



## ARGENTINA OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022

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### 2022 ARGENTINA OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	BUENOS AIRES W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Casper Ruud (NOR)	2-1 (2-1 at ATP Cup)	5-0 (2020 Title)
2	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	5-3 (Cordoba SF)	14-6 (2021 Title)
3	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	5-3 (Sydney, Cordoba QF)	1-2 (2019 2R)
4	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	1-2 (Sydney 2R)	9-12 (2014 Final)
5	Dusan Lajovic (SRB)	2-5 (Sydney, Aus. Open 2R)	4-5 (2016, 2020 QF)
6	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	2-4 (2-1 at ATP Cup)	12-11 (2018 SF)
7	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	5-1 (Cordoba Title)	15-11 (2021 SF)
8	Laslo Djere (SRB)	2-2 (Adelaide-1 QF)	3-2 (2021 QF)

<b>Tournament History</b>	2001-Present (22nd Edition in 2022)
<b>Singles Final</b>	Sunday 13 February not before 4 pm
<b>Wild Cards (3)</b>	Sebastian Baez (ARG), Juan Martin del Potro (ARG), Holger Rune (DEN)
<b>Qualifiers (4)</b>	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG), Hugo Dellien (BOL), Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG), Nicolas Jarry (CHI)
<b>Special Exempts (2)</b>	Juan Ignacio Londero (ARG), Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)
<b>Protected Rankings (3)</b>	Pablo Andujar (PR-57), Pablo Cuevas (PR-73), Fernando Verdasco (PR-74)
<b>Oldest Player</b>	Fernando Verdasco (38)
<b>#NextGenATP (1)</b>	Holger Rune (18)
<b>Tournament Records</b>	<u>Most Titles</u> – David Ferrer (3) <u>Most Wins</u> – Nicolas Almagro (29) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Casper Ruud, 21, in 2020 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – David Ferrer, 31, in 2014 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 2 Gustavo Kuerten in 2001 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 90 Nicolas Massu in 2002 <u>Last Argentine Champion</u> – Diego Schwartzman in 2021

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (11)

<b>Argentina (9)</b>	Sebastian Baez, Facundo Bagnis, Francisco Cerundolo, Federico Coria, Juan Martin del Potro, Federico Delbonis, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Juan Ignacio Londero, Diego Schwartzman
<b>Spain (6)</b>	Pablo Andujar, Roberto Carballes Baena, Pedro Martinez, Jaume Munar, Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Fernando Verdasco
<b>Serbia (3)</b>	Laslo Djere, Miomir Kecmanovic, Dusan Lajovic
<b>Chile (2)</b>	Nicolas Jarry, Alejandro Tabilo
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Fabio Fognini, Lorenzo Sonego
<b>Bolivia (1)</b>	Hugo Dellien
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Thiago Monteiro
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Holger Rune
<b>France (1)</b>	Benoit Paire
<b>Norway (1)</b>	Casper Ruud
<b>Uruguay (1)</b>	Pablo Cuevas

### ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Argentina Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	91,600	53,435	31,410	18,205	10,570	6,460
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	31,830	17,030	9,970	5,580	3,290	--

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

## 2022 ARGENTINA OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Simone Bolelli (ITA) Maximo Gonzalez (ARG)	33-19 (3 Titles in 2021)	7-3 (Sydney Final) 4-2 (Cordoba SF)	7-3 (2013 Title) 11-12 (2019 Title)
2	Fabio Fognini (ITA) Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	0-0 (Team Debut)	7-2 (Sydney Final) 4-1 (Aus. Open SF)	8-5 (2013 Title) 24-7 (4 Titles)
3	Ariel Behar (URU) Gonzalo Escobar (ECU)	46-38 (2 Titles in 2021)	7-3 (Adelaide-2 Final) 7-3 (Adelaide-2 Final)	3-3 (2021 Final) 3-2 (2021 Final)
4	Tomislav Brkic (BIH) Nikola Cacic (SRB)	30-23 (2021 Buenos Aires Title)	4-3 (Adelaide-1 & 2 SF) 4-3 (Adelaide-2 SF)	3-0 (2021 Title) 3-0 (2021 Title)

Doubles Final: Sunday 13 February at 2 pm

## ARGENTINA OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	<b>Diego Schwartzman (ARG)</b>	<b>Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)</b>	6-1 6-2
2020	<b>Casper Ruud (NOR)</b>	Pedro Sousa (POR)	6-1 6-4
2019	Marco Cecchinato (ITA)	<b>Diego Schwartzman (ARG)</b>	6-1 6-2
2018	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Aljaz Bedene (SLO)	6-2 6-4
2017	Alexandr Dolgoplov (UKR)	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	7-6(4) 6-4
2016	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	7-6(2) 3-6 7-6(4)
2015	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Juan Monaco (ARG)	6-4 6-1
2014	David Ferrer (ESP)	<b>Fabio Fognini (ITA)</b>	6-4 6-3
2013	David Ferrer (ESP)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	6-4 3-6 6-1
2012	David Ferrer (ESP)	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	4-6 6-3 6-2
2011	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	Juan Ignacio Chela (ARG)	6-3 3-6 6-4
2010	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	David Ferrer (ESP)	5-7 6-4 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Argentina Open singles draw

