

GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: DAY 7 MEDIA NOTES

Sunday, 15 April 2018

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EDMUND GOES FOR FIRST CAREER TITLE AGAINST 2-TIME CHAMP ANDUJAR

- An experienced champion and a debutante will battle for the Grand Prix Hassan II championship on Sunday, as **Pablo Andujar** of Spain, the 2011 and 2012 titlist, will take on No.2 seed and first-time participant **Kyle Edmund** of Great Britain, who has reached the first ATP World Tour final of his career. This is their first Tour-level meeting, although Edmund defeated Andujar in the qualifying rounds at Beijing in 2016.
- Andujar**, who is ranked No. 355 and playing with a protected ranking of No. 105, has improved his stellar tournament record to 14-2 after winning his quarter-final and semi-final matches on Saturday. The two-time champion is bidding to win ATP Challenger Tour and ATP World Tour titles in consecutive weeks after claiming the Challenger crown in Alicante, Spain. The last player to do that was Ryan Harrison in 2017, going back-to-back in Dallas and Memphis. A victory would also make 32-year-old Andujar the lowest-ranked ATP World Tour singles champion since then-16-year-old Lleyton Hewitt triumphed at Adelaide in 1998, when the Australian was ranked No. 550.
- After reaching his first Grand Slam semi-final at the Australian Open and climbing to a career-high ranking of No. 24 on 5 March, **Edmund** has hit another milestone in 2018 by making it into his first career ATP World Tour final this week. The 23-year-old has not yet dropped a set during the event, leading the tournament field in percentages of both service games won and return games won. Edmund is aiming to become just the 11th player from Great Britain to win an ATP World Tour singles title since 1970. Moreover, a title is projected to make him only the seventh British player to crack the Top 20 in the history of the ATP World Tour singles rankings (since 1973).

Players from Great Britain to reach Top 20 of ATP World Tour singles rankings (since 1973):

- Andy Murray (career-high ranking: #1)
- Tim Henman (career-high ranking: #4)
- Greg Rusedski (career-high ranking: #4)
- Roger Taylor (career-high ranking: #11)
- Mark Cox (career-high ranking: #13)
- Buster C. Mottram (career-high ranking: #15)

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Grand Prix Hassan II	Champion	Finalist
Ranking Points	250	150
Singles Prize Money (€)	85,000	44,770

INFOSYS ATP SCORES & STATS

Grand Prix Hassan II	Pablo Andujar	[2] Kyle Edmund
Aces	3	19
1st-Serve Percentage	66% (172 of 261)	60% (95 of 158)
1st-Serve Points Won	65% (111 of 172)	83% (79 of 95)
2nd-Serve Points Won	57% (51 of 89)	60% (38 of 63)
Service Games Won	74% (32 of 43)	90% (26 of 29)
Break Points Saved	48% (10 of 21)	67% (6 of 9)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	39% (74 of 189)	48% (43 of 88)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	67% (78 of 116)	51% (44 of 86)
Return Games Won	51% (22 of 43)	54% (15 of 28)
Break Points Converted	46% (22 of 48)	71% (15 of 21)

BOLD: Leads all players at Grand Prix Hassan II.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: SINGLES FINAL

COURT CENTRAL

[PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

16 Beijing Q (China)

Hard Q-1R Kyle Edmund

6-3 6-2

Andujar 2018 Summary

F (1): Marrakech

YTD W-L: 5-3 (5-2 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3

Date of Birth: 23 January 1986 (32)

ATP Ranking: 355

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 14-2 (**2011-12 Champion**)

- Tournament Note: In first appearance in three years, beat [LL] Ivashka 63 75 on Tuesday and followed with 60 62 victory over [Q] Arnaboldi on Wednesday. On Saturday, won QF over [Q] Vatutin 64 57 63 and SF over J. Sousa 64 64 in same-day matches to improve his career record to 14-2 in Morocco. Won back-to-back titles in 2011 (d. Starace) and 2012 (d. Ramos-Vinolas) in first two visits. In last outing in 2015, lost in 2R to Haider-Maurer.
- This week, reached his first ATP World Tour quarter-final since July 2015 in Gstaad (l. to Bellucci), and his first ATP World Tour semi-final and final since April 2015 in Barcelona (l. to Nishikori in championship match).
- Playing with protected ranking of No. 105 and suffered losses at Pune (l. to Jarry in 1R) and Australian Open Q (l. to Escobedo in Q1).
- In February, lost to Travaglia in three sets in Quito 1R and two weeks later retired in Rio de Janeiro 2R vs. No. 6 Thieme due to a right shoulder injury.
- Last week on home soil at Alicante Challenger, won title (d. de Minaur). Climbed from No. 598 to No. 355 in ATP Rankings. Ranked as low as No. 1,821 on Feb. 19.

Edmund 2018 Summary

F (1): Marrakech; **SF (1):** Australian Open (l. Cilic); **QF (1):** Brisbane (l. Dimitrov)

YTD W-L: 11-4 (4-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

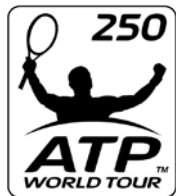
Date of Birth: January 8, 1995 (23)

ATP Ranking: 26

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 4-0 (2018 Finalist)



- **Tournament Note:** British No.1 made his tournament debut Tuesday with a 5-0 ret. win over Vesely (illness) and followed with a 62 64 victory over Albot to reach his third quarter-final of season. On Saturday, first won QF over [WC] Jaziri 62 61, then won SF later in the day over No. 4 seed Gasquet 63 64 to reach first ATP World Tour final of career without dropping a set.
- At No. 26 in ATP Rankings, is one of four players in the Top 30 without an ATP World Tour title (No. 19 Chung, No. 25 Mannarino, No. 27 Krajinovic).
- Earned biggest wins of career over No. 12 Anderson and No. 3 Dimitrov en route to Australian Open SF (l. to Cilic).
- Became 4th Brit to reach Australian Open SF and 6th Brit to reach Grand Slam SF in Open Era.
- Won 3-setters over Shapovalov and Chung to reach Brisbane QF (l. to eventual champion Dimitrov in 3 sets).
- Achieved career-high No. 24 in ATP Rankings on 5 March, ending Murray's 12-year reign as No. 1 Brit.
- Withdrew from Auckland (right ankle strain), as well as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro (illness).



GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: DAY 6 MEDIA NOTES

Saturday, 14 April 2018

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DOUBLE DUTY ON SATURDAY WITH QUARTER-FINALS, SEMI-FINALS

- The Grand Prix Hassan II quarter-finals and semi-finals will be played on Saturday with No. 2 seed **Kyle Edmund**, No. 4 **Richard Gasquet** and 2008 champion **Gilles Simon** leading the way. In addition, wild card and No. 1 Tunisian **Malek Jaziri** is one of four remaining players who are trying to win their first ATP World Tour title.
- On Court Central, **Jaziri** meets **Edmund** for the second time. In their previous meeting at Nottingham in June 2015 on grass, Jaziri won in two tie-breaks. The 34-year-old Jaziri is trying to advance to his second semi-final of the season after reaching that round in Dubai last month. He is the oldest player remaining. The 23-year-old Edmund, who is making his third quarter-final showing of the season, is aiming to reach the semi-finals for the first time since the Australian Open (l. to Cilic) in January. He is the youngest player remaining.
- On Court 2, **Simon** looks for his first ATP World Tour match win (0-7) against **Gasquet**, who won for the only time at the 2010 Sunrise, FL Challenger. This is their first meeting on clay. Simon has a 12-5 record in Morocco, winning the Casablanca title in 2008 as a qualifier. This is his fifth overall quarter-final in Morocco. Gasquet is in the quarter-finals in Morocco for the second time (2010) and he is trying to reach his second semi-final of the year. He was runner-up in Montpellier in February (l. to Pouille).
- On Court 4, Russian qualifier **Alexey Vatutin** squares off with 2011-12 champion **Pablo Andujar** for the first time. The 25-year-old Vatutin is playing in his first career ATP World Tour main draw this week and he upset top seed Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the second round. Andujar, who is ranked No. 355 and playing with a protected ranking of No. 105, has a 12-2 tournament record. He is trying to reach his first ATP World Tour semi-final since April 2015 in Barcelona where he was a finalist (l. to Nishikori).
- On Court 5, **Nikoloz Basilashvili** of Georgia takes on **Joao Sousa** of Portugal in a first-time meeting. Both players are appearing in their first quarter-final in Marrakech. Basilashvili is making his first ATP World Tour quarter-final showing since last September in Metz where he advanced to the semi-finals. Sousa is trying to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since last August when he reached the final in Kitzbuehel (l. to Kohlschreiber).

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: SATURDAY QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

[WC] Malek Jaziri (TUN) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR)

15 Nottingham (Great Britain) Grass R64 Malek Jaziri

Jaziri Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 7-6(5)

Jaziri 2018 Summary

SF(1): Dubi (I Bautista Agut)

YTD W-L: 9-6 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 20, 1984 (34)

ATP Ranking: 91

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-3 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Won first tournament match on Wednesday, rallying to beat Fucsovics 16 64 62. Then defeated [8] M. Zverev 62 64 to advance to his second ATP World Tour quarter-final of season.
- Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat Caruso and reach Australian Open 2R (l. to Muller in 5 sets).
- Took advantage of wild card in Dubai and posted biggest career win over No. 4 Dimitrov in 1R and followed with wins over Haase, Tsitsipas before falling to eventual champion Bautista Agut. After Dubai success, jumped from No. 117 to No. 84 in ATP Rankings. Then played three-week Challenger circuit in China. Reached back-to-back QFs in Zhuhai and Shenzhen, and captured title in Qujing (d. Rola).
- Fell in 1R at Doha (l. to Bedene) and Canberra, AUS Challenger (ret. vs. Fucsovics due to illness).

