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2026 BNP PARIBAS FORTIS EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2026 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Arthur Fils (FRA)	35-13 (Barcelona, Cincinnati Titles)	3-1 (2023 Final)
2	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	35-19 (Miami, Tokyo Finals)	7-2 (2024-25 Finals)
3	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	36-20 (Buenos Aires, Queen's Titles)	1-1 (2022 2R)
4	Alexander Blockx (BEL)	20-13 (Estoril Final)	0-2 (2023-24 1R)
5	Alex Michelsen (USA)	27-20 (Brisbane SF)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Zizou Bergs (BEL)	23-22 (Eastbourne Title)	3-4 (2024 QF)
7	Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)	29-22 (Bucharest SF)	3-5 (2021, 2023, 2025 2R)
8	Mariano Navone (ARG)	23-23 (Bucharest Title)	1-1 (2024 2R)

Tournament History	2016-Present (11th Edition in 2026)
Singles Final	Sunday 25 October at 4:30pm
Wild Cards (2)	David Goffin (BEL), Max Schoenhaus (GER)
Qualifiers (4)	Nishesh Basavareddy (USA), Clement Chidekh (FRA), Federico Cina (ITA), Andrea Guerrieri (ITA)
Lucky Losers (2)	Remy Bertola (SUI), Martin Damm (USA)
Oldest Player	Jan-Lennard Struff (36)
#NextGenATP (2)	Max Schoenhaus (19), Federico Cina (19)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Felix Auger-Aliassime (2) <u>Most Wins</u> – Diego Schwartzman (12) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Jannik Sinner, 20, in 2021 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Roberto Bautista Agut, 36, in 2024 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 10 Felix Auger-Aliassime in 2022 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 243 Andy Murray in 2019

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

Belgium (4)	Zizou Bergs, Alexander Blockx, Raphael Collignon, David Goffin
United States (4)	Nishesh Basavareddy, Martin Damm, Marcos Giron, Alex Michelsen
Argentina (3)	Francisco Cerundolo, Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Mariano Navone
France (3)	Clement Chidekh, Arthur Fils, Hugo Gaston
Germany (3)	Yannick Hanfmann, Max Schoenhaus, Jan-Lennard Struff
Great Britain (2)	Jacob Fearnley, Toby Samuel
Italy (2)	Federico Cina, Andrea Guerrieri
Netherlands (2)	Tallon Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp
Bosnia-Herzegovina (1)	Damir Dzumhur
Croatia (1)	Dino Prizmic
Czechia (1)	Jiri Lehecka
Spain (1)	Jaume Munar
Switzerland (1)	Remy Bertola

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

BNP Paribas Fortis European Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	110,055	64,195	37,735	21,865	12,695	7,775
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	38,270	20,560	12,030	6,680	3,930	--

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

2026 BNP PARIBAS FORTIS EUROPEAN OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2026 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Guido Andreozzi (ARG) Manuel Guinard (FRA)	41-25 (1 Title) 30-18 in 2026 (1 Title)	31-19 (Indian Wells Title) 33-20 (Indian Wells Title)	0-0 (Debut) 0-1 (2024 1R)
2	Orlando Luz (BRA) Rafael Matos (BRA)	42-23 (5 Titles) 38-22 in 2026 (4 Titles)	38-22 (4 Titles) 38-22 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2025 1R) 2-1 (2025 SF)
3	Marc Polmans (AUS) Jan Zielinski (POL)	3-2 (Tokyo, Shanghai QF)	30-16 (3 Titles) 19-21 (Chengdu Title)	0-0 (Debut) 1-1 (2022 QF)
4	Sadio Doumbia (FRA) Bart Stevens (NED)	0-0 (Team Debut)	36-25 (2 Titles) 18-17 (Marrakech Final)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Sunday 25 October at 2pm

BNP PARIBAS FORTIS EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2025	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	7-6(2) 6-7(6) 6-2
2024	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	7-5 6-1
2023	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	Arthur Fils (FRA)	6-4 6-4
2022	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	Sebastian Korda (USA)	6-3 6-4
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	6-2 6-2
2020	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	6-1 7-6(4)
2019	Andy Murray (GBR)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	3-6 6-4 6-4
2018	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	3-6 7-6(2) 7-6(4)
2017	Jo-Wilfred Tsonga (FRA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	6-3 7-5
2016	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	7-6(4) 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2026 European Open singles draw.

