

# MUTUA MADRID OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 3 – FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

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# **MUTUA MADRID OPEN TALKING POINTS**

- Sixteen second-round men's singles matches have been scheduled for Friday at the Mutua Madrid Open. 2time champion and No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev (2018, 2021) will be among those in action on Manolo Santana Stadium, taking on last year's semi-finalist Borna Coric. Zverev aims to become the fourth player to win Madrid three times (Rafael Nadal - 5, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer - 3).
- 2-time defending champion and No. 2 seed **Carlos Alcaraz** is set to play after withdrawing from ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and Barcelona due to a right forearm injury. The Spaniard, who will turn 21 on the day of the men's singles final, has won 11 matches in a row in Madrid since losing to 5-time champion **Rafael Nadal** in 2021 and bids to become the first player in tournament history to win the three consecutive titles in Madrid.
- On Arantxa Sanchez Stadium, No. 7 seed Andrey Rublev will try to break a run of four consecutive losses with Popyrin and Nakashima eliminating him in the 26-year-old's first two matches on clay this year. Rublev is 1-3 at the ATP Masters 1000 level in 2024 and ended the 2023 season on an 18-2 run in opening-round matches, but is 6-3 this year with three defeats in a row after a 6-0 start.
- No. 23 seed Jan-Lennard Struff is coming off his maiden ATP Tour title in Munich, becoming the 3rd oldest player to pick up his 1st title since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 (after Paolo Lorenzi and Victor Estrella Burgos). Struff was the runner-up in Madrid last year, becoming the 1st player to make an ATP Masters 1000 final as a lucky loser since the series began in 1990.
- No. 8 seed **Hubert Hurkacz** and **Jack Draper** are meeting for the 2nd time this month at the ATP Masters 1000 level. The Pole won their first-round match in Monte Carlo after a deciding set tie-break, improving his **Lexus ATP Head2Head** with Draper to 3-1 (2-0 on clay).

**Tennis Data Innovations Insights** uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <a href="https://www.atptour.com/en/news/insights-introduction">https://www.atptour.com/en/news/insights-introduction</a>. Top 8 seeds, 52-week average Insight scores:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Jannik Sinner	26%	71%	37%	8.1	8.0	8.9	8.3
Carlos Alcaraz	23%	70%	38%	7.8	7.8	8.8	8.0
Daniil Medvedev	23%	69%	39%	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.2
Alexander Zverev	25%	65%	34%	8.7	7.8	8.1	8.2
Casper Ruud	24%	70%	36%	7.8	6.7	8.2	7.8
Stefanos Tsitsipas	27%	71%	34%	8.2	6.8	8.4	7.3
Andrey Rublev	27%	71%	31%	8.2	7.3	8.4	7.6
Hubert Hurkacz	27%	65%	30%	9.0	7.0	7.5	7.0
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2



# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### MANOLO SANTANA STADIUM.

#### Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

**First Meeting** 

Series Tied 3-3

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 23 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 45 | 2024: 10-12 (2 QFs) | Madrid: 3-1 (2023 3R) > Broke into Top 300 in March 2022, Top 200 in June 2022 and Top 100 in April 2023, achieving career-high No. 45 in February 2024 after defeating No. 7 Rune for biggest win of career to reach Rotterdam QF.

after ending the 2023 season with 1st ATP Tour final at Metz.

> Saved 2 MPs to earn 1st Top 10 win over No. 9 Fritz and reach 1st ATP Tour QF in Basel, then advanced to 1st SF and final in Metz in his last two events of the 2023 season.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Giustino) and first Grand Slam win at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Otte).

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava and 2nd title at 2023 Tenerife-1.
> Owns 52-40 Challenger record (3-1 in finals) and a 97-57 record on ITF Tour with titles at 2020 Monastir, 2021
Tbilisi, 2021 Velenje and 2022 Antalya.

**NOTE**: Shevchenko seeks biggest win of his career (2-7 vs. Top 10, 0-3 on clay) after being up a break in the 3rd set vs. No. 3 Medvedev in 3R in Madrid in 2023. He bids to be the 3rd player representing Kazakhstan to defeat a Top 3 opponent (Golubev d. No. 3 Wawrinka at 2014 Davis Cup, Bublik d. No. 3 Zverev at 2022 Montpellier).

**Carlos Alcaraz** | Age: 20 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 15-4 (Indian Wells Title) | Madrid: 12-1 (2022-23 Title) > Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season and later earning a total of 36 weeks.

> Became third Spanish man in Wimbledon history to win the singles title after Nadal (2008, 2010) and Santana (1966), defeating 7-time champion Djokovic in a 5-set battle for his 2nd Grand Slam title.

> Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.

> Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (173 events since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (298 events since 1990).

> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch,
18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

**NOTE**: Alcaraz aims to be the first player in tournament history to win three consecutive titles. Since the start of the 2022 season he is 13-2 in opening-round matches on clay, losing to Korda at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and via RET to Monteiro at 2024 Rio de Janeiro.

#### Borna Coric (CRO) vs [4] Alexander Zverev (GER)

15 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Borna Coric	7-5 3-6 7-6(5)
17 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Borna Coric	3-6 7-5 7-6(1) 7-6(4)
18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Alexander Zverev	6-4 6-4
18 Halle (Germany)	Grass	R32	Borna Coric	6-1 6-4
20 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Alexander Zverev	1-6 7-6(5) 7-6(1) 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Alexander Zverev	6-4 3-6 6-3

**Borna Coric** | Age: 27 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 7-8 (Montpellier Final) | Madrid: 11-6 (2023 SF) > 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**: Coric is 19-40 vs. Top 10 (1-7 on clay), seeking 1st Top 10 win on clay since beating No. 1 Murray in Madrid in 2017. He is down to No. 54 on <u>PIF ATP Live Rankings</u> and aims to avoid dropping out of the Top 50 for the 1st time since winning 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.



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Alexander Zverev | Age: 27 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 20-8 (3 SFs) | Madrid: 21-4 (2018, 2021 Title) > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.

> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 21 career titles, defeating No. 1
Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in

SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.

> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).

**NOTE**: Zverev has never lost before the fourth round in Madrid in six appearances and it is his most successful ATP Masters 1000 event with 2 titles and an 84% win/loss record (77% - Canada, 75% - Rome).

## ARANTXA SANCHEZ STADIUM

[7] Andrey Rublev vs [Q] Facundo Bagnis (ARG)20 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)ClayR64Andrey Rublev

**Rublev Leads 1-0** 6-4 6-4

Andrey Rublev | Age: 26 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 15-8 (Hong Kong Title) | Madrid: 5-3 (2022 QF) > 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.

> 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 15 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 aims to snap a 4-match losing streak and avoid five defeats in a row for the first time since July-September 2018. He is 8-1 against players ranked outside the Top 100 on clay since 2018, losing to No. 101 Hanfmann at ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R last year.

**Facundo Bagnis** | Age: 34 | World No. 136 | Career-High No. 55 | 2024: 5-2 (Cordoba Final) | Madrid: 1-0 (2024 2R) > Achieved career-high No. 55 in 2016 and broke back into Top 100 in 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago.

> Celebrated 31st birthday by competing in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba as Q after earning 6 wins.

> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 US Open after entering event with 1-10 record on hard courts.

> In Grand Slam main draw debut, defeated Benneteau 18-16 in 5th at 2014 Roland Garros as Q.

> Boasts 361-212 Challenger record (17-14 in finals), posting 6-0 finals record in 2016 – tied for 2nd-most titles in a single season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

**NOTE**: Bagnis is seeking the biggest win of his career (d. No. 36 J. Sousa at 2016 Marrakech, 0-10 vs. Top 20, 0-5 vs. Top 10) and aims to make 3R at an ATP Masters 1000 event for the first time (0-4 in 2R matches).

[WC] Shang Juncheng (CHN) vs [27] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)Davidovich Fokina Leads 1-024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)HardR64A. Davidovich Fokina6-3 7-5

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Juncheng Shang	22%	62%	26%	7.5	5.5	7.1	7.7
Alejandro Davidovich							
Fokina	28%	74%	38%	8.1	6.0	6.9	7.6
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Insight from their 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 1R meeting:

The key to their match in Monte-Carlo was Davidovich Fokina's clinical attack. The Spaniard was considerably above his In Attack (24%) and Conversion Score (67%) 52-week averages.

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**Shang Juncheng** | Age: 19 | World No. 111 (Career-High) | 2024: 8-6 (Hong Kong SF) | Madrid: 1-0 (2024 2R) > #NextGen ATP Chinese player defeated No. 16 Tiafoe for biggest win of career to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Hong Kong and achieved career-high No. 111 in April 2024.

> 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 (I. to Tiafoe in 2R).

> Owns a 24-4 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (4-0 in finals) and 31-22 on ATP Challenger Tour with title at 2022 Lexington (d. Gomez).

> 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**: Shang posted 1st ATP Tour win on clay over No. 88 Moutet in 1R in 3 hours and 59 minutes (2nd-longest match in tournament history) and now aims to reach 3R at an ATP Masters 1000 event for the 1st time in his career. He aims to be the 3rd Chinese (Zhang, Wu) to break into Top 100 of <u>PIF ATP Rankings</u> and 1st to do it as a teenager.