Edmund 2018 Summary

SF(1): Australian Open (I Cilic); **QF(1)**: Brisbane (I Dimitrov)

YTD W-L: 9-4 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 8, 1995 (23)

ATP Ranking: 26

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: British No.1 made his tournament debut Tuesday with a 5-0 ret. win over Vesely (illness) and followed with a 62 64 victory over Albot to reach his third quarter-final of season.
- At No. 26 in ATP Rankings, is one of four players in the Top 30 without an ATP World Tour title (No. 19 Chung, No. 25 Mannarino, No. 27 Krajinovic).
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COURT 2

Gilles Simon (FRA) vs [4] Richard Gasquet (FRA)

06 Nottingham (England)

06 US Open (U.S.A.)

08 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

09 Sydney (Australia)

11 Dubai (U.A.E.)

12 Bangkok (Thailand)

17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)

Other meeting:

10 Sunrise CH (U.S.A.)

Grass	QF	Richard Gasquet
Hard	R64	Richard Gasquet
Grass	R32	Richard Gasquet
Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet
Hard	QF	Richard Gasquet
Hard	F	Richard Gasquet
Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet

Gasquet Leads 7-0

6-3	6-1		
6-0	6-2	6-3	
6-3	6-3	6-7(3)	6-3
6-4	6-4		
5-7	6-2	6-4	
6-2	6-1		
7-5	6-7(5)	6-3	

Simon 2018 Summary:

W (1): Pune (d. Anderson)

YTD W-L: 10-6 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 13

Date of Birth: 27 December 1984 (33)

ATP Ranking: 71

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 12-5 (**2008 Champion**)

- **Tournament Note:** The 2008 champion as a qualifier (d. Benneteau in F) has posted wins over [6] Paire 62 67 76 and Carballes Baena 75 61 to reach his fifth QF in Morocco. Also SF in 2006 and QF in 2005 and 2011.
- Defeated [3] Bautista Agut in 2R, [1] Cilic in SF and [2] Anderson in final to capture 13th ATP title at Pune.
- Appeared in 1st ATP SF since 2016 Shanghai and 1st final since 2015 Metz. Won 1st title since 2015 Marseille.
- Also advanced to Pune doubles final with countryman and 1st-time partner Herbert (l. to Haase/Middelkoop).
- Defeated Anderson/Erich in 1R to snap 14-match doubles losing streak dating back to 2016 Tokyo SF w/Qureshi.
- Retired in Australian Open 2R vs. Carreno Busta due to thigh injury.

Gasquet 2018 Summary

F (1): Montpellier (l. Pouille)

YTD W-L: 10-6 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 14

Date of Birth: 18 June 1986 (31)

ATP Ranking: 38

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 4-1 (2010, 2018 Quarter-finalist)

- **Tournament Note:** Opened on Monday with a 61 76 win over Fabbiano and followed with a 62 64 victory over Garcia-Lopez on Wednesday. In previous appearance in 2010, made QF with wins over O. Rochus and Golubev (l. to eventual finalist Hanesescu).
- Advanced to 6th consecutive Montpellier final, falling to 3-3 in title matches (d. Goffin, l. to Pouille).
- Became 1st Frenchman in Open Era to reach 6 straight finals at a tour-level event.
- Suffered 9th loss in a row to Federer in Australian Open 3R.
- Defeated Haase to help France beat The Netherlands 3-1 in Davis Cup 1R.
- Retired in Rotterdam 1R vs. Herbert (groin) and withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (knee).

COURT 4

[Q] Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs [PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP)

First Meeting

Vatutin 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 2-0 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: October 27, 1992 (25)

ATP Ranking: 160

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- **Tournament Note:** Qualified into first ATP World Tour main draw with wins over Lopez Perez 63 62 and #NextGenATP Aussie de Minaur 64 46 64. Then beat Struff 36 63 62 on Tuesday for first ATP match win and followed with 76 62 victory over top seed Ramos-Vinolas.
- Prior to Marrakech, lost in 1R in three straight Challengers: Zhuhai and Shenzhen, CHN and Alicante, ESP
- Overall has an 8-6 record in Challenger play, reaching final in Quimper, FRA in February (l. to Halys). Also QF in Koblenz, GER (l. to De Schepper). Afterwards reached career-high No. 151 on Feb. 5
- In opening month of season, lost in 1R qualifying in Doha and 2R qualifying at Australian Open

Andujar 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 3-3 (3-3 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3

Date of Birth: January 23, 1986 (32)

ATP Ranking: 355

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 12-2 (2011-12 **Champion**)

- **Tournament Note:** In first appearance in three years, beat [LL] Ivashka 63 75 on Tuesday and followed with 60 62 victory over [Q] Arnaboldi on Wednesday to improve his career record to 12-2 in Morocco. Won back-to-back titles in 2011 (d. Starace) and 2012 (d. Ramos-Vinolas) in first two visits. In last outing in 2015, lost in 2R to Haider-Maurer.
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since April 2015 when he reached final in Barcelona (l. to Nishikori). This is his first quarter-final since July 2015 in Gstaad (l. to Bellucci).
- Playing with protected ranking of No. 105 and suffered losses at Pune (l. to Jarry in 1R) and Australian Open Q (l. to Escobedo in Q1).
- In February, lost to Travaglia in three sets in Quito 1R and two weeks later retired in 2R vs. No. 6 Thiem due to a right shoulder injury.
- Last week on home soil at Alicante Challenger, won title (d. de Minaur). Climbed from No. 598 to No. 355 in ATP Rankings. Ranked as low as No. 1,821 on Feb. 19.

COURT 5

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Joao Sousa (POR)

First Meeting

Basilashvili 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 6-9 (2-2 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: February 23, 1992 (26)

ATP Ranking: 86

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- **Tournament Note:** Top player from Georgia made debut on Tuesday with 76(2) 64 win over Berrettini and followed with a 76 57 63 victory over [WC] Ouahab in 2h, 31m on Thursday to reach his first quarter-final this season.
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since Metz last September (l. to Paire).
- Defeated Fabbiano to reach 2R at Doha (l. to Coric) and ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Anderson).
- Lost 7 straight matches from 19 January-21 March, including in Davis Cup to No. 698 Ahouda and No. 591 Ouahab.
- Retired in Acapulco 1R vs. Donaldson and Indian Wells 1R vs. Sandgren due to right shoulder injury.

Sousa 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 12-8 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: March 30, 1989 (29)

ATP Ranking: 70

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 3-2 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- **Tournament Note:** Appearing in first QF of season and in Morocco after posting wins over [Q] P. Martinez 75 75 and Basic 63 36 64. Previous best was 2R in 2014 (d. Sijsling, l. to Carballes Baena) and 2016 (1R bye, l. to Bagnis).
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since last August when he reached final in Kitzbuehel (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Beat Top 10 players A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R (l. to Raonic in 3R) and Goffin in Miami 2R (l. to Chung in 4R).
- Improved to 5-5 in 5-setters by beating Brown in Australian Open 1R (l. to Cilic in 2R).
- Squandered 3 MPs in Dubai 1R vs. Herbert.
- Fell to No. 85 in ATP Rankings on 5 March -- lowest since No. 89 on 16 September 2013.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: POTENTIAL SEMI-FINAL SINGLES MATCHES

Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

First Tour Level Meeting

Other meeting:

16 Antwerp Q (Belgium)	Hard	--	Alexey Vatutin	6-3	6-4
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Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Joao Sousa (POR)

First Meeting

Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

First Meeting

Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Joao Sousa (POR)

Sousa Leads 1-0

15 Geneva (Switzerland)	Clay	QF	Joao Sousa	6-4	2-6	7-6(6)
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Gilles Simon (FRA) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

Simon Leads 4-0

14 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R16	Gilles Simon	6-2	6-3	
15 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Gilles Simon	6-3	4-6	6-2
16 Metz (France)	Hard	QF	Gilles Simon	7-6(2)	6-0	
17 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Gilles Simon	6-2	6-2	

Other meeting:

04 France F20 (France)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon	6-3	6-3	
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Gilles Simon (FRA) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

Simon Leads 2-1

13 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Gilles Simon	7-6(5)	7-6(3)	
16 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Kyle Edmund	6-4	3-6	6-1
17 Lyon (France)	Clay	R16	Gilles Simon	3-6	7-5	6-4

Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

Gasquet Leads 1-0

17 Montpellier (France)	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet	7-5	6-2	
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Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

Series Tied 1-1

16 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Kyle Edmund	6-2	6-2	6-3
16 Antwerp (Belgium)	Hard	SF	Richard Gasquet	3-6	7-5	6-2

POTENTIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ATP HEAD2HEADS

Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

First Meeting

Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

First Meeting

Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

First Meeting

Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

First Meeting

Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

Andujar Leads 2-

09 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Gilles Simon	6-4	6-1	6-1
13 Nice (France)	Clay	QF	Pablo Andujar	6-4	7-5	
14 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	R32	Pablo Andujar	6-2	3-2	ret

Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

Gasquet Leads 1-0

15 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R32	Richard Gasquet	6-3	7-5	
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Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

First Meeting

Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

First Tour Level Meeting

Other meeting:

16 Beijing Q (China)	Hard	--	Kyle Edmund	6-3	6-2	
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Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

15 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Gilles Simon
17 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Nikoloz Basilashvili

Series Tied 1-1

6-3	4-6	6-0	
1-6	6-2	6-4	6-1

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

First Meeting

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

First Meeting

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

16 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Kyle Edmund
18 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Kyle Edmund

Edmund Leads 2-0

7-6(4)	6-7(7)	7-5	6-1
7-6(0)	3-6	4-6	6-0
			7-5

Joao Sousa (POR) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

14 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Joao Sousa
15 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon
15 Nottingham (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Gilles Simon

