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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

20 Antwerp (Belgium)
21 Atlanta (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Cameron Norrie
Hard QF Emil Ruusuvuori

Series Tied 1-1

6-3 7-6(4)
7-6(1) 6-3

Cameron Norrie | Age: 28 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 14-12 (Rio SF) | Eastbourne: 5-4 ('18, '22 QF)
> 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 4-0 in opening rounds at this event (2017-19, 2022) and 12-2 vs. opponents ranked outside Top 50 on tour-level grass since start of 2019 season, including loss to No. 186 Raonic in London / Queen's Club last week.

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 25 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 37 | 2024: 12-10 (Hong Kong Final) | Eastbourne: 1-2 (2021 2R)
> Ex-World No. 4 junior set career-high No. 37 in April 2023 after becoming the first Finnish player to reach ATP Masters 1000 QF since Nieminen in 2013 at 2023 Miami.

> In 2022, reached 1st ATP Tour final at Pune and earned personal-best 35 tour-level wins during season.

> Defeated No. 5 Thiem during 2019 Davis Cup tie, No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R, No. 9 Sinner at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch and No. 8 Rublev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> In 2020, reached 1st SF at Astana after winning ATP debut at Montpellier (d. 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 aims to snap a 5-match losing streak on grass (including Challenger level), since defeating No. 9 Sinner in 's-Hertogenbosch QF last year. He is 9-3 against Brits across all levels, 5-0 in Great Britain.

[8] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

19 Genova CH (Italy)

Clay F Lorenzo Sonego

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

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 25 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 10-13 (2 QFs) | Eastbourne: 1-2 (2021 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 21 in August 2023, later improving year-end ranking for 8th consecutive year in 2023, finishing at No. 26.

> Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match to defeat then-World No. 1 en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.

> Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.

> Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

NOTE: Davidovich Fokina posted 1st of his 6 tour-level wins on grass at 2021 Eastbourne (d. M. Ymer and I. to Pospisil via RET in 2R). He is 6-6 in opening matches in 2024 after going 19-6 in 2023.

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 29 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 9-17 (Marrakech QF) | Eastbourne: 4-3 (2021 Final)
 > Earned personal-best 30 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, sweeping Cagliari titles to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).
 > Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.
 > Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz.
 > Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equaling fewest games ever conceded to Djokovic in a match.
 > Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.

NOTE: Sonego is one of three former finalists in the draw with de Minaur and Fritz (l. to de Minaur in 2021 F and 2022 2R). He has earned 2 of his 5 ATP Tour finals on grass, winning his first title at 2019 Antalya (d. Kecmanovic).

COURT 1

[WC] Liam Broady (GBR) vs Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) Other Meeting

First Tour-Level Meeting

16 Winston-Salem Q (U.S.A.) Hard Q2 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-2 6-1

Liam Broady | Age: 30 | World No. 146 | Career-High No. 93 | 2024: 1-2 (Hong Kong 2R) | Eastbourne: 2-3 ('21, '23 2R)
 > Broke into Top 100 at age of 29, achieving career-high No. 93 in September 2023, after older sister, Naomi, broke into Top 100 of WTA singles and doubles rankings in 2016.
 > 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 Wimbledon in 2022 and 2023, defeating No. 4 Ruud in 2023 2R.
 > Owns 175-150 Challenger record (2-9 in finals), 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 is playing his first match since suffering an ankle injury in March. He has earned 9 of his 21 tour-level wins on grass, 8 on home soil (6 - Wimbledon, 2 - Eastbourne), beating Tiafoe in 2021 1R and Choinski in 2023 1R.

Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 28 | World No. 102 | Career-High No. 24 | 2024: 7-9 (5x 2R) | Eastbourne: 0-1 (2021 2R)
 > Japanese left-hander achieved career-high No. 24 in June 2023 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Australian Open and Roland Garros for the 1st time in career.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Ruud en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2022 Seoul.
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.
 > Rallied from a set down 3 times en route to 2020 Delray Beach final and saved 1 MP vs. de Minaur en route to 2022 Washington final.
 > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.

NOTE: Nishioka seeks 2nd grass tour-level win (1-9, d. Isner in 2021 Wimbledon 1R) and is on a 16-match winning streak vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on tour-level since losing to No. 124 Albot at 2022 Australian Open.

[6] Mariano Navone (ARG) vs [PR] Kei Nishikori (JPN)

First Meeting

Mariano Navone | Age: 23 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 29 | 2024: 13-9 (2 Finals) | Eastbourne: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 31 in May 2024 after capturing 6th Challenger title of career in Cagliari.
 > As No. 31 seed at 2024 Roland Garros, he became the first player in Open Era to be seeded in his Grand Slam main draw debut.
 > Came through qualifying at 2024 Rio de Janeiro, earning 1st ATP Tour win, then advanced to first QF, SF and final.
 > Defeated compatriot No. 21 F. Cerundolo for biggest win of career en route to 2nd ATP Tour final in Bucharest.
 > Made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as a WC, then qualified for Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in following two weeks, defeating Coria in Rio de Janeiro for 1st ATP Tour win.
 > Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ended the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe 2.
 > Began playing at age 3 as his parents and sister all played tennis and is nicknamed La Navoneta.

NOTE: Navone is playing the 3rd grass match of his career after 2023 Wimbledon Q (l. to Berankis) and 2024 London / Queen's Club (l. to Draper) and seeking his 1st ATP Tour win off clay. He aims to earn PIF ATP Rankings points away from clay courts for the 2nd time in career (2020 M15 Sharm el Sheikh QF on hard courts).

Kei Nishikori | Age: 34 | World No. 399 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 1-2 (Roland Garros 2R) | Eastbourne: 3-3 (2011 SF)
> Top Asian men's player in history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.
> Earned biggest of 434 career wins over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.
> Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.
> Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist, four-time Nitto ATP Finals qualifier and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.
> Owns highest winning percentage among active players in deciding sets (148-56, .725) and 2nd-highest in 5th sets (28-7, .800).

NOTE: Nishikori is playing his 1st grass event since 2021 Wimbledon (d. Popyrin in 1R and l. to Thompson in 2R) and seeks 1st Top 50 win since beating No. 50 L. Harris at 2021 Washington (0-5 since). He made the 1st of his 3 grass-court ATP Tour SFs in Eastbourne in 2011 (l. to Tipsarevic).

Lowest-Ranked Players to Win a Match in Tournament History - Nishikori would be the sixth lowest-ranked player to record a match win at the event.

Player	Ranking	Event	Result
Taylor Fritz	761	2015 Nottingham	2R (d. Carreno Busta, l. to F. Lopez)
Nenad Zimonjic	610	2003 Nottingham	2R (d. Marray, l. to T. Dent)
Kevin Ullyett	574	1999 Nottingham	F (d. S. Draper, W. Black, A. Martin, Prinosil, l. to Pioline)
Kyle Edmund	442	2013 Eastbourne	2R (d. de Schepper, l. to G. Simon)
Travis Rettenmaier	405	2005 Nottingham	2R (d. Tipsarevic, l. to T. Dent)

*The tournament was held in Nottingham from 1995-2008 and 2015-16.

COURT 2

Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R128 Arthur Rinderknech

Rinderknech Leads 1-0

6-4 6-3

COURT 5

[Q] James McCabe (AUS) vs Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA)

First Meeting

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R128 Miomir Kecmanovic

Kecmanovic Leads 1-0

6-3 6-2

Other Meeting

17 Chengdu CH (China) Hard R16 Miomir Kecmanovic

6-3 6-3