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina | Age: 24 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 8-9 (2 QFs) | Madrid: 4-4 (2023 3R) > Achieved career-high No. 21 in August 2023, later improving year-end ranking for 8th consecutive year in 2023, finishing at No. 26.

> Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte-Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match to defeat then-World No. 1 en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte-Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.

Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.
Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

**NOTE**: Davidovich Fokina seeks 1st clay win of 2024 having lost to Korda at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and Lajovic at Barcelona. He looks for 1st first win since beating wildcard Shang at ATP Masters 1000 Miami last month.

### Mariano Navone (ARG) vs [11] Holger Rune (DEN)

#### **First Meeting**

**Mariano Navone** | Age: 23 | World No. 41 (Career-High) | 2024: 12-5 (Rio, Bucharest Finals) | Madrid: 1-0 (2024 2R) > Broke into Top 200 in June 2023 and in Top 100 in February 2024 after coming from qualifying to earn 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in Rio de Janeiro, achieving career-high No. 41 in April 2024.

> Earned win over No. 23 Norrie to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Rio de Janeiro and win over No. 21 F. Cerundolo to reach 2nd ATP tour final at 2024 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 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 5 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 1st ATP Masters 1000 win over Popyrin in 1R in his debut at this level. He is facing a Top 20 opponent for the first time in his career (d. No. 21 F. Cerundolo en route to Bucharest final last week) and reached the semifinals in the last 3 events played (Rio de Janeiro, Marrakech, Bucharest).

**Holger Rune** | Age: 20 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 17-9 (Brisbane Final) | Madrid: 1-1 (2023 3R) > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching No. 4 in August 2023. > Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to

earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals. > From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, posting runner-up results in Monte-Carlo (I. to Rublev) and Rome (I. to Medvedev).

> Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents, ending the streak with loss to No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (7-7 vs. Top 5).

> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).

> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

**NOTE**: Rune is 13-1 against opponents ranked outside the Top 30 on clay since the start of the 2023 season (I. to No. 35 Davidovich Fokina in Madrid 3R last year). He aims to make the final at all three ATP Masters 1000 clay events (2023 Monte-Carlo and 2023 Rome F).



#### **STADIUM 3**

#### [8] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs Jack Draper (GBR)

22 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	Ř16	Hubert Hurkacz	7-6(5
23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Hubert Hurkacz	6-36
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Jack Draper	6-26
24 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Hubert Hurkacz	6-4 3

#### Hurkacz Leads 3-1

7-6(5) 6-7(5) 6-1 6-3 6-7(5) 7-5 6-2 6-4 7-5 6-4 3-6 7-6(2)

Insight from their 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 1R meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Hubert							
Hurkacz	23%	65%	42%	8.7	6.8	7.2	6.8
Jack Draper	23%	58%	35%	8.2	7.1	7.4	7.2
Tour							
Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Despite both players having big serves, the average rally length was 4.8 (tour avg. 4.0) when they played in Monte-Carlo. The longer neutral exchanges led to a low In Attack % for both players. The difference maker was Draper's low Conversion Score (10% below his 68% 52-week average).

**Hubert Hurkacz** | Age: 27 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 21-9 (Estoril Title) | Madrid: 6-4 (2022 QF) > Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 8 in January 2024.

> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.

> Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.

> Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.

> Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-2 in finals).

**NOTE**: Hurkacz is 6-1 on clay this year including the title in Estoril, 1-1 against the Top 50, beating No. 39 Draper at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 1R and losing to No. 10 Casper Ruud in 3R. He is 7-1 in opening-round matches in 2024, losing to Monfils at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells.

Jack Draper | Age: 22 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 37 | 2024: 12-8 (Adelaide Final) | Madrid: 2-1 ('22, '24 2R) > Achieved new career-high ranking 22 times in 2022, breaking into Top 200 in February, Top 100 in June and Top 50 in September before peaking at No. 37 in March 2023.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Sofia and reached his 2nd final at 2024 Adelaide in his next event.

> In 2022, advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at Eastbourne as WC, earned biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas en route to Montreal QF as Q, and defeated No. 8 Auger-Aliassime to reach US Open 3R.

> Defeated both Sinner and Bublik in 2 TBs for 1st and 2nd ATP Tour wins of career, reaching 2021 London/Queen's Club QF as 309th-ranked WC.

> Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

**NOTE**: Draper is seeking his 1st Top 10 win (2-9) since 2022 US Open (d. No. 8 Auger-Aliassime) and is 0-2 on clay vs. Top 10, including the deciding set tie-break loss to No. 8 Hurkacz at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo this month.

