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## NOVENTI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- There are 11 remaining first round matches at the NOVENTI OPEN on Tuesday with top seed **Daniil Medvedev**, No. 3 **Alexander Zverev**, No. 4 **Andrey Rublev** and No. 8 **Gael Monfils** leading the way.
- In the opening match, **Monfils** takes on No. 1 South African **Lloyd Harris**, who won the only previous meeting in 2018 Chengdu. The Frenchman is 8-6 in Halle and he reached the semi-finals in his 2011 debut. Harris, who is making his Halle debut, reached the 2R in Stuttgart last week (l. to Auger-Aliassime).
- In the next match on, **Medvedev** brings a 3-0 head-to-head record against No. 2 German **Jan-Lennard Struff**. Medvedev, who is making his Halle debut, is 18-12 on grass with his best result the semi-finals at 2017 Eastbourne and 2019 London/Queen's Club. Struff is coming off a 4R at Roland Garros where he beat Medvedev's countryman, Andrey Rublev in the 1R. He is 9-26 lifetime against the Top 10 (0-4 on grass).
- In the third match on, Russians **Karen Khachanov** and **Rublev** square off for the third time. Khachanov won both previous meetings, including a 2017 QF in Halle. Khachanov is 10-26 lifetime against Top 10 opponents and he's looking to break an eight-match losing streak since his win over No. 7 Zverev in the QF at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal. Rublev is playing in Halle for the first time since his 2017 QF.
- In the final match on Arena, two-time Halle finalist **Zverev** plays countryman **Dominik Koepfer** for the second time. In March, Zverev won 6-4, 7-6 in the semi-finals of Acapulco en route to the title. Koepfer is 1-5 lifetime against Top 10 opponents with his lone win over No. 9 Monfils in 2R at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Rome.
- On Tennispoint Court, Stuttgart finalist and #NextGenATP Canadian **Felix Auger-Aliassime** makes his Halle debut against doubles partner **Hubert Hurkacz**. **Philipp Kohlschreiber**, the 2011 champion, makes his 16th straight Halle appearance against Austrian **Jurij Rodionov**, who reached his first ATP Tour SF in Stuttgart.

## ATP HEAD2HEADS: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### ARENA

#### [8-WC] Gael Monfils (FRA) vs Lloyd Harris (RSA)

18 Chengdu (China)

Hard

R32

Lloyd Harris

#### Harris Leads 1-0

3-6

6-2

6-1

**Gael Monfils** | Age: 34 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 6 | 2021: 2-6 (Lyon, Roland Garros 2R) | Halle: 8-6 (2011 SF)

> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 after earning personal-best 44 wins in 2016.

> Owns 10 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.

> Reached at least 1 final in 16 straight seasons (2005-20), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.

> Earned biggest career win over No. 1 Nadal (2009 Doha) and 400th win over Brown (2017 Roland Garros), then went on career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.

> Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004

**NOTE:** Monfils is looking for his first win outside his native France this season. His best results are 2R in Lyon and Roland Garros. Has a 40-28 career record on grass and reached SF in 2011 Halle debut (l. to Kohlschreiber).

**Lloyd Harris** | Age: 24 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 50 | 2021: 12-10 (Dubai Final) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Became No. 1 African in January 2020 and reached career-high No. 50 on 5 April 2021, shortly after reaching his 2nd career ATP Tour final in Dubai (l. to Karatsev).  
 > Regularly played Futures events in Egypt, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe before making ATP Tour debut in 2017, earning 1st ATP Tour win in 2018 and breaking into Top 100 in 2019.  
 > Qualified at 5 tour-level events in 2020, highlighted by run to 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide (l. to Rublev)  
 > Also qualified at Dubai, ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati, Cologne-1 and Antwerp in 2020.  
 > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 Australian Open (l. to McDonald).

**NOTE:** Qualified and reached Dubai final with wins over No. 4 Thiem and No. 12 Shapovalov before losing to Karatsev. Afterwards jumped from No. 81 to No. 52. Has 1-3 career record on grass (2R in Stuttgart last week)..

