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2024 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	DOHA W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Andrey Rublev	10-2 (Hong Kong Title)	10-4 (2020 Title)
2	Karen Khachanov	5-3 (Marseille SF)	4-3 (2022 SF)
3	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	7-2 (Marseille Title)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	8-3 (Montpellier Title)	3-3 (2020-22 2R)
5	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	5-3 (Marseille QF)	4-2 (2022-23 QF)
6	Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)	4-4 (3 times in 2R)	2-3 (2015, 2018 2R)
7	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	4-5 (Adelaide QF)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Tallon Griekspoor (NED)	7-4 (Rotterdam SF)	1-1 (2023 2R)

Tournament History	1993-Present (32nd Edition in 2024)
Singles Final	Saturday 24 February at 6:00 pm
Wild Cards (3)	Richard Gasquet (FRA), Gael Monfils (FRA), Abdullah Shelbayh (JOR)
Qualifiers (4)	Hugo Grenier (FRA), Vit Kopřiva (CZE), Alexandre Muller (FRA), Giulio Zeppieri (ITA)
Oldest Player	Richard Gasquet (37)
#NextGenATP (1)	Jakub Mensik (18)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Roger Federer (3) <u>Most Wins</u> – Roger Federer (27) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Andy Murray, 20, in 2008 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Roberto Bautista Agut, 33, in 2022 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 on 4 occasions: Roger Federer in 2005-06, No. 1 Rafael Nadal in 2014, No. 1 Novak Djokovic in 2016 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 124 Rainer Schüttler in 1999

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

France (5)	Richard Gasquet, Hugo Grenier, Ugo Humbert, Gael Monfils, Alexandre Muller
Italy (3)	Lorenzo Musetti, Lorenzo Sonego, Giulio Zeppieri
Australia (2)	Christopher O'Connell, Alexei Popyrin
Czech Republic (2)	Vit Kopřiva, Jakub Mensik
Hungary (2)	Marton Fucsovics, Fabian Marozsan
Kazakhstan (2)	Alexander Bublik, Alexander Shevchenko
Netherlands (2)	Tallon, Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp
Spain (2)	Roberto Bautista Agut, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina
China (1)	Zhang Zhizhen
Finland (1)	Emil Ruusuvuori
Germany (1)	Jan-Lennard Struff
Great Britain (1)	Andy Murray
Jordan (1)	Abdullah Shelbayh
	Karen Khachanov, Pavel Kotov, Andrey Rublev

PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Qatar ExxonMobil Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	212,300	123,840	72,810	42,190	24,500	14,970
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	-
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	73,770	39,470	23,140	12,930	7,620	-

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

2024 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	DOHA W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Jamie Murray (GBR) Michael Venus (NZL)	50-29 (4 Titles) 0-2 in 2024 (2x 1R)	0-2 (2 times in 1R) 0-5 (5 times in 1R)	7-4 (2018 Final) 0-1 (2022 1R)
2	Nathaniel Lammons (USA) Jackson Withrow (USA)	75-54 (5 Titles) 6-5 in 2024 (2 SFs)	6-5 (2 times in SF) 6-5 (2 times in SF)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Nicolas Mahut (FRA) Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	71-39 (8 Titles) 2-3 in 2024 (2x 2R)	2-3 (2 times in 2R) 2-3 (2 times in 2R)	2-2 (2005 SF) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Sander Gille (BEL) Joran Vliegen (BEL)	117-111 (7 Titles) 6-4 in 2024 (1 Final)	6-4 (Hong Kong Final) 6-4 (Hong Kong Final)	1-1 (2022 QF) 1-1 (2022 QF)

Doubles Final: Saturday 24 February at 3:00 pm

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2006)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Daniil Medvedev	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-4 6-4
2022	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	6-3 6-4
2021	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	7-6(5) 6-2
2020	Andrey Rublev	Corentin Moutet (FRA)	6-2 7-6(3)
2019	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	6-4 3-6 6-3
2018	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Andrey Rublev	6-2 6-3
2017	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-3 5-7 6-4
2016	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-1 6-2
2015	David Ferrer (ESP)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	6-4 7-5
2014	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-1 6-7(5) 6-2
2013	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Nikolay Davydenko	3-6 7-6(4) 6-3
2012	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	7-5 6-3
2011	Roger Federer (SUI)	Nikolay Davydenko	6-3 6-4
2010	Nikolay Davydenko	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	0-6 7-6(8) 6-4
2009	Andy Murray (GBR)	Andy Roddick (USA)	6-4 6-2
2008	Andy Murray (GBR)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	6-4 4-6 6-2
2007	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-4 6-4
2006	Roger Federer (SUI)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-3 7-6(5)

BOLD: Player in 2024 Qatar ExxonMobil Open singles draw.

