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Alex Molcan (SVK) vs Sebastian Baez (ARG)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

21 Ostrava CH (Czech Republic) Clay R16 Alex Molcan 4-6 6-2 4-1 RET.

Alex Molcan | Age: 25 | World No. 120 | Career-High No. 38 | 2023: 14-15 (Banja Luka SF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)
> Ended 2021 and 2022 as No. 1 Slovakian, breaking into Top 50 in April 2022 and achieving career-high No. 38 in May 2022.

> Earned 1st 4 ATP Tour main draw wins of career en route to 2021 Belgrade-2 final as 255th-ranked Q (l. to No. 1 Djokovic).

> Also advanced to clay-court finals at Marrakech and Lyon in 2022, defeating No. 9 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career in Marrakech 2R.

> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2021 US Open as Q and 2022 Wimbledon.

> Did not drop a set at 2021 Liberec en route to first of 2 Challenger titles, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

NOTE: This is his 7th ATP Tour career QF (5-1). Molcan seeks his 2nd tour-level semi-final of the season (l. to Rublev in Banja Luka SF).

Sebastian Baez | Age: 22 | World No. 72 | Career-High: No. 30 | 2023: 18-19 (Cordoba Title) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)

> Achieved career-high No. 30 in April 2023 soon after capturing 2nd ATP Tour title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.

> Defeated Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st final at 2022 Santiago and 1st title at 2022 Estoril, as well as for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.

> Beat No. 8 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2022 Bastad final (l. to F. Cerundolo).

> Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

> Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez reached his 6th ATP Tour QF of the season (2-3), all on clay. He owns a 16-12 tour-level record on the surface in 2023.

[1] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs Daniel Elahi Galan (COL)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

22 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Clay Q1 Daniel Elahi Galan 6-3 6-2
22 Bastad (Sweden) Clay Q2 Tomas Martin Etcheverry 3-6 6-4 7-5

Tomas Martin Etcheverry | Age: 24 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 30 | 2023: 21-17 (2 Finals) | Event: 1-0 (2023 QF)
> Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022 before achieving career-high No. 30 in June 2023 after reaching 1st Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros.

> Also at Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R and reached the quarter-finals without losing a set.

> Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago a month before reaching 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.

> Qualified at 2022 Australian Open and earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Australian Open (d. Barrere).

> Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

NOTE: Etcheverry reached his 5th tour-level QF of the season, first since 2023 Roland Garros (l. to Zverev in QF).

Daniel Elahi Galan | Age: 27 | World No. 76 | Career-High: No. 56 | 2023: 7-15 (Kitzbuhel QF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 56 in July 2023 after reaching 1st Grand Slam 4R at Wimbledon (l. to Sinner).
> Improved year-end ranking in 8 straight seasons (2015-22), finishing 2022 ranked No. 67 and as No. 1 Colombian.
> Upset World No. 5 Tsitsipas for biggest win of career en route to 2022 US Open 3R as Q.
> Defeated 2-time defending champion Johnson en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2019 Houston as Q-WC.
> Won in ATP Tour main draw debut on home soil at 2015 Bogota as 19-year-old WC (d. Riba).
> Owns 118-101 Challenger record (4-4 in finals), including clay-court titles in 2022 at Concepcion and Sarasota.

NOTE: With his yesterday's win over Altmaier he reached his first ATP Tour QF of 2023. Galan seeks his 2nd tour-level win against Top 50 players this season, first since Wimbledon 1R (d. No. 27 Nishioka).

[5] Laslo Djere (SRB) vs [3] Pedro Cachin (ARG)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

15 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	Q2	Pedro Cachin	3-6 6-1 6-1
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Laslo Djere | Age: 28 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 25-18 (Hamburg Final) | Event: 6-3 (2020 SF)
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.
> Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
> Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.
> Earned 5 victories and won 5 TBs en route to 2022 Winston-Salem final despite entering event with 15-44 career record on hard courts and 1-18 TB record in 2022.
> Also on hard courts, upset World No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Djere owns a 25-18 tour-level record in 2023 (15-10 on clay). He seeks his 2nd career Kitzbuhel SF in 4 appearances.

Pedro Cachin | Age: 28 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 49 | 2023: 15-19 (Gstaad Title) | Event: 1-0 (2023 QF)
> After debuting in Top 200 in September 2015, broke into Top 150 in June 2022 and Top 100 in July 2022 before peaking at No. 49 in July 2023.
> Won 5th-set TBs over Bedene and Holt to reach 2022 US Open 3R and earned first Top 20 win over No. 11 Tiafoe en route to 4R at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
> Defeated Norrie and Carreno Busta en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2019 Cordoba as Q.
> Posted 38-11 Challenger record in 2022 (4-3 in finals), winning clay-court titles at Madrid, Prague-2, Todi and Santo Domingo.
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in junior rankings, defeating future ATP No. 5 Rublev en route to 4th ITF Junior Circuit title at 2013 Offenbach.

NOTE: Cachin is 3-11 on tour-level against Top50 players in 2023. He seeks his 2nd ATP Tour SF this season, first since Gstaad (d. Ramos-Vinolas in F).

[WC] Dominic Thiem (AUT) vs Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)

First Meeting

Dominic Thiem | Age: 29 | World No. 116 | Career High No. 3 | 2023: 11-17 (3 times in QF) | Event: 16-8 (2019 Title)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in March 2020 and remained in Top 5 until suffering right wrist tear in June 2021.
> Playing in his 4th Grand Slam final, defeated A. Zverev in 5th-set TB to win 2020 US Open title, becoming 1st player to win US Open final from 2 sets down since Gonzales in 1949 (Amateur Era).
> Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals each year from 2016-20, defeating No. 3 Federer and No. 2 Djokovic en route to 2019 championship match, then beating No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2020 final.
> Playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 final, defeated 5-time champion Federer to win 2019 Indian Wells title.
> Went 9-3 from 2019-20 against Djokovic, Federer and Nadal, joining Murray as 1 of 2 players with at least 5 career wins over each member of Big 3.

NOTE: Thiem is making his 3rd ATP Tour QF appearance this season, first since 2023 Munich (l. to Fritz). He seeks his first tour-level SF since 2022 Antwerp (l. to Korda).

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 28 | World No. 67 | Career High No. 42 | 2023: 9-15 (2 times in QF) | Event: 5-1 (2021 SF)

- > Broke into Top 50 in January 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2, then became No. 1 Frenchman and achieved career-high No. 42 in October 2022.
- > Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
- > In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 7 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q and 2022 Poznan.
- > Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

NOTE: Against Thiem will be his 10th tour-level match on clay in 2023 (5-4). Rinderknech seeks his first tour-level SF of the season, first since 2022 Gijon (l. to Korda in SF).