



SERBIA OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 - MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021

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SERBIA OPEN TALKING POINTS

- World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** will play an ATP Tour tournament on home soil for the first time since 2011 as the Serbia Open returns. The tournament was previously held from 2009-2012 with Djokovic winning the title twice (2009, 2011) in the three years he played. Overall there are eight Serbians in the main draw.
- No. 2 seed and World No. 10 **Matteo Berrettini** is looking to get back to his old form. Berrettini was sidelined with an abdominal injury for nearly two months before returning last week in Monte Carlo.
- No. 3 seed **Aslan Karatsev** comes in with a 14-4 record on the season, highlighted by a semi-final at the Australian Open (l. to Djokovic) and title in Dubai (d. Harris).

SERBIA OPEN SINGLES

| SEED | PLAYER | 2021 W-L (BEST FINISH) | BELGRADE W-L (BEST FINISH) |
|------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | Novak Djokovic (SRB) | 10-1 (Australian Open Title) | 8-1 (2009, 2011 Title) |
| 2 | Matteo Berrettini (ITA) | 8-3 (Antalya QF) | 0-0 (Debut) |
| 3 | Aslan Karatsev (RUS) | 14-4 (Dubai Title) | 0-0 (Debut) |
| 4 | Dusan Lajovic (SRB) | 6-9 (Australian Open 4R) | 1-3 (2012 2R) |
| 5 | Filip Krajinovic (SRB) | 5-4 (Aus. Open, Dubai, Monte Carlo 3R) | 3-2 (2010 SF) |
| 6 | M. Fucsovics W/D | 13-6 (Rotterdam Final) | 0-0 (Debut) |
| 7 | John Millman (AUS) | 3-8 (Cagliari, Monte Carlo 2R) | 0-0 (Debut) |
| 8 | Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) | 7-8 (Buenos Aires SF) | 0-0 (Debut) |
| 9 | Laslo Djere (SRB) | 9-9 (Cagliari Final) | 0-0 (Debut) |

Tournament History

Previously held from 2009-2012

Singles Final

Sunday 25 April at 5 p.m.

Qualifiers (4)

To be determined on Monday

Wild Cards (3)

Nikola Milojevic (SRB), Danilo Petrovic (SRB), Viktor Troick (SRB)

Oldest Player

Pablo Cuevas (35)

#NextGenATP (1)

Sebastian Korda (20)

Tournament Records

Most Wins – Novak Djokovic, Andreas Seppi (9)

Most Titles – Novak Djokovic (2)

Youngest Champion – Novak Djokovic, 21, in 2009

Oldest Champion – Andreas Seppi, 28, in 2012

Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 2 Novak Djokovic in 2021

Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 46 Andreas Seppi in 2012

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (11) – does not include qualifiers, lucky loser

Serbia (8)

Laslo Djere, Novak Djokovic, Miomir Kecmanovic, Filip Krajinovic, Dusan Lajovic, Nikola Milojevic, Danilo Petrovic, Viktor Troicki

Argentina (3)

Federico Coria, Federico Delbonis, Juan Ignacio Londero

Italy (3)

Matteo Berrettini, Marco Cecchinato, Stefano Travaglia

Australia (2)

John Millman, Alexei Popyrin

Finland (1)

Emil Ruusuvuori

Lithuania (1)

Ricardas Berankis

Russia (1)

Aslan Karatsev

Slovenia (1)

Aljaz Bedene

South Korea (1)

Soonwoo Kwon

United States (1)

Sebastian Korda

Uruguay (1)

Pablo Cuevas

SERBIA OPEN DOUBLES

| SEED | TEAM | 2021 W-L (BEST FINISH) | BELGRADE W-L (BEST FINISH) |
|------|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavić (CRO) | 29-3 (5 Titles w/Pavić) 29-3 (5 Titles w/Pietrangeli) | 0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut) |
| 2 | Austin Krajicek (USA) Oliver Marach (AUT) | 4-6 (Buenos Aires SF w/Skugor) 4-8 (Four QFs w/3 Partners) | 0-0 (Debut) 7-1 (2009 Title w/Kubot) |
| 3 | Raven Klaassen (RSA) Ben McLachlan (JPN) | 4-4 (Santiago SF w/McLachlan) 5-8 (Santiago SF w/Klaassen) | 0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut) |
| 4 | Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Matwe Middelkoop (NED) | 9-9 (Marbella SF w/Middelkoop) 7-7 (Marbella SF w/Arevalo) | 0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut) |

Doubles Final: Saturday 24 April at 3:30 p.m.

FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

| Serbia Open | W | F | SF | QF | R16 | R32 |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Singles Ranking Points | 250 | 150 | 90 | 45 | 20* | 0 |
| Singles Prize Money (€) | 100,225 | 58,885 | 34,710 | 19,840 | 11,480 | 6,710 |
| Doubles Ranking Points | 250 | 150 | 90 | 45 | 0 | -- |
| Doubles Prize Money (€) | 34,510 | 18,590 | 10,560 | 6,030 | 3,550 | -- |

* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

SERBIA OPEN SINGLES FINALS (FROM 2009-2012)

| YEAR | CHAMPION | FINALIST | SCORE |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2012 | Andreas Seppi (ITA) | Benoit Paire (FRA) | 6-3 6-2 |
| 2011 | Novak Djokovic (SRB) | Feliciano Lopez (ESP) | 7-6(4) 6-2 |
| 2010 | Sam Querrey (USA) | John Isner (USA) | 3-6 7-6(4) 6-4 |
| 2009 | Novak Djokovic (SRB) | Lukasz Kubot (POL) | 6-3 7-6(7) |

BOLD: Player in 2021 Serbia Open singles draw

SERBIA OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (FROM 2009-2012)

| YEAR | CHAMPION | FINALIST | SCORE |
|------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2012 | Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram | Martin Emmrich / Andreas Siljeström | 4-6 6-2 [10-6] |
| 2011 | Frantisek Cermak / Filip Polasek | Oliver Marach / Alexander Peya | 7-5 6-2 |
| 2010 | Santiago Gonzalez /Travis Rettenmaier | Tomasz Bednarek / Mateusz Kowalczyk | 7-6(6) 6-1 |
| 2009 | Lukasz Kubot / Oliver Marach | Johan Brunström / Jean-Julien Rojer | 6-2 7-6(3) |

BOLD: Player in 2021 Serbia Open doubles draw

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

[WC] Nikola Milojevic (SRB) vs Federico Coria (ARG)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

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|--------------------------------|------|-----|------------------|--------|-----|
| 19 Barletta CH (Italy) | Clay | QF | Nikola Milojevic | 7-6(4) | 6-1 |
| 19 Liberec CH (Czech Republic) | Clay | R16 | Nikola Milojevic | 7-6(6) | 6-3 |

Nikola Milojevic | Age: 25 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 129 | 2021: 0-1 (Marbella 1R) | Belgrade: 0-0
 > Has a 4-5 career record in ATP Tour level play and two weeks ago qualified in Marbella and lost in 1R to #NextGenATP Spaniard Alcaraz, who reached SF. Reached career-high No. 129 on 5 April.
 > Last month advanced to final at Zadar, CRO Challenger (l. to Kuzmanov) and in February reached SF at Gran Canaria-1 Challenger. Overall has an 11-4 record in Challengers this season.
 > Last season qualified in Pune (d. Hoang, l. to Gerasimov) and for first Grand Slam tourney at Roland Garros (d. Krajinovic, l. to Bedene).
 > Has a 118-103 record on ATP Challenger Tour, including 50-41 on clay with 2 titles and 68-62 on hard with 1 title.

NOTE: Serb is trying to earn his first tour level win since last year at Roland Garros where he beat Krajinovic (l. to Bedene in 2R).

Federico Coria | Age: 29 | World No. 90 | Career-High No. 85 | 2021: 5-7 (Cordoba SF) | Belgrade: 0-0
 > Achieved career-high No. 85 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba (l. to eventual champion J.M. Cerundolo). One of 5 Argentines in Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings.
 > Qualified and saved 2 MPs vs. Moutet en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Rio de Janeiro.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 26 Paire to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.
 > Went 275-147 on ITF Futures Circuit from 2009-18 with 9 titles in 20 finals and all 422 matches on clay.
 > Says that his idol is Guillermo Coria, his older brother by 10 years who peaked at No. 3 in 2004.

NOTE: Coria's best result this season came on home soil in late February when he advanced to his first ATP Tour SF in Cordoba (l. to eventual champion J.M. Cerundolo).

[WC] Viktor Troicki (SRB) vs Marco Cecchinato (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meeting:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|
| 14 Geneva CH (Switzerland) | Hard | R32 | Viktor Troicki | 6-3 | 6-2 |
|----------------------------|------|-----|----------------|-----|-----|

Viktor Troicki | Age: 35 | World No. 196 | Career-High No. 12 | 2021: 0-2 (Twice 1R) | Belgrade: 4-3 (2009-10 QF)
 > Finished 9 of 10 seasons in Top 75 (2008-13, 2015-17), achieving career-high No. 12 on 6 June 2011 after reaching Roland Garros 4R. Returned to Top 20 on 13 July 2015 after falling outside Top 800 on 14 July 2014.
 > Won back-to-back titles at Sydney, claiming 1st all-qualifier final on ATP World Tour in 2015 (d. Kukushkin) and saving 1 MP in 2016 final (d. Dimitrov). Beat Baghdatis for 1st ATP Tour title at 2010 Moscow. Earned biggest win of career over countryman and No. 3 Djokovic in 2007 Umag 2R. Suffered 33-match losing streak vs. Top 10 from 2009-14.
 > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 5 occasions -- all at Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Earned 6 wins from 2 sets down and 6 straight wins in 5th sets. Ended Monfils' bid for calendar junior Grand Slam by beating Frenchman in boys' singles 3R at 2004 US Open. Reached 2004 Wimbledon boys' doubles final w/Haase.
 > ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finalist at 2011 Monte-Carlo and 2017 Shanghai. Ended Nadal's 2016 season by beating Spaniard in 2016 Shanghai 2R.
 > Defeated Llodra to clinch 2010 Davis Cup title (SRB d. FRA 3-2). Owns 24-16 Davis Cup record (17-11 in singles).

