

## **ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS - ATP MEDIA NOTES** PREVIEW & DAY 1 - SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022

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## ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- Carlos Alcaraz makes his Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters debut this week and could meet World No. 1 Novak **Djokovic** for the first time in the quarter-finals. Alcaraz, 18, is 18-2 during his record-setting 2022 campaign.
  - Youngest men's champion and 1st Spanish men's champion in 37-year history of Miami Open
  - Defeated 23-year-old Casper Ruud in youngest men's final in Miami Open history
  - Third-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion since series started in 1990 (283 events)
  - Second-youngest men's semi-finalist in 46-year history of BNP Paribas Open
  - Youngest player to complete Sunshine Double of men's semi-finals (Indian Wells, Miami)
  - Won Rio Open to become youngest ATP 500 champion since series started in 2009 (151 events)
  - On 21 February, became youngest player to break into Top 20 since Andrei Medvedev, 18, in 1993
- Djokovic seeks his third Monte Carlo title, but played three matches in the first three months of the year (2-1). The 34-year-old lost the World No. 1 ranking for three weeks before regaining it on 21 March. He will extend his own record by beginning his 365th week atop the ATP Rankings on Monday and 366th week on 18 April.
- Stefanos Tsitsipas did not drop a set en route to his first ATP Masters 1000 title at 2021 Monte Carlo. He's won only one title since - five weeks later at Lyon. Tsitsipas has won all seven of his titles on European soil.
- Fabio Fognini is no longer the defending champion. However, he is defending 500 ATP Rankings points this week from his 2019 Monte Carlo title. That represents 37% of the 32nd-ranked Fognini's 1,361 ranking points.
- Fognini was 31 when he became the oldest Monte Carlo champion of the Open Era three years ago. Djokovic would add that to his growing resume if he wins a record-extending 38th ATP Masters 1000 title on 17 April.
- Wild cards Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Stan Wawrinka, former Top-5 players born 20 days apart, are ranked outside of the Top 200. Tsonga, 36, says that he will retire at Roland Garros next month, having struggled with back pain since retiring from his 2019 Monte Carlo first-round match. Wawrinka, 37, is returning to the ATP Tour this week for the first time since Doha last March. He underwent two left foot surgeries in 2021.

## 2022 ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2-1 (Dubai QF)	35-12 (2013, 2015 Titles)
2	Alexander Zverev (GER)	14-5 (Montpellier Final)	8-5 (2018 SF)
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	17-7 (Rotterdam Final)	7-2 (2021 Title)
4	Casper Ruud (NOR)	13-4 (Buenos Aires Title)	4-2 (2021 SF)
5	Andrey Rublev	18-4 (Marseille, Dubai Titles)	5-4 (2021 Final)
6	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	16-7 (Rotterdam Title)	1-3 (2019 2R)
7	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	15-8 (Delray Beach Title)	2-1 (2019 3R)
8	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	18-2 (Rio de Janeiro, Miami Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
9	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	16-3 (Aus. Open, Dubai, Miami QFs)	1-1 (2021 2R)
10	Taylor Fritz (USA)	17-6 (Indian Wells Title)	2-2 (2019 3R)
11	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	14-6 (Dubai, Miami SFs)	1-2 (2021 2R)
12	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	13-7 (Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro Finals)	5-5 (2017 QF)
13	Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)	9-6 (Australian Open 4R)	7-5 (2014, 2017, 2021 3R)
14	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	16-6 (Doha Title)	12-8 (2015-16, 2018, 2021 3R)
15	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	3-10 (Doha Final)	0-3 (2017, 2019, 2021 1R)
16	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	8-9 (Buenos Aires SF)	4-2 (2019 QF)

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## **ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT**

**Tournament History** 53rd Edition of Open Era (1969-2019, 2021-22)

Singles Final Sunday 17 April at 2:30 pm

Wild Cards (4) Lucas Catarina (MON), David Goffin (BEL), Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA), Stan Wawrinka (SUI)

Qualifiers (7) TBD on Sunday 10 April
Protected Rankings (1) Borna Coric (PR-27)
Oldest Player Stan Wawrinka (37)

