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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY QUARTER-FINALS MATCHES CENTRE COURT

[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

19 Columbus 2 CH (U.S.A)	Hard	R16	Zhizhen Zhang	6-4	6-4		
21 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain)	Grass	Q3	Zhizhen Zhang	6-0	6-3	6-7(4)	7-6(6)

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 24 | World No. 19 (Career-High) | 2023: 25-16 (Lyon Final) | Event: 1-1 (2023 QF)

> 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 25 matches this season and he is appearing in his 14th career ATP Tour QF (6-7), first on grass (10 on clay, 3 on hard courts). Has a 1-5 QF record this season with best result runner-up in Lyon (l. to Fils).

Zhang Zhizhen | Age: 26 | World No. 54 (Career-High) | 2023: 8-7 (Madrid, Eastbourne QF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)

> 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.

NOTES: Zhang is the first Chinese player on the ATP Tour to reach quarter-finals on three surfaces in his career. Last month advanced to quarter-finals on clay at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid and in 2017 reached QFs on hard courts at Shenzhen. Projected to become first Chinese man to break into Top 50 in Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings at No. 50.

J.J. Wolf (USA) vs [2] Tommy Paul (USA)

First Meeting

J.J Wolf | Age: 24 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 39 | 2023: 16-13 (Dallas SF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)

> Already ranked No. 272 when he turned pro in July 2019, then broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 39 in February 2023.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final of career at 2022 Florence after reaching US Open 3R as WC in both 2020 and 2022.

> Upset No. 14 Tiafoe for biggest win of career and to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Dallas.

> Defeated fellow American Mmoh to advance to 2023 Australian Open 4R, falling in 5 sets to countryman Shelton.

> Owns 78-42 Challenger record overall, including 5-1 in finals and 21-7 with 2 titles in Columbus, where he played 3 seasons of college tennis for Ohio State University.

NOTE: Wolf is appearing in his first career ATP Tour quarter-final on grass and third quarter-final this season on as many surfaces. Advanced to semi-finals in Dallas on hard and quarter-finals in Houston on clay.

Tommy Paul | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 15 | 2023: 20-13 (Acapulco Final) | Event: 3-1 (2022-23 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 is appearing in his fifth quarter-final of the season (2-2). Besides his Acapulco final and SF at Australian Open, reached QFs in Delray Beach and Lyon. Has a 9-7 career record on grass.

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Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Mikael Ymer (SWE)

23 Adelaide 2 (Australia)

Hard R16 Mikael Ymer

Ymer Leads 1-0

3-6 7-6(2) 6-3

Other Meeting

20 Auckland Q (New Zealand)

Hard Q2 Mikael Ymer

6-4 6-3

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 28 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 48 | 2023: 18-15 (Delray Beach SF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)
 > 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 beat World No. 9 Fritz for his 3rd career Top 10 win and improved to 12-10 lifetime on grass. He is appearing in his second straight QF and 3rd ATP Tour QF of the season after 's-Hertogenbosch two weeks ago (d. No. 17 Coric in 2R, l. to Hijikata). Also SF in Delray Beach and QF in Acapulco.

Mikael Ymer | Age: 24 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 50 | 2023: 9-13 (3 times in QF) | Event: 2-1 (2023 QF)

> 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 appearing in his third quarter-final of the season after Adelaide 2 (l Kwon) and Marseille (l Hurkacz). Has a 4-5 career record on grass and making his first career quarter-final showing on the surface.

[8] **Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Gregoire Barrere (FRA)**

First Meeting

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 23 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 17-17 (2 Finals) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)

> Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.

> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.

> Reached 2 ATP Tour finals in 2023 before losing to Top 10 players in Delray Beach (l. to No. 7 Fritz) and Estoril (l. to No. 5 Ruud).

> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.

> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).

> Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTES: Kecmanovic is appearing in his fifth quarter-final of the season (3-1) and has an 11-11 career tour-level record on grass. He is looking to be the first Serbian to win the Eastbourne title since Djokovic in 2017.

Gregoire Barrere | Age: 29 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 55 | 2023: 15-14 (2 times in QF) | Event: 2-0 (2023 QF)

> Broke into Top 100 in September 2019 and achieved career-high No. 55 in May 2023 and has earned personal-best 15 victories this season.

> Advanced to ATP Tour QFs in his native France at 2019 Metz, 2020 Montpellier and 2023 Montpellier.

> 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 4-5 lifetime on grass and appearing in his first ATP Tour quarter-final on the surface. He is trying to advance to his first semi-final. His previous three ATP Tour quarter-finals came in his native France: 2019 Metz, 2020 Montpellier and Montpellier in February (l. to Rune).