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QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN TALKING POINTS

- 2020 champion **Andrey Rublev** will attempt to advance to his 3rd **Qatar ExxonMobil Open** final when he takes on **Felix Auger-Aliassime** at **Khalifa Tennis Complex** on Friday. Rublev leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 5-1, including win in most recent match in ATP Masters 1000 Madrid final last May.

- **Rublev** saved 1 MP vs. De Minaur and converted his 8th match point to reach his 2nd ATP Tour SF of 2025 (Montpellier). Five-time ATP 500 champion could become 9th player in ATP 500 series history (since 2009) to reach 10 finals at this level. After win over No. 8 De Minaur in QF, he aims to record back-to-back Top 30 wins for 1st time since posting 4 consecutive Top 30 victories en route to ATP Masters 1000 Madrid title in May.

Most ATP 500 Finals (since series was introduced in 2009):

Player	Finals (W-L in finals)	Player	Finals (W-L in finals)
Roger Federer	21 (16-5)	Kei Nishikori	12 (6-6)
Rafael Nadal	21 (15-6)	Stefanos Tsitsipas	11 (0-11)
Novak Djokovic	17 (14-3)	Andy Murray	10 (9-1)
David Ferrer	16 (8-8)	Juan Martin del Potro	10 (7-3)

Rublev (5-4), Zverev (5-4) and Medvedev (4-5) follow with 9 ATP 500 finals

- **Auger-Aliassime** is the only player to reach multiple ATP Tour finals this season, lifting titles in Adelaide and Montpellier. He now attempts to become 3rd man this decade to contest in 3 finals by the end of February. Canadian No. 1 is 5-1 vs. Top 10 players since July, lone loss to No. 3 Alcaraz in Paris Olympics SF. If he defeats Rublev, it will guarantee 13th ATP Tour final between players born in 2000s, seventh at ATP 500 level.

ATP 500 Finals Between Players Born in 2000s –

Tournament	Final	Tournament	Final
2022 Hamburg	Musetti (2002) d. Alcaraz (2003)	2024 Washington	Korda (2000) d. Cobolli (2002)
2022 Basel	Auger-Aliassime (2000) d. Rune (2003)	2024 Beijing	Alcaraz (2003) d. Sinner (2001)
2024 Rio de Janeiro	Baez (2000) d. Navone (2001)	2024 Basel	Mpetshi Perricard (2003) d. Shelton (2002)

- No. 8 seed **Jack Draper** faces **Jiri Lehecka** in their third meeting with the pair splitting previous two matches. British No. 1 is on an 8-match winning streak at ATP 500 events after Vienna title last October. Brits are 7-1 in Doha semi-finals, as 23-year-old bids to join Murray (5 times) and Henman (2) as only British finalists in Doha. He secured a new career-high on Monday and will be No. 14 with SF, No. 12 with final and No. 11 with a title.

- World No. 25 **Lehecka** upset No. 3 Alcaraz in QF for biggest win of his career, rallying from 2-4 down in deciding set. 23-year-old, who is tied with de Minaur for most wins on ATP Tour this season (13), now aims to advance to the biggest final of his career, 2 years after squandering 5 MPs vs. Murray in Doha SF. He is 4-1 vs. Top 20 in 2025, lone loss to No. 7 Djokovic in Australian Open 4R, and aims to earn 3 Top 20 wins in one tournament for first time in career (also d. No. 15 Dimitrov in 1R).

2025 ATP Tour Win Leaders:

Player	Wins	Best Result
Alex de Minaur	13	Rotterdam final
Jiri Lehecka	**13**	**Brisbane title**
Felix Auger-Aliassime	12	Adelaide, Montpellier titles

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Insights of the remaining 4 players from their 2025 Doha matches:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Jiri Lehecka	**29%**	71%	32%	**8.7**	7.5	**8.2**	7.2
Jack Draper	24%	**72%**	**44%**	8.1	**7.6**	7.7	**8.2**
Felix Auger-Aliassime	**27%**	**76%**	**41%**	**8.6**	**8.0**	**8.6**	7.1
Andrey Rublev	26%	71%	30%	8.5	6.8	8.4	**7.5**
Tour Average	*24%*	*69%*	*31%*	*7.9*	*6.5*	*7.5*	*7.1*

Lehecka and Draper have both excelled with their strengths this week. Lehecka has served with high pace and importantly landed his first serve in 68% of the time (Lehecka avg. = 62%), setting up a high % of In Attack opportunities that he's converted well. Whilst Draper has defended very well, in particular on his strongest side, the Backhand, where he's landed 86% of defensive shots in (Tour avg. = 71%).

