



CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023

The Queen's Club | London, Great Britain | 19-25 June 2023

ATP Tour
ATPTour.com
@ATPTour
#ThisIsTennis

Tournament
LTA.org.uk
@QueensTennis
#cinchChampionships

Media
Stephanie Natal: stephanie.natal@atptour.com (ATP PR)
Eleanor Preston: LTAmediaQueens@lta.org.uk (Press Officer)
TennisTV.com

CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- 2023 **cinch Championships** gets underway with 5-time champion **Andy Murray**, who arrives on the back of 2 consecutive ATP Challenger Tour titles on grass, leading the 6 Brits in the main draw. 2014 champion **Grigor Dimitrov** joins him as the only other former champion, as he navigated through qualifying to book his spot in the main draw. 2021 finalist and only seeded home favorite No. 5 seed **Cameron Norrie** as well as 2016 finalist **Milos Raonic**, who returned last week after 23 months of absence from the tour, join them in the field.
- World No. 2 **Carlos Alcaraz** is making his debut at the event, playing in just his 3rd tour-level grass court tournament (2021 Wimbledon 2R, 2022 Wimbledon 4R). Alcaraz has the chance to regain the World No. 1 spot with a title win this week, to guarantee himself a top-seeded position at 2023 Wimbledon in July.
- No. 2 seed **Holger Rune** is also making his Queen's Club debut and will be attempting to win his first career tour-level grass court match this week after going 0-3 on the surface in the 2022 season. Rune will open his title campaign vs. American **Maxime Cressy**, who owns an 11-6 career tour-level record on grass, winning the title at 2022 Newport (d. **Alexander Bublik** in F) and reaching the final at 2022 Eastbourne (l. to **Taylor Fritz**).
- No. 4 seed **Frances Tiafoe** is coming into the tournament on a 4-match winning streak after picking up his 3rd ATP Tour title in Stuttgart last week and his brand-new career-high No. 10, as he joined his compatriot and No. 3 seed Fritz in the Top 10. Both will attempt to become the first American champion at the event since **Sam Querrey** in 2010.

2023 CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2023 W-L (BEST FINISH)	LONDON W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	35-4 (4 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Holger Rune (DEN)	30-11 (Munich Title)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Taylor Fritz (USA)	32-13 (Delray Beach Title)	0-1 (2022 1R)
4	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	27-9 (Houston, Stuttgart Titles)	4-4 (2018, 2021 QF)
5	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	29-11 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	4-5 (2021 Final)
6	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	18-14 (Barcelona SF)	0-1 (2022 1R)
7	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	17-12 (Acapulco Title)	4-3 (2021 SF)
8	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	23-15 (Lyon Final)	1-1 (2022 2R)

Tournament History	1968-73, 1977-2019, 2021-Present (52nd Edition)
Singles Final	Sunday 25 June at 1:30pm
Wild Cards (3)	Liam Broady (GBR), Jan Choinski (GBR), Ryan Peniston (GBR)
Qualifiers (4)	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL), Arthur Fils (FRA), Mackenzie McDonald (USA), Tommy Paul (USA)
Lucky Loser (1)	J.J. Wolf (USA)
Special Exempts (1)	Jordan Thompson (AUS)
Protected Rankings (1)	Milos Raonic (PR-33)
Oldest Player	Andy Murray (36)
#NextGenATP (5)	Arthur Fils (19), Carlos Alcaraz (20), Holger Rune (20), Ben Shelton (20), Lorenzo Musetti (21)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Andy Murray (5) <u>Most Wins</u> – John McEnroe (42) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Boris Becker, 17, in 1985 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Feliciano Lopez, 37, in 2019 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 Ivan Lendl (1989-90), No. 1 Stefan Edberg (1991), No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in 2002 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 113 Feliciano Lopez in 2019 <u>Last British Champion</u> – Andy Murray in 2016

