



VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – 21 JUNE 2021

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VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE TALKING POINTS

- The Viking International Eastbourne is led by the Top 20 duo of No. 16 **Gael Monfils** and No. 18 **Alex de Minaur**. Monfils reached the Eastbourne final in 2017 (l. to Djokovic) and de Minaur is making his second tournament appearance (1R in 2018).
- The top seed **Monfils** is 40-29 in his career on grass and the 34-year-old Frenchman is closing in on the 500 Wins Club. He has 495 career wins coming into Eastbourne.
- No. 2 seed **de Minaur** comes into Eastbourne after a QF in Stuttgart and SF at London/Queen's Club in the past two weeks. The No. 1 Aussie opened the season by winning his fourth career ATP Tour title in Antalya and he is a career-high No. 18 in this week's FedEx ATP Rankings. He first reached this ranking on 28 October 2019.
- No. 3 seed **Lorenzo Sonego** captured his second career ATP Tour title on home soil in Cagliari in April and the No. 3 Italian is making his Eastbourne debut. He won his first career ATP Tour title on grass in Antalya two years ago.
- There are five British players in the main draw, led by **Cameron Norrie**, who is coming off his third ATP Tour final of the season at London/Queen's Club (l. to Berrettini). The British No. 2 is one of the most improved players this season and he is a career-high No. 34 in this week's FedEx ATP Rankings.
- Norrie, who is the No. 9 seed this week, is No. 3 on the ATP Tour this season with a career-best 29 wins. He is looking for his first career ATP Tour title. He is 4-3 in Eastbourne with a QF in 2018.

Most Wins on ATP Tour in 2021

1	Stefanos Tsitsipas	39
2	Andrey Rublev	33
3	Cameron Norrie	29
4	Novak Djokovic	27
5	Matteo Berrettini	26

VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EASTBOURNE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Gael Monfils (FRA)	2-7 (Lyon, Roland Garros 2R)	6-3 (2017 Final)
2	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	16-13 (Antalya Title)	0-1 (2018 1R)
3	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	15-12 (Cagliari Title)	0-0 (Debut)
4 W/D	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	19-16 (Doha, Munich Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Reilly Opelka (USA)	8-11 (Rome SF)	0-1 (2019 1R)
6	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	19-11 (Estoril SF)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Alberto Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	18-12 (Estoril Title)	1-3 (2013 2R)
8	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	20-15 (Antalya, Singapore Finals)	0-0 (Debut)
9	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	29-13 (Estoril, Lyon, Queen's Finals)	4-3 (2018 QF)

Tournament History
Singles Final
Qualifiers (4)
Wild Cards (3)
Oldest Player
Youngest Player
Tournament Records

Previously held since 1995 (in Nottingham from 1995-2008, Eastbourne (2009-**current**) Saturday 26 June (not before) 2:30 p.m.
 James Duckworth AUS), Ilya Ivashka (BLR), Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ), Mikael Ymer (SWE)
 Liam Broady (GBR), Jay Clarke (GBR), James Ward (GBR)
 Andreas Seppi (37)
 Alexei Popyrin (21)
Most Wins – Jonas Bjorkman, Greg Rusedski (24)
Most Titles – Five players with (2)
Youngest Champion – Richard Gasquet, 19, in 2005
Oldest Champion – Feliciano Lopez, 32, in 2014
Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 4 Novak Djokovic in 2017
Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 92 Denis Istomin in 2015

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14) –

Australia (5) Alex de Minaur, James Duckworth, John Millman, Alexei Popyrin, Max Purcell
Great Britain (5) Liam Broady, Jay Clarke, Alastair Gray, Cameron Norrie, James Ward
France (2) Gael Monfils, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
Italy (2) Andreas Seppi, Lorenzo Sonogo
Kazakhstan (2) Alexander Bublik, Mikhail Kukushkin
Spain (2) Alejandro Davidovich-Fokina, Albert Ramos-Vinolas
United States (2) Reilly Opelka, Frances Tiafoe
Belarus (2) Egor Gerasimov, Ilya Ivashka
Canada (1) Vasek Pospisil
Finland (1) Emil Ruusuvuori
Hungary (1) Marton Fucsovics
Japan (1) Yoshihito Nishioka
Slovenia (1) Aljaz Bedene
Sweden (1) Mikael Ymer

VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EASTBOURNE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavic (CRO)	38-5 (6 Titles w/Pavic) 38-6 (6 Titles w/Mektic)	0-0 (Debut) 0-1 (2016 1R w/Venus)
2	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) Robert Farah (COL)	21-10 (Dubai, Barcelona Titles w/Farah) 21-10 (Dubai, Barcelona Titles w/Cabal)	5-5 (2019 Title w/Farah) 5-4 (2019 Title w/Cabal)
3	Rajeev Ram (USA) Joe Salisbury (GBR)	18-10 (AO, Rome Finals w/Salisbury) 18-10 (AO, Rome Finals w/Ram)	1-2 (2018 QF w/Dodig) 1-2 (2018 QF w/Clayton)
4	Fabrice Martin (FRA) Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	12-18 (Melbourne-2 Final w/Chardy) 10-11 (Montpellier Title w/Kontinen)	4-3 (2016 SF w/Marach, 2019 SF w/Roger-V) 4-2 (2018 SF w/Lindstedt, 2019 SF w/Martin)

Doubles Final: Friday 25 June not before at 2:00 p.m.

FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Viking International Eastbourne	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	53,680	38,485	27,400	18,265	11,740	7,065
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	34,510	18,590	10,560	6,030	3,550	--

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

VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE SINGLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	CANCELLED	NOT HELD	
2019	Taylor Fritz (USA)	Sam Querrey (USA)	6-3 6-4
2018	Mischa Zverev (GER)	Lukas Lacko (SVK)	6-4 6-4
2017	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-3 6-4
2016	Steve Johnson (USA)	Pablo Cuevas (URU)	7-6(5) 7-5
2015	Denis Istomin (UZB)	Sam Querrey (USA)	7-6(1) 7-6(6)
2014	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	6-3 6-7(5) 7-5
2013	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	Gilles Simon (FRA)	7-6(2) 6-7(5) 6-0
2012	Andy Roddick (USA)	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	6-3 6-2
2011	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	7-6(5) 3-6 5-3 ret.
2010	Michael Llodra (FRA)	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	7-5 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2021 Viking International Eastbourne singles draw.

VIKING INTERNATIONAL EASTBOURNE DOUBLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	CANCELLED	NOT HELD	
2019	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	Maximo Gonzalez/Horacio Zeballos	3-6 7-6(4) [10-6]
2018	Luke Bambridge/Jonny O'Mara +	Ken Skupski/Neal Skupski	7-5 6-4
2017	Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	Rohan Bopanna/Andre Sa	6-7(4) 6-4 [10-3]
2016	Dominic Inglot/Daniel Nestor	Ivan Dodig/Marcelo Melo	7-5 7-6(4)
2015	Chris Guccione/Andre Sa	Pablo Cuevas/David Marrero	6-2 7-5
2014	Treat Huey/Dominic Inglot	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	7-5 5-7 [10-8]
2013	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	Colin Fleming/Jonathan Marray	3-6 6-3 [10-8]
2012	Colin Fleming/Ross Hutchins	Jamie Delgado/ Ken Skupski	6-4 6-3
2011	Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram	Grigor Dimitrov/Andreas Seppi	6-3 6-3
2010	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski	Colin Fleming/ Ken Skupski	6-3 5-7 [10-8]

BOLD: Player in 2021 Viking International Eastbourne doubles draw. + Not playing together this year

ATP HEAD2HEADS: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR) **Gerasimov Leads 1-0**
21 Barcelona (Spain) Clay R64 Egor Gerasimov 7-5 6-1

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga | Age: 36 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 5 | 2021: 1-6 (Marseille 2R) | Tournament: 1-1 (2011 2R)
> Enjoyed 12 weeks at career-high No. 5 in 2012 and remains highest-ranked Frenchman since 2002, when Grosjean spent 1 week in Top 5.

