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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- The remaining nine first round singles matches at **cinch Championships** are scheduled on Tuesday's order of play, with Top 2 seeds **Carlos Alcaraz** and **Holger Rune** making their Queen's Club debuts. The two 20-year-olds that also occupy the Top 2 spots on the Pepperstone ATP Live Next Gen Race will open the play on Centre Court, with Rune starting first in his third tour-level meeting against American **Maxime Cressy**.
- Alcaraz** was scheduled to face the youngest player in the draw, **Arthur Fils**, which would mark the first time Alcaraz plays a professional match against a younger opponent. Due to Fils withdrawing (hamstring strain), his countryman **Arthur Rinderknech** entered the draw as a lucky loser. Rinderknech will aim to earn his first Top 10 win in his second encounter against the Spaniard, who won their first match at 2021 US Open 2R.
- Five-time Queen's Club champion **Andy Murray** is coming into the tournament with a 10-0 Challenger record on British grass courts this season (20-1 in sets). But the 36-year-old Brit will have to earn his 3rd Top 20 win of the season to keep the perfect grass court record this year as he faces World No. 18 **Alex de Minaur**. The Australian leads the head-to-head 3-0 and won their last encounter in April this year with the loss of 4 games.
- This week marks the first time since May 2012 two Americans are placed in the Top 10 of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings. World No. 8 **Taylor Fritz** and World No. 10 **Frances Tiafoe** are both scheduled to open their title campaigns on Tuesday. No. 3 seed Fritz is facing **Bernabe Zapata Miralles**, who is seeking his first ATP Tour win on grass, while No. 4 seed Tiafoe aims to continue his 4-match winning streak against last year's semi-finalist **Botic van de Zandschulp**. Tiafoe leads their head-to-head 1-0.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Maxime Cressy (USA) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

23 Australian Open (Australia)
23 Montpellier (France)

Hard R64 Holger Rune
Hard SF Maxime Cressy

Series Tied 1-1

7-5 6-4 6-4
7-5 6-7(3) 7-6(4)

Other Meetings

21 Pau CH (France)

Hard QF Holger Rune

6-2 6-2

22 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)Clay

Q2 Holger Rune

6-3 7-5

Maxime Cressy | Age: 26 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 31 | 2023: 7-14 (Montpellier Final) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
> French-born American broke into Top 100 in January 2022 and Top 50 in June 2022 before achieving career-high No. 31 in August 2022.

> Rallied from 6-2 3-0 down to defeat Bublik for 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Newport – 3 years after debuting as 293rd-ranked qualifying wild card at 2019 Newport.

> Also advanced to finals at 2022 Melbourne as Q, 2022 Eastbourne and 2023 Montpellier – defeating No. 9 Rune in Montpellier SF to equal biggest win of career.

> Qualified at 2021 Australian Open and 2021 Wimbledon, reached 2022 Australian Open 4R and defeated No. 9 Auger-Aliassime in 2022 Wimbledon 1R.

> Played college tennis for UCLA from 2016-19, posting 26-0 doubles record as a senior, winning 2019 NCAA doubles title w/K. Smith, and ending career as No. 1 doubles and No. 17 singles player in nation.

NOTE: Cressy aims to break a 10-match losing streak since defeating No. 152 Blancaneaux at 2023 Marseille 1R in February. He is 2-9 vs. Top 10 players (1-0 on grass), seeking biggest win of career.

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2023: 30-11 (Munich Title) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
 > Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
 > From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, highlighted by runner-up results in Monte Carlo (l. to Rublev) and Rome (l. to Medvedev) and had a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents come to an end with loss to No. 3 Medvedev in Rome.
 > Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
 > Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).
 > Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

NOTE: Rune seeks first career win on grass, going 0-3 on the surface in the 2022 season. He is 11-1 in his opening rounds in 2023, losing to Nishioka at Adelaide-1 1R in his first tournament of the season.

[1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [LL] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) Alcaraz Leads 1-0
 21 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R64 Carlos Alcaraz 7-6(6) 4-6 6-1 6-4

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2023: 35-4 (4 Titles) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022.
 > Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
 > Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (165 events since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (294 events since 1990).
 > Captured 9 titles as a teenager (9-3 in finals), behind Borg (17), Nadal (16), Wilander (14), Becker (12) and Agassi (10) and 6th-youngest to win 10 tour-level titles behind: Wilander, Borg, Nadal, Becker and Agassi.
 > Improved to 4-0 in ATP Masters 1000 finals with repeat title at 2023 Madrid, 2nd-best start in Masters 1000 finals only behind Michael Chang and Jim Courier (both 5-0).
 > Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.
 > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch, 18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

NOTE: Alcaraz owns a 6-1 record vs. Frenchmen on tour-level (l. to Gaston at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R) and is on a 10-match winning streak in his opening rounds, since losing to LL Goffin at 2022 Astana 1R.

