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## CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- The Top 2 seeds, **Matteo Berrettini** and **Denis Shapovalov**, five-time Queen's Club champion **Andy Murray**, British No. 1 **Daniel Evans** and two-time winner **Marin Cilic** are among the nine singles matches on Tuesday's schedule at the cinch Championships.
- In the opening match on Centre Court, **Berrettini** takes on countryman **Stefano Travaglia**, who is looking for his second career Top 10 win (1-2). Both players are making their Queen's Club debut. Berrettini is coming off a strong clay court circuit (13-4 record), winning the Belgrade-1 title, reaching his first ATP Masters 1000 final in Madrid and advancing to the quarter-finals at Roland Garros. Travaglia's previous Top 10 win came over another countryman, No. 9 Fabio Fognini, who retired in 2019 Umag.
- In the next match on, Aussie **Alexei Popyrin** and **Evans** are two of the five first-time ATP Tour winners this season. This is a first-time meeting. Popyrin won his first title in Singapore and Evans, who is ranked a career-high No. 25 this week, won in Melbourne-2. Here is a look at the first-time ATP Tour champions:
 

	Age	Tournament
- <b>Daniel Evans</b>	30	Melbourne-2
- Juan Manuel Cerundolo	19	Cordoba
- <b>Alexei Popyrin</b>	21	Singapore
- Aslan Karatsev	27	Dubai
- Sebastian Korda	20	Parma
- In the third match on, former World No. 1 **Murray** brings a 2-0 head-to-head record against **Benoit Paire**. It's been more than three months since Murray last competed in singles on the ATP Tour. His last match was a 2R loss to No. 8 Rublev in Rotterdam on 3 March. The 34-year-old has won a tournament record five titles (2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016) and compiled a 30-8 match record. Paire is 2-15 on the season.
- In the final match on, Aussie qualifier **Aleksandar Vukic** and **Shapovalov** meet for the first time. Vukic is playing in his first career tour-level grass court tournament. The top Canadian is 1-3 at the Queen's Club, winning his lone match in 2017.
- On Court 1, **Cilic**, who captured Queen's Club titles in 2012 and 2018, takes on Austrian qualifier **Sebastian Ofner** in the last match. Cilic comes in after capturing his 19th career title in Stuttgart on Sunday.

## ATP HEAD2HEADS: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTRE COURT

#### [1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs Stefano Travaglia (ITA)

20 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

Clay R16

Matteo Berrettini

#### Berrettini Leads 1-0

7-6(5) 7-6(1)

#### Other meetings:

15 Italy F10 (Italy)

Clay R16

Stefano Travaglia

4-6 7-5 6-4

15 Italy F28 (Italy)

Clay R32

Stefano Travaglia

4-6 6-3 6-4

16 Italy F33 (Italy)

Clay SF

Stefano Travaglia

6-3 7-6(4)

**Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 21-6 (Belgrade Title) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 to become highest-ranked Italian since No. 8 Barazzutti in 1978.  
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem at 2021 ATP Cup for biggest win of career and No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).  
> Won titles at 2018 Gstaad and 2019 Stuttgart without dropping serve, as well as 2019 Budapest title.  
> Beat Monfils in 5th-set TB at 2019 US Open to become 2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history (also Barazzutti in 1977).

**NOTES:** Top Italian is coming off a 13-4 clay court run with his 4th career ATP Tour title in Belgrade (d. Karatsev), runner-up at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to Zverev) and QF at Roland Garros (l. to Djokovic). He was sidelined earlier in the season with an abdominal injury. Has a 13-5 career record on grass with 2019 Stuttgart title.

**Stefano Travaglia** | Age: 29 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 60 | 2021: 8-13 (Melbourne-1 Final) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Achieved career-high No. 60 after falling to Sinner at 2021 Melbourne-1 in 1st ATP Tour final between Italians since 1988 Florence (Narducci d. C. Panatta).  
> Reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros by earning 1st win in 5 sets over Nishikori, who had won 9 straight 5th sets.  
> Defeated No. 1 Italian Fognini for 1st tour-level win at 2017 US Open and biggest win of career at 2019 Umag.  
> Qualified at 4 consecutive Grand Slams from 2018 Wimbledon through 2019 Roland Garros, as well as at Wimbledon and US Open in 2017.  
> Fell through a glass window at his apartment in 2011, undergoing surgery after suffering several arm injuries and returning to tour following 1-year hiatus without full feeling in his right hand.

