



ROLEX SHANGHAI MASTERS - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 2 – THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024

Qi Zhong Tennis Center | Shanghai, China | 2-13 October 2024

ATP Tour
ATPTour.com
@ATPTour
#ThisIsTennis

Tournament
rolexshanghaimesters.com
@SH_RolexMasters
#RolexShanghaiMasters

Media
Interview Queries: publicrelations@atptour.com
Facts & Stats Queries: mediainfo@atptour.com
Press Officer: Xu Shengjie (xusj@jussevent.com)

ROLEX SHANGHAI MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- First round action continues at **Rolex Shanghai Masters**, highlighted by Chinese No. 1 and Shanghai-native **Zhang Zhizhen** starting his tournament against **Zizou Bergs**. Last year, Zhang became the first Chinese man to reach 4R at the event, before losing to eventual champion **Hubert Hurkacz**.
- The 27-year-old **Zhang** aims to join **Shang Juncheng** and **Wu Yibing**, who booked their second-round spots on Wednesday, to mark the first time 3 Chinese men reached Shanghai 2R in tournament history. His opponent, **Zizou Bergs**, will aim to record his first ATP Masters 1000 match win.
- Former-World No. 3 **Stan Wawrinka** makes his 11th appearance, tied with Cilic, Fognini, Gasquet and Simon for most in event history, only missing two editions (2017, 2019). In a battle of one-handed backhands, 39-year-old Wawrinka takes on 21-year-old **Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard** in their first meeting. Wawrinka is playing in his 125th ATP Masters 1000 event, while the Frenchman plays in his 2nd event at this level.
- At 39 years of age, **Wawrinka** aims to become the 3rd-oldest player to win a match at an ATP Masters 1000 event in series history (since 1990) behind **Ivo Karlovic** at 2019 Indian Wells and **Jimmy Connors** at 1992 Miami. He seeks first Top 50 win since defeating No. 17 Norrie in Davis Cup play in September last year and first win in Shanghai since 2016.

Oldest Players to Win ATP Masters 1000 Match

No.	Player	Age	Event	Rd.	Opponent
1	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Indian Wells	3R	Prajnesh Gunneswaran
2	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Indian Wells	2R	Borna Coric
3	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Indian Wells	1R	Matthew Ebden
4	Jimmy Connors	39	1992 Miami	2R	Tomas Carbonell
5	Jimmy Connors	39	1992 Indian Wells	1R	Cristiano Caratti

- **Matteo Berrettini** returns to Shanghai for the first time since reaching the 2019 semi-finals. The Italian is 15-0 vs. lower-ranked opponents this season, aiming to extend his perfect record in his first **Lexus ATP Head2Head** meeting against World No. 71 **Christopher O'Connell**. The Italian aims to record first ATP Masters 1000 win of the season and book a second-round meeting with No. 12 seed **Holger Rune**.
- On **Show Court 3**, 19-year-old **Jakub Mensik** bids to become the fifth youngest match winner in Shanghai and the first Czech man to record a main draw win at the event since **Tomas Berdych** in 2015, while **Miomir Kecmanovic** looks to record first win in Shanghai and complete the set of match wins at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	Scenario
1	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	9,340	+40 for 2R win vs. Daniel
2	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	6,520	+40 for 2R win vs. Shang
3	Alexander Zverev (GER)	6,125	+40 for 2R win vs. Bellucci or Halys
4	Daniil Medvedev	4,630	+40 for 2R win vs. Seyboth Wild
5	Taylor Fritz (USA)	3,900	+40 for 2R win vs. Atmane or Kovacevic
6	Casper Ruud (NOR)	3,805	+40 for 2R win vs. Vukic
7	Andrey Rublev	3,580	+40 for 2R win vs. Martinez or Mensik
8	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	3,305	----
9	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	3,270	+40 for 2R win vs. Buyunchaokete or Michelsen
10	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	2,845	+40 for 2R win vs. Bergs or Zhang
11	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,795	+40 for 2R win vs. Fognini
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	2,745	+40 for 2R win vs. Nishikori
13	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	2,680	----
14	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	2,470	+40 for 2R win vs. Nishioka or Zhou
15	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	2,400	+40 for 2R win vs. Duckworth or Goffin
16	Holger Rune (DEN)	2,385	+40 for 2R win vs. Berrettini or O'Connell

