

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – ATP MEDIA NOTES

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KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz makes his tournament debut at Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis
Championships, as 22-year-old aims to become sixth man to win the event while sitting on top of <u>PIF ATP</u>
Rankings. He leads the ATP Tour in wins (62) and titles (7) this season, including ATP 500 championships in
Rotterdam and Queen's Club and will attempt to reach the final in his ninth consecutive tournament.

ATP Tour Win Leaders*		Hard Court ATP Tour	Win Leaders*	ATP 500 Win Leaders*	
Player	Wins	Player	Wins	Player	Wins
Carlos Alcaraz	62	Alex de Minaur	31	Carlos Alcaraz	16
Taylor Fritz	45	Carlos Alcaraz	29	Alex de Minaur	13
Alexander Zverev	45	Taylor Fritz	29	Andrey Rublev	13
Alex de Minaur * in 2025	44	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	Davidovich Fokina, Zverev	12

- American No. 1 **Taylor Fritz** is the only former champion in the draw, defeating countryman Tiafoe in Tokyo final three years ago. Fritz owns most wins on the ATP Tour since June (28), including wins over No. 1 Alcaraz and No. 3 Zverev to lead Team World to Laver Cup title in San Francisco last week. 27-year-old attempts to become the fifth man to win multiple Tokyo titles after Edberg (4), Sampras (3), Courier (2) and Nishikori (2).
- No. 3 seed **Holger Rune** is one of four 2025 ATP 500 champions in Tokyo field, winning Barcelona title in April. He is 9-3 at ATP 500 level this season and could become second Danish men's champion in the Japanese capital after Carlsen in 2002. No. 4 seed **Casper Ruud** is making his fourth straight appearance at the event, but still looks for his first quarter-final in Tokyo.
- World No. 106 and Japanese No. 2 Shintaro Mochizuki returns to Ariake Tennis Park two years after his surprise run to the semi-finals. 22-year-old now looks for another success in front of home crowd and is edging closer to Top 100 debut (No. 102 on <u>PIF ATP Live Rankings</u>). He is joined by countrymen Yoshihito Nishioka, who seeks 1st Tokyo QF in 8th appearance, Yosuke Watanuki, who opens his tournament on Day 1 vs. Nuno Borges and qualifier Sho Shimabukuro, seeking his first main draw win in Tokyo.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	This Week
1	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	10,540	Tokyo – 1R vs. Baez
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	7,950	Beijing – 1R vs. Cilic
3	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	4,180	
4	Alexander Zverev (GER)	4,180	Beijing – 1R vs. Sonego
5	Ben Shelton (USA)	3,710	
6	Taylor Fritz (USA)	3,465	Tokyo – 1R vs. Diallo
7	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	3,235	Beijing – 1R vs. Mpetshi Perricard
8	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	3,145	Beijing – 1R vs. Bu
9	Jack Draper (GBR)	2,990	Out for the season due to injury
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,705	
11	Andrey Rublev	2,410	Beijing – 1R vs. Cobolli
12	Alexander Bublik	2,370	Beijing – 1R vs. Qualifier
13	Casper Ruud (NOR)	2,285	Tokyo – 1R vs. Mochizuki
14	Karen Khachanov	2,210	Beijing – 1R vs. Muller
15	Holger Rune (DEN)	2,190	Tokyo – 1R vs. Medjedovic
16	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	2,140	Beijing – 1R vs. Ugo Carabelli

BOLD: Qualified for 2025 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (9-16 November)

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2025 KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2025 W-L (BEST FINISH)	TOKYO W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	62-7 (7 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Taylor Fritz (USA)	45-17 (Stuttgart, Eastbourne Titles)	5-5 (2022 Title)
3	Holger Rune (DEN)	29-19 (Barcelona Title)	3-1 (2024 SF)
4	Casper Ruud (NOR)	30-12 (Madrid Title)	1-3 (2023 2R)
5	Tomas Machac (CZE)	22-15 (Acapulco Title)	3-1 (2024 SF)
6	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	18-16 (Marseille Title)	4-1 (2024 Final)
7	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	21-17 (Dallas, Los Cabos Titles)	7-3 (2018, 2022 SF)
8	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	26-21 (Houston Final)	5-4 (2022 Final)

