

GRAND PRIX HASSAN II – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 1 APRIL 2024

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2024 GRAND PRIX HASSAN II SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Laslo Djere (SRB)	3-6 (3 times in 2R)	4-3 (2022 SF)
2	Sebastian Ofner (AUT)	7-9 (Hong Kong SF)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Daniel Evans (GBR)	3-7 (3 times in 2R)	2-2 (2023 SF)
4	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	4-9 (4 times in 2R)	2-1 (2019 QF)
5	Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG)	9-6 (Buenos Aires Title)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ)	9-10 (Montpellier, Rotterdam QF)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Mariano Navone (ARG)	4-3 (Rio de Janeiro Final)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	8-7 (Montpellier, Delray Beach QF)	0-0 (Debut)

32nd Edition in 2024 (Casablanca 1990, 1992-2015, Marrakech 2016-2019, 2022-Present) Sunday 7 April 2:00 pm
Elliot Benchetrit (MAR), Aziz Dougaz (TUN), Abdullah Shelbayh (JOR)
TBD on Monday April 1st
Matteo Berrettini (PR-74)
Stan Wawrinka (39)
Luca Van Assche (19)
<u>Most Titles</u> – Pablo Andujar (3)
<u>Most Wins</u> – Younes El Aynaoui (27)
Youngest Champion – Borna Coric, 20, in 2017
<u>Oldest Champion</u> – Pablo Andujar, 32, in 2018
<u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 20 Younes El Aynaoui in 2002
Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 355 Pablo Andujar in 2018

Last Moroccan Champion – Younes El Aynaoui in 2002

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

France (5) Italy (3) Spain (3)	Hugo Gaston, Corentin Moutet, Alexandre Muller, Arthur Rinderknech, Luca Van Assche Matteo Berrettini, Flavio Cobolli, Lorenzo Sonego Roberto Carballes Baena, Jaume Munar, Albert Ramos-Vinolas
Argentina (2)	Facundo Diaz Acosta, Mariano Navone
Australia (1)	Aleksandar Vukic
Austria (1)	Sebastian Ofner
Great Britain (1)	Daniel Evans
India (1)	Sumit Nagal
Jordan (1)	Abdullah Shelbayh
Kazakhstan (1)	Alexander Shevchenko
Morocco (1)	Elliot Benchetrit
Serbia (1)	Laslo Djere
Switzerland (1)	Stan Wawrinka
Tunisia (1)	Aziz Dougaz
	Pavel Kotov

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Grand Prix Hassan II	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	88,125	51,400	30,220	17,510	10,165	6,215
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	30,610	16,380	9,600	5,370	3,160	

* Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

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2024 GRAND PRIX HASSAN II DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
4	Robin Haase (NED)	0-1	8-9 (Rotterdam Final)	3-3 (2012 SF)
1	Andreas Mies (GER)	(2024 Miami 1R)	8-10 (Doha SF)	1-1 (2019 QF)
2	Alexander Erler (AUT)	53-42 (9-8 in 2024)	9-8 (Rio de Janeiro Final)	3-1 (2019 Final)
2	Lucas Miedler (AUT)	5 Titles (0 in 2024)	4-7 (Rio de Janeiro Final)	3-1 (2023 Final)
2	Nicolas Barrientos (COL)	13-6 (all in 2024)	14-6 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Rafael Matos (BRA)	1 Title (1 in 2024)	14-6 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	4-0 (2022 Title)
	Harri Heliovaara (FIN)	0-0	6-8 (Acapulco SF)	0-1 (2022 1R)
4	Henry Patten (GBR)	(Team Debut)	3-8 (Montpellier SF)	0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Saturday 9 April following singles semi-finals.

