

# ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024

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#### 2024 ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	Eastbourne W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Taylor Fritz (USA)	27-12 (Delray Beach Title)	10-4 (2019, 2022 Titles)
2	Tommy Paul (USA)	27-10 (Dallas, London/Queen's Titles)	5-2 (2023 Final)
3	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	21-14 (Montpellier Title)	4-2 (2021-22 QF)
4	Sebastian Baez (ARG)	23-14 (Rio de Janeiro, Santiago Titles)	1-1 (2023 2R)
5	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	16-17 (Rio de Janeiro SF)	4-1 (2023 Title)
6	Mariano Navone (ARG)	13-9 (Rio de Janeiro, Bucharest Finals)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)	18-15 (Lyon Final)	0-1 (2023 1R)
8	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	10-13 (Marseille, Dubai QF)	1-2 (2021 2R)

**Tournament History** Previously held in Nottingham from 1995-2008, 2015-16 & Eastbourne from 2009-2014,

2017-2019, 2021-Present (29th Edition in 2024)

Singles Final Saturday 29 June at 2:30 pm

Wild Cards (3) Liam Broady (GBR), Jacob Fearnley (GBR), Billy Harris (GBR)

Qualifiers (4) James McCabe (AUS), Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN),

Max Purcell (AUS), Shang Juncheng (CHN)

Lucky Loser (1)

Protected Ranking (1)

Oldest Player

#NextGenATP (1)

TBD on Monday

Kei Nishikori (PR-48)

Kei Nishikori (34)

Shang Juncheng (19)

**Tournament Records** Most Titles – Jonas Bjorkman, Taylor Fritz, Richard Gasquet,

Ivo Karlovic, Feliciano Lopez, Greg Rusedski (2)

Most Wins – Jonas Bjorkman, Greg Rusedski (24)

Youngest Champion – Richard Gasquet, 19, in 2005

Oldest Champion – Feliciano Lopez, 32, in 2014

<u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 4 Novak Djokovic in 2017 Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 92 Denis Istomin in 2015

Last British Champion: Greg Rusedski in 2003

# **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)**

Argentina (4) Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Mariano Navone

Great Britain (4) Liam Broady, Jacob Fearnley, Billy Harris, Cameron Norrie

United States (3) Taylor Fritz, Marcos Giron, Tommy Paul

Australia (2)

China (2)

Shang Juncheng, Zhang Zhizhen

Italy (2)

Japan (2)

Kei Nishikori, Yoshihito Nishioka

Serbia (2)

James McCabe, Max Purcell

Shang Juncheng, Zhang Zhizhen

Flavio Cobolli, Lorenzo Sonego

Kei Nishikori, Yoshihito Nishioka

Laslo Djere, Miomir Kecmanovic

Brazil (1) Thiago Seyboth Wild Finland (1) Emil Ruusuvuori France (1) Arthur Rinderknech Hungary (1) Fabian Marozsan Kazakhstan (1) Alexander Bublik

**Spain (1)** Alejandro Davidovich Fokina NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 1 lucky loser (TBD on Monday)



### PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Rothesay International	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	112,555	65,660	38,610	22,370	12,990	7,940
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	-
Doubles Prize Money (€)	39,110	20,930	12,270	6,860	4,040	-

<sup>\*</sup> Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

## **2024 ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES**

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	<b>EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)</b>
4	Rajeev Ram (USA)	192-91 (14 Titles)	16-11 (Adelaide Title)	6-4 (2021 Final)
'	Joe Salisbury (GBR)	15-9 in 2024 (1 Title)	16-10 (Adelaide Title)	6-4 (2021 Final)
2	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA)	29-11 (3 Titles)	30-11 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Mate Pavic (CRO)	(all in 2024)	29-12 (3 Titles)	12-1 (2021-23 Titles)
2	Matthew Ebden (AUS)	3-3 (2022 Napoli Final)	19-8 (Aus. Open, Miami Titles)	4-2 (2012, 2023 SF)
³	John Peers (AUS)	0-0 in 2024 (Debut)	11-15 (Houston Final)	3-4 (2013 SF)
4	Neal Skupski (GBR)	7-2 (2024 London Title)	18-15 (London Title)	7-7 (2018 Final)
	Michael Venus (NZL)	4-1 in 2024 (London Title)	16-14 (Doha, London Titles)	1-4 (2018 QF)

Doubles Final: Friday 28 June at 2:00 pm

# **ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	Tommy Paul (USA)	6-4 1-6 6-4
2022	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Maxime Cressy (USA)	6-2 6-7(4) 7-6(4)
2021	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	4-6 6-4 7-6(5)
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Sam Querrey (USA)	6-3 6-4
2018	Mischa Zverev (GER)	Lukas Lacko (SVK)	6-4 6-4
2017	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-3 6-4
2016	Steve Johnson (USA)	Pablo Cuevas (URU)	7-6(5) 7-5
2015	Denis Istomin (UZB)	Sam Querrey (USA)	7-6(1) 7-6(6)
2014	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	6-3 6-7(5) 7-5
2013	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Gilles Simon (FRA)	7-6(2) 6-7(5) 6-0
2012	Andy Roddick (USA)	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	6-3 6-2
2011	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	7-6(5) 3-6 5-3 RET.
2010	Michael Llodra (FRA)	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	7-5 6-2
2009	Dmitry Tursunov	Frank Dancevic (CAN)	6-3 7-6(5)

