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## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL TALKING POINTS

- **Rafael Nadal** leads an outstanding field at the Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell. The 11-time champion is joined by three other Top 10 players in the FedEx ATP Rankings: World No. 5 **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, who captured his first ATP Masters 1000 title in Monte Carlo, No. 7 **Andrey Rublev**, who reached his first ATP Masters 1000 final in Monte Carlo, and No. 9 **Diego Schwartzman**. They are the Top 4 seeds in Barcelona.
- Besides Nadal, **Kei Nishikori**, who won titles in 2014-15, is the other former Barcelona champion in the draw. Nishikori comes in unseeded for the first time since his debut in 2011. He is 22-6 lifetime in Barcelona.
- Nadal, 34, would become the oldest Barcelona champion in the Open Era if he captures his 12th title on 25 April (final day). He would also move to No. 2 in the FedEx ATP Rankings. Nadal has a 61-4 record in Barcelona and his last title came in 2018 (d. Tsitsipas). Two years ago he lost to Thiem in the semi-finals. In 2017, the tournament named a court, **Pista Rafa Nadal** after Spain's most accomplished player in history.
- Tsitsipas is making his third straight appearance in Barcelona and he reached the final in his 2018 debut while ranked No. 63. The 22-year-old Greek star is coming off his first ATP Masters 1000 title in Monte Carlo (d. Rublev). He comes into Barcelona with a 22-5 match record on the season.
- Rublev returns to Barcelona for the first time since 2015 when he was a No. 329-ranked qualifier (d. Verdasco, l. to Fognini). He lost in the 1R qualifying in 2016-17 and 2019. The 23-year-old Russian leads the ATP Tour with 24 wins this season after advancing to his first ATP Masters 1000 final in Monte Carlo.
- All five #NextGenATP players in the draw have posted strong results in 2021. **Jannik Sinner**, 19, won the Melbourne-1 title and was finalist at ATP Masters 1000 Miami. **Felix Auger-Aliassime**, 20 was runner-up at Melbourne-2, **Lorenzo Musetti**, 19, was a SF in Acapulco, wild card **Carlos Alcaraz**, 17, reached SF in Marbella, and qualifier **Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune**, 17, advanced to his first ATP Tour QF in Santiago.
- On Monday's schedule, there are 10 singles matches, leading off on Pista Rafa Nadal with Frenchman **Gilles Simon** and 2015 Barcelona finalist **Pablo Andujar**, who owns a 3-2 head-to-head advantage, winning all three meetings on clay (6-0 in sets). Both of Simon's wins came on hard courts.
- Next up is former World No. 5 **Jo-Wilfried Tsonga**, who is making his first Barcelona appearance since 2015, against Belarus No. 1 **Egor Gerasimov**. This is a first-time meeting.
- In the next match, 2014-15 champion **Kei Nishikori**, takes on **Guido Pella** in a first-time meeting. Nishikori comes into Barcelona unseeded for the first time since his debut in 2011. Pella, who is the No. 2 Argentine ranked No. 50 behind No. 9 Schwartzman, was a Barcelona quarter-finalist two years ago (l. to Thiem).
- In the final match, No. 1 Brazilian **Thiago Monteiro** squares off with Spanish wild card **Jaume Munar** for the second time. Monteiro won their previous meeting last year in Buenos Aires. Munar comes in after reaching his first career ATP Tour final in Marbella (l. to Carreno Busta) on April. 11.

## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-2 (Aust Open, Monte Carlo QF)	61-4 (2005-09, 2011-13, 2016-18 Titles)
2	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	22-5 (Monte Carlo Title)	6-2 (2018 Final)
3	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	24-5 (Rotterdam Title)	1-1 (2015 2R)
4	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	10-6 (Buenos Aires Title)	1-2 (2018-19 2R)
5	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	14-9 (Montpellier, Doha Finals)	6-5 (2015, 2018 QF)
6	Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)	10-4 (Marbella Title)	6-8 (2018 SF)
7	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	7-6 (Dubai SF)	0-1 (2019 1R)
8	David Goffin (BEL)	12-8 (Montpellier Title)	4-4 (2018 SF)
9	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	10-8 (Monte Carlo QF)	4-7 (2015-16 QF)
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	10-6 (Melbourne-2 Final)	1-1 (2019 3R)
11	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	15-6 (Melbourne-1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
12	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	11-7 (Melbourne-1 SF)	6-4 (2017 QF)
13	Cristian Garin (CHI)	6-4 (Santiago Title)	2-1 (2019 3R)
14	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	8-7 (Antalya Title)	0-0 (Debut)
15	Casper Ruud (NOR) – W/D	10-4 (Monte Carlo SF)	1-1 (2017 2R)
16	Daniel Evans (GBR)	10-6 (Melbourne-2 Title)	2-1 (2017 3R)
17	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	5-8 (Singapore QF)	1-1 (2018 3R)