**[1] Daniil Medvedev (RUS) vs Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) Medvedev Leads 3-0**

16 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	R32	Daniil Medvedev	6-4	5-7	6-4
17 Marseille (France)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev	6-3	3-6	7-6(3)
19 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev	6-2	6-1	
<b>Other meetings:</b>						
16 Orleans CH (France)	Hard	R32	Daniil Medvedev	6-4	6-2	
16 Mons CH (Belgium)	Hard	SF	Jan-Lennard Struff	7-6(2)	7-6(5)	

**Daniil Medvedev** | Age: 25 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 2 | 2021: 22-6 (Marseille Title) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > In 2021, advanced to 2nd Grand Slam final at Australian Open and achieved career-high No. 2, becoming 1st Top-2 player not named Djokovic, Nadal, Federer or Murray since week of 18 July 2005.  
 > Won his last 10 matches of 2020 and his 1st 10 matches of 2021, including 12 victories against 8 different Top-10 opponents and titles at ATP Masters 1000 Paris and Nitto ATP Finals.  
 > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem at 2020 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).  
 > Led ATP Tour in 2019 with 59 victories, 46 hard-court wins and 9 finals, highlighted by 29-3 run with 1st ATP Masters 1000 title (Cincinnati), 1st Grand Slam final (US Open) and 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title (Shanghai).  
 > Captured all 10 of his singles titles on hard courts (6 indoor, 4 outdoor) and went 4-0 to lead Russia to 2021 ATP Cup championship on hard courts.

**NOTE:** Medvedev is coming off a personal-best QF at Roland Garros (l. to Tsitsipas). Has an 18-12 career record on grass with SF showings at 2017 Eastbourne and 2019 London/Queen's Club his best results.

**Jan-Lennard Struff** | Age: 31 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 29 | 2021: 16-14 (Munich Final) | Halle: 1-7 (2019 2R)  
 > Achieved career-high No. 29 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2020 Cincinnati.  
 > Earned personal-best 35 victories in 2019, equaling biggest win of career by beating No. 3 A. Zverev at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells.  
 > Defeated Coric 11-9 in 5th to reach 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2019 Roland Garros.  
 > In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer, Karlovic).  
 > Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tour-level win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

**NOTE:** Struff compiled an 11-7 record during clay circuit, highlighted by his first career ATP Tour final in Munich (l. to Basilashvili) and 4R at Roland Garros (d. No. 7 Rublev in 1R, l. to Schwartzman). Has 12-20 career record on grass and 9-26 vs. Top 10 opponents (0-4 on grass).

**Karen Khachanov (RUS) vs [4] Andrey Rublev (RUS) Khachanov Leads 2-0**

17 Halle (Germany)	Grass	QF	Karen Khachanov	7-6(8)	4-6	6-3
19 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Karen Khachanov	7-5	6-3	
<b>Other meetings:</b>						
14 Kazakhstan F10 (Kazakhstan)	Hard	R32	Karen Khachanov	3-6	6-1	7-6(7)
16 Quimper CH (France)	Hard	R16	Andrey Rublev	7-6(10)	7-5	

**Karen Khachanov** | Age: 25 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021:15-12 (Melbourne-1, Lyon SF) | Halle: 7-3 (2017 SF)  
 > Broke into Top 10 in 2019, becoming 1st of 3 active Russians to do so and 1st Russian overall in Top 10 since Youzhny in 2011. Reached career-high No. 8 on 15 July 2019.  
 > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title  
 > First Russian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since Davydenko at 2009 Shanghai and 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.

- > Owns 4-0 record in ATP Tour finals, winning hometown title at 2018 Moscow to become 1st Russian champion in nation's capital since Youzhny in 2009.
- > Reached Roland Garros 4R-or-better in 4 straight years (2017-20), highlighted by 1st Grand Slam QF in 2019.

**NOTE:** No. 4 Russian's best results this season are SF in Melbourne-1 (l. to eventual champ Sinner after holding 1 MP) and Lyon (l. to Norrie). Has a 14-7 career record on grass (7-3 at Wimbledon).

**Andrey Rublev** | Age: 23 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 7 | 2021: 29-9 (Rotterdam Title) | Halle: 2-1 (2017 QF)

- > Broke into Top 20 in January 2020 and Top 10 in October 2020, then achieved career-high No. 7 in April 2021 following 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Monte Carlo.
- > Led ATP Tour with 5 titles and tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, sweeping Doha and Adelaide to become 1st player since Hrbaty in 2004 to win titles in opening 2 weeks of a season.
- > Won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21 and went 4-0 in singles to help Russia win 2021 ATP Cup.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2017 US Open, 2020 US Open, 2020 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open, becoming youngest US Open quarter-finalist at age 19 since Roddick, 19, in 2001.
- > Earned biggest career wins over No. 3 Federer in 2019 Cincinnati 3R, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Vienna QF, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Nitto ATP Finals RR and No. 3 Nadal in 2021 Monte Carlo QF.

**NOTE:** Rublev has advanced to the QFs or better in 8 tournaments this season. He reached his 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF in Miami (l. to Hurkacz) and 1st final in Monte Carlo (l. to Tsitsipas). Has a 4-3 career record on grass.