Simon Leads 2-1

7-6(5)	3-6	6-3
5-7	6-3	6-2
6-4	6-1	

Joao Sousa (POR) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

First Meeting

Joao Sousa (POR) vs Malek Jaziri (TUN)

Other meetings:

09 Spain F16 (Spain)	Clay	R32	Malek Jaziri
10 Tunis CH (Tunisia)	Clay	R32	Malek Jaziri

First Tour Level Meeting

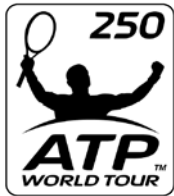
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	6-4

Joao Sousa (POR) vs Kyle Edmund (GBR)

17 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Kyle Edmund
17 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Joao Sousa

Series Tied 1-1

6-3	6-4
6-3	2-6
	6-3



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EDMUND, GASQUET, SIMON LEAD QUARTER-FINAL LINE-UP

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- In the opening match, **Nikoloz Basilashvili** of Georgia takes on **Joao Sousa** of Portugal in a first-time meeting. Both players are appearing in their first quarter-final in Marrakech. Basilashvili is making his first ATP World Tour quarter-final showing since last September in Metz where he advanced to the semi-finals. Sousa is trying to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since last August when he reached the final in Kitzbuehel (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- In the next match on, Russian qualifier **Alexey Vatutin** squares off with 2011-12 champion **Pablo Andujar** for the first time. The 25-year-old Vatutin is playing in his first career ATP World Tour main draw this week and he upset top seed Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the second round. Andujar, who is ranked No. 355 and playing with a protected ranking of No. 105, has a 12-2 tournament record. He is trying to reach his first ATP World Tour semi-final since April 2015 in Barcelona where he was a finalist (l. to Nishikori).
- In the third match on, **Simon** looks for his first ATP World Tour match win (0-7) against **Gasquet**, who won for the only time at the 2010 Sunrise, FL Challenger. This is their first meeting on clay. Simon has a 12-5 record in Morocco, winning the Casablanca title in 2008 as a qualifier. This is his fifth overall quarter-final in Morocco. Gasquet is in the quarter-finals in Morocco for the second time (2010) and he is trying to reach his second semi-final of the year. He was runner-up in Montpellier in February (l. to Pouille).
- In the final match of the day, **Jaziri** meets **Edmund** for the second time. In their previous meeting at Nottingham in June 2015 on grass, Jaziri won in two tie-breaks. The 34-year-old Jaziri is trying to advance to his second semi-final of the season after reaching that round in Dubai last month. He is the oldest player remaining. The 23-year-old Edmund, who is making his third quarter-final showing of the season, is aiming to reach the semi-finals for the first time since the Australian Open (l. to Cilic) in January. He is the youngest player remaining.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: FRIDAY QUARTER-FINAL SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Joao Sousa (POR)

First Meeting

Basilashvili 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 6-9 (2-2 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: February 23, 1992 (26)
ATP Ranking: 86
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Top player from Georgia made debut on Tuesday with 76(2) 64 win over Berrettini and followed with a 76 57 63 victory over [WC] Ouahab in 2h, 31m on Thursday to reach his first quarter-final this season.
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since Metz last September (l. to Paire).
- Defeated Fabbiano to reach 2R at Doha (l. to Coric) and ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Anderson).
- Lost 7 straight matches from 19 January-21 March, including in Davis Cup to No. 698 Ahouda and No. 591 Ouahab.
- Retired in Acapulco 1R vs. Donaldson and Indian Wells 1R vs. Sandgren due to right shoulder injury.

Sousa 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 12-8 (2-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2
Date of Birth: March 30, 1989 (29)
ATP Ranking: 70
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 3-2 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Appearing in first QF of season and in Morocco after posting wins over [Q] P. Martinez 75 75 and Basic 63 36 64. Previous best was 2R in 2014 (d. Sijsling, l. to Carballes Baena) and 2016 (1R bye, l. to Bagnis).
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since last August when he reached final in Kitzbuehel (l. to Kohlschreiber).
- Beat Top 10 players A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R (l. to Raonic in 3R) and Goffin in Miami 2R (l. to Chung in 4R).
- Improved to 5-5 in 5-setters by beating Brown in Australian Open 1R (l. to Cilic in 2R).
- Squandered 3 MPs in Dubai 1R vs. Herbert.
- Fell to No. 85 in ATP Rankings on 5 March -- lowest since No. 89 on 16 September 2013.

[Q] Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs [PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP)

First Meeting

Vatutin 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 2-0 (2-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: October 27, 1992 (25)
ATP Ranking: 160
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Qualified into first ATP World Tour main draw with wins over Lopez Perez 63 62 and #NextGenATP Aussie de Minaur 64 46 64. Then beat Struff 36 63 62 on Tuesday for first ATP match win and followed with 76 62 victory over top seed Ramos-Vinolas.
- Prior to Marrakech, lost in 1R in three straight Challengers: Zhuhai and Shenzhen, CHN and Alicante, ESP
- Overall has an 8-6 record in Challenger play, reaching final in Quimper, FRA in February (l. to Halys). Also QF in Koblenz, GER (l. to De Schepper). Afterwards reached career-high No. 151 on Feb. 5
- In opening month of season, lost in 1R qualifying in Doha and 2R qualifying at Australian Open

Andujar 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 3-3 (3-3 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3
Date of Birth: January 23, 1986 (32)
ATP Ranking: 355
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 12-2 (2011-12 **Champion**)

- Tournament Note: In first appearance in three years, beat [LL] Ivashka 63 75 on Tuesday and followed with 60 62 victory over [Q] Arnaboldi on Wednesday to improve his career record to 12-2 in Morocco. Won back-to-back titles in 2011 (d. Starace) and 2012 (d. Ramos-Vinolas) in first two visits. In last outing in 2015, lost in 2R to Haider-Maurer.
- Looking to advance to his first ATP World Tour semi-final since April 2015 when he reached final in Barcelona (l. to Nishikori). This is his first quarter-final since July 2015 in Gstaad (l. to Bellucci).
- Playing with protected ranking of No. 105 and suffered losses at Pune (l. to Jarry in 1R) and Australian Open Q (l. to Escobedo in Q1).
- In February, lost to Travaglia in three sets in Quito 1R and two weeks later retired in 2R vs. No. 6 Thiem due to a right shoulder injury.
- Last week on home soil at Alicante Challenger, won title (d. de Minaur). Climbed from No. 598 to No. 355 in ATP Rankings. Ranked as low as No. 1,821 on Feb. 19.

Gilles Simon (FRA) vs [4] Richard Gasquet (FRA)

06 Nottingham (England)	Grass	QF	Richard Gasquet	6-3	6-1		
06 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Richard Gasquet	6-0	6-2	6-3	
08 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Richard Gasquet	6-3	6-3	6-7(3)	6-3
09 Sydney (Australia)	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet	6-4	6-4		
11 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	QF	Richard Gasquet	5-7	6-2	6-4	
12 Bangkok (Thailand)	Hard	F	Richard Gasquet	6-2	6-1		
17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R16	Richard Gasquet	7-5	6-7(5)	6-3	
Other meeting:							
10 Sunrise CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon	6-4	6-4		

Gasquet Leads 7-0

Simon 2018 Summary:

W (1): Pune (d. Anderson)
YTD W-L: 10-6 (2-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 13
Date of Birth: 27 December 1984 (33)
ATP Ranking: 71
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 12-5 (**2008 Champion**)

- Tournament Note: The 2008 champion as a qualifier (d. Benneteau in F) has posted wins over [6] Paire 62 67 76 and Carballes Baena 75 61 to reach his fifth QF in Morocco. Also SF in 2006 and QF in 2005 and 2011.
- Defeated [3] Bautista Agut in 2R, [1] Cilic in SF and [2] Anderson in final to capture 13th ATP title at Pune.
- Appeared in 1st ATP SF since 2016 Shanghai and 1st final since 2015 Metz. Won 1st title since 2015 Marseille.
- Also advanced to Pune doubles final with countryman and 1st-time partner Herbert (l. to Haase/Middelkoop).
- Defeated Anderson/Erlich in 1R to snap 14-match doubles losing streak dating back to 2016 Tokyo SF w/Qureshi.
- Retired in Australian Open 2R vs. Carreno Busta due to thigh injury.

Gasquet 2018 Summary

F (1): Montpellier (l. Pouille)
YTD W-L: 10-6 (2-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 14
Date of Birth: 18 June 1986 (31)
ATP Ranking: 38
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 4-1 (2010, 2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Opened on Monday with a 61 76 win over Fabbiano and followed with a 62 64 victory over Garcia-Lopez on Wednesday. In previous appearance in 2010, made QF with wins over O. Rochus and Golubev (l. to eventual finalist Hanesu).
- Advanced to 6th consecutive Montpellier final, falling to 3-3 in title matches (d. Goffin, l. to Pouille).
- Became 1st Frenchman in Open Era to reach 6 straight finals at a tour-level event.

- Suffered 9th loss in a row to Federer in Australian Open 3R.
- Defeated Haase to help France beat The Netherlands 3-1 in Davis Cup 1R.
- Retired in Rotterdam 1R vs. Herbert (groin) and withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (knee).

[WC] Malek Jaziri (TUN) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR)

15 Nottingham (Great Britain) Grass R64 Malek Jaziri

Jaziri Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 7-6(5)

Jaziri 2018 Summary

SF(1): Dubi (I Bautista Agut)

YTD W-L: 9-6 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 20, 1984 (34)

ATP Ranking: 91

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-3 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Won first tournament match on Wednesday, rallying to beat Fucsovics 16 64 62. Then defeated [8] M. Zverev 62 64 to advance to his second ATP World Tour quarter-final of season.
- Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat Caruso and reach Australian Open 2R (l. to Muller in 5 sets).
- Took advantage of wild card in Dubai and posted biggest career win over No. 4 Dimitrov in 1R and followed with wins over Haase, Tsitsipas before falling to eventual champion Bautista Agut. After Dubai success, jumped from No. 117 to No. 84 in ATP Rankings. Then played three-week Challenger circuit in China. Reached back-to-back QFs in Zhuhai and Shenzhen, and captured title in Qujing (d. Rola).
- Fell in 1R at Doha (l. to Bedene) and Canberra, AUS Challenger (ret. vs. Fucsovics due to illness).

