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On court today…

- Roger Federer will play his first match at Roland Garros since 2015 when he takes on Lorenzo Sonego in the 3rd match on Court Philippe Chatrier. Federer missed the event due to a back injury in 2016 and withdrew in 2017-18 to focus on the grass court season. Despite not playing a match on clay in nearly 3 years until this month, quarterfinal finishes at both Madrid-1000 and Rome-1000 suggest that he will still be a force to be reckoned with here this year. Sonego, who is making his Roland Garros debut today, will have to be at the top of his game if he is to become the first player to defeat Federer in the 1st round at a Grand Slam since Luis Horna defeated the Swiss here in 2003.

- Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas will aim to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time when he takes on Maximilian Marterer in the first men's singles match on Chatrier today. Tsitsipas has enjoyed a rapid rise this year, reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at the Australian Open and his first Masters-1000 final at Madrid, but he has recorded just one match-win in his 2 previous appearances here. As No. 6 seed, he will be expected to defeat Marterer today – but the German, who won 3 matches here last year before falling to Rafael Nadal, will be determined to cause an early upset.

- No. 11 seed Marin Cilic opens play on Court Suzanne Lenglen today against Italy's Thomas Fabbiano. Cilic has endured a difficult year to date, winning just 8 of his 15 matches and dropping outside the world's Top 10, but as one of the 6 Grand Slam champions in the draw, he will still be a tough assignment for any player. Should his fortunes improve and he makes the final here, he would become the 11th man in the Open Era to reach the finals at all 4 Grand Slams. Fabbiano, the world No. 98, will need to defeat a Top 20 opponent for the first time if he is to progress today.

- Last year's surprise semifinalist, Marco Cecchinato, and French wild card Nicolas Mahut will make history today when they contest the first men's singles match on the brand-new Court Simonne Mathieu. Having reached the last 4 ranked No. 72 in 2018, Cecchinato returns as a Top 20 star this year – but his 5 wins here last year remain the only victories that he has recorded at the majors. Mahut has recorded 29 Grand Slam match-wins but, now ranked at No. 253, the 37-year-old will have to play well if he is to record his 30th victory today.

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NO. 3 ROGER FEDERER (SUI) v LORENZO SONEGO (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Federer has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 73 Sonego on 3 previous occasions – to No. 154 Mario Ancic in the 1st round at 2002 Wimbledon, to No. 88 Luis Horna in the 1st round at 2003 Roland Garros, and to No. 116 Sergiy Stakhovsky in the 2nd round at 2013 Wimbledon.

Federer has not lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as Sonego since falling to No. 175 Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round at 2018 Miami-1000.

FEDERER	v	SONEGO
37	**Age**	24
3	**ATP Ranking (20 May)**	73
101	**Titles**	0
342-55	**Career Grand Slam Record**	2-3
65-16	**Roland Garros Record**	0-0
1202-263	**Career Record**	14-17
218-69	**Career Record - Clay**	11-13
22-3	**2019 Record**	9-10
4-1	**2019 Record - Clay**	8-9
30-21	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-0
10	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
441-239	**Career Tiebreak Record**	10-10
6-3	**2019 Tiebreak Record**	4-7

- 2009 champion **FEDERER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 15th time. He has lost in the 1st round here on 3 previous occasions – in 1999 (l. Olivier Delaitre), 2002 (l. Hicham Arazi) and 2003 (l. Luis Horna).

- Federer is making his **first appearance at Roland Garros since 2015**, when he reached the quarterfinals (l. Stan Wawrinka). He withdrew from the event in 2016 due to a back injury, ending his streak of 65 consecutive appearances at the Grand Slams, and missed the whole clay court seasons in 2017 and 2018 in order to focus on the grass court season. This is his 18th appearance at Roland Garros overall.

- Federer's **best Roland Garros performance** is winning the title in 2009, defeating Robin Soderling in straight sets in the final. He became the 6th man in history to win the titles at all 4 Grand Slam events. He has also finished runner-up here on 4 occasions – in 2006-08 and 2011, losing to Rafael Nadal on each occasion.

- Federer is bidding to win a 2nd Roland Garros title 10 years after his first in 2009, and set the **record for longest gap between winning a 2nd title at a Grand Slam event in the Open Era**. Jimmy Connors currently holds the record with 8 years between his first and 2nd titles at Wimbledon, having won his first Wimbledon title in 1974 and his 2nd Wimbledon title in 1982.

- Federer is also bidding to become the **first man in the Open Era – and only the 3rd man in history – to win each of the 4 Grand Slam titles twice**. Roy Emerson and Laver are the only players to have won each Grand Slam on 2 or more occasions. (NB While Laver completed the feat in 1969, some of the titles were won before the start of the Open Era)

- Federer is bidding to win his **21st Grand Slam title** and close the gap on Steffi Graf in 3rd place on the all-time list for Grand Slam singles titles. By winning his 20th Grand Slam title at the 2018 Australian Open, Federer took sole ownership of 4th place on the list, ahead of Helen Wills Moody. Margaret Court, Serena Williams and Graf are the only other players aside from Federer to have won 20 or more Grand Slams.

