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HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- No. 8 seed **Tommy Paul** looks for ninth consecutive win at **HSBC Championships**, as 2024 champion aims to reach his second final at **The Queen’s Club** following his withdrawal due to injury last year. He faces World No. 33 **Ugo Humbert**, as Paul bids to become the second man to reach 4 ATP Tour finals this season, joining Sinner (5). He would also become the fifth active player to reach multiple finals at Queen’s Club, joining Cilic (2012-13, 2017-18), Djokovic (2008, 2018), Berrettini (2021-22) and Alcaraz (2023, 2025).
- Paul** seeks his fourth ATP 500 final after 2023 Acapulco, 2024 Queen’s Club and Hamburg earlier this year with Humbert also attempting to reach 4th final at ATP 500 level after 2021 Halle, 2024 Dubai and 2024 Tokyo. Humbert could become the fifth man to reach finals of both Queen’s Club and Halle in his career, joining Hewitt (4 Queen’s – 1 Halle), Djokovic (2 Q – 1 H), Stich (1 Q – 2 H) and Fish (1 Q – 1 H).
- In the first singles semi-final of the day, **Brandon Nakashima** and No. 7 seed **Francisco Cerundolo** face in their first tour-level meeting, as both aim to advance to the biggest final of their career. Cerundolo is 0-6 in semi-finals above ATP 250 level looks to advance to the biggest grass-court final for Argentine men’s tennis since Nalbandian’s run to 2002 Wimbledon final. Nakashima and Paul could set up the eighth all-American final at Queen’s Club in Open Era, second this century after Querrey defeated Fish in 2010 final.

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Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs [7] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting

20 Split CH (Croatia) Clay R16 Francisco Cerundolo 6-3 6-1

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Nakashima	24%	69%	32%	8.6	6.7	7.7	6.8
F. Cerundolo	24%	68%	36%	7.5	7.3	8.2	7.2
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.4	7.3	7.0

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 24 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 18-12 (Brisbane F) | Queen’s: 6-2 (‘26 SF)
 > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 29 in May 2025 soon after earning his 100th win en route to biggest SF of his career in Acapulco.
 > 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.
 > Returned to Milan and went 5-0 to capture 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals title after reaching SF in 2021.

> Reached Roland Garros 3R, Wimbledon 4R and US Open 3R in 2022, highlighted by Top 20 wins over No. 16 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 2R and No. 19 Dimitrov in US Open 2R and defeated No. 15 Rune and No. 18 Musetti to reach 2024 US Open 4R.

NOTE: Nakashima ousted No. 6 de Minaur in QF for his third Top 10 win (now 3-20) and seeks fifth and biggest ATP Tour final (1-3), first on grass. 24-year-old could rise to No. 29 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) if he becomes the second American men's finalist at Queen's Club since 2011 after Paul in 2024.

F. Cerundolo | Age: 27 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 25-12 (Buenos Aires Title) | Queen's: 5-3 ('26 SF)
> Broke into Top 100 and Top 50 in 2022, Top 20 in 2024 and achieved career-high No. 18 in May 2025 after equaling biggest win of career over No. 2 Zverev en route to ATP Masters 1000 Madrid SF.
> Moved into Top 25 in July 2022 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF in back-to-back weeks.
> Won 2nd title at 2023 Eastbourne to be 1st Argentine ATP Tour champion on grass since Frana at 1995 Nottingham.
> As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
> In his hometown of Buenos Aires, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final as No. 137-ranked qualifier in 2021, defeated No. 2 Zverev en route to 2025 final and did not drop a set to win the title for 1st time in 2026.
> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo looks for 8th and biggest ATP Tour final (4-3), second on grass after winning 2023 Eastbourne title. He would be the second Argentine finalist in Open Era after Nalbandian in 2012 and could reach No. 22 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#).

