



MIFEL OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 - MONDAY 19 JULY 2021

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2021 MIFEL OPEN - SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	LOS CABOS W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	82-74 (4 Finals)	4-2 (2018 SF)
2	John Isner (USA)	443-279 (15 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Taylor Fritz (USA)	112-112 (1 Title)	7-3 (2019 Final)
4	Sam Querrey (USA)	381-315 (10 Titles)	5-2 (2017 Champion)
5	Jordan Thompson (AUS)	69-88 (1 Final)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Steve Johnson (USA)	172-175 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2019 1R)
7	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	381-410 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Mackenzie McDonald (USA)	31-45 (1 SF)	0-0 (Debut)

Tournament History

2016-Present (5th Edition in 2021)

Singles Final

Saturday 24 July followed by 7pm doubles final

Qualifiers (4)

Matthew Ebden, Ernesto Escobedo, Nicolas Mejia, Alexander Sarkissian

Wild Cards (3)

Ivo Karlovic, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Gerardo Lopez Villaseñor

Oldest Player

Ivo Karlovic (42)

#NextGenATP (2)

Nicolas Mejia (21), Brandon Nakashima (19)

Tournament Records

Most Wins - Taylor Fritz (7)

Most Titles - Fabio Fognini, Ivo Karlovic, Sam Querrey, Diego Schwartzman (1)

Youngest Champion - Diego Schwartzman, 26, in 2019

Oldest Champion - Ivo Karlovic, 37, in 2016

Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 15 Fabio Fognini in 2018

Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 27 Diego Schwartzman in 2019

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (15)

United States (10)

Ernesto Escobedo, Taylor Fritz, John Isner, Steve Johnson, Denis Kudla, Mackenzie McDonald, Brandon Nakashima, Sam Querrey, Alexander Sarkissian, J.J. Wolf

Australia (4)

Alex Bolt, Matthew Ebden, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Jordan Thompson

Austria (2)

Jurij Rodionov, Sebastian Ofner

Chinese Taipei (1)

Jason Jung

Colombia (1)

Nicolas Mejia

Croatia (1)

Ivo Karlovic

Ecuador (1)

Emilio Gomez

Germany (1)

Peter Gojowczyk

Great Britain (1)

Cameron Norrie

Italy (1)

Andreas Seppi

Ukraine (1)

Illya Marchenko

Japan (1)

Yasutaka Uchiyama

Mexico (1)

Gerardo Lopez Villaseñor

Russia (1)

Evgeny Donskoy

Sweden (1)

Elias Ymer

2021 MIFEL OPEN - DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	LOS CABOS W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Luke Bambridge (GBR) Ken Skupski (GBR)	57-53 (3 Titles) 131-145 (6 Titles)	0-1 (2018 1R) 3-1 (2016 Final)
2	Jonathan Erlich (ISR) Santiago Gonzalez (MEX)	404-331 (22 Titles) 282-278 (14 Titles)	7-4 (2016 Final) 1-3 (2019 SF)
3	Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (PAK) Divij Sharan (IND)	360-317 (18 Titles) 110-114 (10 Titles)	1-2 (2019 SF) 7-2 (2016 Champion)
4	Matthew Ebden (AUS) John-Patrick Smith (AUS)	77-95 (4 Titles) 56-68 (1 Title)	1-1 (2017 QF) 0-1 (2019 1R)

Doubles Final: Saturday 24 July at 7pm

FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Mifel Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	58,705	42,095	29,965	19,975	12,840	7,730
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	21,920	15,690	10,340	6,720	3,940	--

* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

MIFEL OPEN - SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2019	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	Taylor Fritz (USA)	7-6(6) 6-3
2018	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	Juan Martin del Potro	6-4 6-2
2017	Sam Querrey (USA)	Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS)	6-3 3-6 6-2
2016	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	7-6(5) 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2021 Mifel Open singles draw

MIFEL OPEN - DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2019	Romain Arneodo / Hugo Nys	Dominic Inglot / Austin Krajicek	7-5 5-7 16-14
2018	Marcelo Arevalo / Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela	Taylor Fritz / Thanasi Kokkinakis	6-4 6-4
2017	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Treat Huey	Sergio Galdos / Roberto Maytin	6-2 6-3
2016	Purav Raja / Divij Sharan	Jonathan Erlich / Ken Skupski	7-6(4) 7-6(3)

BOLD: Player in 2021 Mifel Open doubles draw

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

GRANDSTAND CALIENTE

[7] Andreas Seppi (ITA) vs Alex Bolt (AUS)

First Meeting

Andreas Seppi | Age: 37 | World No. 87 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 4-6 (Eastbourne QF) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 18 after reaching 2013 Australian Open 4R.
 > Won 3 titles on as many surfaces: 2011 Eastbourne on grass, 2012 Belgrade on clay and 2012 Moscow on hard.
 > Played in 64 straight Grand Slam main draws – 4th-longest streak of all-time behind Lopez' 77 (active), Verdasco's 67 and Federer's 65.
 > Reached Grand Slam 4R on 6 occasions: 2012 Roland Garros, 2013 Wimbledon and Australian Open in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2018.
 > Earned 300th win of career over Ferrer at 2016 Halle and biggest wins of career over No. 2 Nadal at 2008 Rotterdam and No. 2 Federer at 2015 Australian Open.

NOTE: Seppi is 4-6 in 2021, with best result in June at Eastbourne QF (d. Nishioka, Ruusuvuori, l. to Purcell).

