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**First Meeting** 

# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### **CENTRE COURT**

### [WC] Liam Broady (GBR) vs [LL] Jan Choinski (GBR)

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Liam Broady | Age: 29 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 116 | 2023: 1-3 (Doha 2R) | Event: 1-2 (2021 2R) > Achieved career-high No. 116 in February 2022 after older sister, Naomi, broke into Top 100 of WTA singles and doubles rankings.

> 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 2022 Wimbledon defeating No. 15 Schwartzman in 2R as a WC.

> Owns 160-141 Challenger record (15-7 in 2023), 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 reached second round in 2021 (d. No. 58 Tiafoe, I. to de Minaur) and his best ATP Tour result this season is second round in Doha (d. Krutykh, I. to Medvedev). Has 15-7 Challenger record with title in Vilnius in Feb.

Jan Choinski | Age: 27 | World No. 167 (Career-High) | 2023: 0-1 (3 Challenger SFs) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> Achieved career-high No. 167 this week after being ranked outside the Top 500 a year ago (No. 548).

> Represented Germany until 2018 and made ATP Tour debut as a 19-year-old wildcard at 2016 Stuttgart (I. to Stakhovsky in 1R) in only prior tour-level match.

> Owns a 70-69 Challenger record (14-10 in 2023), capturing his first title at 2022 Campinas on clay coming from qualifying to defeat No. 2 seed Varillas in the final and 207-107 record on ITF Tour with 11 titles.

> Saved 3 MPs to defeat No. 88 Tseng at 2022 Szczecin CH 2R for biggest win of career.

> Reached career-high No. 17 on the ITF Juniors tour, reaching the semi-finals at 2014 US Open boys' singles event, defeating future-World No. 6 Berrettini in 3R and losing to eventual champion Jasika in SF.

**NOTE**: Choinski seeks first career ATP Tour win (0-2) and is 1-9 on grass across all professional levels, defeating Kern at 2015 Stuttgart Q1, before going on a 7-match losing streak.

## Zhizhen Zhang (CHN) vs [7] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

### **First Meeting**

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 26 | World No. 54 (Career-High) | 2023: 6-7 (Madrid QF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Became the first Chinese player in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 before achieving career-high No. 54 in June 2023.

> At 2023 Roland Garros, became the first Chinese male player to reach the third round at the event in Open Era.
> Won 3 consecutive matches in the deciding set tie-break to become the first Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000

quarter-final at 2023 Madrid, defeating No. 10 Fritz for biggest win of career.

> Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon, becoming 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of that event in Open Era.
> Also qualified at 2022 US Open, joining fellow qualifier Wu as 1st Chinese men to compete in main draw of that event in Open Era.

> Advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2017 Shenzhen as Q and 2022 Naples as Q.

**NOTE**: Zhang is 0-2 in career on tour-level on grass, aiming to win first career ATP Tour match on the surface, losing as a qualifier at 2021 Wimbledon 1R and to Struff in Stuttgart two weeks ago.



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**Lorenzo Sonego** | Age: 28 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 21 | 2023: 17-16 (2 times in QF) | Event: 4-2 (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 2-2 on grass this season with 2R in Stuttgart (d. Berrettini, I. to O'Connell) and Halle (d. Karatsev, I. to Sinner). Best results this season are guarter finals in Montpellier (I Sinner) and Dubai (I Zverev).

#### **COURT 1**

Mikael Ymer (SWE) vs [9] Botic va	hulp (NED van	van de Zandschulp Leads 1-0				
23 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	R16	van de Zandschulp	3-6	6-3	6-3
Other Meeting						
17 France F4 (France)	Hard	F	Mikael Ymer	6-2	6-3	
19 Tampere CH (Finland)	Clay	R32	Mikael Ymer	6-4	2-6	6-2

**Mikael Ymer** | Age: 24 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 50 | 2023: 7-13 (2 times in QF) | Event: 0-1 (2021 1R) > Broke into Top 100 and competed at Next Gen ATP Finals in 2019, then achieved career-high No. 50 in April 2023 to become first Swede in Top 50 since Soderling.

