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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Hugo Gaston (FRA) vs Daniel Altmaier (GER)

First Meeting

Hugo Gaston | Age: 23 | World No. 91 | Career-High No. 58 | 2024: 5-9 (Lyon QF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (Debut)

> Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.

> At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.

> As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.

> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Gaston is 3-2 in his last five matches vs. Top 100 players after starting the year 1-6 (across all levels). He is 2-10 vs. one-handed backhand players on tour-level, including win over Wawrinka at 2020 Roland Garros on clay.

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 25 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 47 | 2024: 10-17 (Auckland QF) | Kitzbuhel: 4-2 (2021 SF)

> Made Top 50 debut a day before his 25th birthday in September, achieving career-high No. 47 in October 2023.

> In 2023, reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Madrid as a LL and defeated No. 7 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2023 Hamburg QF.

> Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.

> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and defeated No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.

> Hits a one-handed backhand and says that his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

NOTE: Altmaier made 2nd of his 2 ATP Tour semifinals in Kitzbuhel in 2021 (l. to Martinez). He seeks to snap a five-match losing streak against left-handed players, dating back to August last year (including ATP Tour qualifying).

[5] Sebastian Ofner (AUT) vs [WC] Lukas Neumayer (AUT)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

23 Salzburg CH (Austria)

Clay F

Sebastian Ofner

6-3 6-2

Sebastian Ofner | Age: 28 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 37 | 2024: 18-21 (Mallorca Final) | Kitzbuhel: 6-6 (2017 SF)

> Earned 1st ranking point at age 17 in July 2013, broke into Top 200 in July 2017 and achieved career-high No. 37 in January 2024 after reaching 3rd ATP Tour SF at Hong Kong.

> Advanced to 2017 Wimbledon 3R in Grand Slam qualifying debut, highlighted by 5-set win over No. 18 Sock and qualifying to make the 2023 Roland Garros 4R.

> Failed to qualify in his next 15 tries at Grand Slams before qualifying at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF on home soil at 2017 Kitzbuhel as WC.

> Owns 140-111 Challenger record (4-9 in finals), winning titles at 2018 Astana, 2019 Puerto Vallarta and 2022 Prague-1 and 2023 Salzburg to break 0-5 start in 2023 Challenger finals.

NOTE: Ofner made 1st of his 4 ATP Tour semifinals in Kitzbuhel in 2017 (l. to J. Sousa). He is one of three Austrians remaining in the draw with 1R opponent Neumayer and Thiem after Schwaerzler lost on Monday.

Lukas Neumayer | Age: 21 | World No. 289 | Career-High No. 206 | 2024: 0-0 (Debut) | Kitzbuhel: 0-1 (2021 1R)

> Achieved career-high No. 206 in April 2024 before making Roland Garros and Wimbledon qualifying debuts.

> Received a qualifying WC at 2021 Kitzbuhel and made it into the main draw, losing to Vilella Martinez.

> Owns 31-46 Challenger record with clay finals at 2023 Salzburg and 2023 Cordenons.

- > Has earned 5 ITF Tour titles, including 3 at the M25 level (2022 Madrid, 2023 Prague, 2023 Jablonec nad Nisou).
- > Peaked at No. 27 in the juniors, making 2020 Roland Garros QF (l. to eventual champion Stricker).

NOTE: Neumayer is making his 2nd ATP Tour appearance after 2021 Kitzbuhel (l. in three sets to Vilella Martinez in 1R). He seeks the biggest win of his career and is 4-4 against the Top 100 across all levels, earning wins on home soil over No. 62 Rinderknech in 2022 Salzburg CH 2R and No. 95 Monteiro in 2023 Salzburg CH QF.

Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs Pavel Kotov

First Meeting

- Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 28 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 16-5 (2 Titles) | Kitzbuhel: 2-1 (2018 QF)
- > Achieved career-high No. 6 after reaching 2022 Australian Open SF, becoming 3rd-highest-ranked Italian since start of PIF ATP Rankings in 1973 (No. 2 Sinner in 2024, No. 4 Panatta in 1976).
 - > At 2021 Wimbledon, became 1st Italian men's singles finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam men's singles finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
 - > First Italian man to reach QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events and 1st to earn a win at Nitto ATP Finals (d. Thiem in 2019 RR).
 - > Owns 44-11 record on grass with 4 of his 9 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 London/Queen's Club to become 1st player in Open Era to win titles in each of his 1st 2 appearances at that event.
 - > Defeated No. 3 Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 3 Ruud en route to 2023 United Cup team final for biggest wins of career.

