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BITPANDA HAMBURG OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Hamburg-born No. 1 seed **Alexander Zverev** is starting his campaign against qualifier **Aleksandar Kovacevic**, who is looking for the biggest win of his career (0-2 vs. Top 5). Zverev won the Hamburg title in 2023 (d. Djere) before losing in last year's final (l. to Fils) and looks to become third man to reach three consecutive finals at this event in Open Era after Orantes (1975-77) and Mecir Sr. (1985-1987).

Players to Reach Three Consecutive Finals in Hamburg (Open Era):

Player	Results
Manuel Orantes	1975 Title (d. Kodes), 1976 Final (l. to Dibbs), 1977 Final (l. to Bertolucci)
Miloslav Mecir Sr.	1985 Title (d. Sundstrom), 1986 Final (l. to Leconte), 1987 Final (l. to Lendl)

- No. 3 seed and 2020 champion **Andrey Rublev** takes a 5-0 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead into his sixth meeting vs. **Damir Dzumhur**. Dzumhur is 2-17 vs. Top 20 since the start of 2018 season, both wins over Tsitsipas, and has not faced a Top 20 opponent on clay since his most recent meeting with Rublev in 2023 Banja Luka QF. Rublev is 8-3 on ATP 500 level in 2025, highlighted by title in Doha.

ATP 500 Win Leaders (since series introduction in 2009)

Player	Win/Loss Record	Player	Win/Loss Record
Rafael Nadal	121-19	Kei Nishikori	103-41
David Ferrer	116-39	Novak Djokovic	102-14
Roger Federer	111-11	Andrey Rublev	100-41
Alexander Zverev	107-45	Stefanos Tsitsipas	97-43

- An all-German wildcard clash on **Centre Court** sees 35-year-old **Jan-Lennard Struff** come up against 17-year-old **Justin Engel**. Struff is competing in Hamburg main draw for 10th time (15 including qualifying), while Engel will attempt to become the youngest German match winner at the event since **Zverev**, 17, reached 2014 SF (l. to Ferrer). Last year, Engel became the first 2007-born player to win an ATP Tour match in Almaty.

Youngest Hamburg Match Winners since 2000: At 17Y 7M, Engel would join the list as 3rd-youngest.

Player	Age	Result
Rafael Nadal	16y 11m	2002 3R (d. Mathieu, Moya, l. to Gaudio)
Alexander Zverev	17y 2m	2014 SF (d. Haase, Youzhny, Giraldo, Kamke, l. to Ferrer)
Rudolf Molleker	17y 8m	2018 2R (d. Ferrer, l. to Kovalik)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

[Q] Raphael Collignon (BEL) vs [7] Brandon Nakashima (USA) **First Tour-Level Meeting**
Other Meeting
24 Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve CH (Belgium) Hard R16 Brandon Nakashima 6-3 6-2

Raphael Collignon | Age: 23 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 81 | 2025: 1-2 (Marrakech 2R) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke into Top 100 in February 2025 and achieved career-high No. 81 in April after posting 1st ATP Tour win over former-World No. 9 Fognini in Marrakech 1R.

> Made his tour-level debut in 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, losing to van de Zandschulp and Fonseca.

> Defeated No. 84 van de Zandschulp to win 1st Challenger title at 2024 Luedenscheid and No. 97 Coric en route to 2nd title at Lyon (Décines-Charpieu).

> Coached by Belgium's Davis Cup captain and former World No. 38 Steve Darcis.

> Owns 105-42 ITF Tour record with 8 titles, 7 on clay at the M25 level (2022 Arlon, 2022 Marburg, 2022, 2024 Koksijde, 2024 Hammamet, 2024 Angers, and 2024 Kassel) and 1 on hard courts (2022 M15 Monastir).

NOTE: Collignon is playing his first event above ATP 250 level and is facing a Top 50 opponent for 2nd time in career (l. to No. 43 Borges in Marrakech 2R). He would be 1st Belgian match winner in Hamburg since O. Rochus in 2008.

