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Mariano Navone (ARG) vs Quentin Halys (FRA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

25 Aix-en-Provence CH (France)	Clay	R16	Mariano Navone	6-2 6-4
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Mariano Navone | Age: 25 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 18-16 (Bucharest Title) | Kitzbuhel: 2-0 (2026 QF)
> Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 29 in June 2024 after capturing 6th Challenger title in Cagliari.
> As No. 31 seed at 2024 Roland Garros, became first man in Open Era to be seeded in his Grand Slam main draw debut and defeated former-World No. 10 Carreno Busta in 1R.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2026 Bucharest, earning deciding set wins in 3 out of 5 matches and saving 2 MPs vs. van de Zandschulp in SF and defeated No. 5 Auger-Aliassime to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2026 Rome.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and advanced to 1st QF, SF and final at 2024 Rio de Janeiro as Q and defeated clay-court champions Darderi, Seyboth Wild and F. Cerundolo en route to 2nd final at 2024 Bucharest.
> On home soil, made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as WC and earned 1st Top 20 win over No. 12 Rune to reach 2025 Buenos Aires QF before squandering 2 MPs vs. eventual champion Fonseca.
> Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ending the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with 5 Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe-2.

NOTE: Navone seeks 6th ATP Tour SF (4-1), all on clay, and third of the season after lifting first ATP Tour title in Bucharest in April (d. Merida) and reaching the final in Geneva in May (l. to Tien). 25-year-old is looking to earn personal best 19 tour-level wins in a single season for the first time in career (18-24 in 2024, 18-23 in 2025).

Quentin Halys | Age: 29 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 46 | 2026: 16-14 (3 QFs) | Kitzbuhel: 2-0 (2026 QF)
> Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2012, entered Top 200 in 2015, broke into Top 100 in 2022 and achieved career-high No. 46 in June 2025 after run to Roland Garros 3R.
> Advanced to 3R of 2024 Wimbledon as No. 220-ranked Q and came from qualifying to reach 1st ATP Tour final in Gstaad as No. 192 the following week.
> Saved 3 MPs for 1st Top 20 win vs. No. 18 de Minaur en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R and earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Rublev at 2025 Dubai for 1st Top 10 win in 11th attempt.
> Posted 43-10 Challenger record in 2022 (3-4 in finals), winning titles at Pau, Lille and Ismaning.
> Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 2nd of 7 career Challenger titles at 2018 Quimper.
> Went 129-46 in singles and 83-35 in doubles on ITF Junior Circuit, ending junior career with run to 2014 US Open boys' singles final after winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Bonzi.

NOTE: Halys earned personal best 16 tour-level wins in a single season and seeks 4th ATP Tour SF (1-2) after 2023 Estoril (l. to Ruud), 2024 Gstaad (l. to Berrettini in final), and 2025 Dubai (l. to Auger-Aliassime). 29-year-old is 0-6 vs. Argentines on tour-level and is looking for his 4th straight win against a Top 50 opponent.

Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs Sebastian Baez (ARG)

Hanfmann Leads 1-0

25 Kitzbuhel (Austria)

Clay	R16	Yannick Hanfmann	5-7 6-3 7-5
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Other Meeting

22 Rio de Janeiro Q (Brazil)	Clay	Q2	Sebastian Baez	2-6 7-6(2) 7-6(2)
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Sebastian Baez | Age: 25 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 21-16 (Auckland Final) | Kitzbuhel: 8-2 ('23 Title)
> Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago and achieved career-high No. 18 in June 2024.

- > During 2023 season, went on career-best 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reaching 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.
- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril, then earned 2nd title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering the tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
- > Began 2026 season on a 7-0 run, breaking 15-match losing streak vs. Top 10 players to earn back-to-back Top 10 wins over No. 9 Fritz at United Cup and No. 8 Shelton en route to the Auckland final.
- > Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals tied for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
- > Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez is 2-8 vs. German players on tour-level including a loss to Hanfmann at this venue in 2R last year. He is seeking 18th ATP Tour SF (12-5), 4th of the season (1-2) after losing to Mensik in Auckland final and to Darderi in Buenos Aires and Santiago SFs.

Yannick Hanfmann | Age: 34 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 45 | 2026: 19-14 (Santiago F) | Kitzbuhel: 14-7 (2020 Final)

- > Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 45 in July 2023 after biggest win of career vs. No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Mallorca en route to 6th of 10 ATP Tour SFs.
- > Earned wins over No. 9 Fritz and No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome and as World No. 101 became lowest-ranked quarter-finalist in Rome since No. 114 Monaco in 2016.
- > Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel and defeated No. 19 F. Cerundolo to reach 3rd final at 2026 Santiago.
- > Captured 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 7 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: Hanfmann seeks 11th ATP Tour SF (3-7), 4th in Kitzbuhel after 2020 (l. to Kecmanovic in final), 2022 (l. to Misolic) and 2024 (l. to Berrettini) to become the oldest semi-finalist in tournament history at the age of 34 years and 8 months (Open Era). He appears in 22nd match at the event, the most of all tour-level events he has played in career.

