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NITTO ATP FINALS TALKING POINTS

- **Novak Djokovic** will become the oldest Nitto ATP Finals singles champion and tie **Roger Federer** for the most singles titles in tournament history if he defeats **Casper Ruud** in Turin on Sunday. The year-end championships is being held for the 53rd consecutive year and has been won only once by a player following his 30th birthday. Djokovic, 35, would shatter the age record of Federer, who won his sixth title as a 30-year-old at 2011 London.
- Djokovic is making his sixth Nitto ATP Finals appearance and third in the final since winning his fifth and most recent year-end championship at 2015 London. He won his first at 2008 Shanghai and bids to become the third player to capture the title in at least three different cities, joining Federer (3 cities) and **Ilie Nastase** (4 cities).
- Djokovic is through to his eighth Nitto ATP Finals championship match overall and is 4-0 entering the final for the sixth time. He finished 5-0 at 2012-14 London, and if he does so again, he will earn a tennis record \$4,740,300.

Oldest Finalists at Nitto ATP Finals

Arthur Ashe	1978	35y 188d
Novak Djokovic	2022	35y 182d
Roger Federer	2015	34y 3m
Andre Agassi	2003	33y 7m
Roger Federer	2014	33y 3m

Most Finals at Nitto ATP Finals

Roger Federer	10	2003-07, 2010-12, 2014-15
Ivan Lendl	9	1980-88
Novak Djokovic	8	2008, 2012-16, 2018, 2022
Boris Becker	8	1985-86, 1988-89, 1992, 1994-96
Pete Sampras	6	1991, 1993-94, 1996-97, 1999

Oldest Nitto ATP Finals Champions

Roger Federer	2011	30y 4m
Andy Murray	2016	29y 6m
Ilie Nastase	1975	29y 5m
Roger Federer	2010	29y 4m
Novak Djokovic	2015	28y 6m

Most Nitto ATP Finals Championships

Roger Federer	6	2003-04, 2006-07, 2010-11
Novak Djokovic	5	2008, 2012-15
Ivan Lendl	5	1981-82, 1985-87
Pete Sampras	5	1991, 1994, 1996-97, 1999
Ilie Nastase	4	1971-73, 1975

- Ruud, 23, will pass **Rafael Nadal** and end the year as World No. 2 if he defeats Djokovic for his 10th ATP Tour title and first above the ATP 250 category. He would join 19-year-old **Carlos Alcaraz** as the youngest year-end Top 2 since No. 1 **Andy Roddick** and No. 2 Federer in 2003. If Ruud falls to Djokovic, he will end the year 200 points behind Nadal, who defeated him on Thursday for 200 points in the last Green Group match for both men.
- Ruud is 9-2 in ATP 250 finals and 0-3 in all other tour-level finals (2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami, Roland Garros and US Open). He is the first Norwegian player to compete at the Nitto ATP Finals and the first Scandinavian finalist since **Stefan Edberg** of Sweden finished as the 1990 Frankfurt runner-up and 1989 New York champion.
- The doubles final pits **Rajeev Ram** and **Joe Salisbury** (4-0) against **Nikola Pietrangeli** and **Mate Pavic** (4-0). Two undefeated teams are meeting for the Nitto ATP Finals doubles title for the first time since 1991, when **John Fitzgerald** and **Anders Jarryd** (4-0) defeated **Ken Flach** and **Robert Seguso** (4-0) in a battle of unbeaten.
- Salisbury bids to become the first Brit to win the Nitto ATP Finals doubles title one year after becoming the first to reach the final. Ram, on the other hand, hopes to become the 18th American to win the year-end doubles title. Pietrangeli and Pavic are the first All-Croatian team to advance to the Nitto ATP Finals doubles championship match. At 2020 London, Pietrangeli became the first Croat to win the singles or doubles title with Dutchman **Wesley Koolhof**.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES AND DOUBLES FINALS

[3] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs [7] Novak Djokovic (SRB)

