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WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN TALKING POINTS

- 2022 **Western & Southern Open** field hosts 5 former champions of the event, No. 1 seed and 2019 champion **Daniil Medvedev**, No. 2 seed **Rafael Nadal** (2013 champion), No. 15 seed **Marin Cilic** (2016 champion), No. 16 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** (2017 champion) and 2-time champion **Andy Murray**, who won the title in 2008 and 2011.
- This week, **Daniil Medvedev** and **Rafael Nadal** will battle it out for the World No. 1 spot, as **Nadal** could return to the top of the **Pepperstone ATP Rankings** for the first time since January 2020. He could pass Medvedev in the event of winning the title and Medvedev failing to reach the quarter-final stage. The battle will decide the top seed at the 2022 US Open.
- The **Live Race to Turin** is heating up as we could get the first Turin qualifier this week, as we have 9 of the Top 10 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Race to Turin in action this week. No. 1 in Race to Turin **Nadal** still leads the race by over 1,000 points and will keep the top spot after this week. No. 2 in Race to Turin **Carlos Alcaraz** and No. 3 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** will be battling for the No. 2 spot on Race to Turin this week and to bring themselves closer to Turin qualification in the following weeks on American hard courts.
- While the defending champion **Alexander Zverev** is forced to skip the event due to ankle injury sustained at 2022 Roland Garros, last year's finalist **Andrey Rublev** is back as the No. 6 seed. **Rublev** is still searching for first ATP Masters 1000 trophy (0-2 in ATP 1000 Masters finals).
- 4 of the Top 6 seeds this week failed to win a match at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal last week, while No. 2 seed **Rafael Nadal** is back for the first time since withdrawing from 2022 Wimbledon semi-final. No. 5 **Casper Ruud** was the only Top 5 to reach 3R in Montreal, eventually making the semi-final stage, losing to **Hubert Hurkacz**.
- No. 8 seed **Hurkacz** will play **Pablo Carreno Busta** in the Montreal final on Sunday before they both head to Western & Southern Open. **Hurkacz** has a bye in 1R before playing the winner of **Benjamin Bonzi** and 2013 finalist **John Isner** in 2R, while **Carreno Busta** will open his Cincinnati campaign vs. Kecmanovic in 1R.
- No. 3 seed **Carlos Alcaraz** and No. 4 seed **Stefanos Tsitsipas** both failed to win their opening round in Montreal last week, but still share tour-leading 42 tour-level wins in 2022. **Alcaraz** will be seeking his first win at the event after qualifying last year before losing to Sonogo in 1R and **Tsitsipas** will be searching for 3rd consecutive Western & Southern Open semi-final after reaching the same stage in 2020, when the event was staged in New York (l. to Raonic in SF) and 2021 in Cincinnati (l. to A. Zverev in SF).
- **Medvedev** will begin his 13th week at World No. 1 spot passing by Boris Becker with 12 weeks and tie with Andy Roddick as the 17th longest stay at the top of the leaderboard.
- No. 2 seed **Alcaraz** is one of 5 #NextGenATP players in the draw, followed by No. 10 seed **Jannik Sinner**, unseeded Dane **Holger Rune** and American **Brandon Nakashima** and 19-year-old **Ben Shelton**, who will make his ATP Masters 1000 debut as a wildcard after he jumped from outside the Top 500 at the start of the year to No. 229 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings.

2022 WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Daniil Medvedev	31-11 (Los Cabos Title)	11-4 (2019 Title)
2	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	35-3 (4 Titles)	22-11 (2013 Title)
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	42-8 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2021 1R)
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	42-15 (Monte Carlo, Mallorca Titles)	6-4 (2020-21 SF)
5	Casper Ruud (NOR)	38-14 (Buenos Aires, Geneva, Gstaad Titles)	2-3 (2021 QF)
6	Andrey Rublev	35-13 (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade Titles)	7-4 (2021 Final)
7	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	34-19 (Rotterdam Title)	4-3 (2021 QF)
8*	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	32-13 (Halle Title)	2-4 (2021 3R)
9	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	37-18 (Delray Beach, Lyon Titles)	0-2 (2020-21 1R)
10	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	36-10 (Umag Title)	1-1 (2021 2R)
11	Taylor Fritz (USA)	32-13 (Indian Wells, Eastbourne Titles)	1-4 (2020 2R)
12	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	21-8 (Stuttgart, London/Queen's Club Titles)	2-3 (2020-21 3R)
13	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	27-18 (Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro Finals)	5-5 (2019, 2021 3R)
14	Marin Cilic (CRO)	23-14 (4 times in SF)	17-11 (2016 Title)
15	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	29-12 (Doha, Kitzbuhel Titles)	8-7 (2020 SF)
16	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	20-15 (Melbourne, Monte Carlo SF)	18-9 (2017 Title)