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 27 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 42 | 2023: 5-11 (4 times in 2R) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 50 in January 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2, then became No. 1 Frenchman and achieved career-high No. 42 in October 2022.
 > Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
 > In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 6 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
 > Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q and 2022 Poznan.
 > Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

NOTE: Rinderknech seeks biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz (0-6 vs. Top 10), seeking first tour-level win on grass since defeating Humbert at 2022 Stuttgart 1R.

[7] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Andy Murray (GBR) de Minaur Leads 3-0
 18 Washington (U.S.A.) Hard QF Alex de Minaur W/O
 19 Zhuhai (China) Hard R16 Alex de Minaur 4-6 6-2 6-4
 22 Laver Cup (Great Britain) Hard RR Alex de Minaur 5-7 6-3 [10-7]
 23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)Clay R64 Alex de Minaur 6-1 6-3

Alex de Minaur | Age: 24 | World No. 18 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 17-12 (Acapulco Title) | Queen's: 4-3 (2021 SF)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high ranking of No. 15 in June 2021.
> Earned personal-best 47 victories in 2022, then defeated No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup for biggest win of career and captured biggest of 7 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Acapulco (d. Paul).
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
> Defeated Murray to help Team World win 2022 Laver Cup and went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during the season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003.
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTE: de Minaur started his grass season by reaching his 5th ATP Tour QF of 2023 in 's-Hertogenbosch, by defeating Djere in 2R (after 1R bye) and losing to eventual champion Griekspoor in QF.

Andy Murray | Age: 36 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 1 | 2023: 8-8 (Doha Final) | Queen's: 31-8 ('09, '11, '13, '15-'16 Titles)
> 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 725 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 comes into the tournament on a 10-match winning streak on Challenger level, winning back-to-back titles at Surbiton CH and Nottingham CH last week. He aims to break a 5-match tour-level losing streak to win his first ATP Tour match since defeating No. 109 Albot at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R (l. to Draper in 3R).

Bernabe Zapata Miralles (ESP) vs [3] Taylor Fritz (USA) **Zapata Miralles Leads 1-0**
22 Roland Garros (France) Clay R64 Bernabe Zapata Miralles 6-3 6-4 6-2

Bernabe Zapata Miralles | Age: 26 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 37 | 2023: 15-14 (2 SFs) | Queen's: 0-0 (2021 Q2)
> Achieved career-high No. 37 in May 2023 soon after reaching 3R of 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome, becoming the only player to take a set from eventual champion Medvedev.
> Advanced to consecutive SFs at 2023 Buenos Aires and 2023 Rio de Janeiro (l. to Alcaraz and Norrie).
> Broke into Top 100 after becoming 1st Spanish qualifier to reach 4R of a Grand Slam event at 2022 Roland Garros.
> Qualified at 6 tour-level events in both 2021 and 2022, including Roland Garros and Wimbledon in back-to-back seasons.
> Won 1st of 4 Challenger titles by defeating 17-year-old countryman Alcaraz in 2020 Cordenons final.
> Defeated future Top-10 ATP players Hurkacz and Tsitsipas en route to final of 2015 European Junior Championships.

NOTE: Zapata Miralles seeks biggest win of career against No. 8 Fritz (0-4 vs. Top 10) and first tour-level win on grass (0-3 record). All 15 of his tour-level wins this season have come on clay courts.

Taylor Fritz | Age: 25 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 5 | 2023: 32-13 (Delray Beach Title) | Queen's: 0-1 (2022 1R)
> 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 after helping Team World capture 2022 Laver Cup.

NOTE: Fritz is 9-2 in his last 11 matches on the grass courts, winning 2022 Eastbourne and reaching 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon (l. to Nadal) and starting the 2023 grass court season by reaching Stuttgart QF (l. to Struff).

COURT 1

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [WC] Liam Broady (GBR)

17 St. Petersburg (Russia) Hard R16 Liam Broady 2-6 6-4 6-0

21 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass R32 Adrian Mannarino 6-4 6-4

22 Delray Beach (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Adrian Mannarino 6-2 6-3

Other Meeting

14 Knoxville CH (U.S.A.) Hard SF Adrian Mannarino 6-0 6-4

Mannarino Leads 2-1

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 34 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 15-13 (3 QFs) | Queen's: 9-8 (2011, 2018 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 22 in 2018 and ended 10 straight years in Top 75 of Pepperstone ATP Rankings (2013-22).

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch and 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.

> Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.

> Posted personal-best 33 wins in 2017, ending season on 25-13 run including 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Montreal.

> Reached 2022 Australian Open 4R and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018, but owns 0-19 record vs. Top-10 players at Grand Slams.