Tournament History 1973-2019, 2022-Present (51st Edition in 2025)

Singles Final Tuesday 30 September at 6:00pm

Wild Cards (3) Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN), Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN), Yosuke Watanuki (JPN)

Qualifiers (4) Marton Fucsovics (HUN), Ethan Quinn (USA),

Sho Shimabukuro (JPN), Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

Protected Ranking (1) Jenson Brooksby (PR-52)
Oldest Player Marton Fucsovics (33)
Youngest Player Alex Michelsen (21)

Tournament Records<u>Most Titles</u> – Stefan Edberg (4)
Most Wins – Stefan Edberg (27)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Jimmy Arias, 18, in 1982 Oldest Champion – Ken Rosewall, 38, in 1973

Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 Stefan Edberg (1991), Pete Sampras (1994, 1996) No. 1 Roger Federer (2006), No. 1 Rafael Nadal (2010), No. 1 Novak Djokovic (2019)

<u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 121 Kenneth Carlsen in 2002

Last Japanese Champion - Kei Nishikori in 2014

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (18)

United States (8) Jenson Brooksby, Taylor Fritz, Marcos Giron, Sebastian Korda,

Alex Michelsen, Brandon Nakashima, Ethan Quinn, Frances Tiafoe

Japan (4) Shintaro Mochizuki, Yoshihito Nishioka, Sho Shimabukuro, Yosuke Watanuki

Australia (2)

Canada (2)

Italy (2)

Spain (2)

Jordan Thompson, Aleksandar Vukic

Gabriel Diallo, Denis Shapovalov

Matteo Berrettini, Luciano Darderi

Carlos Alcaraz, Jaume Munar

Argentina (1) Sebastian Baez France (1) **Ugo Humbert** Germany (1) Belgium (1) Zizou Bergs **Daniel Altmaier** Bosnia-Herzegovina (1) Damir Dzumhur Hungary (1) Marton Fucsovics Casper Ruud Chile (1) Alejandro Tabilo Norway (1) Czechia (1) Portugal (1) Tomas Machac Nuno Borges

Denmark (1) Holger Rune Serbia (1) Miomir Kecmanovic

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Kinoshita Group Japan Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	330	200	100	50	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	416,365	224,035	119,395	61,000	32,560	17,365
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90		
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	136,760	72,940	36,900	18,460	9,550	



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2025 KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2025 (BEST FINISH)	TOKYO (BEST FINISH)
4	Christian Harrison (USA)	27-19 (2 Titles)	32-22 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
I	Evan King (USA)	27-19 in 2025 (2 Titles)	27-20 (2 Titles)	0-0 (2024 Q1)
2	Hugo Nys (MON)	31-18 (2 Finals)	32-21 (2 Finals)	1-1 (2024 QF)
4	Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	30-17 in 2025 (2 Finals)	30-18 (2 Finals)	8-1 (2013, 2019 Titles)
2	Maximo Gonzalez (ARG)	100-66 (8 Titles)	23-18 (Santiago Final)	0-1 (2024 1R)
3	Andres Molteni (ARG)	23-18 in 2025 (1 Final)	28-19 (2 Finals)	0-1 (2024 1R)
4	Sander Arends (NED)	24-14 (3 Titles)	25-18 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Luke Johnson (GBR)	18-13 in 2025 (2 Titles)	20-14 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Tuesday 30 September at 2:00 pm

