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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- World No. 1 **Carlos Alcaraz** is on a 13-0 run this season, highlighted by completing Career Grand Slam at age 22 by winning Australian Open in January. Spaniard takes a 5-0 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead vs. Frenchman **Arthur Rinderknech** in third round of **BNP Paribas Open**. Rinderknech seeks biggest win of career to break Alcaraz's 31-match winning streak on outdoor hard courts since loss to Goffin in Miami 2R in March last year.

- Five-time champion **Novak Djokovic**, who is making his 17th appearance at the event after debuting in 2006, aims to reach Indian Wells 4R for the first time since 2017. He meets **Aleksandar Kovacevic**, 27-year-old American, who is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 third round and aims to become the first American to defeat Djokovic in an ATP Masters 1000 event since Isner at 2013 Cincinnati (0-20 since).

- Reigning champion **Jack Draper** continues his quest to defend the title, when he takes on last year's quarter-finalist World No. 20 **Francisco Cerundolo**. British No. 1 aims to record multiple wins in one event for the first time since his run to Queen's Club SF in June last year after being sidelined due to left arm injury for most of 7 months between Wimbledon and Dubai last week, while Cerundolo bids to be first Argentinian man to reach Indian Wells 4R in back-to-back years since Juan Martin del Potro in 2012-13.

- World No. 11 **Daniil Medvedev** and **Sebastian Baez** square off with the winner becoming first man on the ATP Tour to record 15 wins this season. 2023 and 2024 finalist Medvedev aims to extend 5-match winning streak following Dubai title in last week of February, while Argentinian seeks sixth Top 20 win of career (5-34).

- No. 1 American and 2022 champion **Taylor Fritz** meets countryman **Alex Michelsen**, as Rancho Santa Fe-native aims to be the only man to reach Indian Wells 4R in all six editions held this decade (not held in 2020). World No. 6 **Alex de Minaur** takes on 2021 champion **Cameron Norrie**, World No. 10 **Alexander Bublik** meets qualifier **Rinky Hijikata**, and World No. 13 **Casper Ruud** faces Shanghai champion **Valentin Vacherot**.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY THIRD-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM 1

[3] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) — Djokovic Leads 1-0

23 Roland Garros (France) | Clay | R128 | Novak Djokovic | 6-3 6-2 7-6(1)

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Djokovic	25%	**72%**	**35%**	**8.4**	**7.4**	**8.6**	**8.0**
Kovacevic	**28%**	68%	30%	8.2	5.7	7.2	6.4
Tour Average	*24%*	*67%*	*33%*	*7.9*	*6.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*

Novak Djokovic | Age: 38 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 6-1 (AO Final) | Event: 52-11 (‘08, ’11, ’14-’16 Titles)
> Record 7-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns ATP/WTA record for most weeks at No. 1 (428), as well as PIF ATP Rankings records for most years ended at No. 1 (8) and most wins vs. Top 10 (265), finishing in Top 5 in 17 of last 19 years (2017 – No. 12, 2024 – No. 7).
> All-time leader for most Grand Slam men’s singles titles in history (24), including record 10 Australian Open titles, and is 1 of 3 men to hold all 4 Grand Slam championships at same time (also Budge, Laver).
> Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events since start of series in 1990, doing so multiple times for a record total of 40 titles.
> Owns most Grand Slam match wins in history (402), 3rd-most men’s singles titles in Open Era (101) and 3rd-most men’s singles wins in Open Era (1,169).
> Earned gold medal at 2024 Paris Olympics, joining Agassi and Nadal as only men to win all 4 Grand Slam titles and Olympic title in singles.
> Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (31-29), as well as win streaks of ATP Tour-record 43 matches (2010-11), ATP Masters 1000-record 31 matches (2011) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

NOTE: Djokovic owns ATP Masters 1000 records for most wins (419), semi-finals (80), finals (60) and titles (40). At 38 years and 9 months, he would be second-oldest man to reach ATP Masters 1000 R16 in series history. He is 33-1 after winning 1st set since the start of 2025 season, lone loss to No. 1 Alcaraz in Australian Open final this January.

