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## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL TALKING POINTS

- **Denis Shapovalov**, 22, and **Felix Auger-Aliassime**, 20 will renew their friendly rivalry in the Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell third round on Thursday. Shapovalov is 2-2 against Auger-Aliassime in tour-level matches after defeating him on the ATP Challenger Tour and losing to him on the ITF Junior Circuit. The Canadians captured the 2015 US Open boys' doubles championship and went on to reach the 2016 Wimbledon boys' doubles final.
- Familiar foes **Stefanos Tsitsipas** and **Alex de Minaur** will also meet again on Thursday. The 22-year-olds have played 10 times dating back to the ITF Junior Circuit with Tsitsipas leading their head-to-head 8-2 overall and 4-0 on the ATP Tour. Most notably, Tsitsipas defeated de Minaur for the 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title.
- Also on the bottom half of the draw are 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals champion **Jannik Sinner** and 2017 Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up **Andrey Rublev**. Sinner seeks his third win in two months over No. 5 seed **Roberto Bautista Agut** of Spain, while Rublev owns a 2-1 advantage against Barcelona native **Albert Ramos-Vinolas**.
- Five Spaniards are in the third round, led by No. 1 seed and 11-time champion **Rafael Nadal**. The World No. 3 meets two-time champion **Kei Nishikori** for the second time at Barcelona. Nadal prevented Nishikori from winning his third straight Barcelona title by defeating the former World No. 4 in the 2016 championship match.
- All eight of the Top-8 seeds are into the third round with a chance to make history. If they go 8-0 on Thursday, the Top-8 seeds will comprise an entire ATP 500 quarter-final lineup for the first time since the start of the series in 2009. The 2021 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell is the 142nd ATP 500 tournament in series history.

### Top-8 Seeds in ATP Tour QFs (2009-Present)

2017 Stockholm	ATP 250
2016 Sofia	ATP 250
2015 Gstaad	ATP 250
2009 Montreal	ATP Masters 1000

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: THIRD-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### PISTA RAFA NADAL

#### Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP) vs [3/WC] Andrey Rublev (RUS)

17 Halle (Germany)  
17 Wimbledon (Great Britain)  
19 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Grass R32 Andrey Rublev  
Grass R64 Albert Ramos-Vinolas  
Hard R32 Andrey Rublev

#### Rublev Leads 2-1

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

**Albert Ramos-Vinolas** | Age: 33 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 17 | 2021: 12-7 (Cordoba F) | Barcelona: 16-10 (2 QFs)  
> Achieved career-high No. 17 in 2017 and is 1 of 4 left-handed Spaniards to finish each of last 10 seasons in Top 100 (also Lopez, Nadal, Verdasco).  
> Nine-time finalist on ATP Tour, winning 1st title at 2016 Bastad and 2nd title at 2019 Gstaad.  
> Advanced to 3R, 4R and QF of a Grand Slam for 1st time at 2016 Roland Garros.  
> Reached QF, SF and final of an ATP Masters 1000 event for 1st time at 2017 Monte Carlo, earning biggest career win over World No. 1 Murray in 3R from 0-4 down in 3rd set.  
> Defeated defending champion and World No. 3 Federer in 2015 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 2R for 1st win in 16 tries vs. Top 10.

**NOTE:** Ramos-Vinolas is 7-39 vs. Top 10 and seeking biggest win since beating No. 1 Murray at 2017 Monte Carlo.

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**Andrey Rublev** | Age: 23 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 7 | 2021: 25-5 (Rotterdam Title) | Barcelona: 2-1 (2021 3R)  
> Broke into Top 20 in January 2020 and Top 10 in October 2020, then achieved career-high No. 7 in April 2021 following 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Monte Carlo.  
> Led ATP Tour with 5 titles and tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, sweeping Doha and Adelaide to become 1st player since Hrbaty in 2004 to win titles in opening 2 weeks of a season.  
> Won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21 and went 4-0 in singles to help Russia win 2021 ATP Cup.  
> Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2017 US Open, 2020 US Open, 2020 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open, becoming youngest US Open quarter-finalist at age 19 since Roddick, 19, in 2001.  
> Earned biggest career wins over No. 3 Federer in 2019 Cincinnati 3R, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Vienna QF, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Nitto ATP Finals RR and No. 3 Nadal in 2021 Monte Carlo QF.