Oldest Semi-Finalists in Tournament History (Open Era)

Player	Age	Year/Result
Paolo Lorenzi	34Y 7M	2016 Title (d. Basilashvili)
Albert-Ramos Vinolas	34Y 6M	2022 SF (l. to Bautista Agut)
Francois Jauffret	34Y 5M	1976 SF (l. to Orantes)
Roberto Bautista Agut	34Y 3M	2022 Title (d. Misolic)
Ion Tiriac	34Y 2M	1973 SF (l. to Orantes)

[4] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs [5] Ignacio Buse (PER) **First Meeting**

Tomas Martin Etcheverry | Age: 26 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 25 | 2026: 22-17 (Rio Title) | Kitzbuhel: 3-2 ('23 SF)

- > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022, achieving career-high No. 26 in May 2026, becoming Argentine No. 1 for the 1st time in career.
- > Rallied from a set down and spent over 5 hours on court to defeat Kopriva in SF (3H 57M) and Tabilo in final (3H 4M) on the same day and capture his 1st ATP Tour title at 2026 Rio de Janeiro.
- > At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R and reached quarter-finals without losing a set.
- > Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Santiago and J. Cerundolo and Garin en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.
- > Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2024, highlighted by Lyon final, where he held 1 MP against Mpetshi Perricard.
- > Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

NOTE: Etcheverry seeks 10th ATP Tour SF (4-5), all on clay, and 3rd of the season (1-1) after Buenos Aires (l. to F. Cerundolo) and Rio de Janeiro (d. Tabilo in final). He is 3-11 vs. Top 50 opponents in 2026, defeating No. 29 Bergs at ATP Masters 1000 Miami, No. 45 Atmane at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and No. 28 Draper at Barcelona.

Ignacio Buse | Age: 22 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 31 | 2026: 17-13 (Hamburg Title) | Kitzbuhel: 2-1 (2026 QF)
> Former Top-10 junior broke into Top 200 in May 2025, Top 100 in January 2026 and Top 50 in May 2026 at career-high No. 31 after winning Hamburg title to become 1st Peruvian ATP Tour champion since Horna in 2007.
> Joined No. 18 Yzaga, No. 29 Arraya and No. 33 Horna as only Peruvians to break into Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Gstaad and defeated Fonseca and former-World No. 6 Berrettini en route to 2026 Rio de Janeiro SF.
> Also qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 US Open, becoming fourth Peruvian man to play in Grand Slam main draw in this century after Horna, Miranda and Varillas.
> Owns 58-41 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2025 Heilbronn - Bad Rapenau and 2025 Seville.
> Peaked at No. 9 in junior rankings in January 2022 and advanced to Roland Garros final and US Open SF with countryman Bueno in boys' doubles later that season.

NOTE: Buse aims to reach 4th ATP Tour SF (1-2), all on clay, after 2025 Gstaad (l. to J.M. Cerundolo), Rio de Janeiro in February (l. to Tabilo), and Hamburg in May (d. Paul in final) to become the first Peruvian to reach Kitzbuhel SF in Open Era. He is 1-4 vs. Argentines on tour-level, losing 4 in a row after defeating Burruchaga in Gstaad last year.

[1] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Alex Molcan (SVK)

26 Munich (Germany)

Clay R32 Alex Molcan

Molcan Leads 1-0

6-4 6-2

Alexander Bublik | Age: 29 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 10 | 2026: 24-16 (Hong Kong Title) | Kitzbuhel: 5-1 ('25 Title)
> 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 and captured titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou, joining Djokovic and Alcaraz as only men to win titles on clay, grass and hard courts in a season this decade.
> 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 Grand Slam quarter-finalist.
> In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and recorded biggest win of career over No. 1 Sinner 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 seeks 27th ATP Tour SF (16-10), 5th of the season (1-3) to become the first defending champion to reach Kitzbuhel SF since Haase in 2013. He entered the tournament this week with 400 tour-level matches played.

Alex Molcan | Age: 28 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 38 | 2026: 12-6 (Munich, Umag SF) | Kitzbuhel: 4-1 ('23, '26 QF)
> Ended 2021 and 2022 as No. 1 Slovakian, breaking into Top 50 in April 2022 and achieving career-high No. 38 in May 2022.
> Earned 1st 4 ATP Tour main draw wins of career en route to 2021 Belgrade-2 final as 255th-ranked Q (l. to No. 1 Djokovic).
> Also advanced to clay-court finals at Marrakech and Lyon in 2022, defeating No. 9 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career in Marrakech 2R.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2021 US Open as Q and 2022 Wimbledon.
> Did not drop a set at 2021 Liberec en route to 1st of 4 Challenger titles, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

NOTE: Molcan is looking for 8th ATP Tour SF (3-4), all on clay, and third of the season after Munich in April (l. to Shelton) and Umag last week (l. to Dzumhur). 28-year-old is 5-20 vs. Top 20 opponents, 2-2 in 2026, with wins over No. 11 Bublik in Munich 1R and No. 20 Davidovich Fokina in Umag QF.