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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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[WC] Harold Mayot (FRA) vs [WC] Lucas Pouille (FRA)

First Meeting

Harold Mayot | Age: 21 | World No. 144 (Career-High) | Career: 3-4 (2023 Metz QF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former world No. 1 junior earned 1st ranking point in 2019, broke into Top 500 in March 2020, Top 200 in May 2023 and achieved career-high No. 144 in January 2024.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF as Q in his hometown at 2023 Metz, before losing to eventual champion Humbert.
> Qualified and earned 1st tour-level win at 2023 Wimbledon over compatriot Bonzi (l. to Pella in 2R).
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2020 Marseille and Grand Slam debut at 2020 Roland Garros as a WC.
> Owns 56-50 Challenger record (0-2 in finals), highlighted by finals at 2022 Tampere and 2023 Mallorca.
> Beat compatriot and doubles partner Cazaux in the 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final to become the first Frenchman to win the title since Sidorenko in 2006.

NOTE: Mayot aims to earn first ATP Tour win since reaching his 1st ATP Tour QF in hometown Metz in November (l. to Humbert). He owns a 7-3 record across all levels in 2024, highlighted by Challenger SFs at Noumea and Quimper.

Lucas Pouille | Age: 29 | World No. 315 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 140-129 (5 Titles) | Event: 5-5 (2018 Title)
> Broke into Top 10 for 2 weeks in 2018, but fell out of Top 100 in 2021 following right elbow surgery.
> Won 3 of his 5 ATP Tour titles after saving match point: 2017 Budapest (2 MPs vs. Vesely in 2R), 2017 Stuttgart (1 MP vs. Struff in 2R) and 2018 Montpellier (2 MPs vs. Tsonga in SF).
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Australian Open after reaching back-to-back QFs at Wimbledon and US Open in 2016.
> Earned 3 victories in 5 sets at 2016 US Open, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Nadal.
> Clinched 2017 Davis Cup for France by defeating Darcis 6-3 6-1 6-0 (FRA d. BEL 3-2).

NOTE: Pouille is one of 4 former champions in the draw, looking for his first win at the event since defeating Gasquet in 2018 final (0-3 since) and his 1st hard court win on the ATP Tour since making the 2022 Marseille QF (l. to Rublev).

Hugo Gaston (FRA) vs Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

First Meeting

Hugo Gaston | Age: 23 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 58 | Career: 28-41 (1 Final) | Event: 0-2 (2021-22 1R)
> Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.
> At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.
> As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Gaston seeks first tour-level win on home soil since making 2022 Roland Garros 3R. The left-handed Frenchman aims to break a 6-match tour-level losing streak against fellow left-handers (5-6 overall after 5-0 start).

Denis Shapovalov | Age: 24 | World No. 137 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 181-151 (1 Title) | Event: 1-2 (2019 QF)
 > After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.
 > Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.
 > Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).
 > Beat Carreno Busta to begin 2022 ATP Cup final and Kokkinakis to begin 2022 Davis Cup final, helping Canada sweep both team titles.
 > Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of Pepperstone ATP Rankings less than 15 months later.

NOTE: Shapovalov looks for first win since reaching Wimbledon 4R in July, before being sidelined due to knee injury for the remainder of the 2023 season (0-2 in 2024).

Maximilian Marterer (GER) vs Arthur Cazaux (FRA)

First Meeting

Maximilian Marterer | Age: 28 | World No. 92 | Career-High No. 45 | Career: 35-62 (2 SFs) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 12 junior achieved career-high No. 45 in August 2018 before suffering left knee injury and falling as low as No. 379 in February 2020.
 > Defeated No. 16 Schwartzman for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Munich.
 > Ended 0-14 start to career in tour-level matches by advancing to 2018 Australian Open 3R, then went on to reach 2018 Roland Garros 4R.
 > Qualified at 7 Grand Slam events, including Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open in 2022.
 > Owns 157-108 Challenger record (9-4 in finals), winning most recent title at 2023 Danderyd.