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

United States (8)	Maxime Cressy, Taylor Fritz, Sebastian Korda, Mackenzie McDonald, Tommy Paul, Ben Shelton, Frances Tiafoe, J.J. Wolf
Great Britain (6)	Liam Broady, Jan Choinski, Daniel Evans, Andy Murray, Cameron Norrie, Ryan Peniston
France (3)	Arthur Fils, Ugo Humbert, Adrian Mannarino
Spain (3)	Carlos Alcaraz, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Bernabe Zapata Miralles
Argentina (2)	Francisco Cerundolo, Diego Schwartzman
Australia (2)	Alex de Minaur, Jordan Thompson
Bulgaria (1)	Grigor Dimitrov
Canada (1)	Milos Raonic
Czech Republic (1)	Jiri Lehecka
Denmark (1)	Holger Rune
Finland (1)	Emil Ruusuvuori
Italy (1)	Lorenzo Musetti
Netherlands (1)	Botic van de Zandschulp
Serbia (1)	Miomir Kecmanovic

PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

cinch Championships	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	45	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	410,515	220,880	117,715	60,145	32,105	17,120
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	--	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	134,840	71,910	36,380	18,190	9,420	

2023 CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2023 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Wesley Koolhof (NED)	84-31 (8 Titles)	29-12 ('s-Hertogenbosch Title)	1-2 (2018 QF)
	Neal Skupski (GBR)	28-12 in 2023 (1 Title)	29-12 ('s-Hertogenbosch Title)	3-5 (2018 SF)
2	Ivan Dodig (CRO)	55-24 (6 Titles)	18-6 (3 Titles)	2-3 (2017 SF)
	Austin Krajicek (USA)	18-5 in 2023 (3 Titles)	24-7 (3 Titles)	3-2 (2019 Final)
3	Rajeev Ram (USA)	154-73 (10 Titles)	15-9 (Lyon Title)	7-8 (2019 Final)
	Joe Salisbury (GBR)	14-9 in 2023 (1 Title)	14-10 (Lyon Title)	4-3 (2019 Final)
4	Hugo Nys (MON)	34-25 (2 Titles)	16-14 (Rome Title)	0-0 (Debut)
	Jan Zielinski (POL)	15-13 in 2022 (1 Title)	15-14 (Rome Title)	0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Sunday 25 June following the singles final.

CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	Filip Krajinovic (SRB)	7-5 6-4
2021	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	6-4 6-7(5) 6-3
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Gilles Simon (FRA)	6-2 6-7(4) 7-6(2)
2018	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	5-7 7-6(4) 6-3
2017	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	4-6 7-6(2) 7-6(8)
2016	Andy Murray (GBR)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	6-7(5) 6-4 6-3
2015	Andy Murray (GBR)	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	6-3 6-4
2014	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	6-7(8) 7-6(1) 7-6(6)
2013	Andy Murray (GBR)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	5-7 7-5 6-3
2012	Marin Cilic (CRO)	David Nalbandian (ARG)	6-7(3) 4-3 def.
2011	Andy Murray (GBR)	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	3-6 7-6(2) 6-4
2010	Sam Querrey (USA)	Mardy Fish (USA)	7-6(3) 7-5
2009	Andy Murray (GBR)	James Blake (USA)	7-5 6-4
2008	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-6(6) 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2023 cinch Championships singles draw

CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Lloyd Glasspool / Harri Heliövaara	3-6 7-6(3) [10-6]
2021	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Reilly Opelka / John Peers	6-4 7-5
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Feliciano Lopez / Andy Murray	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	7-6(6) 5-7 [10-5]
2018	Henri Kontinen / John Peers	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	6-4 6-3
2017	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	Julien Benneteau / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	6-2 6-3
2016	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Chris Guccione / Andre Sa	6-3 7-6(5)
2015	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Marcin Matkowski / Nenad Zimonjic	6-2 6-2
2014	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	Jamie Murray / John Peers	4-6 7-6(4) [10-4]
2013	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	4-6 7-5 [10-3]
2012	Max Mirnyi / Daniel Nestor	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	6-3 6-4
2011	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mahesh Bhupathi / Leander Paes	6-7(2) 7-6(4) [10-6]
2010	Novak Djokovic / Jonathan Erlich	Karol Beck / David Skoch	6-7(6) 6-2 [10-3]
2009	Wesley Moodie / Mikhail Youzhny	Marcelo Melo / Andre Sa	6-4 4-6 [10-6]
2008	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Marcelo Melo / Andre Sa	6-4 7-6(3)

BOLD: Player in 2022 cinch Championships doubles draw – teams Ram/Salisbury & Murray/Soares remain intact.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [WC] Ryan Peniston (GBR)