> Won 10 of his 18 ATP Tour titles in France (4 Metz, 3 Marseille, 1 Paris, 1 Lyon, 1 Montpellier).

> One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Nadal and Federer when each were No. 1 (also Del Potro, Murray) and 1 of 3 men to beat Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Murray at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Wawrinka).

> Reached 1st of 6 Grand Slam SFs at 2008 Australian Open as World No. 38, where he routed Nadal 6-2 6-3 6-2 in SF and remains lowest-ranked Grand Slam finalist since No. 54 Baghdatis at 2006 Australian Open.

> Captured ATP Masters 1000 titles at 2008 Paris and 2014 Toronto, defeating Djokovic, Murray and Federer en route to Toronto title.

NOTE: Tsonga is looking to break a five-match losing streak since his only win over Lopez in Marseille 1R in March. Has a 51-23 career record on grass, including 32-11 at Wimbledon with best result SFs in 2011-12.

Egor Gerasimov | Age: 28 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 65 | 2021: 9-12 (Montpellier SF) | Tournament: 0-0
 > Achieved career-high No. 65 in February 2020 after defeating No. 10 Goffin at Marseille for biggest win of career.
 > Earlier that month, advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at Pune.
 > Earned 7 wins in 8 days across 2 countries en route to 1st SF at 2019 St. Petersburg (2 Davis Cup, 2 qualifying, 3 main draw).
 > Qualified at a Grand Slam for 1st time in 14th attempt at 2019 US Open and defeated Harris in 1R.
 > Owns 6-1 record in Challenger finals, including 2019 Recanati title.

NOTE: The No. 1 player from Belarus is playing in his first career ATP Tour main draw grass court tournament. His best result of the season was the SFs in Montpellier (l. to Goffin) in February.

John Millman (AUS) vs [WC] Jay Clarke (GBR)

First Meeting

John Millman | Age: 32 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 33 | 2021: 9-13 (Munich QF) | Tournament: 3-3 (2018 QF)
 > After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33 on 15 October.
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul in QF en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan (d. Mannarino).
 > Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
 > Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
 > In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime and Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Millman is 9-13 this season (7-6 on clay, 1-1 on grass, 1-6 on hard) with his best result a QF in Munich. Has a 11-14 career record on grass.

Jay Clarke | Age: 22 | World No. 230 | Career-High No. 153 | 2021: 0-0 (4-11 Challenger) | Tournament: 1-2 (2018 2R)
 > Reached a career-high No. 153 on 22 July 2019.
 > Playing in first tour level main draw match since 2019 Wimbledon (l. to Federer in 2R).
 > Has a 2-6 career record in tour level play, all in British grass tournaments, reaching 2R at 2018 Eastbourne (d. R. Harrison, l. to Norrie) and 2019 Wimbledon (d. Rubin, l. to Federer).
 > Has a 4-11 record on ATP Challenger Tour this season with best result QF at Biella-5.
 > Has a 59-61 career Challenger record (34-32 on hard, 22-20 on clay, 3-9 on grass). Won titles at 2018 Binghamton, USA on hard and 2019 Anning, CHN on clay.

NOTE: Coming into Eastbourne, Clarke lost in 1R at Nottingham Challenger (l. to Anderson) and 2R at Nottingham-2 (d. Cressy, l. to Gasquet).

