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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM

Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs [LL] J.J. Wolf (USA)

First Meeting

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 29 | World No. 64 | Career High No. 42 | 2024: 9-12 (2x QF) | Atlanta: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke into Top 50 in January 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2, then became No. 1 Frenchman and achieved career-high No. 42 in October 2022.
> Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
> In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 6 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
> Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q, 2022 Poznan, 2023 Zug and 2024 Lille.
> Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

NOTE: On his 29th birthday, Rinderknech looks for 3rd tour-level hard court win in 2024, both previous wins coming in Marseille where he reached QF (l. to Dimitrov).

J.J. Wolf | Age: 25 | World No. 120 | Career-High No. 39 | 2024: 1-7 (Houston 2R) | Atlanta: 3-2 (2023 SF)
> 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 83-49 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 seeks his 2nd ATP Tour win of the season, the 1st since Houston in April (d. Ritschard in 1R). The 2023 Atlanta semi-finalist (l. to Fritz) has recorded 34 of his 44 career tour-level wins on hard courts.

[7] Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA)

McDonald Leads 3-0

21 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Mackenzie McDonald	7-5 6-2
23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Mackenzie McDonald	7-6(5) 7-6(1) 1-6 6-7(10) 6-4
23 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R16	Mackenzie McDonald	6-2 6-0

Other Meeting

20 Orlando CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Brandon Nakashima	6-3 7-6(8)
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Brandon Nakashima | Age: 22 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 43 | 2024: 12-11 (Stuttgart SF) | Atlanta: 7-3 (2021 Final)
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 43 in October 2022, ending season on 16-1 run in tiebreaks.
> Returned to Milan and went 5-0 to capture 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals title after reaching SF in 2021.
> Defeated countryman Giron to win 1st ATP Tour title in hometown of San Diego in 2022.
> Played in back-to-back ATP Tour finals at Los Cabos and Atlanta as 19-year-old in 2021, becoming youngest American to reach multiple finals since Roddick in 2001-02.
> Reached Roland Garros 3R, Wimbledon 4R and US Open 3R in 2022, highlighted by first Top 20 wins of career over No. 16 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 2R and No. 19 Dimitrov in US Open 2R.

NOTE: Nakashima is one of two former finalists in the draw (Vukic) and aims to continue his 100% record in Atlanta opening rounds (3-0). His only ATP Tour title (2022 San Diego) and two finals (2021 Los Cabos, 2021 Atlanta) were all earned on hard courts.

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 29 | World No. 97 | Career-High No. 37 | 2024: 3-9 (Newport QF) | Atlanta: 1-2 (2022 2R)

- > Broke into Top 50 in February 2022 and achieved career-high No. 37 in October 2023 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, 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 and No. 7 Rublev en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Toronto.
- > 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.

NOTE: McDonald earned personal-best 33 wins in 2023, but only has 3 wins in 2024 after missing several months of the season with shoulder injury. He seeks biggest win by ranking since defeating No. 40 Purcell at 2023 Tokyo.

[LL] Harold Mayot (FRA) vs Borna Coric (CRO)

First Meeting

Harold Mayot | Age: 22 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 108 | 2024: 3-6 (Montpellier QF) | Atlanta: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Former world No. 1 junior earned 1st ranking point in 2019, broke into Top 500 in March 2020, Top 200 in May 2023 and achieved career-high No. 108 in July 2024.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour QF as Q in his hometown at 2023 Metz and 2nd QF at 2024 Montpellier as WC.
- > Qualified and earned 1st tour-level win at 2023 Wimbledon over compatriot Bonzi (l. to Pella in 2R).
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2020 Marseille and Grand Slam debut at 2020 Roland Garros as a WC.
- > Owns 67-57 Challenger record (0-4 in finals), reaching finals at 2022 Tampere, 2023 Mallorca, 2024 Barletta and 2024 Ilkley.
- > Beat compatriot and doubles partner Cazaux in the 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final to become the first Frenchman to win the title since Sidorenko in 2006.

NOTE: Mayot is making his Atlanta debut after Kokkinakis' withdrawal. He is 1-6 against Top 100 opposition on tour-level in 2024 (d. No. 88 Cachin in Barcelona) and aims to record his 4th ATP Tour win of the season.

Borna Coric | Age: 27 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 8-12 (Montpellier Final) | Atlanta: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Owns 11 wins vs. Top 5 and ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.
- > As World No. 152, upset No. 3 Nadal en route to 2022 Cincinnati title, becoming lowest-ranked champion in tournament and ATP Masters 1000 series history.
- > Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21.
- > Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.
- > Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed 12 months from March 2021-March 2022 – including Davis Cup Finals – due to right shoulder injury.

NOTE: 5 of Coric's 8 tour-level wins in 2024 have come on hard courts, as did his only ATP Tour final of the season in Montpellier (l. to Bublik). He aims to become 1st Croatian to win a match in Atlanta since 2013 (l. Dodig d. Berankis).

