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ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- Two-time champion and World No. 12 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** takes on World No. 8 **Casper Ruud** in the 2024 **Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters** championship match on Sunday. The two finalists lead the ATP Tour in clay court wins since the start of 2020 season, with **Ruud** also leading in finals (14) and titles (9). Both look for their 11th ATP Tour title of career and first title of the season.

Most Clay-Court Wins Since the Start of 2020 Season:

No. Player	Win/Loss
1. Casper Ruud	98-27
2. Stefanos Tsitsipas	73-17
3. Carlos Alcaraz	66-16
4. Albert Ramos-Vinolas	59-52
5. Novak Djokovic	58-12

- Tsitsipas** seeks his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title after winning back-to-back Monte-Carlo titles in 2021-22. The Greek aims to join **Rafael Nadal** (11), **Bjorn Borg** (3), **Thomas Muster** (3) and **Ilie Nastase** (3) as the only players with 3+ Monte-Carlo titles in Open Era. After defeating No. 5 **Alexander Zverev** in 3R and No. 2 **Jannik Sinner** in SF, he aims to capture 3+ Top 10 wins in a single event for the third time after 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (4; l. to Nadal in the final) and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals (4; d. Thiem in the final).

Players with 3+ Monte-Carlo Titles in Open Era

Rafael Nadal	11 (2005-2012, 2016-18)
Bjorn Borg	3 (1977, 1979-80)
Thomas Muster	3 (1992, 1995-96)
Ilie Nastase	3 (1971-73)

Lowest-Ranked Monte-Carlo Champions since 2000

No. 18 Fabio Fognini in 2019
No. 17 Rafael Nadal in 2005
No. 12 Cedric Pioline in 2000
No. 7 Rafael Nadal in 2017

- After earning biggest win of career in semi-finals over World No. 1 Djokovic, No. 8 **Casper Ruud** looks for the biggest title of his career. The 25-year-old takes a 2-1 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead into the match, including win over Tsitsipas in Los Cabos SF in February. He attempts to be the first Scandinavian to win the Monte-Carlo title since Sweden's **Mats Wilander** lifted the trophy in 1987.

Casper Ruud's 10 ATP Tour Titles

2023 Estoril*	2021 Kitzbuhel*
2022 Gstaad*	2021 Gstaad*
2022 Geneva*	2021 Bastad*
2022 Buenos Aires*	2021 Geneva*
2021 San Diego	2020 Buenos Aires*

* on clay courts

Tour-Level Title Leaders on ATP Tour (players born since 1990)

Alexander Zverev	21	Carlos Alcaraz	14
Daniil Medvedev	20	Jannik Sinner	13
Dominic Thiem	17	Casper Ruud	10
Andrey Rublev	15	Stefanos Tsitsipas	10

- In the 12th ATP Masters 1000 event since the start of the 2023 season, **Ruud** aims to become the third first-time champion after **Andrey Rublev** at 2023 Monte-Carlo and **Jannik Sinner** at 2023 Toronto. The Norwegian will have to break his 4-match losing streak in finals (2023 Roland Garros, 2023 Bastad, 2024 Los Cabos and 2024 Acapulco) to capture his first title since 2023 Estoril and join Alcaraz and Sinner as ATP Masters 1000 champions this season.

2024 ATP Masters 1000 Finals:

Indian Wells – [2] Carlos Alcaraz d. [4] Daniil Medvedev 7-6(5) 6-1

Miami – [2] Jannik Sinner d. [11] Grigor Dimitrov 6-3 6-1

Monte-Carlo – [8] Casper Ruud vs. [12] Stefanos Tsitsipas

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Insights from 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo and the players' 52-week average:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Casper Ruud	21%	73%	41%	7.7	7.4	8.3	8.7
52-week avg	24%	69%	36%	7.8	6.7	8.2	7.6
Stefanos Tsitsipas	27%	69%	46%	7.8	6.6	8.9	7.9
52-week avg	27%	71%	33%	8.3	6.8	8.4	7.3
Tour Average	25.0%	66.0%	34.0%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

COURT RAINIER III

[8] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs [12] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R16 Casper Ruud
 21 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada) Hard QF Stefanos Tsitsipas
 23 Los Cabos (Mexico) Hard SF Casper Ruud

Ruud Leads 2-1

7-6(4) 6-4
 6-1 6-4
 6-4 7-6(4)

Other Meeting

16 Italy F10 (Italy) Clay F Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3 6-7(2) 7-6(2)

Insights from their 2024 Los Cabos SF meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Casper Ruud	24%	84%	34%	7.9	7.4	9.2	8.2
Stefanos Tsitsipas	27%	66%	16%	8.7	7.7	8.1	6.6
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

- Casper Ruud** | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 24-6 (3 Finals) | Monte-Carlo: 10-4 (2024 Final)
- > 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 (2022-23 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami, 2024 Monte-Carlo).
 - > 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 (98), finals (14) and titles (9).
 - > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final.

NOTE: Ruud earned biggest win of career by defeating No. 1 Djokovic in SF and now seeks his 11th ATP Tour title (10-10), first above ATP 250 level. He would become the 1st Scandinavian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title on clay since Swede Magnus Norman at 2000 Rome. He will rise to No. 6 on [PIF ATP Rankings](#) on Monday, his highest ranking since September 2023. With a win, he would tie Jannik Sinner for most wins on the ATP Tour in 2024 (25).

Most Tour-Level Finals on ATP Tour in 2024:

Jannik Sinner – 3 (Australian Open title, Rotterdam title, ATP Masters 1000 Miami title)

Grigor Dimitrov – 3 (Brisbane title, Marseille final, ATP Masters 1000 Miami final)

Casper Ruud – 3 (Los Cabos final, Acapulco final, *ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo*)

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 25 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 16-6 (Monte-Carlo F) | Event: 19-3 (2021-22 Titles)
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).

> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.

> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).

> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas seeks his 11th ATP Tour title (10-17), first since 2023 Los Cabos and 3rd on ATP Masters 1000 level after previously winning Monte-Carlo in 2021 and 2022. He is No. 9 on the [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and will return to Top 10 on Monday after 8-week absence. He would reach No. 7 with a title win and achieve his 100th tour-level win on clay (99-30) to become the 6th player born since 1990 with 100+ tour-level wins on clay and hard courts (197).

Players with 100+ Wins on Hard Courts and Clay (born since 1990):

Player	Clay Wins	HC Wins
Dominic Thiem	167	167
Alexander Zverev	129	251
*Casper Ruud	127	100
Diego Schwartzman	120	120
Pablo Carreno Busta	113	149

* plays in Monte-Carlo Final on Sunday

2024 Monte-Carlo Statistics	Casper Ruud	Stefanos Tsitsipas
Aces	17	21
1st-Serve Percentage	60% (155 of 258)	58% (183 of 315)
1st-Serve Points Won	72.9% (113 of 155)	73.2% (134 of 183)
2nd-Serve Points Won	57% (59 of 103)	56% (74 of 132)
Service Games Won	84% (37 of 44)	86% (42 of 49)
Break Points Saved	53% (8 of 15)	71% (17 of 24)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	40% (74 of 184)	39% (78 of 201)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	49% (49 of 100)	51% (56 of 110)
Return Games Won	36% (16 of 45)	39% (19 of 49)
Break Points Converted	46% (16 of 35)	42% (19 of 45)

NOTE: Tsitsipas leads Ruud in 6 out of 10 categories.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[Alt] Marcelo Melo (BRA) / Alexander Zverev (GER) vs Sander Gille (BEL) / Joran Vliegen (BEL) **First Meeting**

Melo / Zverev Notes

- > Brazilian/German pair are 12-12 as a team (5-1 in 2024), first teaming up at 2017 Shenzhen and reached their 1st semi-final and final together this week at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo.
- > They entered the draw as alternates following late withdrawal by Griekspoor/Hurkacz and became the first alternates to reach ATP Masters 1000 final since Carreno Busta/Sousa at 2018 Rome.
- > Melo owns the most doubles wins among active players (624) and is 18-12 in Monte-Carlo, previously reaching 2014 final w/Dodig, while Zverev is 9-4, previous best result being 2022 QF w/Melo.
- > Melo aims to win a title at 7th of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events and Zverev aims to become the 6th active player to own ATP Masters 1000 titles in both singles (5) and doubles.
- > Defeated No. 4 seeds Ram/Salisbury in 2R and rallied from a set and break down vs. Arevalo/Pavic in SF.
- > Melo is ranked No. 49 (career-high No. 1 in 2015) and Zverev is ranked No. 168 (career-high No. 68 in 2019).
- > Melo, 40, is 37-35 in tour-level doubles finals, looking for his 10th ATP Masters 1000 title (9-6 in finals), winning at 2013 Shanghai, 2015 Paris, 2016 Toronto, 2016 Cincinnati w/Dodig, 2015 Shanghai w/Klaasen, 2017 Miami, 2017 Madrid, 2017 Paris and 2018 Shanghai w/Kubot.
- > Zverev, 26, is 2-5 in ATP Tour doubles finals, reaching all previous 7 finals with brother Mischa Zverev and won titles at 2017 Montpellier and 2019 Acapulco. He is playing in 1st doubles final above ATP 500 level.

ATP Masters 1000 Champions in Singles and Doubles (Active Players)

Player	No. of Singles Titles	No. of Doubles Titles (latest titles in brackets)
Rafael Nadal	36 (2021 Rome)	3 (2012 Indian Wells w/M. Lopez)
Hubert Hurkacz	2 (2023 Shanghai)	2 (2022 Miami w/Isner)
Andrey Rublev	1 (2023 Monte-Carlo)	1 (2023 Madrid w/Khachanov)
Pablo Carreno Busta	1 (2022 Montreal)	1 (2020 Cincinnati w/de Minaur)
Karen Khachanov	1 (2018 Paris)	1 (2023 Madrid w/Rublev)

Gille / Vliegen Notes

- > Belgian duo are 124-116 as a team (13-9 in 2024), first teaming up in 2013 and made ATP Tour debut at 2017 Antwerp. Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2023 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Monte-Carlo.
- > Won 7 ATP Tour titles together at 2019 Bastad, 2019 Gstaad, 2019 Zhuhai, 2020 Astana, 2021 Singapore, 2023 Pune and 2023 Estoril.
- > Came back from 6-7 1-4 down against Sinner/Sonogo in 1R, then recorded straight sets wins over No. 2 seeds Dodig/Krajicek in 2R, No. 6 seeds Krawietz/Puetz in QF, No. 3 seeds Granollers/Zeballos in SF.
- > They aim to become the second Belgians to win an ATP Masters 1000 doubles title after Xavier Malisse at 2010 Indian Wells w/Dolgoplov (d. Federer/Wawrinka in F). Previous best result was SFs at 2021 Madrid and Toronto.
- > Team is ranked No. 9 on [PIF ATP Doubles Team Rankings](#). Gille is ranked No. 29T (career-high No. 18 in September 2023) and Vliegen is ranked No. 29T (career-high No. 17 in August 2023).
- > Gille, 33, and Vliegen, 30, are 7-5 in tour-level doubles finals, seeking their biggest title of career and playing in their second final of the season (2024 Hong Kong).