NOTE: Serb is trying to earn his first tour level win since February 2020 in Pune (d. Nagal, l. to Sugita in 2R).

Marco Cecchinato | Age: 28 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 3-8 (3 Times 2R) | Belgrade: 0-0
 > Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.
 > Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career record, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.
 > Reached 2018 Roland Garros SF as World No. 72, becoming lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.
 > Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.
 > Owns 7-4 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-11 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

NOTE: One of 10 Italians in the Top 100 of the FedEx ATP Rankings and after starting the season 1-6, has reached 2R the past 2 weeks in Cagliari and ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo as a qualifier.

[7] John Millman (AUS) vs [WC] Danilo Petrovic (SRB)

First Meeting

John Millman | Age: 31 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 33 | 2021: 3-8 (Three times 2R) | Belgrade: 0-0
 > After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33 on 15 October.
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul in QF en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan (d. Mannarino).
 > Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
 > Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
 > In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Millman is 3-8 this season, posting win over Pervolarakis in ATP Cup RR and over Coria 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-3 in Cagliari two weeks ago (l. to Djere). Last week in Monte Carlo reached 2R (d. Humbert, l. to Garin).

Danilo Petrovic | Age: 29 | World No. 157 | Career-High No. 137 | 2021: 0-0 | Belgrade: 0-0
 > This season has a 2-6 record on ATP Challenger Tour with best result QF in Split-1, CRO two weeks ago. Has lost in 1R in 5 Challengers and in 1R qualifying in 3 tour level events.
 > Last season in his second career ATP Tour main draw in Sardinia, took advantage of lucky loser opportunity and advanced to SF (l. to Cecchinato). Reached a career-high No. 137 on 19 October 2020.
 > In February 2020, qualified for first ATP Tour tournament in New York (l. to Lorenzi in 1R).
 > Has a 75-86 career record on ATP Challenger Tour (35-39 on clay, 40-47 on hard) with 1 title on each surface.

NOTE: The tallest (6'8", 2.03m) of 8 Serbians in the main draw and has a 2-2 career record on the ATP Tour.

[5] Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs Stefano Travaglia (ITA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meetings:

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|---------------------------|------|----|-------------------|-----|--------|-----|
| 11 Italy F12 (Italy) | Clay | QF | Stefano Travaglia | 6-2 | 4-1 | ret |
| 19 Heilbronn CH (Germany) | Clay | SF | Filip Krajinovic | 1-6 | 7-6(5) | 6-1 |

Filip Krajinovic | Age: 29 | World No. 33 | Career-High No. 26 | 2021: 5-4 (3 Times 3R) | Belgrade: 3-2 (2010 SF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 26 in 2018 and earned 1st Top-100 finish in 2017 after ending 2014 and 2015 at No. 101.
 > Reached 1st of 3 ATP Tour finals at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris as 77th-ranked Q.
 > First qualifier to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final since Janowicz at 2012 Paris and lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since No. 98 Fish at 2008 Indian Wells.
 > Beat No. 2 Djokovic 6-4 ret in 2010 Belgrade QF and remains youngest player (18) to beat Top-2 opponent since 2004 and lowest-ranked (No. 319) since 2006.
 > Underwent right shoulder surgery in 2011 and right wrist surgery in 2016.

NOTE: No. 2 Serb (behind Djokovic) advanced to his first ATP Tour SF 11 years ago in Belgrade (l. to eventual champion Querrey).

Stefano Travaglia | Age: 29 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 60 | 2021: 7-8 (Melbourne-1 Final) | Belgrade: 0-0
 > Achieved career-high No. 60 on 8 February after falling to Sinner at 2021 Melbourne-1 in 1st tour-level final between Italians since 1988 Florence (Narducci d. C. Panatta). It was also his 1st ATP Tour final appearance.
 > Reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros by earning 1st win in 5 sets over Nishikori, who had won 9 straight 5th sets.
 > Defeated No. 1 Italian Fognini for 1st tour-level win at 2017 US Open and biggest win of career at 2019 Umag.
 > Qualified at 4 consecutive Grand Slams from 2018 Wimbledon through 2019 Roland Garros, as well as at Wimbledon and US Open in 2017.
 > Fell through a glass window at his apartment in 2011, undergoing surgery after suffering several arm injuries and returning to tour following 1-year hiatus without full feeling in his right hand.

NOTES: Qualified last week in Monte Carlo and lost in 1R to No. 12-ranked Carreno Busta. No. 5 Italian among a record 10 in Top 100 of FedEx ATP Rankings.