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[4] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) **Series Tied 1-1**

23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Francisco Cerundolo	3-6 6-3 6-2
23 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R32	Lorenzo Sonego	6-4 5-7 6-2

Francesco Cerundolo | Age: 25 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 19 | 2024: 19-20 (Rio SF) | Umag: 1-0 (2024 QF)

> 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 seeks 10th ATP Tour SF (4-5), 8th on clay (3-4) to equal his best result this season (Rio SF). He aims to become the first Argentine semi-finalist in Umag since Pella and Trungelliti in 2018.

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 29 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 13-19 (2 QFs) | Umag: 4-1 (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 equaling 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 attempts to reach 10th ATP Tour SF (5-4), first since Umag last year (l. to Wawrinka). He saved 2 MPs to defeat Poljicak in 1R and beat Muller in 2R to record consecutive ATP Tour wins for the first time this season.

[1] Andrey Rublev vs Fabian Marozsan (HUN)

First Meeting

Andrey Rublev | Age: 26 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 25-13 (2 Titles) | Umag: 8-3 (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 one of two former champions remaining in the draw (also Lajovic) and is attempting to capture multiple titles at one event for the first time in career (all 16 titles in different locations). He looks for 40th tour-level semi-final (25-14), fourth of the season after Hong Kong (Title), Dubai (SF) and ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Title).

Fabian Marozsan | Age: 24 | World No. 49 | Career-High No. 36 | 2024: 17-19 (2 QFs) | Umag: 3-1 (2024 QF)
> Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in June 2023 and earned career-high No. 36 in May 2024, becoming the fourth Hungarian to break into Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
> In ATP Tour debut, qualified and defeated No. 2 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R, then reached QF at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (d. No. 5 Ruud in 4R).
> Upset No. 7 Rune in 2R and No. 10 de Minaur in 4R en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami QF.
> Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 US Open (d. Gasquet) and reached 3R at 2024 Australian Open.
> Owns 55-30 record on Challenger tour (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Banja Luka, 2023 Antalya and 2023 Perugia and losing to compatriot Fucsovics in 2022 Bratislava-2 final.
> Began playing tennis at age 5 and credits his father for teaching him everything about the sport.

NOTE: Marozsan is attempting to reach his 1st ATP Tour SF (0-3 in QFs). He is 4-4 vs. Top 10 players in his career, 1-1 on clay, highlighted by win over No. 2 Alcaraz at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R in his ATP Tour debut.

Dusan Lajovic (SRB) vs [2] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

22 Hamburg (Germany) Clay R32 Lorenzo Musetti

Musetti Leads 1-0

6-7(4) 7-6(4) 6-3

Other Meeting

22 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati Q (U.S.A.) Hard Q2 Lorenzo Musetti

6-4 6-4

Dusan Lajovic | Age: 34 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 16-14 (Barcelona SF) | Umag: 10-6 (2019 Title)
> Achieved career-high No. 23 after defeating future World No. 1 Medvedev to reach 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.
> Entered Monte-Carlo as World No. 48 and became lowest-ranked finalist at that event since No. 53 Arazi in 2001.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Banja Luka, defeating World No. 1 Djokovic in QF for biggest win of career and No. 6 Rublev in the final.
> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title at 2019 Umag, doubles title at 2015 Istanbul w/Albot and team title at 2020 ATP Cup as member of Team Serbia.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 2 occasions: 2014 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open.
> Qualified 13 times at ATP Masters 1000 events, including en route to 2018 Madrid QF.

NOTE: Lajovic is 20-65 vs. Top 20 in his career, 1-7 this season, defeating No. 13 Humbert in Barcelona 2R for lone win. He bids to advance to his 9th ATP Tour SF (3-5) and reach multiple SFs in a season for the third time in career (2016 – Sao Paulo, Kitzbuhel, Los Cabos & 2019 – ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo, Umag).

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 22 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 15 | 2024: 24-18 (Queen's Final) | Umag: 2-1 (2024 QF)
> 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 looks for 14th tour-level semi-final (3-10), first on clay since 2023 Bastad in July (l. to Ruud). The World No. 17 aims to reach SF in 4th consecutive event (Stuttgart SF, London/Queen's Club final, Wimbledon SF).

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Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs [LL] Chun-Hsin Tseng (TPE)

First Meeting

Jakub Mensik | Age: 18 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 65 | 2024: 14-10 (Doha Final) | Umag: 2-0 (2024 QF)
 > 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 looks for his 2nd ATP Tour SF (1-0) after Doha final in February. He bids to become the first Czech in Umag SF since J. Novak in 2005 and aims to become the fifth semi-finalist aged 18 or younger in tournament history.

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

No. Player	Age	Year (End Result)
1. Rafael Nadal	17 years 1 month	2003 (l. to Moya in SF)
2. Carlos Alcaraz	18 years 2 months	2021 (d. Gasquet in final)
3. Goran Ivanisevic	18 years 8 months	1990 (l. to Prpic in final)
4. Alberto Martin	18 years 11 months	1997 (l. to Bruguera in SF)
5. Novak Djokovic	19 years 2 months	2006 (l. to Wawrinka in final)

Chun-Hsin Tseng | Age: 22 | World No. 159 | Career-High No. 83 | 2024: 1-1 (Umag QF) | Umag: 1-0 (2024 QF)
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in November 2016, broke into Top 100 in June 2022, achieved career-high No. 83 in August 2022 and qualified for 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals.
 > Made Grand Slam debut at 2022 Australian Open as WC, then qualified at 2022 Roland Garros.
 > Posted 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Los Cabos (d. Chappell) after earning 5 tour-level wins in Davis Cup play for Chinese Taipei.
 > Won Challenger titles at 2021 Maia-2, 2022 Bengaluru, 2022 Murcia, 2024 Szekesfehervar and 2024 Vicenza. Dropped 1 set en route to 1st Challenger title at 2021 Maia-2, then did not drop a set en route to Bengaluru and Murcia Challenger titles in 2022.
 > Ended 2018 season as World No. 1 junior after posting 21-2 record in Grand Slam boys' singles matches (Australian Open final, Roland Garros title, Wimbledon title, US Open SF).

NOTE: Tseng is playing in his 1st ATP Tour QF after entering the draw as LL due to No. 3 seed Rune withdrawal and defeating former champion Fognini in 2R (6-1 6-0). He is the first player representing Chinese Taipei to reach ATP Tour QF on clay and aims to become the first ATP Tour semi-finalist from his country since Jung at 2020 New York.