[WC] Andres Martin (USA) vs [Q] Shang Juncheng (CHN)

First Meeting

Andres Martin | Age: 23 | World No. 483 | Career-High No. 479 | 2024: 0-0 (Little Rock CH 2R) | Atlanta: 1-2 (2022 2R)

- > Achieved then career-high No. 735 in July 2022 soon after reaching a final at M25 East Lansing in his first pro tournament. Then achieved career-high No. 479 in July 2024 after qualifying for Winnipeg Challenger.
- > Biggest career-win over No. 69 Kokkinakis at 2022 Atlanta 1R. Remains his only tour-level win.
- > Received a main draw wildcard to 2022 Atlanta in his 3rd pro tournament showing, winning in tour-level debut defeating Kokkinakis, becoming the 2nd lowest-ranked player to win a tour-level match in 2022 (No. 863 Bhambri def. No. 168 Kovalik at Pune 1R).
- > Earned at-large bid to compete in the NCAA Championships in singles and doubles and made the All-ACC Academic team and All-ACC second team.

NOTE: Martin aims to capture 2nd ATP Tour win of his career. He is playing in Atlanta for the 3rd consecutive year and recorded his only previous ATP Tour win on debut here in 2022 (d. Kokkinakis).

Shang Juncheng | Age: 19 | World No. 89 (Career-High) | 2024: 11-10 (Hong Kong SF) | Atlanta: 1-1 (2023 2R)

- > #NextGen player earned a career-high No. 89 in May 2024, becoming the first Chinese teenager to break inside Top 100 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
- > Defeated No. 16 Tiafoe for biggest win of career to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in 2024 Hong Kong.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam 3R and became the first Chinese man in 3R of Australian Open in Open Era.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2022 Rio de Janeiro as a WC, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2023 Australian Open, beating Otte in 1R as Q (l. to Tiafoe in 2R).
- > Owns 37-27 record on ATP Challenger Tour, highlighted by 1st title at 2022 Lexington.
- > Father, Yi, was a professional football player and his mother, Na, was a world champion table tennis player.
- > His nickname is Jerry after the cartoon character of his favorite childhood show.

NOTE: 7 of Shang's 11 wins in 2024 have come on hard courts and in 2023 Atlanta, he defeated No. 6 seed Shelton in 1R for 2nd tour-level win of career. The 19-year-old has returned to career-high No. 89 after recording his 1st career win at Wimbledon (d. Garin).

[SE] Reilly Opelka (USA) vs Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) First Meeting

Reilly Opelka | Age: 26 | World No. 430 | Career-High No. 17 | 2024: 3-1 (Newport SF) | Atlanta: 7-4 (2016, 2019 SF)
 > Former Wimbledon junior champion became No. 1 American in June 2021 and achieved career-high No. 17 in February 2022 before undergoing hip surgery later that year.
 > Defeated Isner for 4th ATP 250 title on American soil at 2022 Houston after beating him 7-6(7) 7-6(22) en route to 2022 Dallas title, winning longest tiebreak in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
 > At 2020 Delray Beach, saved 1 MP vs. Raonic and defeated Nishioka on same day to win 2nd title.
 > At 2019 New York, saved 6 MPs and hit 43 aces vs. Isner in SF, then hit 43 more aces vs. Schnur in final to win 1st title.
 > Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2021 Toronto for biggest win of career and to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final.

NOTE: Opelka has climbed 758 spots in PIF ATP Rankings after making Newport SF last week (l. to Michelsen) in his first ATP Tour event since 2022 Washington. He captured all 4 ATP Tour titles of his career on home soil (2019 New York, 2020 Delray Beach, 2022 Dallas and 2022 Houston).

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 25 | World No. 82 (Career-High) | 2024: 7-14 (2 times in QF) | Atlanta: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 100 at No. 85 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023. He achieved a career-high No. 82 in July 2024.
 > Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and No. 13 Norrie for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Tour QF at 2023 Los Cabos.
 > Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final.
 > Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, playing his idol and eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open
 > Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.
 > Born and raised in New York City, where he started playing tennis as a 4-year-old at Central Park with his parents, Milan and Milanka, who are ex-pro table tennis players from former Yugoslavia.

NOTE: Kovacevic enters at a new career high of No. 82 after breaking a 6-match tour-level losing streak last week by reaching the QF in Newport (l. to Michelsen) and winning his 1st ATP Tour match since defeating Kokkinakis in Houston 1R in April.

GRANDSTAND

Aslan Karatsev vs [Q] Billy Harris (GBR) First Meeting

[6] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs [LL] Adam Walton (AUS) First Meeting

[Q] Mattia Bellucci (ITA) vs Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) First Meeting

Christopher O'Connell (AUS) vs [8] Max Purcell (AUS) O'Connell Leads 1-0
 23 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Christopher O'Connell 6-4 6-3 3-6 7-6(5)

Other Meeting
 16 Australia F10 (Australia) Hard F Christopher O'Connell 6-2 6-2