

EUROPEAN OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023

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2023 EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2023 W-L (BEST FINISH)	ANTWERP W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	43-19 (Los Cabos Title)	3-1 (2017 SF)
2	Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)	17-13 (Madrid, Stuttgart Finals)	6-4 (2016, 2018 QF)
3	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	18-25 (Halle Title)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Arthur Fils (FRA)	16-14 (Lyon Title)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Yannick Hanfmann (GER)	21-19 (Houston, Mallorca SF)	0-0 (2021 Q1)
6	Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)	19-22 (Marrakech Title)	0-0 (2021 Q2)
7	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	14-22 (Auckland Title)	9-5 (2016 Title)
8	Juan Pablo Varillas (PER)	15-19 (Buenos Aires SF)	0-0 (Debut)

Tournament History

2016-Present (8th Edition in 2023)

Singles Final Wild Cards (3)

Sunday 22 October at 4:30pm

Qualifiers (4)

David Goffin (BEL), Mark Lajal (EST), Luca Nardi (ITA) TBD on Monday 16 October

Oldest Player

Richard Gasquet (37)

#NextGenATP (4)
Tournament Records

Arthur Fils (19), Luca Nardi (20), Mark Lajal (20), Dominic Stricker (21) Most Titles – Felix Auger-Aliassime, Kyle Edmund, Richard Gasquet, Ugo Humbert, Andy Murray, Jannik Sinner, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (1)

Most Wins - Diego Schwartzman (12)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Jannik Sinner, 20, in 2021 Oldest Champion – Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 32, in 2017

Highest-Ranked Champion - No. 10 Felix Auger-Aliassime in 2022

Lowest-Ranked Champion - No. 243 Andy Murray in 2019

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (15)

France (6) Gregoire Barrere, Arthur Fils, Richard Gasquet,

Hugo Gaston, Quentin Halys, Arthur Rinderknech

Germany (3) Yannick Hanfmann, Dominik Koepfer, Jan-Lennard Struff

Spain (2) Roberto Carballes Baena, Jaume Munar

Austria (1) Dominic Thiem
Belgium (1) David Goffin
Colombia (1) Daniel Elahi Galan

Estonia (1) Mark Lajal

Greece (1) Stefanos Tsitsipas Hungary (1) Fabian Marozsan Italy (1) Luca Nardi

Kazakhstan (1) Alexander Bublik

Netherlands (1)
Peru (1)
Portugal (1)
Switzerland (1)
Botic van de Zandschulp
Juan Pablo Varillas
Nuno Borges
Dominic Stricker

Alexander Shevchenko

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

European Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	102,460	59,760	35,135	20,360	11,825	7,225
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	35,600	19,040	11,160	6,240	3,680	

^{*} Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points



2023 EUROPEAN OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2023 (BEST FINISH)	ANTWERP (BEST FINISH)
1	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX)	50-22 (3 Titles)	44-21 (3 Titles)	7-4 (2017-18 Finals)
	Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	43-20 in 2023 (3 Titles)	44-23 (3 Titles)	10-2 (2016, 2018 Titles)
2	Kevin Krawietz (GER)	39-19 (1 Title)	29-15 (Hamburg Title)	5-1 (2019 Title)
	Tim Puetz (GER)	33-17 in 2023 (1 Title)	29-15 (Hamburg Title)	0-2 (2019-20 1R)
3	Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)	0-0	31-21 (Adelaide-1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
	Hugo Nys (MON)	(Debut)	25-25 (Rome Title)	1-2 (2022 QF)
4	Matwe Middelkoop (NED)	7-7 (2 SFs)	26-27 (Montpellier Title)	7-4 (2020, 2022 Finals)
	Andreas Mies (GER)	5-5 in 2023 (1 SF)	22-21 (3 SFs)	5-1 (2019 Title)

Doubles Final: Sunday 22 October at 2:00 pm.

EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	Sebastian Korda (USA)	6-3 6-4
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	6-2 6-2
2020	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	6-1 7-6(4)
2019	Andy Murray (GBR)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	3-6 6-4 6-4
2018	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	3-6 7-6(2) 7-6(4)
2017	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	6-3 7-5
2016	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	7-6(4) 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2023 European Open singles draw.

EUROPEAN OPEN DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Tallon Griekspoor / Botic van de Zandschulp	Rohan Bopanna / Matwe Middelkoop	3-6 6-3 [10-5]
2021	Nicolas Mahut / Fabrice Martin	Wesley Koolhof / Jean-Julien Rojer	6-0 6-1
2020	John Peers / Michael Venus	Rohan Bopanna / Matwe Middelkoop	6-3 6-4
2019	Kevin Krawietz / Andreas Mies	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	7-6(1) 6-3
2018	Nicolas Mahut / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Marcelo Demoliner / Santiago Gonzalez	6-4 7-5
2017	Scott Lipsky / Divij Sharan	Santiago Gonzalez / Julio Peralta	6-4 2-6 [10-5]
2016	Daniel Nestor / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	6-4 6-4

BOLD: Player in 2023 European Open doubles draw

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs [WC] Mark Lajal (EST)

First Meeting

Jaume Munar | Age: 26 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 52 | 2023: 15-18 (Santiago SF) | Antwerp: 1-2 (2022 2R) > Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.

- > Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.
- > Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.
- > Earned 2 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.
- > Owns 126-66 Challenger record (9-6 in finals), including recent clay-court title at 2023 San Marino.



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> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Munar is 8-5 vs. players ranked outside of Top 100 this season, aiming to reach Antwerp 2R for the second consecutive year (d. van Rijthoven in 1R).

Mark Lajal | Age: 20 | World No. 229 | Career-High No. 224 | 2023: 0-0 (Debut) | Antwerp: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Former World No. 13 Junior broke into Top 500 in September 2019 and Top 250 in June 2023, earning career-high No. 224 in July 2023 soon after reaching 2R at Granby Challenger.
- > Owns 22-18 Challenger record winning 1st and only title at 2023 Little Rock.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup Group II, earning first win over No. 655 Sinclair of Pacific Oceania.
- > He became the first Estonian to win an ATP Challenger title since Jurgen Zopp at 2017 Alphen.
- > His dad was a motocross racer and his grandfather was a rally driver.

NOTE: Lajal is making his ATP Tour debut aiming to become 1st Estonian to earn ATP Tour win since Zopp at 2018 Gstaad (I. to Berrettini in SF).

Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs Hugo Gaston (FRA)

Gaston Leads 1-0

21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)

Hard R64 Hugo Gaston

4-6 6-4 6-3

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 28 | World No. 82 | Career-High No. 42 | 2023: 13-21 (3 times in QF) | Antwerp: 2-1 (2021 QF) > Broke into Top 50 in January 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2, then became No. 1 Frenchman and achieved career-high No. 42 in October 2022.

- > Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
- > In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 6 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q, 2022 Poznan and 2023 Zug.
- > Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

NOTE: Rinderknech is 9-11 in opening rounds this season, he seeks his 1st tour-level win on hard-courts against French players since 2022 Gijon R2 (d. Lestienne).

Hugo Gaston | Age: 23 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 58 | 2023: 3-7 (3 times in 2R) | Antwerp: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.

- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.
- > At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.
- > As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
- > Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Gaston is 1-6 vs top100 players on tour-level this year, defeating No. 100 Struff at Marrakech 1R. Seeks first top100 tour-level win on hard court since defeating No. 22 Isner at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R.

[WC] David Goffin (BEL) vs Quentin Halys (FRA)

First Meeting

David Goffin | Age: 32 | World No. 105 | Career-High No. 7 | 2023: 9-13 (Auckland QF) | Antwerp: 5-5 (2016 SF) > Earned career-high 59 wins in 2017, ending season at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.

- > Became 6th and final player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray and Nalbandian).
- > First Belgian to break into Top 10, qualify for Nitto ATP Finals, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
- > In 2022, earned 300th victory (d. Andujar in Marrakech 2R), captured 6th ATP Tour title (Marrakech) and posted 3rd win over World No. 1 (d. Alcaraz in Astana 1R).
- > Advanced to 4 Grand Slam QFs, most recently 2022 Wimbledon, and led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017.



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NOTE: Goffin seeks 1st tour-level win since reaching Wimbledon 3R (I. to Rublev). He is making sixth appearance in the tournament, reaching the quarter-final stage 3 times (2016 SF, 2017 QF, 2022 QF).

Quentin Halys | Age: 26 | World No. 87 | Career-High No. 61 | 2023: 15-17 (Estoril SF) | Antwerp: 0-0 (2017 Q1) > Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2012, entered Top 200 in 2015, broke into Top 100 in 2022 and achieved career-high No. 61 after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at 2023 Auckland.

- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 Estoril despite entering the event with a 1-9 tour-level record on clay and seeking first clay tour-level win since 2016 Roland Garros (d. Chung in 1R).
- > Earned first Top 20 win over No. 18 de Minaur, saving 3 MPs en route to first ATP Masters 1000 4R at 2023 Miami before losing to eventual champion Medvedev.
- > Posted 43-10 Challenger record in 2022 (3-4 in finals), winning titles at Pau, Lille and Ismaning.
- > Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 2nd of 6 career Challenger titles at 2018 Quimper.
- > Went 129-46 in singles and 83-35 in doubles on ITF Junior Circuit, ending junior career with run to 2014 US Open boys' singles final after winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Bonzi.

NOTE: Halys came into this season with a 9-35 career tour-level record from 2015-2022 before compiling a 15-17 mark, highlighted by first ATP Tour semi-final in Estoril (I. to Ruud) and quarter-finals in Auckland (I. to Brooksby) and Montpellier (I. to Fils).

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Gregoire Barrere (FRA) vs Daniel Elahi Galan (COL)				First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting				
19 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q3	Gregoire Barrere	6-4 6-3