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# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SINGLES MATCHES

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### 1R: Jesper de Jong (NED) vs [WC] Quentin Halys (FRA) — First Tour-Level Meeting

**Other Meeting**

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| 22 Rome 1 CH (Italy) | Clay | QF | Quentin Halys | 4-6 6-4 7-6(6) |

**Jesper de Jong** | Age: 24 | World No. 131 | Career-High No. 103 | Career: 2-8 (3x 2R) | Montpellier: 0-0 (2024 Q1)
> Broke into Top 500 in 2019, Top 200 in 2022 and earned career-high No. 103 in August 2024 soon after winning 3rd Challenger title in Sassuolo.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 's-Hertogenbosch as WC and earned 1st tour-level win at 2024 Australian Open over Cachin as Q in Grand Slam main draw debut.
> He went 9-2 in Grand Slam qualifying in 2024, entering the draw as Q at Australian Open and Roland Garros and losing to eventual champions Sinner and Alcaraz in 2R.
> He owns a 100-69 Challenger record (3-4 in finals), qualifying en route to 1st final and title at 2021 Almaty-2.
> Peaked at No. 38 in junior rankings, playing and winning a match at all four junior Grand Slam events in 2018 and reaching 2018 Roland Garros QF w/Erel and US Open SF w/Wenger in boys' doubles.

**NOTE:** de Jong seeks third tour-level win of career after defeating No. 74 Cachin in 2024 Australian Open 1R (l. to Sinner in 2R) and No. 39 Draper in 2024 Roland Garros 1R (l. to Alcaraz in 2R). He is 0-3 indoors on the ATP Tour.

**Quentin Halys** | Age: 28 | World No. 74 | Career-High No. 61 | Career: 36-63 (1 Final) | Montpellier: 2-3 (2023 QF)
> Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2012, entered Top 200 in 2015, broke into Top 100 in 2022 and achieved career-high No. 61 after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at 2023 Auckland.
> As World No. 220, advanced to 3R of 2024 Wimbledon as Q and came from qualifying to advance to his 1st ATP Tour final in Gstaad the following week.
> Saved 3 MPs to earn biggest win of career vs. No. 18 de Minaur en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.
> Posted 43-10 Challenger record in 2022 (3-4 in finals), winning titles at Pau, Lille and Ismaning.
> Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 2nd of 7 career Challenger titles at 2018 Quimper.
> Went 129-46 in singles and 83-35 in doubles on ITF Junior Circuit, ending junior career with run to 2014 US Open boys' singles final after winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Bonzi.

**NOTE**: Halys is making his fourth main draw appearance in Montpellier (2016-17, 2023), earning both wins at the event to reach QF in 2023 (d. Chidekh, Davidovich Fokina). He aims to join countrymen Cazaux, Gasquet, Lestienne and Rinderknech in 2R and mark the 13th time in 15 editions 5+ Frenchmen reach Montpellier 2R (2021 - 3, 2023 - 4).

### 2R: [1] Andrey Rublev vs Christopher Eubanks (USA) — Rublev Leads 1-0

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| 24 Australian Open (Australia) | Hard | R64 | Andrey Rublev | 6-4 6-4 6-4 |

**Andrey Rublev** | Age: 27 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 5 | Career: 335-186 (16 Titles) | Montpellier: 2-1 (2018 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.
> Rallied from a set down in both SF and final for 1st time in career at 2023 Monte-Carlo to capture 1st ATP Masters 1000 title and 2022-23 champion Alcaraz en route to 2nd title at 2024 Madrid.
> Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte-Carlo, No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati and No. 1 Sinner at 2024 Montreal en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals and beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th of 16 ATP Tour titles at 2022 Belgrade.
> Led tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.
> Ten-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist reached 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF and won gold medal in All-ROC mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).
> Went 9-1 in singles and 4-1 in doubles at team events during 2021 season, sweeping titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

**NOTE**: Rublev aims to record his first win of 2025 and first win since defeating Sonego in Metz 2R in November (0-5 since). The 27-year-old captured 6 of his 16 ATP Tour titles indoors, winning at 2019 Moscow, 2020 St. Petersburg, 2020 Vienna, 2021 Rotterdam, 2022 Marseille and 2022 Gijon.

