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## ERSTE BANK OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Two-time champion **Andy Murray** and World No. 7 **Matteo Berrettini** are in second-round action at the Erste Bank Open on Wednesday. Murray is 9-0 lifetime in Vienna, where his second title run propelled him to a year-end finish as World No. 1 in 2016. The 34-year-old is competing in his ninth tournament of the last 11 weeks.
- Murray has exceeded three hours in three matches since the start of the US Open on 30 August, including a come-from-behind win over 18-year-old **Carlos Alcaraz** at Indian Wells on 10 October. If Alcaraz avenges that loss, he will become the second-youngest player to beat Murray, trailing only **Borna Coric**, 18, at 2015 Dubai.
- On Monday, Berrettini qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals, which will be held in his native Italy for the first time next month. Berrettini's opponent on Wednesday, **Nikoloz Basilashvili**, is in the running for one of the two spots remaining in the eight-man field. The Georgian reached his first ATP Masters 1000 final in Indian Wells.
- The FedEx ATP Race to Turin is wide open following Murray's upset of **Hubert Hurkacz** on Monday. Both **Cameron Norrie** and **Jannik Sinner** can pass No. 8 **Rafael Nadal** and No. 9 Hurkacz in the standings by reaching the Vienna semi-finals. Sinner begins his Vienna campaign on Wednesday against **Reilly Opelka**.
- Berrettini and Sinner's countryman **Lorenzo Sonego** meets lucky loser **Dominik Koepfer** in a first-round match. Sonego was a lucky loser last year in Vienna when he defeated World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** 6-2 6-1 en route to the final. Djokovic's three games tied the fewest won in his career. He also won three games in losses to **Marat Safin** at the 2005 Australian Open (6-0 6-2 6-1) and **Feliciano Lopez** at 2016 Dubai (6-3 ret.).

## FEDEX ATP RACE TO TURIN (LIVE STANDINGS)

Race	Player	Points	Scenario
1	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	8,370	----
2	<b>Daniil Medvedev</b>	6,470	----
3	<b>Stefanos Tsitsipas</b>	5,695	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Thursday
4	<b>Alexander Zverev</b>	5,140	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Thursday
5	<b>Andrey Rublev</b>	4,165	+45 for St. Petersburg 2R win on Wednesday
6	<b>Matteo Berrettini</b>	4,045	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Wednesday
7	Casper Ruud	3,060	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Thursday
8	<del>Rafael Nadal</del>	<del>2,985</del>	----
9	Hubert Hurkacz	2,955	Lost in Vienna 1R on Monday
10	Cameron Norrie	2,875	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Thursday
11	Jannik Sinner	2,845	+35 for Vienna 1R win on Wednesday
12	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2,375	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Thursday
13	Aslan Karatsev	2,280	+45 for St. Petersburg 2R win on Thursday
14	Pablo Carreno Busta	1,925	Lost in Vienna 1R on Monday
15	Nikoloz Basilashvili	1,920	+45 for Vienna 2R win on Wednesday
16	Diego Schwartzman	1,855	+45 for Vienna 1R win on Wednesday

**BOLD:** Qualified for 2021 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (14-21 November)

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTRE COURT

#### 1R: Reilly Opelka (USA) vs [7] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

#### First Meeting

**Reilly Opelka** | Age: 24 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 20-20 (Toronto Final) | Vienna: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Became No. 1 American in June 2021 and achieved career-high No. 19 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2021 US Open.  
> Defeated No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2021 Toronto for biggest win of career and to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final.  
> Saved 6 MPs and hit 43 aces vs. Isner, then hit 43 more aces vs. Schnur to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 New York.  
> Saved 1 MP vs. Raonic and beat Nishioka on same day to win 2nd title at 2020 Delray Beach.  
> Peaked at No. 4 in juniors following 10-1 run at 2015 Wimbledon, winning boys' singles title and reaching boys' doubles final w/Santillan.

**NOTE:** Opelka and Sinner captured 2021 Atlanta doubles title in only tournament as a team (d. Johnson/Thompson).

**Jannik Sinner** | Age: 20 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 11 | 2021: 42-18 (4 Titles) | Vienna: 2-2 (2019-20 2R)  
> Unranked to begin 2018, made Top-100 debut in 2019, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and became youngest Italian ever to break into Top 15 in 2021.  
> Won Next Gen ATP Finals title in 2019 and 5 tour-level titles from 2020-21, becoming youngest 5-time ATP Tour champion at age 20 since Djokovic, 19, in 2007.  
> As a 19-year-old at 2021 Washington, became 1st teenager to win an ATP 500 title since category was created in 2009 (146 events).  
> As a 19-year-old at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami, became 1st Italian finalist and 2nd-youngest finalist in 36-year tournament history.  
> Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros QF in tournament debut at age 19, becoming 1st debutant to reach Roland Garros QF since Nadal in 2005 and youngest quarter-finalist at event since Djokovic, 19, in 2006.

