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BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL TALKING POINTS

- No. 3 seed **Casper Ruud** meets No. 5 seed **Stefanos Tsitsipas** in final of **Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell**, as both look to break new ground in their careers. The 25-year-olds met in the ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final last week and became the first players to face each other in the finals in back-to-back weeks since **Carlos Alcaraz** and **Cameron Norrie** split the finals of Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro last year in February.
- Stefanos Tsitsipas** is playing in his fourth Barcelona final, aiming to lift the trophy at the **Real Club de Tennis Barcelona** for the first time after finishing as the runner-up in 2018, 2021 and 2023. The Greek owns 11 ATP Tour titles and is now looking for the 1st ATP 500 title in his 11th final at this level.

Barcelona Finals Leaders in Open Era:

Player	Finals (W-L)	Player	Finals (W-L)
Rafael Nadal	12 (12-0)	David Ferrer	4 (0-4)
Manuel Orantes	7 (3-4)	Stefanos Tsitsipas	4 (0-3)
Mats Wilander	5 (3-2)	Guillermo Vilas	4 (0-4)

- By defeating **Dusan Lajovic** in the SF, Tsitsipas equaled the longest winning streak of his career (10 on 3 occasions: 2021 Lyon 2R – Roland Garros SF & 2023 United Cup RR – Australian Open SF), after also saving 2 MPs in QF to defeat **Facundo Diaz Acosta**. He now aims to record an 11-match winning streak for the 1st time in career and become the fourth player to capture the title after saving match points in 2024.

Match Point(s) Saved Champions (3)

Player	Tournament/Opponent	Round	M.P. Saved
Alexander Bublik	Montpellier - d. Denis Shapovalov	2R	Saved 3 M.P.
Jordan Thompson	Los Cabos - d. Alex Michelsen	QF	Saved 3 M.P.
Ugo Humbert	Dubai - d. Hubert Hurkacz	QF	Saved 3 M.P.

- World No. 6 **Casper Ruud** is the ATP Tour leader in wins (28) and finals (4) this season and looks for the biggest title of his career. The Norwegian earned all previous 10 titles at ATP 250 events and owns a 0-7 record in finals above ATP 250 level. He aims to break a 5-match losing streak in finals to grab the trophy for the first time since Estoril in April last year and avenge the loss to Tsitsipas in Monte-Carlo final last week.

Casper Ruud's 10 ATP Tour Titles

2023 Estoril*	2021 Kitzbuhel*
2022 Gstaad*	2021 Gstaad*
2022 Geneva*	2021 Bastad*
2022 Buenos Aires*	2021 Geneva*
2021 San Diego	2020 Buenos Aires*

* on clay courts

Most Clay-Court Wins Since the Start of 2020 Season:

Casper Ruud	102-28
Stefanos Tsitsipas	78-17
Carlos Alcaraz	66-16
Albert Ramos-Vinolas	59-53
Novak Djokovic	58-12
Cristian Garin	58-38

- Ruud enters the final on the back of four straight set wins and could become the 4th player to win a title without losing a set this season. He bids to become the first Scandinavian to win the Barcelona title since Swede Kent Carlsson in 1988.

Winning Title Without Losing a Set in 2024 (3) – Struff in Munich could also join the list.

Player	Sets won	Tournament
Facundo Diaz Acosta	10	Buenos Aires
Taylor Fritz	8	Delray Beach
Karen Khachanov	7	Doha

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

[5] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [3] Casper Ruud (NOR)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Casper Ruud	7-6(4) 6-4
21 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-1 6-4
24 Los Cabos (Mexico)	Hard	SF	Casper Ruud	6-4 7-6(4)
24 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	F	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-1 6-4
Other Meeting				
16 Italy F10 (Italy)	Clay	F	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-3 6-7(2) 7-6(2)

Series Tied 2-2

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 25 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 21-6 (Monte-Carlo Title) | Event: 20-5 ('18, '21, '23-'24 F)
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).

> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.

> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 11 ATP Tour titles, including 2021, 2022 and 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).

> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas is on a 10-match winning streak after capturing his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title in Monte-Carlo last week, looking to record the longest win streak of his career. He aims to win 12th ATP Tour title (11-17) and break his 0-10 record in ATP 500 finals including 0-3 in Barcelona.

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 28-7 (4 Finals) | Barcelona: 8-3 (2024 Final)

> Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.

> First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (10), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final), and reach both a Grand Slam final ('22-'23 Roland Garros, '22 US Open) and an ATP Masters 1000 final ('22 Miami, '24 Monte-Carlo).

> Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.

> Former No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (102), finals (15) and titles (9).