NOTE: Mannarino started his 2023 grass court season by earning biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 's-Hertogenbosch last week (l. to Thompson in QF).

Liam Broady | Age: 29 | World No. 143 | Career-High No. 116 | 2023: 1-2 (Doha 2R) | Queen's: 0-4 ('12, '17, '21-'22 1R)

> Achieved career-high No. 116 in February 2022 after older sister, Naomi, broke into Top 100 of WTA singles and doubles rankings.

> Defeated former World No. 10 Gulbis 6-3 6-0 en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2017 St. Petersburg as Q.

> Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Matosevic for 1st tour-level win of career at 2015 Wimbledon and reached 3R at 2022 Wimbledon defeating No. 15 Schwartzman in 2R as a WC.

> Owns 160-141 Challenger record (15-7 in 2023), winning titles at 2021 Biel and 2023 Vilnius after 0-7 start in finals.

> Former World No. 2 junior was 2011 Wimbledon and 2012 US Open boys' singles runner-up, as well as 2010 Wimbledon and 2012 Australian Open boys' doubles champion with countrymen Farquharson and Ward Hibbert respectively.

NOTE: Broady aims to earn first main draw win at Queen's Club in fifth appearance and first Top 100 win since defeating No. 35 van de Zandschulp to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF at 2022 Tel Aviv in September.

[4] Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)

22 Washington (U.S.A.) Hard R16 Frances Tiafoe

Tiafoe Leads 1-0

4-6 6-2 6-3

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 25 | World No. 10 (Career-High) | 2023: 27-9 (2 Titles) | Queen's: 4-4 (2018, 2021 QF)

> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 10 in June 2023 after capturing 3rd ATP Tour title at 2023 Stuttgart, saving 1 MP vs. Struff in the championship match on grass to earn an ATP Tour on all three surfaces.

> Defeated 4-time champion Nadal en route to 2022 US Open SF, becoming that event's 1st American men's semi-finalist since Roddick in 2006.

> Led Team World to 2022 Laver Cup title, teaming w/Sock to defeat Federer/Nadal in Swiss' final match before clinching cup with win over Tsitsipas.

> Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston and 2nd ATP Tour title at 2022 Houston.

> Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Tiafoe is coming into the event on a 4-match winning streak, winning 3rd ATP Tour title at Stuttgart last week to secure his Top 10 debut this week.

Botic van de Zandschulp | Age: 27 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 13-13 (Munich Final) | Queen's: 3-1 (2022 SF)

> Achieved new career-high ranking 14 times in 2022, peaking at No. 22 in August and ending 2nd straight season as No. 1 Dutchman.

> At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.

- > Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Trungelliti in Q3).
- > Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.
- > Defeated No. 10 Fritz in SF to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Munich, before squandering 4 championship points, losing to No. 7 Rune in the Munich final for the second year in a row.
- > Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, including victories over Norrie, Fritz and Bublik to help The Netherlands qualify for Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage.

NOTE: van de Zandschulp attempts to break a 4-match losing streak since defeating No. 10 Fritz at 2023 Munich SF for 6th career Top 10 win (6-13 vs. Top 10). Earned lone ATP Tour SF above 250 level at Queen's Club last year, losing to eventual champion Berrettini in SF.

[Q] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

23 Roland Garros (France)

Clay R64 Grigor Dimitrov

Dimitrov Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 6-3 6-4

Grigor Dimitrov | Age: 32 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 18-11 (Geneva Final) | Queen's: 17-11 (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 8 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> Surpassed 300 career wins in 2019, 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 8 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 one of two former champions in the draw, winning the 2014 title after saving a championship point vs. Feliciano Lopez in the final. He is 10-1 in his opening matches on tour-level this season, losing to No. 75 Kubler at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R (1R bye) by retirement.

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 24 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 37 | 2023: 19-15 ('s-Hertogenbosch SF) | Queen's: 2-1 (2022 QF)

> Ex-World No. 4 junior finished 2022 at year-end-high No. 40 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Pune (l. to J. Sousa) and earning personal-best 35 tour-level wins during season.

> In 2023, advanced to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF in Miami (l. to Sinner) and afterwards improved to career-high ranking of No. 37 on 3 April.

> Beat No. 5 Thiem during 2019 Davis Cup tie and No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.

> In 2020, reached 1st SF at Astana after winning ATP debut at Montpellier (d. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene).

> Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.

> Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

NOTE: Ruusuvuori started his grass season in 's-Hertogenbosch, defeating No. 9 Sinner for 3rd career Top 10 win (3-13) and advanced to his first ATP Tour SF of the season (l. to Griekspoor in SF).

COURT 5

Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)

First Meeting

[SE] Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs [LL] Alexei Popyrin (AUS)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

22 Nottingham CH (Great Britain)

Grass SF Jordan Thompson

6-4 6-2