



TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2022

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2022 TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	PUNE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Aslan Karatsev (RUS)	6-1 (Sydney Title)	0-0 (2020 Qualifying 1R)
2	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	0-2 (Adelaide-1, Aus. Open 1R)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Gianluca Mager (ITA)	2-3 (Adelaide-1, Adelaide-2 2R)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	0-3 (Adelaide-1, Sydney, Aus. Open 1R)	8-4 (2020 Title)
5	Daniel Altmaier (GER)	0-3 (Adelaide-1, Sydney, Aus. Open 1R)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)	3-2 (Melbourne SF)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Ricardas Berankis (LTU)	2-2 (Melbourne, Aus. Open 2R)	3-2 (2020 SF)
8	Stefano Travaglia (ITA)	0-3 (Melbourne, Sydney, Aus. Open 1R)	0-1 (2020 2R)

Tournament History	26th Edition (2018-20, 2022 Pune; 1997-2017 Chennai; 1996 New Delhi)
Singles Final	Sunday 6 February not before 5:30 pm
Wild Cards (3)	Prajnesh Gunneswaran (IND), Arjun Kadhe (IND), Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND)
Oldest Player	Joao Sousa (32)
#NextGenATP (1)	Lorenzo Musetti (19)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Stan Wawrinka (4) <u>Most Wins</u> – Stan Wawrinka (23) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Marin Cilic, 20, in 2009 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Gilles Simon, 33, in 2018 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 4 Patrick Rafter (1998), No. 4 Stan Wawrinka (2015-16) <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 107 Jiri Vesely in 2020 <u>Last Indian Champion</u> – None

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (17)

India (4)	Yuki Bhambri, Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Arjun Kadhe, Ramkumar Ramanathan
Italy (4)	Federico Gaio, Gianluca Mager, Lorenzo Musetti, Stefano Travaglia
France (2)	Hugo Grenier, Quentin Halys
Australia (1)	Aleksandar Vukic
Austria (1)	Dennis Novak
Belarus (1)	Egor Gerasimov
Czech Republic (1)	Jiri Vesely
Finland (1)	Emil Ruusuvuori
Germany (1)	Daniel Altmaier
Lithuania (1)	Ricardas Berankis
Moldova (1)	Radu Albot
Poland (1)	Kamil Majchrzak
Portugal (1)	Joao Sousa
Russia (1)	Aslan Karatsev
Slovakia (1)	Jozef Kovalik
Spain (1)	Bernabe Zapata Miralles
Turkey (1)	Cem Ilkel

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Tata Open Maharashtra	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	46,175	32,320	21,410	14,275	9,235	5,035
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	16,370	11,740	7,550	5,040	2,940	--

* Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

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2022 TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	PUNE (BEST FINISH)
1	Luke Saville (AUS) John-Patrick Smith (AUS)	5-11 (4 QFs in 2021)	3-3 (Adelaide-2 2R) 1-3 (Adelaide-2 2R)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
2	Rohan Bopanna (IND) Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND)	5-1 (2022 Adelaide-1 Title)	5-2 (Adelaide-1 Title) 5-0 (Adelaide-1 Title)	17-10 (2017, 2019 Titles) 4-6 (2020 SF)
3	Szymon Walkow (POL) Jan Zielinski (POL)	7-1 (2021 Gstaad Final)	4-1 (Sydney 2R) 4-3 (Adelaide-2 2R)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Marc Polmans (AUS) Matt Reid (AUS)	0-0 (Tour-Level Debut)	0-1 (Aus. Open 1R) 3-3 (Sydney SF)	0-0 (Debut) 0-1 (2020 1R)

Doubles Final: Sunday 6 February at 3:30 pm

TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA SINGLES FINALS (since 2006)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	Egor Gerasimov (BLR)	7-6(2) 5-7 6-3
2019	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	7-6(4) 6-7(2) 7-6(5)
2018	Gilles Simon (FRA)	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	7-6(4) 6-2
2017	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Daniil Medvedev (RUS)	6-3 6-4
2016	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Borna Coric (CRO)	6-3 7-5
2015	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Aljaz Bedene (SLO)	6-3 6-4
2014	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	7-5 6-2
2013	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	3-6 6-1 6-3
2012	Milos Raonic (CAN)	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	6-7(4) 7-6(4) 7-6(4)
2011	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Xavier Malisse (BEL)	7-5 4-6 6-1
2010	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	7-6(2) 7-6(3)
2009	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Somdev Devvarman (IND)	6-4 7-6(3)
2008	Mikhail Youzhny (RUS)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-0 6-1
2007	Xavier Malisse (BEL)	Stefan Koubek (AUT)	6-1 6-3
2006	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	Carlos Moya (ESP)	7-6(6) 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2022 Tata Open Maharashtra singles draw

TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA DOUBLES FINALS (since 2006)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	Andre Goransson/Christopher Rungkat	Jonathan Erlich/Andrei Vasilevski	6-2 3-6 [10-8]
2019	Rohan Bopanna/Divij Sharan	Luke Bambridge/Jonny O'Mara	6-3 6-4
2018	Robin Haase/Matwe Middelkoop	Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Gilles Simon	7-6(5) 7-6(5)
2017	Rohan Bopanna/Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan	Purav Raja/Divij Sharan	6-3 6-4
2016	Oliver Marach/Fabrice Martin	Austin Krajicek/Benoit Paire	6-3 7-5
2015	Yen-Hsun Lu/Jonathan Marray	Raven Klaasen/Leander Paes	6-3 7-6(4)
2014	Johan Brunstrom/Frederik Nielsen	Marin Draganja/Mate Pavic	6-2 4-6 [10-7]
2013	Benoit Paire/Stan Wawrinka	Andre Begemann/Martin Emmrich	6-2 6-1
2012	Leander Paes/Janko Tipsarevic	Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram	6-4 6-4
2011	Mahesh Bhupathi/Leander Paes	Robin Haase/David Martin	6-2 6-7(3) [10-7]
2010	Marcel Granollers/Santiago Ventura	Yen-Hsun Lu/Janko Tipsarevic	7-5 6-2
2009	Eric Butorac/Rajeev Ram	Jean-Claude Scherrer/Stan Wawrinka	6-3 6-4
2008	Sanchai Ratiwatana/Sonchat Ratiwatana	Marcos Baghdatis/Marc Gicquel	6-4 7-5
2007	Xavier Malisse/Dick Norman	Rafael Nadal/Bartolome Salva-Vidal	7-6(4) 7-6(4)
2006	Michal Mertinak/Petr Pala	Prakash Amritraj/ Rohan Bopanna	6-2 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2022 Tata Open Maharashtra doubles draw – no teams from past finals are intact.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Federico Gaio (ITA) vs Radu Albot (MDA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

11 Turkey F8 (Turkey)

Clay R32 Federico Gaio

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

Federico Gaio | Age: 29 | World No. 174 | Career-High No. 124 | 2022: 0-0 (Aus. Open Q1) | Event: 0-0 (2017 Q1)
> Former Top-20 junior achieved career-high No. 124 after winning 2020 Bangkok-2 Challenger title.
> Defeated Souza and saved 4 MPs vs. G. Melzer to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2017 Quito as Q, then earned 3rd career win 4+ years later at 2021 Barcelona as LL (d. Paire).
> Edged Trungelliti in 3rd-set TB to qualify at 2018 US Open before losing Grand Slam main draw debut to Goffin.
> Qualified and beat Brazilians Soares and Melo en route to 2020 Rio de Janeiro doubles final w/Caruso.
> Owns 150-168 Challenger record, winning 3 of his 4 titles on home soil at 2016 San Benedetto, 2016 Biella and 2019 Manerbio.

NOTE: Gaio owns 0-7 tour-level record on hard courts. He is playing his 1st ATP Tour main draw match since San Diego last September (l. to Schwartzman in 1R) and seeks 1st win since Barcelona last April (d. Paire in 1R).

Radu Albot | Age: 32 | World No. 108 | Career-High No. 39 | 2022: 2-1 (Aus. Open 3R) | Event: 0-4 (4 times in 1R)
> Achieved career-high No. 39 and earned personal-best 31 wins in 2019, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour title at Delray Beach (d. Evans after saving 3 MPs).
> Defeated No. 12 Carreno Busta in 5 sets for biggest win of career en route to 2018 Wimbledon 3R.
> Struggled with right shoulder injury to start 2020, then ended season by equaling career-best win over No. 12 Shapovalov in Sofia 2R.
> Peaked at No. 11 as a junior in 2007 and earned wins over future ATP No. 3s Dimitrov and Raonic.
> Speaks Romanian, Russian, English and a bit of German and Spanish after training in Romania, USA, Germany and Spain.

NOTE: Albot seeks 1st win in 5th main draw match at this tournament following 1R losses in 2014 and 2017-19.

[7] Ricardas Berankis (LTU) vs Quentin Halys (FRA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

18 Brest CH (France)

Hard R16 Ricardas Berankis

6-2 6-2

21 Mougilleron le Captif CH (France)

Hard R16 Quentin Halys

7-6(4) 7-5

Ricardas Berankis | Age: 31 | World No. 82 | Career-High No. 50 | 2022: 2-2 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 3-2 (2020 SF)
> Advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2012 Los Angeles as 141st-ranked Q and 2017 Moscow as No. 169.
> Broke into Top 50 in spring 2016 after winning Challenger titles at Gwangju and Nanjing.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2011 Australian Open, 2013 Australian Open as Q, 2020 US Open and 2021 Roland Garros.
> Owns 196-102 Challenger record (13-9 in finals), including wins over former or future Top-10 players Anderson, Dimitrov, Goffin, Hurkacz, Khachanov, Pouille and Rublev.
> Finished 2007 as World No. 1 junior and on a 24-1 run with 4 titles, including US Open.

