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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND-ROUND MATCHES

### CENTRE COURT

<b>[1] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA)</b>				<b>Series Tied 1-1</b>		
19 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Mackenzie McDonald	3-6	6-4	6-3
23 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Taylor Fritz	6-3	7-6(6)	
<b>Other Meetings</b>						
15 U.S.A. F2 (U.S.A.)	Clay	R16	Taylor Fritz	6-3	6-4	
15 Champaign CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Taylor Fritz	6-7(4)	6-2	6-2
17 Knoxville CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Taylor Fritz	6-4	6-3	

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 5 | 2023: 33-14 (Delray Beach Title) | Event: 10-3 (2019, '22 Title)  
 > 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 after helping Team World capture 2022 Laver Cup.

**NOTES:** Defending champion Fritz is 22-19 lifetime on grass. He aims to reach the quarter-finals at his fourth grass court event played since last season (2022 Eastbourne title, 2022 Wimbledon QF, 2023 Stuttgart QF). Since losing in 1R at 2022 US Open (l. to Holt), has a 10-1 record against his countrymen with only loss to Paul in Acapulco SF.

**Mackenzie McDonald** | Age: 28 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 48 | 2023: 17-15 (Delray Beach SF) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)  
 > 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 is 11-10 lifetime on grass, began the grass campaign by reaching his 3rd ATP Tour QF of the season at 's-Hertogenbosch and defeated No. 17 Coric in 2R for his first Top 20 win on the surface. Also SF in Delray Beach and QF in Acapulco. Has 2-15 record vs. Top 10 opponents with wins over No. 4 del Potro in 2019 Delray Beach QF and No. 2 Nadal in 2R at Australian Open in January.

### Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs [2] Tommy Paul (USA)

### First Meeting

**Sebastian Baez** | Age: 22 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 30 | 2023: 15-15 (Cordoba Title) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)  
 > Achieved career-high No. 30 on 17 April 2023.  
 > Earned first Top 10 victory of his career over No. 8 Rublev in SF at 2022 Bastad before losing to countryman F. Cerundolo.  
 > Defeated Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st final at 2022 Santiago (l. to Martinez) and 1st title at 2022 Estoril (d. Tiafoe), as well as for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.  
 > Captured 2nd ATP Tour title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba (d. Coria) after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.

- > Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
- > Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

**NOTE:** Baez is 3-2 lifetime on grass and his best results this season are quarter-finals on clay (14-10) with title in Cordoba (d. Coria), SF in Santiago and QFs in Rio de Janeiro, Estoril and Lyon.

**Tommy Paul** | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 19-13 (Acapulco Final) | Event: 2-1 (2022 QF)

- > 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:** Paul, who is 1-2 on grass this season, is looking to reach his fifth QF in 2023. Besides his Acapulco title and SF at Australian Open, reached QFs in Delray Beach and Lyon. Has an 8-7 career record on grass.

## COURT 1

### [WC] Liam Broady (GBR) vs Mikael Ymer (SWE)

### First Tour-Level Meeting

#### Other Meeting

22 Vancouver CH (Canada)	Hard	R16	Mikael Ymer	6-3	4-6	6-2
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**Liam Broady** | Age: 29 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 116 | 2023: 2-3 (Twice 2R) | Event: 2-2 (2021, 2023 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 and reached 2nd QF at 2022 Tel Aviv as a qualifier.
- > 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 is looking to reach his third career ATP Tour QF (2017 St. Petersburg, 2022 Tel Aviv). His best ATP Tour result this season is 2R in Doha (l to Medvedev) and here. Has 15-7 Challenger record with title in Vilnius in Feb.

**Mikael Ymer** | Age: 24 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 50 | 2023: 8-13 (2 times in QF) | Event: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > 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 trying to reach his third quarter-final of the season after Adelaide 2 (l Kwon) and Marseille (l Hurkacz). Has a 3-5 career record on grass and trying to reach his first quarter-final on the surface.

## Maxime Cressy (USA) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

## First Meeting

**Maxime Cressy** | Age: 26 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 31 | 2023: 8-15 (Montpellier Final) | Event: 5-1 (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 (l. to Fritz) broke an 11-match losing streak with win over [Q] Galan 6-4 7-5, his victory since defeating No. 152 Blancaneaux at 2023 Marseille 1R in February. Has a 12-7 career record on grass.

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 26 | World No. 54 (Career-High) | 2023: 7-7 (Madrid QF) | Event: 1-0 (2023 2R)

> 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 1-2 in career on grass and beat [7] Sonogo 7-6(4) 6-3. Looking to advance to second quarter-final of the season after ATP Masters 1000 Madrid in May.