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2006)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Rohan Bopanna / Matthew Ebden	Constant Lestienne / Botic van de Zandschulp	6-7(5) 6-4 [10-6]
2022	Wesley Koolhof / Neal Skupski	Rohan Bopanna / Denis Shapovalov	7-6(4) 6-1
2021	Aslan Karatsev / Andrey Rublev	Marcus Daniell / Philipp Oswald	7-5 6-4
2020	Rohan Bopanna / Wesley Koolhof	Luke Bambridge / Santiago Gonzalez	3-6 6-2 [10-6]
2019	David Goffin / Pierre-Hugues Herbert	Robin Haase / Matwe Middelkoop	5-7 6-4 [10-4]
2018	Oliver Marach / Mate Pavic	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	6-2 7-6(6)
2017	Jeremy Chardy / Fabrice Martin	Vasek Pospisil / Radek Stepanek	6-4 7-6(3)
2016	Feliciano Lopez / Marc Lopez	Philipp Petzschner / Alexander Peya	6-4 6-3
2015	Juan Monaco / Rafael Nadal	Julian Knowle / Philipp Oswald	6-3 6-4
2014	Tomas Berdych / Jan Hajek	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	6-2 6-4
2013	Christopher Kas / Philipp Kohlschreiber	Julian Knowle / Filip Polasek	7-5 6-4
2012	Filip Polasek / Lukas Rosol	Christopher Kas / Philipp Kohlschreiber	6-3 6-4
2011	Marc Lopez / Rafael Nadal	Daniele Bracciali / Andreas Seppi	6-3 7-6(4)
2010	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez / Albert Montanes	Frantisek Cermak / Michal Mertinak	6-4 7-5
2009	Marc Lopez / Rafael Nadal	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	4-6 6-4 [10-8]
2008	Philipp Kohlschreiber / David Skoch	Jeff Coetzee / Wesley Moodie	6-4 4-6 [11-9]
2007	Mikhail Youzhny/Nenad Zimonjic	Martin Damm/Leander Paes	6-1 7-6(3)
2006	Jonas Bjorkman/Max Mirnyi	Christophe Rochus/Olivier Rochus	2-6 6-3 [10-8]

BOLD: Player in 2024 Qatar ExxonMobil Open doubles draw – No teams remain intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Pavel Kotov vs Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

23 Stockholm (Sweden)

Hard

R16

Pavel Kotov

Kotov Leads 1-0

6-4 7-5

Pavel Kotov | Age: 25 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 61 | 2024: 3-2 (Hong Kong QF) | Doha: 0-0 (2022-23 Q2)
> 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 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 1st main draw appearance in Doha after falling short in qualifying round in the last 2 years. He is 8-10 vs. Top 50, 5-1 in his last 6 matches with a sole loss to No. 25 Mannarino in 2023 Sofia SF.

Lorenzo Sonego | Age: 28 | World No. 49 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 2-5 (2 times in 2R) | Doha: 0-3 (2020-21, 2023 1R)
> Earned personal-best 30 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, sweeping Cagliari titles to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).
> Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.
> Did not drop a set en route to 3rd singles title of career at 2022 Metz, including wins over former champions Simon and Hurkacz.
> Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equaling fewest games ever conceded to Djokovic in a match.
> Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.

NOTE: Sonego is making his 4th appearance at the event and aims to get his first win (0-3) after squandering 3 MPs in 1R against eventual finalist Murray last year.

Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs [7] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

First Meeting

Zhang Zhizhen | Age: 27 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 47 | 2024: 5-6 (Marseille QF) | Doha: 0-0 (2023 Q1)
> Became the first Chinese player in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024 and achieved career-high No. 47 in February 2024.
> Won 3 consecutive matches in the deciding set tie-break to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid before reaching 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Hamburg.
> Became 1st Chinese man to defeat a Top 5 opponent, beating No. 5 Ruud en route to 2023 US Open 3R.
> Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joining fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2017 Shenzhen as Q, 2022 Naples as Q and 2023 Eastbourne to become the first Chinese player in Open Era to reach ATP Tour QF on all three surfaces.

NOTE: Zhang is 1-4 vs. Top 30 players this season (6-10 in career), with a sole win against No. 28 Auger Aliassime in Marseille 2R. He aims to become the first Chinese man to win a match in Doha tournament history.

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 21 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 15 | 2024: 4-5 (Adelaide QF) | Doha: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2023 and achieved career-high No. 15 in June, after earning personal-best 34 wins during 2022 season.
> Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych).
> At 2023 Monte Carlo, earned 1st 6-0 6-0 victory at an ATP Masters 1000 event since 2016 over Nardi in 2R before upsetting No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF.
> Did not drop a set en route to 2nd ATP title at 2022 Naples, defeating countryman and United Cup teammate Berrettini in final on home soil.

- > Advanced to 2021 Roland Garros 4R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic from 2 sets up) and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF (d. No. 4 Ruud in 3R).
- > Reached 2018 US Open boys' singles final, won 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and defeated Wawrinka at 2020 Rome to become 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match.

NOTE: Making his tournament debut, Italian No. 2 Musetti is 4-1 in opening round matches this season, with his only loss coming against Griekspoor last week in Rotterdam after holding 2 MPs.

Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)

Bautista Agut Leads 3-1

19 Sofia (Bulgaria)	Hard	QF	Marton Fucsovics	W/O
20 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Roberto Bautista Agut	4-6 7-6(1) 6-1
21 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	R16	Marton Fucsovics	6-7(5) 6-3 6-1
22 Halle (Germany)	Grass	R32	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-2 3-0 RET
23 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R32	Roberto Bautista Agut	7-6(7) 5-7 6-4

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 32 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 2-3 (Rotterdam 2R) | Doha: 7-4 (2020-22 QF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983.
- > Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.
- > Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st men's quarter-finalist from Hungary at that event since Asboth in 1948.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.
- > Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics looks for his 150th tour-level win (149-148) to become just the second Hungarian man in Open Era to reach that milestone (Taroczy – 403). He aims to avenge last year's Doha 1R loss to Bautista Agut.

R. Bautista Agut | Age: 35 | World No. 97 | Career-High No. 9 | 2024: 3-5 (Hong Kong QF) | Doha: 14-3 (2018, 2022 Titles)

- > Captured 10th and 11th ATP Tour titles of career in 2022, earned 300th win of career in 2020 and ended 2019 at career-high No. 9.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-9 record in Grand Slam 4R matches.
- > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic in 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF, 2019 Doha SF and 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R, as well as No. 1 Medvedev in 2022 Mallorca QF.
- > Went 4-1 at 2022 ATP Cup and 6-0 at 2020 ATP Cup to lead Spain to finals after helping his country win 2019 Davis Cup.
- > Played football for Villarreal C.F. until he was 14 years old.

NOTE: Bautista Agut is making his 6th Doha appearance reaching the final on three occasions (2019 – d. Berdych, 2021 – l. to Basilashvili, and 2022 – d. Basilashvili).

Alexei Popyrin (AUS) vs [WC] Abdullah Shelbayh (JOR)

First Meeting

Alexei Popyrin | Age: 24 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 39 | 2024: 2-2 (2 times in 2R) | Doha: 0-0 (2020 Q2)

- > Achieved career-high No. 39 and personal-best 23 wins in 2023, highlighted by 2nd ATP Tour title in Umag.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF, advanced to 1st final and won 1st title at 2021 Singapore.
- > Qualified 10 times at tour-level events in 2019, tying single-season record set by M. Zverev in 2016.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas via RET to reach 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R as LL.
- > Defeated No. 6 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 Adelaide-1 QF as Q, No. 9 Fritz to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R as WC and No. 10 Auger-Aliassime en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R as Q.
- > Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings after ending career with 17 straight wins and 2017 Roland Garros boys' singles title.

NOTE: Popyrin is looking to break a 9-match losing streak vs. left-handers on tour-level since defeating F. Lopez at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 1R (5-15 vs. left-handers in career, after 4-2 start).

Abdullah Shelbayh | Age: 20 | World No. 228 | Career-High No. 181 | 2024: 0-0 | Doha: 0-1 (2023 1R)

- > Left-handed Jordanian achieved a career-high No. 181 in January 2024 after becoming the first player from his country to win a Challenger title at 2023 Charleston.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2023 Doha, before capturing first ATP Tour win at 2023 Banja Luka over E. Ymer as Q.
- > Earned 1st Top 100 win over No. 79 Kubler at 2023 Manama CH QF en route to becoming the first player from Jordan to reach a final in ATP Challenger Tour history at 2023 Manama.
- > Trains at Rafa Nadal Academy since he was 14 years old, where he also became the first player from Jordan to win a match in ATP Challenger Tour history at 2022 Mallorca CH in September.
- > Owns a 21-17 record on ATP Challenger Tour (1-1 in finals) and 41-18 on ITF Tour, winning 3 titles.
- > Reached 2021 junior Wimbledon doubles final with Daniel Rincon and proceeded to play Rincon in 3 of his 4 ITF Tour finals (lost 6-7(0) 6-3 6-7(9) in the latest one at 2023 M25 Manacor in January).
- > The Amman native completed freshman year at University of Florida and turned pro together with teammate Ben Shelton.

NOTE: Shelbayh is playing in his 7th ATP Tour event after making his debut in last year's Doha as a 19-year-old WC. He seeks biggest win of career in his 3rd match vs. Top 50 opponent (l. to No. 33 Kecmanovic at 2023 Banja Luka and No. 49 Sonogo at 2023 Metz).

GRANDSTAND 1

Fabian Marozsan (HUN) vs [Q] Vit Kopriva (CZE)

Other Meetings

18 Hungary F6 (Hungary)
20 M15 Porec (Croatia)
23 Antalya CH (Turkiye)

Clay	R16	Vit Kopriva
Clay	R32	Vit Kopriva
Clay	SF	Fabian Marozsan

First Tour-Level Meeting

3-6 6-4 7-5
1-6 6-1 6-4
6-3 6-2