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ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM CSC

[WC] Alex Hernandez (MEX) vs John Millman (AUS)

First Meeting

Alex Hernandez | Age: 23 | World No. 521 | Career-High No. 520 | 2022: 0-1 (Acapulco 1R) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (2021 Q1)
> Hernandez achieved his career-high ranking of No. 520 in June 2022 soon after winning his first ATP Challenger match of 2022 on home soil in Morelos.
> Made his tour-level debut at 2022 Acapulco as a wildcard, losing to Andujar in 1R.
> Owns 2-8 Challenger record (1-4 in 2022) and 60-62 ITF Tour record (17-13), reaching 3 ITF Tour semi-finals in 2022 and 7 semi-finals overall, still searching for his first final.
> Defeated No. 250 Sugita for biggest career win in 2022 Morelos CH for his 2nd career ATP Challenger win.
> Reached Top-100 in ITF Juniors tour, reaching No. 87 as his career-high and qualified for 2017 Wimbledon juniors before losing in 1R.

NOTE: Hernandez is looking for his first tour-level win after debuting in 2022 Acapulco with a 0-6 1-6 loss to No. 68 Andujar and aims to become the first home player to win a singles ATP Tour match in Los Cabos (0-7 record).

John Millman | Age: 33 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 33 | 2022: 8-15 (Delray Beach SF) | Los Cabos: 0-1 (2019 1R)
> After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33.
> Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan.
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
> Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
> In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime, Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Millman is 1-3 vs. players outside Top-100 on tour-level in 2022 (d. No. 109 Lopez at 2022 Australian Open 1R). He is 7-1 after winning 1st set and 1-14 when losing the 1st set in 2022 on tour-level.

[Q] Kaichi Uchida (JPN) vs [6] Brandon Nakashima (USA)

First Meeting

Kaichi Uchida | Age: 27 | World No. 175 | Career-High No. 172 | 2022: 0-0 (Oeiras-3 CH Title) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (Debut)
> Achieved a career-high of No. 172 in July 2022 after winning his 2nd ATP Challenger title in Oeiras-3.
> Made his tour-level debut in March 2021, defeating Qureshi in a Davis Cup tie on grass in Islamabad, Pakistan.
> Owns 73-107 Challenger record (13-13 in 2022) and is 2-0 in finals after winning 2021 Rio de Janeiro CH in December on hard courts and 2022 Oeiras-3 CH in June on clay.
> Achieved biggest career win over No. 72 Berankis in 2019 Geneva qualifying and holds a 1-2 record vs. Top 100 players across all levels.
> Played in Grand Slam qualifying at 2019 Roland Garros, 2019 Wimbledon and 2019 US Open and is still looking for his first win (0-3).

NOTE: Uchida qualified for his first ATP Tour event as the top seed in qualifying over Wimbledon doubles champion Ebdon in Q1 and Barrientos in Q2.

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 20 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 49 | 2022: 17-15 (3 times in QF) | Los Cabos: 4-1 (2021 F)
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 49 after reaching 2021 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals SF.

> Advanced to back-to-back ATP Tour finals at Los Cabos and Atlanta as a 19-year-old in 2021, becoming youngest American to reach multiple finals since Roddick in 2001-02.

> Reached 2020 Delray Beach QF as 18-year-old WC in ATP Tour debut.

> Owns 3-0 record in Challenger finals with titles at 2020 Orlando, 2021 Quimper-2 and 2021 Brest.

> Went 44-18 across pro, college and junior tennis in 2019, beginning season on ITF World Tennis Tour, starring at University of Virginia, advancing to US Open boys' singles SF and ending year on ATP Challenger Tour.

NOTE: Nakashima reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Los Cabos and is 6-0 vs. players outside of Top 100 on tour-level this year (8-0 including ATP Challenger Tour).

[7] Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) vs Fernando Verdasco (ESP) Verdasco Leads 1-0

18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Fernando Verdasco 3-6 6-4 7-6(4)

Thanasi Kokkinakis | Age: 26 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 69 | 2022: 15-10 (Adelaide-2 Title) | Los Cabos: 6-4 (2017 F)
> Former Top-10 junior earned 1st ranking point 8 days after 15th birthday in April 2011 and achieved career-high No. 69 at age 19 in June 2015 and equaled it 7 years later in July 2022.

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in hometown at 2022 Adelaide-2 as 145th-ranked WC after reaching 1st QF, SF and final at 2017 Los Cabos as 454th-ranked WC.

> Upset defending champion Federer in 2018 Miami 2R as 175th-ranked Q, becoming lowest-ranked player to beat World No. 1 since No. 178 Clavet beat Hewitt in 2003 Miami 2R.

> Won 2022 Australian Open doubles title as 434th-ranked WC with countryman Kyrgios, defeating Ebden/Purcell in 1st All-Aussie Grand Slam doubles final since 1980 Australian Open.

> Advanced to 3 Grand Slam junior finals in 2013, winning Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Kyrgios and finishing as boys' singles runner-up at Australian Open and US Open.

NOTE: Kokkinakis holds a 1-6 record vs. left-handed players on tour-level (1-1 in 2022) and is seeded in an ATP Tour event for the first time in his career. Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Los Cabos final as a No. 454 wildcard before winning his 1st ATP Tour title in 2nd final in his hometown Adelaide this January.

Fernando Verdasco | Age: 38 | World No. 125 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 4-7 (2 times in QF) | Los Cabos: 1-2 (2017 2R)
> Broke into singles Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 7 in 2009, then broke into doubles Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2013.

> Won 2013 Nitto ATP Finals doubles title w/Marrero after playing singles there in 2009, making him 1 of 2 active players to qualify for year-end championships in both singles and doubles (also Sock).

> Captured 1st of 7 singles and 1st of 8 doubles titles in 2004, clinched 2008 and 2009 Davis Cup titles for Spain, and earned 500th singles win in his hometown (d. Lorenzi in 2018 Madrid 1R).

> Played 67 straight Grand Slam main draws until 2020 US Open, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam SF at 2009 Australian Open (l. to No. 1 Nadal after 5:14).

> Owns 0-12 record vs. World No. 1, but boasts wins over No. 2 Djokovic (2010 Monte Carlo SF, 2010 Rome QF) and No. 2 Nadal (2012 Madrid 3R).

NOTE: Verdasco searching for his first tour-level win off clay since 2020 Nur-Sultan (d. Duckworth in 1R), being 0-4 on tour-level hard courts since the start of 2021.

GRANDSTAND CALIENTE Mx

Facundo Bagnis (ARG) vs Ernesto Escobedo (USA) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting
14 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard Q3 Facundo Bagnis 7-6(3) 6-1

Radu Albot (MDA) vs [WC] Feliciano Lopez (ESP) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting
21 Pau CH (France) Hard QF Radu Albot 6-3 7-6(5)



COURT 1

[8] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs Jason Kubler (AUS)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

22 Australian Open (Australia)

Hard

Q2

Tomas Martin Etcheverry

7-5 5-7 6-3

Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs Jordan Thompson (AUS)

First Meeting

COURT 2

[LL] Gonzalo Villanueva (ARG) vs Steve Johnson (USA)

First Meeting