**Singles Final** Sunday 25 April at 4 p.m.

**Wild Cards (4)** Carlos Alcaraz (ESP), Jaume Munar (ESP), Lorenzo Musetti (ITA), Andrey Rublev (RUS)

**Oldest Player** Feliciano Lopez (39)

**#NextGenATP (5)** Carlos Alcaraz (17), Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune (17), Lorenzo Musetti (19), Jannik Sinner (19), Felix Auger-Aliassime (20)

**Tournament Records** Most Wins – Rafael Nadal (61)

Most Titles – Rafael Nadal (11)

Youngest Champion – Mats Wilander, 18, in 1982

Oldest Champion – Manuel Santana, 32, in 1970

Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 on 5 occasions, most recently Nadal in 2018

Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 65, Todd Martin, in 1998

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (21)

<b>Spain (10)</b>	Carlos Alcaraz, Pablo Andujar, Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carreno Busta, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Feliciano Lopez, Jaume Munar, Rafael Nadal, Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Bernabe Zapata Miralles
<b>France (8)</b>	Jeremy Chardy, Richard Gasquet, Pierre-Hugues Herbert, Adrian Mannarino, Corentin Moutet, Benoit Paire, Gilles Simon, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
<b>Italy (5)</b>	Salvatore Caruso, Fabio Fognini, Federico Gaio, Lorenzo Musetti, Jannik Sinner
<b>Russia (3)</b>	Karen Khachanov, Andrey Kuznetsov, Andrey Rublev
<b>Argentina (2)</b>	Guido Pella, Diego Schwartzman
<b>Australia (2)</b>	Alex de Minaur, Jordan Thompson
<b>Belarus (2)</b>	Egor Gerasimov, Ilya Ivashka
<b>Canada (2)</b>	Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov
<b>Great Britain (2)</b>	Daniel Evans, Cameron Norrie
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	David Goffin
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Thiago Monteiro
<b>Chile (1)</b>	Cristian Garin
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Dominik Koepfer
<b>Georgia (1)</b>	Nikoloz Basilashvili
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Stefanos Tsitsipas
<b>India (1)</b>	Sumit Nagal
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Kei Nishikori
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Alexander Bublik
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Tallon Griekspoor
<b>United States (1)</b>	Frances Tiafoe

## FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Singles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	178,985	111,600	69,840	42,180	24,900	14,700	8,700
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	0		
Doubles Prize Money (€)	58,500	39,300	26,100	17,100	10,800		

\* Players who receive a bye in R64 and lose in R32 earn 0 ranking points

## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) Robert Farah (COL)	12-6 (Dubai Title w/Farah) 12-6 (Dubai Title w/Cabal)	6-4 (2019 Title w/Farah) 6-3 (2019 Title w/Cabal)
2	Marcel Granollers (ESP) Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	6-5 (Acapulco Final w/Zeballos) 7-4 (Acapulco Final w/Granollers)	14-12 (2012, 2016 Final) 1-2 (2010 2R w/Bellucci)
3	Wesley Koolhof (NED) Lukasz Kubot (POL)	6-6 (3 QFs w/Kubot) 7-6 (3 QFs w/Koolhof)	0-0 (Debut) 9-8 (2011 SF w/Marach)
4	Rajeev Ram (USA) Joe Salisbury (GBR)	11-5 (Aus. Open Final w/Salisbury) 11-5 (Aus. Open Final w/Ram)	0-3 (2012, 2016, 2018 1R) 2-1 (2019 SF w/Klaasen)

Doubles Final: Sunday 25 April at 1 p.m.

## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL SINGLES FINALS (since 2005)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	TOURNAMENT	CANCELLED	
2019	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Daniil Medvedev (RUS)	6-4 6-0
2018	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	<b>Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)</b>	6-2 6-1
2017	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	6-4 6-1
2016	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	<b>Kei Nishikori (JPN)</b>	6-4 7-5
2015	<b>Kei Nishikori (JPN)</b>	<b>Pablo Andujar (ESP)</b>	6-4 6-4
2014	<b>Kei Nishikori (JPN)</b>	Santiago Giraldo (COL)	6-2 6-2
2013	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	6-4 6-3
2012	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	David Ferrer (ESP)	7-6(1) 7-5
2011	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-2 6-4
2010	Fernando Verdasco (ESP)	Robin Soderling (SWE)	6-3 4-6 6-3
2009	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-2 7-5
2008	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-1 4-6 6-1
2007	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	Guillermo Canas (ARG)	6-3 6-4
2006	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	Tommy Robredo (ESP)	6-4 6-4 6-0
2005	<b>Rafael Nadal (ESP)</b>	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	6-1 7-6(4) 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell singles draw.

## BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL DOUBLES FINALS (since 2005)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	TOURNAMENT	CANCELLED	
2019	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares	6-4 7-6(4)
2018	Feliciano Lopez/Marc Lopez	Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi/Jean-Julien Rojer	7-6(5) 6-4
2017	Florin Mergea/Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi	Alexander Peya/Philipp Petzschner	6-4 6-3
2016	Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	Pablo Cuevas/Marcel Granollers	7-5 7-5
2015	Marin Draganja/Henri Kontinen	Jamie Murray/John Peers #	6-3 6-7(6) [11-9]
2014	Jesse Huta Galung/Stephane Robert	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	6-3 6-3
2013	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	Robert Lindstedt/Daniel Nestor	5-7 7-6(7) [10-4]
2012	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	2-6 7-6(7) [10-8]
2011	Santiago Gonzalez/Scott Lipsky	Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	5-7 6-2 [12-10]
2010	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	Lleyton Hewitt/Mark Knowles	4-6 6-3 [10-6]
2009	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	Mahesh Bhupathi/Mark Knowles	6-3 7-6(9)
2008	Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski	6-3 6-2
2007	Andrei Pavel/Alexander Waske	Rafael Nadal/Bartolome Salva-Vidal	6-3 7-6(1)
2006	Mark Knowles/Daniel Nestor	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski	6-2 6-7(4) [10-5]
2005	Leander Paes/Nenad Zimonjic	Feliciano Lopez/Rafael Nadal	6-3 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell doubles draw.

# Murray/Peers are not playing together.

## ATP HEAD2HEADS: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### PISTA RAFA NADAL

#### Gilles Simon (FRA) vs Pablo Andujar (ESP)

09 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Gilles Simon	6-4	6-1	6-1
13 Nice (France)	Clay	QF	Pablo Andujar	6-4	7-5	
14 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	R32	Pablo Andujar	6-2	3-2	ret
19 Marrakech (Morocco)	Clay	SF	Pablo Andujar	6-1	6-1	
19 Tokyo (Japan)	Hard	R32	Gilles Simon	6-4	6-0	

#### Andujar Leads 3-2

**Gilles Simon** | Age: 36 | World No. 70 | Career-High No. 6 | 2021: 2-4 (Melbourne-2, Cagliari 2R) | Barcelona: 1-2 (2018-19 2R)  
 > Broke into Top 10 in 2008 after beating No. 1 Federer at Toronto and No. 1 Nadal at Madrid, then peaked at No. 6 in January 2009.  
 > Qualified for 2008 Nitto ATP Finals, defeating Federer in RR before losing to Djokovic in 3-set SF.  
 > Captured biggest of 14 titles at 2011 Hamburg and earned 400th career win over No. 3 Wawrinka at 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.  
 > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2015 Wimbledon, having played 13 Grand Slam matches that exceeded 4 hours (6-7).  
 > Reached ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2008 Madrid and 2014 Shanghai.

