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ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY 1R AND 2R SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRAL

1R: Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [Q] Constant Lestienne (FRA) **First Tour-Level Meeting** **Other Meeting**

14 Great Britain F5 (Great Britain) Hard R32 Constant Lestienne 6-3 6-2

Cameron Norrie | Age: 25 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 41 | Career: 57-64 (2019 Auckland Final) | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Former Top-10 junior set a new career-high ranking 9 times in 2018 and 5 times in 2019, peaking at No. 41.
- > In city where he was raised, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at 2019 Auckland as WC.
- > Defeated No. 10 Isner for biggest win of career in 2018 Lyon QF.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down and saved 2 MPs vs. Schwartzman en route to 2020 US Open 3R.
- > Born in South Africa, grew up in New Zealand, played college tennis at Texas Christian University in USA and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie is 6-4 in 2021, reaching 7th ATP Tour SF at Delray Beach and 2nd Grand Slam 3R at Australian Open.

Constant Lestienne | Age: 28 | World No. 219 | Career-High No. 142 | Career: 1-5 | Marseille: 0-1

- > Played only career ATP match in 2019 Marseille. Beat Stakhovsky in the last qualification round and met the Ukrainian lucky loser again in 1R and lost.
- > Reached career-high as World No. 142 in January 2019 thanks to the Playford CH SF (l. to Moraing).
- > Won 2 ATP Challenger titles and 5 ITF titles.
- > Fell 3 times in the last round of the Grand Slam qualification tournaments.
- > Best career win came at 2016 Szczecin CH against [2]Cervantes, World No. 76.

NOTE: Lestienne is 5-22 vs Top100 players all ATP Tour levels.

2R: [3] Karen Khachanov (RUS) vs [PR] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) **First Meeting**

Karen Khachanov | Age: 24 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 8 | Career: 146-115 (4 Titles) | Marseille: 5-2 (2018 Champion)

- > Broke into Top 10 in 2019, becoming 1st of 3 active Russians to do so and 1st Russian overall in Top 10 since Youzhny in 2011.
- > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
- > First Russian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since Davydenko at 2009 Shanghai and 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
- > Owns 4-0 record in ATP Tour finals, winning hometown title at 2018 Moscow to become 1st Russian champion in nation's capital since Youzhny in 2009.
- > Reached Roland Garros 4R-or-better in 4 straight years (2017-20), highlighted by 1st Grand Slam QF in 2019.

NOTE: Khachanov is 7-3 in 2021, reaching Melbourne-1 SF (l. to Sinner) and Australian Open 3R (l. to Berrettini).

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 25 | World No. 120 | Career-High No. 57 | Career: 28-40 (2019 Delray Beach SF) | Marseille: Tournament debut

- > Achieved new career-high ranking 12 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 57 in 2019 before undergoing right hamstring surgery.
- > Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
- > Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 4R as No. 103 and 2021 Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player to reach Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
- > Debuted in FedEx ATP Rankings at No. 646 after earning 35 points at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> Qualified for 2013 Cincinnati by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: McDonald is 2-9 against Top20 players with the 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai win vs Raonic and the 2019 Delray Beach win vs del Potro.

2R: [WC] Hugo Gaston (FRA) vs [5] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

First Meeting

Hugo Gaston | Age: 20 | World No. 166 | Career-High No. 157 | Career: 4-5 (2020 Roland Garros R4) | Marseille: 1-1
> Broke into Top 200 and achieved career-high No. 157 after earning 1st 3 tour-level wins at 2020 Roland Garros as 239th-ranked WC.

> Became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in Roland Garros debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling to 2018 and 2019 finalist Thiem in 5 sets.

> Also became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.

> Earned 1st point in FedEx ATP Rankings at age 15 after qualifying and winning 1R match at 2016 Mont-de-Marsan.

> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in singles and bronze medal in both doubles and mixed at Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Gaston won his 1st ever career match in an ATP Tour event in 2021 Marseille 1R vs Novak.

Jannik Sinner | Age: 19 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 32 | Career: 36-23 (2 Titles) | Marseille: 2-1 (2020 2R)

> Unranked to begin 2018, broke into Top 100 in 2019, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager, and achieved career-high No. 32 in 2021.

> Won ATP 250 titles at age 19 to end 2020 season (Sofia) and begin 2021 season (Melbourne-1).

> Youngest ATP Tour champion since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach; youngest 2-time champion since Djokovic, 19, in 2006; and youngest player to win titles in consecutive appearances since Nadal, 19, in 2005.

> Also won 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals title in Milan as No. 8 seed in 8-man field, then did not drop a set en route to Ortisei Challenger title the following week.

> Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros QF in tournament debut at age 19, becoming 1st debutant to reach Roland Garros QF since Nadal in 2005 and youngest quarter-finalist at event since Djokovic, 19, in 2006.

NOTE: Sinner is 8-1 in ATP Tour-level against players ranked outside the Top 100 (only loss 2019 Lyon, l. to Lamasine).

2R: Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs [4] Ugo Humbert (FRA)

19 Montpellier (France)

Hard R32

Tsonga leads 1-0

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 3-6 7-6(5) 6-4

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga | Age: 35 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 5 | Career: 465-224 (18 Titles) | Marseille: 23-6 (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.

Ugo Humbert | Age: 22 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 30 | Career: 46-42 (2 Titles) | Marseille: 3-1 (2019 SF)

> Ended 2020 at career-high No. 30 after defeating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 1st ATP 500 QF at Hamburg and No. 6 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Paris.

> Defeated countryman Paire in 3rd-set TB for 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old.

> Youngest Frenchman to win an ATP Tour title since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and 1st Frenchman to win Auckland title in tournament history (since 1956).

> Saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.

> Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat countryman Monfils en route to 2019 Wimbledon 4R.

NOTE: Humbert is 4-4 in 2021 and reached the Montpellier QF (l. to Bautista Agut).



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1R: Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

First Meeting

2R: [Q] Matthew Ebden (AUS) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

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