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ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs [3] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

Series Tied 1-1

19 Marrakech (Morocco) Clay R32 Lorenzo Sonego 6-3 6-3 20 Doha (Qatar) Hard R32 Laslo Djere 6-1 3-6 6-2

Laslo Djere | Age: 25 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 61-63 (2 Titles) | 2021: 9-7 (Cagliari Final) > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 in 2019 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set (d. Auger-Aliassime).

- > Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
- > Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia (d. Cecchinato).
- > Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid)
- > One of 4 Serbians to reach 2019 Roland Garros 3R -- most ever in a Grand Slam 3R.

NOTES: Djere is 10-1 in Italy with 9 straight wins and only loss to Basilashvili in 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 2R. Djere is 2-0 in ATP Tour finals, winning 2019 Rio de Janeiro (d. Auger-Aliassime) and 2020 Sardinia (d. Cecchinato).

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 25 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 32 | Career: 46-51 (1 Title) | 2021: 9-7 (Cagliari Final) > Achieved career-high No. 32 after defeating No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final (I. to Rublev), becoming 1st LL to defeat Djokovic (1-12) and equaling fewest games Djokovic has ever won in a match.

- > Broke into Top 50 in 2019 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at Antalya.
- > Saved 8 MPs vs. Delbonis and 1 MP vs. Carballes Baena en route to 2nd SF at 2019 Kitzbuhel.
- > Beat Fritz 7-6(5) 6-3 7-6(17) to reach 2020 Roland Garros 4R, winning longest men's singles TB in event history.
- > Started playing tennis at age 11 with Gipo Arbino, who remains his coach to this day.

NOTES: On Saturday captured 1st career ATP Tour doubles title w/Vavassori and trying to become 1st double winner in 2021. He is 1-1 in ATP Tour finals, winning 2019 Antalya (d. Kecmanovic) and runner-up at 2020 Vienna (l. to Rublev). He looks to become 1st Italian to capture a tour-level title on home soil since Volandri at 2006 Palermo.

• **Djere** leads the tournament in 1st serve pts. won (73%) and service games won (87%, 34 of 39) and is No. 2 in return games won (46%, 18 of 39), pts. won returning 1st serve (43%) and No. 3 in 2nd serve pts. won (59%). **Sonego** is No. 3 in pts. won returning 2nd serve (60%) and return games won (44%, 17 of 39).

Sardegna Open	Laslo Djere	[3] Lorenzo Sonego
Aces	4	3
1st-Serve Percentage	59%	64%
1st-Serve Points Won	73%	67%
2nd-Serve Points Won	59%	45%
Service Games Won	87% (34 of 39)	73% (27 of 37)
Break Points Saved	69% (11 of 16)	62% (16 of 26)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	43%	40%
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	57%	60%
Return Games Won	46% (18 of 39)	44% (17 of 39)
Break Points Converted	38% (18 of 47)	52% (17 of 33)