**Christopher Eubanks** | Age: 28 | World No. 111 | Career-High No. 29 | Career: 42-62 (1 Title) | Event: 1-0 (2025 2R)
> Earned personal-best 21 wins and made his Top 100 debut at age 26 in 2023, peaking at No. 29 in July after advancing to Wimbledon QF, defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas for biggest win of career in 4R.
> Broke into Top 100 by reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF as Q at 2023 Miami in March and Top 50 by capturing 1st ATP Tour title at 2023 Mallorca (d. Mannarino) in June.
> Defeated countrymen Fritz and Donaldson in his hometown for 1st ATP Tour wins en route to 2017 Atlanta QF as WC.
> Beat then-No. 106 Auger-Aliassime en route to qualifying at 2019 Australian Open and Martinez for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 US Open.
> Played college tennis at Georgia Tech from 2015-17 and was a 2-time All-American and 2-time ACC Player of the Year.

**NOTE**: Eubanks is 1-8 vs. Top 10 players (0-5 on hard courts), defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas in 2023 Wimbledon 4R for lone win. He seeks 9th tour-level quarter-final (2-6), first since Winston-Salem in August and first on indoor hard court.

## 2R: Arthur Cazaux (FRA) vs [2] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) Auger-Aliassime Leads 2-0

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| **24 Montpellier (France)** | **Hard** | **R16** | **Felix Auger-Aliassime** | **7-5 2-6 7-6(4)** |
| 25 Adelaide (Australia) | Hard | R16 | Felix Auger-Aliassime | 1-6 6-4 7-5 |

**Arthur Cazaux** | Age: 22 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 63 | Career: 14-21 (1x 4R) | Montpellier: 2-1 (2024-25 2R)
> After peaking at No. 4 in juniors in 2020, broke inside Top 100 in January 2024 after defeating No. 8 Rune for biggest win of career en route to Australian Open 4R and achieved career-high No. 63 in December.
> Defeated countryman Mannarino in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2021 Geneva as 18-year-old WC.
> Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2021 Roland Garros as WC and earned Grand Slam wins over Bergs at 2024 Wimbledon in 5 sets, 2-time semi-finalist Carreno Busta at 2024 US Open and No. 28 Baez at 2025 Aus. Open.
> Owns 70-36 record on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), winning titles at 2022 and 2023 Nonthaburi-2 as Q and 2024 Noumea.
> Went 122-48 on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final.
> Discovered tennis at age 3 when his father was watching Nadal at Roland Garros and started playing tennis against the wall as nobody in his family played the sport.

**NOTE**: Montpellier-native Cazaux aims to advance to his 1st ATP Tour QF (0-6 in R16) and looks to record his third Top 25 win of career (2-6), after defeating No. 8 Rune in 2024 Australian Open 2R and No. 19 Shelton in ATP Masters 1000 Paris 2R in October last year.

**Felix Auger-Aliassime** | Age: 24 | World No. 23 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 221-149 (6 Titles) | Event: 3-2 (2024 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 and earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
> Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, advanced to 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, and swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Led ATP Tour with 45 hard-court and 31 indoor wins in 2022, highlighted by victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
> At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881) and at 2024 Madrid, became 1st Canadian ATP Masters 1000 finalist on clay in series history (since 1990).
> As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

**NOTE**: Auger-Aliassime leads the ATP Tour in indoor wins since the start of 2022 season (49) and bids to reach his 52nd tour-level quarter-final, second of 2025 (Adelaide title). The Canadian No. 1 is 4-0 in tie-breaks this season and is 12-0 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 since losing to No. 119 Mmoh in 2023 Wimbledon 1R.