**NOTE:** Travaglia is coming off an 1-7 record on clay court circuit. Has 0-2 career record on grass

## Alexei Popyrin (AUS) vs [6] Daniel Evans (GBR)

## First Meeting

**Alexei Popyrin** | Age: 21 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 61 | 2021: 15-10 (Singapore Title) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Earned personal-best 15 wins in 2021, capturing 1st ATP Tour title at Singapore (d. Bublik) and achieving career-high No. 61 on 10 May 2021.  
> Qualified 10 times at tour-level events in 2019, tying single-season record set by M. Zverev in 2016.  
> Qualified 5 times at Challengers in 2018, including en route to Jinan title.  
> Won a main draw match at all 4 Grand Slams in 2019, highlighted by biggest victory of career over No. 8 Thiem to reach Australian Open 3R as WC  
> Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings after ending career with 17 straight wins and 2017 Roland Garros boys' title.

**NOTE:** Popyrin is one of five first-time ATP Tour winners this season and he's coming off a 1R exit in Stuttgart last week (l. to Lopez). Has 1-3 career record on grass.

**Daniel Evans** | Age: 30 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 25 | 2021: 12-10 (Melbourne-2 Title) | Queen's: 3-6 (2013 3R)  
> Unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 25 this week (14 June 2021).  
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2 (d. Auger-Aliassime).  
> Reached 1st final at 2017 Sydney and squandered 3 MPs vs. Albot in 2019 Delray Beach final as Q.  
> Advanced to 2017 Australian Open 4R after squandering 1 MP against eventual champion Wawrinka in 2016 US Open 3R.  
> Upset World No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo SF and reached back-to-back ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals w/N. Skupski at Miami and Monte Carlo in 2021.

**NOTE:** British No. 1 has an 11-15 career record on grass and looking to break a four-match Queen's Club losing streak since 1R win over Melzer in 2014.

## Benoit Paire (FRA) vs [WC] Andy Murray (GBR)

## Murray Leads 2-0

16 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R16	Andy Murray
17 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Andy Murray

2-6	7-5	7-5
7-6(1)	6-4	6-4

**Benoit Paire** | Age: 32 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 2-15 (Cordoba QF) | Queen's: 1-4 (2013 2R)  
> Rose 99 spots during season to end 2015 at No. 19, then reached career-high No. 18 in January 2016.  
> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title (Bastad), 3 Challenger titles and 1 Futures title in 2015 to become 1st player to sweep titles at all 3 levels since Darcis in 2007.  
> Earned personal-best 34 wins in 2019, adding 2 more ATP Tour titles at Marrakech and Lyon.

> Saved 2 MPs to beat Nishikori en route to 2015 US Open 4R, also reaching 4R at 2017 Wimbledon, 2019 Roland Garros and 2019 Wimbledon.  
> Defeated No. 3 Wawrinka for biggest win of career at 2017 Madrid, lost to Wawrinka in biggest of 9 career finals at 2015 Tokyo and teamed w/Wawrinka for lone doubles title at 2013 Chennai.  
**NOTE:** The Frenchman has a 23-23 career record on grass, including 14-9 at Wimbledon.

**Andy Murray** | Age: 34 | World No. 124 | Career-High No. 1 | 2021: 1-2 (Rotterdam 2R) | Queen's: 30-8 (5 Titles)  
> Became 1st British World No. 1 in singles at age 29 in 2016, making him 2nd-oldest player to debut at No. 1 behind Newcombe, 30, in 1974.  
> Ended 2016 on 24-match win streak, defeating No. 2 Djokovic at Nitto ATP Finals to clinch year-end No. 1 and ATP-best 9th title of season.  
> First British Grand Slam champion (2012 US Open) and Wimbledon champion (2013, 2016) since Perry in 1936 (Wimbledon, US Championships).  
> Also 1st player to win 2 Olympic gold medals in singles (2012 London, 2016 Rio), highlighted by 6-2 6-1 6-4 rout of No. 1 Federer in 2012 final on Wimbledon's Centre Court.  
> Only player with at least 7 victories over Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, including championship wins over all 3 among his 14 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

**NOTE:** Murray is playing in his 3rd tour-level tournament of the season, first since March when he reached 2R in Rotterdam (d. Haase, l. to No. 8 Rublev). Has a 107-21 career record on grass.

## **[Q] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs [2] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) First Meeting**

**Aleksandar Vukic** | Age: 25 | World No. 207 | Career-High No. 183 | 2021: 1-2 (Melbourne-1 2R) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Aussie qualified into his first career ATP Tour grass court tournament and last week qualified at Nottingham Challenger and lost in 2R.  
> Has a 5-9 record on ATP Challenger Tour this season with best result QFs in Split-1 and Split-2 in April. Has 46-55 career Challenger record (26-36 on hard, 19-18 on clay, 1-1 on grass. Also has 48-32 career record in Futures (1 title)  
> Comes in with a 1-4 career tour level record and reached 2R in Melbourne-1 (d. Lu, l. to eventual champion Sinner) in February. Followed with 1R exit in home Grand Slam debut as WC at Australian Open (l. to Khachanov). In 2020 Roland Garros qualified and lost to Martinez in 1R.

