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SINGLES AND DOUBLES FINALS

[WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs [7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) **Tsonga Leads 2-0**

16 Australian Open (Australia)

Hard R32

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

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

17 Montpellier (France)

Hard R16

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

6-1 6-2

Tsonga 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 210 | 8-2 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 10-3 in Montpellier (2019 Final)

- French wild card is into his first Montpellier final, after falling in the semi-finals to the eventual champion in his three previous appearances here (2010, 2017-18). Leads tournament in aces (57) and No. 2 in 1st serve pts. won (87%).
- In QF, rallied past Chardy 67 76 64 in 2h 45m in longest match of tournament.
- Into his 29th career final (16-12), first since Oct. 29, 2017 in Vienna (l. to Pouille).
- Aiming to become lowest-ranked ATP Tour titlist since No. 355 Pablo Andujar in Marrakech last year.
- Opened season by not dropping a set en route to Brisbane SF (d. de Minaur in QF, l. to Medvedev).
- Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in Australian Open 2R and rematch of 2008 Australian Open final.

Herbert 2019 Summary | Age: 27 | World No. 44 (Career-High) | 8-2 in 2019 | 7-3 in Montpellier (2019 Final)

- Frenchman is off to a career-best 8-2 start this year. Into his third career ATP Tour final, first since September 2018 in Shenzhen (l. to Nishioka). Also was runner-up at 2015 Winston-Salem (l. to Anderson).
- No. 2 this week in percentage of return games won (13 of 43, 30%).
- Equaled biggest singles win of career over No. 8 Thiem in Doha 1R (l. to eventual finalist Berdych in QF).
- Defeated former Grand Slam semi-finalists Querrey and Chung to reach Australian Open 3R (l. to Raonic).
- Completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Mahut by winning Australian Open title (d. Kontinen/Peers).
- Also won doubles title at Doha with 2nd-time partner Goffin (d. Haase/Middelkoop).

Open Sud de France	[WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert
Aces	57	24
1st-Serve Percentage	57% (173 of 302)	55% (146 of 265)
1st-Serve Points Won	87% (150 of 173)	80% (117 of 146)
2nd-Serve Points Won	57% (74 of 129)	61% (72 of 119)
Service Games Won	94% (47 of 50)	93% (41 of 44)
Break Points Saved	75% (9 of 12)	83% (15 of 18)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	27% (57 of 213)	28% (41 of 149)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	51% (74 of 146)	55% (71 of 128)
Return Games Won	20% (10 of 51)	30% (13 of 43)
Break Points Converted	29% (10 of 34)	43% (13 of 30)

BOLD: Leads all players at Open Sud de France.

[1] Ivan Dodig (CRO)/Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA) vs [WC] Benjamin Bonzi (FRA)/Antoine Hoang (FRA)

First Meeting

Dodig/Roger-Vasselin Summary | Team Debut: 2019 Sydney | 5-2 as a team | 1st Tour-level final as a team

- Playing their 3rd event together. Reached QF at Sydney in team debut earlier this year. Also 2R at Australian Open.
- No. 34 Dodig is 11-14 in doubles finals. His career-high doubles ranking is No. 4. He won 2015 Roland Garros and 4 ATP Masters 1000 titles, all with Marcelo Melo.
- No. 26 Roger-Vasselin won Montpellier in 2012 w/ Mahut. He is 16-11 in doubles finals and his career-high doubles ranking is No. 6. He won 2014 Roland Garros w/ Benneteau and ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati in 2015 w/ Nestor.

Bonzi/Hoang Summary | ATP Tour-Level Team Debut | 1 ITF Futures title as a team

- Frenchmen won ITF Futures title at Nevers, FRA in 2017 and reached 2 other Futures finals as a pairing.
- No. 250 Bonzi and No. 360 Hoang are appearing in their 1st Tour-level finals.

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[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs Tomas Berdych (CZE)

19 Doha (Qatar)

Hard QF

Tomas Berdych

Berdych Leads 1-0

6-2 6-4

Herbert 2019 Summary | Age: 27 | World No. 44 | 7-2 in 2019 (Montpellier SF) | 6-3 in Montpellier (2019 SF)

- Frenchman is off to a career-best 7-2 start and he's trying to reach his third career ATP Tour final, first since September 2018 in Shenzhen (l. to Nishioka). Also runner-up at 2015 Winston-Salem (l. to Anderson).
- This week has held serve 31 of 34 games (91%), saving 12 of 15 break pts. (80%). Has won 10 of 33 return games.
- Equaled biggest singles win of career over No. 8 Thiem in Doha 1R (l. to eventual finalist Berdych in QF).
- Defeated former Grand Slam semi-finalists Querrey and Chung to reach Australian Open 3R (l. to Raonic).
- Achieved career-high No. 44 in ATP Rankings on 28 January.
- Completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Mahut by winning Australian Open title (d. Kontinen/Peers).
- Also won doubles title at Doha with 2nd-time partner Goffin (d. Haase/Middelkoop).