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs [5] Andrey Rublev — Rublev Leads 5-1

18 Umag (Croatia)	Clay	R16	Andrey Rublev	6-4 6-7(4) 6-3
20 Adelaide (Australia)	Hard	SF	Andrey Rublev	7-6(5) 6-7(7) 6-4
22 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	SF	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-7(5) 6-4 6-2
22 Marseille (France)	Hard	F	Andrey Rublev	7-5 7-6(4)
24 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R16	Andrey Rublev	3-6 7-6(6) 7-5
24 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	F	Andrey Rublev	4-6 7-5 7-5

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 24 | World No. 23 | Career-High No. 6 | 2025: 12-3 (2 Titles) | Doha: 4-1 (2023, 2025 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 6 and earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
> Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, advanced to 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, and swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Led ATP Tour with 45 hard-court and 31 indoor wins in 2022, highlighted by victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
> At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881) and at 2024 Madrid, became 1st Canadian ATP Masters 1000 finalist on clay in series history (since 1990).
> As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime seeks 18th ATP Tour final (7-10), 3rd of 2025 (Adelaide, Montpellier titles) and become 1st Canadian finalist in tournament history. He is 20-40 vs. Top 10, including win over No. 8 Medvedev in QF (6-3 RET) and aims to record multiple Top 10 wins in one event for 3rd time in career after 2022 Rotterdam (d. No. 7 Rublev in SF, No. 4 Tsitsipas in final) and 2024 Paris Olympics (d. No. 5 Medvedev in 3R, No. 9 Ruud in QF).

3+ Finals in First Two Months of the Season since 2014:

Year	Player	Finals
2023	Cameron Norrie	Auckland, Buenos Aires, **Rio de Janeiro**
2022	Rafael Nadal	**Melbourne, Australian Open, Acapulco**
2015	David Ferrer	**Doha, Rio de Janeiro, Acapulco**
2014	Marin Cilic	**Zagreb**, Rotterdam, **Delray Beach**
2014	Rafael Nadal	**Doha**, Australian Open, **Rio de Janeiro**

BOLD: Player won the title.

Andrey Rublev | Age: 27 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 5 | 2025: 7-4 (2 SFs) | Doha: 14-5 (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 is the only former champion left in the draw and aims to advance to his 27th ATP Tour final (16-10), first since ATP Masters 1000 Montreal in August (l. to Popyrin) and third in Doha after losing to Monfils in 2018 and defeating Moutet in 2020. By reaching SF this week, he moved past Paul to No. 9 on PIF ATP Live Rankings.

Doha Final Leaders:

Player	Finals	Titles
Andy Murray	5 (2007-09, 2017, 2023)	2 (2008-09)
Gael Monfils	4 (2006, 2012, 2014, 2018)	1 (2018)
Roberto Bautista Agut	3 (2019, 2021-22)	2 (2019, 2022)
Nikolay Davydenko	3 (2010-11, 2013)	1 (2010)
Roger Federer	3 (2005-06, 2011)	3 (2005-06, 2011)
Ivan Ljubicic	3 (2004-05, 2007)	1 (2007)
Rafael Nadal	3 (2010, 2014, 2016)	1 (2014)

Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [8] Jack Draper (GBR) — Series Tied 1-1

24 Adelaide (Australia)	Hard	F	Jiri Lehecka	4-6 6-4 6-3
24 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R64	Jack Draper	7-5 6-2

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 23 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 23 | 2025: 13-2 (Brisbane Title) | Doha: 6-1 (2023, 2025 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 23 in January 2024 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title in Adelaide.
> 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, then defeated No. 4 Medvedev via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2024 Madrid.
> Earned wins over No. 12 Norrie in 3R and No. 7 Auger-Aliassime in 4R en route to 2023 Australian Open QF.
> 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 earned biggest win of career over No. 3 Alcaraz and now aims to advance to 5th ATP Tour final (2-2), first above ATP 250 level and be 1st Czech in an ATP 500 final since Vesely at 2022 Dubai. He is No. 22 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and would secure new career-high with a win to be highest-ranked Czech since No. 19 Berdych in the week of 18 June 2018. He would join Auger-Aliassime as 2nd player to reach multiple ATP Tour finals this year.