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Arthur Fils (FRA)	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	5-7 7-6(6) 6-3
2023	Ben Shelton (USA)	Aslan Karatsev	7-5 6-1
2022	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	7-6(3) 7-6(2)
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	John Millman (AUS)	6-3 6-2
2018	Daniil Medvedev	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	6-2 6-4
2017	David Goffin (BEL)	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	6-3 7-5
2016	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	David Goffin (BEL)	4-6 6-3 7-5
2015	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Benoit Paire (FRA)	6-2 6-4
2014	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 4-6 6-4
2013	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 7-5
2012	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	7-6(5) 3-6 6-0
2011	Andy Murray (GBR)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	3-6 6-2 6-0
2010	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-1 7-5
2009	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Mikhail Youzhny	6-3 6-3

BOLD: Player in 2025 Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships singles draw

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Julian Cash / Lloyd Glasspool	Ariel Behar / Robert Galloway	6-4 4-6 [12-10]
2023	Rinky Hijikata / Max Purcell	Jamie Murray / Michael Venus	6-4 6-1
2022	Marcelo Melo / Mackenzie McDonald	Rafael Matos* / David Vega Hernandez	6-4 3-6 [10-4]
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Nicolas Mahut / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Nikola Mektic / Franko Skugor	7-6(7) 6-4
2018	Ben McLachlan / Jan-Lennard Struff	Raven Klaasen / Michael Venus	6-4 7-5
2017	Ben McLachlan / Yasutaka Uchiyama	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	6-4 7-6(1)
2016	Marcel Granollers / Marcin Matkowski	Raven Klaasen / Rajeev Ram	6-2 7-6(4)
2015	Raven Klaasen / Marcelo Melo	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	7-6(5) 3-6 [10-7]
2014	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Michal Przysiezny	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	6-3 6-7(3) [10-5]
2013	Rohan Bopanna / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Jamie Murray / John Peers	7-6(5) 6-4
2012	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	Leander Paes / Radek Stepanek	6-3 7-6(5)
2011	Andy Murray / Jamie Murray	Frantisek Cermak / Filip Polasek	6-1 6-4
2010	Eric Butorac / Jean-Julien Rojer	Andreas Seppi / Dmitry Tursunov	6-3 6-2
2009	Julian Knowle / Jurgen Melzer	Ross Hutchins / Jordan Kerr	6-2 5-7 [10-8]

BOLD: Player in 2025 Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships doubles draw – no team remains intact.

^{*} Plays w/Borges in final round of qualifying (vs. Romboli/Zielinski)



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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

COLOSSEUM

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

Berrettini Leads 1-0

24 Marrakech (Morocco)

Clay

Matteo Berrettini

6-4 4-6 6-3

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Munar	21%	69%	37%	7.4	6.3	7.6	7.4
Berrettini	26%	67%	32%	8.8	6.6	7.9	6.8
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Jaume Munar | Age: 28 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 37 | 2025: 24-21 (2 SFs) | Tokyo: 1-1 (2022 2R)

- > Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and reached No. 52 in May 2019, before breaking into Top 50 in July 2025 and achieving career-high No. 37 in September after advancing to US Open 4R.
- > Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.
- > Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.
- > Earned 2 Top-5 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.
- > Owns 141-72 Challenger record (10-8 in finals), including most recent clay-court title at 2024 Bad Waltersdorf.
- > Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Munar is 15-10 on hard courts this season (.600), highlighted by SF runs in Hong Kong and Dallas, compared to 36-63 on the surface in his career (.364). He bids to be third Spaniard to record 25 wins this season after Alcaraz (62) and Davidovich Fokina (35), his personal-best (previous best 19 in 2022).

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 29 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 13-12 (3 QFs) | Tokyo: 1-1 (2024 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 6 after reaching 2022 Australian Open SF, becoming 3rd-highest-ranked Italian since start of PIF ATP Rankings in 1973 (No. 1 Sinner in 2024, No. 4 Panatta in 1976).
- > At 2021 Wimbledon, became 1st Italian men's singles finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam men's singles finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
- > First Italian man to reach QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events and 1st to earn a win at Nitto ATP Finals (d. Thiem in 2019 RR).
- > Owns 42-12 record on grass with 4 of his 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 London/Queen's Club to become 1st player in Open Era to win titles in each of his 1st 2 appearances at that event.
- > Defeated No. 3 Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 3 Ruud en route to 2023 United Cup team final before defeating No. 2 Zverev at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo for biggest win of career.