- Federer is looking to become the first man to win **5 Grand Slam titles after turning 30**. By winning his 4th major title since turning 30 here last year, Federer joined Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall at the top of the list for most Grand Slam titles won after turning 30. (see Preview page 5)

- Federer is playing in his **76th Grand Slam** event at this year's Roland Garros. He holds the all-time record for most Grand Slams contested. (see Preview page 13).

- Federer became the **2nd man in history to win 100 Tour-level titles** by winning the title at Dubai this year (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). Connors, who won 109 Tour-level titles, is the only other man in history to have won at least 100 Tour-level titles.

- Federer **warmed up for Roland Garros** by reaching the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000 (l. Dominic Thiem) and Rome-1000, where he gave a walkover to Tsitsipas due to a right leg injury. They were the first clay court events he has contested since 2016 Rome-1000. He also recorded his 1,200th Tour-level match-win in the 3rd round at Madrid, saving 2 match points before defeating Gael Monfils.

- **Also in 2019**, Federer won the title at Miami-1000 (d. John Isner) and finished runner-up at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Thiem). He fell to Tsitsipas in the round of 16 at the Australian Open.

- Federer has won 6 of the 7 **five-set matches** he has contested at Roland Garros. His only defeat in a 5-set match here came against Ernests Gulbis in the round of 16 here in 2014. He has a 30-21 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Federer is coached by Ivan Ljubicic, who reached the semifinals here in 2006, and Severin Luthi.

- **SONEGO** is making his Roland Garros debut today. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.

- **Last year here**, Sonego fell in the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Jason Jung, l. Duckhee Lee). It was his only attempt to qualify here.

- Sonego is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time and equal his **best Grand Slam performance**. He reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Robin Haase, l. Richard Gasquet) and as a lucky loser at the 2018 US Open (d. Gilles Muller, l. Karen Khachanov).

- Sonego **warmed up for Roland Garros** by reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at both Marrakech (l. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga) and Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Dusan Lajovic). He fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Munich (l. Marton Fucsovics), as a wild card at Rome-1000 (l. Khachanov), and as a qualifier at Geneva (l. Radu Albot).

- **Also in 2019**, Sonego reached the 2nd round on clay as a direct acceptance at Cordoba (l. Juan Ignacio Londero), as a qualifier at Buenos Aires (l. Roberto Carballes Baena), as a direct acceptance at Sao Paulo (l. Leonardo Mayer), and on hard courts as a qualifier at Miami-1000 (l. John Isner). He also reached the quarterfinals at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (l. Mats Moraing) and the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Matteo Berrettini). He failed to qualify at the Australian Open, falling to Tatsuma Ito in the final round of qualifying.

- Sonego is bidding to record his **first victory against a Top 10 player**. He lost his only previous match against a Top 10 opponent – to No. 9 John Isner in the 2nd round at Miami-1000 this year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 12 Khachanov in the 2nd round at Monte Carlo-1000 this year.

- Clay is Sonego's **best surface**. Of his 14 Tour-level match-wins, 11 have come on clay, compared to 3 on hard courts, while he lost the only Tour-level match he contested on grass.

- Sonego is one of **9 Italian men** to begin the main draw here – the highest number of Italians in the men's singles here since 2007, when there were also 9.

- Sonego has won the only **5-set match** he has contested, defeating Muller in the 1st round at the 2018 US Open.

- Sonego reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 66 in April this year. He plays here at No. 73.

- Sonego is coached by Gipo Arbino.

NO. 6 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v MAXIMILIAN MARTERER (GER)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Tsitsipas has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 110 Marterer on just one previous occasion – to No. 117 Malek Jaziri in the quarterfinals at 2018 Dubai.

TSITSIPAS	v	MARTERER
20	Age	23
6	ATP Ranking (20 May)	110
3	Titles	0
10-7	Career Grand Slam Record	6-6
1-2	Roland Garros Record	3-1
74-48	Career Record	23-46
23-12	Career Record - Clay	12-19
29-11	2019 Record	5-9
12-4	2019 Record - Clay	1-5
1-0	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
34-29	Career Tiebreak Record	9-18
14-5	2019 Tiebreak Record	1-3

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 3rd appearance at Roland Garros and 8th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here Tsitsipas recorded his **best Roland Garros performance** by reaching the 2nd round (d. Carlos Taberner, l. Dominic Thiem). On his debut here as a qualifier in 2017, he fell to Ivo Karlovic in the 1st round.

- Tsitsipas' **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open this year, where he defeated Roger Federer in the round of 16 before falling to Rafael Nadal in the last 4. He became the first Greek man in history to reach the semifinals at a major and, at 20 years 168 days, the youngest man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam since Novak Djokovic (20 years 110 days) at the 2007 US Open.

