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KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- Three former champions return to **Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships** for the 50th tour-level edition of the event. Two-time champion and former World No. 4 **Kei Nishikori** (2012, 2014), who is making his 1st appearance at the event since losing in 2018 final, is joined by most recent champions: No. 1 seed **Taylor Fritz** (2022) and **Ben Shelton**, who lifted his 1st ATP Tour title in Tokyo last year.
- World No. 7 **Fritz** returns as the No. 1 seed in Tokyo for the second consecutive year, as the 26-year-old aims to join **Stefan Edberg** (4), **Pete Sampras** (3), **Nishikori** and **Jim Courier** (2) as the only men to win the Tokyo title multiple times. Fritz became the first American man to reach a Grand Slam final since 2006 by advancing to the championship match at the US Open earlier in September.
- Reigning champion **Shelton** aims to become the first male player to defend the Tokyo title since countryman **Pete Sampras** in 1993-94. The 21-year-old is one of 8 Americans in the draw with No. 5 seed **Tommy Paul** and No. 7 seed and 2022 runner-up **Frances Tiafoe** also among the field. Paul aims to join **Jannik Sinner** as the only players to capture multiple ATP 500 titles in 2024, while Tiafoe seeks the biggest title of his career.
- No. 3 seed **Casper Ruud** currently holds the No. 6 spot on PIF ATP Live Race To Turin, as he aims to qualify for his 3rd Nitto ATP Finals appearance, while seeds No. 2 **Hubert Hurkacz** and No. 4 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** look for a strong showing in Tokyo to get closer to the Top 8 in hopes to qualify for the event in Turin.
- This year marks the 10-year anniversary of **Nishikori** winning his 2nd and latest Tokyo title as well as becoming the 1st Asian man to reach a Grand Slam final at 2014 US Open. The 34-year-old is scheduled to meet **Marin Cilic** in a rematch of 2014 US Open final in 1R and is one of 3 Japanese players in the field.
- Shintaro Mochizuki** will attempt to repeat his run to the semi-finals last year, while Japanese No. 1 **Yoshihito Nishioka** looks for his first win at the event since 2019. On Day 1, Nishikori will team up with 2024 Australian Open boys' singles champion **Rei Sakamoto** to take on No. 1 seeds Lammons/Withrow in doubles.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	This Week
1	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	9,000	Beijing – 1R vs. Jarry
2	Alexander Zverev (GER)	6,115	----
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	6,010	Beijing – 1R vs. Mpetshi Perricard
4	Daniil Medvedev	4,420	Beijing – 1R vs. Monfils
5	Taylor Fritz (USA)	3,890	Tokyo – 1R vs. Fils
6	Casper Ruud (NOR)	3,795	Tokyo – 1R vs. Thompson
7	Andrey Rublev	3,480	Beijing – 1R vs. Carreno Busta
8	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	3,305	----
9	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	3,260	----
10	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	2,835	Beijing – 1R vs. Qualifier
11	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,735	Tokyo – 1R vs. Arnaldi
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	2,735	Tokyo – 1R vs. Michelsen
13	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	2,590	Tokyo – 1R vs. Giron
14	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	2,460	Tokyo – 1R vs. Nakashima
15	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	2,365	Beijing – 1R vs. Qualifier
16	Holger Rune (DEN)	2,185	Tokyo – 1R vs. Tabilo

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

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2024 KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	TOKYO W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Taylor Fritz (USA)	45-18 (Delray Beach, Eastbourne Titles)	5-4 (2022 Title)
2	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	39-17 (Estoril Title)	0-2 (2019, 2023 1R)
3	Casper Ruud (NOR)	48-17 (Barcelona, Geneva Titles)	1-2 (2023 2R)
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	37-17 (Monte-Carlo Title)	2-2 (2018 QF)
5	Tommy Paul (USA)	38-15 (Dallas, Queen's Club Titles)	2-1 (2023 QF)
6	Holger Rune (DEN)	33-19 (Brisbane Final)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	30-21 (Houston, Cincinnati Finals)	5-3 (2022 Final)
8	Ben Shelton (USA)	33-21 (Houston Title)	5-0 (2023 Title)

