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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- First ATP Masters 1000 event of the season gets underway in Indian Wells with two-time defending champion **Carlos Alcaraz** returning in search of a three-peat, while record five-time champion **Novak Djokovic** (tied w/Federer) looks to become third man in Open Era to capture 100 tour-level titles in Open Era behind Jimmy Connors, 109 and Roger Federer, 103, as the Serbian No. 1 searches for his first Indian Wells title since 2016.
- World No. 3 **Alcaraz** is on a 12-match winning streak at this event as 21-year-old Spaniard attempts to join Agassi, Djokovic, Federer and Nadal as only players to three-peat at any ATP Masters 1000 event in series history (since 1990) and third in Indian Wells after Federer (2004-06) and Djokovic (2014-16). He enters on 11-2 record this season and bids to capture his second title of 2025 after winning Rotterdam in February.
- No. 6 seed **Djokovic** is playing in his 16th **BNP Paribas Open**, nineteen years after making his debut in 2006. When he takes to court for his 2R match against Kyrgios or van de Zandschulp, 37-year-old Serbian will tie Rafael Nadal for most ATP Masters 1000 matches played (500) and with a win, he would also tie Nadal for most wins at this level (Nadal – 410-90). Djokovic, who is 409-90 in ATP Masters 1000 events, already owns records for most titles (40), finals (59) and semi-finals (78) in series history (since 1990).
- World No. 2 **Alexander Zverev** is the No. 1 seed at an ATP Masters 1000 event for 1st time in career, marking first time a German player is the No. 1 seed at this level since Indian Wells tournament director **Tommy Haas** at 2002 Madrid. 27-year-old will attempt to improve his best result at **Indian Wells Tennis Garden** (2021, 2024 QF) to join Djokovic as only active players to reach semi-finals of all 9 active ATP Masters 1000 events.
- Two-time finalist **Daniil Medvedev** reached his 38th and latest tour-level final in Indian Wells last year, losing to Alcaraz in the championship match for 2nd consecutive year. World No. 6 will once again attempt to lift the title this year to complete the set of ATP Masters 1000 titles at all active hard court events at this level and grab his first ATP Tour championship since winning his 1st clay title at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome.
- World No. 4 **Taylor Fritz** leads 17 American men in main draw, as 27-year-old aims to become 1st American to win ATP Masters 1000 title since he defeated Nadal in 2022 final to become 1st American men's champion at this event since Agassi in 2001. Joining him are last year's semi-finalist World No. 11 **Tommy Paul**, 22-year-old No. 12 **Ben Shelton** and 2023 semi-finalist **Frances Tiafoe**, all hunting 1st ATP Masters 1000 title.
- For first time in **BNP Paribas Open** history, players will be able to request a video replay review of specific judgement decisions as explained in the following [document](#).

2024 ATP Masters 1000 Finals –

Indian Wells	Carlos Alcaraz (2) d. Daniil Medvedev (4)
Miami	Jannik Sinner (3) d. Grigor Dimitrov (12)
Monte-Carlo	Stefanos Tsitsipas (12) d. Casper Ruud (10)
Madrid	Andrey Rublev (8) d. Felix Auger-Aliassime (35)
Rome	Alexander Zverev (5) d. Nicolas Jarry (24)
Montreal	Alexei Popyrin (62) d. Andrey Rublev (8)
Cincinnati	Jannik Sinner (1) d. Frances Tiafoe (27)
Shanghai	Jannik Sinner (1) d. Novak Djokovic (4)
Paris	Alexander Zverev (3) d. Ugo Humbert (18)

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Tournament History	49th Edition (1976-2019, 2021-Present)
Finals Schedule	<u>Singles</u> - Sunday 16 March Not Before 2 pm <u>Doubles</u> - Saturday 15 March Not Before 6 pm
Wild Cards (5)	Nishesh Basavareddy (USA), Tristan Boyer (USA), Joao Fonseca (BRA), Mackenzie McDonald (USA), Reilly Opelka (USA)
Qualifiers (12)	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO), Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP), Damir Dzumhur (BIH), Hugo Gaston (FRA), Matteo Gigante (ITA), Kamil Majchrzak (POL), Ethan Quinn (USA), Colton Smith (USA), Li Tu (AUS), Adam Walton (AUS), Yosuke Watanuki (JPN), Giulio Zeppieri (ITA)
Lucky Loser (1)	Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) – Diaz Acosta withdrawal
Protected Rankings (3)	Nick Kyrgios (PR-21), Jenson Brooksby (PR-52)
Oldest Player	Gael Monfils (38)
#NextGenATP (4)	Joao Fonseca (18), Learner Tien (19), Jakub Mensik (18), Nishesh Basavareddy (19)
Tournament Records	<u>Most Titles</u> – Novak Djokovic (5), Roger Federer (5) <u>Most Wins</u> – Roger Federer (66) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Boris Becker, 19, in 1987 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Roger Federer, 35, in 2017 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 (12 times), most recently N. Djokovic in 2016 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 143 Larry Stefanki in 1985 <u>Last American Champion</u> : Taylor Fritz in 2022

