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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- **Andy Murray** played in his 1000th tour-level match on Tuesday, defeating **Alexei Popyrin** in 1R for 739th win. The 37-year-old Brit now takes on another Australian **Jordan Thompson**, seven years after Thompson earned his biggest win of career on Queen's Club's Centre Court by defeating then-No. 1 Murray in only prior tour-level meeting. However, Murray defeated Thompson on grass last year en route to Surbiton Challenger title.
- The 5-time champion **Murray** bids to reach his first quarter-final above ATP 250 level since 2019 Beijing and first quarter-final at **cinch Championships** since winning the 2016 title. **Thompson** aims to reach his biggest quarter-final on grass courts after losing in 2R at Queen's Club in 2017 and 2023 and reach 6 ATP Tour QFs in a season for the first time in career (5 in 2019, 2021 and 2024).
- 2014 champion and No. 3 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** takes on American **Sebastian Korda**. The Bulgarian looks to become the sixth player to capture 30 wins this season and head to Wimbledon with 30+ wins for only the 2nd time in his career (2014 – 30). On the other side of the net, **Korda** looks for his first Top 10 win of the season (0-8) to become the 1st American to reach Queen's Club QFs in back-to-back years since Querrey in 2017-18.

2024 ATP Tour Win Leaders :

No.	Player	Wins	No.	Player	Wins
1.	Casper Ruud	39	5.	Hubert Hurkacz	30
2.	Alexander Zverev	35	6T.	Grigor Dimitrov	29
3.	Jannik Sinner	34	6T.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	29
4.	Alex de Minaur	33	8.	Daniil Medvedev	28

- After saving 2 MPs and breaking the record for most aces (47) in an ATP Tour best-of-3 match (since 1991) to defeat Norrie on Monday, former finalist **Milos Raonic** takes on World No. 12 **Taylor Fritz**. Raonic looks for his first Top 20 win on grass since defeating No. 17 Pouille at 2018 Stuttgart. Fritz, who is the only seeded player left in bottom half of the draw, aims to advance to his first quarter-final at the event in 3rd appearance.
- Opening the Centre Court play, qualifier **Rinky Hijikata** and **Matteo Arnaldi** face off in their second **Lexus ATP Head2Head** meeting. Hijikata looks for his first quarter-final above ATP 250 level, while Arnaldi attempts to reach his 1st quarter-final on grass to complete the set of ATP Tour QFs on all three surfaces and equal his personal-best 20 wins in a season (2023 – 20).

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

[Q] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) vs Matteo Arnaldi (ITA)

24 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)

Hard R16 Rinky Hijikata

Hijikata Leads 1-0

6-2 3-6 6-4

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 23 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 70 | 2024: 8-12 (2 QFs) | Queen's: 1-0 (2024 2R)

> Former World No. 9 junior achieved career-high No. 70 in October 2023 soon after reaching US Open 4R.

> Broke into Top 100 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL.

> Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.

> Also at 2023 Australian Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.

> Won 2 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in October 2022 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.

> Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata looks for his 4th ATP Tour QF (1-2), second on grass after reaching 2023 's-Hertogenbosch SF. He is 4-17 vs. Top 50 players (1-2 on grass), earning biggest win of career over No. 28 Tiafoe via RET in 1R.

Matteo Arnaldi | Age: 23 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 34 | 2024: 19-13 (2 QFs) | Queen's: 1-0 (2024 2R)

> Broke into Top 500 in September 2021, Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 100 in May 2023, achieving career-high No. 34 in June 2024.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2023 Umag and 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 US Open.

> Qualified to reach 3R at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, defeating No. 4 Ruud for biggest win of career a week after earning first career ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Munar).

> Owns 59-39 Challenger record (4-2 in finals), highlighted by 1st title on home soil at Francavilla al Mare.

> Peaked at No. 22 in juniors, posting 80-42 singles record (3 titles) and 34-35 doubles record (2 titles).

NOTE: Arnaldi saved 1 MP to defeat No. 16 Humbert in 1R for his 1st ATP Tour win on grass and now seeks 4th ATP Tour QF (1-2), 3rd of 2024 after Brisbane and Barcelona. He aims to equal his personal-best 20 wins in a season.

[3] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Sebastian Korda (USA)

Series Tied 1-1

22 Washington (U.S.A.)

Hard R16 Sebastian Korda

4-6 6-1 6-2

24 Marseille (France)

Hard R16 Grigor Dimitrov

6-1 7-6(5)

Tennis Data Innovations Insights uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/news-filter-results/insights>

Insight from their 2024 Marseille 2R match:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Sebastian Korda	21%	48%	22%	7.9	6.6	7.9	7.4
Grigor Dimitrov	25%	78%	52%	8.3	4.9	9.6	7.2
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.5	7.2

A huge contrast in the Conversion scores in this meeting with Dimitrov up from his 71% Conversion avg. while Korda was way down on his 68% avg.

The forehands were a big part of the story, Dimitrov making 97% of his forehands compared to Korda's 78% (Tour avg. 84%).

Grigor Dimitrov | Age: 33 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 29-9 (Brisbane Title) | Queen's: 20-12 (2014 Title)

> Former World No. 1 junior ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.

> Top-ranked Bulgarian in history and only champion from his country, winning 9 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> Surpassed 400 wins in September 2023, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

> Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open, as well as 11 ATP Masters 1000 SFs.

> Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer in 2019 US Open QF as World No. 78, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open men's semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

NOTE: Dimitrov is making his 14th appearance at the event, looking to advance to the quarter-finals for the fifth time. He aims to record 30 wins in a season for the seventh time and only the second time in last 7 years (2013-17, 2023).

