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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Raphael Collignon (BEL) vs [2] Jiri Lehecka (CZE)

25 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Jiri Lehecka

Lehecka Leads 1-0

6-4 6-4 6-4

Raphael Collignon | Age: 24 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 37 | 2026: 16-15 (Gstaad Final) | Event: 4-2 (2025 SF)
> Broke into Top 100 in February 2025 and achieved career-high No. 37 in July 2026 after run to his 1st ATP Tour final in Gstaad.

> Defeated countryman Bergs en route to his 1st ATP Tour SF in Brussels, becoming 3rd Belgian man to reach semi-finals in tournament history after Goffin in 2016 and Bemelmans in 2017.

> Upset former finalist No. 12 Ruud to reach 2025 US Open 3R and No. 5 Shelton for biggest win of career to advance to 2026 Roland Garros 3R.

> Earned 2 of his first 3 Top 100 wins over No. 84 van de Zandschulp to win 1st Challenger title at 2024 Luedenscheid and No. 97 Coric en route to 2nd title at Lyon (Décines-Charpieu).

> Injured his thumb at 2025 Hamburg, a week before Roland Garros, to delay his Grand Slam main draw debut, before playing in his 1st Grand Slam main draw at Wimbledon (l. to Cilic)

> Coached by Belgium's Davis Cup captain and former World No. 38 Steve Darcis.

NOTE: Collignon aims to become the second Belgian to reach back-to-back QFs in event history after Goffin in 2016-17 and seeks his 5th ATP Tour QF (2-2), fourth of 2026, and first on hard courts since Brisbane. Belgian looks for his 3rd Top 20 win of the season (2-3) after defeating No. 14 Cobolli in Miami 2R and No. 5 Shelton in Roland Garros 2R.

Collignon's Top 20 Wins (W-L 5-4)

Win Over

No. 12 Casper Ruud

No. 8 Alex de Minaur

No. 20 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina

No. 14 Flavio Cobolli

No. 5 Ben Shelton

Tournament

2025 US Open 2R

2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 2R

2025 **Brussels** QF

2026 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R

2026 Roland Garros 2R

Score

6-4 3-6 3-6 6-4 7-5

7-5 3-6 6-3

7-6(5) 6-1

7-5 6-3

6-4 7-5 6-4

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 24 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 12 | 2026: 35-19 (Miami, Tokyo Finals) | Event: 7-2 ('24-'25 Finals)

> Broke into Top 20 in September 2025 and achieved career-high No. 12 in May 2026 soon after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 final without dropping serve en route (56 of 56 service games won) in Miami.

> Joined Berdych, P. Korda and Lendl as only Czech men to advance to quarter-finals of both hard-court Grand Slams after reaching last 8 stage at Australian Open in 2023 and US Open in 2025.

> Also in Australia, captured both career ATP Tour titles at 2024 Adelaide and 2025 Brisbane.

> Defeated No. 5 Rublev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells before defeating No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Rotterdam as Q after defeating No. 12 Shapovalov in 1R for 1st ATP Tour win.

> Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.

> Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

NOTE: Lehecka looks for 29th tour-level quarter-final (14-14), fifth on hard courts this season after Doha, Dubai, ATP Masters 1000 Miami and Tokyo and would become the second man to reach QF at this event in three consecutive years after Schwartzman (2016-18). He bids to tie Mensik (36) for most wins among Czechs on ATP Tour this season.

Quarter-Final Leaders in Event History

Player

Diego Schwartzman

Richard Gasquet

David Goffin

QFs (Years)

4 (2016-18, 2021)

3 (2016, 2018, 2022)

3 (2016-17, 2022)

Player

Jan-Lennard Struff

Stefanos Tsitsipas

Felix Auger-Aliassime

QFs (Years)

3 (2016, 2018, 2026)

3 (2017, 2023-24)

3 (2022, 2024-25)

[WC] David Goffin (BEL) vs [5] Alex Michelsen (USA)

First Meeting

David Goffin | Age: 35 | World No. 657 | Career-High No. 7 | 2026: 1-0 (Brussels 2R) | Event: 7-7 (2016 SF)
 > Earned career-high 59 wins in 2017, ending season at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.
 > Became 6th and final player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray and Nalbandian).
 > First Belgian to break into Top 10, qualify for Nitto ATP Finals, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
 > In 2022, earned 300th victory (d. Andujar in Marrakech 2R), captured 6th ATP Tour title (Marrakech) and posted 3rd win over World No. 1 (d. Alcaraz in Astana 1R).
 > Advanced to 4 Grand Slam QFs, most recently 2022 Wimbledon, and led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017.

NOTE: Goffin is playing in his final ATP Tour event of career as 35-year-old announced plans to retire after this tournament. Belgian defeated Bertola in 1R to earn an ATP Tour win for the 16th straight season (since 2011) and now seeks his 65th tour-level quarter-final, fourth at this event (2016-17, 2022), and first since 2025 Munich.

