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SWISS INDOORS BASEL TALKING POINTS

- World No. 13 **Taylor Fritz** is 16-3 at ATP 500 level this season, aiming to reach his fourth final in five events played at this level after Dallas, Halle and Washington and third final in as many indoor events played this year after Dallas and Lyon last week. He is tied with Auger-Aliassime and Griekspoor for most indoor wins this season (10) and bids to become 2nd American **Swiss Indoors Basel** finalist this century after Shelton in 2024.
- Fritz** faces **Valentin Vacherot** in a repeat of last year's first round encounter at **St. Jakobshalle** with Fritz prevailing in 3 sets. Vacherot now seeks first final of the season after losing in semi-finals of ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo to Alcaraz and Tokyo to Lehecka to become 1st Monegasque finalist in event history.
- If Vacherot defeats Fritz, it will guarantee that 20-year-old **Rafael Jodar**, who Vacherot ousted in 2R, makes his Top 10 debut on Monday, setting the record for shortest time between tour-level debut, at Australian Open in January this year, and Top 10 debut (287 days), breaking the record held by Gustavo Kuerten (490 days).
- World No. 21 **Jiri Lehecka** takes a 3-0 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead into his semi-final vs. **Jan-Lennard Struff**. Czech No. 2, who ended Swiss No. 1 Wawrinka's career in 1R, bids to become the tenth man to record 40 wins this season, and reach his third ATP 500 final after 2025 Queen's Club and Tokyo earlier this month.
- Struff** defeated Djokovic in 2R for his 1st win in ninth meeting vs. the Serbian, before advancing to his first semi-final at this level in seventh ATP 500 QF. 36-year-old aims to become the 4th German finalist since the tournament became a tour-level event in 1975, joining Becker in 1992, Stich in 1993 and Dreekmann in 1996.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Rank	Player	Points	Scenario
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	9,350	Vienna – +130 for SF win vs. de Minaur
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	7,950	<i>Out for the rest of 2026 season</i>
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	4,800	Vienna – +130 for SF win vs. Medvedev
4	Ben Shelton (USA)	4,530	<i>Basel – Lost to Kym in 2R</i>
5	Daniil Medvedev	3,860	Vienna – +130 for SF win vs. Alcaraz
6	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	3,690	<i>Vienna – Lost to Berrettini in 2R</i>
7	Arthur Fils (FRA)	3,525	<i>Basel – Lost to Fritz in QF</i>
8	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	3,380	<i>Vienna – Lost to Musetti in 1R</i>
9	Rafael Jodar (ESP)	3,209	<i>Basel – Lost to Vacherot in 2R</i>
10	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	3,080	Vienna – +130 for SF win vs. Zverev
11	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2,890	<i>Basel – Lost to Struff in 2R</i>
12	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,885	Basel – +130 for SF win vs. Vacherot
12	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,775	<i>Vienna – Lost to Alcaraz in QF</i>
14	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	2,545	<i>Vienna – Lost to Mannarino in 2R</i>
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,465	----
16	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	2,450	----
17	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	2,450	Basel – +130 for SF win vs. Struff

BOLD: Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

CENTER COURT

Valentin Vacherot (MON) vs [6] Taylor Fritz (USA)

25 Basel (Switzerland)

Hard R32 Taylor Fritz

Fritz Leads 1-0

4-6 7-6(4) 7-5

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Vacherot	27%	65%	31%	8.7	6.9	7.2	7.2
Fritz	31%	69%	28%	8.9	7.3	7.9	7.2
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.4	7.3	7.0

Valentin Vacherot | Age: 27 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 14 | 2026: 27-18 (3 SFs) | Basel: 3-1 (2026 SF)

> Highest-ranked Monegasque in PIF ATP Rankings history achieved career-high No. 14 in October 2026 soon after becoming 1st home player to reach ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo QF and SF in Open Era.

> Qualified en route to becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2025 Shanghai as World No. 204, defeating No. 5 Djokovic in SF and his cousin, Rinderknech, in final to be first Monegasque to win an ATP Tour title.

