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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- Sunday at the Queen's Club will determine the **cinch Championships** champion between No. 1 seed **Carlos Alcaraz** and No. 7 seed **Alex de Minaur**. The Spaniard leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 1-0, winning their previous meeting at 2022 Barcelona SF on clay saving two match points en route to the title. The winner is guaranteed to join **Daniil Medvedev** as the only players with multiple ATP 500 titles this season, as Alcaraz won Barcelona on clay, while de Minaur won Acapulco on hard courts.
- **Alcaraz** is playing in his first **ATP Tour** final on grass courts, aiming to become the 17th active player with tour-level titles on all three surfaces. He previously won 7 on clay and 3 on hard courts. Since losing the first set in his first round against **Arthur Rinderknech**, he won 8 consecutive sets to advance to the final. He would be the 5th youngest champion of the event in Open Era and the youngest since **Lleyton Hewitt** (19) in 2000.
- The Spaniard would also reclaim the World No. 1 spot on the Pepperstone ATP Rankings with a title win over de Minaur and secure the No. 1 seeded position at 2023 Wimbledon. On the other side of the net, **de Minaur** would achieve a new career-high No. 14 with his 8th ATP Tour title, 2nd on grass (2021 Eastbourne) and become the first Australian to win the Queen's Club title since Hewitt in 2006.
- 24-year-old Australian will attempt to equal the biggest win of his career going into the match with a 3-20 record vs. Top-5 opponents. After a 0-18 start against Top 5, de Minaur is 3-2 against them since November 2022, with wins over No. 2 **Rafael Nadal**, No. 3 Medvedev and No. 5 **Andrey Rublev**.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

[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

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2023: 39-4 (4 Titles) | Queen's: 4-0 (2023 Final)

> 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 seeks 11th tour-level title (10-3), fifth of 2023 to tie Medvedev for most titles this season. He is attempting to win his first title on grass courts, to become the 17th active player with a tour-level title on all 3 surfaces. He owns a 3-0 tour-level record vs. Australians in his career and 12-3 record vs. Top 20 players this year. He is attempting to notch his first Top 20 win on grass (0-2).

Alex de Minaur | Age: 24 | World No. 18 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 21-12 (Acapulco Title) | Queen's: 8-3 (2023 Final)
 > 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 aims to capture his 8th ATP Tour title (7-4), second on grass (d. Sonego to win 2021 Eastbourne title). He is 3-20 vs. Top-5 opponents in his career (2-2 in 2023), aiming to equal biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz, 6 months after defeating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup RR.

2023 London Statistics	Carlos Alcaraz	Alex de Minaur
Aces	18	8
1st-Serve Percentage	67% (197 of 292)	57% (150 of 262)
1st-Serve Points Won	77% (151 of 197)	72% (108 of 150)
2nd-Serve Points Won	46% (44 of 95)	60% (67 of 112)
Service Games Won	87% (40 of 46)	88% (36 of 41)
Break Points Saved	70% (14 of 20)	58% (7 of 12)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	35% (64 of 184)	43% (66 of 154)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	54% (53 of 99)	50% (50 of 101)
Return Games Won	30% (13 of 44)	38% (16 of 42)
Break Points Converted	37% (13 of 35)	50% (16 of 32)

BOLD: Leads all 32 players in 2023 cinch Championships field.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

**Taylor Fritz (USA) / Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs
[2] Ivan Dodig (CRO) / Austin Krajicek (USA)**

First Meeting

Fritz / Lehecka Notes

> American and Czech duo are 3-0 as a team after making their debut this week at 2023 Queen's Club.
 > Both are ranked outside the Top 200 on the [Pepperstone ATP Doubles Rankings](#), but got into the draw due to their singles rankings (Fritz No. 8, Lehecka No. 36). They are projected to go up to No. 154 (Lehecka) and No. 161 (Fritz) on the [Pepperstone ATP Doubles Live Rankings](#).
 > They started the week by defeating No. 4 seeds Nys/Zielinski, before defeating World No. 1s Koolhof/Skupski to break their 6-match winning streak.
 > Fritz aims to be the first American to win the event since Bryan brothers in 2013, while Lehecka aims to be the first Czech to win the event in Open Era.
 > Team is ranked No. 62T on the [Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings](#). Fritz is ranked No. 316 (career-high No. 104 in 2021) and Lehecka is ranked No. 290 (career-high No. 214 in 2022).
 > Fritz, 25, is 0-2 in ATP Tour doubles finals (0-0 on grass), previously reaching the finals of 2018 Los Cabos w/Kokkinakis and 2019 Basel w/Opelka.
 > Lehecka, 21, is playing in his first ATP Tour final, owning a 5-7 tour-level record (including 3 wins this week), best prior doubles result was reaching the 3R at 2023 Australian Open w/Molcan, entering 2023 with a 0-5 doubles record.

Dodig / Krajicek Notes

- > Croat and American are 58-24 (6-6 in finals) as a team after first teaming up at 2021 Winston-Salem. They are 21-5 in 2023, looking for their 4th tour-level title of the year (Rotterdam, ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, Roland Garros).
- > They are on a 9-match winning streak, winning their first Grand Slam as a team at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Gille/Vliegen in F) and are 3-1 in finals this year.
- > Krajicek gained the World No. 1 doubles spot after Roland Garros for one week, before being pushed to No. 3 after Koolhof/Skupski won the 's-Hertogenbosch title. He would reclaim the No. 1 spot with a title win, while Dodig will equal his career-high No. 4 regardless of the result in the final.
- > As a team, they're ranked No. 1 on the [Pepperstone ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings](#). Dodig is ranked No. 5 (career-high No. 4 in 2015) and Krajicek is ranked No. 3 (career-high No. 1 in June 2023).
- > Dodig, 38, is 22-26 in tour-level men's doubles finals, 0-3 on grass, seeking 1st ATP Tour title on grass, previously reaching the finals of 2013 Wimbledon and 2016 Nottingham w/Melo and 2019 Antalya w/Polasek. He won the 2019 Wimbledon mixed doubles title w/Chan.
- > Krajicek, 33, is 10-14 in tour-level men's doubles finals, 1-1 on grass, seeking first tour-level title on the surface since winning 2019 's-Hertogenbosch w/Inglot.