## ARGENTINA OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	<b>Tomislav Brkic/Nikola Cacic</b>	<b>Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar</b>	6-3 7-5
2020	Marcel Granollers/ <b>Horacio Zeballos</b>	Guillermo Duran/Juan Ignacio Londero	6-4 5-7 [18-16]
2019	<b>Maximo Gonzalez/Horacio Zeballos</b>	Diego Schwartzman/Dominic Thiem	6-1 6-1
2018	<b>Andres Molteni/Horacio Zeballos</b>	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	6-3 5-7 [10-3]
2017	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	<b>Santiago Gonzalez/David Marrero</b>	6-1 6-4
2016	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	Inigo Cervantes/Paolo Lorenzi	6-3 6-0
2015	Jarkko Nieminen/Andre Sa	<b>Pablo Andujar/Oliver Marach</b>	4-6 6-4 [10-7]
2014	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	Pablo Cuevas/ <b>Horacio Zeballos</b>	7-5 6-4
2013	<b>Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini</b>	Nicholas Monroe/Simon Stadler	6-3 6-2
2012	David Marrero/Fernando Verdasco	Michal Mertinak/Andre Sa	6-4 6-4
2011	Oliver Marach/Leonardo Mayer	Franco Ferreiro/Andre Sa	7-6(6) 6-3
2010	Sebastian Prieto/ <b>Horacio Zeballos</b>	Simon Greul/Peter Luczak	7-6(4) 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Argentina Open doubles draw – Brkic/Cacic and Behar/Escobar remain intact.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### COURT GUILLERMO VILAS

#### Benoit Paire (FRA) vs [5] Dusan Lajovic (SRB)

16 Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Dusan Lajovic	6-0 4-6 6-3
16 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Benoit Paire	6-2 2-6 3-6 7-5 6-1
20 ATP Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Benoit Paire	6-2 6-7(6) 6-4
21 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Dusan Lajovic	6-3 7-5 2-6 6-4

#### Series Tied 2-2

**Benoit Paire** | Age: 32 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 18 | 2022: 2-4 (Aus. Open 3R) | Event: 1-2 (2012 2R)  
 > Rose 99 spots during season to end 2015 at No. 19, then reached career-high No. 18 in January 2016.  
 > In 2015, won 1st ATP Tour singles title (Bastad), 3 Challenger titles and 1 Futures title to become 1st player to sweep titles at all 3 levels since Darcis in 2007.  
 > Earned personal-best 34 wins in 2019, adding 2 more ATP Tour titles at Marrakech and Lyon.  
 > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 4 occasions, including at 2015 US Open after saving 2 MPs to defeat 2014 finalist Nishikori in 1R.  
 > Defeated No. 3 Wawrinka for biggest win of career at 2017 Madrid, lost to Wawrinka in biggest of 9 career finals at 2015 Tokyo and teamed w/Wawrinka for lone doubles title at 2013 Chennai.

**NOTE:** Looking for his first win in Buenos Aires since 2012 (d. Marti).

**Dusan Lajovic** | Age: 31 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 23 | 2022: 2-5 (2 times in 2R) | Event: 4-5 (2 times in QF)  
 > Achieved career-high No. 23 after defeating No. 5 Thiem en route to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.  
 > Entered Monte Carlo as World No. 48 and became lowest-ranked finalist there since No. 53 Arazi in 2001.  
 > Won 1st ATP Tour singles title at 2019 Umag, doubles title at 2015 Istanbul w/Albot and team title at 2020 ATP Cup as member of Team Serbia.  
 > Advanced to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2014 Roland Garros, losing to 13-time champion Nadal.  
 > Qualified 10 times at ATP Masters 1000 events, including series debut at 2014 Indian Wells.

**NOTE:** Lajovic won their only meeting on clay, in an otherwise tied head-to-head at 2-2.

#### [Q] Hugo Dellien (BOL) vs [PR] Fernando Verdasco (ESP)

#### First Meeting

**Hugo Dellien** | Age: 28 | World No. 103 | Career-High No. 72 | 2022: 0-1 (Cordoba 1R) | Event: 0-1 (2020 1R)  
 > Broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 72 in 2020, becoming highest-ranked Bolivian since No. 67 Martinez in 1983 (career-high No. 32).  
 > Earned 1st ATP Tour win of career at age 25 en route to 2019 Rio de Janeiro QF as Q (d. Andreozzi in 1R).  
 > Won 10 straight qualifying matches to end 2019, qualifying at Barcelona, ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, Hamburg, Kitzbuhel and Basel.  
 > Owns 124-80 Challenger record with 7 titles, highlighted by 21-1 run with 3 titles from 16 April-7 June 2018.  
 > Went 117-36 on ITF Junior Circuit and peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings during 2011 season.