**NOTE:** Sinner did not drop a set en route to titles at Sofia (27 September-3 October) and Antwerp (18-24 October).

#### 1R: Gael Monfils (FRA) vs [WC] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

#### First Meeting

**Gael Monfils** | Age: 35 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 6 | 2021: 15-16 (Sofia Final) | Vienna: 14-7 (2008 Final)  
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 after earning personal-best 44 wins in 2016.  
> Owns 10 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.  
> Reached at least 1 final in 17 straight seasons (2005-21), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.  
> Earned 500+ career victories, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Nadal in 2009 Doha QF and career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.  
> Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004.

**NOTE:** After starting season with 3-10 record, Monfils can improve to .500 with a win on Wednesday (16-16).

**Lorenzo Musetti** | Age: 19 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 57 | 2021: 19-18 (Acapulco, Lyon SFs) | Vienna: 0-0  
> Achieved career-high No. 57 following run to 2021 Roland Garros 4R (l. to World No. 1 and eventual champion Djokovic after leading by 2 sets).  
> Advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2020 Sardinia as WC, 2021 Acapulco as Q and 2021 Lyon.  
> Beat Wawrinka and Nishikori to reach 2020 Rome 3R as Q-WC, becoming 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match and youngest player in Rome 3R since Santoro, 18, in 1991.  
> Following Rome run, defeated 4 Top-100 players for 1st Challenger title at 2020 Forlì as WC.  
> Became World No. 1 junior after winning 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and reaching 2018 US Open boys' singles final.

**NOTE:** Musetti is 3-10 since reaching 2021 Roland Garros 4R and will fall to .500 with a loss on Wednesday (19-19).

## 2R: [WC] Andy Murray (GBR) vs Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) Hard R64 Andy Murray

## Murray Leads 1-0

5-7 6-3 6-2

**Andy Murray** | Age: 34 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 1 | 2021: 13-11 (Metz QF) | Vienna: 9-0 (2014, 2016 Titles)  
> Became 1st British World No. 1 in singles at age 29 in 2016, making him 2nd-oldest player to debut at No. 1 behind Newcombe, 30, in 1974.  
> Ended 2016 on 24-match win streak, defeating No. 2 Djokovic at Nitto ATP Finals to clinch year-end No. 1 ranking.  
> First British Grand Slam champion (2012 US Open) and Wimbledon champion (2013, 2016) since Perry in 1936 (Wimbledon, US Championships).  
> Also 1st player to win 2 Olympic gold medals in singles (2012 London, 2016 Rio), highlighted by 6-2 6-1 6-4 rout of No. 1 Federer in 2012 final on Wimbledon's Centre Court.  
> Only player with at least 7 victories over Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, including championship wins over all 3 among his 14 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

**NOTE:** Murray snapped 11-match losing streak vs. Top-25 opponents by defeating No. 10 Hurkacz on Monday.

**Carlos Alcaraz** | Age: 18 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 38 | 2021: 23-15 (Umag Title) | Vienna: 1-0 (2021 2R)  
> Achieved career-high No. 38 at age 18 on 13 September 2021, becoming youngest player ranked that high since countryman Nadal, 17, was No. 37 on 26 April 2004.  
> Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas in 5th-set TB en route to 2021 US Open QF at age 18, becoming youngest quarter-finalist at US Open in Open Era and at a Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.  
> Captured 2021 Umag title at age 18 to become youngest ATP Tour champion since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach and Spanish champion since Nadal, 18, was 8 days younger at 2004 Sopot.  
> Beat Ramos-Vinolas in ATP Tour debut at 2020 Rio de Janeiro as 16-year-old, becoming youngest match winner since Garin, 16, at 2013 Vina del Mar and Spanish match winner since Nadal, 15, at 2002 Mallorca.  
> Went 20-4 with 3 titles at Challengers in 2020, sweeping Barcelona and Alicante titles at age 17 to become youngest champion in consecutive weeks since ATP Challenger Tour was established in 1978.

**NOTE:** Alcaraz meets Murray in 2R for 2nd time in as many appearances since US Open QF run (also Indian Wells).

## 2R: Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) vs [3] Matteo Berrettini (ITA)

18 Marrakech (Morocco)

Clay R32

Nikoloz Basilashvili

## Berrettini Leads 3-1

7-6(2) 6-4

18 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Hard R32

Matteo Berrettini

7-5 6-3

19 Halle (Germany)

Grass R32

Matteo Berrettini

6-4 6-4

21 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

Clay R64

Matteo Berrettini

4-6 6-2 6-4

### Other Meeting

14 Andria CH (Italy)

Hard R32

Nikoloz Basilashvili

7-5 7-6(4)

**Nikoloz Basilashvili** | Age: 29 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 33-25 (2 Titles) | Vienna: 2-3 (2016, 2021 2R)  
> Former World No. 16 is 15-3 on German clay with titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.  
> Earned career-high 33 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Indian Wells.  
> En route to titles, defeated No. 4 Del Potro at 2018 Beijing, No. 5 A. Zverev at 2019 Hamburg (saved 2 MPs) and No. 6 Federer at 2021 Doha (saved 1 MP).  
> Posted best Grand Slam finish at 2018 US Open, falling to defending champion and No. 1 Nadal in 4R.  
> Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

