

# INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022

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### INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA TALKING POINTS

- The Internazionali BNL d'Italia final takes place one week from today. If the last 17 years are any indication, Novak Djokovic or Rafael Nadal will emerge from the top half of the draw and play for the title. The last Rome final missing both Djokovic and Nadal was in 2004 when Carlos Moya beat David Nalbandian for the title. Neither a 17-year-old Nadal nor a 16-year-old Djokovic competed at the 2004 Internazionali BNL d'Italia.
- Nadal has played Rome every year since 2005, reaching 12 finals (10-2). The Spaniard has advanced to the quarter-finals or later in each appearance except 2008, when he lost his opener to **Juan Carlos Ferrero**.
- Djokovic has played Rome every year since 2007, reaching 11 finals (5-6). The Serb has never lost before the quarter-finals in Rome. Djokovic is 3-6 in Rome against Nadal, whom he could meet in the semi-finals.
- This week, Djokovic could become the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 tour-level wins. The World No. 1 is four wins shy of 1,000. He would reach the milestone with a semi-final victory (barring any walkovers).

Most Wins in Open Era		W-L as of 1,	W-L as of 1,000th Win		Age as of 1,000th Win	
Jimmy Connors	1,274	Connors	1,000-164	Connors	32 years, 11 days	
Roger Federer	1,251	Lendl	1,000-199	Lendl	32 years, 7 months	
Ivan Lendl	1,068	Nadal	1,000-201	Federer	33 years, 5 months	
Rafael Nadal	1,050	<u>Federer</u>	1,000-227	<u>Nadal</u>	34 years, 5 months '	
Novak Djokovic	996	Djokovic	996-203	Djokovic	35th birthday on 22 May	

- Three other former finalists are in the field this week: 2017 champion and 2018 runner-up Alexander Zverev, 2020 runner-up Diego Schwartzman and 2008 runner-up Stan Wawrinka. No. 2 seed Zverev and No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas are on the opposite half of the draw as No. 1 seed Djokovic and No. 3 seed Nadal.
- No. 7 seed **Carlos Alcaraz** meets Zverev in the ATP Masters 1000 Madrid final on Sunday before both men leave Spain for Italy. Alcaraz, who turned 19 on 5 May, is 27-3 during his record-setting 2022 campaign.
  - Youngest men's finalist in 20-year history of Mutua Madrid Open
  - Youngest player to defeat Djokovic and Nadal and first to do so at same clay-court event (Madrid)
  - o On 25 April, became youngest player to break into Top 10 since Nadal, 18, on 25 April 2005
  - Youngest and 2nd-youngest ATP 500 champion in 152-event series history (Rio de Janeiro, Barcelona)
  - Youngest men's champion and 1st Spanish men's champion in 37-year history of Miami Open
  - Third-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion since series started in 1990 (Miami)
  - Second-youngest player to reach 2 ATP Masters 1000 finals in 285-event series history (Miami, Madrid)
  - o Second-youngest men's semi-finalist in 46-year history of BNP Paribas Open
  - Youngest player to complete Sunshine Double of men's semi-finals (Indian Wells, Miami)
  - o On 21 February, became youngest player to break into Top 20 since Andrei Medvedev, 18, in 1993
- Djokovic will begin his record-extending 369th week as No. 1 on Monday, but he must reach the Rome semifinals for a chance to remain No. 1. Otherwise, **Daniil Medvedev** will return to No. 1 or Zverev will debut at No. 1 on Monday 16 May. Zverev must win both the Madrid and Rome titles for a chance at No. 1 on 16 May.
- All four wild cards are #NextGenATP players from Italy: 18-year-old Luca Nardi, 20-year-old Flavio Cobolli
  and 21-year-olds Matteo Arnaldi and Francesco Passaro. World No. 198 Nardi is the youngest player in the
  Top 200 of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings. Born in August 2003, Nardi bids to become the first player
  younger than Alcaraz to earn an ATP or Grand Slam win. Alcaraz already owns 59 ATP or Grand Slam wins.



