



## ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL – ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 6 – SATURDAY 1 JULY 2023

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### SINGLES SEMIFINALISTS: BY THE NUMBERS

Player	Ranking	Career-High	Age	Wins	SFs	Finals	Titles
[2] Tommy Paul (USA)	No. 17	No. 15	26	111	7*	2	1
[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	No. 19	No. 19	24	54	7*	3	1
Gregoire Barrere (FRA)	No. 57	No. 55	29	29	1*	0	0
Mackenzie McDonald (USA)	No. 64	No. 48	28	86	5*	1	0

\*includes Eastbourne

### SEMIFINAL AND FINAL NOTES

- None of the four remaining singles semi-finalists have won a Tour-level title on Grass. Only Paul (2021 Stockholm) and Cerundolo (2022 Bastad) have tasted Tour-level success coming into the weekend.
- If Cerundolo can close out the match against McDonald, he will become only the sixth Argentine to reach a tour-level final on the surface. Only one, Frana, has gone on to win a title.
  - 2012 Queen's Club David Nalbandian l. to Marin Cilic
  - 2004 's-Hertogenbosch Guillermo Coria l. to Michael Llodra
  - 2002 Wimbledon David Nalbandian l. to Lleyton Hewitt
  - 2001 's-Hertogenbosch Guillermo Canas l. to Lleyton Hewitt
  - **1995 Nottingham Javier Frana b. Todd Woodbridge**
- Either Barrere or McDonald will have the opportunity of becoming the fourth First-Time Champion in 2023. The previous three were Tallon Griekspoor (Pune), Yibing Wu (Dallas) and Arthur Fils (Lyon).
- If McDonald and Paul face each other in the final, it will be the third instance of an All-Countrymen Finals in 2023. The previous two instances:
  - Cordoba Sebastian Baez d. Federico Coria (ARG)
  - Dubai Daniil Medvedev d. Andrey Rublev
- If McDonald faces Barrere in the final, there will be a 10th Outside Top-50 Champion in 2023:

#### Outside Top 50 Champions (9 winners this season, 14 winners in 2022, 8 winners in 2021)

- Arthur Fils, Lyon No. 112
- Yibing Wu, Dallas No. 97
- Tallon Griekspoor, Pune No. 95
- Nicolas Jarry, Santiago No. 87
- Soonwoo Kwon, Adelaide-2 No. 84
- Roberto Carballes Baena, Marrakech No. 82
- Dusan Lajovic, Banja Luka No. 70
- Richard Gasquet, Auckland No. 67
- Nicolas Jarry, Geneva No. 54

### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SATURDAY SINGLES SEMI-FINALS & FINAL

#### CENTRE COURT

#### TO BE FINISHED

**Cerundolo leads 2-6, 7-5, 5-2**

## Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs [4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

First meeting

**Mackenzie McDonald** | Age: 28 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 48 | 2023: 19-15 (Two SFs) | Event: 3-0 (2023 SF)

- > Broke into Top 50 in February 2022 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2022 after undergoing right hamstring surgery in 2019 and falling out of Top 250 in 2020.
- > Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington (l. to Sinner), then won 1st ATP Tour title in doubles at 2022 Tokyo w/Melo.
- > Upset defending champion and World No. 2 Nadal in 2023 Australian Open 2R for biggest win of career.
- > Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 4R as No. 103 and 2021 Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
- > Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

**NOTES:** McDonald, who beat World No. 9 Fritz for his 3rd career Top 10 win in 2R, improved to 13-10 lifetime on grass after his win over M. Ymer in the last eight. The 28-year-old is at least projected to rise to No. 53 in the rankings, is seeking his first Tour-level final on this surface and a second career singles final after 2021 Washington.