**NOTE:** Basilashvili was 0-6 in ATP Masters 1000 R16 matches before run to Indian Wells final earlier this month.

**Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 25 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 7 | 2021: 40-10 (2 Titles) | Vienna: 4-1 (2019 SF)

> Achieved career-high No. 7 after reaching 2021 US Open QF, becoming highest-ranked Italian since No. 7 Barazzutti in 1978.  
> Runner-up at 2021 Wimbledon became 1st Italian finalist in tournament history and 1st Italian Grand Slam finalist since Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.  
> Beat Monfils in 5th-set TB at 2019 US Open to become 2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history (also Barazzutti on clay in 1977).  
> Owns 40-10 record in 2021, including 4th title at Belgrade-1, 5th title at London/Queen's Club and 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Madrid.  
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).

**NOTE:** Berrettini and Basilashvili are 2 of 13 players with multiple tour-level titles this season (Ruud leads tour with 5).

## #GLAUBANDICH COURT

### 1R: Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs [LL] Dominik Koepfer (GER)

### First Meeting

**Lorenzo Sonego** | Age: 26 | World No. 23 | Career-High No. 21 | 2021: 27-21 (Cagliari Title) | Vienna: 4-2 (2020 Final)  
 > Earned personal-best 27 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, sweeping Caligari titles to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).  
 > Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.  
 > Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equaling fewest games conceded to Djokovic in a match.  
 > Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.  
 > Defeated Fritz 7-6(5) 6-3 7-6(17) to reach 2020 Roland Garros 4R, winning longest men's singles TB in tournament history.

**NOTE:** Sonego beat 4 higher-ranked opponents, including No. 1 Djokovic, en route to 2020 Vienna final (l. to Rublev).

**Dominik Koepfer** | Age: 27 | World No. 62 | Career-High No. 50 | 2021: 19-22 (Acapulco SF) | Vienna: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 21 in 2015, broke into Top 100 in 2019 and achieved career-high No. 50 in 2021.  
 > Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Acapulco.  
 > Qualified and made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at 2020 Rome, where he saved 1 MP vs. de Minaur and earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils en route to 1st ATP Tour QF.  
 > Posted 6 wins en route to 2019 US Open 4R as Q, then reached 3R at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and Tokyo Olympics in 2021.  
 > Earned finance degree and was a 2-time All-American at Tulane University in New Orleans (2013-16).

**NOTE:** Due to Garin's right shoulder injury, Koepfer is a lucky loser in both singles and doubles w/Gille.

### 1R: Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs [8] Diego Schwartzman (ARG)

### Series Tied 1-1

15 Sao Paulo (Brazil)  
 17 Vienna (Austria)

Clay	R16	Fabio Fognini	6-3 1-6 6-2
Hard	R32	Diego Schwartzman	6-1 2-6 6-2

**Fabio Fognini** | Age: 34 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 9 | 2021: 22-22 (Monte Carlo QF) | Vienna: 5-7 (2013, 2015 QFs)  
 > As a 32-year-old in 2019, became oldest player to break into Top 10 for 1st time, as well as 1st Italian in Top 10 since Barazzutti in 1979.  
 > Also became 1st Italian ATP Masters 1000 champion, beating Nadal for 3rd time on clay en route to 2019 Monte Carlo title.  
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at 2017 Rome and 300th win of career over Monfils at 2018 Rome.  
 > Broke through as a doubles player in 2015 by winning Australian Open, reaching 3 ATP Masters 1000 finals and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals with countryman Bolelli.  
 > Married to 2015 US Open women's singles champion Flavia Pennetta with 2 children – Federico and Farah – and 3rd on the way.

**NOTE:** Fognini is 1 of 5 Italians competing in Vienna on Wednesday and 1 of 6 in draw (Mager lost on Tuesday).

**Diego Schwartzman** | Age: 29 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 35-21 (1 Title) | Vienna: 6-3 (2019 Final)  
 > More than 2 years after rising to No. 11, broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 8 in 2020 and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals.  
 > Advanced to 3 Roland Garros and 2 US Open QFs, highlighted by win over No. 3 Thiem in 5:08 to reach 2020 Roland Garros SF.  
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Nadal en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2020 Rome, having entered 0-9 vs. Nadal and 0-22 vs. Top 5.  
 > Shortest Top-8 player at 1.70m (5'7") since 1.68m (5'6") Solomon in 1981, Grand Slam semi-finalist since Solomon at 1980 Roland Garros, and ATP Masters 1000 finalist in series history (since 1990).  
 > Snapped 5-match losing streak with 5 straight wins at 2016 Istanbul, rallying from a set and 5-2 down vs. Dimitrov to capture 1st of 4 ATP Tour titles.

**NOTE:** Schwartzman is 8-3 in his last 3 appearances on ATP Tour (San Diego QF, Indian Wells QF, Antwerp Final).