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### CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- World No. 2 **Carlos Alcaraz** will face unseeded American **Sebastian Korda** in the **cinch Championships** semi-final at the Queen's Club, with the Spaniard inching closer to reclaiming the World No. 1 spot and secure the No. 1 seed at 2023 Wimbledon if he wins the title this week. Alcaraz is playing in his first ATP Tour SF on grass and heads into the match with a 2-1 lead in the **Lexus ATP Head2Head** against Korda.
- Korda, the first American in the semi-finals of the event since **Sam Querrey** in 2012, will attempt to capture his first career Top 5 win (0-5) to reach the biggest final of his career. The 22-year-old gained 7 spots on the Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings to guarantee himself a new career-high No. 25 and could make his Top 20 debut next week with a title on Sunday.
- No. 2 seed **Holger Rune** entered the 2023 season with zero wins on grass. Nevertheless, the Danish record breaker reached his 1st ATP Tour SF on the surface without losing a set. He faces familiar foe, No. 7 seed **Alex de Minaur**. Rune came out victorious in two of their three previous meetings, however, de Minaur won their lone match in 2023 in Acapulco SF en route to the biggest title of his career (d. **Tommy Paul** in the final).
- Both top two seeds, Alcaraz and Rune, made the semi-finals for just the second time since 2009 (2021, No. 1 seed **Matteo Berrettini** – Champion and No. 2 seed **Denis Shapovalov** – lost in SF). If both win their semi-final matches, it will mark the first time No. 1 and No. 2 seeds meet in the Queen's Club final since 2008, when No. 1 seed **Rafael Nadal** defeated No. 2 seed **Novak Djokovic**.

### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

#### CENTRE COURT

#### [7] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

22 Stockholm (Sweden)  
22 Basel (Switzerland)  
23 Acapulco (Mexico)

Hard	SF	Holger Rune
Hard	R32	Holger Rune
Hard	SF	Alex de Minaur

#### Rune Leads 2-1

4-6 7-6(1) 7-5  
6-2 7-5  
3-6 7-5 6-2

**Alex de Minaur** | Age: 24 | World No. 18 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 20-12 (Acapulco Title) | Queen's: 7-3 ('21, '23 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 attempting to reach his 12th ATP Tour final (7-4), second on grass (d. Sonogo to win 2021 Eastbourne title). He is 10-32 vs. Top 10 opponents (3-2 in 2023), seeking first career Top 10 win on grass (0-2). He would be the first Australian to reach the Queen's Club final since Lleyton Hewitt won the 2006 title (d. Blake in F).

**Holger Rune** | Age: 20 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2023: 33-11 (Munich Title) | Queen's: 3-0 (2023 SF)  
 > 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 final.  
 > 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 8-3 in ATP Tour semi-finals in his career, aiming to become the first Danish player to reach an ATP Tour singles final on grass since Kenneth Carlsen at 1999 Newport (l. to Woodruff). He is 5-1 vs. Australians in his career (including ATP Qualifying), losing to de Minaur at 2023 Acapulco SF.

### [1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs Sebastian Korda (USA)

### Alcaraz Leads 2-1

21 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals	Hard	F	Carlos Alcaraz	4-3(5) 4-2 4-2
22 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Sebastian Korda	7-6(2) 6-7(5) 6-3
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R32	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 6-4 6-2

**Carlos Alcaraz** | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2023: 38-4 (4 Titles) | Queen's: 3-0 (2023 SF)  
 > 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 has reached at least the semi-finals in 8 out of 9 tournaments played this year (Rome 3R loss) and now seeks 14th tour-level final (10-3), first on grass. The Spaniard is 26-1 vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 this season (l. to No. 135 Marozsan at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R).

**Sebastian Korda** | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 26 | 2023: 12-5 (Adelaide-1 Final) | Queen's: 3-0 (2023 SF)  
 > 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 biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz (0-5 vs. Top 5) and 6th ATP Tour final (1-4). He owns a 5-1 record in tour-level semi-finals but playing in first SF above ATP 250 level. He owns a 2-0 record vs. Top 10 players on grass, defeating No. 10 Bautista Agut at 2021 Halle 1R and No. 10 Tiafoe at 2023 Queen's Club 2R.

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

### [1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [7] Alex de Minaur (AUS)

22 Barcelona (Spain) Clay SF Carlos Alcaraz

### Alcaraz Leads 1-0

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

### [1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

21 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals Hard RR Carlos Alcaraz  
22 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard QF Holger Rune

### Series Tied 1-1

4-3(6) 4-2 4-0  
6-3 6-6 RET

### Sebastian Korda (USA) vs [7] Alex de Minaur (AUS)

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R128 Sebastian Korda  
22 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R64 Alex de Minaur

### Series Tied 1-1

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

### Sebastian Korda (USA) vs [2] Holger Rune (DEN)

### First Meeting