NOTE: Berrettini bids to record his first win since defeating Fearnley in ATP Masters 1000 Rome 1R in May and first on hard courts since his run to ATP Masters 1000 Miami QF. In his tournament debut last year, defeated van de Zandschulp in 1R before retiring to eventual champion Fils in 2R (6-7(5) RET).

[WC] Yosuke Watanuki (JPN) vs Nuno Borges (POR)

First Meeting

Yosuke Watanuki | Age: 27 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 72 | 2025: 4-2 (Indian Wells 4R) | Tokyo: 1-2 (2018 2R) > Broke into Top 200 in November 2018 and Top 100 in July 2023, achieving career-high No. 72 in October 2023

soon after defeating No. 12 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career at 2023 Washington.

- > Qualified for 2023 Australian Open in 8th Grand Slam qualifying attempt, defeating Rinderknech for 1st Grand Slam win after ending 2022 on 10-match winning streak on Challenger tour with titles in Kobe and Yokkaichi.
- > Posted 1st ATP Tour win at 2018 Tokyo as Q (d. Haase) after making an ATP Tour debut at 2018 Washington as Q and squandering 1 MP vs. Medvedev and reached his 1st ATP Tour QF at 2022 Lyon as LL.
- > Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings in March 2016 and went 104-39 on ITF Junior Circuit, including wins over fellow #NextGenATP players de Minaur, Kecmanovic, Ruud and Tsitsipas.



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> Father, Hirotsugu, and mother, Chizuru, are tennis coaches. Brothers are Keisuke, who is his coach and Yusuke, who also plays tennis.

NOTE: Watanuki seeks first win in Tokyo since defeating Haase in 2018 1R at age 20 and played in just one Tokyo main draw since (2023, I. to Ruud in 1R). He aims to record 5 tour-level wins in a season for second time in career after 8 in 2022 and looks for his first win since defeating No. 58 Altmaier in ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 1R in August.

Nuno Borges | Age: 28 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 30 | 2025: 24-26 (Auckland SF) | Tokyo: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Became 2nd Portuguese man to break inside Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in 2024, achieving career-high No. 30 in September 2024 after saving 3 MPs vs. Mensik to reach US Open 4R.
- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Bastad by joining Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Zeballos as only men to defeat Nadal in an ATP Tour final on clay.
- > Defeated No. 13 Dimitrov to reach 2024 Aus. Open 4R, becoming 1st Portuguese player in fourth round in tournament's history and earned biggest win of career over No. 8 Ruud to advance to 2025 Roland Garros 3R.
- > Advanced to 10 Challenger finals, winning titles at 2021 Antalya-3, 2022 Barletta, 2023 Monterrey, 2023-24 Phoenix and 2023 Maia, his hometown.
- > Five-time All-American during 4-year college career at Mississippi State University, posting 31-match win streak that ended in his last match (I. to Jubb in 2019 NCAA singles final).

NOTE: Borges attempts to earn personal-best 25th win of the season (24 in 2024, 2025). He seeks first tour-level win vs. a Japanese player (0-3) to become the third man representing Portugal to earn a main draw win in Tokyo after Cunha-Silva in 1993 and J. Sousa in 2015 and 2016.