**NOTE:** Simon is 2-5 on the season with 2R in Melbourne-2 (l. to Chardy) and Cagliari (l. to eventual champ Sonogo).

**Pablo Andujar** | Age: 35 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 32 | 2021: 3-6 (Buenos Aires QF) | Barcelona: 11-6, 2015 Final  
 > Broke back into Top 100 in 2018 following right elbow surgeries in March 2016, November 2016 and April 2017.  
 > Owns 4-5 record in finals with all 9 finals on clay and 3 of 4 titles in Morocco.  
 > Won most recent title at 2018 Marrakech as No. 355, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked champion since ATP Tour was established in 1990 (No. 550 Hewitt at 1998 Adelaide).  
 > Defeated countryman Ferrer to reach biggest final of career on home soil at 2015 Barcelona.  
 > Peaked at No. 5 in junior rankings after winning 2004 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Granollers.

**NOTE:** Andujar's best result this season is a QF in Buenos Aires (l. to F. Cerundolo) and he reached the Barcelona final in 2015 (l. to Nishikori).

## Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

## First Meeting

**Jo-Wilfried Tsonga** | Age: 36 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 5 | 2021: 1-3 (Marseille 2R) | Barcelona: 2-2 (2010 QF)  
> 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 playing in his 4th tournament of the season, 1st since Dubai last month (ret. vs. Jaziri with right arm injury). Lone win came in Marseille (d. Lopez, l. to Humbert). Made Barcelona debut in 2010 and lost in QF to de Bakker.

**Egor Gerasimov** | Age: 28 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 65 | 2021: 8-8 (Montpellier SF) | Barcelona: 0-0 (Debut)  
> 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 Q, 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:** Gerasimov's best result of the season is SF in Montpellier (l. to eventual champion Goffin).

## Kei Nishikori (JPN) vs Guido Pella (ARG)

## First Meeting

**Kei Nishikori** | Age: 31 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 4 | 2021: 6-7 (Rotterdam, Dubai QF) | Barcelona: 22-6 (2014-15 Titles)  
> Top Asian player in FedEx ATP Rankings history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.  
> Earned biggest career win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's finalist.  
> Finished in Top 10, earned 40+ wins and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2014-16 and 2018, then posted 400th career win at 2019 Wimbledon (d. Johnson).  
> 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 and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.

**NOTE:** Nishikori has reached two QFs this season, in Rotterdam (l. to Coric) and Dubai (l. to Harris). Won both of his clay titles in Barcelona in 2014 (d. Giraldo) and 2015 (d. Andujar). Also runner-up in 2016 (l. to Nadal).

**Guido Pella** | Age: 30 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 20 | 2021: 1-4 (ATP Cup) | Barcelona: 4-2 (2019 QF)  
> Achieved career-high No. 20 and earned personal-best 36 wins in 2019.  
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title in 5th career final at 2019 Sao Paulo (d. Garin).  
> Upset 2018 finalist Anderson and 2016 finalist Raonic to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Wimbledon.  
> Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 3R with biggest win of career over 2017 finalist and World No. 5 Cilic.  
> Helped Argentina win 1st Davis Cup title in 2016, earning victories in 1R (d. Przysiezny), QF w/Del Potro (d. Fognini/Lorenzi) and SF (d. Edmund).

**NOTE:** Pella is playing in his 5th tournament of the season. His lone win came over Nishioka in ATP Cup action in Melbourne and then lost in 1R at Aust. Open (l. to Coric), Cagliari (l. to Gerasimov) and Monte Carlo (l. to Pouille).

## Thiago Monteiro (BRA) vs [WC] Jaume Munar (ESP)

## Monteiro Leads 1-0

20 Buenos Aires (Argentina) Clay R32 Thiago Monteiro

6-3 6-3

**Thiago Monteiro** | Age: 26 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 74 | 2021: 9-5 (Melbourne-1 SF) | Barcelona: 0-1 (2017 1R)  
> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 74 in 2017 and returned to career-high No. 74 in 2021.  
> Defeated No. 9 Tsonga in ATP Tour debut at 2016 Rio de Janeiro ranked No. 338 WC, which is biggest career win.  
> Also beat a Frenchman to advance to 1st ATP Tour SF of career at 2018 Quito (d. Monfilis).  
> Ended 7-match losing streak at Grand Slams and reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros.  
> Went 12-4 at Challengers in 2020, successfully defending Punta del Este title and reaching Forli final as Q.  
**NOTE:** No. 1 Brazilian reached SF in Melbourne-1 (l. to Travaglia) and QF in Cordoba l. to J.M. Cerundolo in 2021.