Berdych 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 79 | 10-2 in 2019 (Doha Finalist) | 7-0 in Montpellier (2012 **Champion**)

- The Czech No. 1 saved two MPs in his 76 67 75 QF win over Krajinovic and trying to reach 33rd final (13-19). His last title came in 2016 Shenzhen.
- This week leads tournament in return games won (14 of 40, 35%), converting 14 of 25 break pts. (56%). Has held serve 34 of 40 games (85%), saving 11 of 17 break pts. (65%).
- In opening week of season reached 1st ATP Tour final in 19+ months at Doha (l. to Bautista Agut).
- Advanced to Australian Open 4R-or-better for 11th time in last 13 years (l. to Nadal in 4R).
- Fell to No. 79 in ATP Rankings on 28 January -- lowest since No. 79 on 16 August 2004.

Radu Albot (MDA) vs [WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)

First Meeting

Albot 2019 Summary | Age: 29 | World No. 90 | 4-2 in 2019 | 3-0 in Montpellier (2019 SF) | 2nd Career ATP SF (0-1)

- The No. 1 player from Moldova is appearing in his second career ATP Tour SF after reaching SF in Metz last September (l. to eventual champion Simon).
- This week has held 32 of 36 service games (89%) and won 8 of 35 return games (23%).
- Opened season with 1R in Pune (l. to Munar) and followed with 2R at Australian Open (d. Mmoh, l. to Verdasco).

Tsonga 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 210 | 7-2 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 9-3 in Montpellier (2010, 2017-19 SF)

- French wild card is making his fourth SF showing in Montpellier in as many attempts and he's trying to reach his first final. Rallied past Chardy 67 76 64 in 2h, 45m in longest match of tournament this week.
- This week leads tournament in aces (50) and No. 2 in 1st serve pts. won (87%) and No. 3 in service games won (40 of 42, 95%), saving 9 of 11 break pts. (82%).
- Trying to reach 29th career final (16-12), first since Oct. 22, 2017 in Vienna (l. to Pouille). His last title came on Oct. 22, 2017 in Antwerp (d. Schwartzman).
- Opened season by not dropping a set en route to Brisbane SF (d. de Minaur, l. to Medvedev).
- Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in Australian Open 2R and rematch of 2008 Australian Open final.

POTENTIAL FEDEX CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD-TO-HEADS –

Radu Albot (MDA) vs Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)

18 Metz (France)

Hard R32

Radu Albot

6-3

Albot Leads 1-0

6-4

Radu Albot (MDA) vs Tomas Berdych (CZE)

First Meeting

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)

16 Australian Open (Australia)

Hard R32

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

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17 Montpellier (France)

Hard R16

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

6-1

6-2

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs Tomas Berdych (CZE)

11 Beijing (China)	Hard	SF	Tomas Berdych	6-4	4-6	6-1	
11 ATP Finals (Great Britain)	Hard	SF	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-3	7-5		
12 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	QF	Tomas Berdych	6-3	7-6(4)		
12 Stockholm (Sweden)	Hard	F	Tomas Berdych	4-6	6-4	6-4	
12 ATP Finals (Great Britain)	Hard	RR	Tomas Berdych	7-5	3-6	6-1	
13 Marseille (France)	Hard	F	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	3-6	7-6(6)	6-4	
14 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	QF	Tomas Berdych	6-4	6-3		
15 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Tomas Berdych	7-5	6-2		
15 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R16	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-3	6-2	6-7(5)	6-3
15 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R16	Tomas Berdych	6-3	6-4		
17 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	QF	Tomas Berdych	7-5	6-3		
17 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	SF	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-3	6-4		
17 Lyon (France)	Clay	F	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	7-6(2)	7-5		
Other meeting:							
04 Besancon CH (France)	Hard	R32	Tomas Berdych	4-6	6-1	6-4	

Berdych Leads 8-5



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Tomas Berdych (CZE) vs Filip Krajinovic (SRB)

First Meeting

Berdych 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 79 | 9-2 in 2019 (Doha Finalist) | 6-0 in Montpellier (2012 Champion)

- Reached 1st ATP Tour final in 19+ months at Doha (l. to Bautista Agut).
- Advanced to Australian Open 4R-or-better for 11th time in last 13 years (l. to Nadal in 4R).
- Fell to No. 79 in ATP Rankings on 28 January -- lowest since No. 79 on 16 August 2004.

Krajinovic 2019 Summary | Age: 26 | World No. 72 | 6-1 in 2019 (Australian Open 3R) | 2-0 in Montpellier (2019 QF)

- Rallied from 2 sets down and saved 1 MP vs. Cecchinato en route to Australian Open 3R (l. to Coric).
- Led Serbia to 3-2 win over Uzbekistan in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Istomin and Fayziev).

