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CENTRE COURT

[1] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [LL] Manuel Guinard (FRA)

First Meeting

Tommy Paul | Age: 27 | World No. 12 (Career-High) | Career: 176-125 (4 Titles) | Adelaide: 9-5 (2020 SF)

> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 12 in October 2023 after becoming 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF since Roddick in 2009 earlier in the season.

> Owns 7-13 record vs. Top 5, including biggest win of career over No. 1 Alcaraz to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Toronto.

> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.

> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2024 Dallas and reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2024 Indian Wells and 2024 Rome, defeating defending champion No. 4 Medvedev in Rome 4R.

> Posted upsets at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 events of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal.

> Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul is the No. 1 seed at an ATP Tour event for 3rd time in career (2023 Newport QF, 2024 Adelaide QF). He went 9-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 last year, losing via RET to No. 204 Damm at ATP Masters 1000 Miami.

Manuel Guinard | Age: 29 | World No. 261 | Career-High No. 134 | Career: 5-6 (1 QF) | Adelaide: 1-0 (2025 2R)

> Broke into Top 200 in March 2022 and achieved career-high No. 134 in October that year after making Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros

> Qualified at 2022 Lyon, then defeated WC Gaston and LL Mmoh to reach 1st ATP Tour QF.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger title of career at 2022 Roseto Degli Abruzzi-2 before winning his 2nd title at 2023 Troyes as Q.

> Owns 10-2 record in ITF finals, defeating future-Top 30 players Lehecka and Draper en route to his 9th ITF World Tennis Tour title at 2021 Prague.

> Did not compete on ITF Junior Circuit and earned 1st ranking point at age 19 in September 2015.

> In doubles, broke into Top 100 in June 2024, then made ATP Tour finals in back-to-back weeks in Bastad and Umag w/Jacq and earned career-high No. 66 in January 2025.

NOTE: Guinard seeks his 2nd ATP Tour QF after 2022 Lyon as Q (l. to Rune). He aims to post biggest win of career (0-4 vs. Top 50, d. No. 59 Fognini at 2022 Gijon) and would be the lowest-ranked quarter-finalist in event history.

Lowest-Ranked Adelaide Quarter-Finalists

Player	Ranking	Year/Result
Thanasi Kokkinakis	171	2022-1 SF (l. to Monfils)
Aleksandar Vukic	160	2022-2 QF (l. to Kokkinakis)
Botic van de Zandschulp	159	2021 QF (l. to Khachanov)*
Alex Bolt	157	2020 QF (l. to Auger-Aliassime)

*2021 edition was held in Melbourne

[8] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs [WC] Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) First Meeting

T. M. Etcheverry | Age: 25 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 67-73 (3 Finals) | Adelaide: 1-2 (2025 2R)

> Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022, achieving career-high No. 27 in February 2024.

> At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R en route to the quarter-finals without losing a set.

> Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago and J. Cerundolo and Garin en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.

> Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2024, highlighted by Lyon final, where he held 1 MP against Mpetshi Perricard.
> Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

NOTE: Etcheverry bids to reach his 14th tour-level quarter-final (6-7), 3rd on hard courts after 2023 Zhuhai (l. to Korda) and 2023 Basel (l. to Rune). He would be the 1st Argentinian quarter-finalist in tournament history.

Thanasi Kokkinakis | Age: 28 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 65 | Career: 77-96 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 13-4 (2022-2 Title)

> Former Top-10 junior earned 1st ranking point 8 days after 15th birthday in 2011, achieved career-high No. 65 at age 27 in 2023, improving the career-high No. 69 he set at age 19 in 2015.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in hometown at 2022 Adelaide-2 as 145th-ranked WC after reaching 1st QF, SF and final at 2017 Los Cabos as 454th-ranked WC.
> Upset defending champion Federer in 2018 Miami 2R as 175th-ranked Q, becoming lowest-ranked player to beat World No. 1 since No. 178 Clavet beat Hewitt in 2003 Miami 2R.
> Won 2022 Australian Open doubles title as 434th-ranked WC with countryman Kyrgios, defeating Ebden/Purcell in 1st All-Aussie Grand Slam doubles final since 1980 Australian Open.
> Advanced to 3 Grand Slam junior finals in 2013, winning Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Kyrgios and finishing as boys' singles runner-up at Australian Open and US Open.

NOTE: Adelaide-native Kokkinakis seeks his 8th ATP Tour QF (4-3), 4th in Adelaide and 1st since Los Cabos in February (l. to Zverev). He owns the most match wins in tournament history (13) and is the only former champion in the field after Lehecka (2024) withdrew.