First Meeting

Ugo Humbert | Age: 24 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 25 | 2023: 9-11 (2 times in 3R) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Achieved career-high No. 25 after upsetting No. 6 Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to biggest of 3 career titles at 2021 Halle (d. Rublev).
 > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland (d. Paire) as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai.
 > Saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp (d. de Minaur).
 > Owns 7-6 record vs. Top 10 and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.
 > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 2022 Rennes Challenger title and in May 2023 won his 8th and 9th Challengers titles at Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert is 18-12 (.600) on tour-level grass compared to 53-54 (.495) on hard courts and 9-23 (.281) on clay. He is 13-4 vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 this season (including ATP Qualifying and Challengers).

Ryan Peniston | Age: 27 | World No. 265 | Career-High No. 123 | 2023: 0-0 (2 CH SFs) | Queen's: 2-1 (2022 QF)
 > British left-hander earned a career-high No. 123 on the Pepperstone ATP Rankings in July 2022 soon after posting his first Grand Slam win at 2022 Wimbledon over Laaksonen in 1R (l. to Johnson in 2R).
 > Made ATP Tour debut as a WC at 2022 London / Queen's Club and defeated top seed and No. 5 Ruud in 1R for biggest win of career in straight sets and beat No. 46 Cerundolo in 2R to reach 1st ATP Tour QF.
 > Defeated 2 Top 50 players, No. 29 Rune and No. 49 Martinez to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF at 2022 Eastbourne a week after his tour-level debut.
 > Has a 57-59 Challenger record (10-11 in 2023), reaching 3 finals on clay at 2021 Prague III (l. to Agamenone), 2021 Antalya (l. to Borges) and 2022 Ostrava (l. to Furness) and a 103-67 career record with 4 hard court titles on ITF Tour.
 > Overcame childhood cancer at age 2 and donated his winning from his first ITF title to the hospital that treated him.
 > Played four years at University of Memphis from 2014-18 and one of the top players in school history along with Joe Salisbury.

NOTE: Peniston seeks first tour-level win since defeating Laaksonen at 2022 Wimbledon 1R. He earned all 5 career tour-level wins during the 2022 grass season (2 at Queen's Club, 2 at Eastbourne and 1 at Wimbledon).

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs [5] Cameron Norrie (GBR)

20 St. Petersburg (Russia) Hard R16 Cameron Norrie
 22 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R64 Cameron Norrie

Norrie Leads 2-0

7-5 6-7(5) 6-3
 6-2 6-4

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 23 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 15-16 (2 Finals) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.

- > Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.
- > In 2023, reached 2 ATP Tour finals before losing to Top 10 players in Delray Beach (l. to No. 7 Fritz) and Estoril (l. to No. 5 Ruud).
- > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.
- > Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).
- > Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Kecmanovic is 7-33 vs. Top 20 players (0-3 on grass), seeking first Top 20 win since defeating No. 15 Carreno Busta at 2022 Naples QF (on a 6-match losing streak since).

Cameron Norrie | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 29-11 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Queen's: 4-5 (2021 Final)

- > Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.
- > Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.
- > Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets.
- > Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before beating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup and No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro final for biggest wins of career.
- > Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University, and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie is playing in his first grass court match since advancing to first Grand Slam SF at 2022 Wimbledon (l. to Djokovic in SF). He is 13-4 vs. lower-ranked players on tour-level on grass.

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs Daniel Evans (GBR)

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R32 Sebastian Korda

Korda Leads 1-0

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

Sebastian Korda | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 26 | 2022: 9-5 (Adelaide-1 Final) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 26 after defeating World No. 8 and 2-time finalist Medvedev for biggest win of career en route to 2023 Australian Open QF before being sidelined due to right wrist injury until April.
- > 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 owns a 5-1 record vs. Brits on tour-level (l. to Norrie at 2022 Delray Beach QF).

Daniel Evans | Age: 33 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 8-15 (2 times in SF) | Queen's: 5-8 (2021 QF)

- > Former Top-10 junior was unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 22 in September 2021.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down and won 5th-set TB vs. Popyrin to reach 2nd Grand Slam 4R of career at 2021 US Open.
- > Reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Djokovic in 3R) and 2022 Montreal.
- > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2021 Miami w/N. Skupski, 2021 Monte Carlo w/N. Skupski and 2022 Montreal w/Peers.