[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs [3] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting
17 Canberra CH (Australia) Hard R16 Denis Shapovalov 3-6 6-4 6-4

Herbert 2019 Summary | Age: 27 | World No. 44 | 6-2 in 2019 (Doha, Montpellier QF) | 5-3 in Montpellier (2019 QF)

- Equaled biggest singles win of career over No. 8 Thiem in Doha 1R (l. to eventual finalist Berdych in QF).
- Defeated former Grand Slam semi-finalists Querrey and Chung to reach Australian Open 3R (l. to Raonic).
- Achieved career-high No. 44 in ATP Rankings on 28 January.
- Completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Mahut by winning Australian Open title (d. Kontinen/Peers).
- Also won doubles title at Doha with 2nd-time partner Goffin (d. Haase/Middelkoop).

Shapovalov 2019 Summary | Age: 19 | World No. 25 | 5-2 in 2019 (Aus. Open 3R) | 1-0 in Montpellier (2019 QF)

- Advanced to Australian Open 3R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic in 4 sets).
- One of 3 teens to reach Aus. Open 3R (also de Minaur, Popyrin) -- 1st time at a Grand Slam since 2008 US Open.
- Led Canada to 3-2 road win over Slovakia in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Horansky and Klizan).

[Q] Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) vs Radu Albot (MDA)

Baghdatis Leads 1-0

Other Meeting
14 Geneva CH (Switzerland) Hard SF Marcos Baghdatis 6-3 6-3

Baghdatis 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 128 | 2-0 in 2019 | 4-1 in Montpellier (2016, 2019 QF)

- Fell in qualifying at Doha (l. to Garcia-Lopez in Q2) and Australian Open (l. to D. King in Q1).
- Advanced to Rennes, FRA Challenger QF (l. to Hoang).

Albot 2019 Summary | Age: 29 | World No. 90 | 3-2 in 2019 | 2-0 in Montpellier (2019 QF) | 4th Career ATP QF (1-2)

- Advanced to Australian Open 2R for 1st time in career (d. Mmoh, l. to Verdasco).
- Fell in Pune 1R (l. to Munar).

[WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs [6] Jeremy Chardy (FRA)

Tsonga Leads 3-1

09 Johannesburg (South Africa)	Hard	F	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-4 7-6(5)
12 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R32	Jeremy Chardy	6-4 7-6(4)
13 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R32	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6-1 6-2 7-5
14 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R32	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	7-6(6) 6-4

Tsonga 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 210 | 6-2 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 8-3 in Montpellier (2010, 2017-18 SF)

- Did not drop a set en route to Brisbane SF (d. de Minaur, l. to Medvedev).
- Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in Australian Open 2R and rematch of 2008 Australian Open final.

Chardy 2019 Summary | Age: 31 | World No. 35 | 6-3 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 4-2 in Montpellier (2017, 2019 QF)

- Beat 2018 champ Kyrgios and saved 1 MP vs. Uchiyama to reach Brisbane SF (l. to eventual champion Nishikori).
- Advanced to Australian Open 2R (d. Humbert in 5th-set TB, l. to A. Zverev in 5 sets).



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Marcel Granollers (ESP) vs [3/WC] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

First Meeting

Granollers 2019 Summary | Age: 32 | World No. 111 | 1-2 in 2019 (Montpellier 2R) | 1-2 in Montpellier (2019 2R)

- Fell in 1R at Pune (l. to Ramanathan) and Australian Open (l. to Copil).
- Captured 7th ATP Challenger Tour title at Da Nang, VIE (d. Viola).

Shapovalov 2019 Summary | Age: 19 | World No. 25 | 4-2 in 2019 (Australian Open 3R) | Montpellier Debut

- Advanced to Australian Open 3R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic in 4 sets).
- One of 3 teens to reach Aus. Open 3R (also de Minaur, Popyrin) -- 1st time at a Grand Slam since 2008 US Open.
- Fell in Auckland 1R (l. to J. Sousa).
- Led Canada to 3-2 road win over Slovakia in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Horansky and Klizan).

Ernesto Gulbis (LAT) vs Radu Albot (MDA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

18 Prostějov CH (Czech Republic)

Clay

R32

Radu Albot

6-3 6-3

Gulbis 2019 Summary | Age: 30 | World No. 83 | 3-2 in 2019 (Pune QF) | 2-1 in Montpellier (2016, 2019 2R)

- Advanced to Pune QF (l. to eventual finalist Karlovic).
- Retired in Australian Open 1R vs. Wawrinka due to back injury.

Albot 2019 Summary | Age: 29 | World No. 90 | 2-2 in 2019 (Aus Open, Montpellier 2R) | 1-0 in Montpellier (2019 2R)

- Advanced to Australian Open 2R for 1st time in career (d. Mmoh, l. to Verdasco).
- Fell in Pune 1R (l. to Munar).

