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### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

**NOTE**: With seeds No. 1 Rublev, No. 2 Musetti and No. 4 F. Cerundolo reaching the semi-finals, it marks the first time since 2015, at least three of Top-4 seeds reached the semi-finals (No. 1 Monfils, No. 2 Bautista Agut, No. 4 Thiem) and sixth time in tournament history (1997, 2000, 2012\*, 2014-15, 2024).

\* All Top-4 seeds reached the semi-finals in 2012

#### **GORAN IVANISEVIC STADION**

## [1] Andrey Rublev vs [4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) Series Tied 1-1

22 Hamburg (Germany) Clay R16 Francisco Cerundolo 6-4 6-2

23 Bastad (Sweden) Clay SF Andrey Rublev 7-6(6) 6-7(7) 6-3

Andrey Rublev | Age: 26 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 26-13 (2 Titles) | Umag: 9-3 (2017 Title) > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.

- > Came back from a set down in both SF and final for the first time in his career at 2023 Monte Carlo to earn 1st ATP Masters 1000 title, then defeated double-defending champion No. 3 Alcaraz en route to 2nd title at 2024 Madrid.
- > Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte Carlo and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals, then beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th of 16 ATP Tour titles at 2022 Belgrade.
- > Led tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.
- > Ten-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist reached 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF and won gold medal in All-ROC mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).
- > Went 9-1 in singles and 4-1 in doubles at team events during 2021 season, sweeping titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

**NOTE**: Rublev is the only former champion remaining in the draw and is attempting to capture multiple titles at one event for the first time in career (all 16 titles in different locations). He owns a 9-1 record in ATP Tour SFs on clay and looks for 26th ATP Tour final (16-9), third of 2024 after Hong Kong (Title) and ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Title).

Francesco Cerundolo | Age: 25 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 19 | 2024: 20-20 (2 SFs) | Umag: 2-0 (2024 SF)

- > Broke into Top 100 and achieved new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022, then reached career-high No. 19 in June 2023 soon after reaching 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Roland Garros (d. No. 8 Fritz in 3R).
- > Moved into Top 25 in July 2022 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF a week later.
- > Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Eastbourne to become the first Argentine grass court ATP Tour champion since Javier Frana in 1995.
- > 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.
- > 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.

**NOTE**: Cerundolo bids to reach his 5th ATP Tour final (2-2), first since capturing 2nd title at 2023 Eastbourne. He is 8-11 vs. Top 10 (6-5 on clay), earning lone Top 10 win of 2024 (1-2) over No. 5 Zverev at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

#### **Argentines in Umag Final:**

Year	Player	End Result		
2018	Guido Pella	I. to Cecchinato		
2005	Guillermo Coria	d. Moya		
2004	Guillermo Canas	d. Volandri		
2000	Mariano Puerto	I. to Rios		
1992	Franco Davin	I. to Muster		

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## Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs [2] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

### **First Meeting**

Mensik Leads 1-0

**Jakub Mensik** | Age: 18 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 65 | 2024: 15-10 (Doha Final) | Umag: 3-0 (2024 SF) > Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 100 in February 2024 after reaching 1st QF, SF and final in Doha and earned career-high No. 65 in May.

- > Also in Doha, defeated former champions Murray, Monfils and No. 5 Andrey Rublev for biggest win of career to become the youngest Czech ATP Tour finalist and first in an ATP Tour final born in 2005 or later.
- > In tour-level debut, reached 3R at 2023 US Open as Q, becoming the youngest player to reach Grand Slam 3R since Nadal at 2004 Aus. Open and youngest at US Open since Santoro in 1990, then I. to Fritz on his 18th birthday.
- > Qualified for 2nd tour-level event at 2024 Australian Open, defeating former-Top 10 player Shapovalov in 1R.
- > Owns a 30-21 Challenger record, winning 1st title at 2023 Prague-2 in May as No. 333-ranked WC.
- > Went 85-28 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by reaching 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final.

**NOTE**: Mensik looks for his 2nd ATP Tour final (0-1) after Doha final in February. He is 2-4 vs. Top 20 (1-0 on clay), earning latest win over No. 10 Dimitrov at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid 2R in April. He aims to join Bohdan Ulihrach in 1998 (d. Norman) as the only Czech finalists in Umag tournament history.

**Youngest Semi-Finalists in Umag Tournament History –** At 18 years and 10 months, Mensik would be the third youngest finalist in Umag tournament history.