Brandon Nakashima | Age: 23 | World No. 29 (Career-High) | 2025: 14-13 (2 SFs) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 50 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 29 in May 2025 after earning 100th career win en route to his biggest ATP Tour SF in Acapulco.
> Returned to Milan and went 5-0 to capture 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals title after reaching SF in 2021.
> Defeated countryman Giron to win 1st ATP Tour title in hometown of San Diego in 2022 and ended season on 16-1 run in tiebreaks.
> Played in back-to-back ATP Tour finals at Los Cabos and Atlanta as 19-year-old in 2021, becoming youngest American to reach multiple finals since Roddick in 2001-02.
> Reached Roland Garros 3R, Wimbledon 4R and US Open 3R in 2022, highlighted by first Top 20 wins of career over No. 16 Shapovalov in Wimbledon 2R and No. 19 Dimitrov in US Open 2R.

NOTE: Nakashima is 10-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 50 on ATP Tour since Delray Beach (l. to No. 52 Bautista Agut at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo) and is the 1st American man competing in Hamburg since Paul in 2020.

[3] Andrey Rublev vs Damir Dzumhur (BIH)

15 Istanbul (Turkiye)	Clay	R32	Andrey Rublev	6-3 6-3
17 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Andrey Rublev	6-4 6-4 5-7 6-4
17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Andrey Rublev	6-1 4-6 6-1
18 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R16	Andrey Rublev	6-4 7-6(4)
23 Banja Luka (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	Clay	QF	Andrey Rublev	7-5 6-3

Rublev Leads 5-0

Andrey Rublev | Age: 27 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 5 | 2025: 11-11 (Doha Title) | Hamburg: 11-4 (2020 Title)
> Former No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.
> Rallied from a set down in both SF and final for 1st time in career at 2023 Monte-Carlo to capture 1st ATP Masters 1000 title and defeated two-time defending champion No. 3 Alcaraz en route to 2nd title at 2024 Madrid.
> Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte-Carlo, No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati and No. 1 Sinner at 2024 Montreal en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals and beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th of 16 ATP Tour titles at 2022 Belgrade.
> Led tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.
> Ten-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist reached 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF and won gold medal in All-ROC mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).
> Went 9-1 in singles and 4-1 in doubles at team events during 2021 season, sweeping titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

NOTE: Rublev won the title at this venue in 2020 (d. Tsitsipas) to begin his 23-match winning streak in ATP 500 events. He is 2-7 since claiming his 17th ATP Tour title (7th at 500 level) in Doha in February (d. Draper).

ATP 500 Match Win Leaders This Decade (since 2020):

Player	Wins	Player	Wins
Andrey Rublev	81	Daniil Medvedev	50
Stefanos Tsitsipas	65	Felix Auger-Aliassime	48
Carlos Alcaraz	55	Alex de Minaur	48
Jannik Sinner	51	Alexander Zverev	46

Damir Dzumhur | Age: 32 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 23 | 2025: 11-9 (Bucharest SF) | Hamburg: 0-2 ('17-'18 1R)
> Broke into Top 100 in 2015 and Top 50 in 2017 before winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2018 Antalya to achieve career-high No. 23.
> First player to sweep both Russian titles in a single season, capturing St. Petersburg and Moscow championships in 2017.
> Earned personal-best 36 victories in 2017, highlighted by biggest wins of career over No. 3 Wawrinka at Dubai and No. 4 A. Zverev at Shenzhen.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R on 5 occasions, including at 2018 Roland Garros, where he led No. 3 A. Zverev by 2 sets to 1 and held 1 MP before losing.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 R16 on 3 occasions, including at 2016 Miami, where he defeated No. 5 Nadal in 2R.
> Went 6-0 in finals on ATP Challenger Tour in 2024, tying with 5 other players for 2nd-most Challenger titles in a single season behind Griekspoor (8 in 2021).

NOTE: Dzumhur seeks 1st Top 20 win since defeating No. 12 Tsitsipas at 2019 Rotterdam (0-7 since) and is 1-8 vs. Top 20 on clay, beating No. 7 Berdych at 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo. He would be first Bosnian match winner in tournament history after losing in 2017 1R (l. to Stebe) and 2018 1R (l. to Kovalik).