20 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

21 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

Clay SF Novak Djokovic

Hard RR **Novak Djokovic**

Clay SF Novak Djokovic

Djokovic Leads 3-0

7-5 6-3

7-6(4) 6-2

6-4 6-3

CASPER RUUD	vs	NOVAK DJOKOVIC
23 (22 December 1998)	Age (Birthdate)	35 (22 May 1987)
No. 4	Pepperstone ATP Ranking	No. 8
No. 2 on 12 September 2022	Career-High Ranking	No. 1 on 4 July 2011
Oslo, Norway	Birthplace	Belgrade, Serbia
2 (2021-22)	Nitto ATP Finals Appearances	15 (2007-16, 2018-22)
5-3 (2022 Final)	Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)	45-17 (2008, 2012-15 Title)
9 (3)	Titles (2022)	90 (4)
1 (0)	Hard-Court Titles (2022)	64 (2)
0 (0)	Indoor Titles (2022)	16 (2)
170-91 (51-21)	W-L (2022)	1,030-206 (41-7)
68-49 (25-12)	Hard Courts (2022)	654-121 (20-3)
30-18 (7-4)	Indoors (2022)	185-48 (18-2)
9-20 (5-5)	vs Top 10 (2022)	239-107 (10-3)
51-48 (26-13)	Tiebreaks (2022)	293-158 (19-5)
143-15 (43-4)	After Winning 1st Set (2022)	895-39 (34-2)
44-22 (11-7)	Deciding Sets (2022)	200-76 (6-4)
\$9,564,936 (\$4,785,716)	Prize Money (2022)	\$159,951,008 (\$5,194,282)
Christian Ruud	Coach	Goran Ivanisevic

CASPER RUUD

2022 Season

W (3): Buenos Aires (d. Schwartzman); Geneva (d. Sousa); Gstaad (d. Berrettini)

F (4): ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Alcaraz); Roland Garros (l. to Nadal); US Open (l. to Alcaraz); Nitto ATP Finals

SF (2): ATP Masters 1000 Rome (l. to Djokovic); ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (l. to Hurkacz)

QF (3): Barcelona (l. to Carreno Busta); Munich (l. to van de Zandschulp); Seoul (l. to Nishioka)

Nitto ATP Finals Stats

- Will earn \$4,357,000 and 1,300 ranking points with a win. Will earn \$2,156,600 and 800 ranking points with a loss.
- Defeated No. 6 Auger-Aliassime, No. 9 Fritz and No. 7 Rublev en route to final, falling only to No. 2 Nadal.
- First player to qualify for Nitto ATP Finals singles SF in his 1st 2 appearances since Wawrinka in 2013-14.
- First Scandinavian player to reach multiple Nitto ATP Finals singles SFs since Edberg of Sweden (1986-90).
- Defeated Norrie and Rublev en route to 2021 Nitto ATP Finals SF in tournament debut (l. to Medvedev).
- Became 1st Norwegian player to compete in Nitto ATP Finals tournament history (since 1970).

Career Highlights

- Rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.
- First Norwegian to break into Top 35, win an ATP Tour title (9), qualify for Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF), advance to a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros) and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).
- Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.
- Former World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (70), finals (10) and titles (8).
- Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

Casper Ruud on Hard Courts		Most Tour-Level Wins in 2022		Most Tour-Level Wins in 2021-22	
2022	25-12*	Stefanos Tsitsipas	61	Stefanos Tsitsipas	116
2021	27-10	Carlos Alcaraz	57	Casper Ruud	108
2020	5-7	Felix Auger-Aliassime	57	Daniil Medvedev	108
2019	4-10	Casper Ruud	51	Andrey Rublev	104
2018	3-3	Andrey Rublev	51	Cameron Norrie	101
2017	2-4	Cameron Norrie	49	Novak Djokovic	96
2016	2-3	Jannik Sinner	47	Jannik Sinner	96

* Miami, US Open, Nitto ATP Finals Finalist

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

2022 Season

W (4): ATP Masters 1000 Rome (d. Tsitsipas); Wimbledon (d. Kyrgios); Tel Aviv (d. Cilic); Astana (d. Tsitsipas)

F (3): Belgrade (l. to Rublev); ATP Masters 1000 Paris (l. to Rune); Nitto ATP Finals

SF (1): ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to Alcaraz)

QF (2): Dubai (l. to Vesely); Roland Garros (l. to Nadal)

