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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTRE COURT

#### [Q] Mark Lajal (EST) vs Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)

#### First Meeting

**Mark Lajal** | Age: 22 | World No. 149 | Career-High No. 145 | 2025: 3-2 ('s-Hertogenbosch QF) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Former World No. 13 junior broke into Top 500 in 2019 and Top 200 in November 2023, achieving career-high No. 145 in September 2025 soon after advancing to his 1st ATP Tour QF in 's-Hertogenbosch  
> Made tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup vs. Pacific Oceania (d. Sinclair) and ATP Tour debut at 2023 Antwerp as WC, defeating No. 83 Munar to become 1st Estonian to earn ATP Tour win since Zopp in 2018.  
> Qualified to make Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 Wimbledon, losing to eventual champion Alcaraz in 1R.  
> Owns 76-55 Challenger record (2-1 in finals), capturing titles at 2023 Little Rock and 2025 Bloomfield Hills, saving 5 championship points vs. Martin in the final.  
> His dream job growing up was a race car driver as his dad was a motocross racer and grandfather a rally driver.

**NOTE:** Lajal rallied from a set and a break down in final round of qualifying to upset No. 1 seed Quinn and now seeks 2nd tour-level hard court win of career outside Davis Cup after 2023 Antwerp (d. Munar). He is the 2nd Estonian to play in Stockholm main draw after Zopp, who advanced to 2R in 2012, 2016 and 2017.

**Tomas Martin Etcheverry** | Age: 26 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 27 | 2025: 21-26 (Hamburg SF) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022, achieving career-high No. 27 in February 2024.  
> At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R and reached the quarter-finals without losing a set.  
> Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago and J. Cerundolo and Garin en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.  
> Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2024, highlighted by Lyon final, where he held 1 MP against Mpetshi Perricard.  
> Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

**NOTE:** Etcheverry bids to become the first Argentine to win a match in Stockholm since del Potro won 2017 title. He is 9-1 on hard courts vs. players ranked outside Top 100 since start of 2024 season (6-0 in 2025), losing to No. 153 Klein in Belgrade last November.

#### [NG] Nicolai Budkov Kjaer (NOR) vs Marin Cilic (CRO)

#### First Meeting

**Nicolai Budkov Kjaer** | Age: 19 | World No. 136 (Career-High) | 2025: 3-3 (Bastad 2R) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 17 in March 2024, broke into Top 300 in February 2025, Top 200 in July 2025 and achieved career-high No. 136 in October 2025.  
> Recorded wins over Rolis and Faria in Davis Cup before making ATP Tour debut at 2025 Bastad as Q, defeating Monteiro in 1R and losing to Baez in 2R.  
> Owns 36-18 Challenger record (4-0 in finals), capturing 1st title at 2025 Glasgow in February, defeating Durasovic in second all-Norwegian final in ATP Challenger Tour history (1998 Furth – Ruud d. Andersen).  
> Peaked at No. 1 in junior rankings in July 2024 after runs to Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Schwaerzler and Wimbledon boys' singles title to become first Norwegian man to win a Grand Slam singles title at any level.

**NOTE:** Budkov Kjaer, who is No. 5 on [PIF ATP Live Race to Jeddah](#), is 0-6 vs. Top 100 opponents across all levels, looking for the biggest win of his career. He aims to set up a meeting with countryman and World No. 12 Ruud in 2R, which would mark the first all-Norwegian tour-level match in Open Era.

**Youngest Stockholm Match Winners since 2015** – Budkov Kjaer would be 4th-youngest at 19 years and 2 months.

Player	Age	Year	Result
Mikael Ymer	18y1m	2016	l. to Karlovic in 2R
Dino Prizmic	18y3m	2023	l. to E. Ymer in 2R
Alexander Zverev	18y6m	2015	l. to Berdych in 2R
Holger Rune	19y5m	2022	d. Tsitsipas in Final

**Marin Cilic** | Age: 37 | World No. 92 | Career-High No. 3 | 2025: 6-11 (Dubai QF) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)

> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 10 after reaching 2010 Australian Open SF and achieved career-high No. 3 following run to 2018 Australian Open final.

> Defeated Federer en route to 2014 US Open title, but lost to him in 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Australian Open finals.

> Upset No. 2 Medvedev en route to 2022 Roland Garros SF and is one of 3 active players to advance to SFs of all 4 Grand Slam events (also Djokovic, Sinner).

> Owns 21 titles and 594 victories, highlighted by biggest wins of career over No. 1 Djokovic at 2016 Paris and No. 1 Nadal at 2018 Australian Open.

> Became lowest-ranked champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990) by winning 2024 Hangzhou as World No. 777.

> Won 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati title, clinched 2018 Davis Cup for Croatia, and earned silver medal in All-Croatian men's doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Dodig (held in 2021).

**NOTE:** Cilic is looking to earn his 4th hard court win of the season (3-6), defeating de Minaur and Popyrin in Dubai and Basilashvili at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai. At 37 years of age, he is playing in his 1st tournament in Sweden in his career and bids to be the fifth-oldest match winner in Stockholm in this century.

**Croatian Men's Tour-Level Win Leaders**

Player	Wins	Titles
Goran Ivanisevic	599	22
<b>Marin Cilic</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>21</b>
Ivan Ljubicic	429	10
Ivo Karlovic	371	8

**Oldest Stockholm Match Winners since 2000**

Player	Age	Year
Stan Wawrinka	39y7m	2024
Stan Wawrinka	38y7m	2023
Ivo Karlovic	37y8m	2016
Gael Monfils	37y1m	2023

**[WC] Elias Ymer (SWE) vs [WC] Mikael Ymer (SWE)**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other Meetings**

14 Sweden F2 (Sweden)	Clay	R16	Elias Ymer	6-4 7-5
15 Brescia CH Q (Italy)	Hard	Q2	Elias Ymer	3-6 5-1 RET

**Elias Ymer** | Age: 29 | World No. 243 | Career-High No. 105 | 2025: 1-2 (Bastad 2R) | Stockholm: 5-9 (2023 QF)

> Broke into Top 200 in 2015, achieved career-high No. 105 in 2018 and ended 5 straight seasons as No. 1 Swede before being passed by little brother Mikael (2014-18).