#NextGenATP (3) Carlos Alcaraz (18), Lorenzo Musetti (20), Jannik Sinner (20)

Open Era Records

Most Titles - Rafael Nadal (11)

Most Wins - Rafael Nadal (73)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Mats Wilander, 18, in 1983 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Fabio Fognini, 31, in 2019

Highest-Ranked Champion - No. 1 on 8 occasions, most recently Rafael Nadal in 2018

Lowest-Ranked Champion - No. 49 Andrew Pattison in 1974

## **MOST-REPRESENTED COUNTRIES**

Spain (6) Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carreno Busta,

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pedro Martinez, Albert Ramos-Vinolas

France (5) Ugo Humbert, Gael Monfils, Benoit Paire, Arthur Rinderknech, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

Italy (4)Fabio Fognini, Lorenzo Musetti, Jannik Sinner, Lorenzo SonegoSerbia (4)Laslo Djere, Novak Djokovic, Filip Krajinovic, Dusan Lajovic

NOTE: Qualifiers not included

## 2022 ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYERS	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Rajeev Ram (USA)	112-55 (5 Titles)	10-5 (2 SFs)	1-4 (2017-18, 2021 2R)
_	Joe Salisbury (GBR)	9-5 in 2022 (2 SFs)	9-6 (2 SFs)	1-2 (2021 2R)
2	Nikola Mektic (CRO)	71-19 (9 Titles)	6-6 (Dubai Final)	9-0 (2019, 2021 Titles)
	Mate Pavic (CRO)	6-6 in 2022 (Dubai F)	6-6 (Dubai Final)	7-2 (2021 Title)
2	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	72-31 (6 Titles)	9-5 (2 SFs)	11-10 (2012, 2021 SFs)
3	Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	9-5 in 2022 (2 SFs)	13-6 (Buenos Aires F)	4-2 (2019, 2021 SFs)
4	Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)	193-70 (21 Titles)	5-1 (Montpellier Title)	7-4 (2016 Title)
4	Nicolas Mahut (FRA)	5-1 in 2022 (1 Title)	6-5 (Montpellier Title)	10-10 (2016 Title)
5	Tim Puetz (GER)	22-11 (3 Titles)	12-5 (Dubai Title)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Michael Venus (NZL)	7-3 in 2022 (Dubai Title)	8-6 (Dubai Title)	1-1 (2018 QF)
6	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL)	317-185 (19 Titles)	4-7 (2 QFs)	10-7 (2016, 2021 SFs)
0	Robert Farah (COL)	4-6 in 2022 (2 QFs)	4-6 (2 QFs)	9-6 (2016, 2021 SFs)
7	Wesley Koolhof (NED)	23-5 (3 Titles)	24-5 (3 Titles)	5-2 (2019 Final)
′	Neal Skupski (GBR)	23-5 in 2022 (3 Titles)	23-5 (3 Titles)	4-2 (2021 Final)
8	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA)	13-7 (2 Titles)	14-6 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
	Jean-Julien Rojer (NED)	13-6 in 2022 (2 Titles)	13-6 (2 Titles)	2-9 (2013 QF)

Doubles Final: Sunday 17 April at 11:30 am

## ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Singles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	45*	10^
Singles Prize Money (€)	836,335	456,720	249,740	136,225	72,865	39,070	21,650
Doubles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	256,610	139,390	76,560	42,240	23,230	12,670	

<sup>\*</sup> Singles players who receive a bye in R64 and lose in R32 earn 10 ranking points

<sup>^</sup> Singles wild cards who lose in R64 earn 0 ranking points



## **ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS SINGLES FINALS (since 2005)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	Andrey Rublev	6-3 6-3
2019	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	Dusan Lajovic (SRB)	6-3 6-4
2018	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	6-3 6-2
2017	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	6-1 6-3
2016	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	7-5 5-7 6-0
2015	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	7-5 4-6 6-3
2014	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Roger Federer (SUI)	4-6 7-6(5) 6-2
2013	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-2 7-6(1)
2012	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-3 6-1
2011	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-4 7-5
2010	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Fernando Verdasco (ESP)	6-0 6-1
2009	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-3 2-6 6-1
2008	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Roger Federer (SUI)	7-5 7-5
2007	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-4 6-4
2006	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-2 6-7(2) 6-3 7-6(5)
2005	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Guillermo Coria (ARG)	6-3 6-1 0-6 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2022 Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters singles draw