Edmund 2018 Summary

SF(1): Australian Open (I Cilic); **QF(1):** Brisbane (I Dimitrov)

YTD W-L: 9-4 (2-0 on clay)

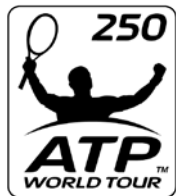
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 8, 1995 (23)

ATP Ranking: 26

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-0 (2018 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: British No.1 made his tournament debut Tuesday with a 5-0 ret. win over Vesely (illness) and followed with a 62 64 victory over Albot to reach his third quarter-final of season.
- At No. 26 in ATP Rankings, is one of four players in the Top 30 without an ATP World Tour title (No. 19 Chung, No. 25 Mannarino, No. 27 Krajinovic).
- Earned biggest wins of career over No. 12 Anderson and No. 3 Dimitrov en route to Australian Open SF (l. to Cilic).
- Became 4th Brit to reach Australian Open SF and 6th Brit to reach Grand Slam SF in Open Era.
- Won 3-setters over Shapovalov and Chung to reach Brisbane QF (l. to eventual champion Dimitrov in 3 sets).
- Achieved career-high No. 24 in ATP Rankings on 5 March, ending Murray's 12-year reign as No. 1 Brit.
- Withdrew from Auckland (right ankle strain), as well as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro (illness).



GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: DAY 4 MEDIA NOTES

Thursday, 12 April 2018

Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech | Marrakech, Morocco | 9-15 April 2018
Draw: S-32, D-16 | Prize Money: €501,345 | Surface: Clay

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EDMUND, M. ZVEREV, OUAHAB LOOK TO REACH QUARTER-FINALS

- There are four second round singles matches on Thursday's schedule, with No. 2 seed **Kyle Edmund**, No. 8 **Mischa Zverev** along with wild cards No. 1 Moroccan **Lamine Ouahab** and No. 1 Tunisian **Malek Jaziri** leading the way on Court Central.
- In the opening match, **Joao Sousa** of Portugal and Bosnian **Mirza Basic** square off for the first time. Sousa is trying to reach his first quarter-final in Morocco and first quarter-final on the ATP World Tour this season. In the first two ATP Masters 1000 tournaments of the year, he beat Top 10 opponents No. 5 Alexander Zverev in Indian Wells and No. 9 David Goffin in Miami. In February Basic captured his maiden ATP World Tour title in Sofia as a qualifier and he is 9-3 on the season.
- In the next match on, 33-year-old **Ouahab** takes on **Nikoloz Basilashvili** of Georgia for the second time this month. Ouahab won 61 63 in a Davis Cup match earlier this month and he is looking to reach his first ATP World Tour quarter-final since 2015 Casablanca. He rallied to beat No. 3 seed and last year's finalist Philipp Kohlschreiber in a third set tie-break on Wednesday. Basilashvili is trying to reach his first ATP World Tour quarter-final since last September in Metz (SF).
- In the third match on, **Radu Albot** meets British No. 1 **Edmund** for the first time on the ATP World Tour. In two other hard court meetings, Edmund won in straight sets in the 2015 Hong Kong Challenger and in the qualifying of 2016 Doha. In February, Albot was a quarter-finalist in New York and Edmund's best result of the season was the semi-finals at the Australian Open.
- In the final match on, **Zverev** looks to extend his head-to-head record (2-0) against **Jaziri**, who won two previous Challenger meetings against the German in 2011 and 2014. Last year Zverev prevailed in four sets at the Australian Open and in straight sets in Stuttgart. Both players are trying to reach their first quarter-final in Marrakech. Zverev is attempting to advance to his first quarter-final of the season and Jaziri his second. He was a semi-finalist in Dubai last month.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: THURSDAY 2ND ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

Joao Sousa (POR) vs Mirza Basic (BIH)

First Meeting

Sousa 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 11-8 (1-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: March 30, 1989 (29)

ATP Ranking: 70

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-2 (2014, 2016, 2018 2nd Round)

- **Tournament Note:** Looking to reach first QF and opened on Tuesday with 75 75 win over [Q] P. Martinez. Also 2R in 2014 (d. Sijlsing, l. to Carballes Baena) and 2016 (1R bye, l. to Bagnis).
- Beat Top 10 players A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R (l. to Raonic in 3R) and Goffin in Miami 2R (l. to Chung in 4R).
- Improved to 5-5 in 5-setters by beating Brown in Australian Open 1R (l. to Cilic in 2R).
- Squandered 3 MPs in Dubai 1R vs. Herbert.
- Fell to No. 85 in ATP Rankings on 5 March -- lowest since No. 89 on 16 September 2013.

Basic 2018 Summary

W(1): Sofia (d Copil); **QF(1):** Doha (l Pella)
YTD W-L: 9-3 (2-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: July 12, 1991 (26)
ATP Ranking: 94
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- **Tournament Note:** Made debut on Tuesday with 46 64 75 win over [5] Haase. Looking to reach third ATP World Tour quarter-final of season.
- Qualified en route to 1st ATP World Tour final and title at Sofia (d. Copil).
- Earned biggest win of career over No. 15 Wawrinka in Sofia SF.
- Achieved career-high No. 74 in ATP Rankings on 19 February (came in No. 94 this week).
- Also qualified en route to Doha QF (d. Lopez, l. to Pella).
- Reached Irving, USA Challenger QF (l. to Berrettini).

2018 FIRST-TIME ATP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONS: Basic is one of four first-time champions this season:

Player	Tournament
Daniil Medvedev	Sydney
Mirza Basic (Q)	Sofia
Roberto Carballes Baena (Q)	Quito
Frances Tiafoe	Delray Beach

[WC] Lamine Ouahab (MAR) vs Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

18 EAG2 MAR vs. GEO 1st Round (Morocco) Clay RR Lamine Ouahab

Ouahab Leads 1-0

6-1 6-3

Ouahab 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 3-1 (3-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 22, 1984 (33)
ATP Ranking: 617
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 5-6 (2015 Quarter-finalist)

- **Tournament Note:** Wild card rallied to beat last year's finalist [3] Kohlschreiber 26 60 76(3) on Wednesday. He is making seventh main draw appearance since 2006 debut (l. to F. Mayer in 1R). Best result is QF in 2015 (d. Haase, Garcia-Lopez, l. to Gimeno-Traver). Qualified in 2012 (d. Haase, l. to Guitierrez Ferrol).
- Morocco's No. 1 player is appearing in his first ATP World Tour main draw in two years since losing to Bagnis in 1R in Marrakech
- Prior to Marrakech, played in five Futures events (5-5 record) with QF in Tunisia #3 in January and 2R in Tunisia #2, Portugal #3 and Portugal #4
- Played in Davis Cup ties vs. Georgia in February and won both matches and lost to Romania's Ungur a week ago

Marrakech Surprises: For the second year in a row a Moroccan player ranked outside the Top 600 beat a Top 50 opponent in Marrakech. Last year this occurred three times on the ATP World Tour:

No. 617 Lamine Ouahab	No. 34 Philipp Kohlschreiber	2018 Marrakech
No. 698 Thanasi Kokkinakis	No. 6 Milos Raonic	2017 London / Queen's Club
No. 655 Tommy Haas	No. 40 Benoit Paire	2017 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo
No. 946 Amine Aouda	No. 45 Marcel Granollers	2017 Marrakech

Basilashvili 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 5-9 (1-2 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: February 23, 1992 (26)
ATP Ranking: 86
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Top player from Georgia made debut on Tuesday with 76(2) 64 win over Berrettini.
- Defeated Fabbiano to reach 2R at Doha (l. to Coric) and ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Anderson).
- Lost 7 straight matches from 19 January-21 March, including in Davis Cup to No. 698 Ahouda and No. 591 Ouahab.
- Retired in Acapulco 1R vs. Donaldson and Indian Wells 1R vs. Sandgren due to right shoulder injury.

Radu Albot (MDA) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

15 Hong Kong CH (Hong Kong)	Hard	R32	Kyle Edmund	6-4	7-6(5)
16 Doha Q (Qatar)	Hard	--	Kyle Edmund	6-2	6-4

Albot 2018 Summary

QF(1): New York (l Nishikori)
YTD W-L: 4-9 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: November 11, 1989 (28)
ATP Ranking: 93
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Made debut on Wednesday with a 16 63 60 win over Seppi.
- Earned biggest win of career over No. 18 Isner in 3 sets to reach New York QF (l. to Nishikori).
- Lost in 1R at 7 tour-level events, including Auckland as Q (l. to Vesely after holding 4 MPs).
- Advanced to Irving, USA Challenger doubles final w/Ebden (l. to Petzschner/Peya).

Edmund 2018 Summary

SF(1): Australian Open (l Cilic); **QF(1):** Brisbane (l Dimitrov)
YTD W-L: 8-4 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: January 8, 1995 (23)
ATP Ranking: 26
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: British No.1 made his tournament debut Tuesday with a 5-0 ret. win over Vesely (illness).
- Earned biggest wins of career over No. 12 Anderson and No. 3 Dimitrov en route to Australian Open SF (l. to Cilic).
- Became 4th Brit to reach Australian Open SF and 6th Brit to reach Grand Slam SF in Open Era.
- Won 3-setters over Shapovalov and Chung to reach Brisbane QF (l. to eventual champion Dimitrov in 3 sets).
- Achieved career-high No. 24 in ATP Rankings on 5 March, ending Murray's 12-year reign as No. 1 Brit.
- Withdrew from Auckland (right ankle strain), as well as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro (illness).

