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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### GORAN IVANISEVIC STADION

#### Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs Alexei Popyrin (AUS)

#### First Meeting

**Jakub Mensik** | Age: 18 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 65 | 2024: 12-10 (Doha Final) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)  
> 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 l. 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, youngest player in the main draw, is 7-4 in opening rounds in his career after a 6-0 start and is looking for his first clay court win since defeating No. 10 Dimitrov at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid in April.

**Alexei Popyrin** | Age: 24 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 38 | 2024: 12-13 (Doha SF) | Umag: 5-0 (2023 Title)  
> Posted personal-best 23 wins in 2023, highlighted by 2nd ATP Tour title in Umag, then achieved career-high No. 38 in February 2024.

- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF, advanced to 1st final and won 1st title at 2021 Singapore.
- > Qualified 10 times at tour-level events in 2019, tying single-season record set by M. Zverev in 2016.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas via RET to reach 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R as LL.
- > Defeated No. 6 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 Adelaide-1 QF as Q, No. 9 Fritz to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R as WC and No. 10 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R as Q.
- > Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings after ending career with 17 straight wins and 2017 Roland Garros boys' singles title.

**NOTE:** Popyrin is on a 5-match winning streak in Umag after lifting his 2nd ATP Tour title last year (d. Wawrinka) and is looking to defend a title for the first time in his career. He seeks to break a 6-match losing streak on clay and earn his first win since ousting No. 6 Rublev at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.

#### [6] Mariano Navone (ARG) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

#### First Meeting

- Mariano Navone** | Age: 23 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 29 | 2024: 14-12 (2 Finals) | Umag: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Broke into Top 200 in June 2023, Top 100 in February 2024 and Top 50 in April 2024, achieving career-high No. 29 in June 2024 soon after capturing 6th Challenger title of career in Cagliari.  
> Came through qualifying at 2024 Rio de Janeiro, earning 1st ATP Tour win, then advanced to first QF, SF and final.  
> Defeated compatriot No. 21 F. Cerundolo for biggest win of career en route to 2nd ATP Tour final in Bucharest.  
> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as a WC, then qualified for Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in following two weeks, defeating Coria in Rio de Janeiro for 1st ATP Tour win.  
> Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ended the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe 2.  
> Began playing at age 3 as his parents and sister all played tennis and is nicknamed La Navoneta.

**NOTE:** Navone earned all 14 career tour-level wins on clay highlighted by finals in Rio de Janeiro (l. to Baez) and Bucharest (l. to Fucsovics). He seeks first Top 50 win since defeating No. 46 Popyrin at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

**Flavio Cobolli** | Age: 22 | World No. 48 (Career-High) | 2024: 20-18 (Geneva SF) | Umag: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 48 in July 2024 soon after capturing biggest win of career over No. 15 Shelton en route to 1st ATP Tour SF in Geneva.
- > Earned 1st Top 20 win over No. 18 Jarry en route to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2024 Australian Open as Q.
- > Also reached ATP Tour QFs at 2023 Munich, 2024 Montpellier and 2024 Delray Beach.
- > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
- > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Zadar and 2023 Lisbon and reached finals at 2021 Rome-2, 2021 Barletta and 2023 Olbia.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

**NOTE:** Cobolli is 6-1 in opening rounds on clay this season with a sole loss to Nadal at 2024 Barcelona. He is on a 6-match losing streak against Top 50 opponents, seeking first win since defeating No. 15 Shelton at 2024 Geneva.

## [WC] Mili Poljicak (CRO) vs Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

## First Meeting

**Mili Poljicak** | Age: 20 | World No. 524 | Career-High No. 462 | 2024: 0-0 (2 ITF Titles) | Umag: 0-1 (2022 1R)

- > Earned first ranking points in April 2021 and broke into Top 600 in May 2022 and Top 500 in January 2023, reaching career-high No. 462 in April 2023.
- > Made his ATP Tour debut at 2022 Umag as a WC and lost to qualifier Cecchinato in 1R.
- > After previously going 0-7 in ATP Challenger Tour main and qualifying draws, he beat 3 Top-300 players to reach first ATP Challenger final on home soil in Zagreb.
- > Posted biggest win of career over No. 186 Gaio (2022 Zagreb CH 2R).
- > Boasts 85-70 ITF record (3-3 in finals), winning M15 Monastir in January 2023 and June 2024 and M15 Umag in July 2024.
- > Peaked at a career-high ITF world junior ranking of No. 2 in January 2022 and became the first Croatian player to win junior Wimbledon, just 3 days before turning 18.
- > Practiced with Djokovic just hours before they both went to win 2022 Wimbledon in their respective categories.

**NOTE:** Poljicak is playing in his 2nd ATP Tour match and seeking biggest win of career vs. No. 54 Sonego in his first match against Top 100 player. He has won 14 of his last 15 ITF matches highlighted by titles in Monastir and Umag.

**Lorenzo Sonego** | Age: 29 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 11-19 (Marrakech QF) | Umag: 2-1 (2023 SF)

- > Earned personal-best 30 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, sweeping Cagliari titles to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).
- > Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz.
- > Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equalling fewest games ever conceded to Djokovic in a match.
- > Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.

**NOTE:** Sonego is playing in his 8th clay court event of 2024, highlighted by run to Marrakech QF (l. to eventual champion Berrrettini). The Italian has not reached an ATP Tour SF since Umag last year (l. to Wawrinka).

## STUDENAC ARENA

### Thiago Monteiro (BRA) vs [7] Tomas Machac (CZE)

### First Meeting

### [Q] Filip Misolic (AUT) vs Dusan Lajovic (SRB)

22 Kitzbuhel (Austria)  
23 Bastad (Sweden)

Clay	QF	Filip Misolic
Clay	R32	Filip Misolic

### Misolic Leads 2-0

2-6 7-6(5) 6-3  
7-6(4) 7-6(4)

### [Q] Enzo Coucaud (FRA) vs [WC] Matej Dodig (CRO)

### First Meeting



## COURT 1

### [Q] Marco Trungelliti (ARG) vs Guido Andreozzi (ARG)

#### Other Meetings

12 Villa Allende CH (Argentina)	Clay	R16	Guido Andreozzi	6-1 6-3
13 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain)	Grass	Q1	Guido Andreozzi	7-5 6-0
14 Vina del Mar Q (Chile)	Clay	Q1	Guido Andreozzi	5-7 6-4 6-1
15 Delray Beach Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Guido Andreozzi	1-6 6-2 6-3

### First Tour-Level Meeting