NOTE: In 2020 Pune SF, Berankis squandered 4 MPs and lost to eventual champion Vesely 6-7(8) 7-6(3) 7-6(7).

Quentin Halys | Age: 25 | World No. 141 | Career-High No. 102 | 2022: 0-0 (Aus. Open Q2) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2012, broke into Top 200 at age 18 in 2015 and achieved career-high No. 102 at age 21 in 2018.
> Qualified at Australian Open in 2018, 2020 and 2021, as well as at US Open in 2021.
> Advanced to 2R as WC at 2016 Australian Open and 2016 Roland Garros after losing tour-level debut to 13-time champion Nadal at 2015 Roland Garros as WC.
> Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 2nd of 3 career Challenger titles at 2018 Quimper.
> Went 129-46 in singles and 83-35 in doubles on ITF Junior Circuit, ending junior career with run to 2014 US Open boys' singles final after winning 2014 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Bonzi and reaching finals at 2014 Australian Open w/Tatlot and 2013 US Open w/Ferreira Silva.

NOTE: Halys is on an 8-match tour-level losing streak since defeating G. Muller in 2018 Los Cabos 1R.

Jozef Kovalik (SVK) vs [PR] Yuki Bhambri (IND)

First Meeting

Jozef Kovalik | Age: 29 | World No. 168 | Career-High No. 80 | 2022: 0-0 (Aus. Open Q1) | Event: 2-2 (2017 QF)

- > Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 80 during 2018 season.
- > Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Sofia and 2nd SF at 2018 Hamburg SF.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 6 Cilic in 2017 Chennai 2R as Q.
- > Qualified at 2016 Australian Open, 2017 Roland Garros and 2018 Roland Garros, but owns 0-9 Grand Slam main draw record.
- > Owns 5 Challenger titles overall, ending 2019 on 18-3 run with titles at Szczecin and Maia.

NOTE: Kovalik returns to this event for 1st time since defeating then-No. 6 Cilic to reach 2017 Chennai QF as Q.

Yuki Bhambri | Age: 29 | World No. 862 | Career-High No. 83 | 2022: 0-0 (Aus. Open Q2) | Event: 5-6 (2014 QF)

- > Broke into Top 100 in 2015 and achieved career-high No. 83 in 2018, but was limited to 2 singles tournaments from 2019-21 due to right knee injury.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF on home soil at 2014 Chennai as WC and defeated defending champion Monfils en route to 2nd QF at 2017 Washington as Q.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 12 Pouille at 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells
- > Seven-time Challenger champion is still seeking 1st Grand Slam main draw win (0-6).
- > Became World No. 1 junior after winning 2009 Australian Open boys' singles title and went on to earn silver medal at 2010 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Bhambri is playing 1st tour-level match since Dubai last March (l. to Bedene in 1R) and seeking 1st win since 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (d. Basic in 1R). He has lost his last 9 tour-level matches since Miami win over Basic.

[WC] Prajnesh Gunneswaran (IND) vs [5] Daniel Altmaier (GER) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

19 Chennai CH (India)

Hard R32 Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-4 6-4

P. Gunneswaran | Age: 32 | World No. 228 | Career-High No. 75 | 2022: 0-0 (Aus. Open Q2) | Event: 1-2 (2020 2R)

- > Broke into Top 100, achieved career-high No. 75 and ended year as No. 1 Indian in 2019 after struggling with knee injuries and being unranked as recently as 2015.
- > Qualified at 2018 Stuttgart and defeated Shapovalov in ATP Tour debut as a 28-year-old, then went on to qualify at Atlanta, Los Cabos and Chengdu in 2018.
- > Also qualified at Australian Open, ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells and ATP Masters 1000 Miami in 2019.
- > Owns 95-80 Challenger record with titles at Anning and Bangalore in 2018.
- > Played primarily on ITF Futures Circuit as recently as March 2018, when he won his 8th Futures title at Chandigarh.

NOTE: Gunneswaran seeks 1st tour-level win other than Davis Cup since 2020 Pune (d. Maden in 1R).

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 23 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 84 | 2022: 0-3 (3 times in 1R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Finished at No. 100 in year-end rankings on 22 November 2021, then achieved career-high No. 84 on 29 November 2021 following 3rd Challenger title of season and career at Puerto Vallarta.
- > Won Challenger titles on home clay at Braunschweig and Ludenscheid in summer 2021.
- > Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.
- > Hits a one-handed backhand and says his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

NOTE: Altmaier is on 4-match tour-level losing streak since 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 1R (d. Querrey).