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# **HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS**

- World No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz begins his grass court season at HSBC Championships vs. lucky loser Adam Walton. Alcaraz, the only former champion in the field, is on a 13-match winning streak and is playing in his first match since saving 3 championship points to defeat World No. 1 Sinner in Roland Garros final on June 8. 22-year-old Spaniard leads the ATP Tour in wins (37) and titles (4) this season.
- Walton is attempting to become first player to oust No. 1 seed in opening round at Queen's Club since Ryan Peniston upset No. 1 seed Ruud in 2022 1R. With a win, he would be first Australian man to defeat a Top-3 player on grass since Jordan Thompson upset No. 1 Andy Murray in 2017 Queen's Club 1R.
- British No. 1 **Jack Draper** starts his campaign to join **Andy Murray** as the only home men's singles champions at Queen's Club in Open Era. He takes a 3-0 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead vs. **Jenson Brooksby**, with American seeking his 3rd Top 10 win (2-8). Draper is making his fourth main draw appearance, earning his 1st ATP Tour win in 2021 (d. Sinner) and biggest win of his career over No. 2 Alcaraz in 2R last year.
- World No. 12 Alex de Minaur opens Andy Murray Arena play against Jiri Lehecka. Australian leads all players in ATP 500 wins since the start of 2023 season. World No. 4 Taylor Fritz captured his 4th ATP Tour grass court title in Stuttgart on Sunday and aims to extend his 4-match winning streak when he takes on qualifier Corentin Moutet. On Court 1, World No. 10 Ben Shelton plays in his first match as a Top-10 player, facing lucky loser Arthur Rinderknech. Rinderknech is 0-15 vs. Top 10 and seeks biggest win of his career.

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **ANDY MURRAY ARENA**

[5] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Jiri Lehecka (CZE)

de Minaur Leads 1-0

23 Davis Cup Finals (Spain)

Hard QF Alex de Minaur

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

Alex de Minaur | Age: 26 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 27-11 (Rotterdam Final) | Queen's: 8-5 (2023 F) > Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 6 in July 2024 before becoming 1st Australian to qualify for Nitto ATP Finals in singles since Hewitt in 2004.

- > Earned personal-best 47 victories in 2022 and 2024 and captured biggest of 9 ATP Tour titles in Acapulco in 2023 and 2024.
- > 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.
- > Also advanced to four consecutive Grand Slam QFs at 2024 Roland Garros, Wimbledon, US Open and 2025 Australian Open and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto.
- > Playing for Australia, he went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during 2022 season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003 and defeated No. 2 Nadal in 2023 and No. 1 Djokovic in 2024 at United Cup.
- > Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

**NOTE**: de Minaur is one of three former finalists in this year's draw (also Alcaraz, Norrie) and owns 15-1 record in opening rounds since July last year, lone loss to Cilic in Dubai 1R this February. Australian No. 1 reached Queen's Club SF in 2021 (I. to No. 9 Berrettini) and final in 2023 (I. to No. 2 Alcaraz), but lost to No. 30 Musetti in 1R last year.



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#### Most ATP 500 Wins Since the Start of 2023 Season:

Player W-L Best Result

\*Alex de Minaur 37-14 2023-24 Acapulco Titles

\*Andrey Rublev 36-17 2025 Doha Title

Alexander Zverev 35-13 2023 Hamburg, 2025 Munich Titles

\*Carlos Alcaraz 34-6 2023 Barcelona, 2023 Queen's Club, 2024 Beijing, 2025 Rotterdam Titles

Daniil Medvedev 33-9 2023 Rotterdam, 2023 Dubai Title

\*Jannik Sinner 32-3 2023 Beijing, 2023 Vienna, 2024 Rotterdam, 2024 Halle Titles

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 23 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 22 | 2025: 20-12 (Brisbane Title) | Queen's: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 22 in February 2025 after 8-0 start to year with Brisbane title and run to Aus. Open 4R.
- > Defeated No. 5 Rublev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells before defeating No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.
- > In Australia, earned wins over No. 12 Norrie and No. 7 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 Australian Open QF and captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Adelaide.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Rotterdam as Q after defeating No. 12 Shapovalov in 1R for 1st ATP Tour win.
- > Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.
- > Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

**NOTE**: Lehecka is 19-32 vs. Top 20, 2-4 on grass courts, earning both wins over No. 19 F. Cerundolo and No. 15 Paul en route to 2023 Wimbledon 4R. He began his grass season in Stuttgart last week and defeated Bonzi and Struff to reach QF (I. to No. 12 Shelton).