[8] Mischa Zverev (GER) vs [WC] Malek Jaziri (TUN)

Zverev Leads 2-0

17 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Mischa Zverev	6-1	4-6	6-3	6-0
17 Stuttgart (Germany)	Grass	R32	Mischa Zverev	6-3	6-1		

Other meetings:

11 Geneva CH (Switzerland)	Hard	F	Malek Jaziri	4-6	6-3	6-3
14 Dallas CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Malek Jaziri	6-1	6-2	

Zverev 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 4-9 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 22, 1987 (30)
ATP Ranking: 55
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-2 (2009, 2017-18 2nd Round)



- **Tournament Note:** On Tuesday opened with 63 64 win over Lorenzi. Won debut match in 2009 (d. Cipolla, l. to Gicquel in 2R). Last year fell in 2R to Vesely after 1R bye.
- Advanced to 2R at Brisbane (l. to Mmoh), Marseille (l. to Khachanov) and Indian Wells (l. to Querrey).
- Snapped 5-match losing streak with win over Kavcic in Marseille 1R.
- Only player to retire in Australian Open 1R (ret. vs. Chung due to viral illness).
- Ended 11-match doubles losing streak at Miami w/A. Zverev (d. S. Gonzalez/Verdasco, l. to Marach Pavic in 2R).

Jaziri 2018 Summary

SF(1): Dubai (l. Bautista Agut)

YTD W-L: 8-6 (1-0 on clay)

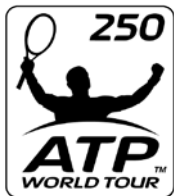
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 20, 1984 (34)

ATP Ranking: 91

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-3 (2018 2nd Round)

- **Tournament Note:** Won first tournament match (1-3) on Wednesday, rallying to beat Fucsovics 16 64 62
- Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat Caruso and reach Australian Open 2R (l. to Muller in 5 sets).
- Took advantage of wild card in Dubai and posted biggest career win over No. 4 Dimitrov in 1R and followed with wins over Haase, Tsitsipas before falling to eventual champion Bautista Agut. After Dubai success, jumped from No. 117 to No. 84 in ATP Rankings. Then played three-week Challenger circuit in China. Reached back-to-back QFs in Zhuhai and Shenzhen, and captured title in Qujing (d. Rola).
- Fell in 1R at Doha (l. to Bedene) and Canberra, AUS Challenger (ret. vs. Fucsovics due to illness).



GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: DAY 3 MEDIA NOTES

Wednesday, 11 April 2018

Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech | Marrakech, Morocco | 9-15 April 2018
Draw: S-32, D-16 | Prize Money: €501,345 | Surface: Clay

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TOP SEED RAMOS-VINOLAS, NO. 4 GASQUET EYE QUARTER-FINALS

- There are three first round and four second round singles matches on Wednesday's schedule, with top seed **Albert Ramos-Vinolas** and No. 4 **Richard Gasquet** leading the way on Court Central. In addition, No. 3 seed and last year's finalist **Philipp Kohlschreiber** plays his first round match against wild card and No. 1 Moroccan **Lamine Ouahab**. Former champions **Pablo Andujar** and **Guillermo Garcia-Lopez** are also trying to reach the quarter-finals.
- In the opening match on Court Central, 34-year-old **Kohlschreiber** takes on 33-year-old **Ouahab** for the first time. The German comes in after falling in a fifth and decisive match to David Ferrer 7-5 in the fifth set in Sunday's QF tie in Valencia. Ouahab, who reached the quarter-finals on home soil in 2015, is playing in his first ATP World Tour main draw since here two years ago.
- In the next match on, 2012 finalist **Ramos-Vinolas** meets Russian qualifier **Alexey Vatutin**, who is trying to advance to his first ATP World Tour quarter-final in his maiden tournament. Ramos-Vinolas is off to an 8-4 start on clay this season and he's looking to reach his third quarter-final.
- In the third match on, 2011-12 champion **Andujar** squares off with Italian qualifier **Andrea Arnaboldi** for the first time on the ATP World Tour. Andujar has prevailed in all three previous Challenger meetings on clay, winning six of seven sets. Andujar is 11-2 lifetime in the Grand Prix Hassan II and Arnaboldi is trying to reach his first ATP World Tour quarter-final since 2016 Bastad.
- In the final match on, 2014 champion **Garcia-Lopez** looks for his first win (0-3) against **Gasquet** who has won six of the seven previous sets. Garcia-Lopez has a 12-8 tournament record and he's trying to reach the quarter-finals for the sixth time. Gasquet is playing in Morocco for the first time since 2010 when he reached the quarter-finals in Casablanca.
- There are two matches on Court 2 with Tunisian wild card **Malek Jaziri** facing **Marton Fucsovics** of Hungary in a first round contest. In the next match, Frenchman **Gilles Simon** takes on Spaniard **Roberto Carballes Baena** for the first time in a second round battle. On Court 4, **Andreas Seppi** brings a 2-0 record against **Radu Albot** in a first round match.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: WEDNESDAY 1R & 2R SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

1R:

[3] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) vs [WC] Lamine Ouahab (MAR)

First Meeting

Kohlschreiber 2018 Summary

QF(1): ATP World Tour Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l. Del Potro)

YTD W-L: 5-8 (0-2 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 8

Date of Birth: October 16, 1983 (34)

ATP Ranking: 34

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 3-2 (2017 Finalist)

- Tournament Note: No. 2 German reached final last year (l. to Coric) after having 5 MPs. Made debut in 2004 in Casablanca and lost to Hrbaty in 1R.
- Last weekend in Davis Cup QF tie in Valencia, lost to Nadal in straight sets and to Ferrer in 4h, 51m marathon 7-5 in fifth set as Spain advanced to SF with 3-2 victory.
- Snapped 12-match losing streak vs. Top 10 players, beating No. 3 Cilic en route to Indian Wells QF (l. to Del Potro).
- Reached 2R at Rotterdam (d. Khachanov, l. to Federer) and Dubai (l. to Tsitsipas).
- Started year 0-3 with losses in Sydney 1R (l. to Medvedev), Aus. Open 1R (l. to Nishioka) and Sofia 2R (l. to Basic).

Ouahab 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 2-1 (2-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: December 22, 1984 (33)

ATP Ranking: 617

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 4-6 (2015 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Wild card is making seventh main draw appearance since 2006 debut (l. to F. Mayer in 1R). Best result is QF in 2015 (d. Haase, Garcia-Lopez, l. to Gimeno-Traver). Qualified in 2012 (d. Haase, l. to Guitierrez Ferrol).
- Morocco's No. 1 player is appearing in his first ATP World Tour main draw in two years since losing to Bagnis in 1R in Marrakech
- Prior to Marrakech, played in five Futures events (5-5 record) with QF in Tunisia #3 in January and 2R in Tunisia #2, Portugal #3 and Portugal #4
- Played in Davis Cup ties vs. Georgia in February and won both matches and lost to Romania's Ungur a week ago

2R:

[1] Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP) vs [Q] Alexey Vatutin (RUS)

First Meeting

Ramos-Vinolas 2018 Summary

F(1): Quito (l. Carballes Baena); **QF(1):** Sao Paulo (l. Jarry)

YTD W-L: 10-8 (8-4 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: January 17, 1988 (30)

ATP Ranking: 23

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 7-5 (2012 Finalist)

- Tournament Note: Spaniard opened with 61 62 win over [WC] Ahouda on Tuesday. He is playing in Morocco for sixth time in seven years (except 2013) and best result is runner-up in 2012 debut (l. to Andujar). Also QF last year (l. to eventual champion Coric).
- In February, fell to 1-5 lifetime in ATP World Tour finals at Quito (l. to Carballes Baena in 3 sets).
- Also as top seed reached Sao Paulo QF (l. to Jarry).
- Advanced to Australian Open 3R for 1st time in 7th appearance (l. to Djokovic).
- Clinched Spain's 3-1 win over Great Britain in Davis Cup 1R by beating Broady and Norrie.

Vatutin 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 1-0 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: October 27, 1992 (25)
ATP Ranking: 160
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Qualified into first ATP World Tour main draw with wins over Lopez Perez 63 62 and #NextGenATP Aussie de Minaur 64 46 64. Then beat Struff 36 63 62 on Tuesday for first ATP match win
- Prior to Marrakech, lost in 1R in three straight Challengers: Zhuhai and Shenzhen, CHN and Alicante, ESP
- Overall has an 8-6 record in Challenger play, reaching final in Quimper, FRA in February (l. to Halys). Also QF in Koblenz, GER (l. to De Schepper). Afterwards reached career-high No. 151 on Feb. 5
- In opening month of season, lost in 1R qualifying in Doha and 2R qualifying at Australian Open

2R:

[PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP) vs [Q] Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA)

First Tour Level Meeting

Other meetings:

09 Vigo CH (Spain)	Clay	R32	Pablo Andujar	6-4	6-4	
10 Geneva CH (Switzerland)	Clay	R16	Pablo Andujar	7-5	6-1	
13 Szczecin CH (Poland)	Clay	R16	Pablo Andujar	6-1	4-6	6-4

Andujar 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 2-3 (2-3 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 3
Date of Birth: January 23, 1986 (32)
ATP Ranking: 355
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 11-2 (2011-12 **Champion**)

- Tournament Note: In first appearance in three years, beat [LL] Ivashka 63 75 on Tuesday to improve his career record to 11-2 in Morocco. Won back-to-back titles in 2011 (d. Starace) and 2012 (d. Ramos-Vinolas) in first two visits. In last outing in 2015, lost in 2R (d. Kamke, l. to Haider-Maurer).
- Playing with protected ranking of No. 105 and suffered losses at Pune (l. to Jarry in 1R) and Australian Open Q (l. to Escobedo in Q1).
- In February, lost to Travaglia in three sets in Quito 1R and two weeks later retired in 2R vs. No. 6 Thiem due to a right shoulder injury.
- Last week on home soil at Alicante Challenger, won title (d. de Minaur). Climbed from No. 598 to No. 355 in ATP Rankings. Ranked as low as No. 1,821 on Feb. 19.

