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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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[4] Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)

22 Australian Open (Australia)
25 Marrakech (Morocco)

Hard R64 Pablo Carreno Busta
Clay R16 Tallon Griekspoor

Series Tied 1-1

6-3 6-7(6) 7-6(3) 3-6 6-4
7-6(1) 3-6 6-3

Tallon Griekspoor | Age: 29 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 21 | Career: 123-121 (3 Titles) | Montpellier: 3-3 ('25 QF)
> Earned personal-best 36 wins in 2023, won 1st ATP Tour title in Pune and achieved career-high No. 21 in November.

> Went 17-3 on home soil from 2023 to 2024, highlighted by 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and advancing to Rotterdam SF in 2023 (d. No. 17 Zverev in 2R) and 2024 (d. No. 8 Hurkacz in 2R).
> Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019, No. 14 Karatsev in 2022, No. 17 A. Zverev in 2023 and for 's-Hertogenbosch win over No. 18 de Minaur in 2023 – earning first 5 of 17 career Top-20 wins on home soil.
> Upset No. 2 Zverev in 2025 Indian Wells 2R to become 1st Dutch ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finalist since Haase in 2018 and defending champion No. 2 Sinner via RET in 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R.
> Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

NOTE: Griekspoor aims to record his first win since defeating No. 13 Khachanov and No. 32 Nakashima to reach Vienna QF in October (0-5 since). He looks for his 25th ATP Tour QF, ninth on indoor hard courts, to reach back-to-back Montpellier quarter-finals after losing to countryman de Jong in Montpellier QF last year.

Pablo Carreno Busta | Age: 34 | World No. 100 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 286-236 (7 Titles) | Montpellier: 1-1 ('26 2R)

> Winner of 7 singles and 4 doubles titles achieved career-high No. 10 in singles and No. 16 in doubles during 2017 season.
> Captured 2022 Montreal championship to become 15th different Spaniard to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since start of series in 1990.
> Defeated No. 1 Djokovic and No. 2 Medvedev en route to 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medal (held in 2021).
> Reached US Open SF and Roland Garros QF in both 2017 and 2020, as well as 2016 US Open doubles final with countryman Garcia-Lopez.
> Member of 2019 Davis Cup championship team and helped Team Spain reach ATP Cup finals in 2020 (5-1 in doubles) and 2022 (4-1 in singles).

NOTE: Carreno Busta is aiming to reach 64th tour-level quarter-final, second since the start of 2023 season (2024 Winston-Salem). Spaniard owns 57-102 career record vs. Top 30, seeking first Top 30 win since defeating No. 29 Thompson in Davis Cup Group Stage in September 2024 (0-10 since).

Luca Nardi (ITA) vs [2/WC] Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

23 Next Gen ATP Finals (Saudi Arabia)

Hard RR Luca Nardi

Nardi Leads 3-0

3-4(4) 4-2 4-3(1) 1-4 4-3(3)

25 Auckland (New Zealand)

Hard R32 Luca Nardi

6-2 1-1 RET

25 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

Clay R128 Luca Nardi

6-3 6-4

Other Meeting

23 Umag Q (Croatia)

Clay Q1 Flavio Cobolli

6-1 7-5

Luca Nardi | Age: 22 | World No. 106 | Career-High No. 67 | Career: 17-39 (1 QF) | Montpellier: 1-1 (2026 2R)

> Broke into Top 200 in April 2022, Top 100 in March 2024, then achieved a career-high No. 67 in March 2025 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour QF in Dubai as LL.
> Entered 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells as No. 123-ranked LL to become lowest-ranked player to defeat No. 1 Djokovic at an ATP Masters 1000 or Grand Slam event in his career.
> Also as a lucky loser, advanced to 4R of 2025 Cincinnati after wins over No. 30 Shapovalov and No. 17 Mensik.

- > Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Astana as Q after appearing in main draws of 2020 Antwerp as Q, 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome as WC and 2022 Hamburg as Q.
- > Owns 104-70 Challenger record (7-5 in finals), winning 1st title on home soil at 2022 Forli-1.
- > Coming from same hometown as Moto GP legend Valentino Rossi, he notes riding motorcycles as his biggest passion outside tennis.

NOTE: Nardi looks for his third Top 20 win (2-8) after defeating No. 1 Djokovic at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and No. 17 Mensik at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati. 22-year-old Italian aims to advance to his 2nd ATP Tour QF (0-1) after his run to Dubai QF in February last year as LL.

