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LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs Marcos Giron (USA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

15 Canada F6 (Canada)	Hard	SF	Aleksandar Vukic	6-7(9) 7-6(7) 6-3
16 U.S.A. F39 (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Aleksandar Vukic	3-6 6-3 7-6(3)

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 28 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 48 | Career: 42-54 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 3-3 (2022-2 QF)
 > Broke into Top 200 in March 2020 prior to COVID-19 suspension of ATP Tour and Top 100 in May 2023, then achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2023 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Atlanta.
 > Entered 2024 Eastbourne as LL, advancing to 2nd ATP Tour SF by defeating Nishioka in QF after losing to him in qualifying.
 > Qualified and defeated No. 9 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 3R at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.
 > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Bengaluru-2 and 2023 Busan and reached Challenger finals at 2021 and 2022 Champaign, where he was a 3-time All-American for University of Illinois from 2015-18.
 > Born in Sydney after parents and older brother fled Montenegro during breakup of Yugoslavia in early-1990s.

NOTE: Vukic earned 1st tour-level win on home soil since 2022 by defeating Goffin in Brisbane 1R last week (l. to Dimitrov in 2R). He is 11-7 vs higher-ranked opponents on tour-level since June after going 2-10 against them from January to May.

Marcos Giron | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 37 | Career: 104-119 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 1-1 (2023-1 2R)
 > One of 3 former UCLA Bruins to break into Top 50 during 2022 season (also Cressy, McDonald) and achieved career-high No. 37 in August 2024 after saving 1 MP in Newport final to win 1st ATP Tour title.
 > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at age 29 and in his home state of California at 2022 San Diego.
 > Qualified at 11 ATP Masters 1000 events, including 2023 Toronto, earning biggest win of career over No. 6 Rune in 2R.
 > Reached 2021 Roland Garros 3R after rallying from 6-2 6-4 5-1 down and saving 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov in 1R.
 > Won 2014 NCAA singles title for UCLA and broke into Top 100 in 2020 following right hip surgery in 2015 and left hip surgery in 2016.

NOTE: Giron went 12-3 vs lower-ranked opposition since June after a 7-6 start to 2024 season. One of 8 Americans in Top 50 of PIF ATP Rankings earned personal-best 27 wins in 2024, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour title in Newport.

[6] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

Kecmanovic Leads 2-1

21 Astana (Kazakhstan)	Hard	R16	Alexander Bublik	2-6 6-3 7-5
22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Miomir Kecmanovic	6-4 7-5
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Miomir Kecmanovic	4-6 7-5 6-2 6-1

Alexander Bublik | Age: 27 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 152-150 (4 Titles) | Adelaide: 5-4 (2024 SF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 17 in May 2024 after becoming the 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title in Montpellier.
 > Defeated five Top 25 players in as many matches including No. 9 Sinner in QF and No. 7 Rublev in final to earn biggest of 4 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Halle.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final.
 > Runner-up at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Singapore, 2022 Newport, 2022 Metz and 2024 Dubai.
 > Posted personal-best 35 wins in 2021 and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at Miami and Madrid.
 > In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik went 3-10 on tour-level hard courts after 13-5 start to 2024 season in which he won Montpellier title (d. Coric) and reached Dubai final (l. to Humbert). The 27-year-old aims to record an ATP Tour match win for the 10th consecutive season (since 2016).

M. Kecmanovic | Age: 25 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 146-149 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 6-4 ('21, '23-2 QF)
> Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.
> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.
> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.
> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).
> Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Serbian No. 2 Kecmanovic earned 15 of his 25 tour-level wins in 2024 on hard courts, highlighted by runs to QF in Acapulco (l. to Draper) and Stockholm (l. to Paul). Last year in Adelaide he lost to eventual finalist Draper in 2R after holding 2 MPs in the longest match in tournament history - 7-5 6-7(9) 6-7(7) in 3h40m.

[8] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) vs [WC] Tristan Schoolkate (AUS) First Meeting

T. M. Etcheverry | Age: 25 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 66-73 (3 Finals) | Adelaide: 0-2 ('23-2, '24 1R)
> 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 went 19-9 in opening-rounds in 2024 (8-6 on hard courts). He began his 2025 season playing for Argentina in United Cup, going 1-1 in singles by defeating No. 125 B. Harris and losing to No. 9 de Minaur.

Tristan Schoolkate | Age: 23 | World No. 173 | Career-High No. 167 | Career: 1-4 (1x 2R) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2021 1R)
> Earned 1st PIF ATP ranking point at age 18 in 2019, broke inside Top 200 in May 2024 and achieved career-high No. 167 in September after earning 1st tour-level win at 2024 US Open as WC (d. Daniel).
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2021 Melbourne-1 as WC, then qualified for 2024 's-Hertogenbosch and 2024 Winston-Salem.
> Owns 58-50 Challenger record (1-0 in finals), earning 1st final and title at 2024 Guangzhou and earned wins over former or future Top 100 players Cazaux, Cressy, Kudla, Mmoh, Vukic and Walton.
> Peaked at No. 28 in junior rankings, highlighted by run to 2019 Australian Open boys' doubles QF w/Sweeny.