- At 20 years 301 days, Tsitsipas is bidding to become the **youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the 2008 Australian Open title aged 20 years 250 days. He would also become the youngest Roland Garros men's singles champion since Nadal won the title here in 2006 aged 20 years 8 days. [NB Ages calculated at the end of the tournament]

- Tsitsipas **best result on clay in 2019** is winning his first Tour-level clay court title at Estoril (d. Pablo Cuevas). He also reached his first Masters-1000 final at Madrid-1000, where he defeated Nadal in the semifinals before falling to Djokovic in the final. He reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Nadal) and the 3rd round at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Barcelona (l. Jan-Lennard Struff).

- **Also in 2019**, Tsitsipas won the title at Marseille (d. Mikhail Kukushkin), reached the final at Dubai (l. Federer), the quarterfinals at Sydney (l. Andreas Seppi) and Sofia (l. Gael Monfils), and the round of 16 at Miami-1000 (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- Tsitsipas won the only Tour-level **5-set match** that he has contested – defeating Jared Donaldson in the 2nd round at Wimbledon last year. He also won a 5-set match against Joris De Loore during qualifying for 2017 Wimbledon.

- Tsitsipas has **won 3 of his last 4 matches against lefthanders**. His only defeat in that time came against Nadal in the semifinals at Rome-1000 earlier this year. He has a 7-7 win-loss record against lefthanders at Tour-level, but has lost both of his meetings with lefthanded opposition at the Grand Slams – to Shapovalov at the 2018 Australian Open and to Nadal at the Australian Open this year.

- Tsitsipas is seeded No. 6 here – his **highest Grand Slam seeding**. He was seeded at a Grand Slam for the first time at Wimbledon last year.

- Tsitsipas **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in March this year. He plays here at a career-high ranking of No. 6. In October 2017, he became the first Greek man in history to break the Top 100.

- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the boys' singles quarterfinals here in 2016 (l. Shapovalov), as well as the boys' singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. Alex de Minaur).

- Tsitsipas is coached by his father, Apostolos Tsitsipas.

- Lefthander **MARTERER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round for the 2nd straight year. This is his 2nd appearance at Roland Garros and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, on his Roland Garros debut, Marterer recorded his **best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the round of 16 (l. Rafael Nadal).

- Marterer is bidding to record his **2nd Tour-level match-win on clay this year**. His only clay court match-win at Tour-level this year came at Buenos Aires, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Facundo Bagnis, l. Dominic Thiem). He fell in the 1st round at the 4 other Tour-level clay court events he entered. He also reached the semifinals at the Francaville Challenger (ITA), where he retired while trailing Oscar Otte.

- **Also in 2019**, Marterer reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Doha (d. Peter Gojowczyk, l. Pierre-Hugues Herbert), and as a direct acceptance at the Australian Open (d. Gleb Sakharov, l. Lucas Pouille), Indian Wells-1000 (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Miomir Kecmanovic) and Miami-1000, where he defeated Taylor Fritz in the 1st round before giving a walkover to Milos Raonic in the 2nd round due to left knee pain.

- Marterer is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the first time** at the 5th attempt. He has lost all 4 of his previous meetings with Top 10 opposition – including his defeat to No. 1 Nadal here last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 16 Diego Schwartzman in the 2nd round at 2018 Munich and the highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 25 Denis Shapovalov in the 2nd round here last year.

- Marterer won the only **5-set match** he has contested – defeating Fernando Verdasco in the 2nd round at the 2018 Australian Open.

- Marterer reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 45, but plays here at No. 110.

- Marterer is one of **11 German men** to start the main draw here – the most since 2011, when there were 14.

- Marterer was a **good junior player**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 and reached the semifinals in the boys' singles at 2013 Wimbledon (l. Hyeon Chung). Alongside Lucas Miedler, he reached the semifinals of the boys' doubles here in 2013 (l. Cristian Garin/Nicolas Jarry), but fell in the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here the same year (d. Simon Friis Sondergaard, l. Borna Coric).

- Marterer is coached by Michael Kohlmann, who is also Germany's Davis Cup captain.

NO. 7 KEI NISHIKORI (JPN) v (WC) QUENTIN HALYS (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Nishikori has never lost a clay court match to a player ranked as low as No. 153 Halys. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Nishikori on clay is No. 113 Pablo Andujar in the quarterfinals at 2013 Madrid-1000.

Nishikori has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as Halys on just one occasion – to No. 179 Daniel Evans in the 1st round at the 2013 US Open.

Nishikori has won all 4 of his previous matches against wild cards at the Grand Slams. He has a 29-6 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

Nishikori is facing a French opponent at Roland Garros for the 9th time. He has won 7 of his previous 8 matches against French opposition here with his only defeat coming against Richard Gasquet in the round of 16 in 2016. He has an 11-1 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams – in addition to his 7-1 win-loss record against Frenchmen at Roland Garros, he has a 2-0 win-loss record against Australians at the Australian Open, a 2-0 win-loss record against Americans at the US Open and has never faced a Brit at Wimbledon.

