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ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRAL

[Q] Matthew Ebden (AUS) vs [WC] Benjamin Bonzi (FRA)

First Meeting

Matthew Ebden | Age: 33 | World No. 287 | Career-High No. 39 | (1 ATP final) | 76-124 in Career | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Achieved career-high No. 39 on 22 October 2018 following personal-best 19th win of season.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final at 2017 Newport as 249th-ranked Q. Also reached SFs at 2018 's-Hertogenbosch and 2018 Atlanta.
- > Captured 2013 Australian Open mixed doubles title as WC w/Wolfe. Became 3rd All-Aussie team to win Australian Open title since mixed doubles returned to tournament in 1987.
- > Owns 168-93 record on ATP Challenger Tour (9-4 in finals), including titles in 2017 at Canberra, AUS and Toyota, JPN.
- > Didn't play any tour-level match in 2020.

NOTE: Ebden is 3-2 in 2021 and reach the QF at Singapore (l. to eventual champion Popyrin).

Benjamin Bonzi | Age: 24 | World No. 127 | Career-High No. 125 | Career: 4-5 | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Achieved career-high No. 125 on 22 February 2021 after capturing 1st Challenger title at Potchefstroom-1.
- > Finished as Challenger runner-up at 2018 Drummondville, 2020 Bengaluru and 2021 Istanbul.
- > In tour-level debut, defeated future World No. 3 Medvedev in 2017 Roland Garros 1R as WC.
- > Qualified at 2018 Wimbledon and 2020 Roland Garros.
- > Former World No. 27 junior ended junior career by winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Halys.

NOTE: Marseille is the 3rd career ATP Tour tournament main draw for Bonzi. They all have been on home soil: 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (l.to Davidovich Fokina in 2R) and 2021 Montpellier (l. to Goffin in 2R).

[6] Kei Nishikori (JPN) vs Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)

Nishikori leads 2-1

16 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (FL, U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Kei Nishikori	6-2 7-6(4)
19 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Kei Nishikori	3-6 6-1 6-4
19 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Pierre-Hugues Herbert	7-5 6-4

Kei Nishikori | Age: 31 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 4 | Career: 407-198 (12 Titles) | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Top Asian player in FedEx ATP Rankings history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam finalist.
- > Finished in Top 10, earned 40+ wins and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2014-16 and 2018, then posted 400th career win at 2019 Wimbledon (d. Johnson).
- > Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.
- > Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medalist.

NOTE: Only time Nishikori lost in 1R in an indoor ATP Tour 250 tournament was at 2010 Kuala Lumpur (l. to Baghdatis).

Pierre-Hugues Herbert | Age: 29 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 36 | Career: 87-109 (3 ATP finals) | Marseille: 2-3 (2018, 2020 2R).

- > Broke into singles Top 100 after winning 8 matches in 7 days to reach 1st of 3 ATP Tour singles finals at 2015 Winston-Salem as Q.
- > Formed strong doubles team with countryman Mahut, who is 9 years older, that led to his career-high No. 2 doubles

ranking in 2016.

- > One of 8 teams to complete career Grand Slam in doubles, winning titles at 2015 US Open, 2016 Wimbledon, 2018 Roland Garros and 2019 Australian Open.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 2019 Nitto ATP Finals doubles title after squandering championship point in 2018 and qualifying in 2015-17.
- > Boasts 7-1 team record in ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals with 7 different titles.

NOTE: Herbert lost his last 7 matches with seeded players back to 2020 Montpellier (d. [5] Auger-Aliassime in 2R).

