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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

## **STADIUM COURT**

[3] Alejandro Tabilo (CHI) vs	First Tour-Level Meeting			
Other Meetings				
16 USA F10 Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Aleiandro Tabilo	4-6 6-4 6-3

16 USA F10 Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Alejandro Tabilo
18 USA F8 Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Jenson Brooksby

Alejandro Tabilo | Age: 27 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 19 | 2025: 2-8 (2x 3R) | Houston: 1-1 (2022 2R) > Toronto-born Chilean broke into Top 100 in February 2022, achieving career-high No. 19 in July 2024 after defeating No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Rome.

> Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Auckland as Q, becoming 1st Chilean to win a title on hard courts since Gonzalez in 2007, then became 1st Chilean to win a grass court title in Open Era at 2024 Mallorca.

> On home soil, defeated countrymen Garin en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2022 Santiago as WC and Barrios Vera en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2024 Santiago.

> Earned 5-set wins over fellow South American Galan in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2020 Australian Open and over Italian Cobolli to reach 3R of 2024 Wimbledon.

> Represented Canada throughout junior career, peaking at No. 29 in junior rankings during 2015 season.

**NOTE**: Tabilo looks to reach his 10th ATP Tour QF, 7th on clay. He seeks 1st clay win since advancing to ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF in May (I. to Zverev) and lost to Fritz in 2R in only prior Houston main draw appearance.

Jenson Brooksby | Age: 24 | World No. 507 | Career-High No. 33 | 2025: 3-4 (Indian Wells 3R) | Houston: 1-1 ('25 2R) > Achieved career-high No. 33 in June 2022, then defeated 6-time champion Isner at 2022 Atlanta en route to 3rd ATP 250 final on home soil.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in his grass-court debut at 2021 Newport, becoming 2nd-youngest finalist at age 20 in 46-year tournament history (Rusedski, 19, in 1993).

> Reached 2021 US Open 4R as 20-year-old WC, becoming youngest American in US Open 4R since Roddick, 20, in 2002.

> Defeated No. 3 Ruud for biggest win of career and to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R and did not play another tournament until 2025 Australian Open.

> Qualified at 2019 US Open and ended former World No. 4 Berdych's career for 1st tour-level win, then missed entire 2020 season due to toe injury.

**NOTE**: Brooksby saved 1 MP vs. F.A. Gomez in Q1 and seeks his 9th ATP Tour QF, 6th on home soil, 1st on clay, and 1st since 2023 Auckland (I. to Norrie in SF). He is 1-3 vs. Top 50 on clay after defeating No. 48 Goffin in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 2R and would be the lowest-ranked quarterfinalist in tournament history (since 1985).

### Lowest-Ranked Quarterfinalists in Tournament History (Since 1985)

Player	Ranking	Entry	Result			
Janko Tipsarevic	372	WC	2019 QF (I. to Querrey)			
Gijs Brouwer	361	Q	2022 QF (I. to Opelka)			
Fernando Gonzalez	352	Q	2000 Title* (d. Massu)			
*Tournament held in Orlando						

[Q] Colton Smith (USA) vs [\	First Tour-Level Meeting			
Other Meeting				
25 Cleveland CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Colton Smith	1-6 6-1 6-4

**Colton Smith** | Age: 22 | World No. 200 (Career-High) | 2025: 2-1 (Indian Wells, Houston 2R) | Houston: 1-0 ('25 2R) > Achieved career-high No. 200 in March 2025 after reaching Phoenix CH QF (I. to 2-time defending champ Borges). > Earned ITA All-American honours for University of Arizona in the 2023-24 season, reaching NCAA Singles Championship Final Four and earning an ITA singles ranking of No. 5 in November 2023.

> Qualified for 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and defeated No. 40 Cobolli to reach 2R.

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> Owns 17-8 Challenger record, including 2025 Cleveland title (d. Spizzirri) and 2024 Sioux Falls final (l. to Gojo).
> Reached 2021 US Open boys' singles 3R as WC in only junior Grand Slam appearance.

**NOTE**: Smith seeks 1st ATP Tour QF in 2nd tour-level event (I. to Michelsen in ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R in March) and is yet to have his serve broken in 3 matches in Houston this week (including qualifying, 5/5 BPs saved).

**Ethan Quinn** | Age: 21 | World No. 130 (Career-High) | 2025: 3-4 (3x 2R) | Houston: 1-0 (2025 2R) > Former Top 20 junior began 2025 season as No. 202, breaking into Top 200 in January and achieving career-high No. 130 in March after qualifying for ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and ATP Masters 1000 Miami. > Defeated Mukund in ATP Tour debut at 2023 Newport as No. 434-ranked WC and earned 2nd ATP Tour win at 2024 Newport with win over Polmans in 1R.

> Owns 42-39 Challenger record (1-2 in finals) and captured 1st title at 2024 Champaign without losing a set.

> In 2023, became 5th University of Georgia player, first since 2002, to win NCAA singles national crown after saving 4 MPs to beat Michigan's Ondrej Styler in the final.