Tournament History	1973-2019, 2022-Present (50th Edition in 2024)
Singles Final	Tuesday 1 October at 7:00pm
Wild Cards (3)	Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN), Kei Nishikori (JPN), Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)
Qualifiers (4)	Mattia Bellucci (ITA), Alex Michelsen (USA), Christopher O'Connell (AUS), Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)
Special Exempt (1)	Brandon Nakashima (USA) – SF in Hangzhou
Protected Rankings (2)	Marin Cilic (PR-21), Reilly Opelka (PR-33)
Oldest Player	Marin Cilic (35)
#NextGenATP (2)	Alex Michelsen (20), Arthur Fils (20)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Stefan Edberg (4) <u>Most Wins</u> – Stefan Edberg (27) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Jimmy Arias, 18, in 1982 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Ken Rosewall, 38, in 1973 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 Stefan Edberg (1991), Pete Sampras (1994, 1996) No. 1 Roger Federer (2006), No. 1 Rafael Nadal (2010), No. 1 Novak Djokovic (2019) <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 121 Kenneth Carlsen in 2002 <u>Last Japanese Champion</u> – Kei Nishikori in 2014

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (16)

United States (8)	Taylor Fritz, Marcos Giron, Alex Michelsen, Brandon Nakashima, Reilly Opelka, Tommy Paul, Ben Shelton, Frances Tiafoe
Italy (4)	Matteo Arnaldi, Mattia Bellucci, Matteo Berrettini, Luciano Darderi
Australia (3)	Christopher O'Connell, Alexei Popyrin, Jordan Thompson
Japan (3)	Shintaro Mochizuki, Kei Nishikori, Yoshihito Nishioka
Argentina (2)	Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Mariano Navone
France (2)	Arthur Fils, Ugo Humbert
Canada (1)	Felix Auger-Aliassime
Chile (1)	Alejandro Tabilo
Croatia (1)	Marin Cilic
Czechia (1)	Tomas Machac
Denmark (1)	Holger Rune
Great Britain (1)	Jack Draper
Greece (1)	Stefanos Tsitsipas
Netherlands (1)	Botic van de Zandschulp
Norway (1)	Casper Ruud
Poland (1)	Hubert Hurkacz

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Kinoshita Group Japan Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	330	200	100	50	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	340,010	182,950	97,510	49,820	26,595	14,185
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	--	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	111,690	59,570	30,140	15,070	7,800	

2024 KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	TOKYO (BEST FINISH)
1	Nathaniel Lammons (USA) Jackson Withrow (USA)	105-73 (9 Titles) 36-24 in 2024 (4 Titles)	36-24 (4 Titles) 36-24 (4 Titles)	2-1 (2023 SF) 2-1 (2023 SF)
2	Hugo Nys (MON) Jan Zielinski (POL)	74-54 (4 Titles) 25-18 in 2024 (1 Title)	29-20 (Acapulco Title) 26-19 (Acapulco Title)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Sadio Doumbia (FRA) Fabien Reboul (FRA)	73-55 (4 Titles) 31-15 in 2024 (3 Titles)	34-21 (3 Titles) 34-17 (3 Titles)	0-1 (2022 1R) 0-1 (2022 1R)
4	Maximo Gonzalez (ARG) Andres Molteni (ARG)	72-43 (8 Titles) 24-15 in 2024 (2 Titles)	24-15 (2 Titles) 26-19 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Tuesday 1 October at 4:30 pm

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Ben Shelton (USA)	Aslan Karatsev	7-5 6-1
2022	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	7-6(3) 7-6(2)
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	John Millman (AUS)	6-3 6-2
2018	Daniil Medvedev	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	6-2 6-4
2017	David Goffin (BEL)	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	6-3 7-5
2016	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	David Goffin (BEL)	4-6 6-3 7-5
2015	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Benoit Paire (FRA)	6-2 6-4
2014	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 4-6 6-4
2013	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 7-5
2012	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 3-6 6-0
2011	Andy Murray (GBR)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	3-6 6-2 6-0
2010	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-1 7-5
2009	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Mikhail Youzhny	6-3 6-3