[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs Ilya Ivashka (BLR)

First Meeting

Herbert 2019 Summary | Age: 27 | World No. 44 | 5-2 in 2019 (Doha QF) | 4-3 in Montpellier (2014, 2017-19 2R)

- Equaled biggest singles win of career over No. 8 Thiem in Doha 1R (l. to eventual finalist Berdych in QF).
- Defeated former Grand Slam semi-finalists Querrey and Chung to reach Australian Open 3R (l. to Raonic).
- Achieved career-high No. 44 in ATP Rankings on 28 January.
- Completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Mahut by winning Australian Open title (d. Kontinen/Peers).
- Also won doubles title at Doha with 2nd-time partner Goffin (d. Haase/Middelkoop).

Ivashka 2019 Summary | Age: 24 | World No. 80 | 3-2 in 2019 (2R at 3 events) | 1-0 in Montpellier (2019 2R)

- Achieved career-high No. 80 in ATP Rankings on 4 February.
- Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win of career at Australian Open (d. Jaziri, l. to Carreno Busta in 2R).
- Also advanced to 2R at Pune (d. Hurkacz, l. to Simon).
- Reached 4th ATP Challenger Tour final of career at Canberra, AUS (l. to Hurkacz).

[1] Lucas Pouille (FRA) vs [Q] Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)

Pouille Leads 1-0

18 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard

R64

Lucas Pouille

6-7(4) 6-4 6-4 6-3

Other Meeting

14 Mouilleron Le Captif CH (France)

Hard

R16

Lucas Pouille

4-6 4-4 ret

Pouille 2019 Summary | Age: 24 | World No. 17 | 5-2 in 2019 (Aus. Open SF) | 5-2 in Montpellier (2018 Champion)

- Advanced to 1st Grand Slam SF at Australian Open (l. to No. 1 Djokovic). Entered with 0-5 tournament record.
- Improved to 9-3 lifetime in 5th sets by beating Aussie WC Popyrin in 3R.
- Fell in Sydney 1R (l. to Rublev).

Baghdatis 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 128 | 1-0 in 2019 (Montpellier 2R) | 3-1 in Montpellier (2016 QF)

- Fell in qualifying at Doha (l. to Garcia-Lopez in Q2) and Australian Open (l. to D. King in Q1).
- Advanced to Rennes, FRA Challenger QF (l. to Hoang).



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1R: [LL] Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) vs [Q] Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) First Tour-Level Meeting

Bemelmans 2019 Summary | Age: 31 | World No. 132 | 0-0 in 2019 (Montpellier 1R) | 3-3 in Montpellier (2016 QF)

- Lost to Bachinger in Montpellier Q2 but entered main draw as LL when Vesely withdrew due to right foot injury.
- Fell in qualifying 1st round at Pune (l. to Ofner) and Australian Open (l. to Coppejans).

Baghdatis 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 128 | 0-0 in 2019 (Montpellier 1R) | 2-1 in Montpellier (2016 QF)

- Fell in qualifying at Doha (l. to Garcia-Lopez in Q2) and Australian Open (l. to D. King in Q1).
- Advanced to Rennes, FRA Challenger QF (l. to Hoang).

2R: [Q] Antoine Hoang (FRA) vs [6] Jeremy Chardy (FRA) First Meeting

Hoang 2019 Summary | Age: 23 | World No. 150 | 1-1 in 2019 (Pune 1R) | 1-0 in Montpellier (1st ATP Tour Win)

- Qualified and made ATP Tour debut at Pune (l. to Vesely in 1R).
- Advanced to 3rd ATP Challenger Tour final of career at Rennes, FRA (d. Baghdatis and Moutet, l. to Berankis).

Chardy 2019 Summary | Age: 31 | World No. 35 | 5-3 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 3-2 in Montpellier (2017 QF)

- Beat 2018 champ Kyrgios and saved 1 MP vs. Uchiyama to reach Brisbane SF (l. to eventual champion Nishikori).
- Advanced to Australian Open 2R (d. Humbert in 5th-set TB, l. to A. Zverev in 5 sets).

2R: [8] Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Tomas Berdych (CZE) Berdych Leads 3-0

Paire 2019 Summary | Age: 29 | World No. 58 | 3-3 in 2019 (Pune QF) | 11-6 in Montpellier (2013 Finalist)

- Advanced to Pune QF (l. to Simon).
- Suffered 1R losses at Auckland (l. to eventual finalist Norrie) and Australian Open (l. to Thiem in 5 sets).

Berdych 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 79 | 8-2 in 2019 (Doha Finalist) | 5-0 in Montpellier (2012 Champion)

- Reached 1st ATP Tour final in 19+ months at Doha (l. to Bautista Agut).
- Advanced to Australian Open 4R-or-better for 11th time in last 13 years (l. to Nadal in 4R).

2R: [4] Gilles Simon (FRA) vs [WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) Tsonga Leads 8-3

Simon 2019 Summary | Age: 34 | World No. 31 | 5-3 in 2019 (Pune, Sydney SFs) | 7-7 in Montpellier (2012 SF)

- Lost to eventual champion in SFs at Pune (l. to Anderson) and Sydney (l. to de Minaur).
- Squandered 4 MPs to 155th-ranked WC Bolt in Australian Open 2R.

