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SINGLES QUARTER-FINALISTS: BY THE NUMBERS

| Player | Ranking | Career-High | Age | Wins | QFs | SFs | Finals | Titles |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| [1] Cameron Norrie (GBR) | No. 30 | No. 30 | 25 | 83 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| [2] John Isner (USA) | No. 39 | No. 8 | 36 | 444 | 94 | 54 | 28 | 15 |
| [3] Taylor Fritz (USA) | No. 37 | No. 24 | 23 | 113 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 1 |
| [5] Jordan Thompson (AUS) | No. 63 | No. 43 | 27 | 71 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| [6] Steve Johnson (USA) | No. 83 | No. 21 | 31 | 174 | 39 | 15 | 6 | 4 |
| Brandon Nakashima (USA) | No. 134 | No. 133 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Bolt (AUS) | No. 148 | No. 125 | 28 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| [Q] Ernesto Escobedo (USA) | No. 182 | No. 67 | 25 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

AMERICAN NOTES

- Five Americans are in an ATP Tour QF for 1st time since 2018 Houston (Fritz, Isner, Johnson, Sandgren, Sock)
- Last time 4 Americans reached an ATP Tour SF was 2004 San Jose (Agassi, Fish, Kendrick, Roddick)
- Last time 3 Americans reached an ATP Tour SF was 2019 New York (Isner, Opelka, Querrey)

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

[1] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [Q] Ernesto Escobedo (USA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

16 Columbus CH (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Cameron Norrie

7-6(4) 1-0 ret

Cameron Norrie | Age: 25 | World No. 30 (Career-High) | 2021: 32-14 (3 Finals) | Los Cabos: 5-2 (2018 SF)

> Former Top-10 junior achieved career-high No. 30 following run to 4th and biggest final of career at 2021

London/Queen's Club.

> Advanced to ATP 250 finals at 2019 Auckland as WC, 2021 Estoril and 2021 Lyon.

> Posted personal-best 32 wins in 2021, including biggest victory of career over No. 4 Thiem in Lyon 2R.

> Reached Grand Slam 3R on 4 occasions, including at 2020 US Open, where he rallied from 2 sets down and saved 2 MPs vs. Schwartzman in 1R.

> Born in South Africa, 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 a No. 1 or No. 2 seed for 1st time on ATP Tour and has won his last 3 QF and 3 SF matches.

Ernesto Escobedo | Age: 25 | World No. 182 | Career-High No. 67 | 2021: 3-1 (Los Cabos QF) | Los Cabos: 2-2 (2021 QF)

> Achieved career-high ranking 9 times in 2017, breaking into Top 100 after qualifying at ATP Masters 1000 Miami and peaking at No. 67 following Wimbledon debut.

> Upset Isner in 3 TBs to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2017 Houston as WC, then beat No. 10 Sock for biggest win of career at 2018 Acapulco as Q.

> Advanced to Grand Slam 2R on 3 occasions, including at 2017 Australian Open, where he qualified and defeated future World No. 2 Medvedev in 1R.

> Owns 84-71 Challenger record with titles at 2016 Lexington, 2016 Monterrey and 2019 Granby.

> Shares first name with his grandfather and father, following in his father's footsteps by playing pro tennis.

NOTE: Escobedo is 8-0 in sets this week and appearing in 2nd ATP Tour QF of his career (also 2017 Houston SF).

[3] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [6] Steve Johnson (USA)

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| 16 Memphis (U.S.A.) | Hard | R16 | Taylor Fritz | 7-6(5) 7-6(7) |
| 18 Houston (U.S.A.) | Clay | SF | Steve Johnson | 7-5 6-7(4) 6-2 |
| 19 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) | Hard | R128 | Steve Johnson | 6-3 6-3 |
| 21 Wimbledon (Great Britain) | Grass | R64 | Taylor Fritz | 6-4 7-6(4) 4-6 6-7(4) 6-4 |

Series Tied 2-2

Taylor Fritz | Age: 23 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 24 | 2021: 16-11 (2 SFs) | Los Cabos: 8-3 (2019 Final)
 > Became No. 1 American in 2021 less than 2 years after becoming youngest American in Top 25 at age 21 since Roddick, 21, in 2004.
 > Also in 2019, captured 1st ATP Tour title at Eastbourne and earned 5 victories vs. Top 10, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Thiem at Laver Cup.
 > Reached 2016 Memphis final as 18-year-old WC and remains youngest ATP finalist since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach and youngest American finalist since Chang, 17, at 1989 Wembley.
 > Owns 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R (0-5 vs. Top 10), including 5-set loss to World No. 1 and eventual champion Djokovic at 2021 Australian Open.
 > Ended junior career in 2015 as World No. 1 after winning US Open title, reaching Roland Garros final and posting wins over future Top-10 ATP players Rublev, Shapovalov and Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Fritz is on 7-match win streak against Americans, including 5-set win vs. Johnson in Wimbledon 2R on 1 July.