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**Lorenzo Musetti** | Age: 22 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 15 | 2024: 25-18 (Queen's Final) | Umag: 3-1 (2024 SF) > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2023 and achieved career-high No. 15 in June after earning personal-best 34 wins during 2022 season.

- > Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych).
- > At 2023 Monte-Carlo, earned 1st 6-0 6-0 victory at an ATP Masters 1000 event since 2016 over Nardi in 2R before upsetting No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF.
- > Led the ATP Tour in grass wins (12) in 2024, highlighted by run to 1st Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 2nd ATP title at 2022 Naples, defeating countryman Berrettini in final on home soil.
- > Reached 2018 US Open boys' singles final, won 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and defeated Wawrinka at 2020 Rome to become 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match.

**NOTE**: Musetti seeks 4th ATP Tour final (2-1), first on clay since winning 2022 Hamburg (d. No. 5 Alcaraz). The Italian No. 2 is 14-3 since start of grass season, playing in his fourth consecutive semi-final. If both Rublev and Musetti advance to the final, it would be the second final between Top-2 seeds this season (Brisbane, No. 2 Dimitrov d. No. 1 Rune) and fourth in Umag (1990, 2000, 2022).

### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

[1] Andrey Rubley vs Jakub Mensik (CZE)

24 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	QF	Jakub Mensik	6-4 7-6(6)	
[1] Andrey Rublev vs [2] Lorenzo la 20 Dubai (U.A.E.)	<b>Musett</b> Hard	i (ITA) R32	Andrey Rublev	<b>Rublev Leads 1-0</b> 6-4 6-4	
[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Jakub Mensik (CZE) First Meeting					
[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs	[2] Lo	renzo I	Musetti (ITA)	Musetti Leads 1-0	
22 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	SF	Lorenzo Musetti	6-3 7-6(3)	
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### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

## Manuel Guinard (FRA) / Gregoire Jacq (FRA) vs [4] Guido Andreozzi (ARG) / Miguel Reyes-Varela (MEX)

**First Meeting** 

#### **Guinard / Jacq Notes**

- > French duo are 8-2 as a team, first teaming up at Troisdorf CH in June last year, then making their tour-level debut at 2024 Roland Garros and reaching 3R.
- > Since Roland Garros, they captured Challenger titles in Lyon and Salzburg and reached their 1st ATP Tour final in Bastad last week (I. to Luz/Matos). They are 13-1 since end of Roland Garros (including Challenger level).
- > They aim to be the first French champions in tournament history after beating No. 1 seeds Bhambri/Olivetti in QF.
- > Team is ranked No. 28 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Guinard is ranked No. 85 (career-high) and Jacq is ranked No. 78 (career-high).
- > Guinard, 28, is 0-1 in ATP Tour final and w/Jacq, he aims to join Doumbia/Reboul (Montpellier, Bucharest) as the only all-French teams to win an ATP Tour title this season.
- > Jacq, 31, is 0-1 in ATP Tour finals, looking to add to his 8 Challenger titles (8-1 in Challenger finals), 7 w/Guinard.

#### Andreozzi / Reyes-Varela Notes

- > Argentine and Mexican pair is 8-7 as a team, first teaming up in Delray Beach this season and now reached their 1st ATP Tour final together in Umag.
- > Their previous best result was SF in Marrakech (I. to Heliovaara/Patten) and Challenger titles in Naples and Perugia this season. Last week, they lost to Nadal/Ruud in Bastad 1R.
- > Andreozzi aims to be the first Argentinian champion in Umag since Duran/Molteni in 2017, while Reyes-Varela bids to become the first Mexican champion in tournament history.
- > Team is ranked No. 33 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Andreozzi is ranked No. 64 (career-high No. 59 in June) and Reyes-Varela is ranked No. 75 (career-high No. 49 in August 2018).
- > Andreozzi, 32, is playing in his 1st ATP Tour final, after saving 2 MPs to defeat Eysseric/Luz in QF. He owns 36 Challenger doubles titles (1st at 2011 Belo Horizonte), including 3 this season.
- > Reyes-Varela, 37, is 1-3 in ATP Tour doubles finals, capturing 1st title at 2018 Los Cabos (w/Arevalo) and reaching finals of 2018-19 Newport (w/Arevalo) and 2022 Seoul (w/Barrientos).