached Chengdu final (l. to Davidovich Fokina) and Beijing SF (l. to de Minaur).

James Duckworth | Age: 34 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 46 | 2026: 12-19 (Winston-Salem SF) | Event: 0-2 ('23-'24 1R)
> Achieved career-high No. 46 in January 2022 after earning personal-best 22 tour-level wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Astana and biggest win of career vs. No. 13 Goffin at Miami.
> Also in 2021, advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Wimbledon and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Paris.
> Went 0-3 on ATP Tour and 49-18 at Challengers in 2019 with 4 titles in 6 finals: Bangkok, Baotou, Playford and Pune.
> Underwent 9 surgeries: right elbow in late-2012, early-2014 and February 2018; right foot in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; right shoulder in March 2017 and March 2020; and hip in January 2022.
> Grandmother, Beryl Penrose, swept singles and doubles titles at 1955 Australian Championships.

NOTE: Duckworth is 3-10 vs. Top 50 this season, earning wins over No. 49 Diallo in Roland Garros 1R, No. 48 Navone in Winston-Salem 2R and No. 36 Arnaldi in US Open 1R. He aims to advance to 2R for the third consecutive ATP Masters 1000 event (2-4 in 2026) after Montreal (d. O'Connell) and Cincinnati (d. Wolf).

Luca Van Assche (FRA) vs [WC] Buyunchaokete (CHN)

First Meeting

Luca Van Assche | Age: 22 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 40 | 2026: 10-9 (Estoril Title) | Shanghai: 0-1 (2023 1R)
> Former junior World No. 1 broke into Top 200 in 2022, Top 100 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 40 in August 2026 soon after winning his 1st ATP Tour title in Estoril.
> Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Roland Garros over 2018 semi-finalist Cecchinato in 1R and defeated No. 28 Musetti to reach 3R at 2024 Australian Open.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2023 Hamburg, 2023 Metz and 2026 Marrakech before defeating No. 14 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2026 Estoril title.
> Saved 2 championship points to defeat countryman Humbert at 2023 Pau in longest ATP Challenger final in history (3H56M).
> Posted 29-19 Challenger record in 2022 (1-3 in finals), going on a 19-6 run from late September to December, reaching finals of Lisbon, Brest and Valencia before winning 1st title in Maia.
> Defeated countryman Fils to win 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles title and ended junior career with 79-27 record.

NOTE: Van Assche seeks third ATP Masters 1000 win of his career (2-8) after wins at 2024 Miami (d. Kotov) and 2024 Madrid (d. Bergs). 22-year-old is 1-5 on tour-level hard courts this season, sole win over Norrie in US Open 1R. In his only previous appearance at the event, French No. 4 lost to Schwartzman in 2023 1R.

Buyunchaokete | Age: 24 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 64 | 2026: 4-5 (Hangzhou QF) | Event: 2-3 ('23, '25 2R)
> Former World No. 5 junior earned 1st ranking point in January 2022, broke into Top 100 in September 2024 and achieved career-high No. 64 in April 2025.
> Reached back-to-back ATP Tour SFs on home soil, losing to Zhang in 1st all-Chinese ATP Tour SF in history at 2024 Hangzhou and defeating No. 6 Rublev for biggest win of career to reach Beijing SF (l. to No. 1 Sinner).
> Made tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup (l. to M. Cuevas) and ATP Tour debut at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai as WC, earning first win over Kecmanovic in 1R.
> Owns 91-46 Challenger record (5-5 in finals) with titles at 2023 Seoul, 2024 Wuxi, 2024 Granby, 2026 Birmingham and 2026 Ilkley.

> Earned win over future-Top 10 player Rune en route to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles 3R and reached quarterfinals in boys' doubles at 2019 Roland Garros w/Khan and 2020 Australian Open w/Mitsui.

NOTE: Bu aims to advance to Shanghai 2R for the third time in four appearances after 2023 (d. Kecmanovic) and last year (d. J. Cerundolo). He is 6-24 vs. Top 50, seeking fifth Top 50 win on home soil, and bids to record second Top 50 win of 2026 (1-2; d. No. 13 Jodar in US Open 1R).