Oldest Players in ATP Masters 1000 Round of 16*

No.	Player	Age	Round of 16
1	Ivo Karlovic	40Y 13D	2019 Indian Wells
2	Gael Monfils	38Y 6M	2025 Miami
3	Ivo Karlovic	38Y 5M	2017 Cincinnati
4	Stan Wawrinka	38Y 4M	2023 Cincinnati
5	Novak Djokovic	38Y 4M	2025 Shanghai

* since the series began in 1990

Most ATP Masters 1000 Round of 16s*

No.	Player	Round of 16
1T	**Novak Djokovic**	**112**
1T	Rafael Nadal	112
3	Roger Federer	104
4	Andy Murray	75
5	Tomas Berdych	74

Aleksandar Kovacevic | Age: 27 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 54 | 2026: 8-7 (Brisbane SF) | Event: 2-3 (‘26 3R)
> Broke into Top 100 in January 2024 after previously peaking at No. 101 in April 2023 and achieved career-high No. 54 in January 2026.
> Defeated countryman McDonald to reach 2022 Seoul SF in ATP Tour main draw debut as 222nd-ranked LL and upset No. 10 Rublev for biggest wins of career to reach ATP Tour finals of 2025 Montpellier and 2025 Los Cabos.
> Won Challenger titles at Cleveland, Waco, Shenzhen and Temuco in 2023, highlighted by win over Wu Yibing in Cleveland final and captured latest title at 2025 Oeiras-2.
> Made Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 1R and defeated Tabilo to earn 1st Grand Slam win at 2024 Australian Open.
> Played 5 years of college tennis at University of Illinois, where he was a 2-time All-American and graduated in 2021 with finance degree.

NOTE: Kovacevic is 2-5 vs. Top 10, earning both wins over No. 10 Rublev in Montpellier SF and Los Cabos SF last season. 27-year-old is playing in his 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R and is 3-16 at this level, including wins over Hurkacz in 1R and Moutet in 2R this week. He aims to be 1st American to defeat Djokovic since Opelka in Brisbane QF last year.

[1] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [26] Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)

Alcaraz Leads 5-0

21 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Carlos Alcaraz	7-6(6) 4-6 6-1 6-4
23 London / Queen’s Club (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Carlos Alcaraz	4-6 7-5 7-6(3)
25 London / Queen’s Club (Great Britain)	Grass	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	7-5 6-4
25 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Carlos Alcaraz	7-6(3) 6-3 6-4
26 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R32	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 7-6(5)

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Alcaraz	25%	**71%**	**38%**	7.9	**7.6**	**8.6**	**8.0**
Rinderknech	**30%**	66%	29%	**8.6**	6.4	6.8	6.2
Tour Average	*24%*	*67%*	*33%*	*7.9*	*6.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 22 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2026: 13-0 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 21-3 (2023-24 Titles)
> Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, earning 59 weeks at No. 1.
> Youngest man in history to complete a Career Grand Slam at age 22 following 2026 Australian Open title win, becoming first man to defeat 10-time champion Djokovic in a final of that event.
> Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
> Defeated 7-time champion Djokovic in 2023 and 2024 Wimbledon finals to be 2nd man in Open Era to win 1st four Grand Slam finals and became youngest Olympic men's finalist since 1904, earning silver medal at Paris Olympics.
> Seven-time Grand Slam champion (7-1 in finals), youngest of four men to win multiple Grand Slam titles on clay, grass and hard courts (also Djokovic, Nadal, Wilander), and 8-time ATP Masters 1000 champion (8-1 in finals).
> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

NOTE: Alcaraz is on a 13-match winning streak after lifting Australian Open title to complete Career Grand Slam in January. 22-year-old is making his sixth appearance in Indian Wells, reaching at least the semi-finals on his last four occasions, winning 2023 and 2024 titles and losing in SFs to Nadal in 2022 and Draper last year.