Tsonga 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 210 | 5-2 in 2019 (Brisbane SF) | 7-3 in Montpellier (2010, 2017-18 SF)

- Did not drop a set en route to Brisbane SF (d. de Minaur, l. to Medvedev).
- Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in Australian Open 2R and rematch of 2008 Australian Open final.

2R: Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs [2] David Goffin (BEL) Goffin Leads 1-0

Krajinovic 2019 Summary | Age: 26 | World No. 72 | 5-1 in 2019 (Australian Open 3R) | 1-0 in Montpellier (2019 2R)

- Rallied from 2 sets down and saved 1 MP vs. Cecchinato en route to Australian Open 3R (l. to Coric).
- Led Serbia to 3-2 win over Uzbekistan in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Istomin and Fayziev).

Goffin 2019 Summary | Age: 28 | World No. 21 | 2-2 in 2019 (Australian Open 3R) | 2-1 in Montpellier (2018 SF)

- Advanced to Australian Open 3R (l. to Medvedev).
- Reached 1st ATP Tour doubles SF and final en route to 1st title at Doha w/Herbert (d. Haase/Middelkoop).

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1R: Ilya Ivashka (BLR) vs Thomas Fabbiano (ITA)

1R: Radu Albot (MDA) vs [5] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)

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[Q] Antoine Hoang (FRA) vs [PR] Steve Darcis (BEL)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Hoang 2019 Summary | Age: 23 | World No. 150 | 0-1 in 2019 (Pune 1R) | Montpellier Main Draw Debut

- Qualified and made ATP Tour debut at Pune (l. to Vesely in 1R). Seeking 1st ATP Tour win this week.
- Advanced to 3rd ATP Challenger Tour final of career at Rennes, FRA (d. Baghdatis and Moutet, l. to Berankis).

Darcis 2019 Summary | Age: 34 | World No. 311 | 3-2 in 2019 (Pune SF) | 4-4 in Montpellier (2015 QF)

- Saved 2 MPs vs. Mmoh en route to Pune SF (l. to Karlovic).
- Missed entire 2018 season due to elbow injury. Became 1st unranked semi-finalist in ATP Tour history (since 1990).

Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs [Q] Nicolas Mahut (FRA)

Series Tied 1-1

Krajinovic 2019 Summary | Age: 26 | World No. 72 | 4-1 in 2019 (Australian Open 3R) | Montpellier Debut

- Rallied from 2 sets down and saved 1 MP vs. Cecchinato en route to Australian Open 3R (l. to Coric).
- Led Serbia to 3-2 win over Uzbekistan in Davis Cup Qualifiers (d. Istomin and Fayziev).

Mahut 2019 Summary | Age: 37 | World No. 195 | 0-0 in 2019 (Australian Open Q1) | 3-5 in Montpellier (2012 QF)

- Completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Herbert by winning Australian Open title (d. Kontinen/Peers).
- Lost in Australian Open qualifying 1R (l. to Troicki).

Tomas Berdych (CZE) vs [Q] Matthias Bachinger (GER)

Berdych Leads 1-0

Berdych 2019 Summary | Age: 33 | World No. 79 | 7-2 in 2019 (Doha Finalist) | 4-0 in Montpellier (2012 Champion)

- Reached 1st ATP Tour final in 19+ months at Doha (l. to Bautista Agut).
- Advanced to Australian Open 4R-or-better for 11th time in last 13 years (l. to Nadal in 4R).

Bachinger 2019 Summary | Age: 31 | World No. 142 | 0-0 in 2019 (Aus. Open Q2) | Montpellier Main Draw Debut

- Fell in qualifying at Doha (l. to Basic in Q1) and Australian Open (l. to Watanuki in Q2).
- Advanced to Quimper, FRA Challenger QF (l. to Bourgue).

[8] Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Evgeny Donskoy (RUS)

Paire Leads 1-0

Paire 2019 Summary | Age: 29 | World No. 58 | 2-3 in 2019 (Pune QF) | 10-6 in Montpellier (2013 Finalist)

- Advanced to Pune QF (l. to Simon).
- Suffered 1R losses at Auckland (l. to eventual finalist Norrie) and Australian Open (l. to Thiem in 5 sets).

Donskoy 2019 Summary | Age: 28 | World No. 96 | 2-2 in 2019 (Pune, Australian Open 2R) | Montpellier Debut

- Advanced to 2R at Pune (d. Andujar after saving 4 MPs, l. to Karlovic) and Australian Open (l. to Krajinovic).
- Teamed with Rublev in Russia's 3-1 Davis Cup win over Switzerland (l. to Kym/Laaksonen in 3rd-set TB).