Arnaboldi 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 1-0 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: December 27, 1987 (30)
ATP Ranking: 221
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-0 (2018 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Qualified into main draw with wins over countryman Caruso 46 75 61 and American Rubin 63 36 63. On Tuesday beat [7] Dolgoplov 62 63 for first ATP World Tour main draw win since July 2016 in Bastad.
- This week he is playing in first ATP World Tour tournament since 2016 Bastad where he reached maiden QF.
- Has a 4-8 record on ATP Challenger Tour this season with best result on home soil with QF in Bergamo.
- Reached career-high ATP Ranking of No. 153 on Oct. 12, 2015.

2R:						
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP) vs [4] Richard Gasquet (FRA)						
05 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Richard Gasquet	6-2	6-0	
11 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Richard Gasquet	6-2	6-1	
15 Estoril (Portugal)	Clay	SF	Richard Gasquet	3-6	6-2	7-6(1)
Other meeting:						
05 Napoli CH (Italy)	Clay	R16	Richard Gasquet	6-4	6-3	

Garcia-Lopez 2018 Summary

QF(2): Buenos Aires (l. Delbonis); Sao Paulo (l. Fognini)

YTD W-L: 7-7 (5-3 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 5

Date of Birth: June 4, 1983 (34)

ATP Ranking: 67

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 12-8 (2014 **Champion**)

- Tournament Note: Improved record to 12-8 in 10th Morocco appearance with 62 62 win over [Q] Hemery on Tuesday. Won 2014 title (d. Granollers) and reached QFs in 2010, 2012-13 and 2016.
- Reached QFs at Buenos Aires (d. Carreno Busta, l. to Delbonis) and Sao Paulo (l. to eventual champion Fognini).
- Made 14th straight Australian Open appearance (d. Paire, l. to Berdych in 2R).
- Advanced to Canberra, AUS Challenger QF (l. to Seppi).

Gasquet 2018 Summary

F (1): Montpellier (l. Pouille)

YTD W-L: 9-6 (1-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 14

Date of Birth: 18 June 1986 (31)

ATP Ranking: 38

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 3-1 (2010 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Opened on Monday with a 61 76 win over Fabbiano. In previous appearance in 2010, made QF with wins over O. Rochus and Golubev (l. to eventual finalist Hanesescu).
- Advanced to 6th consecutive Montpellier final, falling to 3-3 in title matches (d. Goffin, l. to Pouille).
- Became 1st Frenchman in Open Era to reach 6 straight finals at a tour-level event.
- Suffered 9th loss in a row to Federer in Australian Open 3R.
- Defeated Haase to help France beat The Netherlands 3-1 in Davis Cup 1R.
- Retired in Rotterdam 1R vs. Herbert (groin) and withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (knee).

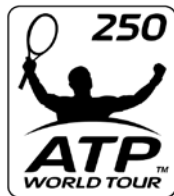
Court 2

1R:						
[WC] Malek Jaziri (TUN) vs Marton Fucsovics (HUN)						
Other meeting:						
18 Canberra CH (Australia)	Hard	R32	Marton Fucsovics	6-2	5-1	ret

2R:						
Gilles Simon (FRA) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)						
First Meeting						

Court 4

1R:						
Radu Albot (MDA) vs Andreas Seppi (ITA)						
Seppi Leads 2-0						
17 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Andreas Seppi	6-4	6-4	
17 Antalya (Turkey)	Grass	QF	Andreas Seppi	6-4	7-6(3)	



GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: DAY 2 MEDIA NOTES

Tuesday, 10 April 2018

Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech | Marrakech, Morocco | 9-15 April 2018
Draw: S-32, D-16 | Prize Money: €501,345 | Surface: Clay

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TWO FORMER CHAMPIONS, TOP SEED RAMOS-VINOLAS IN ACTION

- There are 11 first round singles matches on Tuesday's schedule, led by the top two seeds World No. 23 **Albert Ramos-Vinolas** and No. 26 **Kyle Edmund** on Court Central. In addition, former champions **Pablo Andujar** and **Guillermo Garcia-Lopez** are on Court 2 and 4, respectively. Andujar won back-to-back titles in 2011-12 and Garcia-Lopez captured the 2014 crown.
- In the opening match on Court Central, Bosnian **Mirza Basic** takes on No. 5 seed and top Dutchman **Robin Haase** for the third time (tied 1-1). This is their first meeting on clay. Basic, who is making his tournament debut, broke through to earn his first ATP World Tour title as a qualifier in Sofia in February. Haase reached the QFs in 2013 but lost in the 1R in his four other Morocco trips.
- In the next match on, 2012 finalist **Ramos-Vinolas** meets local wild card **Amine Ahouda** for the first time. The 30-year-old Spaniard is playing in Morocco for the sixth time in seven years. In February, he fell to 1-5 in ATP World Tour finals with his runner-up showing in Quito. The 20-year-old Ahouda is ranked No. 727 and last year he reached the 2R on home soil.
- In the third match on, No. 8 **Mischa Zverev** looks to even his head-to-head record against Italian **Paolo Lorenzi**, who won the previous meeting in three sets in 2016 St. Petersburg. Zverev is making his season debut on clay while Lorenzi is returning to the ATP World Tour for the first time in two months since Quito. He withdrew from five tournaments due to a left foot injury.
- In the final match on, **Jiri Vesely** and **Edmund** square off for the third time. Edmund won both previous hard court meetings in 2016-17. Vesely has reached the SFs in Morocco the past three years. Edmund reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at the Australian Open, then ended Murray's 12-year reign as No. 1 Brit on 5 March. But the 23-year-old Edmund lost his last two opening round matches at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l. to Sela) and Miami (l. to Tiafoe) after a 1R bye.
- In the opening match on Court 2, No. 7 seed **Alexandr Dolgoplov** takes on Italian qualifier **Andrea Arnaboldi**. This is their first ATP World Tour meeting although Dolgoplov won both previous Moroccan Challenger matches in 2010. The former World No. 13 has missed the last nine weeks with a right wrist injury. The Ukrainian's last tournament was the Australian Open where he lost to Diego Schwartzman in the 3R on Jan. 19.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

Mirza Basic (BIH) vs [5] Robin Haase (NED)

16 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Mirza Basic
17 EAG1 BIH vs. NED (Bosnia & Herz.) Hard RR Robin Haase

Series Tied 1-1

7-6(4) 6-4 6-4
6-4 6-2 5-7 6-3

Basic 2018 Summary

W(1): Sofia (d Copil); **QF(1):** Doha (l Pella)

YTD W-L: 8-3 (1-1 on clay)

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: July 12, 1991 (26)

ATP Ranking: 94

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Tournament debut)

- Tournament Note: 2008 champion (received walkover from Tsonga in SF, def. Benneteau in F) also reached SF
- Qualified en route to 1st ATP World Tour final and title at Sofia (d. Copil).
- Earned biggest win of career over No. 15 Wawrinka in Sofia SF.
- Achieved career-high No. 74 in ATP Rankings on 19 February.
- Also qualified en route to Doha QF (d. Lopez, l. to Pella).
- Reached Irving, USA Challenger QF (l. to Berrettini).

Haase 2018 Summary

SF(1): Auckland (l Bautista Agut); **QF(2):** Pune (l Paire); Rotterdam (l Federer)

YTD W-L: 9-9 (0-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: April 6, 1987 (31)

ATP Ranking: 44

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-5 (2013 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Top Dutchman is making his Marrakech debut and looking to break three-match losing streak in Morocco. Best result is QF in 2013 (l. to Klizan). Lost in 1R in 2014-15 and also in 2010 and 2012
- Saved 2 MPs vs. Ruud en route to Auckland SF (l. to eventual champion Bautista Agut).
- Advanced to QFs at Pune (l. to Paire) and Rotterdam (l. to eventual champion Federer in 3 sets).
- Suffered 8th Australian Open 1R loss in last 9 years (l. to Sonego).
- Captured doubles titles with countryman Middelkoop at Pune (d. Herbert/Simon) and Sofia (d. Mekic/Peya).
- Lost all 3 of his matches in Davis Cup 1R (FRA d. NED 3-1).
- Withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells due to a virus.

[1] Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP) vs [WC] Amine Aouda (MAR) First Meeting

Ramos-Vinolas 2018 Summary

F(1): Quito (l Carballes Baena); **QF(1):** Sao Paulo (l Jarry)

YTD W-L: 9-8 (7-4 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: January 17, 1988 (30)

ATP Ranking: 23

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 6-5 (2012 Finalist)

- Tournament Note: Spaniard is playing in Morocco for sixth time in seven years (except 2013) and best result is runner-up in 2012 debut (l. to Andujar). Also QF last year (l. to eventual champion Coric).
- In February, fell to 1-5 lifetime in ATP World Tour finals at Quito (l. to Carballes Baena in 3 sets).
- Also as top seed reached Sao Paulo QF (l. to Jarry).
- Advanced to Australian Open 3R for 1st time in 7th appearance (l. to Djokovic).
- Clinched Spain's 3-1 win over Great Britain in Davis Cup 1R by beating Broady and Norrie.



