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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

### CENTER COURT

#### [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Adrian Mannarino (FRA)

|                                      |      |      |                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| 17 Sofia (Bulgaria)                  | Hard | R32  | Nikoloz Basilashvili | 7-6(7) 7-6(3) |
| 21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)   | Hard | R64  | Adrian Mannarino     | 6-2 6-4       |
| 26 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) | Hard | R128 | Adrian Mannarino     | 6-3 2-2 RET   |

#### Other Meeting

|                       |      |     |                  |                |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|
| 24 Rennes CH (France) | Hard | R16 | Adrian Mannarino | 7-6(5) 3-6 6-3 |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|

#### Mannarino Leads 2-1

**Nikoloz Basilashvili** | Age: 34 | World No. 128 | Career-High No. 16 | 2026: 9-10 (Chengdu SF) | Event: 2-0 ('26 QF)  
> Broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 16 in 2019 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2018 US Open.

> Earned personal-best 33 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Indian Wells.

> Captured 5 ATP Tour titles despite 160-192 career record (.458) and 6 ATP Challenger Tour titles despite 88-91 career record (.492).

> En route to titles, defeated No. 4 Del Potro at 2018 Beijing, No. 5 A. Zverev at 2019 Hamburg (saved 2 MPs) and No. 6 Federer at 2021 Doha (saved 1 MP).

> Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet

**NOTE:** Basilashvili seeks 17th ATP Tour SF, fourth on indoor hard courts after 2017 Sofia, 2017 Memphis and 2017 Metz, and attempts to reach multiple tour-level semi-finals in a season for the first time since 2021 (5). 34-year-old bids to be the third qualifier to reach SFs in tournament history after Ruusuvuori in 2020 and Duckworth last year.

#### Qualifiers in ATP Tour SFs This Season\*

| Player            | Tournament  | Player                                                              | Tournament     |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Martin Damm       | Montpellier | Alex Molcan                                                         | Munich         |
| Titouan Droguet   | Montpellier | Ignacio Buse                                                        | Hamburg        |
| Daniel Merida     | Bucharest   | <b>Nikoloz Basilashvili</b>                                         | <b>Chengdu</b> |
| Marco Trungelliti | Marrakech   | Jaume Munar                                                         | Tokyo          |
| Hamad Medjedovic  | Barcelona   | * Chidekh (Brussels) and Basilashvili (Almaty) aim to join the list |                |

#### 2026 ATP Tour or Grand Slam Qualifying Leaders

| Player                      | Times    | Player          | Times |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Nikoloz Basilashvili</b> | <b>8</b> | Federico Cina   | 6     |
| Martin Damm                 | 7        | Sho Shimabukuro | 6     |

**Adrian Mannarino** | Age: 38 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 17 | 2026: 19-26 (Montpellier Final) | Event: 13-3 ('23 Title)  
> Ended 13 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-25) and became the oldest man to break into Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 35, achieving career-high No. 17 in January 2024.

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch, 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.

> Posted personal-best 43 wins in 2023, highlighted by ATP Tour titles in Newport, Astana and Sofia.

> Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.

> Reached Australian Open 4R in 2022 and 2024 and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018 and posted win over No. 6 Shelton via RET to reach 2025 US Open 4R, after 0-22 start vs. Top-10 at Grand Slams.

**NOTE:** Mannarino owns tournament record for most wins in event history (13), highlighted by runs to 2020 final (l. to Millman) and 2023 title (d. Korda). He aims to advance to his 28th ATP Tour SF (16-11), third of 2026 (Montpellier, 's-Hertogenbosch), and aims to record 20 wins in a season for the eighth time in his career (2015-19, 2022-23).

### Win Leaders in Tournament History

| Player                  | W-L         |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Adrian Mannarino</b> | <b>13-3</b> |
| James Duckworth         | 9-4         |
| Daniil Medvedev         | 8-1         |
| Karen Khachanov         | 8-2         |

### Frenchmen – 2026 Tour-Level Win Leaders

| Player                  | W-L          |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Arthur Fils             | 35-13        |
| Ugo Humbert             | 26-24        |
| Quentin Halys           | 24-21        |
| <b>Adrian Mannarino</b> | <b>19-26</b> |

## [7] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs James Duckworth (AUS)

18 Washington (U.S.A.) Hard R16 Stefanos Tsitsipas

## Tsitsipas Leads 1-0

6-3 6-4

**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 28 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 3 | 2026: 36-22 (Gstaad Title) | Event: 6-1 ('22 Final)  
 > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 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, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.  
 > 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 13 ATP Tour titles, including 2021, 2022 and 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo and captured 1st ATP 500 title in 12th final at 2025 Dubai.  
 > Youngest of 31 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 looks for 56th tour-level semi-final, second of 2026 (Gstaad), and first on hard courts since his run to Dubai title in February last year. 28-year-old is on a 14-1 run vs. players ranked outside Top 30 since Wimbledon, lone loss to then-No. 89 Kovacevic in Winston-Salem 3R, avenging the loss by defeating Kovacevic in Almaty 1R.