## 2022 INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	ROME W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-4 (Belgrade Final)	59-10 (5 Titles)
2*	Alexander Zverev (GER)	21-7 (Montpellier, Madrid Finals)	13-4 (2017 Title)
3	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	22-2 (3 Titles)	68-7 (10 Titles)
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	27-9 (Monte Carlo Title)	5-4 (2019 SF)
5	Casper Ruud (NOR)	17-8 (Buenos Aires Title)	6-2 (2020 SF)
6	Andrey Rublev	25-6 (3 Titles)	3-2 (2021 QF)
7*	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	27-3 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	21-11 (Rotterdam Title)	2-3 (2021 3R)
9	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	19-11 (Delray Beach Title)	2-2 (2019, 2021 2R)
10	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	21-5 (4 QFs)	4-3 (2020 3R)
11	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	20-8 (Dubai, Miami SFs)	2-2 (2020 3R)
12	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	20-10 (Buenos Aires, Rio Finals)	9-6 (2020 Final)
13	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	13-8 (Dubai SF)	9-4 (2020 SF)
14	Reilly Opelka (USA)	17-8 (Dallas, Houston Titles)	4-1 (2021 SF)
15	Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)	15-9 (Barcelona Final)	5-5 (2018 QF)
16	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	17-7 (Doha Title)	7-6 (2017, 2021 3R)

<sup>\* 2022</sup> stats for Alexander Zverev and Carlos Alcaraz exclude Madrid final on Sunday 8 May

### **ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT**

**Tournament History** 55th Edition of Open Era (1968-2022)

Singles Final Sunday 15 May at 4 pm Doubles Final Sunday 15 May at 2 pm

Wild Cards (4) Matteo Arnaldi (ITA), Flavio Cobolli (ITA), Luca Nardi (ITA), Francesco Passaro (ITA)

Protected Rankings (3) Borna Coric (PR-27), Dominic Thiem (PR-6), Stan Wawrinka (PR-22)

Qualifiers (7) TBD on Sunday 8 May Oldest Player Stan Wawrinka (37)

#NextGenATP (6) Luca Nardi (18), Carlos Alcaraz (19), Flavio Cobolli (20),

Jannik Sinner (20), Matteo Arnaldi (21), Francesco Passaro (21)

Open Era Records <u>Most Titles</u> – Rafael Nadal (10)

Most Wins - Rafael Nadal (68)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Bjorn Borg, 17, in 1974 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Rafael Nadal, 34, in 2021

Highest-Ranked Champion - No. 1 on 7 occasions, most recently Novak Djokovic in 2020

Lowest-Ranked Champion - No. 47 Felix Mantilla in 2003

Last Italian Champion: Adriano Panatta in 1976

#### MOST-REPRESENTED COUNTRIES

Italy (7) Matteo Arnaldi, Flavio Cobolli, Fabio Fognini, Luca Nardi,

Francesco Passaro, Jannik Sinner, Lorenzo Sonego

**Spain (7)** Carlos Alcaraz, Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carreno Busta,

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pedro Martinez, Rafael Nadal, Albert Ramos-Vinolas

