# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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## Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI) vs [8] Daniel Altmaier (GER)    Altmaier Leads 1-0

| 23 Roland Garros (France) | Clay | R128 | Daniel Altmaier | 6-3 6-4 6-4 |
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**Other Meeting**

| 21 Geneva (Switzerland) | Clay | Q1 | Daniel Altmaier | 7-6(5) 6-2 |
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**Marc-Andrea Huesler** | Age: 27 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 47 | 2023: 10-19 (6 times in 2R) | Event: 3-1 (2020 SF)
> Swiss No. 1 broke into Top 100 at age 26 in July 2022, then achieved career-high No. 47 in February 2023
> Boasts 80-61 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), including clay-court titles in 2022 at Mexico City and Aguascalientes.
> Defeated 2021 champion Ivashka and 2021 finalist M. Ymer en route to 2022 Winston-Salem SF as Q
> Qualified at Halle, Wimbledon, Bastad, Winston-Salem and ATP Masters 1000 Paris in 2022.
> Beat #NextGenATP players Musetti in SF and Rune in final en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Sofia.

**NOTE:** Huesler aims to equal personal-best 11 wins in a single season (2022 – 11). In 2020, came from qualifying to record 1st of 3 career ATP Tour SFs, earning biggest win of career over No. 12 Fognini in 2R.

**Daniel Altmaier** | Age: 24 | World No. 51 (Career-High) | 2023: 10-15 (2 times in QF) | Event: 3-1 (2021 SF)
> Finished at No. 100 in 2021 year-end rankings, then achieved career-high No. 51 in July 2023 after defeating No. 7 Rublev for biggest win of career at 2023 Hamburg to reach his 7th ATP Tour QF.
> Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil before earning 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid as a LL.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.
> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and beat another Italian No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.
> Hits a one-handed backhand and says that his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

**NOTE**: 9 of 10 tour-level wins Altmaier recorded this season came on clay, highlighted by quarter-final appearances at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to Coric) and Hamburg (l. to Zhang).

## [WC] Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) vs [Q] Dennis Novak (AUT)    First Meeting

**Thiago Seyboth Wild** | Age: 23 | World No. 117 | Career-High No. 106 | 2023: 2-2 (Roland Garros 3R) | Event: 0-1 (2021 1R)
> Former Top-10 junior achieved career-high No. 106 in 2020 after reaching 2nd Challenger final of career at Aix-en-Provence.
> Upset World No. 2 Medvedev at 2023 Roland Garros in five sets to record his first career Grand Slam match win and first tour-level win in 15 months.
> Captured 2020 Santiago title as 19-year-old WC (d. Ruud), becoming 1st ATP Tour champion born in 2000s and youngest Brazilian champion in Open Era.
> One week before Santiago, saved 3 MPs to beat Davidovich Fokina in 2020 Rio de Janeiro 1R as WC – longest ATP Tour match at 3:50 since 2009 Madrid SF (Nadal d. Djokovic in 4:03).
> Also earned 1st ATP Tour win of career on home clay, defeating E. Ymer in 2019 Sao Paulo 1R as WC.
> Has an 89-73 career record on ATP Challenger Tour (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2019 Guayaquil, 2023 Vina del Mar and 2023 Buenos Aires.
> Ended junior career by beating fellow #NextGenATP player Musetti for 2018 US Open boys' singles title.

**NOTE**: Seyboth Wild earned all 11-career tour-level wins on clay and earned both tour-level wins this year at Roland Garros, defeating No. 2 Medvedev in 1R and Pella in 2R (l. to Nishioka in 3R).

**Dennis Novak** | Age: 29 | World No. 166 | Career-High No. 85 | 2023: 0-2 (Wimbledon 1R) | Event: 3-7 (2015, 2018-19 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 85 in early-2020 prior to ATP Tour hiatus due to COVID-19.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Cologne-1 and defeated No. 17 Fognini for biggest win of career at 2021 ATP Cup.
> Came within 1 win of qualifying for all 4 Grand Slams in 2018, reaching Wimbledon 3R and also qualifying at Australian Open and US Open.
> Earned 3 wins in Match TB en route to 2016 Kitzbuhel doubles final with lifelong friend Thiem (born 6 days apart in same town of Wiener Neustadt).
> Owns 122-108 Challenger record (3-4 in finals), winning titles at 2019 Taipei, 2019 Bratislava-2 and 2023 Nonthaburi-1.

**NOTE:** Novak defeated compatriot Schwarzler in Q1 and Monteiro in Q2 to make his 8th main draw appearance at the event. He aims to record his 1st tour-level win since 2022 Wimbledon (d. Bagnis in 1R, l. to Kubler in 2R).