NISHIKORI	v	HALYS
29	**Age**	22
7	**ATP Ranking (20 May)**	153
12	**Titles**	0
85-35	**Career Grand Slam Record**	2-6
18-8	**Roland Garros Record**	1-3
393-185	**Career Record**	6-18
90-38	**Career Record - Clay**	1-6
19-9	**2019 Record**	0-0
6-4	**2019 Record - Clay**	0-0
21-6	**Career Five-Set Record**	0-2
4	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
123-81	**Career Tiebreak Record**	7-10
7-3	**2019 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **NISHIKORI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th consecutive year. He has lost in the 1st round here once before – falling to Martin Klizan in 2014.

- **Last year here**, Nishikori reached the round of 16 falling to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets. This is his 9th appearance at Roland Garros.

- Nishikori's **best Roland Garros performance** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2015, where he fell to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in 5 sets, and 2017 (l. Andy Murray). He has a 3-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Roland Garros and a 21-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- At the 2014 US Open, Nishikori became the **first Asian male to contest a Grand Slam final** after defeating 3 Top 10 players – Milos Raonic, Stan Wawrinka and Novak Djokovic – in consecutive matches before falling to Marin Cilic in the title match.

- Nishikori is bidding to win his **first Grand Slam title on his 37th main draw appearance at a major**. Should he win the title here, he would go 2nd on the list for most Grand Slam appearances before winning a title behind Goran Ivanisevic, who won the title at 2001 Wimbledon on his 48th Grand Slam appearance. (see Preview page 7)

- Nishikori's **best result on clay in 2019** is reaching the semifinals at Barcelona (l. Daniil Medvedev). He also reached the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 (l. Wawrinka), but lost his opening match at Monte Carlo-1000 to Pierre-Hughes Herbert.

- **Also in 2019,** Nishikori won his 12th Tour-level title at Brisbane (d. Medvedev) and reached the semifinal at Rotterdam (l. Wawrinka). He retired due to a quad strain during his quarterfinal match against Djokovic at the Australian Open.

- Nishikori has won **12 Tour-level singles titles**, 2 of which have come on clay – at Barcelona in 2014 (d. Santiago Giraldo) and 2015 (d. Pablo Andujar).

- Nishikori is the **highest-ranked Japanese man in ATP World Tour Rankings history** (since 1973). He had the nickname 'Project 45' as a major goal was to get him to No. 45 in the rankings, which would be one spot better than the highest by any Japanese man (Shuzo Matsuoka). His career-high ranking is No. 4, which he achieved in March 2015 after reaching the final at Acapulco. He plays here ranked No. 7.

- Nishikori is coached by Dante Bottini and Michael Chang, who won Roland Garros in 1989.

- Wild card **HALYS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 4th Roland Garros appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here,** Halys fell to Andrea Collarini in the 1st round of qualifying. On his most recent main draw appearance here, as a wild card in 2017, he fell to Marco Trungelliti in the 1st round.

- Halys' **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the 2nd round on his Australian Open debut as a wild card in 2016 (d. Ivan Dodig, l. Novak Djokovic) and as a wild card here in 2016 (d. Hyeon Chung, l. Pablo Cuevas).

- Halys is contesting his **first Tour-level match of 2019 today**. He has not appeared at Tour-level since 2018 Metz, when he fell to Benoit Paire in the 1st round. He is bidding to record his first Tour-level match-win since he reached the 2nd round at 2018 Los Cabos (d. Gilles Muller, l. Fabio Fognini).

- Halys **warmed up for Roland Garros** by finishing runner-up at the Aix En Provence Challenger (FRA) (l. Pablo Cuevas) and reaching the quarterfinals at the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Lucas Pouille). Also on clay in 2019, he lost his opening match at both the Tunis Challenger (TUN) (l. Thomaz Bellucci) and the Francavilla Challenger (ITA) (l. Norbert Gombos). He failed to qualify at Lyon.

- Halys' other **highlights in 2019** are reaching the semifinals Lille Challenger (FRA) (l. Yannick Maden) and the quarterfinals at the Rennes Challenger (FRA) (l. Corentin Moutet) and the Pau Challenger (FRA) (l. Steve Darcis).

- Halys is bidding to defeat a **Top 10 player** for the first time at his 3rd attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 31 Ivo Karlovic in the 1st round at 2017 Los Cabos.

- Halys reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 102 in February 2017. He plays here at No. 153.

- Halys has lost both the **5-set matches** he has contested – to Trungelliti in the 1st round here in 2017, when he surrendered a 2-0 lead, and to Casper Ruud at the 2018 Australian Open.

- Halys was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in 2014. That year, he finished runner-up at the junior US Open (l. Omar Jasika) and reached the semifinals at the junior Australian Open and junior Roland Garros. He also won the junior doubles title here in 2014 with Benjamin Bonzi and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the Australian Open with Johan-Sebastien Tatlot.

- Halys is coached by Olivier Ramos. His fitness trainer is Sebastien Poublet.