**James Duckworth** | Age: 34 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 46 | 2026: 14-20 (Winston-Salem SF) | Event: 9-4 ('21 Final)  
 > Achieved career-high No. 46 in January 2022 after earning personal-best 22 tour-level wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Astana and biggest win of career vs. No. 13 Goffin at Miami.  
 > Also in 2021, advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Wimbledon and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Paris.  
 > Went 0-3 on ATP Tour and 49-18 at Challengers in 2019 with 4 titles in 6 finals: Bangkok, Baotou, Playford and Pune.  
 > Underwent 9 surgeries: right elbow in late-2012, early-2014 and February 2018; right foot in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; right shoulder in March 2017 and March 2020; and hip in January 2022.  
 > Grandmother, Beryl Penrose, swept singles and doubles titles at 1955 Australian Championships.

**NOTE:** Duckworth aims to reach his fifth ATP Tour SF (1-3) after 2020 Pune, 2021 Astana, 2025 Almaty and Winston-Salem earlier this season. He aims to become the second man to record 10 wins in event history after Mannarino and could become the first man to reach three semi-finals at this event (also Mannarino, Medvedev).

## [1] Daniil Medvedev vs Terence Atmane (FRA)

24 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Daniil Medvedev  
 26 Halle (Germany) Grass R16 Daniil Medvedev

## Medvedev Leads 2-0

5-7 6-2 6-4 1-0 RET  
 6-4 6-4

**Daniil Medvedev** | Age: 30 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 46-18 (3 Titles) | Event: 8-1 (2025 Title)  
 > Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.  
 > Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.  
 > Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).  
 > Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.  
 > Won 22 of his 24 singles titles on hard courts, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami before winning 2023 Rome, his 1st title on clay and captured first 22 titles at 22 different events, before winning his second Dubai title in 2026.

**NOTE:** Medvedev leads all players in hard-court wins this season (35), including titles in Brisbane, Dubai and Hangzhou. He is on a 5-match winning streak in Almaty after winning last year's title and is attempting to successfully defend a title for the first time in career. 30-year-old looks for his third semi-final at this event in as many appearances (2022, 2025) and would become the first No. 1 seed to reach the semi-finals in seventh edition of this event.

#### Active Men's Tour-Level Semi-Final Leaders

| Player                 | SFs       |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Novak Djokovic         | 202       |
| Alexander Zverev       | 89        |
| <b>Daniil Medvedev</b> | <b>70</b> |
| Marin Cilic            | 68        |

#### 2026 Men's Tour-Level Semi-Final Leaders

| Player                     | SFs      |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Alexander Zverev           | 11       |
| <b>Daniil Medvedev</b>     | <b>8</b> |
| Jannik Sinner              | 7        |
| Darderi, Nakashima, Rublev | 6        |

#### 2026 Men's Hard-Court Win Leaders

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Daniil Medvedev</b> | <b>35</b> |
| Alexander Zverev       | 33        |
| Carlos Alcaraz         | 28        |
| Frances Tiafoe         | 28        |

#### 2026 ATP Tour – Win Leaders

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Alexander Zverev       | 62        |
| <b>Daniil Medvedev</b> | <b>46</b> |
| Jannik Sinner          | 44        |
| Frances Tiafoe         | 44        |

**Terence Atmane** | Age: 24 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 41 | 2026: 18-22 (2 QFs) | Almaty: 2-0 (2026 QF)

> Broke into Top 200 in 2023, Top 100 in August 2025 and achieved career-high No. 41 in April 2026 after defeating No. 8 Auger-Aliassime to reach ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.

> Posted 1st Top 10 wins of career over No. 4 Fritz and No. 9 Rune en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati as Q to secure his Top 100 debut.

> Made ATP Tour debut at 2023 Zhuhai as Q and beat Thompson at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai for 1st win.

> Qualified to make Grand Slam debut at 2024 Australian Open, taking a set off eventual finalist Medvedev in 1R.

> Went 11-1 in three-week span at Challenger events in September 2023, earning 1st final and title at Zhangjiagang after saving 6 MPs vs. Sun in 1R and 2nd title at Guangzhou, saving 3 MPs vs. Polmans in the final.

> Also captured Challenger titles in Busan and Guangzhou and went 35-18 on Challenger level in 2023.

> Reached career-high No. 20 on the ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles QF w/Malgaroli.

**NOTE:** Atmane is 3-8 vs. Top 10, defeating No. 4 Fritz and No. 9 Rune at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and No. 8 Auger-Aliassime in ATP Masters 1000 Miami earlier this season. He bids to reach his 2nd ATP Tour SF after 2025 Cincinnati to become third left-handed semi-finalist in event history after Mannarino (2020, 2023) and Moutet (2025).