Ahouda 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 1-1 (1-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: September 11, 1997 (20)
ATP Ranking: 727
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-2 (2017 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Making third straight appearance and last year reached 2R, defeating No. 45 Granollers for biggest career win (l. to Struff). Two years ago lost to de Bakker in 1R.
- Playing in first ATP World Tour tournament since Marrakech last year when he reached 2R.
- Has an 0-3 record in Futures events this season, losing in 1R in Tunisia #1 and Tunisia #2 in January. Also fell in 1R in France #6 last month.
- Lone win came in Davis Cup over No. 57 Basilashvili in February.

[8] Mischa Zverev (GER) vs Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)

16 St. Petersburg (Russia) Hard R32 Paolo Lorenzi

Lorenzi Leads 1-0

3-6 7-6(6) 6-0

Zverev 2018 Summary

YTD W-L: 3-9 (0-0 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: August 22, 1987 (30)
ATP Ranking: 55
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-2 (2009, 2017 2nd Round)

- Tournament Note: Won debut match in 2009 (d. Cipolla, l. to Gicquel in 2R). Last year fell in 2R to Vesely after bye.
- Advanced to 2R at Brisbane (l. to Mmoh), Marseille (l. to Khachanov) and Indian Wells (l. to Querrey).
- Snapped 5-match losing streak with win over Kavcic in Marseille 1R.
- Only player to retire in Australian Open 1R (ret. vs. Chung due to viral illness).
- Ended 11-match doubles losing streak at Miami w/A. Zverev (d. S. Gonzalez/Verdasco, l. to Marach Pavic in 2R).

Lorenzi 2018 Summary

QF(1): Sydney (l. Medvedev)
YTD W-L: 2-4 (0-1 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: December 15, 1981 (36)
ATP Ranking: 57
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2017 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Last year made debut and reached QF (l. to Vesely in third set TB).
- Snapped 9-match losing streak by reaching Sydney QF (d. Thompson and Ramos-Vinolas, l. to Medvedev).
- Suffered 2nd loss of career from 2 sets up against Dzumhur in Australian Open 1R.
- Withdrew from Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Dubai and ATP Masters 1000s at Indian Wells and Miami (left foot).

Jiri Vesely (CZE) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR)

16 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Kyle Edmund
17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) Hard R64 Kyle Edmund

Edmund Leads 2-0

6-4 5-7 7-6(6)
6-3 6-2

Vesely 2018 Summary

QF(1): Auckland (l. Bautista Agut)
YTD W-L: 5-7 (1-2 on clay)
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: July 10, 1993 (24)
ATP Ranking: 65
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 9-4 (2015-16-17 Semi-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Making fifth straight showing and SF in 2015 (l. to Gimeno-Traver) and 2016-17 (l. to Coric both).
- Advanced to Auckland QF by beating Albot and Querrey in 3rd-set TBs (l. to eventual champion Bautista Agut).
- Saved 4 MPs in Auckland 1R win over Albot.
- Earned 1st Australian Open win in 5th try (d. Safranek, l. to Mannarino in 2R).
- Retired in Rio de Janeiro 1R vs. Delbonis due to dizziness.

Edmund 2018 Summary

SF(1): Australian Open (l. Cilic); **QF(1):** Brisbane (l. Dimitrov)

YTD W-L: 7-4 (0-0 on clay)

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: January 8, 1995 (23)

ATP Ranking: 26

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Tournament debut)

- Tournament Note: British No.1 is making his tournament debut.
- Earned biggest wins of career over No. 12 Anderson and No. 3 Dimitrov en route to Australian Open SF (l. to Cilic).
- Became 4th Brit to reach Australian Open SF and 6th Brit to reach Grand Slam SF in Open Era.
- Won 3-setters over Shapovalov and Chung to reach Brisbane QF (l. to eventual champion Dimitrov in 3 sets).
- Achieved career-high No. 24 in ATP Rankings on 5 March, ending Murray's 12-year reign as No. 1 Brit.
- Withdrew from Auckland (right ankle strain), as well as Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro (illness).

Court 2

[Q] Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA) vs [7] Alexandr Dolgoplov (UKR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

10 Meknes CH (Morocco)	Clay	R32	Alexandr Dolgoplov	6-3	4-6	7-6(3)
10 Marrakech CH (Morocco)	Clay	R16	Alexandr Dolgoplov	6-4	6-2	

[LL] Ilya Ivashka (BLR) vs [PR] Pablo Andujar (ESP)

First Meeting

Joao Sousa (POR) vs [Q] Pedro Martinez (ESP)

First Meeting

Court 4

[Q] Alexey Vatutin (RUS) vs Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

11 Czech Republic F1 (Czech Republic)	Clay	R16	Jan-Lennard Struff	7-5	6-1	
12 Germany F19 (Germany)	Hard	QF	Jan-Lennard Struff	6-3	6-4	

[Q] Calvin Hemery (FRA) vs Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)

First Meeting

Court 5

Maximilian Marterer (GER) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

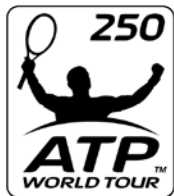
15 Kenitra CH (Morocco)	Clay	SF	Roberto Carballes Baena	6-3	6-2	
16 Meerbusch CH (Germany)	Clay	QF	Maximilian Marterer	3-6	6-3	6-1
16 Kenitra CH (Morocco)	Clay	R16	Maximilian Marterer	3-6	7-5	4-0 ret

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meeting:

14 Andria CH (Italy)	Hard	R32	Nikoloz Basilashvili	7-5	7-6(4)	
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GRAND PRIX HASSAN II: PREVIEW & DAY 1 MEDIA NOTES

Monday, 9 April 2018

Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech | Marrakech, Morocco | 9-15 April 2018
Draw: S-32, D-16 | Prize Money: €501,345 | Surface: Clay

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10 THINGS TO WATCH IN MARRAKECH

- 1) **Back to Clay:** The ATP World Tour's only event in Africa and only clay-court event in North America take place this week at Marrakech and Houston respectively. Twelve clay-court tournaments will be held over the next seven weeks leading into Roland Garros 27 May-10 June.
- 2) **Pressure is a Privilege:** World No. 23 **Albert Ramos-Vinolas** leads the Marrakech field one week before he defends 600 of his 1,745 ranking points at ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo. The Spaniard was a quarter-finalist at 2017 Marrakech before beating No. 1 **Andy Murray** en route to the Monte-Carlo final. Ramos-Vinolas must reach the Marrakech semi-finals to earn ranking points this week.
- 3) **Highs and Lows:** No. 2 seed **Kyle Edmund** reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at the Australian Open, then ended Murray's 12-year reign as the No. 1 Brit on 5 March. But the 23-year-old missed all of February with an illness and lost his opening matches at Indian Wells and Miami.
- 4) **Bitter Memories:** No. 3 seed **Philipp Kohlschreiber** returns a year after holding five championship points against **Borna Coric** in the Marrakech final. Despite finishing as the Marrakech runner-up, Kohlschreiber won 30+ matches and ended the year in the Top 50 for the 11th consecutive season.
- 5) **French Flair:** Two former Top 10 players are in the Marrakech field, both of whom are from France: ex-No. 7 **Richard Gasquet** and ex-No. 6 **Gilles Simon**. Gasquet has captured 14 ATP World Tour titles and Simon has won 13, including a season-opening championship at Pune on 6 January.
- 6) **Ten Year Anniversary:** Simon makes his Marrakech debut after winning the event's predecessor at Casablanca as a qualifier in 2008. Gasquet's lone appearance came at 2010 Casablanca. He is seeded fourth and ranked 38th -- his lowest ranking since he was No. 38 on 6 September 2010.
- 7) **Beware of Dog:** Welcome back to the ATP World Tour, **Alexandr Dolgoplov**. The former World No. 13 has missed the last nine weeks with a right wrist injury. Likewise, 36-year-old **Paolo Lorenzi** is recovered from a left foot injury and playing his first ATP tournament in more than two months.
- 8) **Surprise, Surprise:** **Mirza Basic** and **Roberto Carballes Baena** won the first ATP World Tour titles of their respective careers on 11 February. Both the Bosnian and Spaniard were qualifiers ranked outside of the Top 100 when they won championships at Sofia and Quito respectively.
- 9) **Born to be Wild:** Tunisian **Malek Jaziri** is one of three wild cards this week. Jaziri was also a wild card when he upset then-No. 4 **Grigor Dimitrov** on 27 February en route to the Dubai semi-finals. As the World No. 117, Jaziri became the lowest-ranked semi-finalist in Dubai tournament history.
- 10) **Flying Dutchmen:** **Robin Haase** and **Matwe Middelkoop** of The Netherlands are among the doubles teams competing in Marrakech. They reached the 2017 US Open quarter-finals in their tournament debut as a team, and have gone on to win titles at Pune and Sofia already this season.