Bu's Top 50 Wins on Home Soil

Win Over

No. 45 Miomir Kecmanovic
No. 23 Karen Khachanov
No. 19 Lorenzo Musetti
No. 6 Andrey Rublev

Tournament

2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 1R
2024 Hangzhou 2R
2024 Beijing 2R
2024 Beijing QF

Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [Q] Dalibor Svrčina (CZE)

First Meeting

Cameron Norrie | Age: 31 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 21-20 (Los Cabos SF) | Shanghai: 2-3 ('25 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 and advanced to 2nd Grand Slam QF at 2025 Wimbledon.

> Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before defeating No. 1 Alcaraz at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Paris for biggest win 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 10-7 at ATP Masters 1000 level this season, highlighted by runs to Indian Wells QF and 4R in Madrid and Montreal. He seeks 1st ATP Tour win since defeating Prizmic in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R in August.

Dalibor Svrčina | Age: 24 | World No. 126 | Career-High No. 86 | 2026: 6-9 (Los Cabos QF) | Shanghai: 1-1 ('25 2R)

> Former Top 10 junior broke into Top 200 in May 2022, Top 100 in August 2025 and achieved career-high No. 86 in November 2025 soon after advancing to his 1st ATP Tour QF in Hangzhou.

> Made ATP Tour debut playing for Czechia in 2023 United Cup (l. to Otte) and qualified for 2023 Australian Open, defeating Munar in 1R for 1st tour-level win.

> Reached 2nd ATP Tour QF at 2026 Los Cabos and made Grand Slam main draw appearances in 2026 at Australian Open and Wimbledon as direct entry and US Open as Q.

> Owns 129-98 Challenger record (5-5 in finals), winning titles on home soil at 2021 Prague II and 2023 Prostějov, before winning 3 titles during 2025 season in Pune, Barletta and Cancun.

> Peaked at No. 8 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by 2019 Australian Open boys' doubles title w/Forejtek.

NOTE: Svrčina looks to record his fourth ATP Masters 1000 win of career after wins over Blockx at 2025 Toronto, Wu at 2025 Shanghai and Duckworth in Indian Wells 1R earlier this season. 24-year-old is 1-10 vs. Top 50 in his career, defeating No. 23 Darderi via retirement (3-0 RET) in Los Cabos 2R in July this year for lone win.

GRANDSTAND 2

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs Jenson Brooksby (USA)

First Meeting

Munar FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Tokyo (l Alcaraz); **QF:** Adelaide (l Machac), Rotterdam (l Bublik), Geneva (l Navone)

YTD W-L: 15-16

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: May 5, 1997

PIF ATP Ranking: 49

Shanghai History (Best Result): 5-3 (2025 4R)

Brooksby FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

QF: Dubai (I Medvedev), Los Cabos (I Wong), Chengdu (I Basilashvili)

YTD W-L: 14-22

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: October 26, 2000

PIF ATP Ranking: 102

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-1 (2025 2R)

Mariano Navone (ARG) vs Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)

24 Roland Garros (France) Clay R128 Mariano Navone

Navone Leads 1-0

5-7 6-1 6-3 6-0

Navone FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Bucharest (d Merida); **F:** Geneva (I Tien); **QF:** Kitzbuhel (I Halys)

YTD W-L: 23-22

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: February 27, 2001

PIF ATP Ranking: 47

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-2 (2024-25 1R)

Carreno Busta FastFacts – seeks second main draw win in Shanghai after defeating No. 338 Zhang in 2019 1R.

YTD W-L: 10-16

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 7

Date of Birth: July 12, 1991

PIF ATP Ranking: 65

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-5 (2017, 2019 2R)

Martin Landaluce (ESP) vs Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

26 Mallorca (Spain) Grass R32 Jan-Lennard Struff

Struff Leads 1-0

6-3 1-6 7-5

Landaluce FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

QF: ATP Masters 1000 Miami (I Lehecka), ATP Masters 1000 Rome (I Medvedev)

YTD W-L: 13-14

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 8, 2006

PIF ATP Ranking: 73

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

Struff FastFacts – aims to record third win in Shanghai after defeating M. Zverev and Anderson to reach 2017 3R.