NO. 11 MARIN CILIC (CRO) v THOMAS FABBIANO (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Cilic has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 98 Fabbiano on 6 occasions – most recently to No. 166 Marco Trungelliti in the 1st round here in 2016.

CILIC	v	FABBIANO
30	**Age**	30
13	**ATP Ranking (20 May)**	98
18	**Titles**	0
114-43	**Career Grand Slam Record**	7-10
24-12	**Roland Garros Record**	1-2
487-259	**Career Record**	19-47
121-73	**Career Record - Clay**	4-14
8-7	**2019 Record**	2-7
4-3	**2019 Record - Clay**	0-2
30-16	**Career Five-Set Record**	3-0
7	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
187-164	**Career Tiebreak Record**	12-18
4-3	**2019 Tiebreak Record**	4-2

- **CILIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 10th time on his 13th Roland Garros appearance. This is his 46th Grand Slam overall.

- Cilic has **lost in the first round here on 3 occasions** – on his debut as a qualifier in 2007 (l. Thierry Ascione), and as a direct acceptance in both 2011 (l. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo) and 2016 (l. Marco Trungelliti).

- Last year here, Cilic equalled his **best Roland Garros result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Juan Martin del Potro). He also reached the quarterfinals here in 2017 (l. Stan Wawrinka).

- Cilic is one of **6 Grand Slam champions** to start in the men's main draw here. He won his first major title at the 2014 US Open, defeating Kei Nishikori in the final. He was the first Croatian to win a Grand Slam title since Goran Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon.

- Cilic is bidding to win his **2nd Grand Slam title.** Should he win his 2nd major title, 17 Grand Slam appearances after his first, he will go top of Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd major title. (see Preview page 6)

- Cilic is bidding to become the **11th man in the Open Era to reach the final at all 4 Grand Slams**. As well as winning the title at the 2014 US Open, he has also reached the final at 2017 Wimbledon and the 2018 Australian Open, falling to Roger Federer on both occasions.

- Cilic **warmed up for Roland Garros** by reaching the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000 where he gave a walkover to Novak Djokovic due to gastroenteritis. He has recorded just one other match-win on clay this year – in a 2nd round finish at Rome-1000 (d. Andrea Basso, l. Jan-Lennard Struff). He lost his opening match at both Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Guido Pella) and Budapest (l. Pablo Cuevas).

- **Also in 2019**, Cilic reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and the 3rd round at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Denis Shapovalov), but lost his opening match at both Dubai (l. Gael Monfils) and Miami-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev).

- Cilic has won both of the **5-set matches** he has contested at Roland Garros – against Leonardo Mayer in the 3rd round in 2010 and Fabio Fognini in the round of 16 in 2018. He has a 30-16 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Cilic has won **18 career titles** including 2 on clay – at 2012 Umag (d. Marcel Granollers) and 2017 Istanbul (d. Milos Raonic).

- Cilic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after reaching the final at the 2018 Australian Open. He plays at No. 13, his lowest ranking since August 2016.

- Cilic won the **Roland Garros boys' singles title** in 2005 (d. Anton van der Duim) and finished that year at No. 2 in the ITF Junior rankings behind Donald Young, having reached the quarterfinals at the other 3 Grand Slams. He is one of 9 junior champions to start the men's singles here.

- Cilic has played **Davis Cup** for Croatia since 2006. He defeated Jo-Wilfred Tsonga and Lucas Pouille in Croatia's 3-1 victory against France in the Davis Cup Final last year. Croatia is ranked No. 2 in the Davis Cup Nations Ranking and will compete against Spain and Russia in Group B at the Davis Cup Finals in Madrid in November.

- Cilic is coached by Ivan Cinkus.

- **FABBIANO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round of Roland Garros for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Roland Garros and his 11th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Fabbiano reached the 2nd round for the first time here, defeating Matthew Ebden before falling to Borna Coric in 4 sets. He failed to qualify here in 2014-17 but competed as a lucky loser in 2016, falling to Feliciano Lopez in the 1st round.

- Fabbiano's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – at the 2017 US Open (l. Paolo Lorenzi), 2018 Wimbledon (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the Australian Open this year (l. Grigor Dimitrov).

- Fabbiano is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the first time** at his 6th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 32 Damir Dzumhur in the 2nd round at 2018 Istanbul. The highest-ranked players he has defeated at the Grand Slams are No. 73 Jordan Thompson in the 2nd round at the 2017 US Open and No. 73 Ebden in the 1st round here in 2018.

- Fabbiano is bidding to **record his first Tour-level match-win on clay** since reaching the 2nd round here last year. He fell in the 1st round at both Marrakech (l. Pierre-Hughes Herbert) and Budapest (l. Robin Haase) and failed to qualify at Monte Carlo-1000, Munich and Geneva.

- Fabbiano is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win of 2019**. His only Tour-level victories this year came against Jason Kubler and Reilly Opelka at the Australian Open. He lost in the 1st round at the other 4 Tour-level events he has played – Montpellier (l. Ilya Ivashka), Rotterdam (l. Jo-Wilfred Tsonga), Dubai (l. Fernando Verdasco) and Miami-1000 (l. Ivashka).

