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# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

# [5] Marcel Granollers (ESP) / Horacio Zeballos (ARG) vs Wesley Koolhof (NED) / Nikola Mektic (CRO)

Koolhof/Mektic Lead 2-0

20 Nitto ATP Finals (Great Britain) Hard SF Wes

Wesley Koolhof / Nikola Mektic 6-3 6-4

24 Auckland (New Zealand) Hard F Wesley Koolhof / Nikola Mektic 6-3 6-7(5) [10-7]

#### **Granollers / Zeballos Notes**

- > Spaniard and Argentine are 135-68 as a team (11-4 in 2024), playing in their third final of 2024, after losing in finals of Auckland and Buenos Aires.
- > They won 8 ATP Tour titles as a team, highlighted by 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles (5-0 in finals) at 2019 Montreal (their first event as a pair), 2020 Rome, 2021 Madrid, 2021 Cincinnati and 2023 Shanghai.
- > Became first players to defeat Jannik Sinner in 2024 (w/Sonego) in 2R, then saved 1 MP to defeat Bolelli/Vavassori in SF, after arriving to Indian Wells with back-to-back losses to the Italian team in Buenos Aires final and Rio 1R.
- > Granollers aims to be the first Spanish champion since M. Lopez/Nadal in 2012, while Zeballos aims to defeat Mektic for his 2nd Indian Wells title after capturing the 2019 Indian Wells title partnering the Croatian.
- > Team is ranked No. 4 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Granollers ranked No. 11 (career-high No. 4 in 2013) and Zeballos is ranked No. 10 (career-high No. 3 in 2019).
- > Granollers, 37, is 25-28 in tour-level doubles finals, attempting to win his 8th ATP Masters 1000 title (7-6), also winning 2012 Rome w/M. Lopez and 2018 Paris w/Ram. By advancing to SF at Indian Wells this year, he has now reached doubles semi-finals at all 9 active ATP Masters 1000 events.
- > Zeballos, 38, is 20-20 in tour-level doubles finals, seeking 7th ATP Masters 1000 title (6-0) 5 w/Granollers, 1 w/Mektic. The pair is 1-5 in doubles finals since the start of 2023 season.

### **Koolhof / Mektic Notes**

- > Duo of former No. 1s are 39-16 as a team (15-3 in 2024), first playing during the 2020 season, ending the year with the 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, before repairing this year with titles at Auckland and Rotterdam.
- > 2020 US Open finalists are playing in their 1st ATP Masters 1000 final as a team.
- > They upset the No. 2 seeds Dodig/Kraiicek in QF and No. 7 seeds Krawietz/Puetz in SF.
- > With QF win, Mektic earned his 300th tour-level doubles win of career (now 301-168).
- > Koolhof is looks to become the first Dutch champion in tournament history after losing in 2023 final w/Skupski, while Mektic looks for his 2nd Indian Wells title, winning in 2019 w/Zeballos.
- > Team is ranked No. 3 on <u>PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings</u>. Koolhof is ranked No. 7 (career-high No. 1 in 2022) and Mektic is ranked No. 33 (career-high No. 1 in 2021).
- > Koolhof, 34, is 18-22 in tour-level doubles finals, looking for his fourth ATP Masters 1000 title (3-5) after winning at 2022 Madrid, 2022 Montreal and 2022 Paris w/N. Skupski.
- > Mektic, 35, is 27-16 in tour-level doubles finals, aiming to capture 8th ATP Masters 1000 title (7-2), winning at 2018 Madrid w/Peya, 2019 Indian Wells w/Zeballos, 2019 Monte-Carlo w/Skugor and partnering w/Pavic to capture titles at 2021 Miami, 2021 Monte-Carlo, 2021 Rome and 2022 Rome.

### Players Meeting in ATP Masters 1000 / Grand Slam Finals:

2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final: Mektic / Skugor d. Haase / Koolhof 6-7(3) 7-6(3) [11-9]

2019 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final: Granollers / Zeballos d. Haase / Koolhof 7-5 7-5

2021 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid final: Granollers / Zeballos d. Mektic / Pavic 1-6 6-3 [10-8]

2021 Wimbledon final: Mektic / Pavic d. Granollers / Zeballos 6-4 7-6(5) 2-6 7-5

2023 Wimbledon final: Koolhof / Skupski d. Granollers / Zeballos 6-4 6-4