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YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2025	Christian Harrison / Evan King	Hugo Nys / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	7-6(10) 7-6(5)
2024	Alexander Erler / Lucas Miedler	Robert Galloway / Aleksandr Nedovyesov	6-4 1-6 [10-8]
2023	Petros Tsitsipas / Stefanos Tsitsipas	Ariel Behar / Adam Pavlasek	6-7(5) 6-4 [10-8]
2022	Tallon Griekspoor / Botic van de Zandschulp	Rohan Bopanna / Matwe Middelkoop	3-6 6-3 [10-5]
2021	Nicolas Mahut / Fabrice Martin	Wesley Koolhof / Jean-Julien Rojer	6-0 6-1
2020	John Peers / Michael Venus	Rohan Bopanna / Matwe Middelkoop	6-3 6-4
2019	Kevin Krawietz / Andreas Mies	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	7-6(1) 6-3
2018	Nicolas Mahut / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Marcelo Demoliner / Santiago Gonzalez	6-4 7-5
2017	Scott Lipsky / Divij Sharan	Santiago Gonzalez / Julio Peralta	6-4 2-6 [10-5]
2016	Daniel Nestor / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	6-4 6-4

BOLD: Player in 2026 European Open doubles draw - team Griekspoor/van de Zandschulp remains intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

[Q] Federico Cina (ITA) vs Jaume Munar (ESP)

First Meeting

Federico Cina | Age: 19 | World No. 135 (Career-High) | 2026: 2-9 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 0-1 (2025 1R)

> Former World No. 4 junior earned 1st ranking point in July 2022, broke into Top 500 in March 2025 and Top 200 at career-high No. 135 in October 2026.

> In ATP Tour debut, defeated Comesana in 1R at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Miami as WC, becoming first player born in 2007 or later to win an ATP Masters 1000 match.

> Qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2026 Roland Garros, defeating Opelka in 1R to become second-youngest Italian men's match winner at Roland Garros in Open Era after Sinner, 19, in 2020.

> Owns 46-40 Challenger record (1-3 in finals), defeating former-World No. 14 Karatsev to reach 1st final at 2025 Hersonissos-2 and saved 5 championship points to defeat Gill for 1st Challenger title at 2026 Pune.

> Peaked at No. 4 in juniors in January 2024, highlighted by runs in singles to 2023 US Open SF and final of 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals as well as advancing to boys' doubles final at 2024 Roland Garros w/Sakamoto.

> Coached by his father, Francesco, former pro and coach of former WTA World No. 7 Roberta Vinci.

NOTE: Cina aims to earn his third tour-level win of the season after defeating Opelka at Roland Garros and Ugo Carabelli in Chengdu. 19-year-old seeks the biggest win of his career (0-4 vs. Top 60, d. No. 67 Comesana at 2025 Miami) to be the seventh teenager to earn a main draw win in tournament history, first since Fils, 19, in 2023.

Teenage Match Winners in Event History – Cina (19Y 6M) aims to join the list.

Player	Age	Year (End Result)	Player	Age	Year (End Result)
Jannik Sinner	18Y 1M	2019 (SF)	Arthur Fils	19Y 4M	2023 (Final)
Taylor Fritz	18Y 11M	2016 (2R)	Lorenzo Musetti	19Y 7M	2021 (2R)
Stefanos Tsitsipas	19Y 2M	2017 (SF)	Frances Tiafoe	19Y 8M	2017 (2R)

PIF ATP Live Next Gen Race

Rank	Player	Points	Rank	Player	Points
No. 1	Rafael Jodar	3,159	No. 5	Rei Sakamoto	395
No. 2	Joao Fonseca	1,200	No. 6	Joel Schwaerzler	334
No. 3	Martin Landaluze	822	No. 7	Darwin Blanch	326
No. 4	Federico Cina	401	No. 8	Nicolai Budkov Kjaer	313

Jaume Munar | Age: 29 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 33 | 2026: 15-17 (Tokyo SF) | Event: 1-4 (2022 2R)

> Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and reached No. 52 in 2019, before breaking into Top 50 in July 2025 and achieving career-high No. 33 in December 2025.

> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.

> Recorded personal-best 31 wins in 2025, advanced to Wimbledon 3R (d. No. 31 Bublik in 1R) and 2025 US Open 4R after 0-11 start to career in Grand Slam 2Rs.

> Earned 2 Top-5 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.

> Owns 144-74 Challenger record (10-8 in finals), including most recent clay-court title at 2024 Bad Waltersdorf.

> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Munar is 6-1 in opening rounds of hard court events played this season with lone loss coming to Brooksby in ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai. He seeks second win at the event after defeating van Rijthoven in 2022 1R and reached at least quarter-finals in 3 of his last 4 ATP Tour events indoors (2025 Dallas SF & Basel SF, 2026 Rotterdam QF).

Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs [LL] Martin Damm (USA)

First Meeting

Yannick Hanfmann | Age: 34 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 45 | 2026: 24-19 (Santiago F) | Event: 3-2 (2023 QF)
> Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 45 in July 2023 after biggest win of career vs. No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Mallorca en route to 6th of 11 ATP Tour SFs.
> Earned wins over No. 9 Fritz and No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome and as World No. 101 became lowest-ranked quarter-finalist in Rome since No. 114 Monaco in 2016.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel and defeated No. 19 F. Cerundolo to reach 3rd final at 2026 Santiago.
> Captured 1st Top 10 win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.
> Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).
> Captured 7 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: Hanfmann aims to become the second German man to record 25 wins this season after Zverev (62), achieving the feat for first time in career (previous best 23 in 2023). He is 9-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 100 on tour-level, lone loss to No. 109 Jodar in Miami 1R, and 16-4 in opening rounds of tour-level events, 9-1 since June.

Martin Damm | Age: 23 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 90 | 2026: 10-14 (Montpellier SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former Top 10 junior broke into Top 500 in 2022, Top 200 in November 2025 and achieved career-high No. 90 in August 2026 after defeating No. 8 Medvedev for biggest win of career in Winston-Salem.
> Made ATP Tour debut at 2024 Miami as WC, defeating Zhang and No. 14 Paul via RET to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R and qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2026 Montpellier.
> Also qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 US Open (d. Blanch) and 2026 Australian Open.
> Owns 42-48 Challenger record (0-4 in finals), advancing to finals at 2024 Oeiras-2, 2025 Columbus, 2025 Lincoln and 2025 Charlottesville.
> Peaked at No. 3 in juniors in 2021, highlighted by runs in boys' singles to SFs of 2019 Roland Garros (l. to Rune) and Wimbledon, defeating future World No. 1 Alcaraz in QF.
> Father, Martin Sr., is a former player, reaching No. 42 in singles and No. 5 in doubles, winning 40 titles, including becoming 2006 US Open men's doubles champion w/Paes.

NOTE: Damm earned 7 of his 10 tour-level wins this season on hard courts, including biggest win of career over No. 8 Medvedev in Winston-Salem 2R. He is playing in his second career ATP Tour event on indoor hard courts after defeating former-Top 10 players Hurkacz and Bautista Agut en route to Montpellier SF in February this year.

[Q] Andrea Guerrieri (ITA) vs [5] Alex Michelsen (USA)

First Meeting

Andrea Guerrieri | Age: 27 | World No. 166 | Career-High No. 164 | 2026: 0-1 (US Open 1R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point in 2015, broke into Top 500 in November 2025 and began 2026 season as World No. 511, entering Top 300 in May and Top 200 in August, achieving career-high No. 164 in September.
> Recorded deciding set wins in Holmgren in Q1 and Schwaerzler in Q2 and defeated straight set win over Dougaz in Q3 to make his tour-level debut at 2026 US Open, losing to No. 7 de Minaur.
> Owns 24-21 Challenger record, highlighted by coming from qualifying to win 1st Challenger title at 2026 Rome and advancing to 2026 Grodzisk Mazowiecki final.
> Also captured ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2025 M15 Ljubljana, 2025 M15 Offenbach, 2026 M25 Trento and 2026 M25 Reggio Emilia.
> Peaked at No. 93 in juniors in 2016 and qualified for 2016 US Open boys' singles, losing to Wolf in 1R

NOTE: Guerrieri defeated Coppejans and Damm in qualifying and now seeks first tour-level win, playing in his second event at this level after losing to de Minaur in US Open 1R earlier this season. At 27 years and 10 months, he aims to record his first Top 100 win of career (0-4 across all levels).

Alex Michelsen | Age: 22 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 30 | 2026: 27-20 (Brisbane SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke inside Top 50 in August 2024 and achieved career-high No. 30 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam 4R at Australian Open earlier in the season.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2024 Newport, where he held 1 MP vs. Giron, and 2024 Winston-Salem.
> Defeated No. 9 de Minaur for 1st Top 10 win at 2024 Los Cabos, No. 10 Musetti en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2025 Toronto, and former champion No. 7 Fritz to reach 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2024 Cincinnati w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying and 2025 Shanghai w/Goransson

NOTE: Michelsen is making his first appearance in Brussels and seeks first win since advancing to US Open QF, squandering 2 sets to 0 lead vs. No. 12 Tiafoe. American No. 7 is 10-3 in hard-court opening round matches this year with losses to Khachanov at Aus. Open, Alcaraz in Tokyo, and van de Zandschulp at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.