- Fabbiano has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested, including against Ebden here last year in the 1st round.

- Fabbiano reached a **career high ranking** of No. 70 in September 2017. He plays here at No. 98.

- Fabbiano was a **successful junior**. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2007 Australian Open (l. Jonathan Eysseric) and the 2007 US Open (l. Jerzy Janowicz). He also won the boys' doubles title at 2007 Junior Roland Garros alongside Andrei Karatchenia, defeating Kellen Damico/Eysseric in the final.

- Fabbiano is coached by Federico Pacadilli.

NO. 16 MARCO CECCHINATO (ITA) v (WC) NICOLAS MAHUT (FRA)

Tour-level head-to-head: Mahut leads 1-0

2016	Sydney Qualifying Draw	Hard (O)	R16	Mahut	61 63
2016	**Australian Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R128**	**Mahut**	**46 62 62 62**

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for the pair and a 3rd overall – their previous two meetings, came in January 2016, with Mahut winning in straight sets at qualifying for Sydney and in 4 sets at the Australian Open.

Cecchinato has lost both of his previous matches against wild cards at the Grand Slams – to JC Aragone at the 2017 US Open and to Bradley Mousley at the 2018 Australian Open. He has a 9-9 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

CECCHINATO	v	MAHUT
26	**Age**	37
19	**ATP Ranking (20 May)**	253
3	**Titles**	4
5-8	**Career Grand Slam Record**	29-50
5-2	**Roland Garros Record**	6-16
38-57	**Career Record**	176-222
30-34	**Career Record - Clay**	15-38
11-11	**2019 Record**	0-1
9-6	**2019 Record - Clay**	0-0
1-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	5-8
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	1
19-19	**Career Tiebreak Record**	89-117
3-3	**2019 Tiebreak Record**	0-1

- **CECCHINATO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 3rd Roland Garros appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Cecchinato recorded his first Grand Slam match-wins to reach his **first Grand Slam semifinal**, defeating No. 10 seed Pablo Carreno Busta, No. 8 seed David Goffin and No. 20 seed Novak Djokovic before falling to No. 7 seed Dominic Thiem in the last 4. At No. 72 he was the lowest-ranked man to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros since No. 100 Andrei Medvedev in 1999 and also became the first Italian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam since Corrado Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.

- Cecchinato has **lost in the 1st round on 7 of his 8 previous Grand Slam main draw appearances** – his semifinal finish here last year is the only occasion he has progressed beyond the 1st round. He fell to Filip Krajinovic in the 1st round at the Australian Open this year.

- Cecchinato's **best result on clay this year** is winning his 3rd Tour-level title at Buenos Aires (d. Diego Schwartzman). He also reached the semifinals at Munich (l. Cristian Garin) and the 3rd round at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Guido Pella).

- **Also in 2019**, Cecchinato reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Tomas Berdych) and the 3rd round at Miami-1000 (l. David Goffin).

- Clay is Cecchinato's **best surface** – 30 of his 38 Tour-level match-wins have come on clay, compared to 6 on hard courts and 2 on grass.

- Cecchinato won the only **5-set match** he has contested at Roland Garros – he came back from 0-2 down to defeat Marius Copil in the 1st round here last year. He lost the only other 5-set match he has contested, surrendering a 2-0 lead before falling to Krajinovic at the Australian Open this year.

- Cecchinato is one of **9 Italian men** to begin the main draw here – the highest number of Italians in the men's singles here since 2007, when there were also 9.

- Cecchinato reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 16 in February this year. He plays here 3 places lower at No. 19.

- Cecchinato is coached by Simone Vagnozzi. His fitness trainer is Umberto Ferrara.

- Wild card **MAHUT** is bidding to reach the 2nd round for the 5th time. He has lost in the 1st round here on 12 of his previous 16 appearances.

- **Last year here**, as a wild card, Mahut fell to Juan Martin del Potro in the 1st round. This is his 17th appearance at Roland Garros, putting him in 3rd place among active players on the list for most Roland Garros appearances. (see Preview page 14)

- Mahut received a wild card for Roland Garros this year. It is the 13th occasion he has received a Grand Slam main draw wild card, extending his record for **most Grand Slam appearances as a wild card**. (see Preview page 17). This is his 51st Grand Slam appearance overall.

- Mahut's **best Roland Garros performance** is reaching the 3rd round in 2012 (l. Roger Federer) and as a wild card in 2015 (l. Gilles Simon).

- Mahut's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the round of 16 at 2016 Wimbledon where, on his 43rd Grand Slam appearance, he set the record for most Grand Slam appearances before reaching the round of 16. He fell to Sam Querrey in straight sets.

- Mahut is contesting his **2nd Tour-level match of 2019** today. His only previous appearance at Tour-level this year came as a qualifier at Montpellier, where he fell to Filip Krajinovic in the 1st round.