* 2022 stats for Hubert Hurkacz exclude Montreal final on Sunday 14 August

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Tournament History	54th Edition of Open Era (1969-2022)
Singles Final	Sunday 21 August at 4:30 pm
Doubles Final	Sunday 21 August at 12 pm
Wild Cards (4)	Sebastian Korda (USA), Mackenzie McDonald (USA), Ben Shelton (USA), J.J. Wolf (USA)
Protected Rankings (2)	Borna Coric (PR-27), Stan Wawrinka (PR-22)
Qualifiers (7)	TBD on Sunday 14 August
Lucky Loser (1)	TBD on Sunday 14 August
Oldest Player	Stan Wawrinka (37)
#NextGenATP (5)	Carlos Alcaraz (19), Brandon Nakashima (21), Holger Rune (19), Ben Shelton (19), Jannik Sinner (20)
Open Era Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Roger Federer (7) <u>Most Wins</u> – Roger Federer (47) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Boris Becker, 17, in 1985 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Ken Rosewall, 35, in 1970 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 on 10 occasions, most recently Novak Djokovic in 2020 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 49 Tom Gorman in 1975 <u>Last American Champion</u> – Andy Roddick in 2006

MOST-REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

United States (11)	Jenson Brooksby, Maxime Cressy, Taylor Fritz, John Isner, Sebastian Korda, Mackenzie McDonald, Brandon Nakashima, Tommy Paul, Ben Shelton, Frances Tiafoe, J.J. Wolf
Spain (6)	Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carreno Busta, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Rafael Nadal, Albert Ramos-Vinolas
Argentina (3)	Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Diego Schwartzman
Great Britain (3)	Daniel Evans, Andy Murray, Cameron Norrie
Australia (2)	Alex de Minaur, Nick Kyrgios
Canada (2)	Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov
Croatia (2)	Marin Cilic, Borna Coric
Italy (2)	Matteo Berrettini, Jannik Sinner
Serbia (2)	Miomir Kecmanovic, Filip Krajinovic

NOTE: Qualifiers excluded

2022 WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYERS	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Rajeev Ram (USA) Joe Salisbury (GBR)	124-62 (6 Titles) 21-12 in 2022 (1 Title)	24-14 (Monte Carlo Title) 21-13 (Monte Carlo Title)	6-11 (2020 SF) 3-3 (2020 SF)
2	Marcel Granollers (ESP) Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	83-37 (7 Titles) 20-11 in 2022 (1 Title)	20-11 (Halle Title) 24-13 (Halle Title)	11-5 (2021 Title) 7-2 (2021 Title)
3*	Wesley Koolhof (NED) Neal Skupski (GBR)	44-13 (5 Titles) 44-13 in 2022 (5 Titles)	45-13 (5 Titles) 44-13 (5 Titles)	3-3 (2020 QF) 7-3 (2020 Final)
4	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Jean-Julien Rojer (NED)	28-16 (3 Titles) 28-15 in 2022 (3 Titles)	29-15 (3 Titles) 28-15 (3 Titles)	3-1 (2021 SF) 14-10 (2016 Final)
5	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavic (CRO)	100-26 (13 Titles) 35-13 in 2022 (4 Titles)	35-13 (4 Titles) 39-13 (5 Titles)	4-4 (2018, 2020 QF) 3-5 (2019 SF)
6	Tim Puetz (GER) Michael Venus (NZL)	36-19 (3 Titles) 21-11 in 2022 (1 Title)	26-13 (Dubai Title) 27-17 (Dubai Title)	2-2 (2021 QF) 8-5 (2017 SF)
7	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Austin Krajicek (USA)	21-10 (2022 Lyon Title) 18-9 in 2022 (1 Title)	27-18 (Lyon Title) 24-17 (Lyon Title)	16-8 (2016, 2019 Titles) 8-3 (2021 Final)
8	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) Robert Farah (COL)	332-195 (19 Titles) 19-16 in 2022 (2 Finals)	19-17 (2 Finals) 19-16 (2 Finals)	15-9 (2018-19 Finals) 9-5 (2018-19 Finals)

* Team and 2022 stats for Koolhof/Skupski exclude Montreal final on Sunday 14 August

PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Western & Southern Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Singles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	45*	10^
Singles Prize Money (\$)	970,020	529,710	289,655	157,995	84,510	45,315	25,110
Doubles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90~	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	297,620	161,670	88,800	48,990	26,940	14,700	--

* Singles players who receive a bye in R64 and lose in R32 earn 10 ranking points