### Luciano Darderi (ITA) vs [12] Taylor Fritz (USA)

#### **First Meeting**

Luciano Darderi | Age: 22 | World No. 60 (Career-High) | 2024: 12-5 (Cordoba Title) | Madrid: 1-0 (2024 2R) > Former Top 10 junior achieved career-high No. 60 in April 2024 soon after winning 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba in the third final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 (d. Bagnis).

> Defeated No. 23 Cerundolo for biggest win of career en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2024 Houston.

> In ATP Tour debut as Q at 2023 Cordoba defeated Gaston for first win, then entered 2023 Acapulco as LL.

> Owns a 75-56 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi and 2023 Lima 2.

> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings in February 2020 after earning 3 singles and 3 doubles titles to start the season.
> Born in Argentina, started playing tennis at age 4 with his father Luciano Enrique, a former tennis player and current coach.



**NOTE**: Darderi is facing a Top 20 opponent for the 1st time in career (4-3 vs. Top 50 including win over No. 40 Monfils in 1R). He earned 12 of 13 career wins in 2024, all on clay, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba in February.

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 26 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 15-7 (Delray Beach Title) | Madrid: 3-3 (2023 4R) > Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.

> Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.

> Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 and helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022 & 2023.

**NOTE**: Fritz is 27-5 in opening-round matches since the start of the 2023 season, but lost his last two opening clay matches at ATP Masters 1000 level (2023 Rome to No. 101 Hanfmann, 2024 Monte-Carlo to No. 24 Musetti).

#### Jaume Munar (ESP) vs [23] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

**First Meeting** 

Jaume Munar | Age: 26 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 52 | 2024: 9-10 (2 QFs) | Madrid: 4-3 (2024 4R) > Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.

> Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.

> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.

> Earned 2 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.

> Owns 128-68 Challenger record (9-6 in finals), including recent clay-court title at 2023 San Marino.

> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

**NOTE**: Munar is 19-58 vs. Top 50 in his career, 3-4 this year with clay wins over No. 22 F. Cerundolo in Cordoba and No. 37 Ofner in Rio de Janeiro. He posted 8 of his 9 tour-level wins on clay this year, including quarter-final appearances in Cordoba and Santiago.

Jan-Lennard Struff | Age: 34 | World No. 24 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 12-9 (Munich Title) | Madrid: 7-4 (2023 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 21 after reaching 3rd ATP Tour final at 2023 Stuttgart (I. to Tiafoe).

> Upset No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Madrid en route to becoming the 1st lucky loser in ATP Masters 1000 history (since 1990) to reach the championship match (I. to Alcaraz).

 > On home soil, advanced to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Munich and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev in 2021 Halle 1R, before becoming the 3rd oldest player to win his 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Munich.
> Defeated No. 10 Goffin en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2020 Cincinnati and No. 4 Ruud en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Monte-Carlo.

Posted personal-best 35 victories in 2019, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam 4R appearance at Roland Garros.
In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer and Karlovic).

> Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tourlevel win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

**NOTE**: Struff, who turned 34 on Thursday, lost Madrid Q2 to Karatsev last year before avenging that loss in SF to make his only ATP Masters 1000 final (I. to Alcaraz). He is two wins away from a milestone 50th ATP Masters 1000 victory (48-46).

## **COURT 4**

## [15] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [Q] Lukas Klein (SVK)

### **First Meeting**

[26] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs [PR] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) First Meeting

[24] Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs	Taro Da	niel (J	PN)	Griekspoor Leads 1-0
22 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Tallon Griekspoor	7-6(3) 6-3

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# Fabian Marozsan (HUN) vs [21] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

24 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R64 Fabian Marozsan

Daniel Altmaier (GER) vs [31] Arthur Fils (FRA)23 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)HardR64Daniel Altmaier24 Auckland (New Zealand)HardQFArthur Fils24 Barcelona (Spain)ClayR32Arthur Fils

## [18] Sebastian Baez (ARG) vs Luca Van Assche (FRA)

[13] Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs Botic	van de	Zand	schulp (NED)	Humbert Leads 2-0
23 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) 24 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard Hard	R64 R64	Ugo Humbert Ugo Humbert	6-4 1-6 6-2 6-4 6-3
Other Meeting 17 Germany F9 (Germany)	Clav	R32	Ugo Humbert	7-6(4) 4-1 RET

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[28] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs Thia Other Meeting	First Tour-Level Meeting			
18 US Open Juniors (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Thiago Seyboth Wild	6-1 2-6 6-2

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

Fils Leads 2-1

6-2 6-4 7-6(2) 1-0 RET 6-4 1-6 6-1

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