**NOTE:** Rublev leads ATP Tour with 66 wins and 6 titles since start of 2020 season (28 wins, 4 titles at ATP 500s).

#### [14] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs [2] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)

18 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas
18 Next Gen ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	F	Stefanos Tsitsipas
19 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas
21 ATP Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Stefanos Tsitsipas

#### Tsitsipas Leads 4-0

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

#### Other Meetings

15 Roehampton Juniors (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-1 0-6 7-6(4)
15 Repentigny Juniors (Canada)	Hard	R32	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-2 7-5
16 Australian Open Juniors (Australia)	Hard	QF	Alex de Minaur	6-7(3) 7-5 6-0
17 Istanbul Q (Turkey)	Clay	Q1	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-4 6-2
17 Surbiton CH Q (Great Britain)	Grass	Q1	Alex de Minaur	7-6(5) 6-1
17 Portoroz CH (Slovenia)	Hard	R32	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-2 6-3

**Alex de Minaur** | Age: 22 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 9-7 (Antalya Title) | Barcelona: 1-0 (2021 3R)  
> Four-time ATP Tour singles champion and two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 18 in 2019.  
> Captured 1st title at 2019 Sydney, becoming final champion in his hometown tournament's history (est. 1885).  
> At 2019 Atlanta, became 3rd ATP Tour champion since 1991 to face 0 break points (Haas 2007 Memphis, Isner 2017 Newport).  
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open, becoming youngest Aussie in US Open QF since his mentor Hewitt in 2002.  
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

**NOTE:** De Minaur is seeking biggest win of his career, but he is 3-12 on clay and 0-10 vs. Top-5 opponents.

**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 22 | World No. 5 (Career-High) | 2021: 23-5 (Monte Carlo Title) | Barcelona: 7-2 (2018 Final)  
> First Greek to break into Top 5, win an ATP Tour championship (6 total), claim an ATP Masters 1000 title (2021 Monte Carlo) and advance to a Grand Slam SF (3 total).  
> Captured 2019 Nitto ATP Finals and 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals titles, becoming youngest Nitto ATP Finals champion at age 21 since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.  
> Saved 12/12 BPs vs. Federer en route to 2019 Australian Open SF, becoming youngest Grand Slam semi-finalist at age 20 since Djokovic, 20, at 2007 US Open.  
> Earned 4 Top-10 wins en route to 2018 Toronto final (d. Thiem, Djokovic, Zverev and Anderson), then avenged loss to No. 1 Nadal in 2018 Toronto final by beating him to reach 2019 Madrid final.  
> Youngest of 25 players to defeat Nadal on clay and youngest of 28 players to beat Nadal, Federer and Djokovic, sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

**NOTE:** Tsitsipas has won 11 straight sets and seeks his 7th QF in as many singles events played this season.

## [1] Rafael Nadal (ESP) vs Kei Nishikori (JPN)

08 London/Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Rafael Nadal	6-4 3-6 6-3
10 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R128	Rafael Nadal	6-2 6-4 6-4
11 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Rafael Nadal	6-4 6-4
12 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Rafael Nadal	6-4 6-4
13 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R16	Rafael Nadal	6-4 6-1 6-3
14 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R16	Rafael Nadal	7-6(3) 7-5 7-6(3)
14 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	F	Rafael Nadal	2-6 6-4 3-0 ret
15 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	QF	Kei Nishikori	6-2 6-4
16 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Rafael Nadal	6-4 6-3
<b>16 Barcelona (Spain)</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>6-4 7-5</b>
16 Rio Olympics (Brazil)	Hard	3rd/4th	Kei Nishikori	6-2 6-7(1) 6-3
18 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo	Clay	F	Rafael Nadal	6-3 6-2
19 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	QF	Rafael Nadal	6-1 6-1 6-3

**Rafael Nadal** | Age: 34 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 1 | 2021: 7-2 (2 QFs) | Barcelona: 62-4 (11 Titles)

> Ranked in Top 10 for record 813 consecutive weeks from 25 April 2005 through 25 April 2021, including 209 total weeks as World No. 1 following 160 straight weeks as World No. 2.

> Greatest of all time on clay with 60 of his 86 titles, 448-41 record overall (.916), 125-2 record in best-of-5-set matches (.984), 81-match win streak (2005-07) and 50-set win streak (2017-18).

> Tied with Federer for most Grand Slam titles of all time (20), highlighted by record 13 titles and 100 wins at Roland Garros from 2005-20.