[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs Denis Kudla (USA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Herbert 2019 Summary | Age: 27 | World No. 44 | 4-2 in 2019 (Doha QF) | 3-3 in Montpellier (2014, 2017-18 2R)

- Advanced to Doha QF (d. Thiem in 1R, l. to Berdych) and won doubles title w/Goffin (d. Haase/Middelkoop).
- Reached Aus. Open 3R (l. to Raonic) and completed career Grand Slam in doubles w/Mahut (d. Kontinen/Peers).

Kudla 2019 Summary | Age: 26 | World No. 63 | 2-3 in 2019 (Brisbane, Australian Open 2R) | Montpellier Debut

- Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat Polmans and reach Australian Open 2R (l. to Schwartzman in 5 sets).
- Also advanced to Brisbane 2R (l. to eventual champion Nishikori).

COURT 1

Ernests Gulbis (LAT) vs Hubert Hurkacz (POL)

First Meeting

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OPEN SUD DE FRANCE: PREVIEW & DAY 1 MEDIA NOTES

Arena Montpellier | Montpellier, France | 4-10 February 2019
Draw: S-28, D-16 | Prize Money: € 524,340 | Surface: Indoor Hard

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10 THINGS TO WATCH IN MONTPELLIER

- 1) **French Twist:** Defending champion and World No. 17 **Lucas Pouille** heads the field at the Open Sud de France in Montpellier. Pouille, who won his only singles title of last year here, is one of seven Frenchmen competing in their home country, five of whom are in the seeded player list.
- 2) **Leaping Lucas:** After winning three titles in 2017, Pouille cracked the Top 10 for the first time on 19 March of last year. His run was short-lived, as he stayed at No. 10 for only two weeks, and he ended 2018 outside of the Top 30. 2019 has started with a rebound for the top-ranked Frenchman, as he made his first Grand Slam semi-final at the Australian Open and is back in the Top 20.
- 3) **Homeland Heroes:** **Gilles Simon, Jeremy Chardy, Pierre-Hugues Herbert, and Benoit Paire** are Pouille's seeded compatriots. Of the four, Paire has come the closest to success at this event, having made the final in 2013 and reaching at least the quarter-finals in the last two years.
- 4) **Strong Return:** Wild card **Jo-Wilfried Tsonga** has also been successful at Montpellier, as the former World No. 5 has made the semi-finals each time he has entered, in 2010, 2017, and 2018. But each time, he fell in that round to the eventual champion; last year he did not convert two match points against Pouille before retiring due to a left hamstring injury. On the comeback trail after knee surgery in April 2018, Tsonga opens against the other French wild card, 20-year-old **Ugo Humbert**.
- 5) **Belgium's Best:** After ending 2017 at a career-high No. 7, **David Goffin** missed four weeks due to an eye injury and five weeks due to a right elbow injury last season. The top-ranked Belgian is 2-2 this year after missing the last two months of last season, and currently sits just outside the Top 20.
- 6) **O Canada:** **Denis Shapovalov** accepted a wild card into the Montpellier field, as the 19-year-old still seeks his first ATP Tour final and title. World No. 25 Shapovalov is the second-highest-ranked #NextGenATP player behind World No. 12 **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, and the Canadian is the highest-ranked teenager on tour, three spots ahead of fellow 19-year-old **Alex de Minaur** of Australia.
- 7) **Berd is the Word:** Former World No. 4 **Tomas Berdych** is the only previous champion in the field other than Pouille. The Czech missed the second half of last year due to a back injury and has fallen to World No. 79, his lowest ranking in 15 years. But he has compiled an excellent 7-2 record in 2019, making the Doha final, as well as an 11th second-week showing at the Australian Open.
- 8) **Happy at Home:** No. 4 seed Simon has put together a hefty collection of titles in his home country. The former World No. 6 has won five of his 14 titles in France – twice at Marseille and three times at Metz, including last year. However, he is still looking for his first Open Sud de France final appearance. Simon is 7-7 at Montpellier, with his best showing being a 2012 semi-final.
- 9) **40-Love:** Six-foot-11 **Ivo Karlovic** makes his Montpellier debut having set some recent records. The Croat, who turns 40 on 28 February, became the oldest champion in ATP Challenger Tour history when he won at Calgary, CAN in October. He made the Pune final in January to become the oldest player to reach a tour-level final since 43-year-old **Ken Rosewall** won at Hong Kong in 1977.
- 10) **British Brothers:** Siblings **Ken** and **Neal Skupski** will attempt to defend their Open Sud de France doubles title. Ken had won three titles previously, but it was younger brother Neal's first ATP Tour doubles trophy. Neal then went on to win a second title in 2018, at Vienna with **Joe Salisbury**.