> In Monte-Carlo, made ATP Tour debut in 2023 as WC and defeated Struff in 2025 for 1st ATP Tour win and advanced to semi-finals in 2026 to be the first home player to reach that stage at the event in Open Era.

> Qualified at 2024 Roland Garros for Grand Slam main draw debut and became 1st man representing Monaco to reach Grand Slam 3R in Open Era at 2026 Australian Open.

> Coached by former Monegasque player, his half-brother, Benjamin Balleret and played college tennis for Texas A&M University alongside his cousin, Arthur Rinderknech.

NOTE: Vacherot aims to advance to his second ATP Tour final after run to ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai title last year. He is 9-10 vs. Top 20, 5-6 this season, including win over No. 11 Jodar in 2R this week and aims to earn multiple Top 20 wins at one event for the third time. He is No. 32 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and would jump to No. 28 with a win.

Vacherot – Multiple Top 20 Wins at an Event

Tournament

2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai

2026 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo

Wins Over

d. No. 17 Bublik in 2R, No. 11 Rune in QF, No. 5 Djokovic in SF

d. No. 5 Musetti in 2R, No. 6 de Minaur in QF

Vacherot – Top 20 Wins This Season (W-L 5-6)

Win Over

No. 10 Alexander Bublik

No. 5 Lorenzo Musetti

No. 6 Alex de Minaur

No. 9 Arthur Fils

No. 11 Rafael Jodar

Tournament

Davis Cup Group 1

ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 2R

ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo QF

Tokyo QF

Basel 2R

Taylor Fritz | Age: 29 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 40-20 (Washington Title) | Basel: 8-5 (2026 SF)

> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024 after becoming 1st American since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 of year-end rankings.

> At 2024 US Open, became 1st American man to play in a Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over former finalists Ruud and Zverev and defeating countryman Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.

> 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.

> 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 United Cup titles for Team USA in 2023 and 2025, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022, 2023 and 2025 and earned bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

NOTE: Fritz, who turned 29 on Wednesday, aims to reach his 25th tour-level final (11-13), and could tie Sinner (6) for most finals on ATP Tour this season (also Medvedev in Vienna). He aims to become the fifth man to record 30 hard-court wins in 2026 and would return to Top 10 on Monday if he advances to Basel final.

2026 ATP Tour Hard-Court Win Leaders		ATP 500 Win Leaders This Season	
Daniil Medvedev	41-11	Alex de Minaur	20-6
Alexander Zverev	36-10	Taylor Fritz	16-3
Carlos Alcaraz	31-4	Ben Shelton	16-4
Alex de Minaur	30-11	Carlos Alcaraz	14-0
Taylor Fritz	29-15	Daniil Medvedev (13-4), Arthur Fils (13-5)	

Most ATP 500 Finals in a Season (since the series began in 2009)

Player	Year	Finals
Juan Martin del Potro	2013	4 (Rotterdam, Washington, Tokyo, Basel)
Daniil Medvedev	2023	4 (Rotterdam, Dubai, Beijing, Vienna)
Carlos Alcaraz	2025	4 (Rotterdam, Barcelona, London/Queen's Club, Tokyo)

[8] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [SE] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

Lehecka Leads 3-0

23 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Jiri Lehecka	7-5 1-6 6-3 3-6 6-1
25 Stuttgart (Germany)	Grass	R16	Jiri Lehecka	6-4 7-5
26 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Jiri Lehecka	7-6(4) 6-3

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Lehecka	27%	69%	32%	8.5	6.7	7.5	7.0
Struff	29%	69%	28%	8.2	6.0	6.8	6.5
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 24 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 12 | 2026: 39-20 (Miami, Tokyo Finals) | Basel: 3-2 (2026 SF)
 > Broke into Top 20 in September 2025 and achieved career-high No. 12 in May 2026 soon after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 final without dropping serve en route (56 of 56 service games won) in Miami.
 > Joined Berdych, P. Korda and Lendl as only Czech men to advance to quarter-finals of both hard-court Grand Slams after reaching last 8 stage at Australian Open in 2023 and US Open in 2025.
 > Also in Australia, captured both career ATP Tour titles at 2024 Adelaide and 2025 Brisbane.
 > Defeated No. 5 Rublev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells before defeating No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Rotterdam as Q after defeating No. 12 Shapovalov in 1R for 1st ATP Tour win.
 > Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.
 > Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

NOTE: Lehecka aims to advance to his 9th ATP Tour final (2-6), third this season after ATP Masters 1000 Miami and Tokyo, and third indoors after 2024 Antwerp and 2025 Brussels. He attempts to become the first Czech finalist at this event since Novak in 2004 and aims to record 40 wins in a season for the second time (41 in 2025).

