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HSBC CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- World No. 6 **Alex de Minaur** leads all players in ATP 500 wins since the start of 2023 season (59) and looks for his third **HSBC Championships** semi-final (2021, 2023), becoming the third active player to achieve the feat after Cilic (6) and Dimitrov (3). He faces **Brandon Nakashima** in their third meeting, as the American aims to record his first Top 10 win in over two years to reach his third ATP Tour SF of 2026 (Brisbane, Acapulco).
- No. 8 seed **Tommy Paul**, the only former champion left in the draw, takes a 5-0 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** record into his match vs. No. 4 seed **Alejandro Davidovich Fokina**, as Paul bids to extend his 6-3 record vs. fellow Top 30 players this year and already match his win total (29) from last year (went 29-13 in 2025). Davidovich Fokina aims to equal his best result of the season after reaching Adelaide SF in January.
- Wildcard **Arthur Fery** defeated Samuel and Mannarino to reach his 1st ATP Tour QF this week and now aims to become the tenth British men's semi-finalist at Queen's Club in Open Era and lowest-ranked semi-finalist since No. 216 Ward in 2011. 23-year-old takes on No. 7 seed **Francisco Cerundolo**, who looks for his first semi-final above ATP 250 level since run to ATP Masters 1000 Madrid SF in May last year.
- After being postponed due to bad light, the second round match between **Hamad Medjedovic** and **Ugo Humbert** continues on Day 5. Humbert saved 4 MPs while serving to stay in the set at 2-6 5-6, before winning the 2nd-set tiebreak (7-4). The winner will later take on World No. 104 **Rinky Hijikata** with Australian aiming to become the first qualifier to advance to **HSBC Championships** semi-finals since Hyung-Taik Lee in 2004.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

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QF: [1] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA)

21 Antwerp (Belgium)
25 Washington (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Brandon Nakashima
Hard QF Alex de Minaur

Series Tied 1-1

6-4 6-0
6-4 6-4

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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
de Minaur	22%	69%	37%	7.5	7.1	7.6	7.3
Nakashima	24%	69%	32%	8.6	6.7	7.7	6.8
<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>

Alex de Minaur | Age: 27 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2026: 24-12 (Rotterdam Title) | Queen's: 10-6 (2023 Final)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 6 in July 2024 before becoming 1st Australian to qualify for Nitto ATP Finals in singles since Hewitt in 2004.
> Earned personal-best 56 victories in 2025 and captured 11 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500 championships at 2023 and 2024 Acapulco, 2025 Washington and 2026 Rotterdam.

- > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
- > Seven-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist, including at four consecutive events at 2024 Roland Garros, Wimbledon, US Open and 2025 Australian Open and advanced to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto.
- > Playing for Australia, he went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during 2022 season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003 and defeated No. 2 Nadal in 2023 and No. 1 Djokovic in 2024 at United Cup.

NOTE: de Minaur owns 12-1 record as No. 1 seed on ATP Tour, winning titles at 2024 's-Hertogenbosch and 2026 Rotterdam. He aims to reach his 35th ATP Tour SF, fourth this season. He is 13-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 30 on grass since the start of 2024 season, lone loss to No. 76 Majchrzak in 's-Hertogenbosch final on Sunday.

ATP 500 Win Leaders (since the start of 2023 season)

Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Alex de Minaur	59-20	Alexander Zverev	49-18
Carlos Alcaraz	50-6	Andrey Rublev	47-25
Daniil Medvedev	49-15	Jannik Sinner	45-5

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 24 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 29 | 2026: 17-12 (Brisbane F) | Queen's: 5-2 ('25-'26 QF)

- > 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 is 2-20 vs. Top 10, earning wins over No. 5 Rune at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai and No. 8 Rublev at 2024 Barcelona (0-14 since) and aims to earn Top 10 wins on all three surfaces. 24-year-old seeks 12th ATP Tour SF, third above ATP 250 level (2025-26 Acapulco), and second on grass after 2024 Stuttgart.

