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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY SECOND ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTRAL

#### **Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs Cameron Norrie (GBR) Herbert Leads 1-0**

20 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Pierre-Hugues Herbert 7-5 3-6 3-6 7-5 6-4

#### **Other Meeting**

18 Vienna (Austria) Hard Q2 Pierre-Hugues Herbert 4-6 7-6(4) 7-5

**Pierre-Hugues Herbert** | Age: 29 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 36 | Career: 88-109 (3 ATP finals) | Marseille: 3-3 (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 aims to win two back-to-back matches at ATP Tour-level for the first time since 2020 Montpellier.

**Cameron Norrie** | Age: 25 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 41 | Career: 58-64 (2019 Auckland Final) | Marseille: 1-0

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

#### **[7] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs [Q] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) First Meeting**

**Alejandro Davidovich Fokina** | Age: 21 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 51 | Career: 20-22 (2 SFs) | Marseille: 1-0  
> Posted 11-6 record after tour resumed in August 2020, reaching 2nd ATP Tour SF at Cologne-1, qualifying at ATP Masters 1000 events in Rome and Paris.

- > Qualified and beat No. 18 Monfils to reach 2019 Estoril SF in 2nd ATP Tour main draw.
- > Entered 2020 US Open 4R with 1-5 record on hard courts and reached 4R as World No. 99.
- > Youngest Spaniard to be ranked in Top 100, advance to an ATP Tour SF and reach a Grand Slam 4R since Nadal in 2006-07.
- > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.

**NOTE:** Davidovich Fokina achieved career highest ranking of World No 51 after reaching the QF at 2021 Montpellier.

**Arthur Rinderknech** | Age: 25 | World No. 138 | Career-High No. 132 | Career: 1-1 | Marseille: 1-0

- > Played 1st ATP Tour-Level/Grand Slams match at 2020 Roland Garros (l. to Bedene)
- > Qualified for the 1st time in career in an ATP Tour event at 2021 Marseille after falling in 4 other qualification tournaments in 1R.
- > Achieved career highest ranking of World No 132 in February 2021 after the Cherbourg CH semi-final (l. to Bemelmans).
- > Captured 3 ATP Challenger titles, last one at 2021 Istanbul in January.

### [1] Daniil Medvedev (RUS) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

18 RUS vs. BLR 1st Round Play-Off	(Russia)	Hard	RR	Daniil Medvedev	7-6(4) 3-6 6-3
19 St. Petersburg (Russia)		Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	7-5 7-5

### Medvedev Leads 2-0

#### Other Meetings

15 Belarus F2 (Belarus)		Hard	QF	Egor Gerasimov	7-5 6-2
18 Tokyo (Japan)		Hard	Q2	Daniil Medvedev	6-7(4) 6-3 6-3

**Daniil Medvedev** | Age: 25 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 3 | Career: 169-88 (9 Titles) | Marseille 3-2 (2017, 2020 QF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 3 after reaching 2021 Australian Open final, becoming highest-ranked Russian since No. 3 Davydenko in 2007.
- > Won his last 10 matches of 2020 and his 1st 10 matches of 2021, including 12 victories against 8 different Top-10 opponents and titles at ATP Masters 1000 Paris and Nitto ATP Finals.
- > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem at 2020 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
- > Led ATP Tour in 2019 with 59 victories, 46 hard-court wins and 9 finals, highlighted by 29-3 run with 1st ATP Masters 1000 title (Cincinnati), 1st Grand Slam final (US Open) and 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title (Shanghai).
- > Captured all 9 of his singles titles on hard courts (5 indoor, 4 outdoor) and went 4-0 to lead Russia to 2021 ATP Cup championship on hard courts.

**NOTE:** Medvedev is 1-3 in ATP Tour 1R when seeded as No. 1. **Medvedev will become World No.2 at the end of the tournament regardless of his result. The Russian will be only the 5<sup>th</sup> World No. 2 since 25 July 2005 (after Federer, Nadal, Murray and Djokovic).**

**Egor Gerasimov** | Age: 28 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 65 | Career: 48-31 (2020 Pune Final) | Marseille: 3-2

- > Achieved career-high No. 65 in February 2020 after defeating No. 10 Goffin at Marseille for biggest win of career.
- > Earlier that month, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at Pune.
- > Earned 7 wins in 8 days across 2 countries en route to 1st SF at 2019 St. Petersburg (2 Davis Cup, 2 qualifying, 3 main draw).
- > Qualified at a Grand Slam for 1st time in 14th attempt at 2019 US Open and defeated Harris in 1R.
- > Owns 6-1 record in Challenger finals, including 2019 Recanati title.

**NOTE:** Gerasimov seeks biggest career win after defeating ex-No. 1 Murray 2 weeks ago en route to Montpellier SF.

### Lucas Pouille (FRA) vs [2] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)

18 Halle (Germany)		Grass	R32	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-2 7-6(3)
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### Tsitsipas Leads 1-0

**Lucas Pouille** | Age: 27 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 132-109 (5 Titles) | Marseille: 7-4 (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 is 1-10 against Top 10 players since beating Dominic Thiem at 2016 Metz.

**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 22 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 5 | Career: 142-78 (5 Titles) | Marseille: 8-2 (2019, 2020 Champion)

- > First Greek to break into Top 5, win an ATP Tour title (5 total), reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2 total) and advance to a Grand Slam SF (3 total).
- > Captured 2019 Nitto ATP Finals and 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals titles, becoming youngest Nitto ATP Finals champion at age 21 since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.
- > Saved 12/12 BPs vs. Federer en route to 2019 Australian Open SF, becoming youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist at age 20 since Djokovic, 20, at 2007 US Open.
- > Earned 4 Top-10 wins en route to 2018 Toronto final at age 19 (d. Thiem, Djokovic, A. Zverev and Anderson), becoming youngest ATP Masters 1000 finalist since Djokovic, 19, at 2007 Miami.
- > Youngest of 24 players to defeat Nadal on clay (2019 Madrid) and youngest of 28 players to beat Nadal, Federer and Djokovic, sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

**NOTE:** Tsitsipas is unbeaten in Marseille since 2018 and he is currently on a 16 sets winning streak in the tournament