WHO TO WATCH THIS WEEK

SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	W-L	BEST TOURNAMENT FINISH
1	Lucas Pouille (FRA)	5-2	2018 Champion
2	David Goffin (BEL)	2-1	2018 Semi-finals
3	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	0-0	Debut
4	Gilles Simon (FRA)	7-7	2012 Semi-finals
5	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	4-2	2012 Semi-finals
6	Jeremy Chardy (FRA)	3-2	2017 Quarter-finals
7	Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)	3-3	2014, 2017, 2018 2nd Round
8	Benoit Paire (FRA)	10-6	2013 Finalist

QUALIFIERS (4)

TBD Monday

OLDEST PLAYER

Ivo Karlovic (CRO)
39 years, 11 months

YOUNGEST PLAYER

Denis Shapovalov (CAN)
19 years, 9 months

WILD CARDS (3)

Ugo Humbert (FRA)
Denis Shapovalov (CAN)
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)

TOP COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

France 7, Belgium 2,
Czech Republic 2, Germany 2

**Does not include qualifiers
(TBD Monday)*

DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	W-L	BEST TOURNAMENT FINISH
1	Ivan Dodig (CRO)	0-1	2018 1st Round
	Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	4-2	2012 Champion
2	Austin Krajicek (USA)	0-1	2014 1st Round
	Artem Sitak (NZL)	5-2	2015 Champion
3	Ken Skupski (GBR)	8-5	2018 Champion
	Neal Skupski (GBR)	5-3	2018 Champion
4	Radu Albot (MDA)	0-0	Debut
	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	0-1	2010 1st Round

PAST FINALISTS

SINGLES

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2018	Lucas Pouille (FRA)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	7-6(2) 6-4
2017	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	7-6(4) 6-3
2016	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA)	7-5 6-4
2015	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Jerzy Janowicz (POL)	3-0 ret.
2014	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	6-4 6-4
2013	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Benoit Paire (FRA)	6-2 6-3
2012	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-2 4-6 6-3
2011	<i>Event not held</i>		
2010	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	6-2 5-7 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2019 Open Sud de France singles draw.

DOUBLES

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2018	Ken Skupski/Neal Skupski	Ben McLachlan/ Hugo Nys	7-6(2) 6-4
2017	Alexander Zverev/Mischa Zverev	Fabrice Martin /Daniel Nestor	6-4 6-7(3) [10-7]
2016	Mate Pavic/Michael Venus	Alexander Zverev/Mischa Zverev	7-5 7-6(4)
2015	Marcus Daniell/ Artem Sitak	Dominic Inglot/Florin Mergea	3-6 6-4 [16-14]
2014	Nikolay Davydenko/Denis Istomin	Marc Gicquel/ Nicolas Mahut	6-4 1-6 [10-7]
2013	Marc Gicquel/Michael Llodra	Johan Brunstrom/Raven Klaasen	6-3 3-6 [11-9]
2012	Nicolas Mahut/Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Paul Hanley/Jamie Murray	6-4 7-6(4)
2011	<i>Event not held</i>		
2010	Stephen Huss/Ross Hutchins	Marc Lopez/Eduardo Schwank	6-2 4-6 [10-7]

BOLD: Player in 2019 Open Sud de France doubles draw. Mahut/Roger-Vasselin are not an intact team this year.

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Open Sud de France	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	90,390	48,870	26,990	15,335	8,815	5,285
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	---
Doubles Prize Money (€)	29,650	15,200	8,240	4,710	2,760	---

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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[WC] Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)

First Meeting

Humbert 2019 Summary:

YTD W-L: 1-3
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: June 26, 1998 (20)
ATP Ranking: 86
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

- Qualified at Brisbane (l. to Uchiyama in 1R) and Auckland (l. to Kohlschreiber in 2R).
- Fell to Chardy in Australian Open 1R -- 1st match in tournament history decided by 10-point TB in 5th set.
- **In 2018**, qualified and won tour-level debut at US Open (d. Altamirano, l. to Wawrinka in 2R).
- Also advanced to 2R at Metz as WC (d. Tomic, l. to Basilashvili).
- During 3-week stretch before US Open, reached ATP Challenger Tour finals at Gatineau, CAN (l. to Klahn) and Granby, CAN (l. to Polansky), then captured 1st Challenger title at Segovia, ESP (d. Menendez-Maceiras).
- Following US Open, reached Cassis, FRA Challenger final (l. to Couacaud) and won Challenger titles at Ortisei, ITA (d. Herbert) and Andria, ITA (d. Baldi). Did not drop a set at season-ending tournament in Andria.
- Achieved new career-high 18 times in ATP Rankings, rising 250+ spots and peaking at No. 84 on 26 November.