Sebastian Korda | Age: 23 | World No. 23 (Career-High) | 2024: 20-14 ('s-Hertogenbosch F) | Queen's: 4-1 (2023 SF)

> Achieved career-high No. 23 in October 2023 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at Shanghai.

> Earned biggest wins of career over Medvedev as No. 3 at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R en route to SF and No. 8 at 2023 Australian Open 3R en route to 1st Grand Slam QF.

> Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma title, joining Petr Korda as 3rd father-son duo to win a tour-level championship in Open Era (Phil & Taylor Dent, Ramanathan & Ramesh Krishnan).

- > Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).
- > Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.
- > Father, Petr, peaked at No. 2 on ATP Tour; mother, Regina, peaked at No. 26 in WTA; sister, Nelly, became World No. 1 women's golfer in 2021; sister, Jessica, peaked at No. 8 in women's golf.

NOTE: Korda is 6-18 vs. Top 10 players, 2-2 on grass, seeking first win since defeating No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (0-8 in 2024). He looks for his 21st tour-level quarter-final, fourth of 2024.

Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs [WC] Andy Murray (GBR) **Thompson Leads 1-0**
17 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass R32 **Jordan Thompson** **7-6(4) 6-2**
Other Meeting
 23 Surbiton CH (Great Britain) Grass SF Andy Murray 7-6(5) 6-3

Jordan Thompson | Age: 30 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 32 | 2024: 17-14 (Los Cabos Title) | Queen's: 3-2 ('17, '23-'24 2R)
 > Achieved career-high No. 32 in February 2024 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at age 29 in Los Cabos and becoming the 1st player to win singles and doubles title at same event since compatriot Kyrgios in 2022.
 > Earned personal-best 26 tour-level wins and broke into Top 50 in 2019, highlighted by ending 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs by reaching 1st SF and final in 2019 's-Hertogenbosch.
 > Reached Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2020 US Open and ATP Masters 1000 4R for 1st time at 2019 Miami.
 > Upset World No. 1 and 5-time champion Murray at 2017 London/Queen's Club as LL, earning 1st tour-level win over Murray in 21 tries by an Aussie and No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells.
 > In 2018, went 1-11 on ATP Tour and 52-17 on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), earning 2nd-most Challenger wins in a single season behind Berlocq's 57 wins in 2010.

NOTE: Thompson earned his biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at Queen's Club 1R 7 years ago as LL. He seeks his 23rd ATP Tour QF (6-16), second above ATP 250 level in his career (2023 Washington, I. to Fritz).

Andy Murray | Age: 37 | World No. 129 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 6-11 (Miami 3R) | Queen's: 32-9 ('09, '11, '13, '15-'16 W)
 > Became 1st British World No. 1 in singles at age 29 in 2016, making him 2nd-oldest player to debut at No. 1 behind Newcombe, 30, in 1974.
 > Ended 2016 on 24-match win streak, defeating No. 2 Djokovic at Nitto ATP Finals to clinch year-end No. 1 and ATP-best 9th title of season.
 > First British Grand Slam men's singles champion (2012 US Open) and Wimbledon champion (2013, 2016) since Perry in 1936 (Wimbledon, US Championships).
 > Also 1st player to win 2 Olympic gold medals in singles (2012 London, 2016 Rio), highlighted by 6-2 6-1 6-4 rout of No. 1 Federer in 2012 final on Wimbledon's Centre Court.
 > Owns 739 career wins and is only player with at least 7 victories vs. Djokovic, Federer and Nadal, including championship wins over all 3 among his 14 ATP Masters 1000 and 46 tour-level titles overall.

NOTE: Murray owns the most Queen's Club titles in tournament history (5). The Brit looks for 144th tour-level quarter-final, first since 2023 Doha in February last year and first quarter-final at the venue since winning the 2016 title.

[PR] Milos Raonic (CAN) vs [4] Taylor Fritz (USA) **First Meeting**

Insight from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Milos Raonic	33%	65%	27%	9.1	6.5	7.1	6.2
Taylor Fritz	27%	67%	31%	8.5	7.0	7.9	7.6
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.5	7.2

Both players rank in the Top 10 on tour for Serve Quality. Fritz will hope his edge on return will get him into position where his advantage on Forehand & Backhand Quality can shift the match-up in his favour.

Milos Raonic | Age: 33 | World No. 186 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 6-3 (2 QFs) | Queen's: 10-4 (2016 Final)
> Ended 2016 at career-high No. 3 after earning personal-best 52 wins and reaching Nitto ATP Finals SF (l. to No. 1 Murray after holding 1 MP).
> Became 1st Canadian to break into Top 10 in 2013, then won 1st All-Canadian final in Open Era at 2014 Washington (d. Pospisil).
> Advanced to 10 Grand Slam QFs and 3 Grand Slam SFs, beating Federer in 5 sets to become 1st Canadian Grand Slam men's singles finalist at 2016 Wimbledon.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Federer at 2014 Paris en route to 2nd of his 4 ATP Masters 1000 finals.
> Played 85 tournaments and advanced to 7 finals since 8th and most recent ATP Tour title at 2016 Brisbane (d. Federer).

NOTE: Raonic hit 47 aces in his 1R match to break the record for most aces in an ATP Tour best-of-3 match (since 1991). He aims to reach his 4th Queen's Club quarter-final in six appearances (2015 QF, 2016 Final, 2019 QF) and earn first Top 20 win since defeating No. 10 Tiafoe at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto last August (0-4 in 2024).

Taylor Fritz | Age: 26 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 26-11 (Delray Beach Title) | Queen's: 2-2 (2023-24 2R)
> Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.
> Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
> Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 and helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022-23.

NOTE: Fritz seeks 51st tour-level quarter-final, 6th this season and first on grass since 2023 Stuttgart. He aims to win consecutive grass court matches for the first time advancing to 2022 Wimbledon QF (l. to Nadal).