BOLD: Player in 2024 Rothesay International singles draw



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# **ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Ivan Dodig / Austin Krajicek	6-4 6-2
2022	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Matwe Middelkoop / Luke Saville	6-4 6-2
2021	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	6-4 6-3
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	Maximo Gonzalez / Horacio Zeballos	3-6 7-6(4) [10-6]
2018	Luke Bambridge / Jonny O'Mara	Ken Skupski / Neal Skupski	7-5 6-4
2017	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Rohan Bopanna / Andre Sa	6-7(4) 6-4 [10-3]
2016	Dominic Inglot / Daniel Nestor	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	7-5 7-6(4)
2015	Chris Guccione / Andre Sa	Pablo Cuevas / David Marrero	6-2 7-5
2014	Treat Huey / Dominic Inglot	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	7-5 5-7 [10-8]
2013	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	Colin Fleming / Jonathan Marray	3-6 6-3 [10-8]
2012	Colin Fleming / Ross Hutchins	Jamie Delgado / Ken Skupski	6-4 6-3
2011	Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram	Grigor Dimitrov / Andreas Seppi	6-3 6-3
2010	Mariusz Fyrstenberg / Marcin Matkowski	Colin Fleming / Ken Skupski	6-3 5-7 [10-8]
2009	Mariusz Fyrstenberg / Marcin Matkowski	Travis Parrott / Filip Polasek	6-4 6-4

BOLD: Player in 2024 Rothesay International doubles draw – team Ram/Salisbury remains intact.

#### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **CENTRE COURT**

#### [WC] Billy Harris (GBR) vs [WC] Jacob Fearnley (GBR) First Meeting

Billy Harris | Age: 29 | World No. 139 (Career-High) | 2024: 2-1 (Queen's QF) | Eastbourne: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 500 in December 2021 and Top 200 in December 2023, earning a career-high No. 139 in June 2024 after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at London / Queen's Club as WC.
- > Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2023 Sofia, defeating Huesler in 1R for first tour-level win of career.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 32 Etcheverry in 2024 London/Queen's Club 1R as WC.
- > Owns 46-50 Challenger record (0-1 in finals), reaching 1st SF and final at 2023 Les Franqueses Del Valles as Q and 172-131 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (5-6 in finals), winning most recent title at 2022 M25 Nottingham.
- > Spent first few years of professional career travelling around Europe in a transit van to save money while competing on the ITF World Tennis Tour.

**NOTE**: Harris reached his first ATP Tour QF in London / Queen's Club last week after playing in his second ATP Tour event (3-2) and earning his first Top 50 win against No. 32 Etcheverry.

Jacob Fearnley | Age: 22 | World No. 271 (Career-High) | 2024: 0-0 (1 CH Title) | Eastbourne: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Unranked in July 2023, broke into Top 300 in June 2024, jumping from No. 525 to No. 274 after coming from qualifying to win 1st Challenger title at Nottingham, earning career-high No. 271 later that month.
- > Received WCs to make ATP Tour debut at 2024 Eastbourne and Grand Slam debut at 2024 Wimbledon.
- > Owns 5-1 Challenger record (1-0 in finals), winning 1st title at 2024 Nottingham and 24-6 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (2-2 in finals), winning most recent title at 2024 M25 Esch Alzette.
- > Peaked at No. 27 in junior rankings, highlighted by 6-2 4-6 7-6(12) win over future-World No. 1 Alcaraz in 2018 Sanxenxo Grade 2 final.
- > Finished a five-year run playing for Texas Christian University, former team of Cameron Norrie, becoming four-time ITA All-American and compiling 85-32 collegiate record in singles.

**NOTE**: Fearnley is making his ATP Tour debut as WC after qualifying en route to 1st Challenger title in Nottingham this month. He has also received a WC to make his Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon next week.



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# Marcos Giron (USA) vs [5] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

#### **First Meeting**

**Marcos Giron** | Age: 30 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 44 | 2024: 14-15 (Dallas Final) | Eastbourne: 0-0 (Debut) > One of 3 former UCLA Bruins to break into Top 50 during 2022 season (also Cressy, McDonald) and achieved career-high No. 44 in February 2024 after reaching 2nd ATP Tour final in Dallas.

- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at age 29 and in his home state of California at 2022 San Diego.
- > Qualified at 10 ATP Masters 1000 events, including 2023 Toronto, earning biggest win of career over No. 6 Rune in 2R.
- > Reached 2021 Roland Garros 3R after rallying from 6-2 6-4 5-1 down and saving 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov in 1R.
- > Won 2014 NCAA singles title for UCLA and broke into Top 100 in 2020 following right hip surgery in 2015 and left hip surgery in 2016.