BOLD: Qualified for 2024 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (10-17 November)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM COURT

Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) vs [WC] Zhou Yi (CHN)

First Meeting

Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 29 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 24 | 2024: 20-16 (Atlanta Title) | Shanghai: 1-1 ('23 2R)
 > Japanese left-hander achieved career-high No. 24 in June 2023 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Australian Open and Roland Garros for the 1st time in career.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Ruud en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2022 Seoul.
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.
 > Rallied from a set down 3 times en route to 2020 Delray Beach final and saved 1 MP vs. de Minaur en route to 2022 Washington final before winning 3rd title at 2024 Atlanta.
 > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.

NOTE: Nishioka aims to record personal-best 21st win of the season (20 in 2023, 2024, 19 in 2019, 2022). He is 2-4 in ATP Masters 1000 events in 2024, earning wins over Ofner in Rome 1R and Kecmanovic in Cincinnati 1R.

Zhou Yi | Age: 19 | World No. 440 (Career-High) | 2024: 3-3 (Chengdu 2R) | Beijing: 0-0 (2023 Q1)
 > Former World No. 3 junior earned first PIF ATP Rankings point in February 2023, then achieved career-high No. 440 in September 2024 after earning 1st ATP Tour win in Chengdu 1R over Tseng.
 > Made tour-level debut at 2023 Davis Cup vs. Mexico and ATP Tour debut as WC at 2023 Zhuhai the following week, then earned 1st tour-level wins in Davis Cup vs. Slovenia, defeating Kriznik and Dominko.
 > Owns 30-21 ITF Tour record, capturing two titles in 2024 – M15 Tianjin and M25 Tianjin.
 > Made Zhuhai QF in his Challenger debut in 2023, beating Rai and Sekulic (saved 3 MPs).
 > Went 98-31 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by runs to Australian Open SF and US Open QF in boys' singles.
 > First wanted to be a professional badminton player and began playing tennis at age 10 as his uncle urged him to take up the sport. At 14 was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, but managed to continue with his training.

NOTE: Zhou is playing in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut and attempts to earn the biggest win of his career (0-3 vs. Top 100). With 1R win, he would become the third Chinese teenager to win a match in Shanghai after Wu Yibing, 18, in 2018 (d. Li) and Shang Juncheng, 19, in 2024 1R on Wednesday (d. Wong).

Christopher O'Connell (AUS) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

First Meeting

Tennis Data Innovations Insights uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/insights-introduction>.

Insights from their 52-week average:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Christopher O'Connell	24%	69%	34%	8.0	6.1	7.4	7.1
Matteo Berrettini	27%	71%	29%	8.7	6.2	7.8	7.0
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>

Two good servers for different reasons.

The O'Connell serve is higher than tour average with the main factor being his accuracy of serving close to the lines (first serve accuracy = 46cm, tour average = 58cm). Interesting his service speed is lower than tour average (115mph vs tour average of 118mph)

Berrettini strength lies in his higher than average serve speed. His 1st serve speed average is 126mph (tour average = 118mph). He only betters the serve accuracy of other players by 1cm (57cm vs tour average of 58cm).

Christopher O'Connell | Age: 30 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 53 | 2024: 15-18 (Adelaide QF) | Shanghai: 0-1 ('23 1R)
> Unranked to begin 2019, broke into Top 200 in September 2019 and ended 2022 season at No. 78, before reaching career-high No. 53 in September 2023 after winning 5th Challenger title at Shanghai without losing a set.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 San Diego after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at 2021 Atlanta as Q.
> Qualified at 6 tour-level events in 2022, including hometown tournament in Sydney.
> Defeated No. 13 Schwartzman for biggest win of career and to reach 2022 Australian Open 3R as WC and No. 16 Zverev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Munich.
> Played 108 main draw and qualifying singles matches across all tours in 2019, posting 50-11 record on ITF World Tennis Tour with 3 titles in 10 finals.