To Finish: Players are tied at – Medjedovic 6-2 6-7(4) 0-0* Humbert

2R: Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

25 Marseille (France)

Hard F Ugo Humbert

Humbert Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 6-4

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Medjedovic	29%	67%	32%	8.4	6.5	7.3	6.5
Humbert	27%	67%	29%	8.0	6.4	7.4	7.1
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.4	7.3	7.0

Hamad Medjedovic | Age: 22 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 56 | 2026: 11-8 (Barcelona SF) | Queen's: 1-0 ('26 2R)

- > 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals champion broke into Top 100 in January 2025 after opting to miss Australian Open Q to win Challenger title at Oeiras-1 and achieved career-high No. 56 in May 2026.
- > Defeated countryman Djere to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Belgrade and advanced to 2025 Marseille final after wins over former champions Khachanov and No. 8 Medvedev.
- > Came through qualifying and upset former World No. 3 Thiem en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Gstaad and defeated No. 7 de Minaur for biggest win of career en route to 2026 Barcelona SF.
- > Owns 56-31 Challenger record (6-1 in finals) and joined Djokovic and Tipsarevic as 3rd Serbian teenager to win 3 Challenger titles, doing so at 2022 Luedenscheid, 2023 Szekesfehervar and 2023 Mauthausen.
- > Achieved career-high No. 9 in junior rankings after winning titles without dropping a set at 2019 Berlin Grade 1 and 2019 New Delhi Grade 2.

NOTE: Medjedovic aims to record his 50th tour-level win of career (49-42) and reach his 8th ATP Tour QF (5-2), second on grass after reaching the stage in Mallorca last year. He would be the fifth Serbian quarter-finalist at Queen's Club after Zivojinovic (1985), Djokovic (2008, 2018), Troicki (2015) and Krajinovic (2022)*.

* Serbians are 5-0 in Queen's Club quarter-finals

Ugo Humbert | Age: 27 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 13 | 2026: 18-15 (Adelaide Final) | Queen's: 1-2 (2026 2R)
 > 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 2nd set and now seeks 38th tour-level quarter-final, fourth of the season (Adelaide, Rotterdam, Hamburg) and eighth on grass. He would be the third French men's quarter-finalist at Queen's Club in this decade after Mannarino in 2023 and Rinderknech last year (last in SF – Simon in 2019).

QF: [WC] Arthur Fery (GBR) vs [7] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) First Meeting

Arthur Fery | Age: 23 | World No. 140 (Career-High) | 2026: 3-2 (Queen's QF) | Queen's: 2-0 (2026 QF)
 > Former Top-20 junior broke into Top 200 in October 2025 and achieved career-high No. 140 in June 2026 after run to Birmingham CH semi-finals.
 > Made tour-level debut at 2023 Wimbledon as a WC, losing to No. 3 Medvedev in 1R, and received WCs for Wimbledon in 2024 and 2025, defeating No. 22 Popyrin in 2025 1R for first tour-level win.
 > Qualified for 2026 Australian Open without dropping a set, defeating No. 22 Cobolli in first round.
 > Owns 49-31 Challenger record (0-2 in finals), highlighted by 1st Top 100 win over No. 99 Goffin en route to 1st Challenger final at 2023 Mouilleron le Captif and advanced to 2nd final at 2025 Athens.
 > Son of former professional player Olivia Fery, went to high school at Kings College School in Wimbledon and played college tennis for Stanford University, becoming a two-time ITA All-American.

NOTE: Fery is playing in his 1st ATP Tour QF and aims to become the second British wildcard to reach Queen's Club semi-finals after Ward in 2011. He aims to record third Top 30 win after defeating No. 22 Popyrin at 2025 Wimbledon and No. 22 Cobolli at 2026 Aus. Open. He is No. 117 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and could reach No. 100 with a win.

