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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- World No. 6 **Holger Rune** earned his first career win on grass on Tuesday over **Maxime Cressy** and now faces a wildcard **Ryan Peniston**, aiming to reach his first ATP Tour QF on the surface. Peniston leads their head-to-head 1-0 and the Brit earned all 6 of his career tour-level wins on grass courts.
- Former finalist and No. 5 seed **Cameron Norrie** set up his fifth tour-level encounter vs. **Jordan Thompson** in 2R. Norrie, who has already won an ATP 500 title this year in Rio de Janeiro, will be aiming to secure his 2nd quarter-final at the event (2021), while Thompson will attempt to capture his 2nd Top 20 win of 2023.
- Facing off first on the Centre Court are two **#NextGenATP** players, No. 6 seed **Lorenzo Musetti** and World No. 35 **Ben Shelton**. Both sit on their career-high ranking this week and earned their first career wins on grass this season, Musetti reaching the quarter-finals in Stuttgart last week, while Shelton defeated compatriot Wolf in 1R on Monday, while playing in his first professional grass court match. The youngsters are ranked No. 3 and No. 5 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Next Gen Race respectively.
- World No. 10 **Frances Tiafoe** extended his winning streak to 5 matches with a straight sets win over **Botic van de Zandschulp** on Tuesday. Tiafoe now faces compatriot **Sebastian Korda**, who defeated **Daniel Evans** in his first round match. Tiafoe will aim to reach his third quarter-final at the event, while Korda will attempt to reach his first quarter-final since 2023 Australian Open, after which he was sidelined for a few months due to wrist injury.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

[6] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs Ben Shelton (USA)

First Meeting

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 21 | World No. 16 (Career-High) | 2023: 19-14 (Barcelona SF) | Queen's: 1-1 (2023 2R)
> 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 seeks 20 tour-level wins in a single season for the third consecutive year (2022 – 34, 2021 – 21).

Ben Shelton | Age: 20 | World No. 35 (Career-High) | 2023: 9-13 (Australian Open QF) | Queen's: 1-0 (2023 2R)
 > 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 aiming to reach 2nd career tour-level QF, first on grass. He owns a 1-4 record vs. Top 20 players (0-3 in 2023), defeating No. 5 Ruud at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 2R for lone win.

[SE] Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs [5] Cameron Norrie (GBR) Series Tied 2-2

18 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Cameron Norrie	7-5 4-6 6-4 6-3
19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Jordan Thompson	4-6 7-6(5) 6-3
19 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Cameron Norrie	7-6(3) 4-6 6-3
20 Astana (Kazakhstan)	Hard	R32	Jordan Thompson	5-7 7-6(6) 6-2
Other Meeting				
17 Binghamton CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Cameron Norrie	6-4 0-6 6-4

Jordan Thompson | Age: 29 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 43 | 2023: 8-10 ('s-Hertogenbosch F) | Queen's: 2-1 ('17, '23 2R)
 > Earned personal-best 26 tour-level wins, broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 43 in 2019.
 > Ended 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs by reaching 1st SF and final at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Mannarino) and reached his 2nd final at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch four year later (l. to Griekspoor).
 > 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.
 > 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.
 > Has 211-98 career Challenger record with 9 of 11 titles coming on hard courts. Has a 158-70 record on hard, 28-15 on clay, 23-9 on grass.

NOTE: Thompson is 7-23 vs. Top 20 players in his career (1-0 in 2023), 2-5 on grass, seeking first Top 20 win on the surface since defeating No. 14 Ruud at 2021 Wimbledon 1R and looking to reach first ATP Tour QF above 250 level.

Cameron Norrie | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 30-11 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Queen's: 5-5 (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 14-4 vs. lower-ranked players on tour-level on grass and owns a 9-4 record vs. Australians on tour-level. He aims to reach 6th ATP Tour quarter-final of 2023 (4-1 in QFs).

[WC] Ryan Peniston (GBR) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

22 Eastbourne (Great Britain)

Grass R32 Ryan Peniston

Peniston Leads 1-0

4-6 7-6(5) 6-1

Ryan Peniston | Age: 27 | World No. 265 | Career-High No. 123 | 2023: 1-0 (Queen's 2R) | Queen's: 3-1 (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 aims to advance to his third career ATP Tour QF after reaching the stage at 2022 London / Queen's Club (l. to Krajinovic) and 2022 Eastbourne (l. to Draper). He is 1-0 vs. Top 10 players, beating No. 5 Ruud in 1R of this event last year.

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2023: 31-11 (Munich Title) | Queen's: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> 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 earned first career win on grass over Cressy in 1R and now seeks 17th tour-level quarter-final of his career (11-5). He is 19-3 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 this season, on an 11-match winning streak since losing to No. 100 Wawrinka at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R.

[4] Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs Sebastian Korda (USA)

18 New York (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Frances Tiafoe

Tiafoe Leads 3-1

4-6 6-4 6-2

21 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)

Hard R64 Frances Tiafoe

6-0 6-4

22 Estoril (Portugal)

Clay SF Frances Tiafoe

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

22 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Sebastian Korda

4-6 6-1 6-4

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 25 | World No. 10 (Career-High) | 2023: 28-9 (2 Titles) | Queen's: 5-4 (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 2023 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 on a 5-match winning streak, winning 3rd ATP Tour title at Stuttgart last week to secure his Top 10 debut and defeating van de Zandschulp in 1R on Tuesday. He seeks 3rd Queen's Club QF in 5th main draw appearance.

Sebastian Korda | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 26 | 2022: 10-5 (Adelaide-1 Final) | Queen's: 1-0 (2023 2R)
> 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 seeks 13th tour-level quarter-final (6-6), first since 2023 Australian Open (l. to Khachanov) and second on grass (2021 Halle; l. to Humbert). He is 4-9 vs. Top 10 (1-1 in 2023), seeking first Top 10 win on grass since defeating No. 10 Bautista Agut at 2021 Halle 1R.