2026 Highlights:

QF: Wimbledon (I Sinner)

YTD W-L: 15-18

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: April 25, 1990

PIF ATP Ranking: 59

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-3 (2017 3R)

Vit Kopriva (CZE) vs Zizou Bergs (BEL)

Other Meetings

21 St. Petersburg 1 CH (Russia)

Hard

SF

Zizou Bergs

7-6(7) 6-2

21 Braunschweig CH (Germany)

Clay

QF

Vit Kopriva

3-6 6-0 7-5

First Tour-Level Meeting

Kopriva FastFacts

SF: Rio de Janeiro (I Etcheverry); **QF:** Buenos Aires (I F. Cerundolo), Munich (I Cobolli), Mallorca (I Quinn)

YTD W-L: 19-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: June 15, 1997

PIF ATP Ranking: 68

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

Bergs FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Eastbourne (d Humbert)

YTD W-L: 20-21

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: June 3, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 39

Shanghai History (Best Result): 5-2 (2025 QF)

SHOW COURT 3

[Q] Pavel Kotov vs Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

22 Marrakech (Morocco)

Clay R32

Pavel Kotov

23 Australian Open (Australia)

Hard R128

Tallon Griekspoor

23 Stockholm (Sweden)

Hard QF

Pavel Kotov

24 Stockholm (Sweden)

Hard R32

Tallon Griekspoor

Other Meeting

19 Francavilla CH (Italy)

Clay R32

Pavel Kotov

Series Tied 2-2

0-6 6-2 6-2

6-3 7-6(3) 6-3

7-6(4) 6-2

6-4 6-3

Kotov FastFacts – aims to break 6-match tour-level losing streak for 1st ATP Tour win since Zhou in 2024 Beijing 1R

YTD W-L: 0-0

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: November 18, 1998

PIF ATP Ranking: 187

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-2 (2023-24 1R)

Griekspoor FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Dubai (W/O to Medvedev); **QF:** Montpellier (I Droguet), Rotterdam (I Auger-Aliassime)

YTD W-L: 13-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3

Date of Birth: July 2, 1996

PIF ATP Ranking: 58

Shanghai History (Best Result): 4-3 (2025 4R)

[Q] Bernard Tomic (AUS) vs Matteo Arnaldi (ITA)

First Meeting

Tomic FastFacts – seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 win since 2019 Miami (d. Monteiro)

2026 Highlights:

QF: Los Cabos (I Norrie)

YTD W-L: 2-1

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 4

Date of Birth: October 21, 1992

PIF ATP Ranking: 185

Shanghai History (Best Result): 5-6 (2015 QF)

Arnaldi FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Roland Garros (W/O to Cobolli); **QF:** Umag (I Dzumhur)

YTD W-L: 10-14

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: February 22, 2001

PIF ATP Ranking: 38

Shanghai History (Best Result): 4-3 (2023-24 3R)

Marcos Giron (USA) vs Sebastian Baez (ARG)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Sebastian Baez
24 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Sebastian Baez
26 Auckland (New Zealand)	Hard	SF	Sebastian Baez

Baez Leads 3-0

3-6 6-3 6-4
6-4 5-7 7-6(6)
6-1 6-4

Giron FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Hong Kong (I Bublik), Auckland (I Baez)

YTD W-L: 11-19

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: July 24, 1993

PIF ATP Ranking: 88

Shanghai History (Best Result): 3-3 (2024 3R)

Baez FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Auckland (I Mensik); **SF:** Buenos Aires (I Darderi), Santiago (I Darderi); **QF:** Bastad (I Rublev), Kitzbuhel (I Hanfmann)

YTD W-L: 24-23

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 7

Date of Birth: December 28, 2000

PIF ATP Ranking: 53

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-3 (2023 3R)

Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs Daniel Merida (ESP)

First Meeting

van de Zandschulp FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Bucharest (I Navone); **QF:** Rotterdam (I de Minaur), Winston-Salem (I Bonzi), US Open (I Zverev)

YTD W-L: 26-21

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: October 4, 1995

PIF ATP Ranking: 41

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-3 (2023-24 2R)

Merida FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Umag (d Dzumhur); **F:** Bucharest (I Navone); **QF:** ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (I Tien)

YTD W-L: 21-10

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: September 26, 2004

PIF ATP Ranking: 44

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

COURT 4

Nuno Borges (POR) vs Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG)

First Meeting

Borges FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Mallorca (I Quinn); **QF:** Hong Kong (I Rublev), Barcelona (I Medjedovic), Bastad (I Darderi)

YTD W-L: 26-25

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: February 19, 1997

PIF ATP Ranking: 51

Shanghai History (Best Result): 3-2 (2025 4R)

Diaz Acosta FastFacts – seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 win (0-4)

YTD W-L: 2-5

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: December 15, 2000

PIF ATP Ranking: 69

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-1 (2024 1R)

Thiago Agustin Tirante (ARG) vs Hamad Medjedovic (SRB)

First Meeting

Tirante FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Houston (I Burruchaga); **QF:** Rio de Janeiro (I Tabilo), Bastad (W/O to Tabilo), ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (I Fils)

YTD W-L: 27-16

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: April 10, 2001

PIF ATP Ranking: 54

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

Medjedovic FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Barcelona (I Rublev)

YTD W-L: 12-13

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: July 18, 2003

PIF ATP Ranking: 78

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-1 (2025 1R)

Fabian Marozsan (HUN) vs Zachary Svajda (USA)

First Meeting

Marozsan FastFacts – Hungarian is turning 27 years of age on Thursday

2026 Highlights:

SF: Auckland (I Mensik), Bucharest (I Merida), Mallorca (I Davidovich Fokina); **QF:** Winston-Salem (I Duckworth), Hangzhou (I Jacquet)

YTD W-L: 22-23

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: October 8, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 63

Shanghai History (Best Result): 5-2 (2025 QF)

Svajda FastFacts

YTD W-L: 10-14

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: November 29, 2002

PIF ATP Ranking: 82

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-1 (2024 2R)

COURT 7

Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) vs [Q] Ilia Simakin

First Meeting

Ugo Carabelli FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Marrakech (I Jodar); **QF:** Buenos Aires (I Baez), Hamburg (I Kovacevic), Umag (I Burruchaga)

YTD W-L: 14-21

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: June 17, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 77

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-1 (2025 2R)

Simakin FastFacts - Making his ATP Tour debut after defeating Pavlovic and Te in qualifying.

YTD W-L: 0-0

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: October 27, 2003

PIF ATP Ranking: 154

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

Adolfo Daniel Vallejo (PAR) vs Valentin Royer (FRA)

First Meeting

Vallejo FastFacts – bids to be 1st Paraguayan match winner in tournament history

2026 Highlights:

SF: Bastad (I Darderi); **QF:** Tokyo (I Lehecka)

YTD W-L: 17-15

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: April 28, 2004

PIF ATP Ranking: 52

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

Royer FastFacts

YTD W-L: 5-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: May 29, 2001

PIF ATP Ranking: 105

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-1 (2025 2R)

Juan Manuel Cerundolo (ARG) vs [Q] Nicolas Mejia (COL)

First Meeting

J. Cerundolo FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Gstaad (I Collignon); **QF:** Rio de Janeiro (I Kopriva), Eastbourne (I Samuel), Winston-Salem (I Buse)

YTD W-L: 19-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: November 15, 2001

PIF ATP Ranking: 55

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-1 (2025 1R)

Mejia FastFacts – attempts to be second Colombian match winner in event history after Giraldo in 2011.

YTD W-L: 4-4

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: February 11, 2000

PIF ATP Ranking: 119

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)