Longest Winning Streaks on Outdoor Hard Courts (Open Era):

Player	Streak	Start	End of Streak
Jimmy Connors	55	1973 Boston 1R	1976 Carlsbad Final (l. to Nastase)
Roger Federer	46	2005 Dubai 1R	2006 Dubai Final (l. to Nadal)
Pete Sampras	34	1994 Sydney-1	1994 Davis Cup QF (l. to Krajicek)
Rod Laver	33	1974 Palm Desert WCT	1975 Tucson QF (l. to Nastase)
Novak Djokovic	33	2011 Australian Open 1R	2011 Cincinnati Final (l. to Murray)
Novak Djokovic	31	2015 US Open 1R	2016 Dubai QF (l. to F. Lopez)
Carlos Alcaraz	**31**	**2025 Cincinnati 2R**	**Active Streak**

Alcaraz's Most Dominant Lexus ATP Head2Heads (H2Hs with 0 losses):

Player	H2H	Player	H2H
Alex de Minaur	6-0	Tallon Griekspoor	5-0
Karen Khachanov	6-0	Dusan Lajovic	5-0
Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-0	**Arthur Rinderknech**	**5-0**

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 30 | World No. 26 (Career-High) | 2026: 5-5 (Dubai QF) | Event: 0-3 (2026 3R)
> Broke into Top 50 in 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2 and achieved career-high No. 26 in January 2026 soon after advancing to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final in Shanghai, losing to his cousin Vacherot in final.
> Earned 1st Top 10 win in 15th attempt over No. 10 Shelton in 2025 Queen's Club 1R as LL before biggest wins of career over No. 3 Zverev in 2025 Wimbledon 1R and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2025 Shanghai.
> Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
> In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 6 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
> Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q, 2022 Poznan, 2023 Zug and 2024 Lille.
> Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

NOTE: Rinderknech looks for the biggest win of his career (0-3 vs. World No. 1s), bidding to be the 1st Frenchman to defeat a World No. 1 since Monfils d. No. 1 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells. He seeks first win in Indian Wells after receiving a 1R bye and walkover by J. Cerundolo in 2R and aims to advance to ATP Masters 1000 4R for the fourth time after 2024 Montreal, 2024 Paris and Shanghai last year, where he went on to reach the final.

Frenchmen to Defeat World No. 1 Since 2010:

Player	World No. 1	Tournament
Gael Monfils	Daniil Medvedev	2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	Novak Djokovic	2014 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	Rafael Nadal	2011 London / Queen's Club

STADIUM 2

[19] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs [14] Jack Draper (GBR) — Cerundolo Leads 2-0

23 Lyon (France)	Clay	QF	Francisco Cerundolo	4-6 6-4 6-3
24 Davis Cup Qualifiers (Great Britain)	Hard	RR	Francisco Cerundolo	7-6(4) 7-5

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Cerundolo	23%	69%	**36%**	7.5	7.4	**8.2**	7.3
Draper	**26%**	**69%**	34%	**8.2**	**7.9**	8.0	**7.9**
Tour Average	*24%*	*67%*	*33%*	*7.9*	*6.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 27 | World No. 20 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 11-4 (Buenos Aires Title) | Event: 6-3 ('25 QF)
> Broke into Top 100 and Top 50 in 2022, Top 20 in 2024 and achieved career-high No. 18 in May 2025 after defeating two-time champion No. 2 Zverev en route to ATP Masters 1000 Madrid SF.
> Moved into Top 25 in July 2022 after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF in back-to-back weeks.
> Won 2nd title at 2023 Eastbourne to be 1st Argentine ATP Tour champion on grass since Frana in 1995.
> As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
> Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo aims to record second Top 20 win of 2026 (d. No. 15 Rublev at Aus. Open) to become the first man to oust the defending Indian Wells champion before the fourth round since Dolgopolov beat 2013 champion Nadal in 2014 3R. South American No. 1 advanced to R16 at 6 of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events last year, reaching the stage in Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Rome, Toronto and Paris (lost in R32 of Monte-Carlo, Shanghai, did not play Cincinnati).

