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ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

2R [Q] Peter Gojowczyk (GER) vs [7] Karen Khachanov (RUS)

19 Australian Open (AUS)

Hard R128 Karen Khachanov

Khachanov Leads 1-0

3-6 6-3 6-4 6-3

Peter Gojowczyk | Age: 32 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 39 | 11-7 2021 (Montpellier SF) | Metz: 8-3 (2017 Title)

> Posted personal-best 23 wins, broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 39 during 2018 season.

> Earned 7 wins in 8 days to capture 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Metz as Q.

> Saved 3 MPs vs. Isner en route to 2nd final at 2018 Delray Beach, then reached 3rd final at 2018 Geneva.

> Qualified at 8 Grand Slam events, including 2021 US Open, where he reached 4R with 3 wins in a row from a set down.

> Enjoyed biggest wins of career over No. 9 Raonic at 2014 Halle and No. 8 Sock at 2018 Auckland.

Note: The German last beat a top 30 player just 3 weeks ago at the US Open when he overcame 23 seed Humbert in 5 sets.

Karen Khachanov | Age: 25 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 8 | 29-19 in 2021 (Tokyo Olympics Final) | Metz: 1-0

> Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019, becoming 1st Russian in Top 10 since Youzhny in 2011.

> Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.

> First Russian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since Davydenko at 2009 Shanghai and 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.

> Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2019 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon, where he broke Korda 7 times in 5th set of 4R win.

> Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 Russian and went on to earn silver medal (l. to Zverev).

Note: The Russian is in search of his first title since 2018, which came on French soil at the Paris Rolex Masters.

2R [1] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs [WC] Lucas Pouille (FRA)

19 Indian Wells (USA)

Hard

R64

Hubert Hurkacz

6-2 3-6 6-4

19 Madrid (ESP)

Clay

R32

Hubert Hurkacz

7-5 6-1

19 Tokyo (JPN)

Hard

R32

Lucas Pouille

6-4 6-3

Hurkacz Leads 2-1

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 24 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 10 | 25-16 in 2021 (2 Titles) | Metz: 0-1

> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then defeated No. 2 Medvedev and 8-time champion Federer en route to 1st Grand Slam SF and career-high ranking of No. 11.

> Upset 5 higher seeds to win 2021 Miami title as World No. 37, becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion since No. 50 Berdych at 2005 Paris.

> Captured ATP 250 titles at 2019 Winston-Salem and 2021 Delray Beach, becoming 2nd Polish tour-level champion in Open Era (Fibak won 15 titles from 1976-82).

> In 2nd event as a team, won 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime.

> Won Brest Challenger title in final week of 2018 ATP Race to Milan to qualify for Next Gen ATP Finals.

Note: The Polish player is seeking his 6th QF of the year, which would be his most in a single season.

Lucas Pouille | Age: 27 | World No. 142 | Career-High No. 10 | 5-13 in 2021 (Monte Carlo 3R) | Metz: 7-2
 > Became 5th active Frenchman to break into Top 10 in 2018 (also Gasquet, Monfils, Simon, Tsonga).
 > Won 3 of his 5 ATP Tour titles after saving match point: 2017 Budapest (2 MPs vs. Vesely in 2R), 2017 Stuttgart (1 MP vs. Struff in 2R) and 2018 Montpellier (2 MPs vs. Tsonga in SF).
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Australian Open after reaching back-to-back QFs at Wimbledon and US Open in 2016.
 > Earned 3 victories in 5 sets at 2016 US Open, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Nadal.
 > Clinched 2017 Davis Cup for France by defeating Darcis 6-3 6-1 6-0 (FRA d. BEL 3-2).

Note: The Frenchman beat Hurkacz when they last played in Tokyo in 2019, and will be seeking his first hard court quarterfinal since that same tournament.