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 23 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 76-67 (2 Titles) | Montpellier: 2-2 (2024 QF)

- > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 17 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Cilic to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at Wimbledon.
- > In 2025, defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Baez to win 1st ATP Tour title in Bucharest, captured biggest title of his career in Hamburg and led Italy to their third consecutive Davis Cup title.
- > Earned wins over Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington before beating No. 9 Rune via RET for 1st Top 10 win at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
- > Advanced to 2024 Australian Open 3R as Q (d. No. 18 Jarry in 1R) and 2024 US Open 3R as No. 31 seed.
- > Defeated former-World No. 3 Wawrinka at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai, 21 years after his father and coach, Stefano, defeated the Swiss at Brindisi Challenger in 2003.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli is a Top-2 seed at an ATP Tour event for the 1st time in his career and aims to reach his 13th ATP Tour QF (4-8), third indoors after 2024 Montpellier and 2025 Almaty. He aims to avoid losing 4 tour-level matches vs. an opponent for the first time in career (0-3 vs. Nardi & Hurkacz, 1-3 vs. Rinderknech, 2-3 vs. Shelton).

[1/WC] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs [WC] Stan Wawrinka (SUI) First Meeting

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 25 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 5 | Career: 266-173 (8 Titles) | Montpellier: 7-2 ('25 Title)

- > Finished 2025 season at career-high No. 5 after winning titles in Adelaide, Montpellier and Brussels and advancing to US Open SF, Nitto ATP Finals SF and ATP Masters 1000 Paris final during the season.
- > Earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
- > Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup and recorded victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
- > At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881) and reached 2024 Madrid final to become 1st Canadian ATP Masters 1000 finalist on clay in series history (since 1990).
- > As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime leads all players in indoor wins this decade (85), winning 7 ATP Tour titles, including Montpellier last year. He bids to reach the quarter-final stage-or-better in 8th of 9 tournaments played* since the start of August, lone loss prior to No. 46 Borges in Australian Open 1R via RET two weeks ago.

* Includes his run to Nitto ATP Finals SF (no quarter-final stage)

Indoor Win Leaders (since 2020):

Player	Wins	Titles (in Montpellier)
Felix Auger-Aliassime	85	7 (1)
Jannik Sinner	83	10 (1)
Daniil Medvedev	62	6 (0)
Andrey Rublev	62	5 (0)
Alexander Bublik	60	3 (2)

Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Born since 2000)

Player	Born	QFs
Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	63
Jannik Sinner	2001	61
Carlos Alcaraz	2003	54
Lorenzo Musetti	2002	43
Holger Rune	2003	38

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 40 | World No. 113 | Career-High No. 3 | Career: 586-381 (16 Titles) | Montpellier: 1-1 ('26 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
- > Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
- > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
- > Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte-Carlo.

> Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup and advance to 2026 United Cup final.

NOTE: Wawrinka aims to reach 113rd tour-level quarter-final, first since 2024 Stockholm, to become the third oldest quarter-finalist since the ATP Tour began in 1990 and oldest tour-level quarter-finalist on hard courts since Rosewall, 44, at 1978 Hong Kong. He is 63-105 vs. Top 10, seeking 1st win since defeating No. 7 Rublev at 2024 Stockholm.

Oldest ATP Tour / Grand Slam Quarter-Finalists (since the ATP Tour was established in 1990):

Player	Age	Tournament	Surface	End Result
Jimmy Connors	42Y 9M	1995 Halle	Grass	QF (l. to Rosset)
Feliciano Lopez	41Y 9M	2023 Mallorca	Grass	QF (l. to Hanfmann)
Jimmy Connors	40Y 5M	1993 San Francisco	Hard	SF (l. to Gilbert)
Jimmy Connors	39Y 11M	1992 Indianapolis	Hard	QF (l. to Becker)
Jimmy Connors	39Y 11M	1992 Los Angeles	Hard	QF (l. to Woodforde)
Roger Federer	39Y 10M	2021 Wimbledon	Grass	QF (l. to Hurkacz)
Ivo Karlovic	39Y 10M	2019 Pune	Hard	Final (l. to Anderson)
Feliciano Lopez	39Y 9M	2021 Mallorca	Grass	QF (l. to Mannarino)

* At 40 years and 10 months, Wawrinka would be the third oldest quarter-finalist in ATP Tour era (since 1990).