**Denis Shapovalov** | Age: 22 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 10 | 2021: 15-12 (Geneva Final) | Queen's: 1-3 (2017 2R)  
> In 2020, became 1st Canadian US Open quarter-finalist and 2nd Canadian to break into singles Top 10 in history.  
> As an 18-year-old in 2017, became youngest Top-50 player since Nadal, 18, in 2004.  
> Won 1st ATP Tour title in 1st final at 2019 Stockholm, but owns 2-10 record overall in SFs.  
> Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal as 18-year-old WC and became youngest ATP Masters 1000 semi-finalist in series history.  
> Ended 2019 season with 3 singles and 2 doubles wins to lead Canada to its 1st Davis Cup final (ESP d. CAN 2-0).

**NOTE:** Shapovalov is coming off a QF in Stuttgart (1R bye, d. Lopez, l. to eventual champion Cilic). Withdrew from Roland Garros due to a shoulder injury. Has a 4-10 career record on grass.

## **COURT 1**

### **[4] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Laslo Djere (SRB) de Minaur Leads 1-0**

19 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R64 Alex de Minaur

6-1 6-4

**Alex de Minaur** | Age: 22 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 13-12 (Antalya Title) | Queen's: 0-1 (2019 1R)  
> Four-time ATP Tour singles champion and two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 18 in 2019.  
> Captured 1st title at 2019 Sydney, becoming final champion in his hometown tournament's history (est. 1885).  
> At 2019 Atlanta, became 3rd ATP Tour champion since 1991 to face 0 break points (Haas 2007 Memphis, Isner 2017 Newport).  
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open, becoming youngest Aussie in US Open QF since his mentor Hewitt in 2002.  
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

**NOTE:** No. 1 Aussie has a 5-7 career record on grass and last week reached QF in Stuttgart (bye, d. Thompson, l. to Rodionov).

**Laslo Djere** | Age: 25 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 27 | 2021: 13-13 (Cagliari Final) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 in 2019 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set (d. Auger-Aliassime).  
> 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.  
> Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro 1R) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid 2R).  
> One of 4 Serbians to reach 2019 Roland Garros 3R – most ever in a Grand Slam 3R.

**NOTE:** Djere has an 1-4 career record on grass with 2R at 2019 Wimbledon.

### **Aljaz Bedene (SLO) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)**

### **First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other meeting:**

16 Irving CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Aljaz Bedene	7-6(5)	3-6	7-6(4)
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**Aljaz Bedene** | Age: 31 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 43 | 2021: 13-11 (Cagliari, Lyon QFs) | Queen's: 3-4 (2013, '16 '19 2R)  
> Achieved career-high No. 43 following run to 2018 Buenos Aires final.  
> Also runner-up at 2015 Chennai as Q, 2017 Budapest as Q and 2019 Metz.  
> Won 16 straight tour-level, qualifying and Challenger matches on European clay in April 2017.  
> Owns 138-38 Challenger record (16-2 in finals), including wins over past or present Top-10 players Baghdatis, Carreno Busta, Dimitrov, Goffin, Rublev, Schwartzman and Thiem.  
> Became a British citizen in 2015, then returned to representing Slovenia in 2018.

**NOTE:** Bedene has an 11-17 career record on grass with 3-3 on Wimbledon.

**Frances Tiafoe** | Age: 23 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 29 | 2021: 10-10 (Delray Beach QF) | Queen's: 2-2 (2018 QF)  
> Former World No. 2 junior set a new career-high in FedEx ATP Rankings 11 times in 2017 and 7 times in 2018 before peaking at No. 29 in 2019.  
> Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach, becoming only WC champion in event history (since 1993) and youngest American champion on tour since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston.  
> Defeated Dimitrov on 21st birthday to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open, becoming youngest American Grand Slam quarter-finalist since Roddick, 20, at 2003 Wimbledon.  
> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2019 Miami, becoming youngest American quarter-finalist at event since his former coach Ginepri, 20, in 2003.  
> Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

**NOTE:** Has a 6-7 career record on grass. His best results this season are QF in Delray Beach (l. to Norrie) and 4R at ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to No. 2 Medvedev). He won the Nottingham Challenger on Sunday (d. Kudla).