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2016 Gstaad and 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Pune as Q.

> Made history as a teenager in 2015, becoming 2nd man on record to qualify for all 4 Grand Slam events in a calendar year (also Dancevic in 2011).

> Captured 2016 Stockholm doubles title in team debut w/M. Ymer as 954th-ranked WC (d. Pavic/Venus 6-1 6-1).

> Has 200-170 career record on ATP Challenger Tour with 6 titles (127-87 on clay with 3 titles, 70-72 on hard with 3 titles).

> Achieved career-high No. 5 in junior rankings, highlighted by run to 2012 Orange Bowl final (l. to Djere).

**NOTE:** E. Ymer leads the 2025 field in most Stockholm main draw appearances (10) aiming to reach 2R for fifth time in career (2017-18, 2022-23). 29-year-old seeks first win across all levels since July (0-8 since) and second ATP Tour win of the season after defeating Boyer in Bastad 1R.

**Mikael Ymer** | Age: 27 | World No. 617 | Career-High No. 50 | 2025: 0-2 (Bastad 1R) | Stockholm: 4-6 (2022 QF)

> Broke into Top 100 and competed at Next Gen ATP Finals in 2019 and achieved career-high No. 50 in April 2023 to be 1st Swede in Top 50 since Soderling in 2012.

> Defeated future World No. 1 Alcaraz at 2021 Winston-Salem to become 1st Swedish singles finalist since Soderling ended career as 2011 Bastad champion.

> Upset No. 11 Sinner while playing for Sweden at 2022 Davis Cup, before defeating No. 9 Fritz for biggest win of career to advance to his 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2023 Wimbledon.

> Captured 2016 Stockholm doubles title with older brother Elias as unranked WC, defeating Pavic/Venus 6-1 6-1 in final.

> Peaked at No. 3 and went 98-33 in juniors with run to 2015 Wimbledon final and wins over future Top-10 ATP players Auger-Aliassime, Hurkacz, Ruud and Shapovalov.

**NOTE:** M. Ymer is playing in Stockholm for first time since reaching 2022 QF, losing to No. 5 Tsitsipas (d. No. 31 Paul in 2R). 27-year-old seeks first tour-level win since defeating No. 9 Fritz for first Top 10 win of career to reach 2023 Wimbledon 3R.

**ATP Tour or Grand Slam Matches Between Brothers (since ATP Tour was established in 1990):**

Players	Record	Meet at
John & Patrick McEnroe	2-0*	1991 Basel, 1991 Chicago
Emilio & Javier Sanchez	3-2*	1992 US Open, 1993 ATP Masters 1000 Hamburg, 1994 Estoril, 1994 ATP Masters 1000 Miami, 1995 Valencia
Byron & Wayne Black	0-1	1998 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto
Christophe & Olivier Rochus	0-2	2000 Palermo, 2002 Wimbledon
Gerald & Jurgen Melzer	1-0	2016 Kitzbuhel
Alexander & Mischa Zverev	1-0	2018 Washington
Francisco & Juan Manuel Cerundolo	1-0	2025 Buenos Aires
<b>Elias &amp; Mikael Ymer</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2025 Stockholm</b>

\* In career (including pre-1990), McEnroe brothers had 3-0 H2H while Sanchez brothers went 10-2.

**Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs [Q] Giulio Zeppieri (ITA)**

**First Meeting**

**Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 29 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 14-14 (3 QFs) | Stockholm: 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 reached 3 ATP Tour QFs this season, all on hard courts, losing to Draper in Doha, Tsitsipas in Dubai and Fritz at ATP Masters 1000 Miami. He is 10-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 since start of 2024 season, losing last 2 matches against No. 317 Stricker in Stockholm last year and No. 109 Majchrzak in Wimbledon this June.

**Giulio Zeppieri** | Age: 23 | World No. 160 | Career-High No. 110 | 2025: 1-5 (Hangzhou 2R) | Stockholm: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in July 2018 and achieved career-high No. 110 in January 2024 after advancing to Australian Open 2R as Q.  
 > Entered 2022 Umag with 0-4 tour-level record and advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF (l. to Alcaraz in 3 sets).  
 > Qualified at 2022 Roland Garros in 1st try at a Grand Slam event, defeating 38-year-old Seppi in Q1 to snap his countryman's streak of 66 straight Grand Slam main draw appearances.  
 > Also qualified at Roland Garros in 2023, 2024 and 2025, as well as Australian Open in 2024 and Wimbledon in 2025.  
 > Captured 1st Challenger title on home soil at 2021 Barletta and won 2nd title at 2023 Cherbourg.  
 > Peaked at No. 12 in juniors after falling to countryman Musetti in 2019 Australian Open boys' singles SF and teaming with Musetti to reach 2019 Australian Open boys' doubles SF.

**NOTE:** Zeppieri looks for 2nd ATP Tour win of 2025, defeating Sun in Hangzhou 1R in September (l. to Tien in 2R). He seeks his biggest win by ranking since defeating No. 22 Mannarino in Roland Garros 1R last year and first ATP Tour win on indoor hard courts (0-2).

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**Kamil Majchrzak (POL) vs [Q] Filip Misolic (AUT)**

**First Meeting**