^ Singles wild cards who lose in R64 earn 0 ranking points

~ Doubles teams that receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Andrey Rublev	6-2 6-3
2020	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	1-6 6-3 6-4
2019	Daniil Medvedev	David Goffin (BEL) #	7-6(3) 6-4
2018	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-4 6-4
2017	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	6-3 7-5
2016	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-4 7-5
2015	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-6(1) 6-3
2014	Roger Federer (SUI)	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-3 1-6 6-2
2013	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	John Isner (USA)	7-6(8) 7-6(3)
2012	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-0 7-6(7)
2011	Andy Murray (GBR)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-4 3-0 RET
2010	Roger Federer (SUI)	Mardy Fish (USA)	6-7(5) 7-6(1) 6-4
2009	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-1 7-5
2008	Andy Murray (GBR)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-6(4) 7-6(5)

BOLD: Player in 2022 Western & Southern Open singles draw # plays final round of qualifying on Sunday

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos	Steve Johnson / Austin Krajicek	7-6(5) 7-6(5)
2020	Pablo Carreno Busta / Alex de Minaur	Jamie Murray / Neal Skupski	6-2 7-5
2019	Ivan Dodig / Filip Polasek	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	4-6 6-4 [10-6]
2018	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	4-6 6-3 [10-6]
2017	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	7-6(6) 6-4
2016	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecau	7-6(5) 6-7(5) [10-6]
2015	Daniel Nestor / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Marcin Matkowski / Nenad Zimonjic	6-2 6-2
2014	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	6-3 6-2
2013	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Marcel Granollers / Marc Lopez	6-4 4-6 [10-4]
2012	Robert Lindstedt / Horia Tecau	Mahesh Bhupathi / Rohan Bopanna	6-4 6-4
2011	Mahesh Bhupathi / Leander Paes	Michael Llodra / Nenad Zimonjic	7-6(4) 7-6(2)
2010	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mahesh Bhupathi / Max Mirnyi	6-3 6-4
2009	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	3-6 7-6(2) [15-13]
2008	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram	4-6 7-6(2) [10-7]

BOLD: Player in 2022 Western & Southern Open doubles draw (Granollers/Zeballos, Murray/Soares and Cabal/Farah remain intact)

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUNDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs Maxime Cressy (USA)

First Meeting

Botic van de Zandschulp | Age: 26 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 24 | 2022: 27-20 (Munich Final) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Ended 2021 as No. 1 Dutchman and achieved new career-high ranking 12 times in 2022, peaking at No. 24 in July.
 > At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.
 > Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Tringelliti in Q3).
 > Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.
 > Advanced to 2021 Melbourne-1 QF in ATP Tour debut as World No. 159.

NOTE: Makes his debut at the Western & Southern Open this year after reaching 2R in his Montreal debut last week (d. Kecmanovic in 1R, l. to Norrie in 2R).

Maxime Cressy | Age: 25 | World No. 31 (Career-High) | 2022: 21-18 (Newport Title) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> French-born American broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 59 in January 2022.
 > Won 11 of 14 matches in Australia during month of January 2022, reaching Melbourne final as Q, Sydney QF as SE and Australian Open 4R.
 > Captured first career title at Newport (d. Bublik). Also made the Eastbourne Final (l. to Fritz)
 > Captured Challenger titles at 2019 Cleveland as Q, 2020 Drummondville and 2021 Forli-2.
 > Broke into Top 200 in October 2019 – less than 5 months following college career.
 > Played college tennis for UCLA from 2016-19, posting 26-0 doubles record as a senior, winning 2019 NCAA doubles title w/K. Smith, and ending career as No. 1 doubles and No. 17 singles player in nation.

NOTE: Cressy started his summer hard-court season with 3R in Washington (l. to Rublev) and 2R in Montreal (l. to Monfils). He is hoping to break a 4-match losing streak vs. higher ranked players on hard courts.

[WC] Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) McDonald Leads 2-0

22 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Mackenzie McDonald	6-3 6-2
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Mackenzie McDonald	6-3 6-1 6-4

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 27 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 48 | 2022: 16-20 (Dubai QF) | Event: 1-4 (2021 2R)
> Broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2022 after undergoing right hamstring surgery in 2019 and falling out of Top 250 in 2020.
> Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington.
> Also in 2021, qualified at Roland Garros and Wimbledon after reaching Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
> Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
> Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: McDonald is 1-9 vs. Top-50 players in his last 10 matches against them (d. No. 24 Basilashvili at 2022 Roland Garros 2R for lone win).

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 30 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 12-22 (Doha Final) | Event: 2-5 (2017 3R)
> Broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 16 in 2019 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2018 US Open.
> Earned personal-best 33 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Indian Wells.
> Captured 5 ATP Tour titles despite 143-159 career record and 5 ATP Challenger Tour titles despite 55-56 career record (.495).
> En route to titles, defeated No. 4 Del Potro at 2018 Beijing, No. 5 A. Zverev at 2019 Hamburg (saved 2 MPs) and No. 6 Federer at 2021 Doha (saved 1 MP).
> Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

NOTE: Basilashvili is playing in his first hard court event since 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami in March. He is 3-10 on hard courts in 2022, all 3 wins coming en route to the Doha final in February (0-9 in other hard-court tournaments).