**Francisco Cerundolo** | Age: 24 | World No. 19 (Career-High) | 2023: 26-16 (Lyon Final) | Event: 2-1 (2023 SF)

- > Broke into Top 100 and achieved new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022, then reached career-high No. 19 in June 2023 after reaching 2023 Roland Garros 4R for the first time (l. to Rune).
- > In July 2022 broke into Top 25 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to Bastad title and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF.
- > 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.
- > Lost to countryman Schwartzman in 2021 Buenos Aires final as Q, 2022 Buenos Aires QF as Q and 2022 Rio de Janeiro SF as SE.
- > Owns 73-36 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), highlighted by 17-2 run to end 2020 season with three clay titles.
- > 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.

**NOTES:** No. 1 Argentine has won a personal-best 26 matches this season and he is appearing in his 14th career ATP Tour SF on grass. His only previous appearance at this stage came at Lyon (b. Norrie). The Argentine has featured in Tour-level finals before but all of it have come on Clay (2023 Lyon, 2022 Bastad and 2021 Buenos Aires). Having not dropped a set so far, he is also seeking to become the sixth player to win a Tour-level title in 2023 without a dropping one.

### COURT 1

#### Gregoire Barrere (FRA) vs [2] Tommy Paul (USA)

23 Lyon (France)

Clay R16 Tommy Paul

**Paul leads 1-0**

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

#### Other meetings

16 Blois CH (France)

Clay R32 Gregoire Barrere

6-2 6-4

16 Lyon CH (France)

Clay QF Gregoire Barrere

6-2 6-3

**Gregoire Barrere** | Age: 29 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 55 | 2023: 16-14 (Eastbourne SF) | Event: 3-0 (2023 SF)

- > Broke into Top 100 in September 2019 and achieved career-high No. 55 in May 2023 and has earned personal-best 16 victories this season.
- > This is Barrere's best-ever showing at a Tour-level event. His previous best had come at 2019 Metz, 2020 Montpellier and 2023 Montpellier where he had advanced to the QFs.
- > Won main draw matches at all 4 Grand Slam events, including at Roland Garros in 2019 and 2022 as WC.
- > Qualified at Wimbledon in 2018, 2019 and 2021, as well as at 2019 US Open.
- > Owns 126-96 Challenger record (6-7 in finals), winning all 6 of his titles and reaching 12 of his 13 finals on home soil.

**NOTE:** Barrere is 5-5 lifetime on grass and appearing in his first ATP Tour semi-final on the surface. The Frenchman, who has won three tie-break sets this week, owns a 2-5 record against Top-20 opponents in 2023. Irrespective of the result, he's projected to break into the Top-50 for the first time.

**Tommy Paul** | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 21-13 (Acapulco Final) | Event: 4-1 (2023 SF)

- > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 15 in June 2023 after becoming 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF since Roddick in 2009 earlier in the year.

- > Owns 5-7 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.
- > Posted personal-best 39 wins in 2022, including upsets of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
- > Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
- > Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

**NOTE:** Owns a 10-7 career record on grass and is in his first Tour-level last four appearance since Acapulco where he lost in the final. He has posted a 3-2 record against players outside the Top-50 in his last five matches.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

**Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Gregoire Barrere (FRA)** **First Tour-level meeting**  
**Other meetings**  
 17 Bordeaux (France) Clay Q2 Mackenzie McDonald 4-6 6-4 6-4

**Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs [2] Tommy Paul (USA)** **Paul leads 2-0**  
 23 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard QF Tommy Paul 6-2 6-2  
 20 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard R32 Tommy Paul 6-7(4) 6-4 6-4

**[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Gregoire Barrere (FRA)** **Cerundolo leads 1-0**  
 23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R32 Francisco Cerundolo 6-7(0) 6-2 6-2

**[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs [2] Tommy Paul (USA)** **Series tied 1-1**  
 23 London/ Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass R32 Francisco Cerundolo 7-6(2) 4-6 6-4  
 22 Eastbourne (Great Britain) Grass R32 Tommy Paul 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4

**NOTE:** The final will not begin before 2.30 PM and will be held on **Centre Court**.