GRAND PRIX HASSAN II SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)	Alexandre Muller (FRA)	4-6 7-6(3) 6-2
2022	David Goffin (BEL) #	Alex Molcan (SVK)	3-6 6-3 6-3
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Benoit Paire (FRA)	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	6-2 6-3
2018	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	6-2 6-2
2017	Borna Coric (CRO)	Philip Kohlschreiber (GER)	5-7 7-6(3) 7-5
2016	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	Borna Coric (CRO)	6-2 6-4
2015	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Daniel Gimeno-Traver (ESP)	6-2 6-2
2014	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	5-7 6-4 6-3
2013	Tommy Robredo (ESP)	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-3
2012	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Albert Ramos Vinolas (ESP)	6-1 7-6(5)
2011	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Potito Starace (ITA)	6-1 6-2
2010	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Victor Hanescu (ROU)	6-2 6-3
2009	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	Florent Serra (FRA)	6-4 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2024 Grand Prix Hassan II singles draw. # Plays in final round of qualifying on Monday

GRAND PRIX HASSAN II DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Marcelo Demoliner / Andrea Vavassori	Alexander Erler / Lucas Miedler	6-4 3-6 [12-10]
2022	Rafael Matos / David Vega Hernandez	Andrea Vavassori / Jan Zielinski	6-1 7-5
2020-21	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Jurgen Melzer / Franko Skugor	Matwe Middelkoop / Frederik Nielsen	6-4 7-6(6)
2018	Nikola Mektic / Alexander Peya	Benoit Paire / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	7-5 3-6 [10-7]
2017	Dominic Inglot / Mate Pavic	Marcel Granollers / Marc Lopez	6-4 2-6 [11-9]
2016	Guillermo Duran / Maximo Gonzalez	Marin Draganja / Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-6]
2015	Rameez Junaid / Adil Shamasdin	Rohan Bopanna / Florin Mergea	3-6 6-2 [10-7]
2014	Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecau	Tomasz Bedanrek / Lukas Dlouhy	6-2 6-2
2013	Julian Knowle / Filip Polasek	Dustin Brown / Christopher Kas	6-3 6-2
2012	Dustin Brown / Paul Hanley	Daniele Bracciali / Fabio Fognini	7-5 6-3
2011	Robert Lindstedt / Horia Tecau	Colin Fleming / Igor Zelenay	6-2 6-1
2010	Robert Lindstedt / Horia Tecau	Rohan Bopanna / Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-7]
2009	Lukasz Kubot / Oliver Marach	Simon Aspelin / Paul Hanley	7-6(4) 3-6 [10-6]

BOLD: Player in 2024 Grand Prix Hassan II doubles draw – team Erler/Miedler remains intact.



LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Luca Van Assche (FRA) vs Jaume	First Tour-Level Meeting			
Other Meeting				
24 Auckland Q (New Zealand)	Hard	Q2	Luca Van Assche	3-6 7-6(5) 6-2

Luca Van Assche | Age: 19 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 63 | 2024: 5-7 (Aus. Open 3R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Former junior World No. 1 broke into Top 200 in November 2022, entered Top 100 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 63 in October 2023 before reaching 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals SF.

> Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Roland Garros over 2018 semi-finalist Cecchinato in 1R and defeated No. 28 Musetti for biggest win of career to reach 3R at 2024 Australian Open.

> Advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2023 Hamburg on clay and 2023 Metz on indoor hard court.

> Saved 2 championship points to defeat Humbert at 2023 Pau in the longest Challenger final in history (3h 56m).

> Posted 29-19 Challenger record in 2022 (1-3 in finals), going on a 19-6 run from late September to December,

reaching finals of Lisbon, Brest and Valencia before winning first ATP Challenger title in Maia.

> Defeated fellow countryman Fils to win the 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles title and ended junior career with a 79-27 record.

NOTE: Van Assche seeks first clay court win since defeating No. 39 Davidovich Fokina to reach his 1st ATP Tour QF in Hamburg last July and aims to become the youngest player to win a match in Marrakech since 19-year-old Ahouda in 2017.

Jaume Munar | Age: 26 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 52 | 2024: 6-7 (2 QFs) | Event: 3-2 (2019 QF) > Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.

> Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.

> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.

> Earned 2 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.

> Owns 128-68 Challenger record (9-6 in finals), including recent clay-court title at 2023 San Marino.

> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Munar earned one of biggest wins of his career in Marrakech in 2019, defeating No. 3 Zverev in 2R. He earned 5 of 6 wins this season on clay and is 6-0 after winning the first set in 2024 (0-7 after losing 1st set).

Pavel Kotov vs [WC] Elliot Benchetrit (MAR)	First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting	

18 Ostrava CH (Czech Republic) Clay Q1 Elliot Benchetrit 6-1 6-4

Pavel Kotov | Age: 25 | World No. 68 | Career-High No. 61 | 2024: 4-6 (Hong Kong QF) | Event: 4-2 (2023 SF) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 100 in October 2022 and achieved career-high No. 61 in January 2024.

