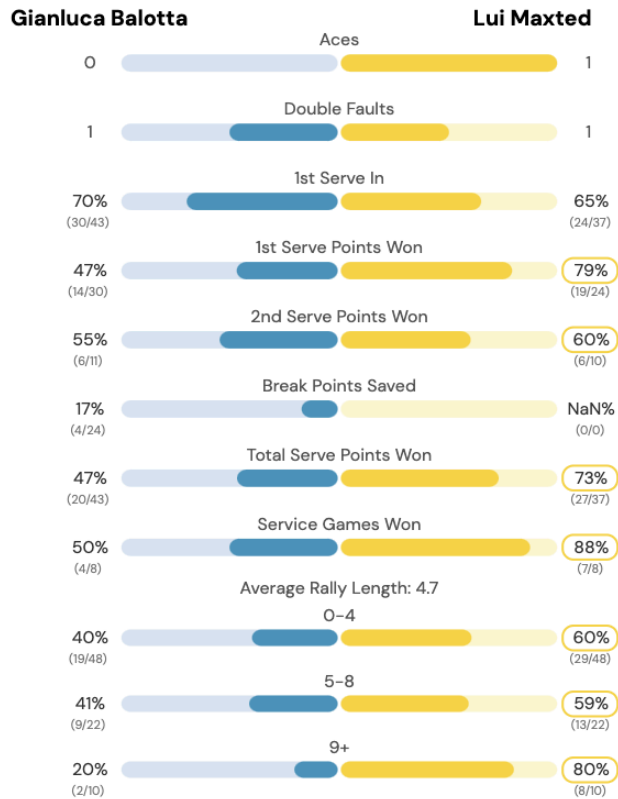


Gianluca Ballotta (UCLA) vs Lui Maxted (TCU)

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Summary



1. Insight #1: Ballotta's High First Serve Percentage but Low Efficiency

- Ballotta successfully landed 70% of his first serves, which is higher and a stronger percentage than Maxted's 65%. However, Ballotta failed to use his high first serve to his advantage winning only 47% of the points, while his opponent Maxted had an impressive percentage of 79%.
 - i. May be useful to begin using aggressive follow-up shots to capitalize on high first-serve percentages

2. Insight #2: Maxted's Dominance in Rallies

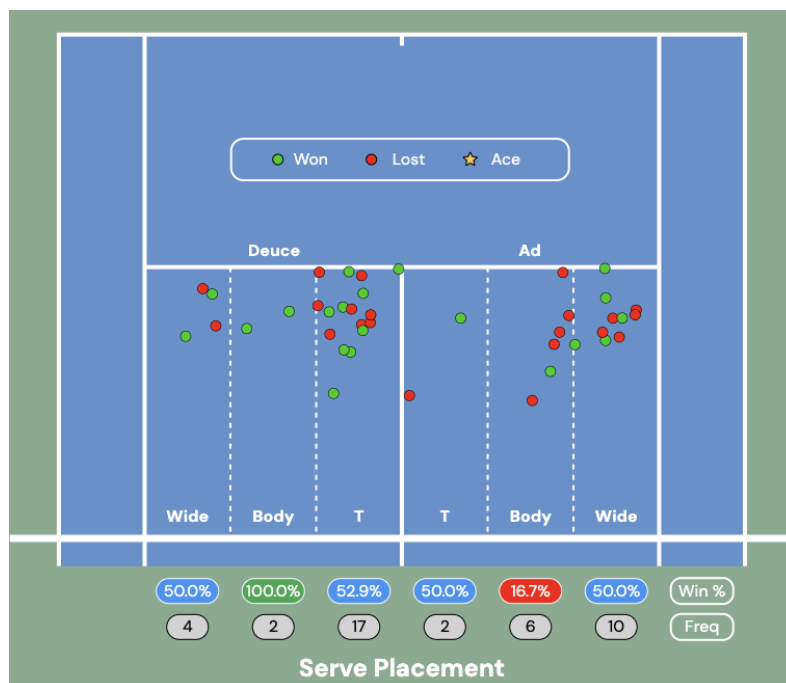
- In all rallies, Maxted outperformed Ballotta with significantly higher percentages, highlighting better stamina and strategic play in longer points.
 - i. Endurance training to improve stamina and resilience in longer rallies can prove beneficial for Ballotta