2025 BNP PARIBAS OPEN SINGLES SEEDS

SEED	PLAYER	2025 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	12-4 (Australian Open Final)	13-8 (2021, 2024 QF)
2	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	11-2 (Rotterdam Title)	16-2 (2023-24 Titles)
3	Taylor Fritz (USA)	8-4 (Delray Beach QF)	20-7 (2022 Title)
4	Casper Ruud (NOR)	10-2 (Dallas Final)	7-4 (2024 QF)
5	Daniil Medvedev	8-5 (Marseille SF)	16-7 (2023-24 Finals)
6	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-3 (Aus. Open SF)	51-10 (2008, 2011, 2014-16 Titles)
7	Andrey Rublev	9-5 (Doha Title)	9-6 (2022 SF)
8	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	8-4 (Dubai Title)	7-6 (2021 QF)
9	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	13-4 (Rotterdam Final)	7-6 (2021-22, 2024 4R)
10	Tommy Paul (USA)	10-3 (Adelaide, Dallas SF)	11-4 (2024 SF)
11	Ben Shelton (USA)	7-4 (Australian Open SF)	3-2 (2024 4R)
12	Holger Rune (DEN)	6-6 (Australian Open 4R)	4-4 (2024 QF)
13	Jack Draper (GBR)	7-2 (Doha Final)	3-2 (2023 4R)
14	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	3-4 (Brisbane SF)	14-11 (2021 SF)
15	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	4-2 (Hong Kong, Buenos Aires QF)	2-4 (2023 3R)
16	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	4-4 (4 times in 2R)	9-8 (2023 SF)
17	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	16-5 (Adelaide, Montpellier Title)	7-6 (2023 QF)
18	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	10-3 (Marseille Title)	3-4 (2023-24 3R)
19	Tomas Machac (CZE)	12-4 (Acapulco Title)	2-2 (2022, 2024 2R)
20	Arthur Fils (FRA)	5-4 (Hong Kong QF)	2-1 (2024 3R)
21	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	6-6 (Rotterdam SF)	10-5 (2019, 2021 QF)
22	Karen Khachanov	3-5 (Australian Open 3R)	7-7 (2019 QF)
23	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	13-4 (Brisbane Title)	4-2 (2024 QF)
24	Sebastian Korda (USA)	3-3 (Adelaide Final)	2-3 (2024 3R)
25	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	10-5 (Buenos Aires Final)	2-2 (2023-24 3R)
26	Alexei Popyrin (AUS)	1-5 (Dubai 2R)	3-4 (2019, 2021, 2023 2R)
27	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	10-4 (Dallas Title)	6-6 (2019 4R)
28	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	5-5 (Doha, Dubai QF)	3-5 (2022 4R)
29	Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA)	5-3 (Brisbane SF)	0-0 (Debut)
30	Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)	0-6 (3 times in 2R)	5-3 (2023 4R)
31	Alex Michelsen (USA)	10-6 (Delray Beach SF)	1-1 (2024 2R)
32	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	6-6 (Acapulco SF)	4-4 (2021-24 2R)

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

BNP PARIBAS OPEN	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128
Singles Ranking Points	1,000	650	400	200	100	50	30*	10^
Singles Prize Money (\$)	1,201,125	638,750	354,850	202,000	110,250	64,500	37,650	25,375
Doubles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	0	--	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	457,150	242,020	129,970	65,000	34,850	19,050		

* Singles players who receive a bye in R128 and lose in R64 earn 10 ranking points

^ Singles wild cards who lose in R128 earn 0 ranking points

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (27)