Nitto ATP Finals Stats

- Will earn record \$4,740,300 and 1,500 points with a win. Will earn \$2,539,900 and 1,000 points with a loss.
- Defeated No. 3 Tsitsipas, No. 7 Rublev, No. 5 Medvedev and No. 9 Fritz en route to 8th final at Nitto ATP Finals.
- Owns 17-1 record in his last 18 matches this fall – all on indoor hard courts and including Tel Aviv and Astana titles.
- In tournament history, tied for 2nd-most championships with Lendl and Sampras (5) behind Federer (6), owns 2nd-most wins (45) behind Federer (59), and has made 2nd-most appearances (15) behind Federer (17).
- Tied with former coach Becker for 3rd-most finals at Nitto ATP Finals (8) behind Federer (10) and Lendl (9).
- Broke tie with Sampras for 3rd-most Nitto ATP Finals SF appearances (11) behind Federer (16) and Lendl (12).
- Bids to become oldest singles champion in tournament history at age 35. Federer holds record at age 30 in 2011.
- Owns record for most consecutive titles in tournament history (2012-15 London). Also captured 2008 Shanghai title.
- Earned 15 straight Nitto ATP Finals wins from 2012-15, excluding walkover from Federer in 2014 final.
- Won his 1st 5 Nitto ATP Finals title matches before falling to Murray in 2016 final and A. Zverev in 2018 final.
- Making 6th Nitto ATP Finals appearance since 5th and most recent year-end title at 2015 London (d. Federer).
- Qualified and competed at 15 of last 16 editions, only missing 2017 tournament when he ended year at No. 12.
- Seeded 7th and ranked 8th this week, marking his 1st appearance outside Top 3 in either category at this event.
- One of 3 former champions in this week's field – all of whom were in Red Group (also Medvedev, Tsitsipas).
- Nitto ATP Finals: 14-1 in Match 1, 8-7 in Match 2, 11-4 in Match 3, 8-3 in SF, 4-2 in Final (excluding 2014 W/O win).

Career Highlights

- Five-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns Pepperstone ATP Rankings records for most weeks at No. 1 (373), most years ended at No. 1 (7) and most wins vs. Top 10 (239).
- One of 3 men to hold all 4 Grand Slam championships at same time (also Budge, Laver), boasting 2nd-most Grand Slam titles in history (21) and 5th-most tour-level titles in Open Era (90).
- Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events, doing so multiple times for a record total of 38 titles.
- In 2022, became 5th player in Open Era to earn 1,000 career wins (also Connors, Lendl, Federer, Nadal).
- Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (30-29), as well as win streaks of 43 matches overall (2010-11), record 31 ATP Masters 1000 matches (2011) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

[4] Nikola Mektic (CRO) / Mate Pavic (CRO) vs [2] Rajeev Ram (USA) / Joe Salisbury (GBR)

Mektic / Pavic Leads 4-2

21 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Mektic / Pavic	6-3 7-6(5)
21 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	F	Mektic / Pavic	6-4 7-6(4)
21 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	F	Mektic / Pavic	6-4 6-3
21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	SF	Mektic / Pavic	7-6(6) 6-3 6-7(2) 7-6(5)
21 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	F	Ram / Salisbury	6-3 4-6 [10-3]
21 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	SF	Ram / Salisbury	4-6 7-6(3) [10-4]

NIKOLA MEKTIC / MATE PAVIC

STATS	NIKOLA MEKTIC	MATE PAVIC	TEAM
Age (Birthdate)	33 (24 December 1988)	29 (4 July 1993)	---
Birthplace	Zagreb, Croatia	Split, Croatia	---
Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking	No. 10	No. 7	No. 4
Career-High Doubles Ranking	No. 1 on 18 Oct. 2021	No. 1 on 21 May 2018	---
Nitto ATP Finals Appearances	4 (2018, 2020-22)	5 (2017-18, 2020-22)	2 (2021-22)
Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)	10-5 (2020 Title)	10-5 (2022 Final)	6-2 (2022 Final)
Titles (2022)	22 (5)	32 (6)	14 (5)
Hard-Court Titles (2022)	10 (1)	17 (1)	6 (1)
Indoor Titles (2022)	5 (1)	6 (1)	2 (1)
Grand Slam Titles (2022)	1 (0)	3 (0)	1 (0)
ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2022)	7 (1)	5 (1)	4 (1)
W-L (2022)	259-136 (51-19)	380-184 (55-19)	116-32 (51-19)