> Defeated future World No. 1 Alcaraz at 2021 Winston-Salem to become 1st Swedish singles finalist since Soderling ended career as 2011 Bastad champion.

> Posted 26-10 record in matches across all levels from 13 September 2022 - 4 February 2023, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 11 Sinner in Davis Cup Finals group stage.

> Captured 2016 Stockholm doubles title with older brother Elias as unranked WC, defeating Pavic/Venus 6-1 6-1 in final.

> Peaked at No. 3 and went 98-33 in juniors with run to 2015 Wimbledon final and wins over future Top-10 ATP players Auger-Aliassime, Hurkacz, Ruud and Shapovalov.

**NOTE**: Ymer is 19-35 vs. Top 50 players on tour-level in his career (0-4 on grass), seeking 3rd Top 50 win of the season (2-5). Best results this season are quarter-finals in Adelaide 2 (I Kwon) and Marseille (I Hurkacz).

**Botic van de Zandschulp** | Age: 27 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 22 | 2023: 13-14 (Munich Final) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved new career-high ranking 14 times in 2022, peaking at No. 22 in August and ending 2nd straight season as No. 1 Dutchman.

> At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.

> Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (I. to Trungelliti in Q3).

> Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.

> Defeated No. 10 Fritz in SF to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Munich, before squandering 4 championship points, losing to No. 7 Rune in the Munich final for the second year in a row.

> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, including victories over Norrie, Fritz and Bublik to help The Netherlands qualify for Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage.

**NOTE**: No. 2 Dutchman attempts to break a 5-match losing streak since defeating No. 10 Fritz at 2023 Munich SF for 6th career Top 10 win (6-13). Besides Munich final, reached SF in Pune (I. to Bonzi) and QF in Dubai (I. to Rublev).



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# [Q] Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) vs Maxime Cressy (USA) First Meeting

Daniel Elahi Galan | Age: 27 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 67 | 2023: 2-11 (Rio, Houston 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Improved year-end ranking in 8 straight seasons (2015-22), finishing 2022 as No. 1 Colombian and at career-high No. 67.

> Upset World No. 5 Tsitsipas for biggest win of career en route to 2022 US Open 3R as Q.

> Defeated 2-time defending champion Johnson en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2019 Houston as Q-WC.

> Won ATP Tour main draw debut on home soil at 2015 Bogota as 19-year-old WC (d. Riba).

> Owns 118-101 Challenger record (4-3 in finals), including clay-court titles in 2022 at Concepcion and Sarasota. Has 99-73 record on clay with all 4 titles on the surface.

**NOTE**: Galan is looking for his third ATP Tour win of the season (2-11) and has a 12-5 record in Challengers with final in Sarasota (I. to Altmaier) and SFs in Cagliari and Turin, all on clay. Has 2-2 career record on grass.

**Maxime Cressy** | Age: 26 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 31 | 2023: 7-15 (Montpellier Final) | Event: 4-1 (2022 Final) > French-born American broke into Top 100 in January 2022 and Top 50 in June 2022 before achieving career-high No. 31 in August 2022.

> Rallied from 6-2 3-0 down to defeat Bublik for 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Newport – 3 years after debuting as 293rd-ranked qualifying wild card at 2019 Newport.

> Also advanced to finals at 2022 Melbourne as Q, 2022 Eastbourne and 2023 Montpellier – defeating No. 9 Rune in Montpellier SF to equal biggest win of career.

> Qualified at 2021 Australian Open and 2021 Wimbledon, reached 2022 Australian Open 4R and defeated No. 9 Auger-Aliassime in 2022 Wimbledon 1R.

> Played college tennis for UCLA from 2016-19, posting 26-0 doubles record as a senior, winning 2019 NCAA doubles title w/K. Smith, and ending career as No. 1 doubles and No. 17 singles player in nation.

**NOTE**: Last year's finalist (I. to Fritz) aims to break an 11-match losing streak since defeating No. 152 Blancaneaux at 2023 Marseille 1R in February. Has an 11-7 career record on grass.

### COURT 2

Marco Cecchinato (ITA) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA)					Series Tied 1-1				
21 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Mackenzie McDonald	3-6	6-3	6-2	6-2		
23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R128	Marco Cecchinato	6-3	7-5				