## **ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS DOUBLES FINALS (since 2005)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Daniel Evans / Neal Skupski	6-3 4-6 [10-7]
2019	Nikola Mektic / Franko Skugor	Robin Haase / Wesley Koolhof	6-7(3) 7-6(3) [11-9]
2018	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Oliver Marach / Mate Pavic	7-6(5) 6-3
2017	Rohan Bopanna / Pablo Cuevas	Feliciano Lopez / Marc Lopez	6-3 3-6 [10-4]
2016	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	4-6 6-0 [10-6]
2015	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Simone Bolelli / Fabio Fognini	7-6(3) 6-1
2014	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	6-3 3-6 [10-8]
2013	Julien Benneteau / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	4-6 7-6(4) [14-12]
2012	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Max Mirnyi / Daniel Nestor	6-2 6-3
2011	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Juan Ignacio Chela / Bruno Soares	6-3 6-2
2010	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Mahesh Bhupathi / Max Mirnyi	6-3 2-0 RET
2009	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	6-4 6-1
2008	Rafael Nadal / Tommy Robredo	Mahesh Bhupathi / Mark Knowles	6-3 6-3
2007	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Julien Benneteau / Richard Gasquet	6-2 6-1
2006	Jonas Bjorkman / Max Mirnyi	Fabrice Santoro / Nenad Zimonjic	6-2 7-6(2)
2005	Leander Paes / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	W/O

BOLD: Player in 2022 Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters doubles draw (Mektic/Pavic and Herbert/Mahut remain intact)



## ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUNDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **COURT RAINIER III**

## Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Marcos Giron (USA) First Meeting

**A. Davidovich Fokina** | Age: 22 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 4-9 (Doha QF) | Event: 3-1 (2021 QF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 32 and earned personal-best 27 wins in 2021.
- > Reached SFs at 2019 Estoril as Q in his 2nd ATP Tour main draw, 2020 Cologne-1 and 2021 Estoril.
- > Defeated No. 10 Berrettini for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo QF and edged No. 16 Ruud in 5 sets en route to 2021 Roland Garros QF.
- > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.
- > Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

NOTE: ADF did not drop a set en route to 2021 Monte Carlo QF (d. de Minaur, Berrettini and Pouille; ret vs Tsitsipas).

Marcos Giron | Age: 28 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 52 | 2022: 6-9 (Dallas SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 52 in March 2022 after advancing to 2nd ATP Tour SF at Dallas and 7th ATP Tour QF at Acapulco.
- > Qualified en route to ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R in both 2020 and 2021, earning biggest win of career over No. 10 Berrettini in 2020.
- > Also in city of Paris, rallied from 6-2 6-4 5-1 down and saved 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov en route to 2021 Roland Garros 3R
- > Began 2019 with Orlando Challenger title as World No. 308 and ended 2019 with Houston Challenger title as World No. 123 (d. Karlovic after saving 6 MPs).
- > Turned pro in 2014 after winning NCAA singles title for UCLA, then underwent surgeries on both hips and missed 8+ months in 2016.

**NOTE**: Giron has lost his last 4 matches and 8 sets, including 6-4 6-4 loss to Tiafoe in Houston 1R last week.

## Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs [15] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) 17 Sofia (Bulgaria) Hard SF Grigor Dimitrov 6-1 6-3

**Grigor Dimitrov** | Age: 30 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. **3** | 2022: 7-6 (Melbourne SF) | Event: 16-8 (2018 SF) > Ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.

- > Only Bulgarian champion in ATP Tour history, winning 8 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.
- > Surpassed 300 career wins in 2019, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open.
- > Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer as World No. 78 in 2019 to become 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

NOTE: Dimitrov did not drop a set en route to his 15th ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2022 Indian Wells (I. to Rublev).