NOTE: O'Connell earned all of his 15 tour-level wins this season on hard courts, highlighted by run to ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R in March. He is 11-2 in opening rounds of tour-level hard court events in 2024.

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 28 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 26-8 (3 Titles) | Shanghai: 4-1 (2019 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 after reaching 2022 Australian Open SF, becoming 3rd-highest-ranked Italian since start of PIF ATP Rankings in 1973 (No. 1 Sinner in 2024, No. 4 Panatta in 1976).
> At 2021 Wimbledon, became 1st Italian men's singles finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam men's singles finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
> First Italian man to reach QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events and 1st to earn a win at Nitto ATP Finals (d. Thiem in 2019 RR).
> Owns 42-11 record on grass with 4 of his 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 London/Queen's Club to become 1st player in Open Era to win titles in each of his 1st 2 appearances at that event.
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 3 Ruud en route to 2023 United Cup team final for biggest wins of career.

NOTE: Berrettini seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 match win of the season (0-3) and first since 2023 Toronto in August. In only prior main draw appearance in Shanghai, he earned 2 of his 9 career Top 10 wins over No. 10 Bautista Agut in 3R and No. 5 Thiem in QF, before losing to No. 6 Zverev in SF.

Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs Zizou Bergs (BEL)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

22 US Open Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q3	Zhang Zhizhen	6-2 6-4
23 Tallahassee CH (U.S.A.)	Clay	QF	Zizou Bergs	6-3 7-5

Zhang Zhizhen | Age: 27 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 25-25 (Hangzhou Final) | Beijing: 3-2 (2023 4R)
> Became the first Chinese player in PIF ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024, earning career-high No. 31 in July 2024.

- > Defeated Buyunchaokete in 1st all-Chinese ATP Tour SF to reach his first final at 2024 Hangzhou after earning silver medal in mixed doubles at 2024 Paris Olympics with Wang Xinyu.
- > Won 3 consecutive matches in deciding set tie-breaks to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid and reached 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Rome.
- > During 2023 season, reached 1st ATP Tour SF in Hamburg, then became 1st Chinese man to defeat a Top 5 opponent, beating No. 5 Ruud to advance to US Open 3R.
- > Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joined fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.
- > Equaled biggest win of career over No. 5 Medvedev in 2024 Halle 2R en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF and became the first Chinese man to reach a tour-level semi-final on grass in Open Era.

NOTE: Shanghai-native Zhang is making his 3rd main draw appearance at the event (fell in qualifying in 2012, 2015-18), last year becoming the 1st Chinese man to reach 4R in tournament history (l. to eventual champion Hurkacz). The Chinese No. 1 reached his 1st ATP Tour final in Hangzhou two weeks ago, losing to Cilic.

Zizou Bergs | Age: 25 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 72 | 2024: 11-14 (2 times in 3R) | Shanghai: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in July 2021, Top 100 in June 2024 and achieved career-high No. 72 in September 2024 after earning biggest win of career over No. 24 Tabilo en route to Roland Garros 3R as Q.
> Defeated Ramos-Vinolas for 1st ATP Tour win at 2020 Antwerp as 528th-ranked WC and advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2023 Gstaad as Q.
> Earned 2022 Wimbledon WC after defeating former World No. 8 Sock for 2022 Ilkley Challenger title as Q.
> Also won Challenger titles at 2021 St. Petersburg-1 as Q, 2021 Lille as Q, 2021 Almaty, 2023 & 2024 Tallahassee, 2023 Drummondville and 2023 Yokkaichi.
> Qualified for Grand Slam events at 2023 Australian Open, 2024 Roland Garros and 2024 Wimbledon and entered 2024 Australian Open draw as LL.
> Went 90-45 on ITF Junior Circuit, but lost in 1R of all 4 Grand Slam boys' singles events in 2017.

NOTE: Bergs is playing in his fourth ATP Masters 1000 event of career (2023 Miami, 2024 Madrid, Rome), aiming to record his first win at this level. He is 5-12 vs. Top 50 in career, going 3-2 against them since August.