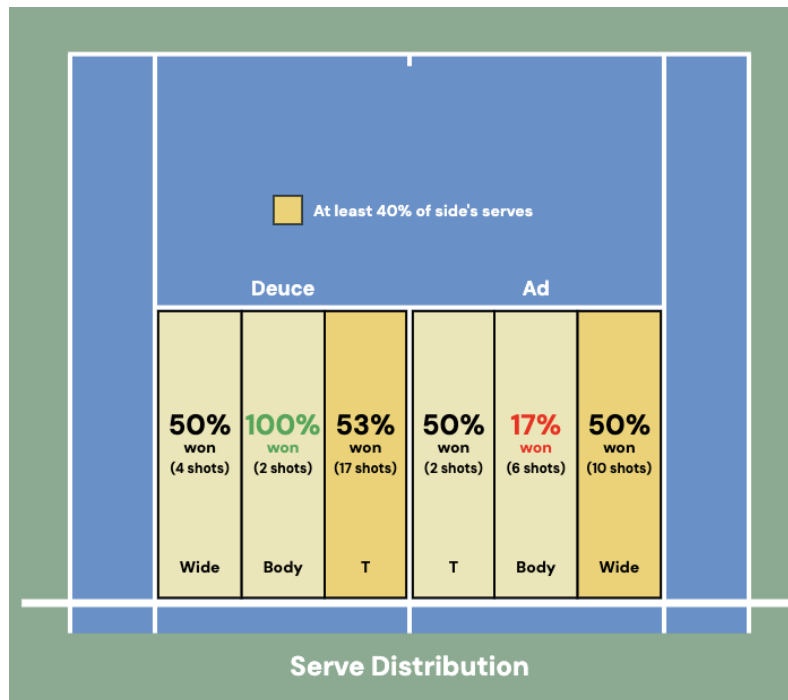
- ii. Alternatively, drilled aimed at constructing points more efficiently may help Ballota create opportunities for shorter rallies, reducing physical strain

3. Insight #3: Ballotta's Pressure Under Break Points

- Ballotta faced 24 break points but was only able to save 17% of them, which shows that he felt the pressure and could not serve his best in critical moments.

Serve Placement and Distribution





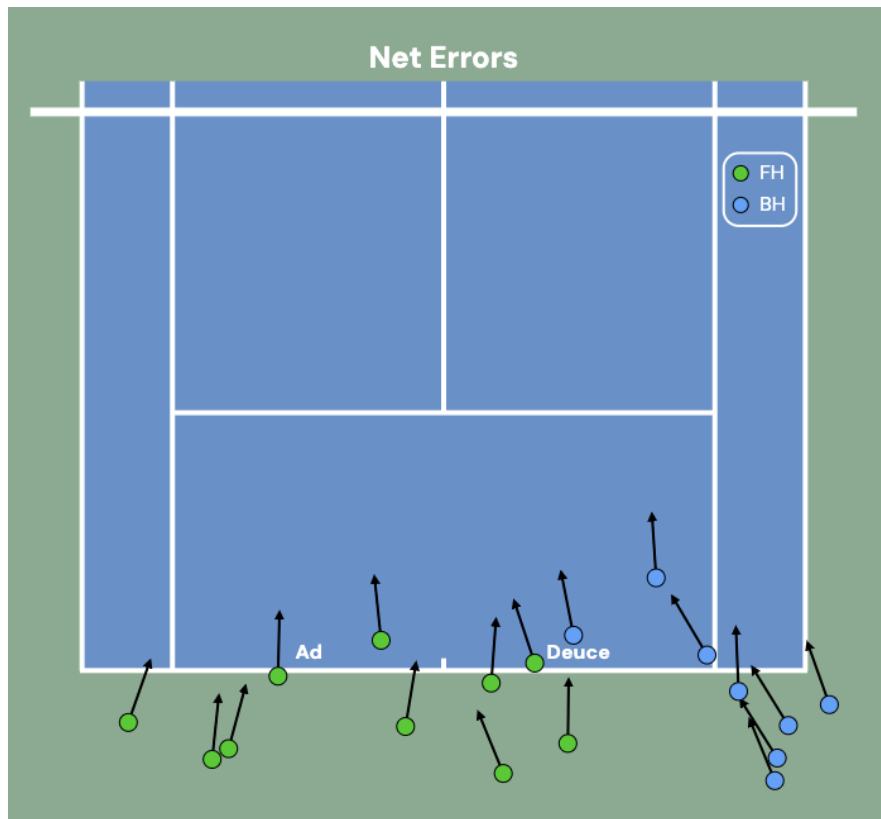
1. Insight #1: Inefficient Serves on the Ad Side Body

- Ballotta's serves on the Ad side Body were highly ineffective, with only a 17% win rate
 - i. Should consider avoiding serves to this region of the court since these serves are not as strong as serves landing in the Wide or T on the Ad side

2. Insight #2: Serving to the Deuce Side a Good Strategy

- Ballotta's Body and T serves to the Deuce side are consistent and show potential for maximizing wins.
 - i. To further capitalize on Deuce side serving, mixing up serve speeds and spins in these locations could keep opponents guessing and increase their difficulty returning serves