2022 Season

W (5): ATP Masters 1000 Rome (d. Isner/Schwartzman); Geneva (d. Andujar/Middelkoop); London/Queen's Club (d. Glasspool/Heliovaara); Eastbourne (d. Middelkoop/Saville); Astana (d. Mannarino/Martin)
F (4): Dubai (l. to Puetz/Venus); Belgrade (l. to Behar/Escobar); Wimbledon (l. to Ebden/Purcell); Nitto ATP Finals

Nitto ATP Finals Stats

- Will earn \$930,300 and 1,500 ranking points with a win. Will earn \$579,900 and 1,000 ranking points with a loss.
- Became 1st All-Croatian team to advance to Nitto ATP Finals championship match following wins over Dodig/Krajicek, year-end No. 1 Koolhof/Skupski, Kokkinakis/Kyrgios and Glasspool/Heliovaara.
- Advanced to 2021 Nitto ATP Finals SF in Turin (l. to Ram/Salisbury).
- Mektic won 2020 title w/Koolhof to become 1st Croatian doubles or singles champion in tournament history.
- Koolhof/Mektic also became 1st team in history to win its 1st title at Nitto ATP Finals. Split immediately thereafter.
- Mektic went 0-2 w/Peya at 2018 Nitto ATP Finals before team withdrew due to Peya's right elbow injury.
- Pavic played at Nitto ATP Finals in 2017 w/Marach as ALT (1-0), 2018 w/Marach (1-2) and 2020 w/Soares (2-1).
- Joined by countryman Dodig in field – 4th time that 3 Croatians competed in singles and/or doubles (2017-18, 2021).

Nikola Mektic Career Highlights

- Became World No. 1 doubles player in October 2021 and ended season as No. 1 doubles team w/Pavic after winning 9 titles in 12 finals with his countryman.
- Earned 18 straight victories w/Pavic during summer 2021, becoming 1st Croatians to win Wimbledon men's doubles title and 1st All-Croatian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title.
- Also earned gold medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavic (held in 2021), defeating Cilic/Dodig in All-Croatian final.
- Added 5 titles in 9 finals w/Pavic during 2022 season, capping year by reaching final at Nitto ATP Finals.
- In 2020, won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Krejcikova, reached US Open final w/Koolhof and captured Nitto ATP Finals title w/Koolhof, becoming 1st Croatian doubles or singles champion in tournament history and 1st team to win its 1st title at year-end championships.

Mate Pavic Career Highlights

- As a 24-year-old in 2018, became youngest doubles World No. 1 since Woodbridge, 24, in 1996, and 1st Croatian No. 1 in doubles or singles.
- One-half of year-end No. 1 team in 2018 w/Marach, 2020 w/Soares and 2021 w/Mektic, becoming 1st year-end No. 1 with 3 different partners in history of team rankings (since 1984).
- Won 3rd Grand Slam men's doubles title with as many partners at 2021 Wimbledon w/Mektic, becoming 1st Croatians to win Wimbledon men's doubles title and 1st All-Croatian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title.
- Also earned gold medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Mektic (held in 2021), defeating Cilic/Dodig in All-Croatian final.
- Champion of 2018 Australian Open mixed doubles w/Dabrowski, 2016 US Open mixed doubles w/Siegemund and 2011 Wimbledon boys' doubles w/Morgan – peaking at No. 5 in juniors and beating future ATP No. 3 Thiem in singles.