# [PR] Jenson Brooksby (USA) vs [2] Jack Draper (GBR)Draper Leads 3-022 Eastbourne (Great Britain)Grass R32 Jack Draper6-2 6-222 Antwerp (Belgium)Hard R32 Jack Draper6-1 6-225 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)Hard R32 Jack Draper7-5 6-4

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Insights from their 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Jack Draper	26%	69%	36%	7.6	8.2	7.7	7.9
Jenson Brooksby	20%	64%	31%	7.0	6.1	7.5	5.8
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

In their last encounter, Draper's return game was the decisive factor, achieving an impressive Return Quality score of 8.2. Draper successfully returned 77% of his first serves, compared to Brooksby's 59%, with over 52% of Draper's first serve returns landing closer to the baseline than the service line.

**Jenson Brooksby** | Age: 24 | World No. 149 | Career-High No. 33 | 2025: 8-5 (Houston Title) | Queen's: 0-1 (2022 1R) > Achieved career-high No. 33 in June 2022, then defeated 6-time champion Isner at 2022 Atlanta en route to 3rd ATP 250 final on home soil.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title in Houston as Q, after saving 1 MP vs. Gomez in qualifying, 3 MPs vs. Tabilo in 2R and 1 MP vs. Paul in SF and as No. 507 became 3rd-lowest-ranked champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in his grass-court debut at 2021 Newport, becoming 2nd-youngest finalist at age 20 in 46-year tournament history (Rusedski, 19, in 1993).
- > Reached 2021 US Open 4R as 20-year-old WC, becoming youngest American in US Open 4R since Roddick, 20, in 2002.
- > Defeated No. 3 Ruud for biggest win of career and to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R.
- > Qualified at 2019 US Open and ended former World No. 4 Berdych's career for 1st tour-level win, then missed entire 2020 season due to toe injury.

**NOTE**: Brooksby is 2-8 vs. Top 10 (0-2 in 2025), earning wins over No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2022 Indian Wells and No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Australian Open. He is playing in his first tour-level event on grass since reaching 2022 Wimbledon 3R.

<sup>\*</sup> plays in London or Halle 1R on Tuesday



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**Jack Draper** | Age: 23 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 4 | 2025: 25-7 (Indian Wells Title) | Queen's: 5-3 ('21, '24 QF) > In 2022, broke into Top 200 in February, Top 100 in June and Top 50 in September, before achieving career-high No. 4 in June 2025, joining Nadal as only left-handers to break inside Top 5 of PIF ATP Rankings this century.

- > Became ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2025 Indian Wells, defeating Rune in 1st ATP Masters 1000 or Grand Slam final between players born in 2000s and reached 1st ATP Tour final on clay at 2025 Madrid.
- > Advanced to 2024 US Open SF without losing a set, becoming 4th British man in semi-finals of that event in Open Era, following Rusedski (1997), Henman (2004) and Murray (2008, 2011-12).
- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title by defeating 2-time champion Berrettini in 2024 Stuttgart final and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz at Queen's Club 2R in back-to-back weeks.
- > Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

**NOTE**: Draper is the fourth British Top-2 seed at this event in Open Era after Rusedski (No. 2 in 1998), Henman (No. 2 in 2002) and Murray (7 times). He is making his fourth appearance at Queen's Club, aiming to keep his spotless record in opening rounds (3-0), including wins over No. 23 Sinner in 2021 1R and No. 14 Fritz in 2022 1R.

# [1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [LL] Adam Walton (AUS)

### First Meeting

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 22 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2025: 37-5 (4 Titles) | Queen's: 6-1 (2023 Title) > Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, earning total of 36 weeks.

- > Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
- > Became the youngest man to win a Grand Slam title on all three surfaces by winning 2024 Roland Garros title at age 21 and saved 3 championship points to defeat Sinner in longest final in history (5h29m) to defend the title in 2025.
- > Defeated 7-time champion Djokovic in 2023 and 2024 Wimbledon finals to be 2nd man in Open Era to win 1st four Grand Slam finals and became youngest Olympic men's finalist since 1904, earning silver medal at Paris Olympics.
- > Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (since 1990).
- > Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

**NOTE**: Alcaraz is on a 13-match winning streak after titles at ATP Masters 1000 Rome and Roland Garros. He owns 24-3 career record on grass, including 16-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 20, lone loss to No. 31 Draper in 2R here last year.

**Adam Walton** | Age: 26 | World No. 86 | Career-High No. 85 | 2025: 5-9 (Miami 4R) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut) > After starting 2024 season as No. 176 on PIF ATP Rankings, broke into Top 100 in May and achieved career-high

- After starting 2024 season as No. 176 on PIF ATP Rankings, broke into Top 100 in May and achieved career-high No. 85 in March 2025 after run to ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R as LL.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2024 Adelaide as Q, defeated former semi-finalist Hanfmann in 2024 Mallorca 1R for 1st win and No. 72 Coria at 2024 Wimbledon for 1st Grand Slam main draw match win in back-to-back weeks.
- > Owns 84-51 Challenger record (4-5 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Cary, 2024 Burnie-2, 2024 Taipei and 2025 Brisbane-2.
- > Played college tennis for University of Tennessee for five years from 2017 and credits college tennis with improving his tennis and physique.

**NOTE**: Walton lost in qualifying to countryman Vukic, before entering the draw after withdrawal of Davidovich Fokina. He is 0-8 vs. Top 50 (0-1 vs. Top 10) and looking for the biggest win of his career to be the first Australian to defeat Alcaraz in a tour-level match (0-10).

# [Q] Corentin Moutet (FRA) vs [3] Taylor Fritz (USA)

# **First Meeting**

Corentin Moutet | Age: 26 | World No. 89 | Career-High No. 51 | 2025: 10-11 (Rome 4R) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Former Top-10 junior ended 2022 at career-high No. 51 after winning 6th Challenger title of career at Szczecin and advancing to ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R as Q.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final as 20-year-old at 2020 Doha, becoming youngest French finalist on tour since Gasquet, 20, at 2006 Lyon.
- > Beat former champion Wawrinka en route to 2022 US Open 4R, becoming 1st men's lucky loser on record to reach US Open 4R, then reached 4R of 2024 Roland Garros and 3R of 2024 Paris Olympics.
- > Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas for 1st Challenger title at 2017 Brest as 18-year-old WC.
- > Enjoys rapping and playing piano, having released an 8-song EP entitled "Ecorche" in 2020.



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NOTE: Moutet is 1-15 vs. Top 10, earning sole win over No. 10 Rune in Rome 3R in May in 3H 44M in longest bestof-3 match of 2025 on ATP Tour. He would be the first Frenchman to earn a Top-5 win on grass since Mannarino d. No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch & Gasquet d. No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Stuttgart, both on June 15.

Taylor Fritz | Age: 27 | World No. 4 (Career-High) | 2025: 21-10 (Stuttgart Title) | Queen's: 3-3 (2024 QF)

- > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024 after becoming 1st American man since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 of year-end rankings.
- > At 2024 US Open, became 1st American man to play in a Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over No. 8 Ruud in 4R, No. 4 Zverev in QF and No. 20 Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
- > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
- > Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022 and 2023 and earned bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

NOTE: Fritz is on a 4-match winning streak after winning Stuttgart on Sunday without dropping serve all tournament (43/43 service games won), including win over No. 3 Zverev in the final. He is making his fourth straight appearance at Queen's Club, highlighted by run to quarter-finals last year (I. to Thompson).

#### COURT 1

Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) First Meeting

[LL] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs [6] Ben Shelton (USA) **First Meeting** 

Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs Jaume Munar (ESP)

Series Tied 1-1 Clay R128 Jaume Munar 6-7(6) 6-1 7-6(5) 6-4

6-4 2-6 6-4 24 Barcelona (Spain) Clay R32 Jordan Thompson

Gabriel Diallo (CAN) vs [WC] Billy Harris (GBR)

Harris Leads 1-0 24 Newport (U.S.A.) Grass R32 7-6(4) 7-5 Billy Harris

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Alexei Popyrin (AUS) vs [Q] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) **First Meeting** 

[PR] Reilly Opelka (USA) vs Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) First Meeting

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