SHOW COURT 1

[5] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Arthur Cazaux (FRA) **Auger-Aliassime Leads 1-0**
24 Montpellier (France) Hard R16 Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-5 2-6 7-6(4)

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 24 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 216-148 (5 Titles) | Adelaide: 2-2 (2020 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 and earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
> Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, advanced to 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, and swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Led ATP Tour with 45 hard-court and 31 indoor wins in 2022, highlighted by victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
> Reached 2024 Madrid final to become the 1st Canadian clay court ATP Masters 1000 finalist in series history.
> At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881).
> As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime looks for his first outdoor hard court quarter-final since 2023 Tokyo (l. to Giron). He started his season at United Cup last week, defeating No. 4 Fritz and losing to No. 90 Coric. In his only meeting vs. Cazaux at 2024 Montpellier, he rallied back from a 3-5 deficit in the third set.

Arthur Cazaux | Age: 22 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 63 | Career: 12-19 (2024 Aus. Open 4R) | Adelaide: 1-0 ('25 2R)
> After peaking at No. 4 in juniors in 2020, broke inside Top 100 in January 2024 after defeating No. 8 Rune for biggest win of career en route to Australian Open 4R and earned a career-high No. 63 in December.
> Defeated countryman Mannarino in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2021 Geneva as 18-year-old WC.
> Made Grand Slam main draw debuts at 2023 Roland Garros as a WC and 2023 US Open as a LL.
> Owns 70-36 record on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), winning titles at 2022 & 2023 Nonthaburi-2 as Q and 2024 Noumea.
> Went 122-48 on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Australian Open boys' singles final.
> Discovered tennis at age 3 when his father was watching Nadal at Roland Garros and started playing tennis against the wall as nobody in his family played the sport.

NOTE: Cazaux seeks his 1st ATP Tour QF (0-5 in R16, including loss to Auger-Aliassime at 2024 Montpellier). He went 3-7 vs. Top 30 last year, recently defeating No. 19 Shelton at ATP Masters 1000 Paris in November.

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs [2] Sebastian Korda (USA) Korda Leads 2-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Sebastian Korda	6-1 6-1
24 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Sebastian Korda	6-1 6-2

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 25 | World No. 68 | Career-High No. 21 | Career: 115-120 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 3-1 (2023-2 QF)
 > 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 ATP Tour QF since Atlanta in July (l. to Thompson). He went 3-16 vs. Top 50 in 2024, including wins over No. 9 Hurkacz at United Cup and No. 5 Medvedev at ATP Masters 1000 Montreal.

Sebastian Korda | Age: 24 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 15 | Career: 125-79 (2 Titles) | Adelaide: 6-2 (2023-1 Final)
 > Achieved career-high No. 15 in August 2024, joining Petr Korda (career-high No. 2 in 1998) to become the only father-son duo to rank inside Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).
 > Earned biggest wins of career en route to ATP Masters 1000 SFs over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 Shanghai and No. 4 Zverev at 2024 Montreal.
 > Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma title, then captured 2024 Washington title, 32 years after his father, Petr, won in 1992, becoming the first father-son duo to win the same ATP Tour event.
 > Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).
 > Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.
 > Father, Petr, peaked at No. 2 on ATP Tour; mother, Regina, peaked at No. 26 in WTA; sister, Nelly, became World No. 1 women's golfer in 2021; sister, Jessica, peaked at No. 8 in women's golf.

NOTE: Korda is playing his first match since US Open (right elbow surgery) after withdrawing from Brisbane last week (lower back). He missed 1 championship point vs. Djokovic in 2023-1 Adelaide final, defeating No. 15 Sinner en route.

COURT 4

Marcos Giron (USA) vs Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

24 Houston (U.S.A.)	Clay	R32	Marcos Giron
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Giron Leads 1-0

6-2 7-5

[LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) vs [7] Brandon Nakashima (USA)

24 Houston (U.S.A.)	Clay	R16	Brandon Nakashima
24 Hangzhou (China)	Hard	QF	Brandon Nakashima

Nakashima Leads 2-0

6-1 6-4
7-5 6-3

COURT 3

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Christopher O'Connell (AUS)

23 Adelaide-1 (Australia)	Hard	R32	Miomir Kecmanovic
24 Belgrade (Serbia)	Hard	R32	Christopher O'Connell

Series Tied 1-1

6-4 6-4
6-1 6-1

COURT 2

[WC] Li Tu (AUS) vs [Q] Benjamin Bonzi (FRA)

First Meeting