**Jaume Munar** | Age: 23 | World No. 86 | Career-High No. 52 | 2021: 6-4 (Marbella Final) | Barcelona: 3-4 (2019 3R)  
 > Former World No. 3 junior achieved new career-high ranking 7 times in 2019, peaking at No. 52  
 > Defeated 2-time champion Haase en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Kitzbuhel, helping him qualify for 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals.  
 > Upset former junior rival and World No. 3 A. Zverev for biggest win of career at 2019 Marrakech.  
 > Owns 30-8 Challenger record since tour resumption in August 2020, highlighted by titles at 2020 Lisbon and 2021 Antalya-1.  
 > Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 w/Lopez San Martin.

**NOTE:** Munar advanced to his 1st ATP Tour final in Marbella (l. to Carreno Busta) and QF in Buenos Aires (l. to eventual champion Schwartzman) this season.

## PISTA MANUEL ORANTES

<b>Jeremy Chardy (FRA) vs Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)</b>				<b>Series Tied 1-1</b>	
18 Istanbul (Turkey)	Clay	R32	Jeremy Chardy	7-5	6-3
19 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	QF	Nikoloz Basilashvili	6-2	6-3
<b>Other meeting:</b>					
17 Irving CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Jeremy Chardy	6-2	6-1

**Jeremy Chardy** | Age: 34 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 25 | 2021:12-8 (Two SFs) | Barcelona: 3-4 (2013, '16 3R)  
 > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 25 of singles in 2013 and doubles in 2020.  
 > Captured lone ATP Tour singles title at 2009 Stuttgart and reached only other finals at 2009 Johannesburg and 2018 's-Hertogenbosch.  
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam singles QF at 2013 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam doubles final at 2019 Roland Garros w/F. Martin.  
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. L. Mayer and 7 MPs vs. Isner to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2015 Montreal.  
 > Earned biggest career wins over World No. 4s Murray (2012 Cincinnati), Federer (2014 Rome), Dimitrov (2018 Miami) and Medvedev (2019 Paris).

**NOTE:** Chardy has reached two SFs, Antalya (l. to Bublik) and Melbourne-2 (l. to eventual champion Evans) along with two QFs, in Rotterdam (l. to eventual winner Rublev) and Dubai (l. to Shapovalov) in 2021.

**Nikoloz Basilashvili** | Age: 29 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 9-9 (Doha Title) | Barcelona: 1-1 (2017 2R)  
 > Former World No. 16 saved 1 MP vs. No. 6 Federer en route to 4th ATP Tour title at 2021 Doha.  
 > Captured ATP 500 titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2018 Beijing and 2019 Hamburg, earning biggest career win over No. 4 Del Potro in 2018 Beijing final and saving 2 MPs vs. No. 5 A. Zverev in 2019 Hamburg SF.  
 > Posted career-high 29 wins in 2018, including 3 victories en route to US Open 4R.  
 > If he wasn't a tennis player, he would be a pilot or a psychologist.  
 > Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

**NOTE:** No. 1 player from Georgia has won a title: Doha (d. Bautista Agut) and reached a SF in Cagliari (l. to Djere) and a QF in Antalya (l. to eventual champion de Minaur) in 2021.

## [Q] Bernabe Zapata Miralles (ESP) vs [Q] Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS) First Meeting

**Bernabe Zapata Miralles** | Age: 24 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 142 | 2021:1-3 (Dubai 2R) | Barcelona: 0-0  
 > Has qualified an ATP Tour-high 4 times this season. Qualified in Montpellier (l. to Davidovich Fokina), Dubai (d. Millman, l. to Sonego) and Marbella (l. to Vilella Martinez).  
 > Also runner-up at Quimper-2, FRA Challenger (l. to Nakashima). Afterwards reached career-high No. 142 on 8 Feb.  
 > In 2020, won 1st Challenger title at Cordenons, ITA (d. Alcaraz) and runner-up in Todi, ITA (l. to Hanfmann). Also SF in Alicante, ESP and Maia, POR Challengers.  
 > Made ATP Tour debut in 2018 Geneva as a qualifier (d. F. Mayer, l. to Seppi) and one year later qualified again in Geneva (l. to Daniel in 1R). Also qualified in 2019 Bastad (l. to Delbonis).  
 > Reached 2019 Hamburg, GER Challenger final (l. to Van de Zandschulp) and SF in 2 other events.  
 > Has an 82-77 career record on ATP Challenger Tour (54-43 on clay).