NOTE: Schoolkate looks for 2nd tour-level win after defeating No. 88 Daniel in 2024 US Open 1R (l. to Mensik in 2R) and seeks biggest win of career vs. No. 39 Etcheverry (0-1 vs. Top 50). He posted 33 of his 34 Challenger level wins last year on hard courts, highlighted by defeating countryman Walton to capture 1st CH title at Guangzhou.

SHOW COURT 1

[Q] Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs [7] Brandon Nakashima (USA) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

21 Oeiras 3 CH (Portugal) Clay R32 Brandon Nakashima 6-3 6-4

Y. Hanfmann | Age: 33 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 45 | Career: 74-79 (2 Finals) | Adelaide: 0-2 ('21, '24 1R)
> Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 45 in July 2023.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Mallorca en route to 6th ATP Tour SF.
> Defeated No. 9 Fritz in 2R and No. 6 Rublev in 4R to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.
> Captured 1st Top 10 win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.

- > Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).
- > Captured 6 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: Hanfmann went 6-11 vs. Top 50 in 2024 with 5 out of 6 wins coming on hard courts. The 33-year-old qualified for the second consecutive week (Brisbane, Adelaide) after defeating Gaston in Q1 and Guinard in Q2 and is looking for his first ATP Tour win since reaching Chengdu SF in September (l. to Shang).

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 23 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 35 | Career: 95-81 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 0-1 ('23-2 1R)

- > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 35 in September 2023 after defeating No. 15 Rune and No. 18 Musetti en route to US Open 4R.
- > 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 and ended season on 16-1 run in tiebreaks.
- > 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 enters the event with a 1-7 record in last 8 matches, earning lone win over No. 12 Paul in Vienna 1R. The American earned 16 hard-court wins in 2024, highlighted by run to Hangzhou SF (l. to Cilic).

David Goffin (BEL) vs [LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Hard QF

David Goffin

Goffin Leads 1-0

6-1 6-3

David Goffin | Age: 34 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 7 | Career: 346-254 (6 Titles) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2021 1R)

- > Earned career-high 59 wins in 2017, ending season at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.
- > Became 6th and final player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray and Nalbandian).
- > First Belgian to break into Top 10, qualify for Nitto ATP Finals, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
- > In 2022, earned 300th victory (d. Andujar in Marrakech 2R), captured 6th ATP Tour title (Marrakech) and posted 3rd win over World No. 1 (d. Alcaraz in Astana 1R).
- > Advanced to 4 Grand Slam QFs, most recently 2022 Wimbledon, and led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017.

NOTE: Goffin earned 15 of his 17 wins in 2024 on hard courts, highlighted by run to Winston-Salem SF (l. to Sonogo) and QF at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai where he ousted No. 18 Musetti and No. 3 A. Zverev (l. to Fritz). After losing to Vukic in Brisbane 1R last week, he aims to record an ATP Tour win for the 15th consecutive season (since 2011).

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 23 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 62 | Career: 27-37 (1 SF) | Adelaide: 0-2 ('23-1, '24 1R)

- > Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC, then achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.
- > Rallied from a set down in three consecutive matches en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL.
- > Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.
- > Also at 2023 Aus. Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.
- > Won 3 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in October 2022, Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open and 2024 Playford, before reaching Sydney CH final the following week (l. to Kokkinakis).
- > Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata went 8-18 vs. higher-ranked players on tour-level in 2024, including wins over No. 28 Tiafoe and No. 35 Arnaldi during run to Queen's Club QF as Q (l. to Korda). After losing to countryman Walton in Q, he entered the draw as LL for 2nd time in career on ATP Tour after reaching 1st ATP Tour SF as LL at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.

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[Q] James Duckworth (AUS) vs [WC] Li Tu (AUS)

Other Meetings

22 Seoul CH (South Korea)	Hard	SF	Li Tu	6-4 6-3
23 Shenzhen Luohu CH (China)	Hard	QF	James Duckworth	6-1 6-1
23 Calgary CH (Canada)	Hard	R32	James Duckworth	6-2 6-4
23 Drummondville (Canada)	Hard	SF	James Duckworth	6-4 6-3

First Tour-Level Meeting

COURT 3

[LL] Manuel Guinard (FRA) vs Roman Safiullin

Other Meeting

21 Rennes CH (France)	Hard	R32	Roman Safiullin	6-4 6-3
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First Tour-Level Meeting

Arthur Cazaux (FRA) vs [Q] Adam Walton (AUS)

Other Meeting

24 Phoenix CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Arthur Cazaux	7-6(5) 6-4
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First Tour-Level Meeting