> Defeated No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final.

NOTE: Ruud leads the ATP Tour in wins (28) and finals (4) this season and now attempts to break a 5-match losing streak in finals to capture his 11th and biggest ATP Tour title of career (10-11) and first title of 2024 in his fourth final (0-3). He is 25-0 after winning the 1st set this season and 8-1 in ATP 500 events in 2024 (Acapulco final).

2024 Finals Leaders on ATP Tour

Player	Finals
Casper Ruud	4 (Los Cabos F, Acapulco F, ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo F, Barcelona F)
Grigor Dimitrov	3 (Brisbane W, Marseille F, ATP Masters 1000 Miami F)
Jannik Sinner	3 (Australian Open W, Rotterdam W, ATP Masters 1000 Miami W)

2024 Barcelona Statistics	Stefanos Tsitsipas	Casper Ruud
Aces	18	7
1st-Serve Percentage	63% (217 of 343)	64% (154 of 239)
1st-Serve Points Won	74% (160 of 217)	72% (111 of 154)
2nd-Serve Points Won	51% (64 of 126)	59% (50 of 85)
Service Games Won	83% (44 of 53)	82% (32 of 39)
Break Points Saved	64% (16 of 25)	68% (15 of 22)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	33% (66 of 201)	39% (53 of 135)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	46% (49 of 106)	53% (53 of 100)
Return Games Won	29% (15 of 51)	42% (16 of 38)
Break Points Converted	50% (15 of 30)	47% (16 of 34)

BOLD: Leads all 48 players in the 2024 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell field.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

Hugo Nys (MON) / Jan Zielinski (POL) vs Maximo Gonzalez (ARG) / Andres Molteni (ARG)

Gonzalez/Molteni Lead 2-0

23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Gonzalez / Molteni	4-6 6-4 [10-8]
23 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R32	Gonzalez / Molteni	6-4 6-4

Nys / Zielinski Notes

- > Polish and Monegasque pair is 62-43 as a team, first teaming up at 2022 Roseto Degli Abruzzi CH, before making their ATP Tour debut at 2022 Belgrade.
- > They captured 4 ATP Tour titles, winning at 2022-23 Metz, 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome and 2024 Acapulco.
- > The team is on a 7-match winning streak in ATP 500 events, winning Acapulco in March and bid to join teams Koolhof/Mektic, Purcell/Thompson (3) and Bopanna/Ebden (2) with multiple tour-level titles this year.
- > Zielinski aims to be the first Polish champion in Barcelona since Fyrstenberg/Matkowski in 2012, while Nys aims to be the first Monegasque champion in Barcelona's Open Era history.
- > Team is ranked No. 7 on [PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings](#). Nys is ranked No. 23 (career-high No. 12 in June 2023) and Zielinski is ranked No. 22 (career-high No. 7 in June 2023).
- > Nys, 33, is 7-6 in tour-level finals, looking to capture his 3rd title on clay after 2021 Estoril and Lyon w/Puetz and 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome w/Zielinski
- > Zielinski, 27, is 5-5 in tour-level doubles finals, winning 3 of his 5 titles in Metz (2021 w/Hurkacz, 2022-23 w/Nys).

Gonzalez / Molteni Notes

- > The Argentine duo own 60-35 record as a pair, first teaming up at 2014 Sao Paulo Challenger then made tour-level debut playing for Argentina in Davis Cup in 2017.
- > They own 7 ATP Tour titles, capturing titles at 2022 Gijon, 2023-24 Cordoba, 2023 Rio de Janeiro, 2023 Barcelona, 2023 Washington and 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.
- > They defeated Australian Open finalists Bolelli/Vavassori in 1R and 3-time ATP Tour champions this season Koolhof/Mektic in QF, then beat Arevalo/Pavic in SF for Molteni's 200th win on the ATP Tour (200-167).
- > 2023 champions aim to be the fourth team to defend the Barcelona title in Open Era after Cabal/Farah (2019, 2021), Nestor/Zimonjic (2009-10) and Jarryd/Simonsson (1981-83).
- > Team is ranked No. 12 on [PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings](#). Gonzalez is ranked No. 15 (career-high No. 10 in September 2023) and Molteni is ranked No. 15 (career-high No. 7 in August 2023).
- > Gonzalez, 40, is 18-6 in tour-level finals, aiming to defend the title for the third time in career after 2018-19 Sao Paulo (w/Delbonis) and 2023-24 Cordoba (w/Molteni)
- > Molteni, 36, is 17-7 in tour-level doubles finals and aims to extend a perfect 7-0 record in finals w/M. Gonzalez.