Czech Finalists in Tournament History:

Player	Finals	Player	Finals
Tomas Berdych	2015 (l. to Ferrer), 2019 (l. to Bautista Agut)	Bohdan Ulihrach	2001 (l. to Rios)
Petr Korda	1996 (d. El Aynaoui), 1998 (d. Santoro)	Jakub Mensik	2024 (l. to Khachanov)

Jack Draper | Age: 23 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 15 | 2025: 6-1 (Doha SF) | Doha: 3-0 (2025 SF)
> Achieved new career-high ranking 22 times in 2022, breaking into Top 200 in February, Top 100 in June and Top 50 in September before peaking at No. 15 in October 2024 after winning biggest title of career in Vienna.
> Advanced to 2024 US Open SF without losing a set, becoming 4th British man in semi-finals of that event in Open Era, following Rusedski (1997), Henman (2004) and Murray (2008, 2011-12).
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title by defeating 2-time champion Berrettini in 2024 Stuttgart final and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz at Queen's Club 2R in back-to-back weeks.
> In 2022, advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at Eastbourne as WC, earned Top 10 wins over No. 5 Tsitsipas en route to Montreal QF as Q, and defeated No. 8 Auger-Aliassime to reach US Open 3R.
> Defeated both Sinner and Bublik in 2 TBs for 1st and 2nd ATP Tour wins of career, reaching 2021 London/Queen's Club QF as 309th-ranked WC.
> Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

NOTE: Draper attempts to reach his 5th ATP Tour final (2-2) and extend his 8-match winning streak in ATP 500 events after Vienna title in October. He is 16-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 20 since the start of US Open, both losses in Davis Cup to No. 21 Auger-Aliassime and No. 31 F. Cerundolo in the week following his run to US Open SF.

Highest Ranked Left-Handed Players on PIF ATP Live Rankings: With a SF win, Draper would become highest-ranked leftie for 2nd time in career (week of 28 October 2024).

Ranking	Player	Points	
No. 13	Ben Shelton	2,930	
No. 14	**Jack Draper**	**2,870**	**(Final – 3,000, Title – 3,170)**
No. 15	Ugo Humbert	2,825	
No. 28	Alejandro Tabilo	1,690	
No. 31	Denis Shapovalov	1,496	

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) — Series Tied 1-1

23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R16	Jiri Lehecka	4-6 6-3 7-6(2) 7-6(3)
24 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	SF	Felix Auger-Aliassime	3-3 RET

Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [5] Andrey Rublev — Rublev Leads 3-2

22 Belgrade (Serbia)	Clay	R16	Andrey Rublev	4-6 7-6(1) 6-2
23 Doha (Qatar)	**Hard**	**QF**	**Jiri Lehecka**	**4-6 6-4 6-3**
23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Andrey Rublev	6-4 6-2
24 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Jiri Lehecka	6-4 6-4
24 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Andrey Rublev	6-3 7-5 6-4

[8] Jack Draper (GBR) vs Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) — Draper Leads 2-1

22 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Jack Draper	6-4 6-4 6-4
24 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Jack Draper	5-7 6-4 6-4
24 Davis Cup Group Stage (Great Britain)	Hard	RR	Felix Auger-Aliassime	7-6(8) 7-5

[8] Jack Draper (GBR) vs [5] Andrey Rublev — Rublev Leads 3-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R32	Andrey Rublev	2-6 6-4 7-5
22 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Andrey Rublev	6-4 6-2
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Andrey Rublev	6-3 3-6 6-3 6-4