United States (17)	Nishesh Basavareddy, Tristan Boyer, Jenson Brooksby, Taylor Fritz, Marcos Giron, Sebastian Korda, Aleksandar Kovacevic, Mackenzie McDonald, Alex Michelsen, Brandon Nakashima, Reilly Opelka, Tommy Paul, Ethan Quinn, Ben Shelton, Colton Smith, Frances Tiafoe, Learner Tien
France (10)	Benjamin Bonzi, Arthur Fils, Hugo Gaston, Quentin Halys, Ugo Humbert, Gael Monfils, Corentin Moutet, Alexandre Muller, Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, Arthur Rinderknech
Australia (9)	Alex de Minaur, Rinky Hijikata, Nick Kyrgios, Christopher O'Connell, Alexei Popyrin, Jordan Thompson, Li Tu, Aleksandar Vukic, Adam Walton
Italy (9)	Matteo Arnaldi, Matteo Berrettini, Flavio Cobolli, Luciano Darderi, Matteo Gigante, Lorenzo Musetti, Luca Nardi, Lorenzo Sonego, Giulio Zeppieri
Spain (7)	Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carballes Baena, Roberto Carballes Baena, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pedro Martinez, Jaume Munar
Argentina (4)	Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Mariano Navone
Czechia (3)	Jiri Lehecka, Tomas Machac, Jakub Mensik
Great Britain (3)	Jack Draper, Jacob Fearnley, Cameron Norrie
Serbia (3)	Novak Djokovic, Miomir Kecmanovic, Dusan Lajovic
Belgium (2)	Zizou Bergs, David Goffin
Brazil (2)	Joao Fonseca, Thiago Seyboth Wild
Canada (2)	Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov
China (2)	Buyunchaokete, Zhang Zhizhen
Germany (2)	Jan-Lennard Struff, Alexander Zverev
Japan (2)	Kei Nishikori, Yosuke Watanuki
Kazakhstan (2)	Alexander Bublik, Alexander Shevchenko
Netherlands (2)	Tallon Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp
Poland (2)	Hubert Hurkacz, Kamil Majchrzak
Bosnia-Herzegovina (1)	Damir Dzumhur
Bulgaria (1)	Grigor Dimitrov
Chile (1)	Alejandro Tabilo
Denmark (1)	Holger Rune
Georgia (1)	Nikoloz Basilashvili
Greece (1)	Stefanos Tsitsipas
Hungary (1)	Fabian Marozsan
Norway (1)	Casper Ruud
Portugal (1)	Nuno Borges
	Karen Khachanov, Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev, Roman Safiullin

BNP PARIBAS OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2007)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	Daniil Medvedev	
2023	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	Daniil Medvedev	6-3 6-2
2022	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-3 7-6(5)
2021	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	3-6 6-4 6-1
2020	<i>Tournament Canceled</i>		
2019	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Roger Federer (SUI)	3-6 6-3 7-5
2018	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-4 6-7(8) 7-6(2)
2017	Roger Federer (SUI)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	6-4 7-5
2016	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	6-2 6-0
2015	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-3 6-7(5) 6-2
2014	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Roger Federer (SUI)	3-6 6-3 7-6(3)
2013	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	4-6 6-3 6-4
2012	Roger Federer (SUI)	John Isner (USA)	7-6(7) 6-3
2011	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	4-6 6-3 6-2
2010	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	Andy Roddick (USA)	7-6(3) 7-6(5)
2009	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-1 6-2
2008	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Mardy Fish (USA)	6-2 5-7 6-3
2007	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-2 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2025 BNP Paribas Open singles draw

BNP PARIBAS OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2007)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Wesley Koolhof / Nikola Mektic	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos	7-6(2) 7-6(4)
2023	Rohan Bopanna / Matthew Ebden	Wesley Koolhof / Neal Skupski	6-3 2-6 [10-8]
2022	John Isner / Jack Sock	Santiago Gonzalez / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	7-6(4) 6-3
2021	John Peers / Filip Polasek	Aslan Karatsev / Andrey Rublev	6-3 7-6(5)
2020	<i>Tournament Canceled</i>		
2019	Nikola Mektic / Horacio Zeballos	Lukasz Kubot / Marcelo Melo	4-6 6-4 [10-3]
2018	John Isner / Jack Sock	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	7-6(4) 7-6(2)
2017	Raven Klaasen / Rajeev Ram	Lukasz Kubot / Marcelo Melo	6-7(1) 6-4 [10-8]
2016	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	6-3 7-6(5)
2015	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	Simone Bolelli / Fabio Fognini	6-4 6-7(3) [10-7]
2014	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	6-4 6-3
2013	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Treat Huey / Jerzy Janowicz	6-3 3-6 [10-6]
2012	Marc Lopez / Rafael Nadal	John Isner / Sam Querrey	6-2 7-6(3)
2011	Alexandr Dolgoplov / Xavier Malisse	Roger Federer / Stan Wawrinka	6-4 6-7(5) [10-7]
2010	Marc Lopez / Rafael Nadal	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	7-6(8) 6-3
2009	Mardy Fish / Andy Roddick	Max Mirnyi / Andy Ram	3-6 6-1 [14-12]
2008	Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	6-4 6-4
2007	Martin Damm / Leander Paes	Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram	6-4 6-4

