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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

CENTRE COURT

[Q] Max Purcell (AUS) vs [WC] Billy Harris (GBR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

23 Les Franqueses del Valles CH (Spain) Hard SF Billy Harris 7-6(3) 7-6(4)

Max Purcell | Age: 26 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 9-14 (Eastbourne SF) | Eastbourne: 6-1 (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 (l. 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 competing in his 2nd ATP Tour SF after losing to Sonego in 2021 Eastbourne SF. He has earned 7 of his 8 tour-level wins on grass at this event (d. Mannarino in 2022 Newport 1R) and aims to be the 4th qualifier to make the final in tournament history after Ulliyett (1999), T. Johansson (2004), and Dancevic (2009).

Billy Harris | Age: 29 | World No. 139 (Career-High) | 2024: 5-1 (Eastbourne SF) | Eastbourne: 3-0 (2024 SF)
> 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 is into his 1st ATP Tour SF in 3rd appearance after reaching London / Queen's Club QF last week (l. to Musetti). He bids to be the 2nd British finalist in tournament history after Rusedski (1997, 2003) and would secure his Top 100 debut with a SF win. The 29-year-old can be the 7th ATP Tour finalist ranked outside Top 100 in 2024.

2024 ATP Tour Finalists Ranked Outside the Top 100 - Harris would be the 2nd lowest-ranked ATP Tour finalist in 2024 (No. 289 Jubb playing in Mallorca SF).

Player	Rank	Event/Result
Facundo Bagnis	207	Cordoba (l. to Darderi)
Luciano Darderi	136	Cordoba (d. Bagnis)
Matteo Berrettini	135	Marrakech (d. Carballes Baena)
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	117	Lyon (d. Etcheverry)
Jakub Mensik	116	Doha (l. to Khachanov)
Mariano Navone	113	Rio de Janeiro (l. to Norrie)

[1] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [LL] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

Fritz Leads 1-0

23 Atlanta (U.S.A.) Hard F Taylor Fritz

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

Taylor Fritz | Age: 26 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 29-12 (Delray Beach Title) | Eastbourne: 12-4 ('19, '22 Titles)
> Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.

- > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
- > Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 and helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022 and 2023.

NOTE: Fritz aims to be the 1st 3-time champion (2 - Bjorkman, Fritz, Gasquet, Karlovic, Lopez, Rusedski) and the 3rd player to reach 3 finals in tournament history (Bjorkman - 1998, 2002, 2006, Gasquet - 2005-06, 2014). He seeks his 14th ATP Tour final (7-6), 3rd on grass, all at this venue (2019, 2022) and will return to the PIF ATP Rankings No. 1 American spot on Monday, surpassing Paul.

- Aleksandar Vukic** | Age: 28 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 48 | 2024: 11-15 (Eastbourne SF) | Eastbourne: 4-1 (2024 SF)
- > Broke into Top 200 in March 2020 prior to COVID-19 suspension of ATP Tour, then achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2023 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Atlanta.
 - > Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2022 Adelaide-2, 2022 Sofia, 2024 Marrakech, 2024 's-Hertogenbosch and 2024 Eastbourne.
 - > Qualified and defeated No. 15 Coric for biggest win of career en route to 3R at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto.
 - > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Bengaluru-2 and 2023 Busan and reached Challenger finals at 2021 and 2022 Champaign, where he was a 3-time All-American for University of Illinois from 2015-18.
 - > Born in Sydney after parents and older brother fled Montenegro during breakup of Yugoslavia in early-1990s.

NOTE: Vukic is seeking his 2nd ATP Tour final (0-1), 1st on grass after 2023 Atlanta on hard courts (l. to Fritz). He is 1-11 against the Top 20 with lone win over No. 15 Coric at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto. The 28-year-old aims to be the 1st lucky loser to make an ATP Tour final since Struff at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to Alcaraz) and the 1st lucky loser to reach an ATP Tour final on grass since Ram at 2009 Newport (d. Querrey).

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

[1] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [Q] Max Purcell (AUS)

23 Basel (Switzerland)

Hard R32 Taylor Fritz

Fritz Leads 1-0

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

[1] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [WC] Billy Harris (GBR)

First Meeting

[LL] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs [Q] Max Purcell (AUS)

24 's Hertogenbosch (Australia)

Grass R32 Aleksandar Vukic

Vukic Leads 1-0

6-3 7-6(5)

Other Meetings

21 Nottingham CH Q (Great Britain)

Grass Q1 Aleksandar Vukic

6-1 4-1 RET

21 Columbus CH (U.S.A.)

Hard SF Max Purcell

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

22 Bengaluru-2 CH (India)

Hard QF Aleksandar Vukic

6-4 2-6 6-4

23 Busan CH (South Korea)

Hard F Aleksandar Vukic

6-4 1-0 RET

NOTE: It would be the first all-Australian ATP Tour final since 2003 Scottsdale (Hewitt d. Philippoussis).

[LL] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs [WC] Billy Harris (GBR)

First Meeting

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

COURT 1

**[3] Matthew Ebden (AUS) / John Peers (AUS) vs
[4] Neal Skupski (GBR) / Michael Venus (NZL)**

First Meeting

Ebden / Peers Notes

- > Australian duo is 6-3 as a pair, making their team debut in a 2018 Davis Cup tie vs. Germany (l. to Puetz/Struff).
- > They lost the 2022 Naples final (l. to Dodig/Krajicek), avenging defeat vs. Krajicek (w/McDonald) in QF this week.
- > Excluding Davis Cup, Ebden is playing his first tournament without regular partner Bopanna since August 2023 in Winston-Salem (QF w/J-P. Smith).
- > They seek to be 4th Australian champions in event history after Hanley/Woodbridge (2004) and Guccione (2015).
- > Team is ranked No. 93 on [PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings](#). Individually, Ebden is ranked No. 1, while Peers is ranked No. 55 (career-high No. 2 in 2017) and would return to the Top 50 with a win.
- > Ebden, 36, is 11-12 in tour-level doubles finals, looking for 3rd grass title after 2011 Newport (w/R. Harrison) and 2022 Wimbledon (w/Purcell).
- > Peers, 35, is 27-19 in tour-level finals, seeking 1st title with an Australian partner (13 - Kontinen, 6 - J. Murray, 4 - Venus, 2 - Polasek, 1 - Melo, Soares).

N. Skupski / Venus Notes

- > British/Kiwi duo is 10-2 as a pair, making their team debut by reaching the final at 2021 Washington (l. to Klaasen/McLachlan) before renewing the partnership for this year's grass season.
- > They are on a 7-match winning streak, claiming the title at last week's London / Queen's Club (d. Fritz/Khachanov).
- > In the semifinals, they took out 3-time defending champion Pavic (all three titles w/Mektic, now playing w/Arevalo).
- > Skupski finished runner-up in Eastbourne in 2018 with his brother Ken, losing to Bambridge/O'Mara.
- > Team is ranked No. 32 on [PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings](#). Skupski is ranked No. 12 (career-high No. 1 in 2022) and Venus is ranked No. 22 (career-high No. 6 in 2022).
- > Skupski, 34, is 16-20 in tour-level finals, looking for 3rd tour-level title on home soil after capturing 2023 Wimbledon w/Koolhof and 2024 London / Queen's Club w/Venus.
- > Venus, 36, is 23-22 in tour-level doubles finals and is the first finalist from New Zealand in tournament history.