[8] Tommy Paul (USA) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Tommy Paul
24 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Tommy Paul

Paul Leads 2-0

6-1 7-6(4)
6-4 6-4

Other Meeting

18 Champaign CH (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Tommy Paul 6-4 4-6 6-2

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Paul	25%	69%	36%	8.0	6.9	7.4	7.3
Humbert	27%	68%	29%	8.0	6.4	7.4	7.1
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>

Tommy Paul | Age: 29 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 29-11 (Houston Title) | Queen's: 10-2 (2024 Title)
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 8 in June 2025 after becoming first American man since Agassi in 2003 to reach both Australian Open and Roland Garros QFs in a single season.
> At 2023 Australian Open, became 1st American men's semi-finalist of that event since Roddick in 2009.
> Earned 7 wins over 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.
> Earned personal-best 45 wins during 2024 season, highlighted by titles in Dallas, London/Queen's Club and Stockholm and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs in Indian Wells and Rome.
> Saved 3 championship points to defeat Burruchaga in 2026 Houston final to complete the set of ATP Tour titles on all three surfaces and 7 MP vs. Etcheverry en route to 2026 Hamburg final.
> 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 is on an 8-match winning streak at this event after winning the biggest title of his career at this venue two years ago before pulling out last year due to an abdominal injury. He looks for his 11th ATP Tour final, fourth of 2026 and become the third man to record 30 wins this season after Zverev (38) and Sinner (37).

Ugo Humbert | Age: 27 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 13 | 2026: 20-15 (Adelaide Final) | Queen's: 3-2 (2026 SF)
> Broke into Top 20 in November 2023 and achieved career-high No. 13 in April 2024 soon after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final (now 7-4 in finals).

- > Went on a 13-match winning streak on French indoor hard courts, capturing titles at 2023 Metz and 2024 Marseille and equaling biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Paris.
- > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 7 career titles at 2021 Halle.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
- > Earned 14 wins vs. Top 10, including biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.
- > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles in Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert saved 4 MPs vs. Medjedovic in 2R and now aims to advance 12th ATP Tour final (7-4), second on grass after 2021 Halle, to become the first French finalist since Simon in 2019 and second left-handed finalist in this decade after Norrie in 2021.

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Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs [8] Tommy Paul (USA)

22 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands)	Grass	R32	Brandon Nakashima	6-7(4) 7-6(5) 7-6(2)
23 Lyon (France)	Clay	QF	Brandon Nakashima	6-3 7-6(4)
24 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	R32	Brandon Nakashima	6-2 6-7(5) 6-1
24 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R32	Brandon Nakashima	6-4 6-4
Other Meeting				
19 Cary CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Tommy Paul	7-6(0) 6-4

Nakashima Leads 4-0

Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

24 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Ugo Humbert	7-6(9) 6-3 6-7(5) 7-6(6)
24 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	R16	Ugo Humbert	6-3 6-2
24 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R64	Ugo Humbert	6-3 4-6 6-4
Other Meetings				
18 US Open Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q2	Ugo Humbert	7-6(4) 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome Q (Italy)	Clay	Q1	Brandon Nakashima	6-3 6-3

Humbert Leads 3-0

[7] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs [8] Tommy Paul (USA)

22 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Tommy Paul	4-6 7-6(2) 6-4
23 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Francisco Cerundolo	7-6(2) 4-6 6-4
23 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	F	Francisco Cerundolo	6-4 1-6 6-4
23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R32	Tommy Paul	7-6(2) 6-7(2) 6-3
24 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R32	Francisco Cerundolo	6-7(7) 6-4 6-2
24 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R32	Francisco Cerundolo	3-6 6-3 6-3 6-2
25 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Francisco Cerundolo	6-2 7-6(4)

Cerundolo Leads 5-2

[7] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

24 Paris Olympics (France)	Clay	R32	Francisco Cerundolo	7-5 6-7(5) 7-5
26 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Francisco Cerundolo	6-4 6-3

Cerundolo Leads 2-0