- Mahut's **best results in 2019** are quarterfinal finishes at the Cherbourg Challenger (FRA), where he gave a walkover to Mats Moraing, and at the Saint Brieuc Challenger (FRA) (l. Maxime Janvier). His only other match-wins – at any level – this year came in qualifying at Montpellier.

- Mahut is bidding to end a **4-match Tour-level losing streak**. He has not recorded a Tour-level match-win since reaching the 2nd round as a lucky loser at the 2018 US Open (d. Corentin Moutet, l. Alexander Zverev).

- Mahut is also bidding to end a **6-match losing streak – at all levels – on clay**. He has not won a clay court match at any level since reaching the 2nd round at 2017 Madrid-1000 (d. Jack Sock, l. Pablo Cuevas). He lost the only clay court match he has contested this year to Viktor Troicki in the 1st round at the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA).

- Mahut is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time** on his 19th attempt. The only Top 20 opponent he has defeated at the majors is No. 14 David Ferrer in the 2nd round at 2016 Wimbledon. He has a 20-64 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Mahut lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at Roland Garros – to Simon in the 3rd round here in 2015. He has a 5-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Mahut has won **4 career singles titles** – all of which have come on grass. He is a 3-time champion at 's-Hertogenbosch (2013, 2015-16) and also won the title as a wild card at 2013 Newport (d. Lleyton Hewitt).

- Mahut is a **former Top 40 player**, having reached a career-high ranking of No. 37 in May 2014. He dropped to No. 254 earlier this month – his lowest ranking since he was No. 270 in February 2003 – and plays here one place higher at No. 253.

- Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert became the **8th men's doubles team to win all 4 major titles** by winning the men's doubles title at the Australian Open this year. The pair defeated Henri Kontinen/John Peers to win their 4th Grand Slam doubles title and also become the 2nd all-French team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title after Michael Llodra/Fabrice Santoro in 2003-04.

- In the men's doubles here last year, Mahut and Herbert became the **3rd all-French pair in the Open Era to win the men's doubles at Roland Garros** – after Henri Leconte/Yannick Noah (1984) and Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin (2014). The pair defeated Oliver Marach/Mate Pavic in the final. Mahut will play alongside Jurgen Melzer in the men's doubles this year.

- Mahut has played **Davis Cup** for France since 2015 and has an 8-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. He was part of the French team that won its first Davis Cup title in 16 years during the 2017 season, but did not play in the victory against Belgium in the Final. He also was part of the team that finished runner-up to Croatia in 2018, winning the doubles rubber alongside Herbert.

- Mahut is coached by Nicolas Renavand and Nicolas Copin.

NO. 27 DAVID GOFFIN (BEL) v RICARDAS BERANKIS (LTU)

Tour-level head-to-head: Goffin leads 2-1

2011	Geneva Challenger (SUI)	Hard (O)	QF	Berankis	63 64
2012	Paris-1000 Qualifying Draw	Hard (I)	R32	Berankis	64 63
2015	Chennai	Hard (O)	R16	Goffin	60 46 76(1)
2015	**US Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R64**	**Goffin**	**57 64 36 62 61**
2019	Doha	Hard (O)	R32	Berankis	36 64 76(4)

A 4th meeting at Tour-level for the pair. Goffin won their only previous meeting at the majors, recovering from 1-2 down to win in 5 sets in the 2nd round at the 2015 US Open. Berankis won their most-recent encounter in a final set tiebreak in the 1st round at Doha this year.

Goffin has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 72 Berankis on 3 occasions – to No. 78 Marcos Baghdatis in the 2nd round at the 2015 Australian Open, to No. 122 Jared Donaldson in the 1st round at the 2016 US Open, and to No. 72 Marco Cecchinato in the round of 16 here this year.

GOFFIN	v	BERANKIS
28	**Age**	28
30	**ATP Ranking (20 May)**	72
4	**Titles**	0
43-26	**Career Grand Slam Record**	10-23
14-7	**Roland Garros Record**	0-5
239-156	**Career Record**	100-109
69-43	**Career Record - Clay**	11-21
10-12	**2019 Record**	5-3
4-5	**2019 Record - Clay**	2-0
11-4	**Career Five-Set Record**	5-4
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	2
70-77	**Career Tiebreak Record**	45-52
1-6	**2019 Tiebreak Record**	3-1

- **GOFFIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th straight year. This is his 8th Roland Garros appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, as No. 8 seed, Goffin reached the round of 16 (l. Marco Cecchinato). He recorded his 2nd comeback from 0-2 down to defeat Robin Haase in 5 sets in the 1st round and also defeated Gael Monfils in 5 sets in the 3rd round. He has won all 5 five-set matches he has contested at Roland Garros and has an 11-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Goffin has **lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros** on 2 occasions – in 2013 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2014 (l. Jurgen Melzer).