2025 BNP PARIBAS OPEN PROJECTED DOUBLES SEEDS

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM W-L & TITLES	2025 (INDIVIDUALLY)	EVENT (INDIVIDUALLY)
1	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Mate Pavic (CRO)	55-25 (4 Titles) 8-5 in 2025 (2 SFs)	9-5 (2 SFs) 9-5 (2 SFs)	3-4 (2021-22, 2024 2R) 10-6 (2018-19 SF)
2	Harri Heliövaara (FIN) Henry Patten (GBR)	52-16 (5 Titles) 13-4 in 2025 (1 Title)	13-4 (Aus. Open Title) 13-4 (Aus. Open Title)	2-1 (2023 QF) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Simone Bolelli (ITA) Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	66-31 (5 Titles) 14-3 in 2025 (2 Titles)	14-3 (2 Titles) 14-3 (2 Titles)	9-5 (2015 Final) 2-1 (2024 SF)
4	Marcel Granollers (ESP) Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	166-81 (10 Titles) 0-0 in 2025 (Debut)	0-0 (Season Debut) 1-3 (Davis Cup Win)	7-10 (2024 Final) 12-6 (2019 Title)
5	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Michael Venus (NZL)	6-5 - all in 2025 (2025 Auckland Title)	7-5 (Auckland Title) 6-5 (Auckland Title)	13-5 (2019, 2024 Titles) 10-6 (2021 SF)
6	Julian Cash (GBR) Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)	21-9 (3 Titles) 14-4 in 2025 (2 Titles)	14-4 (2 Titles) 14-4 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 4-2 (2023-24 QF)
7	Maximo Gonzalez (ARG) Andres Molteni (ARG)	83-53 (8 Titles) 6-5 in 2025 (1 Final)	6-5 (Santiago Final) 7-5 (Santiago Final)	1-3 (2021 2R) 1-2 (2022 2R)
8	Joe Salisbury (GBR) Neal Skupski (GBR)	19-10 (2 Titles) 6-5 in 2025 (1 Final)	6-5 (Doha Final) 6-5 (Doha Final)	5-5 (2022 SF) 5-5 (2023 Final)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

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Buyunchaokete (CHN) vs [WC] Nishesh Basavareddy (USA) First Meeting

Buyunchaokete | Age: 23 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 65 | 2025: 3-8 (Montpellier QF) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 5 junior earned 1st ranking point in January 2022, broke into Top 100 in September 2023 and achieved career-high No. 65 in December 2024.
 > Reached back-to-back ATP Tour SFs on home soil, losing to Zhang in first all-Chinese ATP Tour SF in Hangzhou and defeating No. 6 Rublev for biggest win of career to reach Beijing SF (l. to No. 1 Sinner).
 > Made tour-level debut at 2022 Davis Cup (l. to M. Cuevas) and ATP Tour debut at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai as WC, earning first career win over No. 45 Kecmanovic in 1R via RET.
 > Owns 61-36 Challenger record (3-2 in finals) with titles at 2023 Seoul, 2024 Wuxi and 2024 Granby.
 > He notes Andy Murray as his tennis idol and played against him at 2023 Surbiton CH, losing in straight sets.
 > Earned win over future-Top 10 player Rune en route to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles 3R and reached quarterfinals in boys' doubles at 2019 Roland Garros w/Khan and 2020 Australian Open w/Mitsui.

NOTE: Bu is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 event outside Shanghai (2023 2R, 2024 1R), aiming to become 4th Chinese man to win a main draw match in Indian Wells after Wu in 2023 and Shang and Zhang last year. 23-year-old is 0-5 vs. Americans on ATP Tour.