## [7] Dusan Lajovic (SRB) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)                    Zhang Leads 1-0

| 23 Roland Garros (France) | Clay | R128 | Zhang Zhizhen | 6-1 4-1 RET |

**Dusan Lajovic** | Age: 33 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 23 | 2023: 17-14 (Banja Luka Title) | Event: 11-7 (2016 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 23 after defeating future World No. 1 Medvedev to reach 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.
> Entered Monte Carlo as World No. 48 and became lowest-ranked finalist at that event since No. 53 Arazi in 2001.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Banja Luka, defeating World No. 1 Djokovic in QF for biggest win of career and No. 6 Rublev in the final.
> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title at 2019 Umag, doubles title at 2015 Istanbul w/Albot and team title at 2020 ATP Cup as member of Team Serbia.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 2 occasions: 2014 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open.
> Qualified 12 times at ATP Masters 1000 events, including en route to 2018 Madrid QF.

**NOTE:** Lajovic has reached the quarter-finals in Kitzbuhel 5 times in previous 7 main draw appearances and earned 15 of his 17 ATP Tour wins this year on clay.

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 26 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 52 | 2023: 11-11 (Hamburg SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Became the first Chinese player in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 before achieving career-high No. 52 in July 2023 after reaching 4th ATP Tour QF at 2023 Eastbourne.
> At 2023 Roland Garros, became the first Chinese male player to reach the third round at the event in Open Era.
> Won 3 consecutive matches in the deciding set tie-break to become the first Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final at 2023 Madrid, defeating No. 10 Fritz for biggest win of career.
> Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon, becoming 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of that event in Open Era.
> Also qualified at 2022 US Open, joining fellow qualifier Wu as 1st Chinese men to compete in main draw of that event in Open Era.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Hamburg and ATP Tour QFs at 2017 Shenzhen as Q, 2022 Naples as Q, 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid and 2023 Eastbourne.

**NOTE**: Zhang reached his 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Hamburg last week (l. to Djere) after becoming the highest-ranked Chinese player in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history at No. 52 earlier this month.

## [Q] Facundo Bagnis (ARG) vs [WC] Dominic Thiem (AUT)            Thiem Leads 1-0

| 23 Umag (Croatia) | Clay | R32 | Dominic Thiem | 6-4 7-5 |
| **Other Meeting** | | | | |
| 22 Salzburg CH (Austria) | Clay | R16 | Facundo Bagnis | 6-3 2-6 6-4 |

**Facundo Bagnis** | Age: 33 | World No. 135 | Career-High No. 55 | 2023: 2-9 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 0-2 (2016-17 1R)
> Achieved career-high No. 55 in 2016 and broke back into Top 100 in 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago.
> Celebrated 31st birthday by competing in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba as Q after earning 6 wins.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 US Open after entering event with 1-10 record on hard courts.
> In Grand Slam main draw debut, defeated Benneteau 18-16 in 5th at 2014 Roland Garros as Q.
> Boasts 346-205 Challenger record (16-13 in finals), posting 6-0 finals record in 2016 – tied for 2nd-most titles in a single season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

**NOTE**: Bagnis came from a set down to defeat Neuchrist in Q1 and Gakhov in Q2 to qualify for an ATP Tour event for the third time in as many weeks (Gstaad, Umag, Kitzbuhel).

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**Dominic Thiem** | Age: 29 | World No. 116 | Career High No. 3 | 2023: 9-17 (2 times in QF) | Event: 14-8 (2019 Title)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in March 2020 and remained in Top 5 until suffering right wrist tear in June 2021.
> Playing in his 4th Grand Slam final, defeated A. Zverev in 5th-set TB to win 2020 US Open title, becoming 1st player to win US Open final from 2 sets down since Gonzales in 1949 (Amateur Era).
> Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals each year from 2016-20, defeating No. 3 Federer and No. 2 Djokovic en route to 2019 championship match, then beating No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2020 final.
> Playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 final, defeated 5-time champion Federer to win 2019 Indian Wells title.
> Went 9-3 from 2019-20 against Djokovic, Federer and Nadal, joining Murray as 1 of 2 players with at least 5 career wins over each member of Big 3.

**NOTE:** Thiem is 6-1 vs. left-handers in tour-level matches on clay since the start of the 2022 season (l. to Monteiro at 2023 Rio de Janeiro 1R) and beat Bagnis in Umag 1R last week.

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## [5] Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Christopher O'Connell (AUS)          O'Connell Leads 1-0

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| 20 US Open (U.S.A.) | Hard | R128 | Christopher O'Connell | 4-6 6-4 7-6(2) 6-4 |
| **Other Meeting** | | | | |
| 16 Banja Luka CH (Bosnia & Herzegovina) | Clay | R32 | Laslo Djere | 6-2 6-2 |

## [SE] Alexei Popyrin (AUS) vs Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)          Series Tied 1-1

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| 22 Australian Open (Australia) | Hard | R128 | Arthur Rinderknech | 7-5 4-6 6-2 3-6 6-3 |
| 23 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands) | Grass | R32 | Alexei Popyrin | 6-3 7-6(6) |

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