Jack Draper | Age: 24 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 3-1 (Indian Wells 3R) | Indian Wells: 10-2 (2025 Title)
> In 2022, broke into Top 200 in February, Top 100 in June and Top 50 in September, before achieving career-high No. 4 in June 2025, joining Nadal as second left-hander to break inside Top 5 of PIF ATP Rankings this century.
> Became ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2025 Indian Wells, defeating Rune in 1st ATP Masters 1000 or Grand Slam final between players born in 2000s and reached 1st ATP Tour final on clay at 2025 Madrid.
> Advanced to 2024 US Open SF without losing a set, becoming 4th British man in semi-finals of that event in Open Era, following Rusedski (1997), Henman (2004) and Murray (2008, 2011-12).
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title by defeating 2-time champion Berrettini in 2024 Stuttgart final and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz at Queen's Club 2R in back-to-back weeks.
> Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

NOTE: Draper is on a 7-match winning streak in Indian Wells after capturing his 1st ATP Masters 1000 title at this venue last year. He seeks 1st Top 20 win since defeating No. 11 Musetti to reach Madrid final in May. He is down to No. 29 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and needs to go one round further than Norrie this week to remain British No. 1.

Players Defending 1st ATP Masters 1000 Title since 2023*:

Player	1st Time Champion	Title Defense
Taylor Fritz	2022 Indian Wells	l. to Sinner in 2023 QF
Carlos Alcaraz	2022 Miami	l. to Sinner in 2023 SF
Pablo Carreno Busta	2022 Montreal	did not play in 2023 (held in Toronto)
Borna Coric	2022 Cincinnati	l. to Hurkacz in 2023 2R
Holger Rune	2022 Paris	l. to Djokovic in 2023 QF
Andrey Rublev	2023 Monte-Carlo	l. to Popyrin in 2024 2R
Jannik Sinner	2023 Toronto	l. to Rublev in 2024 QF (held in Montreal)
Alexei Popyrin	2024 Montreal	l. to Zverev in 2025 QF (held in Toronto)
Jack Draper	**2025 Indian Wells**	**plays F. Cerundolo in 3R**

* last man to successfully defend 1st ATP Masters 1000 title is Stefanos Tsitsipas (2021-22 Monte-Carlo)

Alex Michelsen (USA) vs [7] Taylor Fritz (USA)

Michelsen Leads 1-0

24 Geneva (Switzerland) | Clay | R16 | Alex Michelsen | 6-4 4-6 7-5

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Michelsen	26%	67%	32%	7.7	6.5	6.7	6.7
Fritz	**28%**	**69%**	**28%**	**8.8**	**7.3**	**7.9**	**7.5**
Tour Average	*24%*	*67%*	*33%*	*7.9*	*6.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*

Alex Michelsen | Age: 21 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 30 | 2026: 8-5 (Brisbane SF) | Event: 4-2 (2025-26 3R)
> 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 biggest win of career in 2024 Los Cabos 2R, before squandering 3 MPs in QF against eventual champion Thompson and No. 10 Musetti en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2025 Toronto.
> Reached ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2024 Cincinnati w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying and 2025 Shanghai w/Goransson.

NOTE: Michelsen is 2-7 vs. Top 10, seeking the biggest win of his career and first Top 10 win since defeating No. 10 Musetti en route to Toronto QF last year. If he joins Tien, 20, in 4R, it would mark the first time multiple 21-and-under American men reach Indian Wells Round of 16 since Ginepri and Roddick in 2003 (then 64-draw).