Alex Bolt | Age: 28 | World No. 148 | Career-High No. 125 | 2021: 4-4 (Melbourne 2 3R) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Achieved career-high No. 125 a week after reaching the 2019 Australian Open 3R as a WC (d. Sock, Simon, l. to A. Zverev), his best Grand Slam result.
 > Qualified into his 1s ATP Masters 1000 at 2015 Indian Wells on his category debut (l. to Haase in 1R). Best category result came at 2019 Indian Wells, where he qualified and reached the 2R (d. Gulbis, l. to Pella).
 > Best ATP Tour result came in homesoil, at 2020 Adelaide QF (d. Struff, l. to Auger-Aliassime).
 > Biggest career win was against No. 30 Simon at 2019 Australian Open as WC, where he saved 4 MPs.
 > Has a 104-87 Challenger record and is 3-6 in finals, with latest one at Nottingham in June 2021, where he qualified and beat Gasquet en route to the final.

NOTE: Bolt is 4-4 in 2021, with best result at Melbourne 2 3R (d. Kokkinakis, McDonald, l. to Wawrinka).

[WC] Gerardo Lopez Villaseñor (MEX) vs [6] Steve Johnson (USA) Johnson Leads 1-0

19 Acapulco (Mexico)

Hard R32 Steve Johnson

7-5 7-5

Gerardo Lopez Villaseñor | Age: 26 | World No. 654 | Career-High No. 505 | 2021: 2-1 (1 1R) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (Debut)

> Achieved career-high No. 505 on February 2020 after reaching Cancun ITF Futures QF.

> Has a 0-3 career ATP Tour record, with 1st round losses as a WC at Acapulco 2019 (l. to Johnson), 2020 (l. to Giron), 2021 (l. to Koepfer).

> He has a 5-2 career Davis Cup record, first tie was in 2015 and 1st win in 2018 vs. Peru.

> Has a 4-11 career Challenger record (4-9 on hard) with best result at home soil at 2019 Morelos 3R (d. Nguyen, Escobedo, l. to King).

> Has a 19-16 ITF Junior Circuit record, with 2 titles in 2012 in La Paz (Bolivia) and Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic).

NOTE: Lopez Villaseñor is 2-1 in 2021, with 1R at Acapulco as WC and 2 wins at Davis Cup Group II 1R vs. Bulgaria (d. Kuzmanov, Andreev). This season is 3-6 in ITF Futures, with best result at Weston, FL QF (l. to R. Harrison).

Steve Johnson | Age: 31 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 21 | 2021: 3-6 (Roland Garros 3R) | Los Cabos: 0-1 (2019 1R)

> Achieved career-high No. 21 and became No. 1 American during 2016 season.

> Won grass-court titles at 2016 Nottingham and 2018 Newport, as well as back-to-back titles at Houston in 2017-18, becoming 1st repeat champion at event since Roddick in 2001-02.

> Defeated then-No. 37 Dimitrov to reach 2016 Wimbledon 4R, but owns 1-9 record in Grand Slam 3R with all 9 losses to Top-15 players.

> Posted 7 wins at 2016 Rio Olympics, finishing as doubles bronze medalist w/Sock and singles quarter-finalist (l. to eventual gold medallist Murray in 3rd-set TB).

> One of the greatest college tennis players of all time, sweeping 2009-12 NCAA team titles with USC, winning 2011-12 NCAA singles titles and ending career with 72 straight singles wins.

NOTE: Johnson is 3-6 in 2021, with best result at Roland Garros 3R (d. Tiafoe, Monteiro, l. to Carreno Busta).

[WC] Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) vs Denis Kudla (USA)

15 Memphis (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Denis Kudla

Kudla Leads 1-0

6-3 6-4

Thanasi Kokkinakis | Age: 25 | World No. 183 | Career-High No. 69 | 2021: 2-3 (2 2R) | Los Cabos: 6-3 (2017 Final)

> Achieved career-high No. 69 on 8 June 2015 following run to Roland Garros 3R. Finished 2015 as 1 of 4 teenagers in Top 100 (also Coric, Chung and A. Zverev). Unranked from 12 September 2016 until 12 June 2017 due to injuries.

> Upset defending champion and World No. 1 Federer in 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R as 175th-ranked Q. Became lowest-ranked player to beat World No. 1 since No. 178 Clavet beat Hewitt in same tournament and round 15 years earlier.

> Reached 2015 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R as 124th-ranked WC, his best ATP Masters 1000 result.

> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2017 Los Cabos as 454th-ranked WC. Secured 1st win at 2014 Australian Open as WC (d. Sijsling).

> Reached 2015 Roland Garros 3R, rallying from 2 sets and 3 MPs down against countryman Tomic. Advanced to 3 Grand Slam junior finals in 2013, winning Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Kyrgios and finishing as boys' singles runner-up at Australian Open (d. Coric, l. to Kyrgios) and US Open (d. Garin, l. to Coric).

NOTE: Kokkinakis is 2-3 in 2021, with best results at 2R Australian Open as a WC (d. Kwon, l. to Tsitsipas) and ATP Masters 1000 Miami as a Q (d. Mochizuki, l. to Fucsovics).

Denis Kudla | Age: 28 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 53 | 2021: 4-4 (Wimbledon 3R) | Los Cabos: 0-0 (Debut)

> Earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2008, broke into Top 100 in 2013 and achieved career-high No. 53 in 2016.

> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2015 Atlanta and 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2018 Halle.

> Posted tour-level records of 25-23 on grass (.521), 26-64 on hard (.289) and 5-14 on clay (.263), highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 16 Monfils at 2019 Stuttgart grass-court event.

> Defeated future World No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2015 Wimbledon 4R as WC and has qualified at Australian Open 3 times, Roland Garros twice and Wimbledon 3 times.

> Former World No. 3 junior began his pro career after reaching 2010 US Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Kudla is 4-4 in 2021, with best result at Wimbledon 3R (d. Davidovich Fokina, Seppi, l. to No. 1 Djokovic).