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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

| [LL] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs | Rinderknech Leads 1-0 | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| 22 Gijon (Spain) | Hard | R16 | Arthur Rinderknech | 6-4 6-2 |
| Other Meeting | | | | |
| 21 Cherbourg CH (France) | Hard | QF | Arthur Rinderknech | 7-6(4) 7-6(3) |
| 22 Vancouver CH (Canada) | Hard | F | Constant Lestienne | 6-0 4-6 6-3 |
| 22 Basel Q (Switzerland) | Hard | Q2 | Arthur Rinderknech | 3-6 6-3 6-4 |

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 27 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 42 | 2023: 6-12 (5 times in 2R) | Mallorca: 1-0 (2023 2R) > 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 6 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: Rinderknech aims to reach 14th ATP Tour quarter-final (4-9), first since 2022 Basel (I. to Rune), where he came from qualifying including beating Lestienne in Q2. Rinderknech is 3-7 in tiebreaks on tour-level this season, compared to 4-1 by Lestienne.

Constant Lestienne | Age: 31 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 48 | 2023: 5-11 (Auckland SF) | Mallorca: 1-0 (2023 2R) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 19 in February 2012, broke into Top 100 at age 30 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 48 in February 2023.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at San Diego and 1st ATP Tour SF at Tel Aviv during back-to-back weeks in September 2022.

> Defeated Monteiro in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2023 Australian Open after failing to gualify at 21 Grand Slam events from 2015-22.

> Posted 40-17 Challenger record in 2022 (3-2 in finals), capturing hard-court titles at Malaga, Pozoblanco and Vancouver during summer.

> Secret talent is that he is a magician when he is not playing tennis, performing at weddings and parties.

NOTE: Lestienne broke his 10-match tour-level losing streak by defeating Kubler in 1R in his first ATP Tour match on grass and now seeks 4th career ATP Tour QF (2-1), first outside of hard courts.

| Christopher Eubanks (USA) v | First Tour-Level Meeting | | | |
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| Other Meeting | | | | _ |
| 22 Charlottesville CH (U.S.A.) | Hard | F | Ben Shelton | 7-6(4) 7-5 |
| 22 Knoxville CH (U.S.A.) | Hard | F | Ben Shelton | 6-3 1-6 7-6(4) |

Christopher Eubanks | Age: 27 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 74 | 2023: 8-10 (Miami QF) | Mallorca: 1-0 (2023 2R) > In 2023, earned personal-best 8 wins, made his Top 100 debut at age 26, and reached career-high No. 74 in May. > Came from qualifying to defeat No. 20 Coric for first Top 20 win en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Miami (I. to eventual champion Medvedev) to guarantee himself a spot in the Top 100.

> Defeated countrymen Fritz, Donaldson in his hometown for 1st ATP Tour wins en route to 2017 Atlanta QF as WC.

> Qualified a career-best 5 times in 2022 at Doha, Indian Wells, Newport, US Open and San Diego.

> Beat then-No. 106 Auger-Aliassime en route to qualifying at 2019 Australian Open and Martinez for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 US Open.

> Won Challenger titles at 2018 Leon, 2021 Orlando-2 and 2021 Knoxville, then ended 2022 season on 11-3 run.

> Has a 104-74 career Challenger record, including 98-69 on hard courts and 3 titles.

> Played college tennis at Georgia Tech from 2015-17 and was a 2-time All-American and 2-time ACC Player of the Year.



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NOTE: Eubanks seeks 3rd ATP Tour QF (0-2), first on grass. He is 1-15 vs. Top 50 players, defeating No. 20 Coric at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R for lone win against them.

Ben Shelton | Age: 20 | World No. 35 (Career-High) | 2023: 9-14 (Australian Open QF) | Mallorca: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved career-high No. 35 in May 2023 after breaking into Top 50 in January 2023, Top 100 in November 2022, Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 500 in June 2022.

> Advanced to 2023 Australian Open QF at age 20 and on his 1st trip outside USA, becoming youngest American man in Australian Open QF since Giammalva Jr., 19, in 1982, and in Grand Slam QF since Roddick, 20, at 2002 US Open.
> Upset No. 5 Ruud to reach 2022 Cincinnati 3R in ATP Masters 1000 debut at age 19, becoming youngest American man to earn Top-5 win since Roddick, 18, at 2001 Montreal (d. No. 1 Kuerten).

> Ended 2022 season on ATP Challenger Tour with 3 indoor hard titles in as many weeks at Charlottesville, Knoxville and Champaign.