- Goffin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals here in 2016 (l. Dominic Thiem). He was just the 2nd Belgian man to reach the last 8 at Roland Garros after Filip Dewulf (1997-98) and only the 3rd Belgian man in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal after Dewulf and Xavier Malisse (2002 Wimbledon). He also reached the quarterfinals at the 2017 Australian Open (l. Grigor Dimitrov).

- On his Grand Slam debut at 2012 Roland Garros, Goffin became the **first lucky loser to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam** since countryman Dick Norman reached that stage at 1995 Wimbledon and just the 8th lucky loser to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era.

- Goffin **warmed up for Roland Garros** by reaching the semifinals as a wild card at Estoril (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also reached the 2nd round at both Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Guido Andreozzi, l. Dusan Lajovic) and Rome-1000 (d. Stan Wawrinka, l. Juan Martin del Potro), but lost his opening match at both Barcelona (l. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Madrid-1000 (l. Marton Fucsovics).

- **Elsewhere in 2019,** Goffin reached the semifinals at Marseille (l. Tsitsipas), the round of 16 at Miami-1000 (l. Frances Tiafoe) and the 3rd round at the Australian Open (l. Daniil Medvedev). He also returned to Challenger level for the first time since 2014, reaching the quarterfinals at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Salvatore Caruso).

- Goffin's **best clay court result** is winning the title as a wild card at 2014 Kitzbuhel (d. Thiem). He has also won 3 hard court titles – at 2014 Metz (d. Joao Sousa), 2017 Shenzen (d. Alexandr Dolgopolov) and 2017 Tokyo (d. Adrian Mannarino).

- Goffin became the **first Belgian man to break the Top 10** in February 2017 after reaching the final at Rotterdam. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 7 in November 2017, but plays here at No. 30 – his lowest ranking since he was No. 31 in September 2014.

- Goffin has played **Davis Cup** for Belgium since 2012. He has led the team to 2 Davis Cup Finals, falling to Great Britain in Ghent in 2015 and to France in Lille in 2017. Belgium will compete in Group D against Australia and Colombia in the Davis Cup Finals in Madrid in November.

- Goffin is coached by Thomas Johansson.

- **BERANKIS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 6th Roland Garros appearance and his 24th Grand Slam overall.

- Berankis is bidding to end an **8-match losing streak at the Grand Slams**. He has not recorded a Grand Slam match-win since the 2016 US Open, when he reached the 2nd round (d. Malek Jaziri, l. Dominic Thiem) – the only occasion he has advanced beyond the 1st round in his last 11 appearances at the majors.

- **Last year here,** Berankis fell to Alexander Zverev in the 1st round. He has won just one set in his 5 previous appearances at Roland Garros.

- Berankis' **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the 3rd round at the Australian Open in 2011 (l. David Ferrer) and as a qualifier in 2013 (l. Andy Murray).

- Berankis is contesting his **3rd Tour-level clay court match in 2019** today. His only Tour-level matches on clay this came in Lithuania's Davis Cup Europe/Africa Group II victory against Morocco, when he defeated both Adam Moundir and Lamine Ouahab. He fell to Kaichi Uchida in the 1st round of qualifying at Geneva in the only other clay court match he has contested at any level this year.

- Berankis' **best Tour-level result in 2019** is reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Dubai (l. Gael Monfils). His only other Tour-level match-wins this year came in Davis Cup and in a 2nd round finish as a qualifier at Doha (d. today's opponent, l. Dusan Lajovic). He fell in the 2nd round of qualifying at the Australian Open (l. Zhang Ze).

- Berankis has won **3 Challenger titles in 2019** – at Rennes (FRA) (d. Antoine Hoang), Drummondville (CAN) (d. Yannick Maden) and Busan (KOR) (d. Andrew Harris). He also reached the semifinals at the Saint Brieuc Challenger (FRA) (l. Kamil Majchrzak).

- Berankis has **won 3 of his last 5 matches against Top 30 opposition**. His only defeats to Top 30 opponents in that time came against No. 21 Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfinals at 2018 Moscow and to No. 23 Monfils in the quarterfinals at Dubai this year. He has a 12-32 win-loss record against Top 30 opposition at Tour-level and a 2-12 win-loss record against Top 30 opposition at the Grand Slams.

- Berankis became the **first Lithuanian to reach a Tour-level final** as a qualifier at 2012 Los Angeles. Ranked No. 141 he lost to No. 2 seed Sam Querrey in the final.

- Berankis is a **former Top 50 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 50 in May 2016, but plays here at No. 72.

- Berankis has played **Davis Cup** for Lithuania since 2007, compiling an overall win-loss record of 35-15. Lithuania won its Europe/Africa Group II tie against Morocco in April this year.

- Berankis was **ITF Junior World Champion** in 2007 and finished the year ranked as the No. 1 junior having won the Junior US Open (d. Jerzy Janowicz). He also reached the semifinals at the Junior Australian Open (l. Brydan Klein) and Junior Wimbledon (l. Uladzimir Ignatik), and the quarterfinals at Junior Roland Garros (l. Ignatik).

- Berankis is currently without a coach.