Taylor Fritz | Age: 28 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 10-6 (Dallas Final) | Indian Wells: 23-8 (2022 Title)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024 after becoming 1st American since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish in Top 5 of year-end rankings.
> At 2024 US Open, became 1st American man to play in a Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over former finalists Ruud and Zverev and defeating countryman Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
> Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
> Went on a 13-2 run on grass in 2025, capturing titles in Stuttgart and Eastbourne and advancing to Wimbledon SF.
> Clinched United Cup titles for Team USA in 2023 and 2025, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022, 2023 and 2025 and earned bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

NOTE: Fritz is tied with Monfils for second-most Indian Wells wins in this year's field (23), behind Djokovic (51) and aims to reach Indian Wells 4R for seventh time in last 8 appearances (l. to Johnson in 2019 1R). He is 11-0 vs. players ranked outside Top 20 at this event since losing to No. 36 Basilashvili in 2021 SF and would be the first American man to reach Indian Wells Round of 16 in six consecutive years since Chang (1991-97).

Indian Wells Win Leaders (Active Players):

Player	Born	Wins	2026 Indian Wells
Novak Djokovic	1987	52	d. Majchrzak in 2R, plays Kovacevic in 3R
Stan Wawrinka	1985	27	--
Gael Monfils	1986	23	d. Galarneau in 1R, l. to Auger-Aliassime in 2R
Taylor Fritz	**1997**	**23**	**d. Fearnley in 2R, plays Michelsen in 3R**
Carlos Alcaraz	2003	21	d. Dimitrov in 2R, plays Rinderknech in 3R
Daniil Medvedev	1996	21	d. Tabilo in 2R, plays Baez in 3R

[11] Daniil Medvedev vs Sebastian Baez (ARG)

Medvedev Leads 1-0

23 US Open (U.S.A.) | Hard | R32 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-2 6-2 7-6(6)

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 30 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 14-3 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 21-8 (2023-24 Finals)
> Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
> Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.

> Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
> Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Won 21 of his 23 singles titles on hard courts and first 22 titles at different events before winning 2026 Dubai for the second time to break the streak.
> Captured ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st ATP Tour title on clay.

NOTE: Medvedev is on a 5-match winning streak following his Dubai title, capturing multiple titles at one event for the first time in career. He is 12-2 vs. Argentines on tour-level in his career, both losses to Pella at 2016 Nice and 2019 Madrid (9-0 since). 30-year-old reached at least the semi-finals in last three editions of Indian Wells.

Men's Hard-Court Win Leaders (since 2020):

Player	**W-L**
Daniil Medvedev	**235-75**
Jannik Sinner	228-49
Andrey Rublev	198-96
Alexander Zverev	190-73
Taylor Fritz	188-93
Felix Auger-Aliassime	183-96

Medvedev at Hard-Court ATP Masters 1000 Events

Tournament	**Record**	**Best Result**
Indian Wells	**21-8**	**2023-24 Finals**
Miami	18-6	2023 Champion
Canada	14-7	2021 Champion
Cincinnati	15-8	2019 Champion
Shanghai	14-5	2019 Champion
Paris	12-7	2020 Champion

Sebastian Baez | Age: 25 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 18 | 2026: 14-5 (Auckland Final) | Event: 4-4 ('23-'24, '26 3R)
> Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago and achieved career-high No. 18 in June 2024.
> During 2023 season, went on career-best 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reaching 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril, then earned 2nd title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
> Began 2026 season on a 7-0 run, breaking 15-match losing streak vs. Top 10 players to earn back-to-back Top 10 wins over No. 9 Fritz at United Cup and No. 8 Shelton en route to Auckland final (now 3-18 vs. Top 10).
> Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals tied for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
> Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez is tied with Medvedev and Mensik for most wins on ATP Tour this season (14) and aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 4R for second time in career after 2024 Rome. He is 2-18 vs. Top 20 on hard courts in his career, but 2-0 this season after wins over No. 9 Fritz in United Cup and No. 8 Shelton en route to Auckland final, both in January.