### **[PR] Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE) vs [8] Fabio Fognini (ITA)**

### **Fognini Leads 2-1**

10 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Yen-Hsun Lu	6-7(5)	6-2	6-4
12 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R64	Fabio Fognini	7-6(7)	5-7	7-6(5)
14 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Fabio Fognini	3-6	6-3	6-3

**Yen-Hsun Lu** | Age: 37 | World No. 624 | Career-High No. 33 | 2021: 1-4 (Miami 2R | Queen's: 6-8 (2012 QF)  
> Ended 10 straight seasons in Top 100 (2008-17), achieving career-high No. 33 on 1 November 2010 soon after winning Seoul, KOR Challenger title. Finished 2010 as highest-ranked Asian at No. 35. Unranked from 6 May 2019 through 2 February 2020.  
> Reached 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2014 Auckland, beating Johnson to end 0-10 start to career in QFs, then equaling biggest win of career over No. 3 Ferrer in SF.  
> Defeated 3-time finalist Roddick 9-7 in 5th to reach 2010 Wimbledon QF, becoming 1st Asian quarter-finalist at All England Club since Matsuoka in 1995. Qualified 14 times into an ATP Masters 1000 main draw, including at 2010 Toronto, where he reached R16.  
> Only player to beat 2-time gold medallist Murray at Olympic Games, beating then-No. 6 in 2008 Beijing Olympics 1R.  
> All-time winningest champion on ATP Challenger Tour with 29 singles titles in 46 finals, including 1+ title in 14 straight seasons (2004-17). Owns 4th-most Challenger victories of all time (369), securing 300th win in 2R at 2015 Seoul, KOR (d. J. Jenkins).

**NOTE:** Has a protected ranking of No. 71 and 28-35 career record on grass (11-14 at Wimbledon with QF in 2010).

**Fabio Fognini** | Age 34 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 9 | 2021: 14-13 (Monte Carlo QF | Queen's: 0-1 (2009 1R)  
> As a 32-year-old in 2019, became oldest player to break into Top 10 for 1st time, as well as 1st Italian in Top 10 since Barazzutti in 1979.

> Also became 1st Italian ATP Masters 1000 champion, beating Nadal in SF for 3rd time on clay en route to 2019 Monte Carlo title (d. Lajovic)

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at 2017 Rome and 300th win of career over Monfils at 2018 Rome.

> Broke through as a doubles player in 2015 by winning Australian Open, reaching 3 ATP Masters 1000 finals and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals with countryman Bolelli.

> Married to 2015 US Open women's singles champion Flavia Pennetta with 2 children: Federico and Farah.

**NOTE:** No. 4 Italian has advanced to QF in Monte Carlo (l. to Ruud) and 4R at Australian Open (l. to Nadal), his best results of the season. Also helped Italy to ATP Cup final (l. to Russia). Has 19-18 record on grass (14-11 at Wimbledon).

## **Marin Cilic (CRO) vs [Q] Sebastian Ofner (AUT)**

## **First Meeting**

**Marin Cilic** | Age: 32 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 3 | 2021: 15-10 (Stuttgart Title) | Queen's: 30-10 (2012, '18 Titles)

> Broke into Top 10 after reaching 2010 Aus. Open SF and set career-high No. 3 by reaching 2018 Aus. Open final.

> Defeated Federer en route to 2014 US Open title, but fell to Swiss in 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Aus. Open finals.

> Earned biggest career wins over No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Paris) and No. 1 Nadal (2018 Australian Open) before beating countryman Karlovic for 500th win (2019 Moscow).

> Won 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati title and helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup.

> Boasts 33 wins in 5th sets – 2nd among all active players to Djokovic's 34 entering 2021 Roland Garros final.

**NOTE:** Cilic is coming off his 19th career title in Stuttgart (d. Auger-Aliassime) and did not lose a set in five matches.

**Sebastian Ofner** | Age: 25 | World No. 174 | Career-High No. 126 | 2021: 0-0 (11-13 Challenger) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)

> Austrian qualified into his first Queen's Club main draw and playing in first ATP Tour tournament since 2020

Kitzbuhel (d. Albot, l. to Schwartzman). Has 8-9 career tour level record.

> Achieved career-high No. 126 in FedEx ATP Rankings on 6 May 2019.

> This season has an 11-13 record on ATP Challenger Tour with runner-up at Nur-Sultan 2, his best result (l. to Machac). Also QF in Biella-4 and Rome-1 Challengers.

> Last week reached 2R at Nottingham Challenger (l. to Copil).

**NOTE:** Austrian is playing in his 2nd career main draw tour level grass tournament, first since 2017 Wimbledon where he qualified (No. 217) and beat Bellucci, Sock, l. to A. Zverev.

## **COURT 5**

### **Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Jeremy Chardy (FRA)**

### **Series Tied 1-1**

21 Antalya (Turkey)

Hard SF

Alexander Bublik

6-4 6-7(4) 6-

21 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)

Clay R64

Jeremy Chardy

6-4 0-6 7-5