**[3] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs Dominik Koepfer (GER)** **Zverev Leads 1-0**  
21 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard SF Alexander Zverev 6-4 7-6(5)

**Alexander Zverev** | Age: 24 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 3 | 2021: 23-9 (2 Titles) | Halle: 11-5 (2016-17 Finals)

- > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 3 as 20-year-old in 2017.
- > Defeated No. 3 Federer and No. 1 Djokovic for biggest of 15 career titles at 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, then upset No. 1 Nadal en route to 2019 ATP Finals SF.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open as 23-year-old, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
- > Upset No. 2 Djokovic for 1st of 4 ATP Masters 1000 titles at 2017 Rome only 31 days after his 20th birthday.
- > Youngest player since Djokovic 10+ years earlier to win an ATP Masters 1000 title, reach a Grand Slam final and break into Top 3.

**NOTE:** Zverev is coming off a SF at Roland Garros (l. to Tsitsipas) and went 14-4 on clay. Has a 24-14 career record on grass with runner-up showings in Halle in 2016 (l. to F. Mayer) and 2017 (l. to Federer).

**Dominik Koepfer** | Age: 27 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 50 | 2021: 11-13 (Acapulco SF) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 100 in 2019 following run to US Open 4R as Q and finished a year-end best No. 66 in 2020. Reached a career-high No. 50 on 10 May 2021 following 2R at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
- > Qualified, saved 1 MP vs. de Minaur and earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Rome.
- > Made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at 2020 Rome and was only player to take a set off World No. 1 and eventual champion Djokovic.
- > Earned finance degree and was a 2-time All-American at Tulane University (2013-16).
- > Played only 1 match on ITF Junior Circuit and did not earn 1st FedEx ATP Rankings point until age 21.

**NOTE:** Reached SF in Acapulco without dropping a set (d. No. 19 Raonic in 2R, l. to eventual champ Zverev) and 3R at Roland Garros (l. to No. 8 Federer in 4 sets). Has 1-2 record on grass and last week in Stuttgart (l. to Rodionov in 1R).

## TENNISPOINT COURT

### Ricardas Berankis (LTU) vs Kei Nishikori (JPN)

12 Atlanta (U.S.A.)

Hard R16 Kei Nishikori

### Nishikori Leads 1-0

6-4 6-7(7) 6-4

**Ricardas Berankis** | Age: 30 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 50 | 2021: 8-8 (Melbourne-2 3R) | Halle: 0-2 (2015-16 1R)  
> Advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2012 Los Angeles as 141st-ranked Q and 2017 Moscow as No. 169.  
> Broke into Top 50 in spring 2016 at No. 50 after winning Challenger titles at Gwangju and Nanjing.  
> Owns 194-100 Challenger record (13-9 in finals), including wins over past or present Top-10 players Anderson, Dimitrov, Goffin, Khachanov, Pouille and Rublev.  
> Finished 2007 as World No. 1 junior and on a 24-1 run with 4 titles, including US Open.  
> Enjoys spearfishing in lakes of Lithuania.

**NOTE:** Lithuanian is looking for his first win in Halle after 1R losses in 2015-16. Has a 4-15 career record on grass, including 3-7 at Wimbledon.

**Kei Nishikori** | Age: 31 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 4 | 2021: 13-11 (Two QFs) | Halle: 8-5 (2014-15 SF)  
> Top Asian player in FedEx ATP Rankings history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.  
> Finished in Top 10, earned 40+ wins and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2014-16 and 2018, then posted 400th career win at 2019 Wimbledon (d. Johnson).  
> Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.  
> Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.

**NOTE:** Nishikori comes in ranked No. 57 this week and last time he ranked outside the Top 50 was Sept. 26, 2011 when he was No. 54. Has a 40-24 career grass record.

### [SE] Jurij Rodionov (AUT) vs [WC] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) First Meeting

**Jurij Rodionov** | Age: 22 | World No. 135 | Career-High No. 135 | 2021: 3-1 (Stuttgart SF) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
> The Austrian has a 5-9 career tour level record and he's coming off his first ATP Tour SF in Stuttgart (ret. vs Cilic).  
> In October 2020 in Vienna posted his biggest career win over No. 12 Shapovalov (l. to Evans).  
> Qualified for his first Grand Slam tournament at Roland Garros last year (d. Chardy, l. to Gombos).  
> Has a 7-8 record this season on ATP Challenger Tour with runner-up in Nur-Sultan-1 (l. to McDonald) his best result. Reached a career-high No.139 on 1 March  
> Overall has a 67-52 career Challenger record with 3 titles. Has a 51-32 record on hard courts (2 titles), 14-17 on clay (1 title).