STADIUM 3

[27] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [6] Alex de Minaur (AUS) — Series Tied 2-2

22 Barcelona (Spain)	Clay	QF	Alex de Minaur	6-3 5-7 6-1
23 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Cameron Norrie	6-3 6-3
23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R64	Alex de Minaur	7-5 6-4
24 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Cameron Norrie	6-4 2-6 7-6(2)

Cameron Norrie | Age: 30 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 7-5 (2x 3R) | Indian Wells: 16-6 (2021 Title)
> Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.
> Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.
> Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets and advanced to his 2nd Grand Slam QF at 2025 Wimbledon, losing to eventual finalist Alcaraz.
> Earned 52 wins in 2021 and defeated No. 1 Alcaraz at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Paris for biggest win of career.
> Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie defeated McDonald in 2R to earn 250th tour-level win of career (250-184) and 50th ATP Masters 1000 win (50-44). He is 12-43 vs. Top 10, 1-0 at Indian Wells (d. No. 7 Rublev in 2023 4R) and seeks first Top 10 win since defeating No. 1 Alcaraz in Paris 2R. British No. 2 aims to reach Indian Wells 4R for the fourth time (2021-23).

British Tour-Level Win Leaders (Open Era)

Player	Wins	Player	Wins
Andy Murray	739	Roger Taylor	368
Tim Henman	496	Buster C. Mottram	292
Greg Rusedski	436	**Cameron Norrie**	**250**
Mark Cox	423	John Lloyd	214

Alex de Minaur | Age: 27 | World No. 6 (Career-High) | 2026: 12-3 (Rotterdam Title) | Event: 10-7 (‘21-22, ’24-‘25 4R)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 6 in July 2024 before becoming 1st Australian to qualify for Nitto ATP Finals in singles since Hewitt in 2004.
> Earned personal-best 56 victories in 2025 and captured 11 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500 championships at 2023 and 2024 Acapulco, 2025 Washington and 2026 Rotterdam.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
> Seven-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist, including at four consecutive events at 2024 Roland Garros, Wimbledon, US Open and 2025 Australian Open and advanced to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto.
> Playing for Australia, he went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during 2022 season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003 and defeated No. 2 Nadal in 2023 and No. 1 Djokovic in 2024 at United Cup.

NOTE: de Minaur aims to advance to round of 16 in 9th of 10 ATP Masters 1000 events played since the start of 2025 season (l. to Opelka in Cincinnati 2R) and reach fifth Indian Wells 4R in last six editions (l. to Fucsovics in 2023 2R). He is on an 18-1 run vs. players outside Top 20 since Beijing, lone loss to No. 103 Kypson in Acapulco 1R last week.

[10] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs [Q] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

25 Phoenix CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Alexander Bublik	6-2 5-7 6-3

Alexander Bublik | Age: 28 | World No. 10 (Career-High) | 2026: 13-4 (Hong Kong Title) | Event: 3-4 (’22, ’24, ‘26 3R)
> Broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 10 in January 2026 following Hong Kong title in the 1st week of the season after ending 2025 at No. 11.
> Earned personal-best 37 wins in 2025 and captured titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou, joining Djokovic and Alcaraz as only men to win titles on clay, grass and hard courts in a season this decade.
> Upset No. 9 de Minaur from 2 sets down and No. 6 Draper en route to 2025 Roland Garros QF, becoming 1st man representing Kazakhstan to become Grand Slam quarter-finalist.
> In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and recorded biggest win of career over No. 1 Sinner en route to 2025 title.
> Became the 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to his 4th title in Montpellier.
> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik rallied from a set down to defeat LL Kopriva in 1R and now bids to become the first man representing Kazakhstan to advance to Indian Wells 4R in tournament history. He is 9-1 vs. Australians since the start of 2025 season (including Challenger level), lone loss to No. 6 de Minaur in Australian Open 4R this year.

