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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

[7] Alexandre Muller (FRA) vs Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

25 Hong Kong (SAR) Hard R16 Alexandre Muller
25 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada) Hard R64 Alexandre Muller
25 Stockholm (Sweden) Hard R32 Miomir Kecmanovic

Muller Leads 2-1

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6-4 6-1

Alexandre Muller | Age: 28 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 38 | Career: 51-66 (1 Title) | Hong Kong: 5-0 (2025 Title)
> Broke into Top 500 in 2016, Top 250 in 2019, Top 100 in 2023 and broke into Top 50 after advancing to biggest final of career in Rio de Janeiro in February 2025, before achieving career-high No. 38 in August that year.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2025 Hong Kong, becoming 3rd man in Open Era to win a tour-level title by rallying from a set down in all matches played after Ashe at 1975 WCT Finals and Bublik at 2024 Montpellier.
> Defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Musetti en route to 1st SF and final at 2023 Marrakech and earned biggest wins of career over No. 6 Rublev at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Rome and No. 3 Zverev at 2025 Hamburg.
> Made tour-level debut at 2017 Roland Garros as WC (l. to Monteiro) and won 1st tour-level match at 2021 Australian Open as LL, beating Londero in 1R.
> Owns 140-123 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning 1st title at 2022 Blois after saving a MP in his 1R match.

NOTE: Muller is on a 5-match winning streak in Hong Kong after capturing his 1st ATP Tour title at this event last year, including saving 2 MPs to defeat Kecmanovic in 2R. He could become the first man to successfully defend the title since Chang in 1994-95 (not held from 2003-23).

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 26 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 169-176 (2 Titles) | Hong Kong: 2-2 ('24-'25 2R)

> Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.
> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.
> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.
> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner) before saving 2 championship points to defeat Davidovich Fokina for 2nd ATP Tour title at 2025 Delray Beach.
> Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Kecmanovic is attempting to reach Hong Kong 2R in as many appearances after defeating Daniel in 2023 1R and Darderi in 1R last year. Serbian No. 2 earned 20 of 24 wins last season on hard courts, highlighted by Delray Beach title. With a win over Muller, it would mark the second straight year the defending champion loses in opening round (Marozsan d. 2024 champion Rublev in 2025 2R).

[WC] Coleman Wong (HKG) vs Mariano Navone (ARG)

First Meeting

Coleman Wong | Age: 21 | World No. 150 | Career-High No. 128 | Career: 18-15 (2x 3R) | Hong Kong: 0-2 (2024-25 1R)

> Former World No. 11 junior broke into Top 500 in September 2023, Top 200 in April 2024 and achieved career-high No. 128 in September 2024.
> Qualified at 2025 US Open to become 1st man playing for Hong Kong to feature in Grand Slam main draw in Open Era and first since Ip and Tsai at 1954 Wimbledon, and first man from Hong Kong to reach Grand Slam 3R.
> Defeated No. 14 Shelton for biggest win of career to advance to 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 3R.
> Owns 62-49 Challenger record (0-5 in finals), reaching finals at 2023 Shenzhen (Luohu), 2023 Playford, 2024 New Delhi, 2024 Lincoln and 2025 Seoul.
> Became Hong Kong's second ever junior Grand Slam winner in any discipline (Patricia Hy - 1983 Wimbledon girls' doubles), winning boys' doubles titles at 2021 US Open w/Westphal and 2022 Australian Open w/Kuzuhara.

NOTE: Wong bids to be the first man representing Hong Kong to win a main draw match in tournament history (0-20). Last season, the 21-year-old made history by becoming first man representing Hong Kong to win an ATP Masters 1000 match by reaching Miami 3R and to advance to Grand Slam third round at US Open.

Mariano Navone | Age: 24 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 29 | Career: 36-47 (2 Finals) | Hong Kong: 0-0 (Debut)
> 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 in Bucharest.
> On home soil, made 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 in QF.
> 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.