NOTE: Berrettini did not drop a set on the way to the Gstaad title on altitude clay last week. He is 12-1 on clay since the start of the 2023 season (10-1 in 2024), losing to Kecmanovic at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.

- Pavel Kotov** | Age: 25 | World No. 62 | Career-High No. 50 | 2024: 15-14 (Marrakech SF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (2022 Q1)
- > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 100 in October 2022 and achieved career-high No. 50 in June 2024.
 - > Defeated No. 25 Griekspoor for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Stockholm as Q.
 - > Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R), returning to Marrakech to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in 2023 and 4th SF in 2024.
 - > Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2020 St. Petersburg and Grand Slam debut at 2022 Roland Garros.
 - > Owns 89-71 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.

NOTE: Kotov is 10-3 in opening-round matches on tour-level clay (6-1 in 2024, l. to Ofner in Barcelona) and 3-8 against the Top 50 on the surface, beating No. 50 Bonzi at 2023 Marrakech, No. 33 Thompson at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, and No. 33 Norrie at 2024 Roland Garros.

[SE] Thiago Agustin Tirante (ARG) vs Dominic Thiem (AUT)

First Meeting

- Thiago Agustin Tirante** | Age: 23 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 90 | 2024: 5-4 (Bastad SF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (Debut)
- > Earned 1st PIF ATP Rankings point at age 16 in 2017, broke into Top 200 in March 2022 and Top 100 in February 2024, earning career-high No. 90 in April 2024.
 - > Made ATP Tour debut at 2021 Buenos Aires as WC, then earned first tour-level win at 2023 Roland Garros as Q.
 - > Beat No. 8 Rublev at 2024 Bastad for biggest win of career, making his 1st ATP Tour SF later that week.
 - > Captured Challenger titles at 2021 Ambato, 2023 Cuernavaca, 2023 Bogota and 2024 Mexico City.
 - > Ended 2019 as No. 1 junior in world, sweeping last 18 matches and 26 sets of his career en route to 3 titles in as many weeks at Yucatan Cup, Eddie Herr and Orange Bowl.
 - > Did not drop a set en route to 2019 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Pucinelli de Almeida.

NOTE: Tirante made his 1st ATP Tour SF in Bastad last week and is eyeing a Top 100 return. All four of his Challenger titles have come on altitude clay (2021 Ambato, 2023 Cuernavaca, 2023 Bogota, 2024 Mexico City).

- Dominic Thiem** | Age: 30 | World No. 138 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 2-6 (Estoril 2R) | Kitzbuhel: 18-9 (2019 Title)
- > Achieved career-high No. 3 in March 2020 and remained in Top 5 until suffering right wrist tear in June 2021.
 - > Playing in his 4th Grand Slam final, defeated A. Zverev in 5th-set TB to win 2020 US Open title, becoming 1st player to win US Open final from 2 sets down since Gonzales in 1949 (Amateur Era).
 - > Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals each year from 2016-20, defeating No. 3 Federer and No. 2 Djokovic en route to 2019 championship match, then beating No. 2 Nadal and No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2020 final.
 - > Playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 final, defeated 5-time champion Federer to win 2019 Indian Wells title.
 - > Went 9-3 from 2019-20 against Djokovic, Federer and Nadal, joining Murray as 1 of 2 players with at least 5 career wins over each member of Big 3.

NOTE: Thiem is making his 11th Kitzbuhel appearance, most among the 2024 field. It is the only event he has made three finals at (2014 l. to Goffin, 2019 d. Ramos-Vinolas, and 2023 l. to Baez).

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[Q] Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) vs [LL] Hamad Medjedovic (SRB)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

21 Belgrade-1 Q (Serbia)

Clay Q1

Hamad Medjedovic

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

24 Kitzbuhel Q (Austria)

Clay Q2

Daniel Elahi Galan

6-4 2-6 6-2

Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs [7] Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)

First Meeting

GRANDSTAND

Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG) vs Federico Coria (ARG)

Diaz Acosta Leads 2-0

23 Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Clay R32

Facundo Diaz Acosta

7-6(5) 7-5

24 Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Clay SF

Facundo Diaz Acosta

6-2 6-3

Other Meetings

22 Guayaquil CH (Ecuador)

Clay R16

Federico Coria

3-6 6-1 7-6(2)

23 Buenos Aires CH (Argentina)

Clay SF

Federico Coria

6-4 6-4