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## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

### CENTRE COURT

#### [1] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

#### First Meeting

**Tommy Paul** | Age: 27 | World No. 12 (Career-High) | Career: 177-125 (4 Titles) | Adelaide: 10-5 (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 seeks 15th tour-level semi-final (7-7), first since winning his 4th ATP Tour title in Stockholm last October. By reaching the final this week, the 27-year-old would leapfrog Dimitrov and Tsitsipas to No. 10, becoming the 38th American to break into the Top 10 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973).

**Rinky Hijikata** | Age: 23 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 62 | Career: 29-37 (1 SF) | Adelaide: 2-2 (2025 QF)  
> 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 2 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in October 2022 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.  
> Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

**NOTE:** Hijikata seeks the biggest win of his career (0-13 vs. Top 20) to reach his 2nd ATP Tour SF after 2023 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Thompson) in his only prior ATP Tour event as a lucky loser. If both he and Kokkinakis win, it would mark the first time two Australians reach SF of the same ATP Tour event on home soil since de Minaur and Kyrgios at 2018 Brisbane.

#### [WC] Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) vs [2] Sebastian Korda (USA)

#### Korda Leads 3-0

22 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Sebastian Korda	6-4 6-1
22 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Sebastian Korda	6-3 6-4
24 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Sebastian Korda	6-7(1) 7-5 3-2 RET

**Thanasi Kokkinakis** | Age: 28 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 65 | Career: 78-96 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 14-4 (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 5th ATP Tour SF (2-2), 4th in Adelaide and 1st since his run to SF here in 2023 (l. to Bautista Agut). He owns the most match wins in tournament history (14) and is the only former champion in the field after defending champion Lehecka withdrew.

**Sebastian Korda** | Age: 24 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 15 | Career: 126-79 (2 Titles) | Adelaide: 7-2 (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 13-2 in tour-level quarter-finals since October 2022, losing via retirement in both 2023 Aus. Open QF to Khachanov and 2024 Dubai QF to Rublev. He saved 2 MPs vs. Kokkinakis en route to his most recent ATP Tour title in Washington last year. He aims to reach Adelaide SF for the third consecutive year (2023-1 Final, 2024 SF).

## SHOW COURT 1

### [5] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Marcos Giron (USA) **Auger-Aliassime Leads 4-1**

21 Halle (Germany)	Grass	QF	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-3 6-2
22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R16	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-3 6-2
22 Halle (Germany)	Grass	R32	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-3 5-7 6-3
23 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	QF	Marcos Giron	6-1 6-4
24 Paris Olympics (France)	Clay	R64	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-1 6-4

**Felix Auger-Aliassime** | Age: 24 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 6 | Career: 217-148 (5 Titles) | Adelaide: 3-2 (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 bids to reach 29th tour-level semi-final, first since Paris Olympics last August (l. to Alcaraz). The Canadian lost to Giron in most recent outdoor hard court quarter-final at 2023 Tokyo.

**Marcos Giron** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 37 | Career: 106-119 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 3-1 (2025 QF)

> 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 is 1-7 vs. Top 30 since July (d. No. 25 Khachanov at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai) after 5-5 start to 2024 season. The 31-year-old bids to reach his 9th ATP Tour SF (3-5), 8th on hard courts.

## **Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs [Q] Benjamin Bonzi (FRA)**

## **First Meeting**

**M. Kecmanovic** | Age: 25 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 148-149 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 8-4 ('21, '23-2, '25 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, equalling 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:** Kecmanovic seeks 14th ATP Tour SF (4-9), 1st since 2023 Stockholm (l. to Kotov). The 25-year-old aims to become 2nd Serbian to reach semi-finals in Adelaide after Djokovic (2023-1 Title).

**Benjamin Bonzi** | Age: 28 | World No. 70 | Career-High No. 42 | Career: 48-60 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 2-3 (2025 QF)  
> Broke into Top 50 in June 2022 and achieved career-high No. 42 in February 2023 prior to reaching 2nd ATP Tour final in Marseille.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Metz as Q (d. Norrie in final).  
> Defeated 2022 runner-up Ruusuvuori during run to first ATP Tour final at 2023 Pune.  
> Beat future World No. 1 Medvedev in tour-level debut at 2017 Roland Garros as WC, then reached Grand Slam 3R at 2023 Australian Open and US Open.  
> Earned 50 wins and 6 titles on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, tying with 4 other players for 2nd-most Challenger titles in a single season behind Griekspoor (8 in 2021).  
> Ended junior career by winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Halys.

**NOTE:** Bonzi seeks 6th ATP Tour SF (3-2), 5th on hard courts. The French No. 8 is 27-2 across all levels since the start of October, highlighted by coming from qualifying to capture 1st ATP Tour title in Metz to end 2024 season.