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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Top half of the men's singles draw at the **BNP Paribas Open** is on schedule today, as players aim to join reigning champion **Carlos Alcaraz**, No. 3 seed **Jannik Sinner**, No. 6 seed **Alexander Zverev** and No. 32 seed **Jiri Lehecka** in the quarter-finals.
- World No. 4 **Daniil Medvedev** squares off against No. 13 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** for the tenth time, with Medvedev leading 6-3 in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head**, however the Bulgarian won their latest match at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris last November. The 2023 runner-up looks for his second quarter-final in Indian Wells, while Dimitrov looks for his third quarter-final in last four editions of BNP Paribas Open (2021 SF, 2022 QF).
- No. 1 American **Taylor Fritz** looks for his fourth consecutive Indian Wells quarter-final, highlighted by his 1st ATP Masters 1000 title in 2022. He meets World No. 7 **Holger Rune** in their second meeting. Fritz leads 1-0 and he aims to extend his perfect 6-0 record on American soil this season. No. 3 American **Tommy Paul** is facing lucky loser **Nardi** and attempts to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF on home soil.
- Rune** and No. 9 seed **Casper Ruud**, who plays **Gael Monfils** in his fourth round match, are both looking for their first Indian Wells quarter-final. The last Scandinavian to reach the quarter-final stage in Indian Wells was **Robin Soderling** in 2010 (l. to **Roddick** in SF).
- After beating World No. 8 **Hurkacz** in 2R, **Monfils** now faces World No. 9 **Ruud**. The 37-year-old Frenchman will attempt to post multiple Top 10 wins in a single tournament for the third time in his career and could become the sixth oldest player to reach an ATP Masters 1000 QF (top five spots held by **Roger Federer**).

Gael Monfils Tournaments With Multiple Top 10 Wins:

Tournament	Wins Over
2008 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid	No. 10 Gonzalez in 2R, No. 8 Roddick in 3R
2010 ATP Masters 1000 Paris	No. 9 Verdasco in 3R, No. 4 Murray in QF, No. 2 Federer in SF

- After creating the biggest upset of the tournament defeating World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic**, lucky loser **Luca Nardi** looks to reach his 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF. If he joins **Sinner** in the quarter-finals, it would mark the fifth time multiple Italians are in the ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final lineup since the series began in 1990. The Italian is No. 96 on the [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and will make his Top 100 debut next week.

Multiple Italians in ATP Masters 1000 QF (since 1990):

Tournament	Players (End Result)
2023 Monte-Carlo	Jannik Sinner (SF), Lorenzo Musetti (QF)
2019 Shanghai	Matteo Berrettini (SF), Fabio Fognini (QF)
2019 Monte-Carlo	Fabio Fognini (Champion), Lorenzo Sonego (QF)
2005 Hamburg	Andreas Seppi (QF), Filippo Volandri (QF)

Most ATP Masters 1000 QFs (among active field)

Alexander Zverev	26*
Gael Monfils	18
Grigor Dimitrov	18
Daniil Medvedev	17
Carlos Alcaraz	11*

* includes 2024 Indian Wells

Most ATP Masters 1000 Wins (among active field)

Grigor Dimitrov	130
Gael Monfils	128
Alexander Zverev	119
Daniil Medvedev	88
Taylor Fritz	62

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM 1

[4] Daniil Medvedev vs [13] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)

17 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	QF	Grigor Dimitrov	6-3 3-6 6-3
17 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev	6-4 6-2
19 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	7-6(5) 6-4 6-3
21 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev	6-3 6-3
21 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Grigor Dimitrov	4-6 6-4 6-3
22 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	6-4 6-2
23 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	6-1 6-2
23 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev	3-6 6-2 6-4
23 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R32	Grigor Dimitrov	6-3 6-7(4) 7-6(2)

Medvedev Leads 6-3

Insight from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris 2R meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Grigor Dimitrov	26%	66%	30%	8.6	8.1	8.2	7.6
Daniil Medvedev	19%	70%	34%	7.5	7.7	8.2	8.0
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

The match outcome was influenced by Serve and Return Shot Quality, with Dimitrov excelling above his average Serve Shot Quality of 8.3 and significantly improving on his return average of 6.9. In contrast, Medvedev experienced a decline in both serve Shot Quality from his average of 8.1 and return quality from 8.2

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 28 | World No. 4 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 11-2 (Aus. Open Final) | Indian Wells: 13-6 (2023 Final)
> Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
> Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.
> Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
> Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Won 18 of his 20 singles titles on hard courts and all 20 of his titles at different events, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st career clay ATP Tour title.