**United States (6)** Jenson Brooksby, John Isner, Sebastian Korda,

Reilly Opelka, Tommy Paul, Frances Tiafoe

NOTE: Qualifiers excluded



## 2022 INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYERS	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	ROME (BEST FINISH)
1	Rajeev Ram (USA)	116-57 (6 Titles)	14-7 (Monte Carlo Title)	6-6 (2021 Final)
'	Joe Salisbury (GBR)	13-7 in 2022 (1 Title)	13-8 (Monte Carlo Title)	4-3 (2021 Final)
2	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	73-34 (6 Titles)	10-8 (AO, Rio SF)	27-8 (2012, 2020 Titles)
	Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	10-8 in 2022 (2 SFs)	14-9 (Buenos Aires F)	9-3 (2020 Title)
2	Nikola Mektic (CRO)	75-23 (9 Titles)	10-10 (Dubai, Belgrade F)	8-4 (2021 Title)
3	Mate Pavic (CRO)	10-10 in 2022 (2 Finals)		12-4 (2021 Title)
4	John Peers (AUS)	24-13 (2 Titles)	10-9 (Sydney Title)	12-7 (2017, 2020-21 SF)
4	Filip Polasek (SVK)	7-6 in 2022 (1 Title)	8-6 (Sydney Title)	1-5 (2021 2R)
5*	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL)		12-9 (2 Finals)	13-6 (2018-19 Titles)
3	Robert Farah (COL)	12-8 in 2022 (2 Finals)	12-8 (2 Finals)	12-5 (2018-19 Titles)
6	Jamie Murray (GBR)	5-2 (2 SFs)	16-11 (Rio de Janeiro F)	6-9 (2018 SF)
0	Michael Venus (NZL)	5-2 in 2022 (2 SFs)	15-9 (Dubai Title)	11-5 (2019 Final)
7*	Wesley Koolhof (NED)	29-7 (3 Titles)	30-7 (3 Titles)	3-3 (2021 QF)
1	Neal Skupski (GBR)	29-7 in 2022 (3 Titles)	29-7 (3 Titles)	1-3 (2019 QF)
8	Kevin Krawietz (GER)	66-45 (6 Titles)	15-10 (2 Titles)	2-2 (2021 QF)
0	Andreas Mies (GER)	13-8 in 2022 (2 Titles)	16-9 (2 Titles)	0-1 (2020 1R)

<sup>\*</sup> Team and 2022 stats for Cabal/Farah and Koolhof/Skupski exclude Madrid final on Sunday 8 May

## PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Internazionali BNL d'Italia	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Singles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	45*	10^
Singles Prize Money (€)	836,355	456,720	249,740	136,225	72,865	39,070	21,650
Doubles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	252,980	135,180	72,800	40,570	21,830	11,580	

<sup>\*</sup> Singles players who receive a bye in R64 and lose in R32 earn 10 ranking points ^ Singles wild cards who lose in R64 earn 0 ranking points

## **INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA SINGLES FINALS (since 2005)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-5 1-6 6-3
2020	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	7-5 6-3
2019	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-0 4-6 6-1
2018	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Alexander Zverev (GER)	6-1 1-6 6-3
2017	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-4 6-3
2016	Andy Murray (GBR)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-3 6-3
2015	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-4 6-3
2014	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	4-6 6-3 6-3
2013	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-1 6-3
2012	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-5 6-3
2011	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-4 6-4
2010	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	David Ferrer (ESP)	7-5 6-2
2009	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-6(2) 6-2
2008	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	4-6 6-3 6-3
2007	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Fernando Gonzalez (CHI)	6-2 6-2
2006	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-7(0) 7-6(5) 6-4 2-6 7-6(5)
2005	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Guillermo Coria (ARG)	6-4 3-6 6-3 4-6 7-6(6)

BOLD: Player in 2022 Internazionali BNL d'Italia singles draw



## **INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA DOUBLES FINALS (since 2005)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	6-4 7-6(4)
2020	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos	Jeremy Chardy / Fabrice Martin	6-4 5-7 [10-8]
2019	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	Raven Klaasen / Michael Venus	6-1 6-3
2018	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	Pablo Carreno Busta / Joao Sousa	3-6 6-4 [10-4]
2017	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Ivan Dodig / Marcel Granollers	4-6 6-4 [10-3]
2016	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	2-6 6-3 [10-7]
2015	Pablo Cuevas / David Marrero	Marcel Granollers / Marc Lopez	6-4 7-5
2014	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Robin Haase / Feliciano Lopez	6-4 7-6(2)
2013	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mahesh Bhupathi / Rohan Bopanna	6-2 6-3
2012	Marcel Granollers / Marc Lopez	Lukasz Kubot / Janko Tipsarevic	6-3 6-2
2011	John Isner / Sam Querrey	Mardy Fish / Andy Roddick	Walkover
2010	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	John Isner / Sam Querrey	6-2 6-3
2009	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	7-6(5) 6-3
2008	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	3-6 6-4 [10-8]
2007	Fabrice Santoro / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	6-4 6-7(4) [10-7]
2006	Mark Knowles / Daniel Nestor	Jonathan Erlich / Andy Ram	6-4 5-7 [13-11]
2005	Michael Llodra / Fabrice Santoro	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	6-4 6-2