[1/WC] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs [Q] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) First Meeting

Alexander Zverev | Age: 28 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 2 | 2025: 24-9 (Munich Title) | Hamburg: 16-6 (2023 Title)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.
 > Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 24 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
 > Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
 > Earned wins over 14-time champion Nadal en route to 2024 Roland Garros final and 10-time champion Djokovic via RET to reach 2025 Australian Open final.
 > Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 6 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
 > Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (4 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2 times).

NOTE: Hamburg-born Zverev reached 1st of 72 tour-level semifinals at this venue as No. 285-ranked WC in 2014 (l. to Ferrer). He is 10-2 on German soil since July, reaching Hamburg final (l. to Fils) and winning Munich (d. Shelton). As World No. 3, he is the first Top-3 player to make an appearance at the event since 2008.

2025 ATP Tour Win Leaders

Player	Win/Loss Record	Player	Win/Loss Record
Carlos Alcaraz	30-5	Casper Ruud	24-7
Francisco Cerundolo	27-11	Alexander Zverev	24-9
Alex de Minaur	26-10	Jack Draper	22-6

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 26 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 72 | 2025: 6-7 (Montpellier Final) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 72 in September 2024
 > Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and upset No. 10 Rublev for biggest win of career to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2025 Montpellier.
 > Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final and captured latest title at 2025 Cap Cana.
 > Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open.
 > Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.

NOTE: Kovacevic seeks biggest win of career (1-4 vs. Top 10) after win over No. 10 Rublev in Montpellier in February to reach 1st ATP Tour final as Q. He looks to post first ATP Tour win on clay in Europe after 3 in Houston in 2024-25.

[WC] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs [WC] Justin Engel (GER) First Meeting

Jan-Lennard Struff | Age: 35 | World No. 86 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 4-11 (Marseille QF) | Hamburg: 3-9 ('13, '17, '19 2R)
 > 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).
 > 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 player to win 1st ATP Tour title 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 is making his 10th main draw appearance in Hamburg, 1st since 2022. He is 8-2 on home soil since the start of last season, including 2024 Munich title, and 1-8 on the ATP Tour since reaching Marseille QF in February.

Justin Engel | Age: 17 | World No. 333 (Career-High) | 2025: 0-1 (Munich 1R) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Entered 2024 season as No. 1344, then broke into Top 800 in July and Top 500 in October before achieving career-high No. 333 in May 2025.
 > Made ATP Tour debut as 17-year-old WC at 2024 Almaty and defeated Wong in 1R to become the youngest German man to record a tour-level match win since Boris Becker, 17, at 1984 Australian Open.

- > Owns 40-21 ITF World Tennis Tour record (5-0 in finals), claiming four M15 clay-court titles in 2024 and 2025 M15 Cadolzburg on carpet.
- > Peaked at No. 56 in ITF juniors in February 2024, winning 2 titles and qualifying to 2024 Australian Open boys' singles main draw.

NOTE: Engel is playing his 2nd ATP Tour match on home soil after Munich last month (l. to Marozsan) and seeks biggest win of career (0-2 vs. Top 100). He would be the 3rd-youngest German to win a match in Hamburg in Open Era after Becker, 16, in 1984 (l. to Sundstrom in 2R) and Zverev, 17, in 2014 (l. to Ferrer in SF).

M1

Marcos Giron (USA) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	R64	Roberto Bautista Agut	7-6(5) 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-3 6-3

Bautista Agut Leads 2-0

[Q] Borna Gojo (CRO) vs Jiri Lehecka (CZE)

First Meeting

M2

[Q] Elias Ymer (SWE) vs Alexandre Muller (FRA)

Other Meetings

21 Split-1 CH (Croatia)	Clay	R32	Elias Ymer	6-0 6-4
21 Split-2 CH (Croatia)	Clay	R32	Elias Ymer	7-5 6-4
22 Cassis CH (France)	Clay	R32	Elias Ymer	7-5 6-4

First Tour-Level Meeting