**NOTE**: Giron is making his first appearance in Eastbourne, after reaching his third ATP Tour QF on grass in Halle last week. He attempts to become the second consecutive player to upset the defending champion in his opening round in Eastbourne (McDonald d. 2022 champion Fritz in 2023 2R).

**Francisco Cerundolo** | Age: 25 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 19 | 2024: 16-17 (Rio SF) | Eastbourne: 4-1 (2023 Title) > Broke into Top 100 and achieved new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022, then reached career-high No. 19 in June 2023 soon after reaching 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Roland Garros (d. No. 8 Fritz in 3R).

- > Moved into Top 25 in July 2022 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF a week later.
- > Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Eastbourne to become the first Argentine grass court ATP Tour champion since Javier Frana in 1995.
- > 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.
- > 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 aims to defend an ATP Tour title for the first time in his career. His last two tour-level losses came against the No. 1 seed (I. to Djokovic at Roland Garros 4R and Alcaraz at London / Queen's Club 1R).

#### COURT 1

#### [Q] Max Purcell (AUS) vs Laslo Djere (SRB)

#### **First Meeting**

Max Purcell | Age: 26 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 6-14 (6 times in 2R) | Eastbourne: 3-1 (2021 SF)

- > Broke into singles Top 200 in 2021 and Top 100 in March 2023, reaching career-high No. 40 in October 2023.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour singles SF at 2021 Eastbourne as LL, then beat No. 7 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Cincinnati (I. to No. 1 Alcaraz).
- > Replaced 2-time Olympic gold medallist Murray in 2020 Tokyo Olympics draw and defeated No. 15 Auger-Aliassime in 1R (held in 2021).
- > Compiled a 34-7 record on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2023 (3-3 in finals), going on an 18-match winning streak and capturing three titles in as many weeks in Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune.
- > Owns career-high No. 25 in doubles, reaching 2020 and 2022 Australian Open finals and captured 2022 Wimbledon title w/Ebden, becoming first All-Aussie men's doubles Wimbledon champions since Woodbridge/Woodforde in 2000.

**NOTE**: Purcell is on a 6-match tour-level losing streak on grass courts, looking for first win since defeating Mannarino at 2022 Newport (I. to Murray in 2R). Earned 1st of 4 career Top 20 wins at 2021 Eastbourne, defeating No. 16 Monfils in 2R.

**Laslo Djere** | Age: 29 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 3-9 (3 times in 2R) | Eastbourne: 0-1 (2019 1R) > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set, reaching career-high No. 27 in June 2019.

- > Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
- > Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.
- > Earned 5 victories and won 5 TBs en route to 2022 Winston-Salem final despite entering event with 15-44 career record on hard courts and 1-18 TB record in 2022.
- > Also on hard courts, upset World No. 3 Ruud at 2023 Auckland for biggest win of career.



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**NOTE**: Djere is on a 4-match losing streak, seeking first win since defeating Wong at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami. He is 5-1 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 on grass since start of 2021 season with a sole loss to No. 78 Tabilo at 2022 Wimbledon.

# [Q] Shang Juncheng (CHN) vs [7] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

22 Eastbourne Q (Great Britain) Grass Q1 Shang Juncheng

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

**Shang Juncheng** | Age: 19 | World No. 104 | Career-High No. 89 | 2024: 8-8 (Hong Kong SF) | Eastbourne: 0-0 (Debut) > #NextGen player earned a career-high No. 89 in May 2024, becoming the first Chinese teenager to break inside Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).

- > Defeated No. 16 Tiafoe for biggest win of career to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in Hong Kong.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam 3R and became the first Chinese man in 3R of Australian Open in Open Era.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 Rio de Janeiro as a WC, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2023 Australian Open, beating Otte in 1R as Q (I. to Tiafoe in 2R).
- > Owns 37-27 record on ATP Challenger Tour, highlighted by 1st title at 2022 Lexington.
- > Father, Yi, was a professional football player and his mother, Na, was a world champion table tennis player.
- > His nickname is Jerry after the cartoon character of his favorite childhood show.

**NOTE**: Shang is playing in his first ATP Tour event on grass and seeks his first win since 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (I. to Davidovich Fokina in 2R). He is 8-10 vs. Top 50 opponents, seeking first win since defeating No. 46 Kecmanovic at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami.

**Tomas Martin Etcheverry** | Age: 24 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 18-15 (Lyon Final) | Eastbourne: 0-1 (2023 1R) > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022 before achieving career-high No. 27 in February 2024 after earning personal-best 30 wins in 2023.

- > At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R and reached the guarter-finals without losing a set.
- > Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago a month before reaching 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.
- > Qualified at 2022 Australian Open and earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Australian Open (d. Barrere).
- > Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

**NOTE**: Etcheverry owns a 1-4 record on tour-level grass, with a sole win against Zapata Miralles at 2023 Wimbledon. He is 6-8 vs. left-handers on tour-level after a 0-6 start.

#### **COURT 2**

**Lucky Loser vs Fabian Marozsan (HUN)**