[WC] Stan Wawrinka (SUI) vs Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) First Meeting

Insights from their 52-week average:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Stan Wawrinka	25%	61%	30%	8.0	6.1	7.2	7.2
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	33%	67%	26%	9.5	4.7	6.5	6.0
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>

Mpetshi Perricard has the highest serve quality rating on tour, giving him a 2nd highest in attack score on tour (2nd to Milos Raonic by 0.2%). Averaging 16.9 aces per match, one of the main factors behind his consistently high serving shot quality score is his average speed of 135mph (tour average = 118mph). The Wawrinka BH shot quality benefits from his ability to get more spin giving him a higher score than tour average (2416 rpm vs 1775 rpm).

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 39 | World No. 236 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 5-13 (5x 2R) | Shanghai: 12-10 (2013, 2015 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
> Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).

- > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
- > Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte Carlo.
- > Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup.

NOTE: Wawrinka is making his 11th appearance in Shanghai, becoming the 8th oldest man to play at an ATP Masters 1000 event and aims to be the oldest player to win a match at this level since Karlovic reached 2019 Indian Wells 4R. He is 0-4 on hard courts in 2024 and seeks 1st win on the surface since Metz in November last year.

Oldest Players at ATP Masters 1000 Events

No.	Player	Age	Event
1	Jimmy Connors	40	1993 Miami
2	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Cincinnati
3	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Miami
4	Feliciano Lopez	40	2021 Indian Wells
5	Ivo Karlovic	40	2019 Indian Wells
6	Feliciano Lopez	39	2021 Toronto
7	Jimmy Connors	39	1992 Miami
8	Stan Wawrinka	39	2024 Shanghai

G. Mpetshi Perricard | Age: 21 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 44 | 2024: 10-9 (Lyon Title) | Shanghai: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke inside Top 100 in May 2024 after saving a championship point to capture his 1st ATP Tour title in his hometown of Lyon as No. 117-ranked WC, then reached career-high No. 44 in July.
 > En route to Lyon title, earned 1st career Top 30 wins, defeating No. 19 Bublik in SF and No. 29 Etcheverry in final.
 > Entered 2024 Wimbledon as LL, defeating No. 21 Korda in 1R for first Grand Slam match win then became the first lucky loser to reach Wimbledon 4R since Norman in 1995.
 > Owns 50-33 Challenger record (4-0 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Leon, 2024 Nottingham, 2024 Cuernavaca, and 2024 Acapulco.
 > Peaked at No. 4 in junior rankings during 2021 season, after advancing to 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles SF (l. to Fils) and winning the boys' doubles title w/Fils.

NOTE: Mpetshi Perricard aims to earn 1st ATP Masters 1000 win in 2nd event at this level (Cincinnati, l. to Zhang in 1R). One of tournament leading 11 Frenchmen in the Shanghai draw, who will attempt to become the first French ATP Masters 1000 champion since Tsonga at 2014 Toronto.

SHOW COURT 3

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

24 Los Cabos (Mexico)

Hard R32 Rinky Hijikata

Hijikata Leads 1-0

6-3 7-6(2)

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 25 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 20-25 (2 QFs) | Shanghai: 0-2 ('19, '23 1R)
 > Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.
 > Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.
 > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.
 > Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).
 > Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Kecmanovic bids to complete the set of match wins at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events. He is 4-7 at ATP Masters 1000 level this season, 0-4 on hard courts, looking for first win on the surface since defeating Garin in Toronto 1R in August last year (0-8 since).

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 23 | World No. 78 | Career-High No. 62 | 2024: 15-21 (5 QFs) | Shanghai: 1-1 (2023 2R)
 > Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC, then achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.
 > Rallied from a set down in three consecutive matches en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL.
 > Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.
 > Also at 2023 Australian Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.

- > Won 2 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in October 2022 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.
- > Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata defeated Djere in Shanghai 1R last year to capture 2nd of 3 ATP Masters 1000 match wins in his career (l. to Tsitsipas in 2R). The 23-year-old claimed 11 of 15 wins on hard courts this season.

Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP)

First Meeting

- Jakub Mensik** | Age: 19 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 64 | 2024: 19-15 (Doha Final) | Shanghai: 0-0 (Debut)
- > Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 100 in February 2024 after reaching 1st QF, SF and final in Doha and earned career-high No. 64 in August.
 - > Also in Doha, defeated former champions Murray, Monfils and No. 5 Andrey Rublev for biggest win of career to become the youngest Czech ATP Tour finalist and first ATP Tour finalist born in 2005 or later.
 - > In tour-level debut, reached 3R at 2023 US Open as Q, becoming the youngest player to reach Grand Slam 3R since Nadal at 2004 Aus. Open and youngest at US Open since Santoro in 1990, then l. to Fritz on his 18th birthday.
 - > Qualified for 2nd tour-level event at 2024 Australian Open, defeating former-Top 10 player Shapovalov in 1R.
 - > Owns a 30-21 Challenger record, winning 1st title at 2023 Prague-2 in May as No. 333-ranked WC.
 - > Went 85-28 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by reaching 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Mensik aims to become the fifth youngest match winner in Shanghai tournament history and youngest since Wu Yibing, 18, in 2018. The 19-year-old is No. 4 on [PIF ATP Live Race to Jeddah](#) and looks for Next Gen ATP Finals debut this year.

Youngest Players to Win ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai Match

No.	Player	Age	Year	Rd.	Opponent
1	Borna Coric	18	2015	1	Alexandr Dolgopolov
2	Taylor Fritz	18	2016	1	Stephane Robert
3	Bernard Tomic	18	2011	1,2	Kevin Anderson, No. 9 Mardy Fish
4	Wu Yibing	18	2018	1	Li Zhe
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	19	2017	1	Karen Khachanov

- Pedro Martinez** | Age: 27 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 17-18 (Estoril Final) | Shanghai: 0-0 (Debut)
- > Achieved career-high No. 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Santiago and reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2022 Miami.
 - > Defeated No. 16 Bautista Agut at 2021 Kitzbuhel for 1st Top 20 win en route to 1st SF and final and No. 8 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 2024 Estoril final.
 - > Led all players by qualifying for 6 tour-level events in 2020, including Australian Open, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Roland Garros.
 - > Also in 2020, earned 1st tour-level win at Australian Open (d. Koepfer), posted 1st ATP Masters 1000 win at Rome (d. Querrey) and advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Roland Garros.
 - > Reached 7 of his 12 career Challenger finals on home clay in Spain, highlighted by 2020 Marbella, 2021 Seville, 2023 Maspalomas and 2024 Girona titles.

NOTE: Martinez looks for first win in ATP Masters 1000 events since defeating No. 51 Huesler in 2023 Indian Wells 1R (0-4 since). Started Chinese ATP Tour swing by reaching Chengdu QF, then lost to Czech Lehecka in Beijing 1R.

Pavel Kotov vs [Q] Yosuke Watanuki (JPN)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid Q (Spain) Clay Q2 Yosuke Watanuki 6-7(7) 6-3 7-6(3)

- Pavel Kotov** | Age: 25 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 50 | 2024: 18-20 (Marrakech SF) | Shanghai: 0-1 (2023 1R)
- > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 100 in October 2022 and achieved career-high No. 50 in June 2024 after defeating former champion Wawrinka to reach Roland Garros 3R.
 - > Defeated No. 25 Griekspoor for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Stockholm as Q.
 - > Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R), returning to Marrakech to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in 2023 and 4th SF in 2024.
 - > Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2020 St. Petersburg and Grand Slam debut at 2022 Roland Garros.
 - > Owns 89-71 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.

NOTE: Kotov earned personal-best 18 wins this season, including 7 on hard courts, highlighted by runs to QF in Hong Kong and Winston-Salem. He aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 2R for the third time (2024 Madrid 3R, Rome 2R).

