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[Q] Pablo Llamas Ruiz (ESP) vs [2] Hubert Hurkacz (POL)

First Meeting

Pablo Llamas Ruiz | Age: 21 | World No. 152 | Career-High No. 131 | 2024: 3-1 (Estoril QF) | Event: 2-0 (2024 QF)
> Broke inside Top 500 in June 2022, Top 300 in April 2023 and Top 200 in June 2023, achieving career-high No. 131 in October later that year.
> Made ATP Tour debut in first qualifying attempt at 2023 Lyon and defeating No. 67 Purcell for first tour-level win, then defeated No. 52 Koepfer at 2024 Estoril for biggest win of career.
> Owns 39-28 Challenger record, highlighted by 1st title at 2023 Segovia and 71-43 on the ITF World Tennis Tour, winning titles at 2020 M25 Murcia, 2021 M15 Benicarlo and 2023 M25 Palmanova, all on Spanish soil.
> Peaked at No. 24 on the junior circuit, reaching boys' doubles quarter-finals at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Torres) and 2019 US Open (w/ Onclin).

NOTE: Llamas Ruiz is playing in his 1st ATP Tour QF and seeks biggest win of career (0-2 vs. Top 10). He would be the 2nd qualifier in event history to reach the semi-final after Davidovich Fokina in 2019 (l. to Cuevas) and the lowest-ranked player to defeat Hurkacz since No. 154 Murray at 2021 Vienna.

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 27 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 16-8 (Marseille SF) | Event: 1-1 (2023-24 QF)
> Top Polish men's player in history appeared in Nitto ATP Finals in 2021 and 2023 and reached career-high No. 8 in January 2024.
> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.
> Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.
> Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.
> Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 7-2 in finals).

NOTE: Hurkacz is seeking his 20th tour-level semi-final (9-10) and first ever on clay. He aims to be the first Pole to reach a clay court ATP Tour SF since Kubot at 2011 Stuttgart (l. to Andujar). He is 0-2 in clay ATP Tour QFs.

Cristian Garin (CHI) vs Nuno Borges (POR)

First Meeting

Cristian Garin | Age: 27 | World No. 112 | Career-High No. 17 | 2024: 3-4 (Estoril QF) | Event: 2-1 (2021, 2024 QF)
> Won biggest title of career at 2020 Rio de Janeiro to rise to No. 18, then ended 2021 season at career-high No. 17.
> Five-time ATP Tour champion saved 5 MPs vs. Chardy en route to 2019 Houston title and 2 MPs vs. No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2019 Munich title.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after reaching ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Paris, 2021 Madrid and 2022 Rome.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Vina del Mar as 16-year-old WC (d. Lajovic) and 2nd ATP Tour win at 2019 Buenos Aires (d. Auger-Aliassime).
> Former World No. 4 junior defeated A. Zverev for 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles title and reached boys' doubles final with countryman Jarry.

NOTE: Garin seeks 9th ATP Tour SF (6-2), all on clay, and first since 2022 Houston (l. to Isner). He is looking to earn 3 consecutive matches on clay for the first time since 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l. to Zverev in QF).

Nuno Borges | Age: 27 | World No. 62 | Career-High No. 46 | 2024: 9-9 (2 QFs) | Event: 4-3 (2024 QF)
 > Became the 2nd Portuguese man to break inside Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history in 2024, reaching career-high No. 46 in February 2024.
 > Defeated No. 13 Dimitrov for biggest win of career to reach 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2024 Australian Open, becoming the first Portuguese in the fourth round in tournament history.
 > Captured the Challenger title in Phoenix before winning a first-round qualifying match at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami within 24 hours.
 > Advanced to 10 Challenger finals, winning titles at 2021 Antalya-3, 2022 Barletta, 2023 Monterrey, 2023-24 Phoenix and 2023 Maia, his hometown.
 > Five-time All-American during 4-year college career at Mississippi State University, posting 31-match win streak that ended in his last match (l. to Jubb in 2019 NCAA singles final).

NOTE: Borges earned back-to-back wins on clay for the first time in his career. He is looking for his first ATP Tour SF and become the 2nd Portuguese to reach this stage at the event after Sousa in 2018 (eventual champion).

[LL] Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP)

21 Parma (Italy)

Clay R16 Richard Gasquet

Gasquet Leads 1-0

6-3 3-6 6-3

Richard Gasquet | Age: 37 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 7 | 2024: 2-5 (Estoril QF) | Event: 10-2 (2015 Title)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 7 in 2007 and finished 4 seasons in Top 10 overall (2007, 2012-13, 2015).
 > Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).
 > Owns 16 titles, qualified at Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, and reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.
 > Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).
 > Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 604 wins overall – most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968) and one of 4 active players on the ATP Tour with 600+ wins.

NOTE: Gasquet entered the draw as LL after withdrawal of No. 4 seed Davidovich Fokina and aims to become the 1st lucky loser to reach an ATP Tour SF since Hijikata at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch. He seeks his 70th tour-level semi-final, first on the surface since 2022 Geneva (l. to Sousa).

Pedro Martinez | Age: 26 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 6-2 (Santiago SF) | Event: 3-1 (2024 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Santiago and reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2022 Miami.
 > Defeated No. 16 Bautista Agut at 2021 Kitzbuhel for biggest win of career and en route to 1st SF and final.
 > Led all players by qualifying for 6 tour-level events in 2020, including Australian Open, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Roland Garros.
 > Also in 2020, earned 1st tour-level win at Australian Open (d. Koepfer), posted 1st ATP Masters 1000 win at Rome (d. Querrey) and advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Roland Garros.
 > Reached 7 of his 11 career Challenger finals on home clay in Spain, highlighted by 2020 Marbella, 2021 Seville and 2024 Girona titles.

NOTE: Martinez aims to reach his 4th ATP Tour SF (2-1), all on clay, and second of the season after Santiago (l. to eventual champion Baez). He is on a 7-match winning streak across all levels after winning Girona CH last week.

[1] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs Marton Fucsovics (HUN)

Other Meeting

17 Budapest CH (Hungary)

Hard SF Marton Fucsovics

First Tour-Level Meeting

6-0 6-0

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 19-5 (2 Finals) | Event: 5-0 (2023 Title)
 > Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.
 > First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (10), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final), and reach both a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros, US Open, 2023 Roland Garros) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).
 > Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.

- > Former World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (93), finals (13) and titles (9).
- > Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

NOTE: Ruud is aiming to reach his 33rd tour-level semi-final (20-12), 25th on clay (14-10), and 3rd of the season (Los Cabos and Acapulco runner-up). He is 7-0 vs. players outside Top 50 this year and aims to become the 3rd Estoril champion to reach semi-finals in title defense (Carreno Busta 2016-17, Ramos-Vinolas 2021-22).

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 32 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 6-6 (Estoril QF) | Event: 2-0 (2024 QF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983.
- > Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.
- > Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st men's quarter-finalist from Hungary at that event since Asboth in 1948.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.
- > Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics saved 3 MPs vs. Monfils in 2R and now seeks 5th ATP Tour SF (3-1), 2nd on clay (1-0). He is 3-29 vs. Top 10 players with wins over No. 5 Medvedev at 2020 Roland Garros, No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon, and No. 8 Fritz at 2023 Stuttgart.