> Earned 1,000th career win at 2020 Paris (d. F. Lopez) and boasts most ATP Masters 1000 victories (391) and 2nd-most titles (35), including 11 at Monte Carlo, 9 at Rome and 5 at Madrid.

> Joined Agassi as 2nd man to complete career Grand Slam and win Olympic gold medal in singles (2008 Beijing), then added gold medal in doubles w/M. Lopez (2016 Rio).

**NOTE:** Nadal has won all 11 of his Barcelona titles without losing more than 1 set (9 with 0 sets lost, 2 with 1 set lost).

### Rafael Nadal – Most Titles by Tournament

Roland Garros	13
<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>11</b>
Monte Carlo	11
Rome	9
Madrid	5
Canada	5

### Rafael Nadal – Most Wins by Tournament

Roland Garros	100
Monte Carlo	73
Australian Open	69
US Open	64
Rome	63
<b>Barcelona</b>	<b>62</b>

**Kei Nishikori** | Age: 31 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 4 | 2021: 8-7 (2 QFs) | Barcelona: 24-6 (2014-15 Titles)

> Top Asian player in FedEx ATP Rankings history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.

> Finished in Top 10, earned 40+ wins and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2014-16 and 2018, then posted 400th career win at 2019 Wimbledon (d. Johnson).

> Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.

> Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.

**NOTE:** Nishikori is 39-71 vs. Top 10 with 8 straight losses since defeating No. 3 Federer at 2018 Nitto ATP Finals.

## [Q] Bernabe Zapata Miralles (ESP) vs [6] Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) **First Meeting**

**Bernabe Zapata Miralles** | Age: 24 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 142 | 2021: 3-3 | Barcelona: 2-0 (2021 3R)

> Broke into Top 200 in 2019 and achieved career-high No. 142 after advancing to 2021 Quimper-2 Challenger final.

> Leads all players by qualifying at 4 ATP Tour events in 2021: Montpellier, Dubai, Marbella and Barcelona.

> Also qualified at 2018 Geneva (d. F. Mayer for 1st ATP Tour win), 2019 Geneva and 2019 Bastad.

> Captured 1st Challenger title of career by beating 17-year-old countryman Alcaraz at 2020 Cordenons.

> Defeated future ATP Masters 1000 champions Hurkacz and Tsitsipas en route to final of 2015 European Junior Championships.

**NOTE:** Zapata Miralles seeks 1st ATP Tour QF and biggest win of his career vs. No. 13 Carreno Busta.

**Pablo Carreno Busta** | Age: 29 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 10 | 2021: 11-4 (Marbella Title) | Barcelona: 7-8 (2018 SF)  
> Winner of 5 singles and 4 doubles titles achieved career-high No. 10 in singles and No. 16 in doubles during 2017 season.

> Reached US Open SF in 2017 after defeating 4 qualifiers and in 2020 after defeating No. 1 Djokovic by default and earning 5-set wins over Uchiyama and Shapovalov.

> Also advanced to Roland Garros QF in 2017 and 2020, as well as 2016 US Open doubles final with countryman Garcia-Lopez.

> Following back surgery in June 2012, posted 97-18 record in singles matches across all tours in 2013 with win streaks of 35 Futures and 17 Challenger matches.

> Played almost exclusively on hard courts until moving to Barcelona at age 15.

**NOTE:** Carreno Busta has won 55% of his matches on clay (92-75) and 56% of his matches on hard (109-87).

## PISTA MANOLO SANTANA

### [7] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) vs [10] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) **Series Tied 2-2**

18 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Denis Shapovalov	7-5 5-7 4-1 ret
19 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-2 7-6(7)
19 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Denis Shapovalov	6-1 6-1 6-4
21 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Felix Auger-Aliassime	7-5 7-5 6-3

#### Other Meetings

15 College Park Juniors (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Felix Auger-Aliassime	6-2 7-6(6)
17 Drummondville CH (Canada)	Hard	SF	Denis Shapovalov	7-5 6-3

### [5] Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) vs [11] Jannik Sinner (ITA) **Sinner Leads 2-0**

21 Dubai (U.A.E.)	Hard	R16	Jannik Sinner	6-4 3-6 7-5
21 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Jannik Sinner	5-7 6-4 6-4

### Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [8] David Goffin (BEL) **First Meeting**

### [4] Diego Schwartzman (ARG) vs Corentin Moutet (FRA) **First Meeting**