> Posted 65-10 singles record in 2 seasons for University of Florida, clinching 2021 NCAA team title and 2022 NCAA singles title while being coached by his father Bryan, a former World No. 55.

NOTE: Shelton is aiming to reach his 2nd career tour-level QF (0-1) after reaching 2023 Australian Open QF in his debut at the event (I. to Paul). He is 2-8 in deciding sets on tour-level this season (2-0 in fifth sets).

[1/WC] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs Yannick Hanfmann (GER) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meetings

| 16 Austria F2 (Austria) | Clay | F | Yannick Hanfmann | 6-4 6-4 |
|--------------------------------|-------|----|--------------------|---------------|
| 17 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain) | Grass | Q2 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | 7-6(5) 7-6(5) |

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 24 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 32-11 (2 Finals) | Mallorca: 4-0 (2022 Title) > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 10 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 3 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).

> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals.

> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 9 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).

> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas won his 9th and latest ATP Tour title in Mallorca last year and would tie Medvedev for most wins in tournament history with a 2R win (5). He aims to be the 3rd player to defend his title this season (Alcaraz – Barcelona & Madrid, Rune – Munich).

Yannick Hanfmann | Age: 31 | World No. 48 (Career-High) | 2023: 15-9 (Houston SF) | Mallorca: 1-0 (2023 2R) > Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and into Top 50 in June 2023 achieving career-high No. 48. > Defeated No. 9 Fritz in 2R and No. 6 Rublev in 4R for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome as a qualifier (I. to eventual champion Medvedev).

> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.

> Earned 1st Top 10 win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.

> Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).

> Captured 6 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: Hanfmann is making his Top 50 debut on the <u>Pepperstone ATP Rankings</u> this week and seeks his biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas (0-4 vs. Top-5) to reach 12th ATP Tour QF (5-6), first outside of clay courts.

[WC] Feliciano Lopez (ESP) vs Jordan Thompson (AUS)17 Acapulco (Mexico)HardR32Jordan Thompson19 Australian Open (Australia)HardR128Jordan Thompson

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22 Dallas (U.S.A.)

Thompson Leads 3-0 2-6 6-3 6-3 6-1 7-6(0) 6-3 7-5 6-3

Jordan Thompson



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Feliciano Lopez | Age: 41 | World No. 634 | Career-High No. 12 | 2023: 2-3 (2 times in 2R) | Mallorca: 3-2 (2021 QF) > Former World No. 12 ended 2002-20 in Top 100 and competed at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid from 2002-18 before becoming its tournament director in 2019.

> Captured singles and doubles titles at 2019 London/Queen's Club as 37-year-old, becoming oldest player to sweep both titles at same event since Rosewall, 40, at 1975 Jackson.

> Counts victories over No. 1 Nadal (2010 London/Queen's Club) and No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Dubai) among his 39 Top-10 wins and 505 singles wins overall.

> Three-time Wimbledon quarter-finalist competed in record 79 consecutive Grand Slam men's singles main draws beginning with 2002 Roland Garros until failing to qualify at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Defeated No. 1 seeds and previous 3 champions to win 2016 Roland Garros doubles title w/M. Lopez.

NOTE: Lopez is playing in his final ATP Tour event of his career, aiming to reach his 93rd tour-level quarter-final (38-54), more than 22 years after making his first at 2001 Vina del Mar (I. to G. Coria) and first since 2021 Mallorca. He bids to become the oldest ATP Tour quarter-finalist since Connors, 42, at 1995 Halle.

Jordan Thompson | Age: 29 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 43 | 2023: 9-11 ('s-Hertogenbosch F) | Mallorca: 3-2 ('21 QF) > Earned personal-best 26 tour-level wins, broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 43 in 2019.

> Ended 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs by reaching 1st SF and final at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch.

> Reached Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2020 US Open and ATP Masters 1000 4R for 1st time at 2019 Miami.

> Upset World No. 1 and 5-time champion Murray at 2017 London/Queen's Club as LL, earning 1st tour-level win over Murray in 21 tries by an Aussie and defeated No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells.

> In 2018, went 1-11 on ATP Tour and 52-17 on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), earning 2nd-most Challenger wins in a single season behind Berlocq's 57 wins in 2010.

NOTE: Thompson is 1-4 vs. left-handers on tour-level this season, defeating No. 52 Mannarino en route to his 2nd career ATP Tour final at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch two weeks ago (I. to Griekspoor). He is 21-9 on grass since the start of 2022 season (including ATP Qualifying and Challengers).