BOLD: Player in 2024 Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships singles draw

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Rinky Hijikata / Max Purcell	Jamie Murray / Michael Venus	6-4 6-1
2022	Marcelo Melo / Mackenzie McDonald	Rafael Matos / David Vega Hernandez	6-4 3-6 [10-4]
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Nicolas Mahut / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Nikola Pietrangeli / Franko Skugor	7-6(7) 6-4
2018	Ben McLachlan / Jan-Lennard Struff	Raven Klaasen / Michael Venus	6-4 7-5
2017	Ben McLachlan / Yasutaka Uchiyama	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	6-4 7-6(1)
2016	Marcel Granollers / Marcin Matkowski	Raven Klaasen / Rajeev Ram	6-2 7-6(4)
2015	Raven Klaasen / Marcelo Melo	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	7-6(5) 3-6 [10-7]
2014	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Michal Przysiezny	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	6-3 6-7(3) [10-5]
2013	Rohan Bopanna / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Jamie Murray / John Peers	7-6(5) 6-4
2012	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	Leander Paes / Radek Stepanek	6-3 7-6(5)
2011	Andy Murray / Jamie Murray	Frantisek Cermak / Filip Polasek	6-1 6-4
2010	Eric Butorac / Jean-Julien Rojer	Andreas Seppi / Dmitry Tursunov	6-3 6-2
2009	Julian Knowle / Jurgen Melzer	Ross Hutchins / Jordan Kerr	6-2 5-7 [10-8]

BOLD: Player in 2024 Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships doubles draw – no team remains intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

COLISEUM

Mariano Navone (ARG) vs Luciano Darderi (ITA)

24 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Luciano Darderi	6-2 6-1
24 Bucharest (Romania)	Clay	R32	Mariano Navone	6-2 6-3
24 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Luciano Darderi	6-3 6-2
Other Meetings				
23 Buenos Aires CH (Argentina)	Clay	SF	Mariano Navone	2-6 6-4 7-5
23 Lima-2 CH (Peru)	Clay	F	Luciano Darderi	4-6 6-3 7-5
24 Cagliari CH (Italy)	Clay	SF	Mariano Navone	6-3 7-5

Darderi Leads 2-1

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Insights from their head to head matches:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Mariano Navone	26%	52%	34%	7.3	6.2	6.7	7.1
Luciano Darderi	22%	66%	48%	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.1
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

They've played 3 times on the ATP Tour this year (above data is from these 3 matches), with the last meeting in the second round of Rome in May. (also in Bucharest- Apr, Buenos Aires- Feb).

Although this is their first meeting on hard courts, the pair have played 3 matches this year on clay. Luciano Darderi holds the slightly better record of 2-1 and has a very high steal score when playing Navone. For reference his 52-week average steal score is 36%, meaning he is 12% higher vs Navone than his 52-week average. With neither player holding a higher than average serve score, this one will likely be won in the rallies.

Mariano Navone | Age: 23 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 29 | 2024: 16-18 (2 Finals) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 29 in June 2024 after capturing 6th Challenger title of career in Cagliari.
 > As No. 31 seed at 2024 Roland Garros, became the first man in Open Era to be seeded in his Grand Slam main draw debut and defeated Carreno Busta in 1R.
 > Came through qualifying at 2024 Rio de Janeiro to earn 1st ATP Tour win, then advanced to first QF, SF and final and defeated No. 21 F. Cerundolo for biggest win of career en route to 2nd ATP Tour final in Bucharest.
 > Made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as a WC, then qualified for Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in following two weeks, defeating Coria in Rio de Janeiro for 1st ATP Tour win.
 > Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ending the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with 5 Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe 2.
 > Began playing at age 3 as his parents and sister all played tennis and is nicknamed La Navoneta.

