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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

CENTRAL COURT

NOTE: Navone and Merida (also Trungelliti and Jodar in Marrakech) are searching for their first ATP Tour title, joining Etcheverry (Rio de Janeiro) as the only first-time ATP Tour champions so far this season.

First-Time ATP Champions Since Start of 2025 Season (10):

Player	Age	Tournament	Player	Age	Tournament
Alexandre Muller	27	Hong Kong	Jenson Brooksby	24	Houston
Joao Fonseca	18	Buenos Aires	Gabriel Diallo	23	's-Hertogenbosch
Tomas Machac	24	Acapulco	Valentin Vacherot	26	Shanghai
Jakub Mensik	19	Miami	Learner Tien	19	Metz
Flavio Cobolli	22	**Bucharest**	Tomas Martin Etcheverry	26	Rio de Janeiro*

* only first-time champion so far in 2026

[7] Mariano Navone (ARG) vs [Q] Daniel Merida (ESP) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

22 M25 Denia (Spain)	Clay	R32	Mariano Navone	7-6(4) 4-6 6-3

Mariano Navone | Age: 25 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 7-8 (Bucharest Final) | Bucharest: 9-2 ('24, '26 Final)
> 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 the 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 at 2024 Bucharest.
> On home soil, made his 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.
> 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 played in the longest match this week (3H 31M) by defeating van de Zandschulp in SF while saving 2 MPs and now looks for first ATP Tour title (0-2). He is No. 47 on PIF ATP Live Rankings securing a return to Top 50 for the first time since February last year and would reach No. 42 if he becomes the 4th Argentine to win Bucharest.

Active Argentinian ATP Tour Champions – Navone and Trungelliti attempt to join the list on Sunday.

Player	Titles	Player	Titles
Sebastian Baez	7	Facundo Diaz Acosta	1
Francisco Cerundolo	4	Tomas Martin Etcheverry	1
Juan Manuel Cerundolo	1	Horacio Zeballos	1

Argentines Bucharest Champions:

Player	Year
Franco Davin	1994
Jose Acasuso	2004
Juan Ignacio Chela	2010

Longest ATP Tour Matches in 2026:

Tournament	Match	Time
Rio de Janeiro	Etcheverry-Kopriva SF	3H 58M
Buenos Aires	Etcheverry-Burruchaga 2R	3H 38M
Bucharest	**Navone-van de Zandschulp SF**	**3H 31M**

Daniel Merida | Age: 21 | World No. 136 | Career-High No. 135 | 2026: 4-1 (Bucharest Final) | Bucharest: 4-0 (2026 Final)
> Former Top 20 junior earned 1st ranking point in 2021, broke into Top 200 in July 2025 and achieved career-high No. 135 in March 2026 soon after winning his 2nd Challenger title at Tenerife-1.
> Qualified for ATP Tour singles debut at 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells after wins over Kypson and Sweeny.
> Rallied from a set down for both Top 100 wins of career, defeating No. 97 Svrcina en route to final round of qualifying at 2025 US Open (l. to L. Harris) and No. 95 Kypson to qualify for 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells.

> Owns 44-39 Challenger record (2-1 in finals), winning titles on home soil at 2025 Pozoblanco and 2026 Tenerife-1.
> Peaked at No. 15 in juniors in 2022, advancing to boys' singles quarter-finals at Roland Garros in 2021 and 2022.

NOTE: Merida is playing in his 1st ATP Tour final in his 2nd ATP Tour event and aims to become the first qualifier to win Bucharest and the 9th qualifier to win an ATP Tour title this decade*. 21-year-old is No. 101 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and would make his Top 100 debut (No. 80) if he becomes the third youngest Bucharest champion. He would also become the lowest-ranked Bucharest champion in tournament history (No. 112 Balcells in 2000).
* also Trungelliti in Marrakech

Qualifiers as ATP Tour Champions This Decade*

Player	Tournament	Player	Tournament
Juan Manuel Cerundolo	2021 Cordoba	Denis Shapovalov	2024 Belgrade
Alejandro Tabilo	2024 Auckland	Jenson Brooksby	2025 Houston
Luciano Darderi	2024 Cordoba	Alejandro Tabilo	2025 Chengdu
Benjamin Bonzi	2024 Metz	Valentin Vacherot	2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai

*Merida could be 1st qualifier champion this year (also Trungelliti in Marrakech).