Tsonga 2019 Summary:

SF (1): Brisbane (l. Medvedev)
YTD W-L: 4-2
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 16
Date of Birth: April 17, 1985 (33)
ATP Ranking: 210
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 6-3 (2010, 2017-18 Semi-finals)

- **Tournament Note:** Has reached the semi-finals each time he has played Montpellier, but is 0-3 in that round, falling to the eventual champion each time (I. to Monfils in 2010, A. Zverev in 2017, and Pouille last year). In last year's SF, he squandered 2 MPs before retiring due to left hamstring injury.
- Did not drop a set en route to Brisbane SF (d. de Minaur, I. to Medvedev).
- Lost to No. 1 Djokovic in Australian Open 2R and rematch of 2008 Australian Open final.
- **In 2018**, rallied from 5-2 down in 5th set to beat Shapovalov in Australian Open 2R (I. to Kyrgios in 3R).
- Underwent left knee surgery on 3 April and missed 7+ months before returning at Metz (I. to Gojowczyk in 1R).
- Earned 1st win in 8+ months at Antwerp (d. Pella in 3rd-set TB, I. to Monfils in 2R).
- Fell to No. 262 in ATP Rankings on 5 November -- lowest since No. 284 on 25 September 2006.

Mischa Zverev (GER) vs [6] Jeremy Chardy (FRA)

09 Stuttgart (Germany)

Clay

QF

Jeremy Chardy

Chardy Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 6-1

Other Meeting

11 Moscow Q (Russia)

Hard

Q3

Jeremy Chardy

7-5 6-3

Zverev 2019 Summary:

YTD W-L: 0-1

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: August 22, 1987 (31)

ATP Ranking: 67

Tournament W-L (Best Result): 1-3 (2010 2nd Round)

- **Tournament Note:** Beat Haase in 1R as qualifier in 2010 (I. to Davydenko in 2R).
- Suffered 8th straight tour-level loss in Australian Open 1R (I. to Popyrin).
- Withdrew from Brisbane due to broken wrist.
- **In 2018**, captured 1st ATP Tour singles title at Eastbourne (d. Lacko).
- Along with A. Zverev, 1st brothers to win ATP Tour singles titles since John and Patrick McEnroe.
- Entered Roland Garros with 0-6 tournament record and advanced to 3R (I. to Anderson).
- Ended season on 7-match tour-level losing streak. Snapped 5-match losing streak at Marseille (d. Kavcic in 1R).

Chardy 2019 Summary:

SF (1): Brisbane (I. Nishikori)

YTD W-L: 4-3

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: February 12, 1987 (31)

ATP Ranking: 35

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

- **Tournament Note:** In tournament debut, reached 2017 QF with wins over Granollers and Mathieu (I. to eventual champion A. Zverev).
- Beat 2018 champ Kyrgios and saved 1 MP vs. Uchiyama to reach Brisbane SF (I. to eventual champion Nishikori).
- Advanced to Australian Open 2R (d. Humbert in 5th-set TB, I. to A. Zverev in 5 sets).
- **In 2018**, snapped 7-match losing streak in ATP Tour SFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Ebden, I. to Gasquet in final).
- Ended 7-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs at Istanbul (d. Fabbiano, I. to Daniel in SF).
- Also reached London/Queen's Club SF (I. to Djokovic).
- Advanced to 4R for 1st time in 10th appearance at both Indian Wells (I. to No. 1 Federer) and Miami (I. to Raonic).
- Defeated Dimitrov in ATP Masters 1000 Miami 3R for 3rd career win over World No. 4 (0-21 vs. World No. 1-3).
- Fell to No. 100 on 5 March -- lowest since No. 103 on 2 January 2012. Broke back into Top 50 on 25 June.
- Captured 6th ATP Challenger Tour title at Surbiton, GBR (d. de Minaur).

COURT 1

Marcel Granollers (ESP) vs Ivo Karlovic (CRO)

12 Metz (France)

Hard

R16

Ivo Karlovic

Karlovic Leads 3-1

7-6(3) 2-2 ret.

14 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard

R64

Marcel Granollers

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

16 Istanbul (Turkey)

Clay

QF

Ivo Karlovic

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

16 Los Cabos (Mexico)

Hard

QF

Ivo Karlovic

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

Granollers 2019 Summary:

YTD W-L: 0-2
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 4
Date of Birth: April 12, 1986 (32)
ATP Ranking: 111
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-2 (2010, 2017 1st Round)

Karlovic 2019 Summary:

F (1): Pune (I. Anderson)
YTD W-L: 5-2
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 8
Date of Birth: February 28, 1979 (39)
ATP Ranking: 78
Tournament W-L (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

FEDEX ATP HEAD2HEADS: REMAINING FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

Ernests Gulbis (LAT) vs Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	First Meeting
Radu Albot (MDA) vs [5] Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	First Meeting
[7] Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) vs Denis Kudla (USA)	First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting	
13 Wimbledon Q (Great Britain)	Grass Q1 Denis Kudla 6-3 6-4
Ilya Ivashka (BLR) vs Thomas Fabbiano (ITA)	First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting	
17 Quanzhou CH (China)	Hard SF Thomas Fabbiano 4-0 ret.
[8] Benoit Paire (FRA) vs Evgeny Donskoy (RUS)	Paire Leads 1-0
11 Stuttgart (Germany)	Clay R32 Benoit Paire 6-7(3) 6-4 6-2

**Does not include first-round matches involving qualifiers (TBD Monday)*