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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- World No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz successfully navigated through the early rounds to reach his 1st ATP Tour QF on grass. The Spaniard is aiming to extend his perfect record in tour-level quarter-finals this year (7-0) and will go into the match with a 2-0 lead in his Lexus ATP Head2Head vs. Grigor Dimitrov. Dimitrov, the only former champion left in the draw, will aim to earn his first Top 10 win on grass since defeating No. 5 Andy Murray at 2014 Wimbledon, while Alcaraz seeks first Top 30 win in his 9th career match on the surface.
- No. 2 seed Holger Rune and No. 6 Lorenzo Musetti entered the 2023 season with zero wins on grass. Rune, playing in his first grass tournament of the year, earned his quarter-final spot without losing a set, while Musetti earned his first ATP Tour QF on grass in Stuttgart last week, before losing to eventual champion Frances
 Tiafoe. Both seek their first semi-final on the surface in their first Lexus ATP Head2Head meeting.
- The only home player left in the singles draw, No. 5 seed **Cameron Norrie** will face unseeded **Sebastian Korda**. Norrie, who reached the final in 2021 (I. to **Matteo Berrettini**), will aim to earn his 20th career win on the surface (19-14) to reach his 5th ATP Tour SF of 2023. Korda will aim to extend his 5-match winning streak vs. left-handers since losing to No. 4 **Rafael Nadal** at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R.
- In the first match on the Centre Court, No. 7 seed Alex de Minaur seeks his second semi-final at cinch Championships after reaching the stage in 2021 (I. to Berrettini). He is facing Frenchman Adrian Mannarino, who seeks first SF above ATP 250 level since reaching the final at 2017 Tokyo. de Minaur leads their Lexus ATP Head2Head 3-1, but Mannarino won the only previous match played on grass at 's-Hertogenbosch 2R last year.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

CENTRE COURT

[7] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Adrian Mannarino (FRA)				de Minaur Leads 3-1
19 Zhuhai (China)	Hard	F	Alex de Minaur	7-6(4) 6-4
22 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands)	Grass	R16	Adrian Mannarino	6-2 6-3
22 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Alex de Minaur	4-6 6-3 6-0
23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R64	Alex de Minaur	7-6(3) 4-6 6-4 6-1

Alex de Minaur | Age: 24 | World No. 18 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 19-12 (Acapulco Title) | Queen's: 6-3 (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 is 10-2 in ATP 500 tournaments this season, winning biggest career title in Acapulco and reaching the quarter-finals at Rotterdam, Barcelona and Queen's Club. He owns a 3-1 record vs. left-handers this season, including earning the biggest win of career over No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup RR.

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Adrian Mannarino | Age: 34 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 17-13 (4 QFs) | Queen's: 11-8 ('11, '18, '23 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 aims to break a 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour quarter-finals to reach first SF since 2022 Winston-Salem (d. Djere in F). He is attempting to reach 21st ATP Tour SF (11-9), second above the ATP 250 level (2017 Tokyo, I. to No. 11 Goffin in the final).

[6] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

First Meeting

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 21 | World No. 16 (Career-High) | 2023: 20-14 (Barcelona SF) | Queen's: 2-1 (2023 QF) > 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 (I. 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 (I. 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 aims to break a 5-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs since 2022 Naples, where he went on to win the title. Received a W/O by Sinner in 2023 Barcelona QF to reach lone ATP Tour SF of the year. He is 5-13 vs. Top 10 players (1-4 in 2023), seeking first Top 10 win on the surface.

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2023: 32-11 (Munich Title) | Queen's: 2-0 (2023 QF)

- > 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 (I. to Rublev) and Rome (I. 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 is 9-1 in his last 10 tour-level quarter-finals, losing to No. 4 Rund in his latest one at 2023 Roland Garros. He aims to reach his 12th ATP Tour SF (8-3) after earning first career wins on grass courts over Cressy in 1R and Peniston in 2R.



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Korda Leads 2-1

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs [5] Cameron Norrie (GBR)

Sebastian Korda 21 Delray Beach (U.S.A.) Hard SF 6-3 7-5 22 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Sebastian Korda 6-3 6-0 6-4 22 Delray Beach (U.S.A.) Hard QF Cameron Norrie 6-2 1-6 7-6(4)

Sebastian Korda | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 26 | 2023: 11-5 (Adelaide-1 Final) | Queen's: 2-0 (2023 QF) > 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 7th ATP Tour SF (5-1), first on grass. He owns a 4-2 record vs. Top 20 players this year and 3-1 record vs. Top 20 players on grass in his career. He aims to become the first American to reach the semi-finals at the event since Sam Querrey in 2012. Americans are 0-9 in QFs at Queen's Club since.

Cameron Norrie | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 8 | 2023: 31-11 (Rio de Janeiro Title) | Queen's: 6-5 (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
- > 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 15-4 vs. lower-ranked players on tour-level on grass, seeking 24th tour-level semi-final (14-9), third on grass, previously reaching SFs at 2021 London / Queen's Club (I. to Berrettini in F) and 2022 Wimbledon (I. to Diokovic in SF).

[1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [Q] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) Alcaraz Leads 2-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) R16 Carlos Alcaraz 6-1 6-3 Hard 23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) R32 Carlos Alcaraz 6-27-5 Clay

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2023: 37-4 (4 Titles) | Queen's: 2-0 (2023 QF)

- > 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 is 7-0 in tour-level quarter-finals this year (20-4 in career), aiming to reach first ATP Tour SF on grass and notch first career Top 30 win on the surface. Entering the event, he has reached at least the semi-finals in 7 out of 8 tournaments played this year (Rome 3R loss).



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Grigor Dimitrov | Age: 32 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 3 | 2023: 20-11 (Geneva Final) | Queen's: 19-11 (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 aiming to break an 11-match losing streak vs. Top 5 opponents since defeating No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R (15-48 overall). He would be the first qualifier to reach the semi-finals at the event since Hyung-Taik Lee in 2004 (I. to Grosjean).