> Was named 2023 ITA All-American in singles and doubles after finishing ranked No. 2 in singles and No. 3 in doubles w/Trent Bryde.

> Earned a WC into 2022 US Open qualifying in singles (d. Escobedo, l. to Delbonis) and main draw in doubles after reaching singles final and winning doubles title at USTA Boys' 18 National Championships.

**NOTE**: Quinn earned biggest win of career over No. 35 Thompson in 1R and seeks 1st ATP Tour QF (0-4 in R16 matches, losing to compatriots Paul x2, Eubanks, Giron). He posted all 5 ATP Tour wins on home soil (2 – Newport, 1 – Dallas, Delray Beach, Houston) and would move up to No. 119 on <u>PIF ATP Live Rankings</u> with a 2R win.

#### [1] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [WC] Cristian Garin (CHI)

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21 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Tommy Paul	4-6 6-3 6-4
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Cristian Garin	5-7 6-1 6-2 6-3
23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Cristian Garin	4-6 6-3 6-4
Other Meeting				
18 Newport Beach CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Cristian Garin	6-4 6-3

**Tommy Paul** | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 9 | 2025: 13-5 (2 SFs) | Houston: 2-3 (2016, 2022-23 2R) > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 9 in January 2025 after earning personal-best 45 wins during 2024 season, highlighted by biggest of 4 ATP Tour title at London/Queen's Club.

> At 2023 Australian Open, became 1st American man to reach SF of that event since Roddick in 2009.

> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.

> In 2024, captured titles in Dallas, London/Queen's Club and Stockholm and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs in Indian Wells and Rome, defeating reigning champion No. 4 Medvedev in Rome 4R.

> Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (I. to Fritz).

**NOTE**: Paul seeks his 41st tour-level quarter-final (16-24), 5th on clay (2-2). He is 16-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 since August 2023, lone loss to No. 204 Damm via RET at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami.

**Cristian Garin** | Age: 28 | World No. 133 | Career-High No. 17 | 2025: 4-3 (3x 2R) | Houston: 11-2 (2019 Title) > Won biggest title of career at 2020 Rio de Janeiro to rise to No. 18, then ended 2021 season at career-high No. 17. > Five-time ATP Tour champion saved 5 MPs vs. Chardy en route to 2019 Houston title and 2 MPs vs. No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2019 Munich title.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after reaching ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Paris, 2021 Madrid and 2022 Rome.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Vina del Mar as 16-year-old WC (d. Lajovic) and 2nd ATP Tour win at 2019 Buenos Aires (d. Auger-Aliassime).

> Former World No. 4 junior defeated A. Zverev for 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles title and reached boys' doubles final with countryman Jarry.

**NOTE**: Garin is one of two former champions in the draw alongside Tiafoe (2023) and bids to reach 4th Houston QF in as many appearances (2019 Title, 2022 SF, 2023 QF). He is 8-16 on clay vs. Top 20 (12-35 overall), including win over No. 13 Fritz at this venue in 2022 QF, and looks for first ATP Tour QF since Munich last April (I. to Fritz in SF).



#### [Q] Corentin Denolly (FRA) vs Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) **First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting** 6-0 6-3

21 M25 Naples, FL (U.S.A.)

Clay R32

Corentin Denolly

Corentin Denolly | Age: 27 | World No. 328 | Career-High No. 289 | 2025: 1-0 (Houston 2R) | Houston: 1-0 (2025 2R) > Former No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 289 in November 2019.

> Earned wins over future Top 10 players Fritz, Hurkacz, and Ruud in juniors, defeating Ruud en route to 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles SF (I. to Fritz).

> Qualified for 2025 Houston in first ATP Tour appearance, defeating Holt in ATP Tour main draw debut.

> Owns 22-39 record at the Challenger level, highlighted by 4 guarterfinal runs (2019 Brest, 2024 Kigali-1, 2024 Blois, 2024 Brazzaville).

> Claimed 12 ITF Tour titles, most recently M15 Orange Park, M25 Kigali, and M25 Kampala in 2024.

NOTE: Denolly is making his ATP Tour debut and defeated Holt in 1R. He looks for biggest win of career (1-3 vs. Top 100, d. No. 94 Moutet at 2019 Brest CH) and would be the 1st Frenchman in Houston QF since Chardy in 2015 (I. to Anderson). The 27-year-old would go up to No. 248 on PIF ATP Live Rankings with a 2R win.

A. Kovacevic | Age: 26 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 72 | 2025: 5-4 (Montpellier Final) | Houston: 2-2 ('24-'25 2R) > Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 72 in September 2024

> Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and upset No. 10 Rublev for biggest win of career to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2025 Montpellier.

> Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final and captured latest title at 2025 Cap Cana.

> Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, losing to 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.

NOTE: Kovacevic seeks 6th ATP Tour QF (2-3), 2nd on home soil after 2024 Newport (I. to Michelsen) and 1st on clay. He missed 3 MPs vs. Thompson in 2R last year and posted both tour-level clay-court wins at this venue (2-7).