NOTE: Medvedev aims to capture the Indian Wells title this week to complete the set of titles at all hard court ATP Masters 1000 events (Miami in 2023, Canada in 2021, Cincinnati in 2019, Shanghai in 2019, Paris in 2020). He is trying to reach his 18th ATP Masters 1000 quarterfinal (12-5), 15th on hard courts (10-4).

Grigor Dimitrov | Age: 32 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 14-3 (Brisbane Title) | Indian Wells: 14-10 (2022 SF)
> Former World No. 1 junior ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.
> Top-ranked Bulgarian in history and only champion from his country, winning 9 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.
> Surpassed 400 wins in 2023, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
> Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open, as well as 10 ATP Masters 1000 SFs.
> Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer in 2019 US Open QF as World No. 78, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open men's semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

NOTE: Dimitrov seeks third consecutive ATP Masters 1000 QF (19th overall) after reaching Shanghai SF and Paris final at the end of last year. He is 18-51 against Top 5 opponents (15-35 on hard courts) with his last win coming over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris.

[12] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [7] Holger Rune (DEN)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)

Hard R16

Taylor Fritz

Fritz Leads 1-0

6-3 6-4

Insight from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Taylor Fritz	29%	73%	27%	8.1	8.5	7.5	7.6
Holger Rune	25%	73%	27%	7.7	6.2	7.8	7.5
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Fritz's Return Shot Quality was up significantly to 8.5 from his 52-week average of 7.3.

He achieved 75% 1st Serve Returns In, compared to the Tour average of 62%.

At an average 1st return speed of 69mph compared the Tour average of 60mph

Taylor Fritz | Age: 26 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 12-3 (Delray Beach Title) | Indian Wells: 20-6 (2022 Title)
> Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.
> Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
> Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 after helping Team World capture 2022 Laver Cup.

NOTE: Fritz looks for his 10th ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final (3-6) and aims to become the sixth player to reach 4 consecutive quarter-finals in tournament history (2021 SF, 2022 title, 2023 QF).

Players with 4+ Consecutive Quarter-Finals in Tournament History:

No.	Player	Years
8	Rafael Nadal	2006-13 Indian Wells
6	Novak Djokovic	2011-16 Indian Wells
5	Roger Federer	2011-15 Indian Wells
4	Harold Solomon	1979-80 Rancho Mirabe, 1981-82 La Quinta
4	Eliot Teltscher	1981-84 La Quinta

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 12-5 (Brisbane Final) | Indian Wells: 3-3 (2024 4R)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching No. 4 in August 2023.
> Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
> From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, posting runner-up results in Monte Carlo (l. to Rublev) and Rome (l. to Medvedev).
> Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents, ending the streak with loss to No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (7-7 vs. Top 5).
> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).
> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

NOTE: Rune attempts to reach his 5th ATP Masters 1000 QF, 1st outside of Europe and 1st on outdoor hard court (2022 Paris, 2023 Monte-Carlo, 2023 Rome, 2023 Paris). He lost his last 7 completed matches vs. Top 20 opponents since beating No. 15 Auger-Aliassime at 2023 Beijing (won against No. 8 Tsitsipas via retirement at Nitto ATP Finals).