**NOTE:** Valencia native has played in 6 career ATP Tour tournaments, all as a qualifier, compiling a 2-6 record.

**Andrey Kuznetsov** | Age: 30 | World No. 480 | Career-High No. 39 | 2021: 0-0 | Barcelona: 5-5 (2016 QF)

> In 2020, following tour resumption, returned from injury hiatus at Prague, CZE-1 Challenger (l. to T. Griekspoor in 1R). Then using his protected ranking of No. 130 at US Open, defeated Querrey in 1R (l. to Khachanov in 2R) in 1st tour-level match since 2017 Moscow (l. to Medvedev in 1R). It was also his 1st tour-level win since 2017 Winston-Salem (d. Kicker in 1R). Missed 2 years and 7 months due to hip injury.

> This season reached St. Petersburg Futures final and advanced to QF at St. Petersburg-1 Challenger as Q.

> Achieved career-high No. 39 on 25 April 2016 after reaching Barcelona QF. Broke into Top 100 on 24 September 2012 after winning Trnava, SVK Challenger title. Unranked since 1 October 2018 during absence due to hip injury.

> Ended 0-10 start to career in ATP Tour QFs by reaching SFs at Sydney, Geneva and Bastad in 2017. Earned career-high 29 tour-level wins in 2016. Made ATP debut at 2009 Moscow as WC and earned 1st win a week later at St. Petersburg as WC (d. Granollers).

> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2016 Australian Open. Earned 1st Top-10 win in 2014 Wimbledon 2R, defeating No. 7 Ferrer in 5 sets to reach 1st Grand Slam 3R. Ended Spaniard's streak of 10 straight Grand Slam QF appearances. Also reached 3R at 2014 US Open, 2015 Roland Garros, 2016 Wimbledon and 2016 US Open.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 4 Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 R16 at 2016 Miami. Avenged loss to Wawrinka in 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R. Qualified 5 times overall at ATP Masters 1000 events, most recently at Monte Carlo and Madrid in 2017.

> Peaked at No. 3 in junior rankings on 6 July 2009. Went 84-24 on ITF Junior Circuit, including wins over Carreno Busta, Raonic and Tomic. Finished junior career by winning 2009 Wimbledon boys' singles title.

**NOTE:** At No. 480, is lowest-ranked player in the draw and appearing in Barcelona for first time since 2016 when he reached QF (l. to Kohlschreiber). Made tourney debut as WC 10 years ago and lost to Roger-Vasselin in 1R.

## **Benoit Paire (FRA) vs [LL] Federico Gaio (ITA)**

## **First Tour-Level Meeting**

### **Other meeting:**

15 Milan CH (Italy)

Clay R16 Benoit Paire 2-6 6-4 7-6(5)

**Benoit Paire** | Age: 31 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 1-9 (Cordoba QF) | Barcelona: 12-9 (2016 SF)

> Rose 99 spots during season to end 2015 at No. 19, then reached career-high No. 18 in January 2016.

> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title (Bastad), 3 Challenger titles and 1 Futures title in 2015 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.

> Saved 2 MPs to beat Nishikori en route to 2015 US Open 4R, also reaching 4R at 2017 Wimbledon, 2019 Roland Garros and 2019 Wimbledon.

> 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:** Paire is making his 10th straight Barcelona appearance and only lost once in an opening round match, in 2014 in 2R vs Golubev (after 1R bye). Looking to break a 6-match losing streak since only win vs Jarry in Cordoba 2R.

**Federico Gaio** | Age: 29 | World No. 138 | Career-High No. 124 | 2021: 0-2 (Miami, Cagliari 1R) | Barcelona: 0-0

> Appearing in 3rd ATP Tour main draw this season. Last month lost in 1R at ATP Masters 1000 Miami as LL (l. to Berankis) and then lost in 1R on home soil in Cagliari (l. to Djere).