Bublik in ATP Masters 1000 Round of 16

Tournament	End Result	Tournament	End Result
2021 Miami	l. to Sinner in QF	2024 Madrid	l. to Medvedev in 4R
2021 Madrid	l. to Ruud in QF	2025 Madrid	l. to Mensik in 4R
2023 Paris	l. to Dimitrov in 3R	2025 Paris	l. to Auger-Aliassime in SF

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 25 | World No. 117 | Career-High No. 62 | 2026: 5-6 (Indian Wells 3R) | Event: 4-2 (2026 3R)
> Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC, then achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.
> Rallied from a set down three times to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 ‘s-Hertogenbosch as LL.
> Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.
> Also at 2023 Aus. Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.
> Won 4 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in 2022, 2024, and 2025 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.
> Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata defeated No. 21 Darderi in 2R for biggest win of career (now 2-23 vs. Top 30) and now seeks 1st Top 10 win of career (0-12). He is playing in his 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R and aims to be the fourth qualifier to reach Indian Wells 4R this decade following Garin (2023), Tabilo (2023) and Watanuki (2025). He is No. 106 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and would jump to No. 96 with a 3R win, as he seeks return to Top 100 for first time since August.

[24] Valentin Vacherot (MON) vs [13] Casper Ruud (NOR) First Meeting

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Vacherot	**25%**	66%	**34%**	**8.7**	**7.3**	7.4	**7.6**
Ruud	**25%**	**69%**	33%	8.1	7.0	**7.8**	**7.6**
Tour Average	*24%*	*67%*	*33%*	*7.9*	*6.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*

Valentin Vacherot | Age: 27 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 25 | 2026: 8-5 (2 QFs) | Indian Wells: 1-0 (2026 3R)
> Highest-ranked Monegasque in PIF ATP Rankings history achieved career-high No. 25 in February 2026 after becoming 1st man representing Monaco to advance to Grand Slam 3R in Open Era.
> Qualified to en route to becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2025 Shanghai as World No. 204, defeating No. 5 Djokovic in SF and his cousin, Rinderknech, in final to be first Monegasque to win an ATP Tour title.
> In Monte-Carlo, made ATP Tour debut in 2023 as WC and defeated Struff in 2025 1R to become first home player to win a match at the event since 2009 and qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 Roland Garros.
> Owns 64-45 Challenger record (4-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Nonthaburi-1, 2024 Nonthaburi-1, 2024 Nonthaburi-2 and 2024 Pune.
> Coached by former Monegasque player, his half-brother, Benjamin Balleret and played college tennis for Texas A&M University alongside his cousin, Arthur Rinderknech.

NOTE: Vacherot aims to advance to his third consecutive ATP Masters 1000 R16 after winning Shanghai title and his run to Paris QF. He is 5-6 vs. Top 20 in his career (4-2 in 2025), seeking second Top 20 win of 2026 after defeating No. 10 Bublik to lead Monaco to 3-1 victory in Davis Cup vs. Kazakhstan in February.

Vacherot vs. Top 20 Players at ATP Masters 1000 Level

Tournament	Opponent	W-L	Tournament	Opponent	W-L
2024 Monte-Carlo 1R	No. 9 Dimitrov	L	2025 Shanghai SF	No. 5 Djokovic	W
2025 Monte-Carlo 2R	No. 18 Dimitrov	L	2025 Paris 1R	No. 18 Lehecka	W
2025 Shanghai 2R	No. 17 Bublik	W	2025 Paris QF	No. 10 Auger-Aliassime	L
2025 Shanghai QF	No. 11 Rune	W	**2026 Indian Wells 3R**	**No. 13 Ruud**	**?**

Casper Ruud | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 2 | 2026: 6-5 (Delray Beach QF) | Indian Wells: 8-5 ('24 QF)
> Top-ranked Norwegian in history 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 win an ATP Tour title (14) and ATP Masters 1000 title (2025 Madrid), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final, 2024 SF), and reach a Grand Slam final (2022, 2023 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open).
> 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 No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (130), finals (17) and titles (12).
> Defeated World No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final and won biggest titles of career on Spanish clay at 2024 Barcelona and 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

NOTE: Ruud seeks Indian Wells 4R for the third time in his career after 2021 and 2024 and aims to record first Top 30 win since defeating No. 23 Shapovalov in SF and No. 25 Humbert in final to win Stockholm title in October last year. 27-year-old is 34-32 (.515) on hard-courts at ATP Masters 1000 level compared to 39-16 (.722) on clay.