**Indoor Win Leaders Since the Start of 2022 Season:**

| **Player** | **W-L** | **Titles** |
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| **Felix Auger-Aliassime** | **49-14** | **2022 Rotterdam, 2022 Florence, 2022 Antwerp, 2022-23 Basel** |
| Holger Rune | 42-16 | 2022 Stockholm, 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris |
| Jannik Sinner | 40-6 | 2023 Montpellier, 2023 Vienna, 2024 Rotterdam, 2024 Nitto ATP Finals |
| Stefanos Tsitsipas | 37-18 | *Runner-up at 2022 Rotterdam, 2022 Astana, 2022 Stockholm* |
| Alexander Bublik | 34-19 | 2022 Montpellier, 2023 Antwerp, 2024 Montpellier |

## 2R: [4] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Dominik Koepfer (GER) — First Tour-Level Meeting

**Other Meeting**

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| 17 Lexington CH (U.S.A.) | Hard | R16 | Dominik Koepfer | 6-4 5-7 6-0 |

**Alexander Bublik** | Age: 27 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 152-152 (4 Titles) | Event: 10-2 ('22, '24 Titles)
> Achieved career-high No. 17 in May 2024 after becoming 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title in Montpellier.
> Defeated five Top 25 players in as many matches, including No. 9 Sinner in QF and No. 7 Rublev in final, to capture biggest of 4 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Halle.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final.
> Runner-up at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Singapore, 2022 Newport, 2022 Metz and 2024 Dubai.
> Posted personal-best 35 wins in 2021 and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at Miami and Madrid.
> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

**NOTE**: Bublik won Montpellier title last year by becoming 2nd of 3 men in Open Era to rally from a set down in each match en route to a tour-level title (also Ashe at 1975 WCT Finals and Muller at 2025 Hong Kong). He seeks his 30th ATP Tour QF (17-12) to continue his quest to be the 1st man to defend Montpellier title since Gasquet in 2015-16.

**Dominik Koepfer** | Age: 30 | World No. 118 | Career-High No. 49 | Career: 61-74 (2 SFs) | Montpellier: 1-0 (2025 2R)
> Improved year-end ranking in 6 straight seasons (2016-21), breaking into Top 100 in 2019, into Top 50 in 2021 and achieving career-high No. 49 in March 2024.
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Acapulco and 2nd SF at 2023 Los Cabos.
> Qualified and made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at 2020 Rome, where he earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils en route to 1st ATP Tour QF.
> Posted 6 wins en route to 2019 US Open 4R as Q, then reached 3R at Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and Paris Olympics in 2024.
> Earned finance degree and was a 2-time All-American at Tulane University in New Orleans (2013-16).

**NOTE**: Koepfer looks for 9th ATP Tour QF (2-6), 1st since Lyon in May last year (l. to Etcheverry) and 2nd indoors (2024 Dallas, l. to Paul). He seeks 1st Top 50 win on hard courts since defeating No. 19 Baez and No. 15 Humbert at ATP Masters 1000 Miami and become 1st German quarter-finalist since Zverev reached 2022 final (l. to Bublik).

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## 1R: [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) — Basilashvili Leads 1-0

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| 17 Memphis (U.S.A.) | Hard | SF | Nikoloz Basilashvili | 7-6(5) 6-1 |

**Other Meeting**

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| 24 Tenerife-3 CH Q (Spain) | Hard | Q1 | Mikhail Kukushkin | 6-2 6-2 |

## 1R: [Q] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) vs [6] David Goffin (BEL) — First Tour-Level Meeting

**Other Meeting**

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| 22 Phoenix CH (U.S.A.) | Hard | R32 | David Goffin | 1-6 6-3 6-3 |

## 2R: [8] Buyunchaokete (CHN) vs [Q] Constant Lestienne (FRA) — First Meeting