Nishesh Basavareddy | Age: 19 | World No. 101 (Career-High) | 2025: 3-4 (Auckland SF) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Peaked at No. 3 in junior rankings in January 2023, then broke Top 200 in September 2024, opting to leave college and turn professional in December 2024 and achieved career-high No. 101 in March 2025.
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Auckland as Q, upsetting defending champion No. 23 Tabilo for biggest win of career in 2R and countryman Michelsen in QF.
 > Made tour-level debut at 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals, going 1-2 in round robin, defeating No. 50 Shang for 1st win and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 Australian Open, losing to 10-time champion Djokovic in 1R.
 > Owns 50-20 Challenger record (2-5 in finals), capturing titles at 2024 Tiburon and Puerto Vallarta.
 > Spent two seasons playing college tennis for Stanford University, where he was a two-time ITA All-American.
 > Won 2022 US Open boys' doubles title w/Baris, becoming fifth all-American team to win the US Open boys' doubles title this century.

NOTE: Basavareddy is making his ATP Masters 1000 debut this week, looking to join Fritz, Tiafoe and Michelsen as only American teenagers to record a main draw win in Indian Wells in last 12 editions of the event (since 2013). 19-year-old earned all 3 ATP Tour wins this year en route to 1st ATP Tour SF in Auckland.

Roman Safiullin vs [WC] Reilly Opelka (USA)

First Meeting

Tennis Data Innovations Insights uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/news-filter-results/insights>

Insights from their 52-wk averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Roman Safiullin	25%	68%	32%	7.9	6.1	7.4	6.7
Reilly Opelka	31%	65%	25%	9.1	5.5	6.7	5.4
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>

Opelka's 9.1 serve quality average is number 2 on Tour, with only Mpetshi Perricard ahead of him. In Attack will be significant in this one, Opelka will want to serve well and dominate In Attack, while Safiullin will hope to keep the In Attack score close and force Opelka into more neutral play.

Roman Safiullin | Age: 27 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 36 | 2025: 0-5 (5x 1R) | Indian Wells: 1-2 (2024 2R)
 > Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 36 in January 2024.
 > Posted personal-best 20 wins in 2023, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Chengdu and win over No. 2 Alcaraz at ATP Masters 1000 Paris to reach 3R as Q.
 > As World No. 92 in Wimbledon main draw debut, became lowest-ranked quarter-finalist since Kyrgios in 2014.
 > Defeated 2-time champion and World No. 4 Tsitsipas to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Marseille, and advanced to 2nd SF on indoor hard courts at 2022 Tel Aviv.
 > Went 105-21 with 11 titles on ITF Junior Circuit, posting wins over Medvedev, Rublev and Khachanov before ending junior career as 2015 Australian Open champion.

NOTE: Safiullin looks for his first ATP Tour win since defeating Fognini in Belgrade 1R in November (0-6 since). In his last ATP Masters 1000 event, earned wins over No. 27 Bublik and No. 17 Tiafoe to reach Shanghai 4R and equal his best result at this level (also R16 at 2023 Paris).

Reilly Opelka | Age: 27 | World No. 114 | Career-High No. 17 | 2025: 8-4 (Brisbane Final) | Indian Wells: 3-5 (2022 4R)
 > Former Wimbledon junior champion became No. 1 American in June 2021 and achieved career-high No. 17 in February 2022 before undergoing hip surgery later that year.
 > Defeated Isner for 4th ATP 250 title on American soil at 2022 Houston after beating him 7-6(7) 7-6(22) en route to 2022 Dallas title, winning longest tiebreak in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
 > At 2020 Delray Beach, saved 1 MP vs. Raonic and defeated Nishioka on same day to win 2nd title.
 > At 2019 New York, saved 6 MPs and hit 43 aces vs. Isner in SF, then hit 43 more aces vs. Schnur in final to win 1st title.
 > Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2021 Toronto for biggest win of career and to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final and defeated No. 7 Djokovic en route to 2025 Brisbane final to break Serbian's 34-match winning streak vs. Americans.

NOTE: Opelka is making his sixth appearance at Indian Wells, first since reaching 2022 4R (l. to No. 4 Nadal). 27-year-old now looks for first ATP Masters 1000 win since defeating No. 13 Shapovalov in 3R in that same Indian Wells run three years ago (0-6 since).

Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs [Q] Yosuke Watanuki (JPN)

First Meeting

Alexander Bublik | Age: 27 | World No. 82 | Career-High No. 17 | 2025: 2-7 (Montpellier QF) | Indian Wells: 2-3 ('22, '24 3R)
 > Achieved career-high No. 17 in May 2024 after becoming 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.
 > Defeated five Top 25 players in as many matches including No. 9 Sinner in QF and No. 7 Rublev in final to earn biggest of 4 ATP Tour titles at 2023 Halle.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Montpellier final for 1st ATP Tour title in 5th final.
 > Runner-up at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya, 2021 Singapore, 2022 Newport, 2022 Metz and 2024 Dubai.
 > Posted personal-best 35 wins in 2021 and advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at Miami and Madrid.

> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik is making his fourth consecutive main draw appearance in Indian Wells, highlighted by win over former finalist Murray in 2022 2R, and looks for first outdoor win of 2025. He fell 31 spots to No. 82 on Monday after losing in Dubai 1R as 2024 finalist, his lowest ranking since July 2019. He is 2-0 after winning 1st set in 2025 (0-7 after losing).

Yosuke Watanuki | Age: 26 | World No. 349 | Career-High No. 72 | 2025: 0-0 (1 CH QF) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (2023 Q1)
> Broke into Top 200 in November 2018 and Top 100 in July 2023, achieving career-high No. 72 in October 2023 soon after defeating No. 12 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career at 2023 Washington.
> Qualified for 2023 Australian Open in 8th Grand Slam qualifying attempt, defeating Rinderknech for 1st Grand Slam win after ending 2022 on 10-match winning streak on Challenger tour with titles at 2022 Kobe and 2022 Yokkaichi.
> Posted 1st ATP Tour win at 2018 Tokyo as Q (d. Haase) after making an ATP Tour debut at 2018 Washington as Q and squandering 1 MP vs. Medvedev and reached his 1st ATP Tour QF at 2022 Lyon as LL.
> Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings in March 2016. Went 104-39 on ITF Junior Circuit, including wins over fellow #NextGenATP players de Minaur, Kecmanovic, Ruud and Tsitsipas.
> Father, Hirotsugu, and mother, Chizuru, are tennis coaches. Brothers are Keisuke, who is his coach and Yusuke, who also plays tennis.

NOTE: Watanuki entered qualifying draw with a protected ranking, ousting No. 1 seed Bellucci in Q1 (6-1 6-2) and WC Quan in Q2 (6-3 6-2) to make his first ATP Tour main draw since his run to ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R in October. 26-year-old aims to extend his perfect 4-0 record in ATP Masters 1000 first rounds.

STADIUM 2

Jaume Munar (ESP) vs Kei Nishikori (JPN)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

24 Genoa CH (Italy)

Clay

QF

Jaume Munar

2-6 7-5 6-3

Insights from their 52-wk averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Jaume Munar	20%	69%	35%	7.3	6.2	7.5	7.2
Kei Nishikori	25%	71%	29%	7.0	6.5	7.5	7.0
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>

Nishikori and Munar exhibit notable differences in shot distribution and speed. Nishikori averages 17% of his shots through the middle of the court, while Munar hits 24%. On speed, Nishikori also leads, with an average forehand speed of 76 mph and backhand speed of 70 mph, compared to Munar's 72 mph forehand and 67 mph backhand. These factors contribute to Nishikori's 5% advantage in attack. However, both players show similar shot quality, due to Munar demonstrating greater consistency: he lands 87% of his forehands and backhands, while Nishikori hits 81% of forehands and 84% of backhands.

Jaume Munar | Age: 27 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 52 | 2025: 7-4 (2 SFs) | Indian Wells: 2-5 (2022 3R)

> Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.

> Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.

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

> Earned 2 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.

> Owns 141-71 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 earned both previous Indian Wells wins over No. 543 Shang and No. 16 Carreno Busta, saving 3 MPs, to reach 2022 3R. In his only previous meeting vs. Nishikori, he rallied from 2-6 0-4 to win the match.

Kei Nishikori | Age: 35 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 4 | 2025: 6-5 (Hong Kong Final) | Indian Wells: 12-11 (2016-17 QF)
> Top Asian men's player in history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.
> Earned biggest of 447 career wins over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.
> Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.
> Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist, four-time Nitto ATP Finals qualifier and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.
> Owns 2nd-highest winning percentage among active players in deciding sets behind Djokovic (154-60, .720) and 3rd-highest winning percentage among active players in fifth sets (29-6, .784), trailing Alcaraz and Djokovic.