#### French Semi-Finalists in Event History

| Player           | Year | End Result             |
|------------------|------|------------------------|
| Adrian Mannarino | 2020 | Final (l. to Millman)  |
| Adrian Mannarino | 2023 | Champion (d. Korda)    |
| Corentin Moutet  | 2025 | Final (l. to Medvedev) |

#### [3] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs [5] Karen Khachanov

|                                         |       |     |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------|
| 20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.) | Hard  | R64 | Karen Khachanov  |
| 25 Halle (Germany)                      | Grass | SF  | Alexander Bublik |

#### Series Tied 1-1

|                |
|----------------|
| 6-4 6-4        |
| 4-6 7-6(5) 6-4 |

**Alexander Bublik** | Age: 29 | World No. 19 | Career-High No. 10 | 2026: 30-21 (Hong Kong Title) | Event: 3-4 ('21 SF)

> Broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 10 in January 2026 following Hong Kong title in the 1st week of the season after ending 2025 at No. 11.

> Earned personal-best 37 wins in 2025, captured titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou and joined Djokovic and Alcaraz as third man to win titles on clay, grass and hard courts in a season since 2018.

> Upset No. 9 de Minaur from 2 sets down and No. 6 Draper en route to 2025 Roland Garros QF, becoming 1st man representing Kazakhstan to become a Grand Slam quarter-finalist.

> In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and defeated No. 1 Sinner for biggest win of career en route to 2025 title.

> Defeated No. 3 Zverev for 1st title in 5th final at 2022 Montpellier and became 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to 2024 Montpellier title.

> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

**NOTE:** Bublik aims to earn his first win at this event since advancing to 2022 2R (d. Griekspoor), then held in Astana. 29-year-old received 1R bye and W/O by Marozsan in 2R and now looks to advance to his 28th tour-level semi-final, personal-best sixth of the season, to equal his best result at this event (2021 SF).

### Kazakhstani Quarter-Finalists in Event History

| Player                  | Year        | End Result                   |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Mikhail Kukushkin       | 2020        | QF (l. to Ruusuvuori)        |
| <b>Alexander Bublik</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>SF (l. to Kwon)</b>       |
| Aleksandr Shevchenko    | 2024        | QF (l. to F. Cerundolo)      |
| Beibit Zhukayev         | 2024        | QF (l. to Khachanov)         |
| <b>Alexander Bublik</b> | <b>2026</b> | <b>QF+ (plays Khachanov)</b> |

**Karen Khachanov** | Age: 30 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 27-21 (US Open SF) | Event: 8-2 (2024 Title)  
 > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in July 2019 after ending 2018 season at No. 11.  
 > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title, but went on a 23-match losing streak to Top 10 players (August 2019-March 2023), ended by beating No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 4th ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Miami.  
 > At 2018 Paris, became 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.  
 > Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF, 2023 Australian Open SF and 2026 US Open SF.  
 > Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).  
 > Saved a match point to defeat No. 3 Zverev and reach 2025 Toronto final, recording biggest gap between ATP Masters 1000 final appearances (2468 days) in series history (since 1990).

**NOTE:** Khachanov is on an 11-3 run since the start of September, advancing to US Open SF, Beijing QF, and ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 4R and saving 5 MPs to defeat Machac in 2R this week. He aims to reach his 29th tour-level semi-final, second of 2026, and record his fourth Top 20 win of 2026 (3-4) after defeating No. 4 Auger-Aliassime and No. 15 Tien en route to US Open SF and No. 5 Auger-Aliassime in Beijing 1R last month.

### PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

| Race | Player                            | Points           | Scenario                                |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1    | <b>Alexander Zverev (GER)</b>     | 9,150            | ----                                    |
| 2    | <del>Jannik Sinner (ITA)</del>    | <del>7,950</del> | <i>Out for the rest of 2026 season</i>  |
| 3    | <b>Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)</b>       | 4,600            | ----                                    |
| 4    | <b>Ben Shelton (USA)</b>          | 4,480            | ----                                    |
| 5    | Flavio Cobolli (ITA)              | 3,590            | Lyon - +50 for QF win vs. Nakashima     |
| 6    | Daniil Medvedev                   | 3,470            | Almaty - +50 for QF win vs. Atmane      |
| 7    | Frances Tiafoe (USA)              | 3,380            | ----                                    |
| 8    | Arthur Fils (FRA)                 | 3,375            | Brussels - +50 for QF win vs. Michelsen |
| 9    | Rafael Jodar (ESP)                | 3,159            | ----                                    |
| 10   | Alex de Minaur (AUS)              | 2,880            | ----                                    |
| 11   | Novak Djokovic (SRB)              | 2,840            | ----                                    |
| 12   | Tommy Paul (USA)                  | 2,635            | Lyon - +50 for QF win vs. Moutet        |
| 13   | Taylor Fritz (USA)                | 2,580            | Lyon - +50 for QF win vs. Altmaier      |
| 14   | Jakub Mensik (CZE)                | 2,495            | ----                                    |
| 15   | Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)       | 2,465            | ----                                    |
| 16   | Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) | 2,450            | ----                                    |

**BOLD:** Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)