Players 40-and-Over to Earn Top 10 Wins in PIF ATP Rankings History (since 1973)*:

Player	No. of Wins
Ken Rosewall	8 (most recent at 1977 WCT Challenge Cup, d. No. 10 Stockton at 43 years and 12 days)
Roy Emerson	1 (d. No. 7 Tanner at 1977 San Jose at 40 years and 3 months)
Feliciano Lopez	1 (d. No. 5 Rublev at 2021 Davis Cup Finals at 40 years and 2 months)

* At 40 years and 10 months, Wawrinka would be the second oldest man to record a Top 10 win after Rosewall (7 Top 10 wins after turning 41 years of age)

Most Tour-Level Wins After Turning 40 Years of Age (since the ATP Tour was established in 1990):

Player	Wins	Achieved in
Ivo Karlovic	9	2019-21
Jimmy Connors	8	1992-95
Stan Wawrinka	8	2025-26
Feliciano Lopez	5	2021, 2023

[LL] Ugo Blanchet (FRA) vs [6] Arthur Fils (FRA)

Other Meeting

22 Toulouse CH (France)

Clay R16 Arthur Fils

First Tour-Level Meeting

6-4 6-4

Ugo Blanchet | Age: 27 | World No. 174 | Career-High No. 139 | Career: 4-8 (1x 3R) | Montpellier: 1-1 (2026 2R)

> Earned 1st ranking point in 2018, broke into Top 500 in 2022, Top 200 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 139 in October 2024.

> Defeated Marozsan and upset No. 16 Mensik for biggest win of career to reach 2025 US Open 3R as Q.

> Qualified for ATP Tour debut at 2024 Montpellier and defeated No. 43 Popyrin for 1st win at 2024 Hamburg.

> Also qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 Roland Garros in 6th qualifying attempt (l. to Gaston in 1R).

> Owns 48-50 Challenger record (2-1 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Malaga as Q without dropping a set and 2025 Koblenz after saving 1 MP vs Rehberg in 2R and earning 3 of 5 wins that week in final set tie-break.

> Introduced to the sport by his parents and moved from home at age 15 to train in Lyon.

NOTE: Blanchet seeks his 1st ATP Tour QF of career to become 1st lucky loser to reach Montpellier QF in event history. He is 3-3 vs. Top 50 (including Challenger level), earning wins over No. 43 Popyrin at 2024 Hamburg, No. 16 Mensik to reach US Open 3R in August and No. 50 Popyrin in Manama Challenger last week.

Arthur Fils | Age: 21 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 14 | Career: 84-58 (3 Titles) | Montpellier: 4-1 (2023 SF)

> In 2023, broke into Top 200 in January, Top 100 in May and Top 50 in July before peaking at No. 14 in April 2025 after becoming youngest player to reach QFs of all 1st three ATP Masters 1000 events in same year in series history.

> Posted 17-4 record at ATP 500 level in 2024, defeating No. 4 Zverev for Hamburg title and saved a championship point to defeat Humbert in all-French final in Tokyo.

> Became youngest Frenchman at 18 years and 11 months to win an ATP Tour title since Monfils at 2005 Sopot, defeating F. Cerundolo to lift 2023 Lyon title as No. 112-ranked WC.

> In February 2023, became youngest Frenchman to reach an ATP Tour SF since Gasquet in 2004 at 2023 Montpellier (l. to Sinner) and advanced to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Marseille (l. to Bonzi).

> Achieved career-high No. 3 in junior rankings during 2021 season, advanced to boys' singles final (l. to countryman Van Assche) and won the boys' doubles title w/Mpetshi Perricard.

NOTE: Fils is playing in his first tournament since July and seeks his 19th ATP Tour QF, first since Barcelona in April last year, and 4th on home soil after reaching the stage in Montpellier, Marseille and Lyon during 2023 season. At this venue in 2023, he defeated Gasquet for 1st ATP Tour win before becoming youngest semi-finalist in event history.

Frenchmen - Most Tour-Level Quarter-Finals Before Turning 22 Years of Age

Player	QFs	Player	QFs
Yannick Noah	34	Richard Gasquet	23
Henri Leconte	25	Arthur Fils	18
Fabrice Santoro	25	Guy Forget	18

COURT 1**[Q] Titouan Drogouet (FRA) vs [8] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA)****First Tour-Level Meeting****Other Meeting**

26 Quimper CH (France)

Hard R16 Titouan Drogouet

7-6(4) 7-6(8)