Spanish Champions in Bucharest

Player	Year	Player	Year
Alberto Berasategui	1996	David Sanchez	2003
Francisco Clavet	1998	Albert Montanes	2009
Alberto Martin	1999	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	2015
Juan Balcells	2000	Fernando Verdasco	2016
David Ferrer	2002		

Youngest Bucharest Champions – Merida could be 3rd youngest champion at 21 years and 6 months

Player	Age	Year
David Ferrer	20Y 5M	2002
Alberto Martin	21Y 1M	1999
Jose Acasuso	21Y 10M	2004
Goran Ivanisevic	22Y 6D	1993
Gilles Simon	22Y 8M	2007

2026 Bucharest Statistics	Mariano Navone	Daniel Merida
Aces	1	13
1st-Serve Percentage	76% (260 of 341)	73% (320 of 437)
1st-Serve Points Won	63% (165 of 260)	66% (210 of 320)
2nd-Serve Points Won	46% (37 of 81)	47% (55 of 117)
Service Games Won	71% (35 of 49)	79% (46 of 58)
Break Points Saved	59% (20 of 34)	**77% (40 of 52)**
1st-Serve Return Points Won	44% (89 of 204)	37% (87 of 233)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	55% (61 of 110)	50% (65 of 129)
Return Games Won	44% (22 of 50)	33% (19 of 58)
Break Points Converted	54% (22 of 41)	45% (19 of 42)

BOLD: Leads all 28 players in 2026 Tiriac Open presented by UniCredit Bank Open field.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[1] Sadio Doumbia (FRA) / Fabien Reboul (FRA) vs Adam Pavlasek (CZE) / Patrik Rikl (CZE)

First Meeting

Doumbia/Reboul Notes
> French duo is 126-101 on tour-level (15-9 in 2026) as a team, making their team debut at 2015 Algeria F3 before their tour-level debut at 2021 Roland Garros.
> Captured 5 ATP Tour titles together: 2023 Chengdu, 2024 Montpellier, 2024 Bucharest, 2024 Chengdu and 2025 Geneva.
> Did not drop a set all week to reach their 2nd final in Bucharest (d. Heliovaara/Patten in 2024).

> Team is ranked No. 8 on PIF ATP Doubles Teams Rankings. Individually, Doumbia is ranked No. 23 (career-high) and has secured a new career-high No. 22, and Reboul is ranked No. 24 (career-high No. 22 in May 2025).
> Doumbia, 35, is 5-5 in ATP Tour finals, seeking third title on clay after 2024 Bucharest and 2025 Geneva, both w/Reboul.
> Reboul, 30, is 5-6 in ATP Tour finals, playing in 8th ATP Tour final on clay (2-5) and seeking first title of the season.

Pavlasek/Rikl Notes
> Czech duo are 3-0 as a team, making their team debut in Bucharest this week.
> Upset No. 4 seeds Frantzen/Haase en route to the final, becoming the 2nd Czech duo to compete in Bucharest final after Suk/Vacek in 1995.
> Team is ranked No. 65T on PIF ATP Doubles Teams Rankings. Pavlasek is ranked No. 56 (career-high No. 29 in 2024), and Rikl is ranked No. 52 (career-high No. 43 in February 2026).
> Pavlasek, 31, is 0-5 in ATP Tour finals, reaching finals at 2023 Antwerp and 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid w/Behar, 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Glasspool, and 2025 Bastad and 2025 Geneva w/Zielinski.
> Rikl, 27, is 2-1 in ATP Tour finals, winning both titles on clay in 2025 in Marrakech and Kitzbuhel w/Nouza.