**NOTE:** No. 3 Austrian is ranked a career-high No. 135 this week and he's playing in his second grass court event.

**Philipp Kohlschreiber** | Age: 37 | World No. 128 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 2-2 (Roland Garros 3R) | Halle: 31-13 (2011 Title)  
> Achieved career-high No. 16 in 2012 and was been in Top 100 each week from 6 March 2006 through 21 February 2021.  
> Boasts 125-72 record with 5 titles in Germany (.635) and 347-305 record with 3 titles elsewhere (.532).  
> Reached 4R at all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by run to 2012 Wimbledon QF and 3R wins over Isner at 2012, 2013 and 2014 US Open.  
> Earned 400th career win at 2017 Indian Wells (d. Dolgoplov), reached 5th ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2018 Indian Wells and posted biggest win of career at 2019 Indian Wells (d. No. 1 Djokovic).  
> Lives in Kitzbuhel, where he won titles in 2015 and 2017 and got married in 2018 on same day as 2R loss to Istomin.

**NOTE:** The 2011 Halle champion is making his 16th straight appearance and has a 12-3 record in 1R matches.

**Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Hubert Hurkacz (POL) Auger-Aliassime Leads 1-0**  
19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6(5) 6-4

**F. Auger-Aliassime** | Age: 20 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 17 | 2021: 17-12 (Two Finals) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
> At age 18 on 27 May 2019, became youngest player in Top 25 since Hewitt, 18, on 13 December 1999.  
> Advanced to 5 finals as a teenager to become youngest 5-time finalist since Nadal in 2004-05.  
> Became youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at 2019 Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), then qualified and won 7 matches at 2019 Miami to become youngest semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1985).  
> Won 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris doubles title w/Hurkacz, but owns 0-8 record in singles finals (0-16 in sets).  
> Enjoys playing piano and would be an artist if he wasn't a tennis player.

**NOTE:** Auger-Aliassime, who is coming off a runner-up in Stuttgart (l. to Cilic), is only Top-35 player without an ATP Tour title. Won his 1R doubles match (w/Hurkacz) on Monday.

**Hubert Hurkacz** | Age: 24 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 15-10 (Delray Beach, Miami Titles) | Halle: 0-1 (2019)  
> Achieved career-high No. 16 after beating 5 seeds at 2021 Miami to become 1st ATP Masters 1000 champion from Poland.  
> Captured ATP 250 titles at 2019 Winston-Salem and 2021 Delray Beach, becoming 2nd Polish tour-level champion in Open Era (Fibak: 15 titles from 1976-82).  
> Equaled career-best win over No. 4 Thiem and went 3-0 in singles for Team Poland at 2020 ATP Cup.  
> In 2nd event as a team, won 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime.  
> Won Brest Challenger title in final week of 2018 ATP Race to Milan to qualify for Next Gen ATP Finals.

**NOTE:** Has 10-0 record in Florida this season with titles in Delray Beach and Miami and 5-10 outside the Sunshine State with best result QF in Melbourne-1. Has 4-5 record on grass and lost in 2R (after bye) in Stuttgart (l. to Stricker).

**[Q] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs [LL] Yannick Hanfmann (GER) First Meeting**

**Arthur Rinderknech** | Age: 25 | World No. 119 | Career-High No. 117 | 2021: 5-5 (Marseille, Lyon QF) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Broke into Top 200 in 2020 and achieved career-high No. 117 on 24 May 2021 after 2nd ATP Tour QF at Lyon.  
> Made tour-level debut at 2020 Roland Garros as WC (l. to Bedene in 1R).  
> Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary and 2021 Istanbul as Q.  
> Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.  
> Since graduating from college, played professionally in 24 different countries on 5 continents and won 5 ITF titles.

**NOTE:** Rinderknech, who is playing in his first ATP Tour grass tournament, is 15-6 this season in Challengers with one title (Istanbul).

**Yannick Hanfmann** | Age: 29 | World No. 99 | Career-High No. 92 | 2021: 6-8 (Cagliari QF) | Halle: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 92 on 17 May 2021.  
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.  
> Captured 6th Challenger title at 2020 Todi in 1st week following tour's suspension due to COVID-19 pandemic.  
> Played 4 years of college tennis at University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

**NOTE:** His best result this season is Cagliari QF (l. to eventual champ Sonego). Last week reached 2R in Stuttgart (d. Chardy, l. to Humbert). Has a 2-2 career record on grass.

**COURT 3**

**Guido Pella (ARG) vs [Q] Lukas Lacko (SVK)**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other meeting:**

17 Vienna Q (Austria) Hard Q2 Guido Pella 6-2 6-2

**[Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)**

**Simon Leads 3-1**

15 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Gilles Simon	6-3	4-6	6-0	
17 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Nikoloz Basilashvili	1-6	6-2	6-4	6-1
18 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Gilles Simon	6-4	6-0	6-7(4)	6-4
18 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R128	Gilles Simon	6-1	7-6(5)	6-1	

**Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs Sam Querrey (USA)**

**First Meeting**