NOTE: Navone earned 15 of his 16 career tour-level wins on clay and recorded sole win on hard courts over No. 89 Altmaier in US Open 1R. The Argentine No. 4 looks for first Top 50 win on the surface (0-2).

Luciano Darderi | Age: 22 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 32 | 2024: 23-20 (Cordoba Title) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former Top 10 junior started 2024 season as No. 128, then broke into Top 100 in February, Top 50 in May and achieved career-high No. 32 in August.
 > Captured his 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba in the third final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 (d. Bagnis) in his third ATP Tour event of career.
 > Also advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2024 Houston (l. to Tiafoe) and 2024 Lyon (l. to Etcheverry).
 > Owns an 86-58 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi, 2023 Lima-2 and 2024 Perugia.

> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings in February 2020 after earning 3 singles and 3 doubles titles to start the season.
 > Born in Argentina, started playing tennis at age 4 with his father Luciano Enrique, a former tennis player and current coach.

NOTE: Darderi earned 23 of 24 career tour-level wins on clay courts and is 1-7 on hard courts, defeating No. 21 Tabilo in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R in August for lone win. Bids to become the 1st Italian man to record a win in Tokyo since Seppi in 2010.

[Q] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

Berrettini Leads 3-0

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Matteo Berrettini	6-3 6-4 7-6(4)
22 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	SF	Matteo Berrettini	6-4 6-3
24 Davis Cup Group A ITA vs NED (Italy)	Hard	RR	Matteo Berrettini	3-6 6-4 6-4

Botic van de Zandschulp | Age: 28 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 22 | 2024: 14-21 (US Open 3R) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Achieved new career-high ranking 14 times in 2022, peaking at No. 22 in August and ending 2nd straight season as No. 1 Dutchman.
 > At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.
 > Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Tringelliti in Q3).
 > Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.
 > Defeated No. 10 Fritz in SF to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Munich, before squandering 4 championship points to lose to Rune in Munich final for second consecutive year.
 > Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, including victories over Norrie, Fritz and Bublik to help The Netherlands qualify for Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage.

NOTE: van de Zandschulp is 4-12 vs. Top 50 players this season, highlighted by win over No. 3 Alcaraz in US Open 2R in late August. He aims to be the first Dutchman to win a match in Tokyo since Sluiter in 2005.

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 28 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 25-7 (3 Titles) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)
 > 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 aims to extend his perfect record vs. lower-ranked players this season (14-0). He is one of three players to win 3+ titles on the ATP Tour this season (Sinner – 6, Alcaraz & Berrettini – 3), lifting the trophy in Marrakech, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel, all on clay.

Marcos Giron (USA) vs [2] Hubert Hurkacz (POL)

Hurkacz Leads 2-0

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Hubert Hurkacz	6-3 6-2 6-4
24 Halle (Germany)	Grass	QF	Hubert Hurkacz	7-6(5) 6-4

Insights from the players 52 week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Marcos Giron	22%	69%	33%	7.6	6.2	7.6	7.3
Hubert Hurkacz	26%	66%	31%	8.9	7.1	7.6	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>

Hubert Hurkacz's serve quality score is 8.9, 4th highest on tour. This is represented by his average of aces per set of 13.7, the tour average is 5.7. This places him in attack more than the tour average, with the score of 26% 'in attack', the 17th highest on tour. His serve speed is a main component behind this with an average 1st serve speed of 127mph (the tour average is 118mph) and a fastest serve speed of 145mph.

Marcos Giron | Age: 31 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 37 | 2024: 20-21 (Newport Title) | Tokyo: 3-1 (2023 SF)
> One of 3 former UCLA Bruins to break into Top 50 during 2022 season (also Cressy, McDonald) and achieved career-high No. 37 in August 2024 after saving 1 MP in Newport final to win 1st ATP Tour title.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at age 29 and in his home state of California at 2022 San Diego.
> Qualified at 10 ATP Masters 1000 events, including 2023 Toronto, earning biggest win of career over No. 6 Rune in 2R.
> Reached 2021 Roland Garros 3R after rallying from 6-2 6-4 5-1 down and saving 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov in 1R.
> Won 2014 NCAA singles title for UCLA and broke into Top 100 in 2020 following right hip surgery in 2015 and left hip surgery in 2016.