RAJEEV RAM / JOE SALISBURY

STATS	RAJEEV RAM	JOE SALISBURY	TEAM
Age (Birthdate)	38 (18 March 1984)	30 (20 April 1992)	---
Birthplace	Denver, CO, USA	London, England	---
Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking	No. 3	No. 4	No. 2
Career-High Doubles Ranking	No. 1 on 3 Oct. 2022	No. 1 on 4 Apr. 2022	---
Nitto ATP Finals Appearances	6 (2016-17, 2019-22)	4 (2019-22)	4 (2019-22)
Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)	14-8 ('16, '21-'22 Final)	11-5 (2021-22 Final)	11-5 (2021-22 Final)
Titles (2022)	25 (3)	11 (3)	8 (3)
Hard-Court Titles (2022)	19 (2)	10 (2)	7 (2)
Indoor Titles (2022)	6 (0)	2 (0)	1 (0)
Grand Slam Titles (2022)	3 (1)	3 (1)	3 (1)
ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2022)	5 (2)	3 (2)	3 (2)
W-L (2022)	402-289 (41-17)	170-89 (37-17)	139-64 (36-14)

2022 Season

W (3): ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (d. Cabal/Farah); ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (d. Puetz/Venus); US Open (d. Koolhof/Skupski)

F (1): Nitto ATP Finals

SF (3): Australian Open (l. to Ebden/Purcell); ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (l. to S. Gonzalez/Roger-Vasselin); Wimbledon (l. to Ebden/Purcell)

Nitto ATP Finals Stats

- Will earn \$930,300 and 1,500 ranking points with a win. Will earn \$579,900 and 1,000 ranking points with a loss.
- Went 4-0 for 2nd straight year en route to Nitto ATP Finals doubles final, defeating Granollers/Zeballos, Glasspool/Heliouvaara, Arevalo/Rojer and year-end No. 1 Koolhof/Skupski.
- Advanced to 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championship match (l. to Herbert/Mahut). Posted all 4 of their wins at 2021 Nitto ATP Finals over fellow Grand Slam champions (d. J. Murray/Soares, Herbert/Mahut, Cabal/Farah, Mektic/Pavic).
- Playing for year-end No. 1, squandered 1 MP and 7-1 Match TB lead in 2020 SF vs. Melzer/Roger-Vasselin.
- Making 4th consecutive appearance as a team. Ram is making 6th appearance overall (also 2016-17 w/Klaasen).
- Klaasen/Ram reached 2016 Nitto ATP Finals championship match, falling to Kontinen/Peers 2-6 6-1 [10-8].
- Ram bids to become 18th different American doubles champion at Nitto ATP Finals and 1st since All-American team of M. Bryan/Sock at 2018 London (d. Herbert/Mahut).
- Salisbury bids to become 1st British doubles champion at Nitto ATP Finals after becoming 1st finalist in 2021.

Rajeev Ram Career Highlights

- Became World No. 1 in doubles on 3 October 2022, passing his partner Salisbury after 26 weeks as World No. 2.
- Won 2021 and 2022 US Open titles w/Salisbury in 21st and 22nd appearances at his home Grand Slam event, becoming 2nd repeat US Open champions in Open Era (also Woodbridge/Woodforde in 1995-96).
- Captured 2020 Australian Open title w/Salisbury, setting an Open Era record with 1st Grand Slam men's doubles championship in his 58th appearance.
- Also at Australian Open, won 2019 and 2021 mixed doubles titles w/Krejcikova and advanced to 2021 men's doubles final w/Salisbury.
- Two-time Newport singles champion (2009, 2015), 3-time Nitto ATP Finals doubles finalist (2016 w/Klaasen, 2021-22 w/Salisbury) and 5-time ATP Masters 1000 doubles champion (3 w/Salisbury, 1 w/Granollers, 1 w/Klaasen).

Joe Salisbury Career Highlights

- Became 2nd British doubles World No. 1 on 4 April 2022 – exactly 6 years after J. Murray became 1st British doubles World No. 1 on 4 April 2016.
- Went 11-0 at 2021 US Open alongside Ram in men's doubles and Krawczyk in mixed doubles, becoming 1st player to sweep both titles since B. Bryan in 2010.
- Extended US Open win streak to 17 matches overall by defending title w/Ram in 2022, becoming 2nd repeat US Open men's doubles champions in Open Era (also Woodbridge/Woodforde in 1995-96).
- Also won 2020 Australian Open men's doubles title w/Ram, 2021 Roland Garros mixed doubles title w/Krawczyk and ATP Masters 1000 titles w/Ram at 2021 Toronto, 2022 Monte Carlo and 2022 Cincinnati.
- Never ranked on ITF Junior Circuit and hardly played due to mononucleosis and injuries before competing at University of Memphis from 2011-14.