Daniel Altmaier (GER) vs [7] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

Shapovalov Leads 1-0

24 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R64

Denis Shapovalov

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

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Altmaier	23%	66%	31%	8.0	6.0	6.6	6.7
Shapovalov	26%	70%	35%	7.9	6.4	7.8	7.2
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 27 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 47 | 2025: 16-22 (2 QFs) | Tokyo: 0-1 (2023 1R)

- > Made Top 50 debut a day before his 25th birthday in September, achieving career-high No. 47 in October 2023.
- > Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid as a LL and defeated No. 4 Fritz for biggest win of career en route to 2025 Roland Garros 4R, earning 3 of 5 career Top 10 wins at that event.
- > Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and defeated No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.
- > Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil.

NOTE: Altmaier is 4-8 vs. Top 30 this season, including hard-court wins over No. 19 Fils in Rotterdam 2R and No. 28 Tsitsipas in US Open 2R. He is 9-12 on hard courts in 2025, highlighted by QFs in Rotterdam and Marseille.

Denis Shapovalov | Age: 26 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 10 | 2025: 21-17 (2 Titles) | Tokyo: 7-3 ('18, '22 SF)

- > After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.
- > Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.
- > Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).
- > Earned 3 of his 4 ATP Tour titles indoors, at 2019 Stockholm, 2024 Belgrade and 2025 Dallas, where he defeated 3 Top 10 players en route to title (No. 4 Fritz in 2R, No. 9 Paul in SF and No. 5 Ruud in final).
- > Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of PIF ATP Rankings less than 15 months later.

NOTE: Shapovalov is making his fourth appearance in Tokyo and aims to maintain his perfect record in opening rounds at this event (3-0). 26-year-old is one of three men to win multiple hard-court titles this season (also Alcaraz, Auger-Aliassime), lifting the trophy in Dallas and Los Cabos and is 18-9 on the surface this season.



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Series Tied 2-2

[Q] Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs [8] Frances Tiafoe (USA)

18 Geneva (Switzerland) R16 Marton Fucsovics Clay 7-6(5) 6-4 20 Doha (Qatar) Hard R32 Marton Fucsovics 6-4 4-6 6-4 20 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Frances Tiafoe 6-2 6-3 6-2 Grass SF 23 Stuttgart (Germany) Frances Tiafoe 6-3 7-6(11)

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Fucsovics	23%	71%	35%	7.6	6.5	7.4	7.0
Tiafoe	26%	67%	32%	8.0	6.2	7.2	6.8
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 33 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 31 | 2025: 17-10 (Winston-Salem Title) | Tokyo: 0-0

- > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983.
- > Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.
- > Also won ATP Tour titles at 2024 Bucharest and 2025 Winston-Salem, becoming 1st Hungarian men's tour-level champion on hard courts in Open Era.
- > Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st men's quarter-finalist from Hungary at that event since Asboth in 1948.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.
- > Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics looks to record his first Top 30 win since defeating No. 25 Griekspoor in Bucharest 2R last April (0-7 since). He is the third Hungarian man to play in Tokyo main draw after Taroczy in 1981 (d. Teltscher in final) and Kuharszky in 1982 (l. to Ocleppo in 1R).

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 27 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 10 | 2025: 26-21 (Houston Final) | Tokyo: 5-4 (2022 Final) > Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 10 in June 2023 after lifting 3rd title in Stuttgart, saving 1 MP vs. Struff in the final to own ATP Tour titles on all three surfaces.

- > Joined Fritz in Top 10 to be 1st American duo in Top 10 of PIF ATP Rankings since Fish and Isner in May 2012.
- > Defeated 4-time champion Nadal en route to 2022 US Open SF, becoming that event's 1st American men's semi-finalist since Roddick in 2006 and returned to US Open SF in 2024, losing to Fritz in all-American match.
- > Rallied from 3-5 in third set and saved 2 MPs vs. Rune to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Cincinnati.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston and 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Houston.
- > 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: Tiafoe is one of three former finalists in this year's field (also Fritz, Humbert) and bids to extend his perfect record (10-0) in opening rounds of hard-court events this season (16-3 overall). He is making his fifth main draw appearance in Tokyo (2018, 2022-25), seeking first win since defeating Kwon in 2022 SF (I. to Fritz in final).