> Defeated No. 25 Griekspoor for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Stockholm as Q.
> Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R), before returning in 2023 to reach

1st ATP Tour QF and SF in Marrakech.

> Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2020 St. Petersburg and Grand Slam debut at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Owns 89-71 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.

NOTE: Kotov is making his third appearance in Marrakech, qualifying to earn 1st ATP Tour win in 2022 and reaching 1st of his 3 ATP Tour SFs in 2023. He aims to break a 4-match losing streak since defeating No. 49 Sonego in Doha.

Elliot Benchetrit | Age: 25 | World No. 661 | Career-High No. 198 | 2024: 1-0 (Davis Cup) | Event: 0-2 (2022-23 1R) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 17, broke into Top 500 in September 2017, then spent a week inside Top 200, achieving career-high No. 198 in February 2020.

> Made tour-level debut at 2018 Roland Garros as WC and qualified in 2019, defeating No. 49 Norrie in 1R for biggest win of career and 1st Grand Slam win.

> Owns 48-73 Challenger record, highlighted by runs to semi-finals at 2018 Mouilleron le Captif and 2021 Maia-2 and 96-49 record on the ITF World Tennis Tour with 6 titles, latest at M15 Monastir last October.



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> Peaked at No. 33 in junior rankings in May 2016 and went 60-46 on ITF Junior Circuit with wins over future Top-50 players Davidovich Fokina and Popyrin.

> Started playing tennis after watching his brother play and counts clay as his favorite surface and Wimbledon as his favourite tournament.

NOTE: Benchetrit is looking for his 2nd career tour-level win outside of Davis Cup after defeating No. 49 Norrie at 2019 Roland Garros. The only home player in the main draw aims to be the first Moroccan to post a win in Marrakech since Ouahab defeated No. 34 Kohlschreiber in 1R (I. to Basilashvili in 2R).

[7] Mariano Navone (ARG) vs [WC] Aziz Dougaz (TUN)

First Meeting

Mariano Navone | Age: 23 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 59 | 2024: 4-3 (Rio de Janeiro Final) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 200 in June 2023 and in Top 100 in February 2024 after coming from qualifying to earn 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in Rio de Janeiro, achieving career-high No. 59 in March 2024.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 23 Norrie to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Rio de Janeiro.

> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2024 Cordoba as a WC, then qualified for Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in following two weeks, defeating Coria in Rio for 1st ATP Tour win.

> Posted 40-18 Challenger record in 2023, ended the season on a 19-2 run and led all players with 5 Challenger titles, winning in Poznan, Santa Fe, Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and Santa Fe 2.

> Began playing at age 3 as his parents and sister all played tennis and is nicknamed La Navoneta.

NOTE: Navone is playing in his first tournament since Rio de Janeiro, where he qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win, 1st QF, SF and final to break inside the Top 100. He is seeded at an ATP Tour event for the 1st time in career.

Aziz Dougaz | Age: 27 | World No. 235 | Career-High No. 214 | 2024: 1-0 (Davis Cup) | Event: 0-0 (Debut) > Earned 1st ranking point in 2014, broke into Top 500 in 2018, Top 250 in April 2023 and reached career-high No. 214 in June 2023 after reaching his 2nd Challenger SF at 2023 Leon.

> Left-handed Tunisian is making his ATP Tour debut as WC at 2024 Marrakech after earning 8 wins in singles ties for Tunisia in Davis Cup.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 111 Gomez to reach 2022 Drummondville Challenger quarter-final.

> Owns 46-55 Challenger record, highlighted by semi-finals at 2020 Morelos and 2023 Leon and 258-129 on the ITF Tour, winning 12 titles.

> Began playing tennis at age 5 with his dad and at age 16 was awarded a scholarship to train at a new ITF facility in Morocco.

> Won bronze medal in singles and gold medal in doubles w/Mansouri for Tunisia at African Games in 2024.

NOTE: Dougaz is attempting to earn the biggest win of his career (0-4 vs. Top 100 across all levels) and 1st ATP Tour win to become the first Tunisian to capture an ATP Tour match win since Jaziri at 2022 Marrakech (d. Vesely in 1R).