NOTE: Giron is 4-21 vs. Top 10 players, 1-5 in 2024, defeating No. 6 Rublev in Halle 1R in June for most recent Top 10 win. Last year in Tokyo, he defeated No. 8 Ruud in 2R en route to biggest of 7 ATP Tour SFs as Q (l. to Shelton).

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 27 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 39-17 (Estoril Title) | Tokyo: 0-2 (2019, 2023 1R)
> Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.
> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.
> Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.
> Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.
> Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-3 in finals).

NOTE: Hurkacz is 15-1 in opening rounds this season, losing to No. 54 Monfils in ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R for lone loss. The World No. 8 aims to become the 7th male player to record 40 wins this season.

ATP Tour Win Leaders in 2024:

Player	W/L	Player	W/L
Alexander Zverev	57-18	Carlos Alcaraz	43-9
Jannik Sinner	55-5	Alex de Minaur	40-13
Casper Ruud	48-17	Daniil Medvedev	39-16
Taylor Fritz	45-18	Hubert Hurkacz	39-17

[WC] Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

First Meeting

Shintaro Mochizuki | Age: 21 | World No. 146 | Career-High No. 129 | 2024: 0-6 | Tokyo: 3-2 (2023 SF)
> Former World No. 1 junior earned a career-high No. 129 on PIF ATP Rankings in November 2023 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour SF in Tokyo.
> Also at 2023 Tokyo, won first ATP Tour match of career over Etcheverry in 1R after 0-11 start and recorded biggest win of career over No. 10 Fritz in 2R after losing first 7 games of the match.
> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2021 Singapore as WC and Grand Slam debut at 2023 Wimbledon as Q.
> Owns 38-49 Challenger record (1-0 in finals), winning 1st title at 2023 Barletta and 49-36 record on ITF World Tennis Tour, reaching his first pro final at M25 Grodzisk Mazowiecki in August 2021.
> Ended his junior career with a 119-45 record on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles title, becoming the 1st Japanese player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title.
> Considered quitting tennis and pursuing baseball at age 9 before moving to USA as a 12-year-old to further develop in tennis at IMG Academy.

NOTE: Mochizuki earned all 3 ATP Tour wins of his career en route to Tokyo SF last year, posting wins over Etcheverry in 1R, No. 1 seed Fritz in 2R and Popyrin in QF. He is 1-2 vs. Top 20, defeating No. 10 Fritz in Tokyo 2R.

Ugo Humbert | Age: 26 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 13 | 2024: 28-20 (2 Titles) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)

> Broke into Top 20 in November 2023, then earned career-high No. 13 in April 2024 soon after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as the third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final.

> Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 6 career titles at 2021 Halle.

> Captured 4th and 5th ATP Tour titles on French soil at 2023 Metz, his hometown, and 2024 Marseille.

> Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.

> Owns 12-16 record vs. Top 10 and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.

> Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles at Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert is one of four 2024 ATP 500 champions in the Tokyo draw (also Fils, Paul and Ruud), capturing Dubai title in March. Making his debut in Tokyo, he will attempt to become the second Frenchman to win the Tokyo title after Tsonga in 2009.

2024 ATP 500 Champions:

Tournament	Champion	Tournament	Champion
*Rotterdam	Jannik Sinner	Halle	Jannik Sinner
Rio de Janeiro	Sebastian Baez	London / Queen's Club	Tommy Paul
*Acapulco	Alex de Minaur	Hamburg	Arthur Fils
*Dubai	Ugo Humbert	*Washington	Sebastian Korda
Barcelona	Casper Ruud	* Tournament played on hard courts	