

Ramos-Viñolas and the Vavassori brothers shake up the Open Menorca ATP Challenger 100

- Veteran Spaniard **Albert Ramos-Viñolas** knocks out top seed **Billy Harris** in the singles round of 32, while wildcard duo **Andrea and Matteo Vavassori** dominate in doubles
- **Cachín, Ofner, Taberner and Choinski** cruise into the last 16, joined by **Neumayer, Hassan and Pol Martín Tiffon**
- Top-seeded doubles pair **Nedunchezhiyan/Prashanth** eliminated in straight sets by the **Vavassori brothers**

Ciudadella, Menorca – 1 April 2025 – The third day of action at the **Open Menorca ATP Challenger 100**, held at **Club Tennis Ciudadella** from **30 March to 6 April**, delivered drama, surprises and standout performances across both the singles and doubles draws. Tuesday's matches saw the tournament take a decisive turn, with unexpected exits and commanding wins that are already shaping the week ahead.

Two big stories emerged: a headline-making upset by **Albert Ramos-Viñolas**, who ousted top seed **Billy Harris**, and a ruthless display from brothers **Andrea and Matteo Vavassori**, who dismantled the number one doubles pairing in emphatic fashion.

Ramos-Viñolas rolls back the years in Ciudadella

Spanish veteran **Albert Ramos-Viñolas**, who recently announced this season will be his last on tour, showed he's still capable of top-level tennis. In a gripping three-set match, he defeated tournament favourite **Billy Harris** (GBR) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 after two hours and forty minutes of high-quality tennis.

Ramos-Viñolas got off to a confident start, breaking early and controlling rallies with his trademark consistency and court coverage. **Harris** hit back in the second with a more aggressive approach, but **Ramos-Viñolas** stayed composed and seized his opportunity in the final game of the third set to clinch a well-deserved win and progress to the last 16.

Solid showings from the seeds: Ofner, Taberner, Choinski and Cachín advance

While Harris' exit turned heads, other seeded players held their ground. Austria's **Sebastian Ofner**, the number two seed, advanced smoothly after **Adrian Andreev** (BUL) was forced to retire in the second set with the score at 6-2, 2-0.

Carlos Taberner (ESP), seeded fifth, overcame a second-set setback against **Denis Yevseyev** (KAZ) to win 2-6, 6-4, 1-6, showing determination and tactical

discipline. British sixth seed **Jan Choinski** had to dig deep to beat Spain's **Oriol Roca Batalla** in two tight sets, 7-6(4), 7-5.

Wildcard **Pedro Cachín** (ARG) delivered one of the day's most convincing wins, dismantling eighth seed **Edas Butvilas** (LTU) 6-2, 6-3 in just 73 minutes with an assured and commanding performance.

Also reaching the round of 16 were **Lukas Neumayer**, **Benjamin Hassan**, **Pol Martín Tiffon** and **Vilius Gaubas**, the latter overpowering **Henri Squire** (GER) with a clean 6-0, 7-6(5) victory.

Doubles: the Vavassori brothers light up the opening round

Tuesday also marked the start of the main doubles draw – and what a start it was. Italian siblings **Andrea and Matteo Vavassori**, awarded a wildcard by the organisers, produced a stunning performance to defeat the tournament's top seeds, **Nedunchezhiyan and Sundar Prashanth** (IND), by a resounding 2-6, 0-6 in just 53 minutes.

Other seeded pairs also impressed. Second seeds **Johannes Ingildsen/David Stevenson** bounced back after a shaky start to defeat **Coppejans/Piros** 6-2, 6-2. Third seeds **Daniel Cukierman/Joshua Paris** were pushed to the limit in one of the tightest matches of the day, eventually overcoming **Chandrasekar/Vega Hernández** 7-6(4), 5-7, 10-5 in a deciding match tiebreak.

Elsewhere, Czech pair **Jiri Barnat and Filip Duda** booked their place in the quarter-finals with a solid 6-1, 6-4 win over fellow Czech **Matej Vocel** and Poland's **Szymon Walkow**.

Singles Results – Round of 32:

- **A. Ramos-Viñolas (ESP)** def. [1] B. Harris (GBR) 6-2 / 4-6 / 6-4
- **[WC] P. Cachín (ARG)** def. [8] E. Butvilas (LTU) 6-2 / 6-3
- **[2] S. Ofner (AUT)** def. A. Andreev (BUL) 6-2 / 2-0 ret.
- **[5] C. Taberner (ESP)** def. D. Yevseyev (KAZ) 2-6 / 6-4 / 1-6
- **[6] J. Choinski (GBR)** def. O. Roca Batalla (ESP) 7-6(4) / 7-5
- **[7] V. Gaubas (LTU)** def. H. Squire (GER) 6-0 / 7-6(5)
- **L. Neumayer (AUT)** def. [WC] F. Virgili (ITA) 6-3 / 6-4
- **B. Hassan (LBN)** def. N. Álvarez Varona (ESP) 7-6(1) / 6-3
- **P. Martín Tiffon (ESP)** def. J. Engel (GER) 4-6 / 6-3 / 3-6

Doubles Results – Round of 16:

- **[WC] A. Vavassori / M. Vavassori (ITA)** def. [1] Nedunchezhiyan / Prashanth (IND) 2-6 / 0-6
- **[2] Ingildsen (DEN) / Stevenson (GBR)** def. Coppejans / Piros 6-2 / 6-2
- **Barnat / Duda (CZE) def. Vocel / Walkow (CZE/POL)** 6-1 / 6-4
- **[3] Cukierman (ISR) / Paris (GBR)** def. Chandrasekar / Vega Hernández (IND/ESP) 7-6(4) / 5-7 / 10-5



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Looking ahead to Wednesday, the competition heats up with the second half of the singles round of 32 and the continuation of doubles round of 16, as this standout edition of the tournament raises the bar for international tennis in Menorca.

