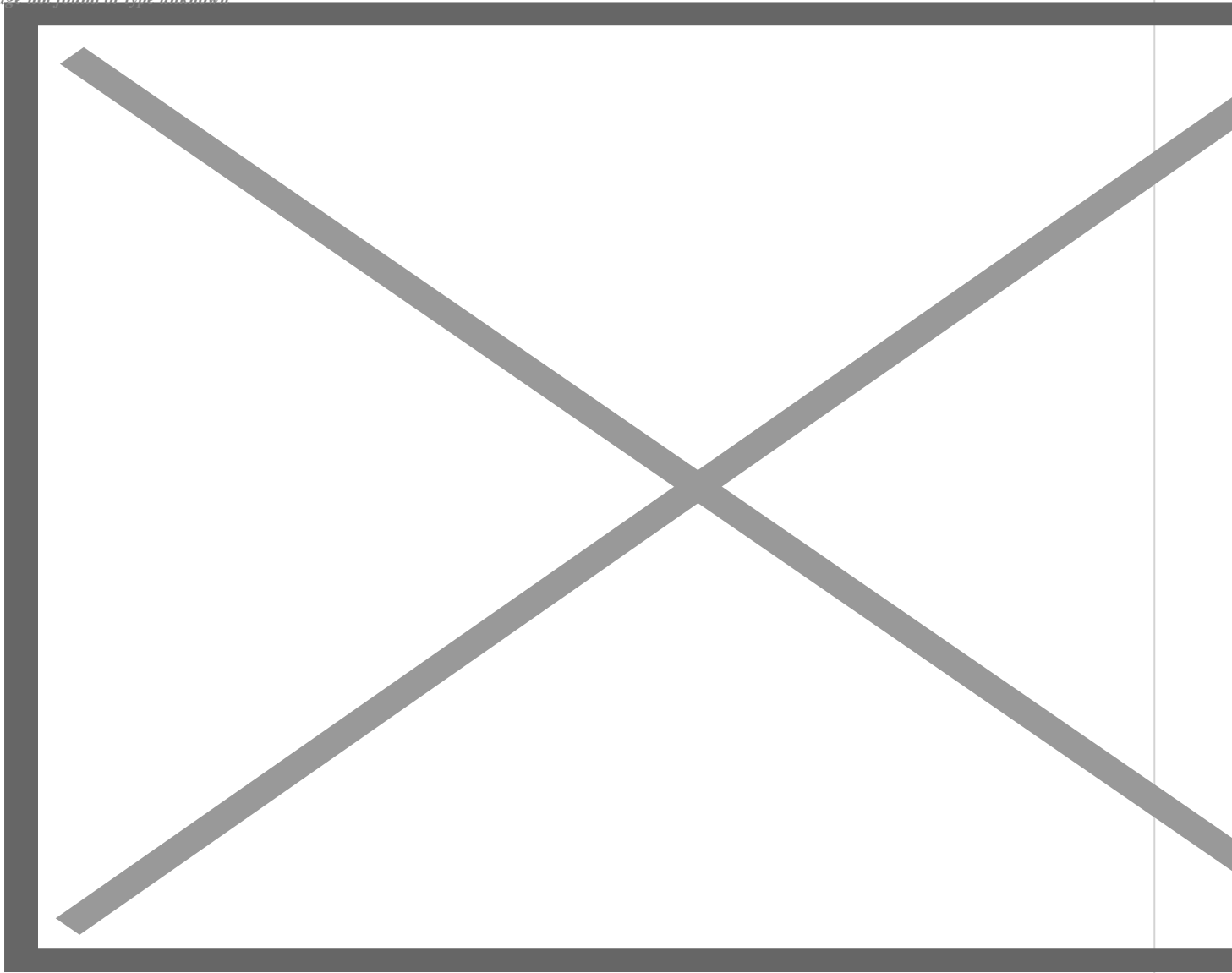


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Leader of the world ranking since his victory at the US Open in September, Alcaraz was defeated on Tuesday in the first round by Goffin, who won 7-5 and 6-3.

The Belgian, who entered the Kazakhstani contest after the retirement of Denmark's Holger Rune, inflicted the 19-year-old Spaniard his first defeat without winning a set since November 2021.

In other results of the tournament, fellow Spaniard Alejandro Davidovich was eliminated by Russia's Pavel Kotov with identical 4-6 scores, and Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas beat host Mikhail Kukushkin 6-3, 6-4.

For his part, Italian Luca Nardi defeated Russian Alexander Shevchenko 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, and Russian Karen Khachanov defeated American Maxime Cressy 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

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