NOTE: Evans is making his 9th appearance at the event and lost to the eventual champion Berrettini in the last two editions (2021 – QF, 2022 – 1R).

[6] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs [WC] Jan Choinski (GBR)

First Meeting

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 21 | World No. 16 (Career-High) | 2023: 18-14 (Barcelona SF) | Queen's: 0-1 (2022 1R)
 > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 16 in June 2023 after reaching 1st grass ATP QF at 2023 Stuttgart (l. to eventual champion Tiafoe).
 > Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych).
 > Recorded first 6-0 6-0 victory at an ATP Masters 1000 event since 2016 over compatriot Nardi in 2R before upsetting World No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Monte Carlo.
 > Did not drop a set en route to 2nd ATP title at 2022 Naples, defeating countryman and United Cup teammate Berrettini in final on home soil.
 > Advanced to 2021 Roland Garros 4R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic from 2 sets up) and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF (d. No. 4 Ruud in 3R).
 > Reached 2018 US Open boys' singles final, won 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and defeated Wawrinka at 2020 Rome to become 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match.

NOTE: Musetti entered the 2023 grass season with a 0-4 tour-level record on the surface before defeating Gojo and Barrere in Stuttgart last week to reach his 1st ATP Tour QF on grass (l. to Tiafoe).

Jan Choinski | Age: 27 | World No. 167 (Career-High) | 2023: 0-0 (3 Challenger SFs) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Achieved career-high No. 167 this week after being ranked outside the Top 500 a year ago (No. 548).
 > Represented Germany until 2018 and made ATP Tour debut as a 19-year-old wildcard at 2016 Stuttgart (l. to Stakhovsky in 1R) in only prior tour-level match.
 > Owns a 70-69 Challenger record (14-10 in 2023), capturing his first title at 2022 Campinas on clay coming from qualifying to defeat No. 2 seed Varillas in the final and 207-107 record on ITF Tour with 11 titles.
 > Saved 3 MPs to defeat No. 88 Tseng at 2022 Szczecin CH 2R for biggest win of career.
 > Reached career-high No. 17 on the ITF Juniors tour, reaching the semi-finals at 2014 US Open boys' singles event, defeating future-World No. 6 Berrettini in 3R and losing to eventual champion Jasika in SF.

NOTE: Choinski seeks first ATP Tour win and first Top 50 win across all levels. He is 1-7 on grass across all professional levels, defeating Kern at 2015 Stuttgart Q1, before going on a 7-match losing streak.

COURT 1

[LL] J.J. Wolf (USA) vs Ben Shelton (USA)

23 Australian Open (Australia)

Hard R16 Ben Shelton

Shelton Leads 1-0

6-7(5) 6-2 6-7(4) 7-6(4) 6-2

J.J. Wolf | Age: 24 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 39 | 2023: 14-12 (Dallas SF) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Already ranked No. 272 when he turned pro in July 2019, then broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 39 in February 2023.
 > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final of career at 2022 Florence after reaching US Open 3R as WC in both 2020 and 2022.
 > Upset No. 14 Tiafoe for biggest win of career and to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Dallas (l. to Isner).
 > Defeated fellow American Mmoh to advance to 2023 Australian Open 4R, falling in 5 sets to countryman Shelton.
 > Owns 78-42 Challenger record overall, including 5-1 in finals and 21-7 with 2 titles in Columbus, where he played 3 seasons of college tennis for Ohio State University.

NOTE: Wolf is playing in his first tour-level match on grass, coming into the draw as a lucky loser due to a withdrawal from 2021-22 champion Berrettini, after losing to McDonald in Q2. He is 1-4 vs. left-handers on tour-level this season.

Ben Shelton | Age: 20 | World No. 35 (Career-High) | 2023: 8-13 (Australian Open QF) | Queen's: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Achieved career-high No. 35 in May 2023 after breaking into Top 50 in January 2023, Top 100 in November 2022, Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 500 in June 2022.
 > Advanced to 2023 Australian Open QF at age 20 and on his 1st trip outside USA, becoming youngest American man in Australian Open QF since Giammalva Jr., 19, in 1982, and in Grand Slam QF since Roddick, 20, at 2002 US Open.
 > Upset No. 5 Ruud to reach 2022 Cincinnati 3R in ATP Masters 1000 debut at age 19, becoming youngest American man to earn Top-5 win since Roddick, 18, at 2001 Montreal (d. No. 1 Kuerten).