NOTE: Navone aims to record first ATP Tour win since defeating No. 55 Giron to reach Winston-Salem 3R in August (0-4 since). He is on a 5-match winning streak vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on the ATP Tour since losing to No. 153 Nishikori at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.

[WC] Shang Juncheng (CHN) vs Francisco Comesana (ARG)
24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Hard R64 Shang Juncheng

Shang Leads 1-0
6-2 6-1

Shang Juncheng | Age: 20 | World No. 406 | Career-High No. 47 | Career: 35-40 (1 Title) | Hong Kong: 6-2 (2024-25 SF)
> Became 1st Chinese teenager to break into Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in May 2024 and achieved career-high No. 47 in October 2024 after winning 1st ATP Tour title in Chengdu (d. No. 19 Musetti).
> Earned biggest wins over career over No. 16 Tiafoe to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in Hong Kong and No. 14 Shelton en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2024 Atlanta and No. 10 Khachanov to reach 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R.
> Advanced to 2024 Australian Open 3R, becoming 1st Chinese man to reach 3R of that event in Open Era.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 Rio de Janeiro as a WC, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2023 Australian Open, beating Otte in 1R as Q (l. to Tiafoe in 2R).
> Owns 37-27 Challenger record (1-1 in finals), highlighted by 1st title at 2022 Lexington.
> Father, Yi, was a professional football player and his mother, Na, was a world champion table tennis player and his nickname is Jerry after cartoon character of his favorite childhood show.

NOTE: Shang is playing in his first match since reaching his 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R in Shanghai (d. No. 10 Khachanov in 2R). 20-year-old advanced to the semi-finals in both previous appearances, including saving 2 MPs vs. Djere in 1R and 1 MP vs. van de Zandschulp in 2R en route to 2023 SF (2 of his 4 ATP Tour SFs at this venue).

Francisco Comesana | Age: 25 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 54 | Career: 23-30 (1 SF) | Hong Kong: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in April 2024 and achieved career-high No. 54 in August 2025.
> In Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 Wimbledon, defeated No. 6 Rublev in 1R for 1st tour-level win of career and beat Walton in 2R to become youngest Argentine in Wimbledon 3R since del Potro in 2011.
> Advanced to 2024 US Open 3R to become 3rd Argentine man in Open Era to advance to 3R in 1st two Grand Slam main draw appearances after Jaite (in 1984-85) and Markus (in 1991).
> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2025 Rio de Janeiro, defeating No. 2 Zverev for biggest win of career in QF.
> Posted 45-21 Challenger record in 2023, earning most Challenger wins that season, highlighted by titles in Vicenza and Liberec and finals in Skopje and Santa Cruz.

NOTE: Comesana earned 19 tour-level wins in 2025, highlighted by win over No. 2 Zverev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in Rio de Janeiro. 25-year-old is 7-2 in opening rounds of his last 9 tournaments played and could become 3rd Argentine match winner at this event (also Etcheverry, Navone) after Zabaleta in 2000 and Chela in 2002.

COURT 1**Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs Valentin Royer (FRA)****First Meeting****Jesper de Jong (NED) vs [6] Gabriel Diallo (CAN)****First Meeting****[Q] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)**

22 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	B. van de Zandschulp
24 Munich (Germany)	Clay	R16	Jan-Lennard Struff
25 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R128	Jan-Lennard Struff

Struff Leads 2-1

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7-6(0)	6-4	
7-5	2-6	4-1 RET

COURT 2**[5] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs [NG] Rei Sakamoto (JPN)****First Meeting****[Q] Alejandro Tabilo (CHI) vs [Q] Michael Mmoh (USA)****First Tour-Level Meeting****Other Meeting**

21 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Alejandro Tabilo
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[Q] Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Marcos Giron (USA)**First Tour-Level Meeting****Other Meetings**

20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Marcos Giron
20 ATP Masters 1000 Paris Q (France)	Hard	Q2	Marcos Giron

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