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Win Leaders (Open Era)	Title Leaders (Open Era)	Belgian Quarter-Final Leaders (Open Era)
David Goffin 358	David Goffin 6	David Goffin 64
Xavier Malisse 294	Xavier Malisse 3	Xavier Malisse 51
Olivier Rochus 238	Darcis, Dewulf, O. Rochus 2	Olivier Rochus 41

Most Appearances in Event History

Player	Appearances
Richard Gasquet	8 (2016, 2018-24)
David Goffin	8 (2016-17, 2019-20, 2022-23, 2025-26)
Diego Schwartzman	6 (2016-19, 2021-22)
Jan-Lennard Struff	6 (2016, 2018-19, 2021, 2023, 2026)
Botic van de Zandschulp	6 (2021-26)

Alex Michelsen | Age: 22 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 30 | 2026: 28-20 (Brisbane SF) | Event: 1-0 (2026 2R)
 > Broke inside Top 50 in August 2024 and achieved career-high No. 30 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam 4R at Australian Open earlier in the season.
 > Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis.
 > Also advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2024 Newport, where he held 1 MP vs. Giron, and 2024 Winston-Salem.
 > Defeated No. 9 de Minaur for 1st Top 10 win at 2024 Los Cabos, No. 10 Musetti en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2025 Toronto, and former champion No. 7 Fritz to reach 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.
 > Reached ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2024 Cincinnati w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying and 2025 Shanghai w/Goransson.

NOTE: Michelsen seeks 21st tour-level quarter-final (8-12) and fifth of the year after Brisbane, Geneva, Washington, and US Open. 22-year-old also aims to reach his third ATP Tour QF indoors after 2024 Metz and 2025 Almaty and extend his 8-1 record vs. players outside Top 100 on tour-level this year, lone loss to No. 159 Fearnley at Wimbledon.

Damir Dzumhur (BIH) vs [6] Zizou Bergs (BEL)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

22 Montpellier Q (France)	Hard	Q1	Damir Dzumhur	7-5 6-2
22 Marseille Q (France)	Hard	Q2	Damir Dzumhur	6-3 6-2

Damir Dzumhur | Age: 34 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 23 | 2026: 13-18 (Umag Final) | Event: 2-1 (2025-26 2R)
 > Broke into Top 100 in 2015 and Top 50 in 2017 before winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2018 Antalya to achieve career-high No. 23.
 > Earned personal-best 36 victories in 2017, highlighted by biggest wins of career over No. 3 Wawrinka at Dubai and No. 4 A. Zverev at Shenzhen.
 > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R on 6 occasions, including at 2018 Roland Garros, where he led No. 3 A. Zverev by 2 sets to 1 and held 1 MP before losing.
 > First player to sweep both Russian titles in a single season, capturing St. Petersburg and Moscow championships in 2017.

- > Reached ATP Masters 1000 R16 on 3 occasions, including at 2016 Miami, where he defeated No. 5 Nadal in 2R.
- > Went 6-0 in finals on ATP Challenger Tour in 2024, tying with 6 other players for 2nd-most Challenger titles in a single season behind Griekspoor (8 in 2021).

NOTE: Dzumhur aims for his 30th ATP Tour QF (11-18), third this season (Bucharest, Umag) and first on a hard court since 2022 Montpellier. Bosnian No. 1 seeks fourth Top 50 win of the season after defeating No. 48 Borges in Bucharest 2R, No. 45 Mannarino in ATP Masters 1000 Rome 1R and No. 34 Arnaldi in Umag QF.

Zizou Bergs | Age: 27 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 33 | 2026: 24-22 (Eastbourne Title) | Event: 4-4 (2024 QF)

- > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in July 2021, Top 100 in June 2024 and achieved career-high No. 33 in August 2026 soon after rallying from a set down in SF and final to win his 1st ATP Tour title in Eastbourne.
- > Advanced to 2024 Roland Garros 3R as Q and 2025 US Open 3R and earned Top 10 wins over No. 9 Rublev at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Miami and No. 5 Auger-Aliassime to help Belgium to 2026 United Cup SF.
- > Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2025, reached ATP Tour finals in Auckland and 's-Hertogenbosch and saved 2 MPs vs. Diallo in 4R to reach his 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF in Shanghai.
- > Received 2022 Wimbledon WC after defeating former World No. 8 Sock for 2022 Ilkley Challenger title as Q.
- > Also won Challenger titles at 2021 St. Petersburg-1 as Q, 2021 Lille as Q, 2021 Almaty, 2023 & 2024 Tallahassee, 2023 Drummondville and 2023 Yokkaichi.

NOTE: Bergs seeks his 10th ATP Tour QF (4-5), second of the season after title run in Eastbourne. 27-year-old, who recorded 31 tour-level wins last year, aims to become the fourth Belgian player in Open Era to record 25+ tour-level wins in multiple seasons after Malisse (2001-2002, 2006), O. Rochus (2005-2006) and Goffin (2014-2019, 2022).