- > Ended 2022 season on ATP Challenger Tour with 3 indoor hard titles in as many weeks at Charlottesville, Knoxville and Champaign.
- > Posted 65-10 singles record in 2 seasons for University of Florida, clinching 2021 NCAA team title and 2022 NCAA singles title while being coached by his father Bryan, a former World No. 55.

NOTE: Shelton is playing in his first professional match on grass, aiming to break a 5-match losing streak on tour-level since defeating McDonald at 2023 Barcelona 1R.

Diego Schwartzman (ARG) vs [Q] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) Schwartzman Leads 1-0
 22 Barcelona (Spain) Clay R32 Diego Schwartzman 6-2 6-2

- Diego Schwartzman** | Age: 20 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 7-15 (2 times in 3R) | Queen's: 2-2 (2019 QF)
- > More than 2 years after rising to No. 11, broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 8 in 2020 and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals.
 - > Advanced to Grand Slam QF-or-better on 5 occasions, highlighted by win over No. 3 Thiem in 5:08 to reach 2020 Roland Garros SF.
 - > Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Nadal en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2020 Rome, having entered 0-9 vs. Nadal and 0-22 vs. Top 5.
 - > Shortest Top-8 player at 1.70m (5'7") since Solomon in 1981 at 1.68m (5'6"), Grand Slam semi-finalist since Solomon at 1980 Roland Garros, and ATP Masters 1000 finalist in series history (since 1990).
 - > Snapped 5-match losing streak with 5 straight wins at 2016 Istanbul, rallying from a set and 5-2 down vs. Dimitrov to capture 1st of 4 ATP Tour titles in 1st of 14 finals.

NOTE: Schwartzman is playing in his first match since dropping out of Top 100 on the Pepperstone ATP Rankings for the first time since the week of July 14, 2014.

- Mackenzie McDonald** | Age: 28 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 48 | 2023: 16-14 (Delray Beach SF) | Queen's: 0-0 (2018 Q2)
- > Broke into Top 50 in February 2022 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2022 after undergoing right hamstring surgery in 2019 and falling out of Top 250 in 2020.
 - > Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington (l. to Sinner), then won 1st ATP Tour title in doubles at 2022 Tokyo w/Melo.
 - > Upset defending champion and World No. 2 Nadal in 2023 Australian Open 2R for biggest win of career.
 - > Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 4R as No. 103 and 2021 Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
 - > Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: McDonald started his grass season by reaching his 3rd ATP Tour QF of the season at 's-Hertogenbosch and defeated No. 17 Coric in 2R for his first Top 20 win on the surface.

[Q] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [8] Francesco Cerundolo (ARG) Paul Leads 1-0
 22 Eastbourne (Great Britain) Grass R32 Tommy Paul 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4

- Tommy Paul** | Age: 26 | World No. 15 (Career-High) | 2023: 19-12 (Acapulco Final) | Queen's: 2-1 (2022 QF)
- > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 15 in June 2023 after becoming 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF since Roddick in 2009 earlier in the year.
 - > Owns 5-7 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.
 - > Posted personal-best 39 wins in 2022, including upsets of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
 - > Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
 - > Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul started his grass season in Stuttgart last week, defeating Bonzi in 1R, before losing to eventual finalist Struff in 2R. Defeated Daniel in Q1 and WC Harris in Q2 to make his second main draw appearance at the event.

Francesco Cerundolo | Age: 24 | World No. 19 (Career-High) | 2023: 23-15 (Lyon Final) | Queen's: 1-1 (2022 2R)
> Broke into Top 100 and achieved new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022, then reached career-high No. 19 in June 2023 after reaching 2023 Roland Garros 4R for the first time (l. to Rune).
> In July 2022 broke into Top 25 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to Bastad title and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF.
> As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
> Lost to countryman Schwartzman in 2021 Buenos Aires final as Q, 2022 Buenos Aires QF as Q and 2022 Rio de Janeiro SF as SE.
> Owns 73-36 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), highlighted by 17-2 run to end 2020 season with three clay titles.
> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo seeks his personal-best 24th win in a single season (2021 – 23-22, 2022 – 23-15). He owns a 6-5 record vs. Top 20 players this season.