Yosuke Watanuki | Age: 26 | World No. 336 | Career-High No. 72 | 2024: 0-2 | Shanghai: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > Broke into Top 200 in November 2018 and Top 100 in July 2023, achieving career-high No. 72 in October 2023 soon after defeating No. 12 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career at 2023 Washington.
- > Qualified for 2023 Australian Open in 8th Grand Slam qualifying attempt and beat Rinderknech for 1st Grand Slam win after ending 2022 on a 10-match winning streak in Challengers to win titles at 2022 Kobe and 2022 Yokkaichi.
- > Posted 1st ATP Tour win at 2018 Tokyo as Q (d. Haase) after making an ATP Tour debut at 2018 Washington as Q and squandering 1 MP vs. Medvedev and reached his 1st ATP Tour QF at 2022 Lyon as LL.
- > Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings in March 2016. Went 104-39 on ITF Junior Circuit, including wins over fellow #NextGenATP players de Minaur, Kecmanovic, Ruud and Tsitsipas.
- > Father, Hirotsugu, and mother, Chizuru, are tennis coaches. Brothers are Keisuke, who is his coach and Yusuke, who also plays tennis.

NOTE: Watanuki is playing in his 1st tour-level match since Davis Cup in February after missing Feb-Sep due to ongoing injury. Looks for 1st ATP Tour win since beating Shang in 1R at this event in 2023 (l. to No. 8 Fritz in 2R).

Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) vs [Q] Terence Atmane (FRA) First Meeting

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 26 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 72 | 2024: 9-19 (2 QFs) | Shanghai: 0-1 (2023 1R)

- > Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 and reached career-high No. 72 in September 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023.
- > Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and No. 13 Norrie for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF at 2023 Los Cabos.
- > Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final.
- > Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, playing his idol and eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open
- > Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.
- > Born and raised in New York City, where he started playing tennis as a 4-year-old at Central Park with his parents, Milan and Milanka, who are ex-pro table tennis players from former Yugoslavia.

NOTE: Kovacevic is 1-7 in ATP Masters 1000 events (0-4 in 2024), defeating No. 66 Munar at 2023 Miami for lone win. He looks for first ATP Tour win since getting past Nishioka and Carballes Baena to reach Washington 3R in August (0-4 since). Qualified to make Shanghai debut last year, losing to Garin in 1R.

Terence Atmane | Age: 22 | World No. 161 | Career-High No. 118 | 2024: 2-6 (Rome 3R) | Shanghai: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > Broke into Top 500 in July 2022 and Top 200 in September 2023, earning career-high No. 118 in July 2024 soon after reaching 3R at ATP Masters 1000 Rome (d. No. 29 Musetti in 2R via RET).
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2023 Zhuhai as Q, then beat Thompson at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai for first win.
- > Qualified to make Grand Slam debut at 2024 Australian Open, taking a set off eventual runner-up Medvedev in 1R.
- > Went 11-1 in three-week span at Challenger events in September 2023, earning 1st final and title at Zhangjiagang after saving 6 MPs vs. Sun in 1R and 2nd title at Guangzhou, saving 3 MPs vs. Polmans in the final.
- > Posted 35-18 Challenger record in 2023, including 19-5 record in tie-breaks at Challenger events and owns 99-54 career ITF Tour record highlighted by 5 titles, latest at 2023 M25 Anapoima.
- > Reached career-high No. 20 on the ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles QF w/Malgaroli.

NOTE: Atmane earned all career 3 ATP Tour wins in ATP Masters 1000 events, defeating No. 62 Thompson in Shanghai 1R last year as well as No. 43 Eubanks and No. 29 Musetti en route to Rome 3R in May, both as Q.

GRANDSTAND 2

David Goffin (BEL) vs James Duckworth (AUS)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R64 James Duckworth

Duckworth Leads 1-0

6-3 6-1

Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG)

First Meeting

[Q] Beibit Zhukayev (KAZ) vs Roman Safiullin

First Meeting

[Q] Mattia Bellucci (ITA) vs [LL] Billy Harris (GBR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

20 M15 Heraklion (Greece)

Hard QF Billy Harris

4-6 6-4 7-5

24 Lugano CH (Switzerland)

Hard R32 Billy Harris

6-7(7) 6-4 6-4

COURT 4

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs Hugo Gaston (FRA)

20 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Jaume Munar

Munar Leads 1-0

7-5 5-7 6-0 6-3

Other Meeting

24 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati Q (U.S.A.) Hard Q1 Jaume Munar

7-6(5) 6-2

[Q] Li Tu (AUS) vs Marcos Giron (USA)

First Meeting

[Q] Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) vs Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) First Meeting