Steve Johnson | Age: 31 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 21 | 2021: 5-6 (Los Cabos QF) | Los Cabos: 2-1 (2021 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 21 and became No. 1 American during 2016 season.
 > Won grass-court titles at 2016 Nottingham and 2018 Newport, as well as back-to-back titles at Houston in 2017-18, becoming 1st repeat champion at event since Roddick in 2001-02.
 > Defeated then-No. 37 Dimitrov to reach 2016 Wimbledon 4R, but owns 1-9 record in Grand Slam 3R with all 9 losses to Top-15 players.
 > Posted 7 wins at 2016 Rio Olympics, finishing as doubles bronze medallist w/Sock and singles quarter-finalist (l. to eventual gold medallist Murray in 3rd-set TB).
 > One of the greatest college tennis players of all time, sweeping 2009-12 NCAA team titles with USC, winning 2011-12 NCAA singles titles and ending career with 72 straight singles wins.

NOTE: Johnson is playing 1st ATP Tour QF since 2020 Delray Beach and seeking 1st SF since 2019 Winston-Salem.

Alex Bolt (AUS) vs [2] John Isner (USA)

First Meeting

Alex Bolt | Age: 28 | World No. 148 | Career-High No. 125 | 2021: 6-4 (Los Cabos QF) | Los Cabos: 2-0 (2021 QF)
 > Broke into Top 200 in 2014 and has been ranked in Top 200 each week since 16 July 2018, peaking at No. 125 in 2019.
 > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF on home soil of South Australia at 2020 Adelaide as WC.
 > Saved 4 MPs to defeat No. 30 Simon in 5 sets for biggest win of career and to reach 2019 Australian Open 3R as WC.
 > Reached Australian Open doubles QF in 2014 w/Whittington as WC and in 2017 w/Mousley as WC.
 > Owns 104-87 Challenger record with 3 titles and wins over past or present Top-15 players Coric, de Minaur, Gasquet, Hurkacz, Mathieu and Shapovalov.

NOTE: Bolt is playing 2nd ATP Tour QF of career and seeking 1st SF (l. to Auger-Aliassime in 2020 Adelaide QF).

John Isner | Age: 36 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 10-6 (3rd QF) | Los Cabos: 1-0 (2021 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 8 after reaching 1st Grand Slam SF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. to Anderson 26-24 in 5th after 6:36).
 > Owns 15 ATP Tour titles, including 5 at Atlanta, 4 at Newport and 2 at Winston-Salem (all tournament records).
 > Beat No. 1 Djokovic en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2012 Indian Wells and 2013 Cincinnati, then became oldest 1st-time ATP Masters 1000 champion in history with 2018 Miami title at age 32.
 > In 2010 Wimbledon 1R, hit record 113 aces over 3 days to win longest match ever over Mahut 70-68 in 5th after 11:05.
 > Posted 1st 5 wins of career in 3rd-set TBs to reach 2007 Washington final, hit 10,000th ace at 2018 Houston, and earned 400th win at 2019 Acapulco (d. Mannarino).

NOTE: Isner is attempting to reach 55th tour-level SF of his career and 1st since 2020 Acapulco (l. to Fritz).

[5] Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA)

First Meeting

Jordan Thompson | Age: 27 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 43 | 2021: 17-14 (Newport SF) | Los Cabos: 2-0 (2021 QF)
> Earned personal-best 26 tour-level wins, broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 43 in 2019.
> Ended 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs by reaching 1st SF and final at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 4R for 1st time at 2019 Miami and Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2020 US Open.
> Upset World No. 1 and 5-time champion Murray at 2017 London/Queen's Club as LL, earning 1st tour-level win over Murray in 21 tries by an Aussie.
> In 2018, went 1-11 on ATP Tour and 52-17 on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), earning 2nd-most Challenger wins in a single season behind Berlocq's 57 wins in 2010.

NOTE: Thompson has earned 2+ wins in each of his last 4 appearances on tour. He is seeking 4th ATP Tour SF of his career and 1st on a surface other than grass (2019 's-Hertogenbosch F, 2019 Antalya SF, 2021 Newport SF).

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 19 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 133 | 2021: 2-2 (Los Cabos QF) | Los Cabos: 2-0
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 133 after winning 2nd Challenger title at 2021 Quimper-2.
> Defeated Vesely and Norrie to reach 2020 Delray Beach QF as 18-year-old WC in ATP Tour debut.
> Ended 2020 season by sweeping 10 sets en route to 1st Challenger title at Orlando.
> Went 44-18 across all levels in 2019, beginning season on ITF World Tennis Tour, starring at University of Virginia, advancing to US Open boys' singles SF and ending year on ATP Challenger Tour.
> Lost deciding set to eventual semi-finalist Karatsev in 2021 Australian Open qualifying 1R.

NOTE: Like Escobedo and Bolt, Nakashima is appearing in his 2nd ATP Tour QF. Like Thompson, he beat a former champion this week (Nakashima d. 2017 champion Querrey in 2R, Thompson d. 2016 champion Karlovic in 1R).