NOTE: Nishikori is making his 12th appearance in Indian Wells, tied for 3rd-most among players in 2025 field. He debuted as No. 126-ranked Q in 2008 (l. to Cilic in 1R) and playing for first time since 2021. Japanese No. 2 earned 4 ATP Masters 1000 wins last year, highlighted by win over No. 11 Tsitsipas en route to Montreal QF.

Most Indian Wells Main Draw Appearances in 2025 Field

Player	Appearances
Novak Djokovic	16 (2006-19, 2024-25)
Gael Monfils	16 (2005-10, 2014, 2016-19, 2021-25)
Grigor Dimitrov	12 (2012-18, 2021-25)
Kei Nishikori	12 (2008-09, 2011-17, 2019, 2021, 2025)
Roberto Bautista Agut	11 (2013-19, 2021-23, 2025)

Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Luca Nardi (ITA)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R64 Cameron Norrie

Norrie Leads 1-0

6-4 6-4

Cameron Norrie | Age: 29 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 8 | 2025: 5-6 (2 QFs) | Indian Wells: 13-5 (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.
> Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before beating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup and No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro final for biggest wins 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 is one of 4 former champions in this year's draw (also Alcaraz, Djokovic, Fritz) and is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 main draw since Rome last May (d. Munar in 2R, l. to Tsitsipas in 3R). 29-year-old reached quarter-finals in 3 of last 4 Indian Wells editions (2021 Title, 2022-23 QF, 2024 3R).

Luca Nardi | Age: 21 | World No. 67 (Career-High) | 2025: 4-5 (Dubai QF) | Indian Wells: 2-1 (2024 4R)
> Broke into Top 200 in April 2022, Top 100 in March 2024, then achieved career-high No. 67 in March 2025 after advancing to his 1st ATP Tour QF in Dubai as LL.
> Entered 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells as No. 123-ranked LL to become lowest-ranked player to defeat No. 1 Djokovic at an ATP Masters 1000 or Grand Slam event in his career.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Astana as Q after appearing in main draws of 2020 Antwerp as Q and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome as WC and 2022 Hamburg as Q.
> Owns 92-61 Challenger record (7-4 in finals), winning 1st title on home soil at Forlì-1.
> Coming from same hometown as Moto GP legend Valentino Rossi, he notes riding motorcycles as his biggest passion outside tennis.

NOTE: In Indian Wells last year, Nardi entered the draw as LL, before defeating No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career and now seeks 1st hard court ATP Masters 1000 win since that win. Achieved career-high No. 67 on PIF ATP Rankings on Monday after reaching his 1st ATP Tour QF in Dubai last week as LL.

STADIUM 3

Corentin Moutet (FRA) vs Jordan Thompson (AUS)

First Meeting

Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs [Q] Kamil Majchrzak (POL)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

15 Turkiye F12 (Turkiye) Hard R32 Zhang Zhizhen

6-3 6-4

STADIUM 4

[WC] Tristan Boyer (USA) vs Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

First Meeting

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

Griekspoor Leads 2-1

24 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands) Grass R32 Tallon Griekspoor
24 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R64 Miomir Kecmanovic
24 Beijing (China) Hard R32 Tallon Griekspoor

6-7(3) 7-6(7) 7-6(3)
4-6 7-6(7) 1-6 6-2 6-3
6-7(3) 6-4 6-3

Marcos Giron (USA) vs [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

First Meeting

STADIUM 5

Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) vs Alexandre Muller (FRA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

18 Tampere CH Q (Finland) Clay Q1 Alexandre Muller

6-4 6-7(4) 6-1

Fabian Marozsan (HUN) vs Pedro Martinez (ESP)

First Meeting

Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) vs [Q] Damir Dzumhur (BIH)

Bautista Agut Leads 1-0

17 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.) Hard F Roberto Bautista Agut

6-4 6-4

STADIUM 7

Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs Christopher O'Connell (AUS) **Carballes Baena Leads 1-0**

24 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R128 R. Carballes Baena 6-7(7) 5-0 RET

[Q] Colton Smith (USA) vs Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

First Meeting

Zizou Bergs (BEL) vs [Q] Ethan Quinn (USA)

First Meeting