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Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [7] Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)

First Meeting

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 22 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 74 | 2021: 8-9 (Miami 4R) | Tournament: 0-0
 > Former World No. 4 junior achieved career-high No. 74 after beating No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.
 > In 2020, advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at Nur-Sultan after making victorious ATP debut at Montpellier as Q (d. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene in 5).
 > Owns 5 wins as member of Finnish Davis Cup team, including upset of No. 5 Thiem in 2019 (AUT d. FIN 3-2).
 > Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.
 > Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

NOTE: The Finnish No. 1 is playing in his first career main draw grass court match and looking to break a four-match losing streak since a 3R win over Ymer at ATP Masters 1000 Miami in March.

Albert Ramos-Vinolas | Age: 33 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 17 | 2021: 18-12 (Estoril Title) | Tourn.: 1-3 (2013 2R)
 > Achieved career-high No. 17 in 2017 and is 1 of 4 left-handed Spaniards to finish each of last 10 seasons in Top 100 (also Lopez, Nadal, Verdasco).
 > Nine-time finalist on ATP Tour, winning 1st title at 2016 Bastad and 2nd title at 2019 Gstaad.
 > Advanced to 3R, 4R and QF of a Grand Slam for 1st time at 2016 Roland Garros.
 > Reached QF, SF and final of an ATP Masters 1000 event for 1st time at 2017 Monte Carlo, earning biggest career win over World No. 1 Murray in 3R from 0-4 down in 3rd set.
 > Defeated defending champion Federer in 2015 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 2R for 1st win in 16 tries vs. Top 10.

NOTE: Ramos-Vinolas is 17-8 on clay this season (1-3 on hard) with his third career ATP Tour title in Estoril (d. Norrie) and finalist in Cordoba (l. to J.M. Cerundolo). Has 6-13 career record on grass with five wins at Wimbledon.

[6] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs [Q] Mikael Ymer (SWE) Ymer Leads 1-0

19 Bastad (Sweden)	Clay	R32	Mikael Ymer	4-6	7-5	6-0
Other meeting:						
20 Doha Q (Qatar)	Hard	--	Mikael Ymer	3-6	7-5	6-4

A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 22 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 35 | 2021: 19-11 (Estoril SF) | Tourn: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Spaniard broke into Top 50 at No. 48 in April 2021 and reached a career-high No. 35 on 14 June.
 > Advanced to first career ATP Masters 1000 QF in Monte Carlo (d. No. 10 Berrettini, ret. vs. Tsitsipas) and first Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (d. Ruud in 5 sets, l. to Zverev).
 > Reached SFs at 2019 Estoril as Q in his 2nd ATP Tour main draw, 2020 Cologne-1 and 2021 Estoril.
 > Advanced to 2020 US Open 4R and defeated No. 10 Berrettini for biggest win of career en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo QF.
 > Youngest Spaniard to be ranked in Top 50, reach an ATP Masters 1000 QF and play in a Grand Slam 4R since Nadal in 2007-08.
 > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.

NOTE: Spaniard has already won a career-best 19 matches, surpassing last year's total (13). In only previous main draw grass court match, lost in 1R at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Goffin).

Mikael Ymer | Age: 22 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 67 | 2021: 6-7 (Three Times 3R) | Tournament: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Competed at 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals and achieved career-high No. 67 in 2020, becoming highest-ranked Swede since No. 67 Soderling in 2012.
 > Captured 2016 Stockholm doubles title with his older brother Elias as an unranked WC, defeating Pavic/Venus 6-1 6-1 in final.
 > Defeated former junior rival Hurkacz in 5 sets en route to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2021 Australian Open.
 > Peaked at No. 3 and went 98-33 in juniors with run to 2015 Wimbledon final and wins over future Top-20 ATP players Auger-Aliassime, Hurkacz, Ruud and Shapovalov.
 > Speaks Swedish, English and Ethiopian because both of his parents are from Ethiopia.

NOTE: No. 1 Swede has reached the 3R in three tournaments this season: Australian Open (d. Hurkacz, l. to Tsitsipas), ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Ruusuvuori) and Roland Garros (d. Monfils, l. to Sinner). Playing first career main draw grass court match.