

# TIRIAC OPEN PRESENTED BY UNICREDIT BANK – ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025

Centrul National de Tenis | Bucharest, Romania | 31 March-6 April 2025

ATP Tour ATPTour.com @ATPTour #ThisIsTennis **Tournament** tiriacopen.ro @atp250tiriacopen #TiriacOpen

Media

Interview Queries: martin.dagahs@atptour.com Facts & Stats Queries: mediainfo@atptour.com

Press Officer: Gabriel Morariu (gabi.morariu@yahoo.com)

### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### **CENTRAL COURT**

# [WC] Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs [3] Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

**First Tour-Level Meeting** 

Other Meetina

23 San Benedetto Del Tronto CH (Italy)

Clav QF Richard Gasquet

4-6 6-3 6-1

Richard Gasquet | Age: 38 | World No. 148 | Career-High No. 7 | 2025: 2-2 (2 times in 2R) | Bucharest: 5-2 (2008 SF) > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 7 in 2007 and finished 4 seasons in Top 10 overall (2007, 2012-13, 2015).

- > Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).
- > Owns 16 titles, qualified at Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, and reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.
- > Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).
- > Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 608 wins overall most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968) and joins Djokovic as only active players on the ATP Tour with 600+ wins.

NOTE: Gasquet rallied from 4-6 1-4 down to defeat van de Zandschulp in 1R and now seeks 127th tour-level QF, 1st since Estoril in April last year. At 38 years and 9 months, he would become the oldest French tour-level quarter-finalist in Open Era (currently Monfils at 2025 Auckland – 38 years 4 months).

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 22 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 30 | 2025: 2-8 (Montpellier 2R) | Bucharest: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 30 in September 2024 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Washington.

- > Earned biggest wins of career over Americans Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington and No. 13 Paul in 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R.
- > Also in 2024, reached Australian Open 3R as Q (d. No. 18 Jarry in 1R) and US Open 3R as No. 31 seed.
- > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli aims to reach 8th ATP Tour QF (2-5), 3rd on clay after 2023 Munich and 2024 Geneva. He looks for his first tour-level win since saving 1 MP to defeat No. 14 Humbert at United Cup in December (0-8 since).

#### Francisco Comesana (ARG) vs [5] Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) **First Meeting**

Francisco Comesana | Age: 24 | World No. 64 (Career-High) | 2025: 5-6 (Rio de Janeiro SF) | Bucharest: 1-0 (2025 2R) > Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in April 2024 and achieved career-high No. 64 in March 2025 after defeating No. 2 Zverey for biggest win of career and to advance to 1st ATP Tour SF.

- > In Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 Wimbledon, defeated No. 6 Rublev in 1R and Walton in 2R to become youngest Argentine in Wimbledon 3R since del Potro in 2011.
- > Reached 2024 US Open 3R to become 3rd Argentine man in Open Era to advance to 3R in 1st two Grand Slam main draw appearances after Jaite (in 1984-85) and Markus (in 1991).
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as WC and earned 1st four tour-level wins of career en route to 3R at Wimbledon and US Open later that year.
- > Posted 45-21 Challenger record in 2023, earning most Challenger wins that season, highlighted by titles in Vicenza and Liberec and finals in Skopje and Santa Cruz.



## Tiriac Open presented by UniCredit Bank Day 3 – Wednesday 2 April 2025

Page 2 of 2

www.ATPTour.com

NOTE: Comesana seeks 2nd ATP Tour QF after defeating No. 2 Zverev in Rio de Janeiro QF in February (I. to Muller in SF). One of 6 Argentines in Top 100 earned all five of his ATP Tour wins this season on clay after entering 2025 with a 0-4 tour-level record on the surface and seeks personal-best 5th win in a season (4 in 2024 and 2025).

- R. Bautista Agut | Age: 36 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 9 | 2025: 2-7 (2 times in 2R) | Bucharest: 1-0 (2025 2R)
- > Captured 12th ATP Tour title in Antwerp and 400th win of career in 2024 and ended 2019 at career-high No. 9.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-9 record in Grand Slam 4R matches.
- > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic in 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF, 2019 Doha SF and 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R, as well as No. 1 Medvedev in 2022 Mallorca QF.
- > Went 4-1 at 2022 ATP Cup and 6-0 at 2020 ATP Cup to lead Spain to finals after helping his country win 2019 Davis Cup.
- > Played football for Villarreal C.F. until he was 14 years old.

NOTE: Bautista Agut recorded his 100th tour-level win on clay (100-74) against Buyunchaokete in 1R and now looks to reach 82nd tour-level quarter-final, 1st on clay since winning 2022 Kitzbuhel title. 36-year-old is 10-1 vs. Argentinians on tour-level since 2018, lone loss to Cachin in 2023 Gstaad 2R.

# [1] Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs Gabriel Diallo (CAN)

First Meeting

Sebastian Baez | Age: 24 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 18 | 2025: 9-6 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Bucharest: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago, then earned career-high No. 18 in June.

- > During 2023 season, went on a career-best 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reached 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 tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
- > 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 leads the ATP Tour with most wins on clay this season (9), highlighted by Rio de Janeiro title and Santiago final (I. to Djere). Argentine No. 2 seeks 22nd ATP Tour QF (13-8), 21st on clay.

Gabriel Diallo | Age: 23 | World No. 81 (Career-High) | 2025: 6-7 (5 times in 2R) | Bucharest: 1-0 (2025 2R) > Broke into Top 100 in October 2024 after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in Almaty and achieved careerhigh No. 81 in March 2025.

- > Made his tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup Finals vs. Serbia (I. to Djere) and earned 1st ATP Tour win by defeating No. 21 Evans at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 1R as WC.
- > Defeated No. 18 Musetti for biggest win of career at 2023 Davis Cup Finals RR to help Canada qualify for the quarter-finals stage, then advanced to 2024 US Open 3R as Q.
- > Owns 65-37 Challenger record (3-1 in finals), winning 1st title at 2022 Granby as No. 519-ranked WC.
- > Played for the University of Kentucky, making the quarter-final round at 2022 NCAA Singles Championships before turning pro at the end of 2022.

NOTE: Diallo earned 1st ATP Tour win on clay over Tseng in 1R and now looks for 2nd QF after reaching Almaty final in October (I. to Khachanov). He is 1-6 vs. Top 50 opposition this season, his sole win coming against No. 44 Etcheverry in ATP Masters 1000 Miami in March.

### COURT 1

### [8] Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) vs [Q] Filip Misolic (AUT) **Other Meeting**

First Tour-Level Meeting

23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami Q (U.S.A.)

Hard Q1 Filip Misolic 6-3 5-3 RET