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs Feliciano Lopez (ESP)

Tsonga leads 5-0

07 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-3 7-6(4) 6-3
09 Marseille (France)	Hard	QF	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-2 6-7(1) 6-4
10 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	7-6(4) 6-3
12 London Olympics (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	7-6(5) 6-4
12 Beijing (China)	Hard	SF	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-1 4-1 RET

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga | Age: 35 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 5 | Career: 464-224 (18 Titles) | Marseille: 22-6 (2009, 2013, 2017 Champion)

- > Enjoyed 12 weeks at career-high No. 5 in 2012 and remains highest-ranked Frenchman since 2002, when Grosjean spent 1 week in Top 5.
- > Won 10 of his 18 ATP Tour titles in France (4 Metz, 3 Marseille, 1 Paris, 1 Lyon, 1 Montpellier).
- > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Nadal and Federer when each were No. 1 (also Del Potro, Murray) and 1 of 3 men to beat Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Murray at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Wawrinka).
- > Reached 1st of 6 Grand Slam SFs at 2008 Australian Open as World No. 38, where he routed Nadal 6-2 6-3 6-2 in SF and remains lowest-ranked Grand Slam finalist since No. 54 Baghdatis at 2006 Australian Open.
- > Captured ATP Masters 1000 titles at 2008 Paris and 2014 Toronto, defeating Djokovic, Murray and Federer en route to Toronto title.

NOTE: Tsonga won Marseille 4 years, 8 years and 12 years ago.

Feliciano Lopez | Age: 39 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 12 | Career: 494-457 (7 Titles) | Marseille: 5-6 (2005 SF)

- > Ended 19 straight years in Top 100 (2002-20) -- 2nd-longest active streak behind fellow 39-year-old Federer's 22 (1999-2020).
- > Won singles and doubles titles at 2019 London/Queen's Club as 37-year-old, becoming oldest player to sweep both titles at same event since Rosewall, 40, at 1975 Jackson.
- > Counts victories over No. 1 Nadal (2010 London/Queen's Club) and No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Dubai) among his 38 Top-10 wins -- most among active players never ranked in Top 10.
- > Played in record 75th consecutive Grand Slam men's singles main draw at 2021 Australian Open, becoming oldest player at age 39 to reach Grand Slam 3R since Rosewall, 44, at 1978 Australian Open.
- > Three-time Wimbledon singles quarter-finalist beat No. 1 seeds and previous 3 champions to win 2016 Roland Garros doubles title w/M. Lopez.

NOTE: Lopez played his first Marseille match 18 years ago in 2003 (l. to Gasquet in 1R).

Lucas Pouille (FRA) vs [Q] Alex Molcan (SVK)

First Meeting

Lucas Pouille | Age: 27 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 131-109 (5 Titles) | Marseille: 6-4 (2017, 2018 Finalist)

- > Became 5th active Frenchman to break into Top 10 in 2018 (also Gasquet, Monfils, Simon, Tsonga).
- > Won 3 of his 5 ATP Tour titles after saving match point: 2017 Budapest (2 MPs vs. Vesely in 2R), 2017 Stuttgart (1 MP vs. Struff in 2R) and 2018 Montpellier (2 MPs vs. Tsonga in SF).
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Australian Open after reaching back-to-back QFs at Wimbledon and US Open in 2016.
- > Earned 3 victories in 5 sets at 2016 US Open, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Nadal.
- > Clinched 2017 Davis Cup for France by defeating Darcis 6-3 6-1 6-0 (FRA d. BEL 3-2).

NOTE: Pouille lost 4 of the last 6 matches played against qualifiers at ATP Tour-level.

Alex Molcan | Age: 23 | World No. 286 | Career-High No. 277 | Career: 0-1 | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Qualified and played first career ATP Tour-level match at 2021 Antalya (l. to Grenier in 1R).
- > Reached career-high World No. 277 in February 2020.
- > Achieved only career ATP Challenger final at 2018 Seville (l. to Coppejans).
- > Captured 4 ITF titles.

NOTE: Molcan seeks his first career ever win against a top100 player. He is 0-2.

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Stefano Travaglia (ITA) vs [PR] Mackenzie McDonald (USA)

First Meeting

Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) vs [Q] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)

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