> Qualified, defeated Souza and saved 4 MPs vs. G. Melzer to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2017 Quito (l. to Estrella Burgos). Remain only 2 tour-level singles wins of career. Beat Brazilians Soares and Melo to reach 2020 Rio de Janeiro doubles final w/Caruso as Q.

> Achieved career-high No. 124 on 3 February 2020 after winning his 4th Challenger title at Bangkok, THA. Finished 2019 at year-end high No. 152. Broke into Top 200 on 1 August 2016 following Biella, ITA Challenger title.

> Owns 135-152 Challenger record (4-3 in finals). Won 3 of his 4 ATP Challenger Tour titles on home soil: 2016 San Benedetto, ITA; 2016 Biella, ITA and 2019 Manerbio, ITA.

> Peaked at No. 19 in juniors on 25 May 2009. Went 82-39 on ITF Junior Circuit with wins over future Top-40 ATP players Basilashvili, Fucsovics and Herbert. Advanced to 2009 Roland Garros 3R in boys' singles, losing to doubles partner and eventual champion Berta.

**NOTE:** Gaio is seeking his 1st ATP Tour win since defeating G. Melzer in 2017 Quito 2R.

## [Q] Ilya Ivashka (BLR) vs [Q] Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

## First Tour-Level Meeting

### Other meeting:

20 Ostrava CH (Czech Republic) Clay QF Tallon Griekspoor 7-6(3) 6-3

**Ilya Ivashka** | Age: 27 | World No. 111 | Career-High No. 80 | 2021: 3-3 (Marbella QF) | Barcelona: 0-1 (2018 1R)  
> Achieved career-high No. 80 on 4 February 2019 soon after reaching Australian Open 2R. Broke into Top 100 on 13 August 2018 after advancing to Toronto 3R as Q. In 2018, became 1st Belarusian to finish in Top 100 since No. 59 Mirnyi in 2006.  
> Qualified at 8 tour-level events in 2018 -- tied with Klizan and Kudla for most on ATP Tour. Advanced to 1st QF and SF at 2018 Marseille as Q. Defeated No. 13 Wawrinka in Marseille 2R for biggest win of career. Enjoyed 1st ATP win at 2018 Pune as Q (d. Nagal).  
> Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2019 Australian Open (d. Jaziri). Qualified for 2016 US Open, 2018 Roland Garros, 2019 US Open and 2020 Australian Open.  
> Also qualified in back-to-back years at ATP Masters 1000 Canada, reaching 2018 Toronto 3R and 2019 Montreal 2R.  
> Did not drop a set en route to ATP Challenger Tour titles at 2017 Fergana, UZB and 2018 Shenzhen, CHN. Owns 94-62 Challenger record (4-2 in finals) with wins over past or present Top 50 players Gabashvili, Hurkacz, Kuznetsov, Marchenko, Marterer and Sugita

**NOTE:** Ivashka qualified into main draw with a pair of straight-set wins and in his last tournament in Marbella reached the QF by defeating Martinez and Davidovich Fokina before losing in three sets to Munar.

**Tallon Griekspoor** | Age: 24 | World No. 144 | Career-High No. 138 | 2021: 2-2 (Montpellier, Acapulco 2R) | Barcelona: 0-0  
> Broke into Top 200 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 138 after reaching 2020 Ostrava Challenger SF.  
> Coming into 2021, earned both of his ATP Tour wins by rallying from a set down in Rotterdam 1R as WC, defeating No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018 and No. 11 Khachanov in 2019.  
> Qualified at a Grand Slam for 1st time at 2020 Australian Open before falling to Fritz in 1R.  
> Captured Challenger titles at 2018 Tampere and 2019 Banja Luka.  
> Twin brothers, Scott and Kevin, are 5.5 years older and peaked at No. 205 and No. 655 respectively in FedEx ATP Rankings

**NOTE:** No. 1 Dutchman has qualified into his 3rd ATP Tour tournament of the season and reached 2R in Montpellier (d. Giron, I. to Humbert in 3 TBs) and Acapulco (d. Kudla, I. to Ruud in 3rd set TB).

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## [Q] Sumit Nagal (IND) vs Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA)

## First Tour-Level Meeting

### Other meeting:

20 Cologne 2 Q (Germany) Hard -- Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-2 6-2

## Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Salvatore Caruso (ITA)

## First Meeting