Net Errors



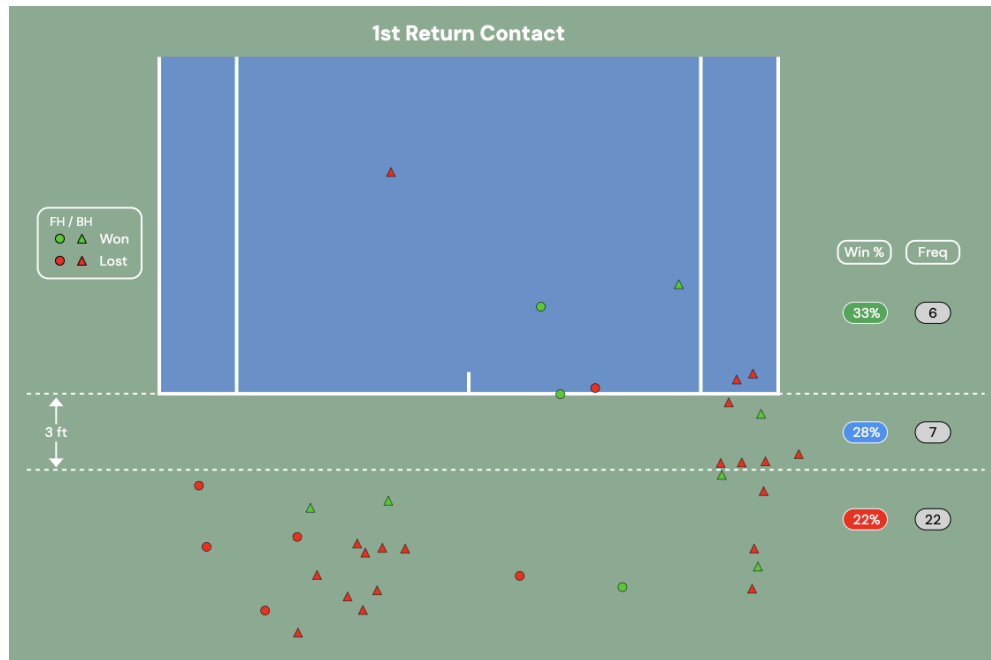
1. Insight #1: Backhand Errors Dominant on Deuce Side

- Backhand net errors are a commonality on the Deuce side compared to forehand errors
 - i. Suggest improving backhand or avoiding backhand shots in this area of the court
- Backhand net errors are more centralized in one area compared to Forehand net errors

2. Insight #2: Net Errors from Ad Side are all Forehands

- Ballotta's forehand on the Ad side shows a clear pattern of struggle, especially with cross-court or angled volleys
- The Forehand shots are distributed across Ad and Deuce sides, with a noticeable concentration of errors on the Ad side, suggesting no specific weakness on one side of the court but likely a problem due to positioning and timing

1st Return Contact:



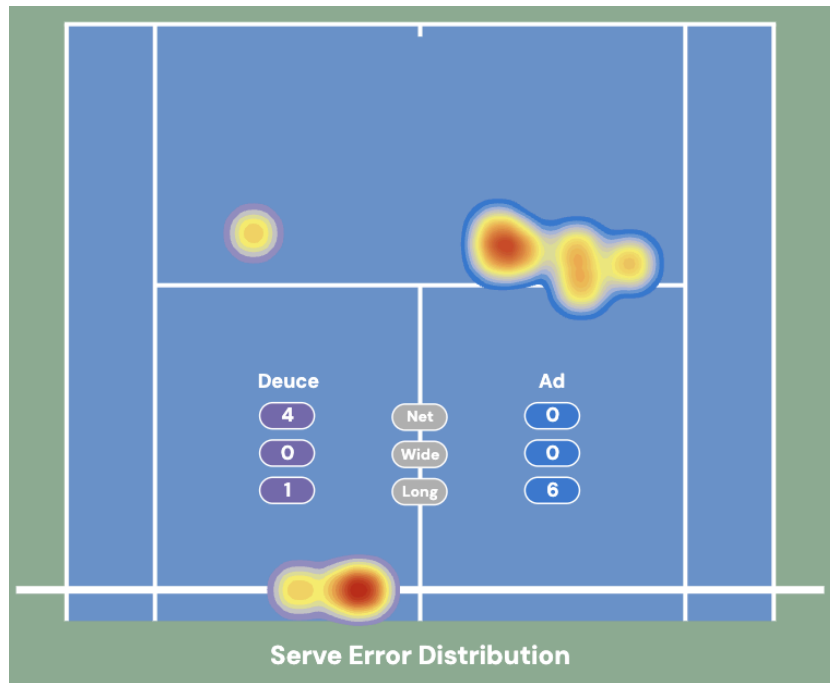
1. Relatively low win percentage overall with returns

- Below 35% win percentage from any placement/contact point on the court

2. Most lost points from backhand shots

- Majority of 1st return shots were backhand shots, and all but 6 of the backhand returns ended in a lost point

Serve Error Distribution:



1. Ad Serve Errors all Long

- Incorporating more topspin or slice on Ad side serves may help reduce errors by creating a more controlled trajectory

2. Majority of Deuce Serve Errors are in the Net

- Potentially too much spin on Deuce side serves
 - i. Practicing serves with an emphasis on hitting the ball at a slightly higher contact point could help reduce net errors
- Not a high number of errors, and lower errors on Deuce side relative to Ad

Final Recommendations

- Though Ballotta was able to make a high percentage of his first serves in, he was unable to win a high percentage of his service games, which is essential to win matches
 - Winning service games is crucial being the one starting on the offence
 - Ballotta should hone in on serve placements and improving service errors to maximise his ability to win service games
 - Additionally, efforts to improve return points, especially backhand returns, could be beneficial
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