STADIUM 2

[9] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs Gael Monfils (FRA)

18 Quito (Ecuador)

Clay R16 Gael Monfils

Monfils Leads 1-0

6-4 3-6 6-4

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 15-3 (2 Finals) | Indian Wells: 6-3 (2021, 2024 4R)
> 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 (2022 Roland Garros, US Open, 2023 Roland Garros) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).
> 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 World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (92), finals (13) and titles (9).
> Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

NOTE: Ruud aims to reach his first quarter-final at 8th of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events (11th overall). He is 14-2 vs. Frenchmen since the start of 2021 season, losing to Humbert at 2022 Wimbledon 2R and Fils in Hamburg QF last year.

Casper Ruud in ATP Masters 1000 Events:

Tournament	Best Result	Tournament	Best Result
Indian Wells	2021, 2024 4R	Canada	2022 SF (Montreal)
Miami	2022 Runner-up	Cincinnati	2021 QF
Monte-Carlo	2021 SF	Shanghai	2023 4R
Madrid	2021 SF	Paris	2021 QF
Rome	2020, 2022, 2023 SF		

Gael Monfils | Age: 37 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 8-6 (Doha SF) | Indian Wells: 20-13 (2016, 2019 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 in 2016 and married former WTA No. 3 Elina Svitolina in 2021.
> Owns 12 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.
> Reached at least 1 final in 19 straight seasons (2005-23), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.
> Earned 548 career victories, highlighted by biggest wins over No. 1 Nadal at 2009 Doha and No. 1 Medvedev at 2022 Indian Wells, as well as 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 aims to reach his 19th ATP Masters 1000 QF (7-10, 1 W/O loss), almost 18 years after reaching his first at 2006 Rome. At 37 years and 6 months, he attempts to become the 6th oldest player to reach an ATP Masters 1000 QF since the series began in 1990.

Oldest ATP Masters 1000 Quarter-finalists

No.	Player	Age	Quarter-final
1	Roger Federer	38 years 2 months	2019 Shanghai
2	Roger Federer	37 years 9 months	2019 Rome
3	Roger Federer	37 years 9 months	2019 Madrid
4	Roger Federer	37 years 7 months	2019 Miami
5	Roger Federer	37 years 7 months	2019 Indian Wells
6	John Isner	37 years 3 months	2022 Cincinnati
7	Roger Federer	37 years 2 months	2018 Paris
8	Roger Federer	37 years 2 months	2018 Shanghai
9	Roger Federer	37 years 9 days	2018 Cincinnati
10	Gael Monfils	36 years 11 months	2023 Toronto

[LL] Luca Nardi (ITA) vs [17] Tommy Paul (USA)

First Meeting

Luca Nardi | Age: 20 | World No. 123 | Career-High No. 106 | 2024: 2-0 (Indian Wells 4R) | Indian Wells: 2-0 (2024 4R)
> Broke into Top 200 in April 2022, qualified for 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals and reached career-high No. 106 in February 2024.

- > Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Astana after appearing in main draws of 2020 Antwerp and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome as a WC and qualifying for 2022 Hamburg.
- > Owns 71-53 Challenger record (5-2 in finals), winning 1st title on home soil at Forlì-1.
- > Defeated Vacherot in ATP Masters 1000 debut at 2023 Monte-Carlo as Q, then earned biggest win of career over No. 50 Zhang at 2024 Indian Wells as LL.
- > Has been working with coach Francesco Sani since age 7, when he first started playing and mentions riding motorcycles as his biggest passion outside tennis.

NOTE: Nardi is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 4R after defeating No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career. He aims to be the second lucky loser to reach Indian Wells QF (Kecmanovic – 2019) and second Italian quarter-finalist in tournament history (Sinner 2023-24).

Tommy Paul | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 12-4 (Dallas Title) | Indian Wells: 9-3 ('21, '23-'24 4R)
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 12 in October 2023 after defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF in Toronto earlier in the year.
> Became the 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF in 2023 since Roddick in 2009.
> Owns 6-9 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.
> Posted upsets at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 events of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
> Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul aims to reach his fourth ATP Masters 1000 QF (1-2), first on home soil (2022 Montreal, 2022 Paris, 2023 Toronto). He is 9-1 on American soil this season, winning Dallas title and reaching the final in Delray Beach.