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 30 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 3-10 (Doha F) | Event: 0-3 (3 times in 1R)

- > Former World No. 16 is 15-3 on German clay with titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.
- > 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.
- > 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).
- > Posted best Grand Slam finish at 2018 US Open, falling to defending champion and No. 1 Nadal in 4R.
- > Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

**NOTE**: Basilashvili is 0-9 this season besides Doha, where he earned 3 wins to reach final (I. to Bautista Agut).



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Dusan Lajovic (SRB) vs Filip Krajinovic (SRB) Krajinovic Leads 2-1						
14 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	R16	Dusan Lajovic	3-1 ret (stomach virus)		
15 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Filip Krajinovic	2-6 7-6(5) 4-2 ret (right arm)		
22 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Filip Krajinovic	7-5 4-6 6-1		

**Dusan Lajovic** | Age: 31 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 23 | 2022: 4-10 (4 times in 2R) | Event: 5-3 (2019 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 23 after defeating No. 5 Thiem en route to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.

- > Entered Monte Carlo as World No. 48 and became lowest-ranked finalist there since No. 53 Arazi in 2001.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour singles title at 2019 Umag, doubles title at 2015 Istanbul w/Albot and team title at 2020 ATP Cup as member of Team Serbia.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2014 Roland Garros, losing to 13-time champion Nadal.
- > Qualified 10 times at ATP Masters 1000 events, including series debut at 2014 Indian Wells.

NOTE: Lajovic did not drop a set en route to 2021 Monte Carlo final (d. Thiem in 3R, Medvedev in SF; I. to Fognini).

Filip Krajinovic | Age: 30 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 26 | 2022: 7-6 (Montpellier SF) | Event: 2-2 (2021 3R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 26 in 2018 and earned 1st Top-100 finish in 2017 after ending 2014 and 2015 at No. 101.
- > Reached 1st of 4 ATP Tour finals at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris as 77th-ranked Q (0-4 in finals).
- > Remains only qualifier to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final since Janowicz at 2012 Paris and lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since No. 98 Fish at 2008 Indian Wells.
- > Beat No. 2 Djokovic 6-4 ret in 2010 Belgrade QF and remains youngest player (18) to beat Top-2 opponent since 2004 and lowest-ranked (No. 319) since 2006.
- > Underwent right shoulder surgery in 2011 and right wrist surgery in 2016.

**NOTE**: Against countrymen, Krajinovic has won his last 4 matches and Lajovic has lost his last 4 matches.

#### **COURT DES PRINCES**

Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs Lloy	Series Tied 2-2			
19 Chengdu (China)	Hard	R32	Lloyd Harris	4-6 6-4 6-2
21 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R16	Marton Fucsovics	4-6 7-6(5) 6-2
21 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	QF	Lloyd Harris	6-2 7-5
22 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R32	Marton Fucsovics	6-4 7-6(4)

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 30 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 31 | 2022: 7-9 (2 QFs) | Event: 1-3 (2019 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983.
- > Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.
- > Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st Wimbledon quarter-finalist from Hungary since Asboth in 1948.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.
- > Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics seeks 1st QF in 25th ATP Masters 1000 main draw appearance (14-23 excluding 1 W/O loss).

**Lloyd Harris** | Age: 25 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 31 | 2022: 5-8 (Miami 4R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Became No. 1 African in January 2020, broke into Top 50 in April 2021 and achieved career-high No. 31 in September 2021 after advancing to 1st Grand Slam QF at US Open.
- > Earned personal-best 30 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Nadal in Washington 3R.
- > Defeated No. 4 Thiem for 4th of 7 wins in as many days en route to 2021 Dubai final, becoming 1st qualifier to advance past QF in 30-year tournament history.
- > Also qualified at 5 tour-level events in 2020, highlighted by run to 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide.
- > Regularly played ITF Futures events in Egypt, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe before making ATP Tour debut in 2017, earning 1st ATP Tour win in 2018 and breaking into Top 100 in 2019.

NOTE: Harris earned 3 wins at an ATP Masters 1000 event for 1st time at 2022 Miami (I. to Hurkacz in 4R).