2R [LL] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) vs [3] Gael Monfils (FRA)

Monfils Leads 14-2

08 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	SF	Gael Monfils	6-4 5-7 7-6(2)
09 Metz (France).	Hard	F	Gael Monfils	7-6(1) 3-6 6-2
10 Davis Cup 1R (France)	Hard	RR	Gael Monfils	6-1 6-4 7-6(5)
11 Halle (Germany)	Grass	SF	Philipp Kohlschreiber	6-3 6-3
11 Davis Cup QF (Germany)	Clay	RR	Gael Monfils	7-6(3) 7-6(5) 6-4
11 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Gael Monfils	6-2 6-2
12 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Gael Monfils	7-5 6-7(2) 6-3
12 Metz (France)	Hard	QF	Gael Monfils	6-7(3) 6-4 6-4
13 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R16	Gael Monfils	6-4 2-6 6-4
13 Stuttgart (Germany)	Clay	QF	Philipp Kohlschreiber	6-4 6-4
15 Davis Cup 1R (Germany)	Hard	RR	Gael Monfils	6-4 7-5 7-6(4)
15 Stuttgart (Germany)	Grass	QF	Gael Monfils	7-5 3-6 6-3
15 Umag (Croatia)	Clay	QF	Gael Monfils	4-6 7-6(5) 6-4
16 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	SF	Gael Monfils	6-3 6-2
17 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Gael Monfils	6-3 7-6(1) 6-4
19 Indian Wells (USA)	Hard	R16	Gael Monfils	6-0 6-2

Philipp Kohlschreiber | Age: 37 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 16 | 6-7 in 2021 (Halle QF) | Metz W-L: 13-10
 > Achieved career-high No. 16 in 2012 and was in Top 100 each week from 6 March 2006 through 21 February 2021.
 > Boasts 128-74 record with 5 titles in Germany (.634) and 348-308 record with 3 titles elsewhere (.530).
 > Reached 4R at all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by run to 2012 Wimbledon QF and 3R wins over Isner at 2012, 2013 and 2014 US Open.
 > Earned 400th career win at 2017 Indian Wells (d. Dolgoplov), reached 5th ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2018 Indian Wells and posted biggest win of career at 2019 Indian Wells (d. No. 1 Djokovic).
 > Lives in Kitzbuhel, where he won titles in 2015 and 2017 and got married in 2018 on same day as 2R loss to Istomin.

Note: Kohlschreiber is seeking his first win against Monfils since 2013, and his first ever on a hard court.

Gael Monfils | Age: 35 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 6 | 9-13 in 2021 (Toronto QF) | Metz: 15-4 (2009 Champion)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 after earning personal-best 44 wins in 2016.
 > Owns 10 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.
 > Reached at least 1 final in 16 straight seasons (2005-20), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.
 > Earned 500+ career victories, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Nadal in 2009 Doha QF and career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.
 > Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004.

Note: The Frenchman is hoping to reach only his 2nd quarterfinal of the year.

2R [8] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) **First Meeting**

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 29 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 16 | 26-22 in 2021 (Two Titles) | Metz W-L: 8-4
 > Former World No. 16 is 15-3 on German clay with titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.
 > Saved 1 MP vs. 3-time champion Federer en route to 2021 Doha title.
 > Defeated No. 4 Del Potro for biggest win of career in 2018 Beijing final.
 > Posted career-high 29 wins in 2018, including 3 victories en route to US Open 4R.
 > Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

Note: The Georgian is in search of his third title of the year, which would be the most in a single season of his career.

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 22 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 32 | 23-17 in 2021 (Estoril SF) | Metz: 1-0
 > Achieved career-high No. 32 and earned personal-best 22 wins in 2021.
 > Reached SFs at 2019 Estoril as Q in his 2nd ATP Tour main draw, 2020 Cologne-1 and 2021 Estoril.
 > Defeated No. 10 Berrettini for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo QF and No. 16 Ruud in 5 sets en route to 2021 Roland Garros QF.
 > Youngest Spaniard to be ranked in Top 35, reach an ATP Masters 1000 QF and play in a Grand Slam QF since Nadal in 2008.
 > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.

Note: The Spaniard is looking to reach the quarterfinals of an event for the first time since June, which also came in France at Roland Garros.

COURT 1

2R [4] Alex De Minaur (AUS) vs Marcos Giron (USA)

19 Indian Wells (USA)
20 Antwerp (BEL)

Hard
Hard

R64
QF

Marcos Giron
Alex Di Minaur

Series Tied 1-1

1-6 6-4 6-2
6-3 6-0