WHO TO WATCH THIS WEEK

SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	W-L	BEST TOURNAMENT FINISH
1	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	6-5	2012 Finalist
2	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	0-0	Debut
3	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	3-2	2017 Finalist
4	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	2-1	2010 Quarter-finalist
5	Robin Haase (NED)	2-5	2013 Quarter-finalist
6	Benoit Paire (FRA)	7-4	2017 Semi-finalist
7	Alexandr Dolgoplov (UKR)	0-2	2012 2nd Round
8	Mischa Zverev (GER)	1-2	2009, 2017 2nd Round

QUALIFIERS (4)

TBD Monday

OLDEST PLAYER

Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)
36 years, 3 months

YOUNGEST PLAYER

Amine Ahouda (MAR)
20 years, 6 months

LUCKY LOSER (1)

TBD Monday

WILD CARDS (3)

Amine Ahouda (MAR)
Malek Jaziri (TUN)
Lamine Ouahab (MAR)

TOP COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Germany 4, Italy 4, Spain 4,
France 3, Morocco 2

**Does not include qualifiers or
lucky loser (TBD Monday)*

DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	W-L	BEST TOURNAMENT FINISH
1	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Alexander Peya (AUT)	0-0 4-2	Debut 2007, 2011 Semi-finalist
2	Marc Lopez (ESP) Nenad Zimonjic (SRB)	6-3 0-0	2017 Finalist Debut
3	Marcus Daniell (NZL) Dominic Inglot (GBR)	0-1 5-1	2017 1st Round 2017 Champion
4	Robin Haase (NED) Matwe Middelkoop (NED)	3-2 0-2	2012 Semi-finalist 2016, 2017 1st Round

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Grand Prix Hassan II	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	85,000	44,770	24,250	13,815	8,140	4,825
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	---
Doubles Prize Money (€)	27,220	14,310	7,750	4,400	2,600	---

PAST FINALISTS

SINGLES (since 2001)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2017	Borna Coric (CRO)	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	5-7 7-6(3) 7-5
2016	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	Borna Coric (CRO)	6-2 6-4
2015	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Daniel Gimeno-Traver (ESP)	6-2 6-2
2014	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	5-7 6-4 6-3
2013	Tommy Robredo (ESP)*	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-3
2012	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	6-1 7-6(5)
2011	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Potito Starace (ITA)	6-1 6-2
2010	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Victor Hanesescu (ROU)	6-2 6-3
2009	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	Florent Serra (FRA)	6-4 7-5
2008	Gilles Simon (FRA)	Julien Benneteau (FRA)	7-5 6-2
2007	Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA)	Albert Montanes (ESP)	6-1 6-1
2006	Daniele Bracciali (ITA)	Nicolas Massu (CHI)	6-1 6-4
2005	Mariano Puerta (ARG)	Juan Monaco (ARG)	6-4 6-1
2004	Santiago Ventura (ESP)	Dominik Hrbaty (SVK)	6-3 1-6 6-4
2003	Julien Boutter (FRA)	Younes El Aynaoui (MAR)	6-2 2-6 6-1
2002	Younes El Aynaoui (MAR)	Guillermo Canas (ARG)	3-6 6-3 6-2
2001	Guillermo Canas (ARG)	Tommy Robredo (ESP)*	7-5 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2018 Grand Prix Hassan II singles draw.

*2013 champion and 2001 finalist Tommy Robredo has advanced to the final round of qualifying.

DOUBLES (since 2008)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2017	Dominic Inglot/Mate Pavic	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	6-4 2-6 [11-9]
2016	Guillermo Duran/Maximo Gonzalez	Marin Draganja/Aisam-Ui-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-6]
2015	Rameez Junaid/ Adil Shamasdin	Rohan Bopanna/Florin Mergea	3-6 6-2 [10-7]
2014	Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau	Tomasz Bedanrek/Lukas Dlouhy	6-2 6-2
2013	Julian Knowle/Filip Polasek	Dustin Brown/Christopher Kas	6-3 6-2
2012	Dustin Brown/Paul Hanley	Daniele Bracciali/Fabio Fognini	7-5 6-3
2011	Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau	Colin Fleming/Igor Zelenay	6-2 6-1
2010	Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau	Rohan Bopanna/Aisam-Ui-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-7]
2009	Guillermo Duran/Maximo Gonzalez	Marin Draganja/Aisam-Ui-Haq Qureshi	7-6(4) 3-6 [10-6]
2008	Albert Montanes/Santiago Ventura	Jamie Cerretani/Todd Perry	6-1 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2018 Grand Prix Hassan II doubles draw.

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

COURT CENTRAL

[6] Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Gilles Simon (FRA)

11 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Benoit Paire
13 Montpellier (France)	Hard	QF	Benoit Paire
13 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon
13 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Benoit Paire
14 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Gilles Simon
15 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Mon.)	Clay	R32	Gilles Simon
15 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon

Simon Leads 4-3

6-2 2-6 6-3
7-5 7-6(4)
3-6 7-6(5) 6-4
6-4 6-3
2-0 ret.
6-4 7-5
6-4 4-6 6-1

Paire 2018 Summary:

SF (2): Pune (I. Anderson); Sydney (I. de Minaur); **QF (1):** Montpellier (I. Pouille)

YTD W-L: 10-7

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: 8 May 1989 (28)

ATP Ranking: 47

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 7-4 (2017 Semi-finalist)

- Tournament Note: Reached QF 3 straight years (2012-2014), then had 2-year absence before advancing to first SF last year (I. Kohlschreiber).
- Advanced to SFs at Pune (d. Fucsovics after saving 5 MPs in 2R, I. to Anderson) and Sydney (I. to de Minaur).
- Lost 10 of last 11 ATP World Tour SFs since reaching biggest final of career at 2015 Tokyo.
- Reached Montpellier QF (d. M. Zverev and Millman, I. to eventual champion Pouille).
- Upset 6-time champion Djokovic in ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R (I. to Krajinovic in 3R).
- Fell to No. 231 Krueger in ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 1R -- 15th loss to player outside Top 100 since 2016.
- Withdrew from Rotterdam due to back injury.

Simon 2018 Summary:

W (1): Pune (d. Anderson)

YTD W-L: 8-6

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 13

Date of Birth: 27 December 1984 (33)

ATP Ranking: 71

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 10-5 (**2008 Champion**)

- Tournament Note: 2008 champion (received walkover from Tsonga in SF, def. Benneteau in F) also reached SF in 2006 and QF in 2005 and 2011.
- Defeated [3] Bautista Agut in 2R, [1] Cilic in SF and [2] Anderson in final to capture 13th ATP title at Pune.
- Appeared in 1st ATP SF since 2016 Shanghai and 1st final since 2015 Metz. Won 1st title since 2015 Marseille.
- Also advanced to Pune doubles final with countryman and 1st-time partner Herbert (I. to Haase/Middelkoop).
- Defeated Anderson/Erich in 1R to snap 14-match doubles losing streak dating back to 2016 Tokyo SF w/Qureshi.
- Retired in Australian Open 2R vs. Carreno Busta due to thigh injury.

Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) vs [4] Richard Gasquet (FRA)

15 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

Clay R64

Richard Gasquet

Gasquet Leads 1-0

6-1 7-6(0)

Fabbiano 2018 Summary:

YTD W-L: 2-6

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: 26 May 1989 (28)

ATP Ranking: 102

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Main draw debut)

- Tournament Note: Making first appearance in main draw; only other appearance occurred in 2011, losing first match in qualifying to G. Granollers.
- Advanced to 2R at Marseille (I. to Dzumhur) and ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (I. to Sock).
- Suffered 1R losses to Basilashvili at Doha and ATP Masters 1000 Miami.
- Fell to unranked Chrysochos, a junior at Wake Forest University, in Irving, USA Challenger 1R.

Gasquet 2018 Summary:

F (1): Montpellier (I. Pouille)

YTD W-L: 8-6

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 14

Date of Birth: 18 June 1986 (31)

ATP Ranking: 38

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 2-1 (2010 Quarter-finalist)

- Tournament Note: In only previous appearance, made QF in 2010 (l. to eventual finalist Hanesescu).
- Advanced to 6th consecutive Montpellier final, falling to 3-3 in title matches (d. Goffin, l. to Pouille).
- Became 1st Frenchman in Open Era to reach 6 straight finals at a tour-level event.
- Suffered 9th loss in a row to Federer in Australian Open 3R.
- Defeated Haase to help France beat The Netherlands 3-1 in Davis Cup 1R.
- Retired in Rotterdam 1R vs. Herbert (groin) and withdrew from ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (knee).

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: REMAINING FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

[1] Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP) vs [WC] Amine Aouda (MAR) **First Meeting**

[3] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) vs [WC] Lamine Ouahab (MAR) **First Meeting**

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs Matteo Berrettini (ITA) **First Tour-Level Meeting**

Other Meeting

14 Andria CH (Italy)	Hard	R32	Nikoloz Basilashvili	7-5 7-6(4)
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Mirza Basic (BIH) vs [5] Robin Haase (NED) **Series Tied 1-1**

16 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Mirza Basic	7-6(4) 6-4 6-4
17 EAG1 BIH vs. NED (Bosnia & Herz.)	Hard	RR	Robin Haase	6-4 6-2 5-7 6-3

Maximilian Marterer (GER) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) **First Tour-Level Meeting**

Other Meetings

15 Kenitra CH (Morocco)	Clay	SF	Roberto Carballes Baena	6-3 6-2
16 Meerbusch CH (Germany)	Clay	QF	Maximilian Marterer	3-6 6-3 6-1
16 Kenitra CH (Morocco)	Clay	R16	Maximilian Marterer	3-6 7-5 4-0 ret.

[8] Mischa Zverev (GER) vs Paolo Lorenzi (ITA) **Lorenzi Leads 1-0**

16 St. Petersburg (Russia)	Hard	R32	Paolo Lorenzi	3-6 7-6(6) 6-0
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[WC] Malek Jaziri (TUN) vs Marton Fucsovics (HUN) **First Tour-Level Meeting**

Other Meeting

18 Canberra CH (Australia)	Hard	R32	Marton Fucsovics	6-2 5-1 ret.
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Radu Albot (MDA) vs Andreas Seppi (ITA) **Seppi Leads 2-0**

17 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Andreas Seppi	6-4 6-4
17 Antalya (Turkey)	Grass	QF	Andreas Seppi	6-4 7-6(3)

Jiri Vesely (CZE) vs [2] Kyle Edmund (GBR) **Edmund Leads 2-0**

16 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Kyle Edmund	6-4 5-7 7-6(6)
17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Kyle Edmund	6-3 6-2

**Does not include matches with qualifiers or lucky loser (TBD Monday)*