Czech Basel Finalists

Player	Finals
Jiri Hrebec	2 (1975-76)
Ivan Lendl	2 (1980-81)
Jan Kodes	1 (1976)
Petr Korda	1 (1992)
Jiri Novak	1 (2004)

2026 ATP Tour Win Leaders

Player	Wins	Player	Wins
Alexander Zverev	65	Jannik Sinner	44
Daniil Medvedev	52	Frances Tiafoe	44
Tommy Paul	46	Ben Shelton	41
Alex de Minaur	45	Taylor Fritz	40
Rafael Jodar	44	Jiri Lehecka	39

Jan-Lennard Struff | Age: 36 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 21 | 2026: 23-20 (Brussels Final) | Basel: 7-3 (2026 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 21 in June 2023 after advancing to 3rd ATP Tour final at 2023 Stuttgart.
 > Entered 2023 Madrid as LL, defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas in QF and Karatsev in SF, after losing to him in qualifying, to become 1st lucky loser to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final in series history (since 1990).
 > Became the oldest man in Open Era to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at age 36 at 2026 Wimbledon after earning 3 fifth set wins in 4 matches after losing in 4R of 2019 and 2021 Roland Garros and 2025 US Open.

- > On home soil, advanced to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Munich, earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev in 2021 Halle 1R and became 3rd oldest first-time ATP Tour champion at 2024 Munich.
- > Posted personal-best 35 victories in 2019, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam 4R appearance at Roland Garros.
- > In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer and Karlovic).
- > Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tour-level win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

NOTE: Struff defeated former champion Djokovic in 2R and now aims to reach his 6th ATP Tour final (1-4), second above ATP 250 level after 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid. 36-year-old aims to become the third-oldest finalist in tournament history. He is up to No. 39 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and would reach No. 36 with a win.

2026 Men's Indoor Tour-Level Win Leaders

Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Felix Auger-Aliassime	10-1	Alex de Minaur	9-0*
Tallon Griekspoor	10-3	Jan-Lennard Struff	9-2*
Taylor Fritz	10-4*	Adrian Mannarino	9-4

* plays in Basel or Vienna SF on Saturday

Oldest Basel Finalists – At 36 years and 6 months, Struff bids to join the list.

Player	Age	Year	Player	Age	Year
Roger Federer	38Y 2M	2019	Roger Federer	34Y 2M	2015
Roger Federer	37Y 2M	2018	Roger Federer	33Y 2M	2014
Roger Federer	36Y 2M	2017	John McEnroe	32Y 7M	1991

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

[8] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs Valentin Vacherot (MON)

25 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R64	Valentin Vacherot
26 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	SF	Jiri Lehecka

Series Tied 1-1

6-1 6-3
6-4 6-2

[8] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [6] Taylor Fritz (USA)

23 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Taylor Fritz
23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R16	Taylor Fritz
23 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Taylor Fritz
25 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R16	Taylor Fritz
25 Davis Cup Qualifiers 2R (U.S.A.)	Hard	RR	Jiri Lehecka
26 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Jiri Lehecka

Fritz Leads 4-2

6-3 6-4
4-6 6-4 6-1
7-6(14) 6-2
7-6(4) 6-7(5) 7-6(5)
6-4 3-6 6-4
6-4 6-7(4) 6-2

[SE] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs Valentin Vacherot (MON)

25 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Valentin Vacherot
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Vacherot Leads 1-0

6-2 6-1

[SE] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs [6] Taylor Fritz (USA)

19 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Jan-Lennard Struff
21 St. Petersburg (Russia)	Hard	SF	Taylor Fritz
24 Munich (Germany)	Clay	F	Jan-Lennard Struff

Struff Leads 2-1

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