**NOTE:** Looking for his first ATP Tour win since Rome in May 2021 (d. Mannarino).

**Fernando Verdasco** | Age: 38 | World No. 201 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 0-1 (Cordoba 1R) | Event: 2-3 (2 times in 2R)  
 > Broke into singles Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 7 in 2009, then broke into doubles Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2013.  
 > Won 2013 Nitto ATP Finals doubles title w/Marrero after playing singles there in 2009, making him 1 of 2 active players to qualify for year-end championships in both singles and doubles (also Sock).  
 > Captured 1st of 7 singles and 1st of 8 doubles titles in 2004, clinched 2008 and 2009 Davis Cup titles for Spain, and earned 500th singles win in his hometown (d. Lorenzi in 2018 Madrid 1R).  
 > Played 67 straight Grand Slam main draws until 2020 US Open, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam SF at 2009 Australian Open (l. to No. 1 Nadal after 5:14).  
 > Owns 0-12 record vs. World No. 1, but boasts wins over No. 2 Djokovic (2010 Monte Carlo SF, 2010 Rome QF) and No. 2 Nadal (2012 Madrid 3R).

**NOTE:** Has dropped out of Top 200 on the ATP Rankings for the first time since entering it in September 2002.

**[Q] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs Facundo Bagnis (ARG)**

21 Marbella (Spain) Clay R32 Facundo Bagnis

**Other Meeting**

20 Campinas CH (Brazil) Clay QF Francisco Cerundolo

**Bagnis Leads 1-0**

6-3 7-6(2)

6-2 7-5

**Francisco Cerundolo** | Age: 23 | World No. 107 | Career-High No. 103 | 2022: 0-2 (2 times in 1R) | Event: 4-3 (2021 F)

- > Broke into Top 200 in October 2020 and achieved career-high No. 103 in September 2021.
- > Playing in his hometown, earned 7 wins to reach 2021 Buenos Aires final as Q
- > Posted 1st ATP Tour win one week earlier in 2021 Cordoba 1R as WC (d. Mager).
- > Owns 73-35 Challenger record (5-1 in finals), highlighted by 17-2 run to end 2020 season with titles at Split, Guayaquil and Campinas.
- > 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 earned all 5 ATP Tour wins in Argentina, 4 of them in Buenos Aires last year.

**Facundo Bagnis** | Age: 31 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 55 | 2022: 1-4 (Melbourne 2R) | Event: 3-8 (3 times in 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 55 in 2016 and broke back into Top 100 in 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago.
- > Celebrated 31st birthday by competing in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba as Q after earning 6 wins.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 US Open after entering event with 1-10 record on hard courts.
- > Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2014 Roland Garros, qualifying before beating Benneteau 18-16 in 5th.
- > Owns 14 Challenger titles overall and went 6-0 in finals during 2016 season – tied for 2nd-most titles behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

**NOTE:** Bagnis is trying to avoid a 3rd consecutive loss to a South American player after losses to Garin and Varillas.

**[PR] Pablo Cuevas (URU) vs Federico Coria (ARG)**

21 Belgrade-2 (Serbia) Clay R16 Federico Coria

**Other Meetings**

13 Buenos Aires CH (Argentina) Clay R16 Pablo Cuevas

18 Guayaquil CH (Ecuador) Clay R16 Pablo Cuevas

**Coria Leads 1-0**

6-3 6-2

6-1 6-3

6-4 2-6 6-1

**Pablo Cuevas** | Age: 36 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 19 | 2022: 0-0 (Debut) | Event: 9-10 (4 times in QF)

- > Top Uruguayan in history achieved career-high No. 19 in 2016 and owns 6-4 record in ATP Tour singles finals (6-3 on clay).
- > Defeated Nadal and became 1st player to beat only lefties en route to an ATP Tour title at 2016 Rio de Janeiro.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2017 Madrid after reaching QFs at Indian Wells and Monte Carlo earlier in 2017.
- > Captured 2008 Roland Garros doubles title w/Horna in tour-level team debut, becoming 1st South American team to win a Grand Slam in Open Era.
- > Underwent right knee surgery in 2011, did not play for 2 years and was unranked for 10+ months.

**NOTE:** Cuevas will start his season in Buenos Aires, after testing positive for COVID in Australia.

**Federico Coria** | Age: 29 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 61 | 2022: 0-2 (2 times in 1R) | Event: 0-1 (2021 R1)

- > Achieved career-high No. 61 and earned personal-best 16 wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Bastad and 1st SF at Cordoba.
- > Defeated fellow South American and World No. 18 Garin for biggest win of career in 2021 Bastad QF.
- > Qualified and saved 2 MPs vs. Moutet en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Rio de Janeiro.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2019 Savannah, 2021 Prostějov and 2021 Brasilia.
- > Says that his idol is Guillermo Coria, his older brother by 10 years who peaked at No. 3 in 2004.

**NOTE:** Coria looking for his first tour-level Top100 win since beating Musetti in Winston-Salem in August 2021.



## ESTADIO 2

### [8] Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

19 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Miomir Kecmanovic
19 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Miomir Kecmanovic
21 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	QF	Miomir Kecmanovic
21 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Laslo Djere

### Kecmanovic Leads 3-1

6-2 7-6(3)
6-2 6-1 7-5
6-4 7-6(6)
4-6 4-6 6-3 6-2 6-3