Lowest-Ranked Queen's Club Men's Semi-Finalists since 1990:

Rank	Player	Year
No. 253	Laurence Tieleman	1998
No. 216	James Ward	2011
No. 173	Christo Van Rensburg	1994
No. 127	Jan Apell	1994
No. 113	Feliciano Lopez	2019

British Men's Queen's Club Semi-Finalists (Open Era)

Player	SFs	Player	SFs
Tim Henman	5 (1991, 2001-03, 2006)	Greg Rusedski	1 (1997)
Andy Murray	5 (2009, 2011, 2013, 2015-16)	James Ward	1 (2011)
John Paish	1 (1972)	Cameron Norrie	1 (2021)
Roger Taylor	1 (1973)	Jack Draper	1 (2025)
Mark Cox	1 (1977)		

F. Cerundolo | Age: 27 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 24-12 (Buenos Aires Title) | Queen's: 4-3 ('26 QF)
 > 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 seeks 19th ATP Tour SF (7-11), third of 2026 (Buenos Aires, Santiago) and second on grass after winning 2023 Eastbourne title. 27-year-old bids to become the second Argentinian semi-finalist at Queen's Club in Open Era after Nalbandian (2008, 2012).

QF: [8] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [4] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) Paul Leads 5-0

23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R64	Tommy Paul	6-2 2-6 6-7(4) 6-3 6-4
23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Tommy Paul	6-3 7-5
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Tommy Paul	6-1 6-0 3-6 6-3
25 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R16	Tommy Paul	6-1 6-1 6-1
26 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Tommy Paul	6-1 6-1 RET

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
Davidovich Fokina	26%	67%	36%	7.6	6.9	7.1	7.5
<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: 28-11 (Houston Title) | Queen's: 9-2 (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 a 7-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 23rd tour-level semi-final, fifth of 2026. He aims to record 6 tour-level wins vs. an opponent for the first time (5-0 vs. Davidovich Fokina, Martinez).

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 27 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 14 | 2026: 15-12 (Adelaide SF) | Event: 4-3 ('22, '26 QF)
 > Made Top 20 debut in July 2025 and achieved career-high No. 14 in November 2025 following his run to 5th ATP Tour final in Basel after previously peaking at No. 21 in 2023.
 > Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte-Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match to defeat then-World No. 1 en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte-Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.
 > In 2025, advanced to 4 ATP Tour finals, including Delray Beach, where he held 2 championship points vs. Kecmanovic, and Washington, where he squandered 3 championship points vs. de Minaur.
 > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.

NOTE: Davidovich Fokina seeks third Top 30 win of the season (2-5) after defeating No. 12 Mensik at Indian Wells in March and No. 29 Norrie in 1R this week. He looks for 13th ATP Tour SF, fourth at ATP 500 level after reaching the stage in Acapulco, Washington and Basel last year, and second on grass (2025 Eastbourne).

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES QUARTER-FINAL

Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs [Q] Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

25 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Rinky Hijikata

Hijikata Leads 1-0

7-5 3-6 7-5

-OR-

Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [Q] Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

First Meeting

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 25 | World No. 104 | Career-High No. 62 | 2026: 10-11 (Queen's QF) | Event: 4-1 ('24, '26 QF)
> Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC and achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.

> Rallied from a set down three times to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL as well as to defeat No. 10 Bublik for biggest win of career to reach 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.

> 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 Australian Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.

> Won 4 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in 2022, 2024 and 2025 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 ousted No. 12 Lehecka in 2R for his second Top 20 win (now 2-18) and now looks for 2nd ATP Tour SF (1-6 in QFs) after run to 2023 's-Hertogenbosch SF as a lucky loser. He is No. 82 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and would reach No. 74 by becoming the fifth qualifier to advance to the Queen's Club semi-finals.

Qualifiers in Queen's Club Semi-Finals

Player	Year
Rodney Harmon	1984
Christo Van Rensburg	1994
Laurence Tieleman	1998
Hyung-Taik Lee	2004