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ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CAMPO CENTRALE

Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs Marco Cecchinato (ITA)

First Tour Level Meeting

Other meeting:

20 Todi CH (Italy)

Clay QF Yannick Hanfmann 6-4 6-4

Yannick Hanfmann | Age: 29 | World No. 105 | Career-High No. 95 | Career: 18-21 (2 Finals) | 2021: 3-5 (3rd Event 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 95 in 2020.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.
> Captured 6th Challenger title at 2020 Todi in 1st week following tour's suspension due to COVID-19 pandemic.
> Played 4 years of college tennis at University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: German earned his 1st ATP Masters 1000 win over Johnson in Miami (l. to Khachanov in 2R) and opened with 3-set win over [8] Paul on Monday. Trying to reach 1st ATP Tour QF since Sardinia (l. to Musetti) last October.

Marco Cecchinato | Age: 28 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 16 | Career: 49-90 (3 Titles) | 2021: 2-6 (2nd Event 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.
> Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career mark, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.
> Advanced to his 4th career ATP Tour final at Sardinia in October 2020 (l. to Djere).
> Reached 2018 Roland Garros SF as World No. 72, becoming lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.
> Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.
> Owns 7-4 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-11 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

NOTE: Cecchinato is 2-6 this season, posting win over Dellien in Cordoba 1R (l. to Schwartzman) and opening with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over [WC] Fabbiano on Tuesday.

[1] Daniel Evans (GBR) vs Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

First Meeting

Daniel Evans | Age: 30 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 79-86 (1 Title) | 2021: 6-4 (Melbourne-2 **Winner**)
> Unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 26 in February 2021.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2 (d. Auger-Aliassime).
> Reached 1st final at 2017 Sydney, then squandered 3 MPs vs. Albot in 2019 Delray Beach final as Q.
> Defeated No. 7 Cilic for biggest win of career en route to 2017 Australian Open 4R.
> Held 1 MP against eventual champion Wawrinka in 2016 US Open 3R before falling in 5 sets.

NOTE: British No. 1 is making his season clay court debut and since winning maiden ATP Tour title in Melbourne-2 in February, has a 1-4 record. Coming off 1st career ATP Tour doubles final at ATP Masters 1000 Miami (w/N. Skupski).

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 19 | World No. 90 | Career-High No. 90 | Career: 11-5 (2 SFs) | 2021: 6-2 (Acapulco SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 90 on 5 April 2021 following his 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 3R at Miami (l. to Cilic).
> In March 2021, advanced to 2nd ATP Tour SF at Acapulco as Q, where he made his 1st Top 10 win vs. No. 9 Schwartzman (l. to No. 5 Tsitsipas).
> Beat Wawrinka and Nishikori to reach 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R as Q-WC, becoming 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match and youngest player in Rome 3R since Santoro, 18, in 1991.
> Following Rome run, defeated 4 Top-100 players for 1st Challenger title at 2020 Forli as WC.
> Became World No. 1 junior after winning 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and reaching 2018 US Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Six of his 11 career wins have come over Top 35 opponents (Evans is No. 32).. #NextGenATP star reached his 1st ATP Tour SF at Sardinia in October 2020 as WC (d. Cuevas, Pellegrino and Hanfmann, ret. vs. eventual champion Djere). Opened with 6-0, 6-1 win over Novak on Tuesday.

Gilles Simon (FRA) vs [3] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

First Meeting

Gilles Simon | Age: 36 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 494-372 (14 Titles) | 2021: 2-3 (Melbourne-2 2R)
> Broke into Top 10 in 2008 after beating No. 1 Federer at Toronto and No. 1 Nadal at Madrid.
> Qualified for 2008 Nitto ATP Finals, defeating Federer in RR before losing to Djokovic in 3-set SF.
> Won biggest of 14 titles at 2011 Hamburg and earned 400th career win over No. 3 Wawrinka at 2016 Shanghai.
> Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2015 Wimbledon, having played 13 Grand Slam matches that exceeded 4 hours (6-7).
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2008 Madrid and 2014 Shanghai.

NOTE: In 2021, Simon won 1st match at Melbourne-2 over E. Ymer (l. to Chardy in 2R) and fell in 1R at Australian Open (l. to Tsitsipas) and Montpellier (l. to Novak). Opened with 3-set win over Travaglia and last QF was Cologne-2.

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 25 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 32 | Career: 43-51 (1 Title) | 2021: 6-7 (Montpellier QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 32 after defeating No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st LL to defeat Djokovic (1-12) and equaling fewest games Djokovic has ever won in a match.
> Broke into Top 50 in 2019 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at Antalya.
> Saved 8 MPs vs. Delbonis and 1 MP vs. Carballes Baena en route to 2nd SF at 2019 Kitzbuhel.
> Defeated Fritz 7-6(5) 6-3 7-6(17) to reach 2020 Roland Garros 4R, winning longest men's singles TB in tournament history.
> Started playing tennis at age 11 with Gipo Arbino, who remains his coach today.

NOTE: No. 4 Italian is trying to reach his 2nd ATP Tour QF of the season (Montpellier, l. to Goffin) and even his match record (6-7) as well.

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs [6] John Millman (AUS)

Millman Leads 1-0

19 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R64 John Millman 6-3 6-2 6-1

Laslo Djere | Age: 25 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 58-63 (2 Titles) | 2021: 6-7 (2 QFs)
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in 2019 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.
> Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
> Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.
> Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid)
> One of 4 Serbians to reach 2019 Roland Garros 3R -- most ever in a Grand Slam 3R.

NOTE: Djere is 6-7 this season and he's trying to his 3rd QF: Buenos Aires (l. to Kecmanovic) and Santiago (l. to Bagnis). He captured his 2nd ATP Tour title at Sardinia in October 2020 (d. Musetti in SF and Cecchinato in F).

John Millman | Age: 31 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 33 | Career: 89-109 (1 Title) | 2021: 2-6 (Singapore, Cagliari 2R)
> After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33.
> Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan.
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
> Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
> In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Millman is 2-6 this season, posting win over Pervolarakis in ATP Cup RR and over Coria 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-3 in 3h, 14m here on Tuesday. Trying to reach 1st ATP Tour QF since last tournament played last year in Sofia (l. to Pospisil).