NOTE: Marterer seeks first ATP Tour win of the season and first tour-level win since reaching his 2nd ATP Tour SF of career at 2023 Antwerp (l. to Bublik). He is 4-1 vs. Frenchmen on tour-level since the start of the 2019 season.

Arthur Cazaux | Age: 21 | World No. 83 (Career-High) | Career: 4-6 (2024 Aus. Open 4R) | Event: 0-0 (2023 Q2)
 > After peaking at No. 4 in juniors, broke inside Top 100 in January 2024 after defeating No. 8 Rune for biggest win of career en route to Australian Open 4R, earning career-high No. 83.
 > Defeated countryman Mannarino in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2021 Geneva as 18-year-old WC.
 > Made Grand Slam main draw debuts at 2023 Roland Garros as a WC and 2023 US Open as a LL.
 > Owns 61-32 record on ATP Challenger Tour (3-4 in finals), winning titles at 2022 & 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-born Cazaux earned his Top 100 debut on Monday at career-high No. 83, following his run to 4R at Australian Open, including biggest win of career over No. 8 Rune in 2R. He is 8-1 (including Challengers) in the 2024 season so far, capturing his 3rd Challenger title in Noumea (d. Couacaud in final) in the first week of the year.

[Q] Pablo Llamas Ruiz (ESP) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

First Meeting

Pablo Llamas Ruiz | Age: 21 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 131 | Career: 1-1 (2023 Lyon 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke inside Top 500 in June 2022, Top 300 in April 2023 and Top 200 in June 2023, achieving career-high No. 131 in October later that year.
 > Made ATP Tour debut in first qualifying attempt at 2023 Lyon and defeating No. 67 Purcell for first tour-level and biggest win of career before losing to No. 10 Auger-Aliassime in 2R.
 > Owns 36-23 Challenger record, highlighted by 1st title at 2023 Segovia and 71-43 on the ITF World Tennis Tour, winning titles at 2020 M25 Murcia, 2021 M15 Benicarlo and 2023 M25 Palmanova, all on Spanish soil.
 > Peaked at No. 24 on the junior circuit, reaching boys' doubles quarter-finals at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Torres) and 2019 US Open (w/ Onclin).

NOTE: Llamas Ruiz is playing in the 2nd ATP Tour event of his career (2023 Lyon), looking for his 1st hard court tour-level win. In qualifying, defeated Gigante in Q1 and Hemery in Q2 to join 3 other Spaniards in the main draw.

Richard Gasquet | Age: 37 | World No. 130 | Career-High No. 7 | Career: 602-391 (16 Titles) | Event: 28-8 ('13, '15-'16 Titles)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 7 in 2007 and finished 4 seasons in Top 10 overall (2007, 2012-13, 2015).

> Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).

> Owns 16 titles, qualified at Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, and reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.

> Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).

> Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 602 wins overall – most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968) and one of 4 active players on the ATP Tour with 600+ wins.

NOTE: Gasquet holds the record for most wins (28) and titles (3, tied w/Monfils) in tournament history. Making his 12th appearance at the event, he is 10-1 in Montpellier opening rounds (l. to Fils in 2023 1R) and aims to earn an ATP Tour match win for the 23rd consecutive season (since 2002).

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[Q] Antoine Escoffier (FRA) vs [7] Alexandre Muller (FRA)

Other Meetings

14 Portugal F8 (Portugal)	Hard	R32	Antoine Escoffier
16 Israel F2 (Israel)	Hard	R16	Alexandre Muller
19 M25 Monastir (Tunisia)	Hard	QF	Alexandre Muller

First Tour-Level Meeting

6-3 2-6 7-5
6-2 7-6(3)
6-4 2-6 7-5

[Q] Ugo Blanchet (FRA) vs Gregoire Barrere (FRA)

First Meeting