BOLD: Player in 2022 Internazionali BNL d'Italia doubles draw (Mektic/Pavic, Ram/Salisbury, Granollers/Zeballos and Cabal/Farah remain intact)

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUNDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **CENTER COURT**

Filip Krajinovic (SRB) vs Frances	Tiafoe	(USA)		Series Tied 1-1
19 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Filip Krajinovic	6-2 4-6 6-3 3-6 6-0
19 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Frances Tiafoe	6-2 ret (Illness)
Other Meeting				
15 Memphis Q (U.S.A.)	Hard	Q1	Filip Krajinovic	2-6 6-1 6-4

Filip Krajinovic | Age: 30 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 26 | 2022: 8-9 (Montpellier SF) | Rome: 2-2 (2020 3R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 26 in 2018 and earned 1st Top-100 finish in 2017 after ending 2014 and 2015 at No. 101.
- > Reached 1st of 4 ATP Tour finals at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris as 77th-ranked Q (0-4 in finals).
- > Remains only qualifier to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final since Janowicz at 2012 Paris and lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist since No. 98 Fish at 2008 Indian Wells.
- > Beat No. 2 Djokovic 6-4 ret in 2010 Belgrade QF and remains youngest player (18) to beat Top-2 opponent since 2004 and lowest-ranked (No. 319) since 2006.
- > Underwent right shoulder surgery in 2011 and right wrist surgery in 2016.

NOTE: Krajinovic is 3-6 since defeating Popyrin, Tsonga and Dzumhur to reach Montpellier SF (I. to Bublik).

**Frances Tiafoe** | Age: 24 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 25 | 2022: 11-9 (Estoril Final) | Rome: 0-2 (2018-19 1R) > Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 25 after advancing to 4th ATP Tour final of career at 2022 Estoril.

- > Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston.
- > Defeated Dimitrov on 21st birthday to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open, becoming youngest American Grand Slam quarter-finalist since Roddick, 20, at 2003 Wimbledon.
- > Advanced to US Open 4R in 2020 and 2021, becoming 1st American to do so in back-to-back years since Fish and Roddick in 2011 and 2012.
- > Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Tiafoe earned 4 wins in 3 sets to reach 2nd Estoril and 4th ATP Tour final overall (I. to Baez in final on 1 May).

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## [WC] Francesco Passaro (ITA) vs Cristian Garin (CHI)

**First Meeting** 

Francesco Passaro | Age: 21 | World No. 366 | Career-High No. 343 | 2022: 0-0 (ATP Singles Debut) | Rome: 0-0

- > Achieved career-high No. 343 in April 2022 after advancing to 1st Challenger final at Sanremo as Q.
- > Defeated former World No. 10 Gulbis in 2022 Sanremo qualifying 1R before falling to Rune in final.
- > Beat countrymen Zeppieri and Fonio in pre-qualifying tournament to earn 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome WC.
- > Captured ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2021 Cairo, 2021 Xativa and 2022 Monastir.
- > Peaked at No. 31 in juniors, posting 64-33 singles record with 3 titles and 37-22 doubles records with 4 titles.

NOTE: Passaro lost ATP Tour doubles debut at 2021 Parma w/Travaglia as WC (I. to Gille/Vliegen in 1R).

Cristian Garin | Age: 25 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 17 | 2022: 7-11 (Houston SF) | Rome: 1-2 (2021 2R)

- > Won biggest title of career at 2020 Rio de Janeiro to rise to No. 18, then ended 2021 season at career-high No. 17.
- > Five-time ATP Tour champion saved 5 MPs vs. Chardy en route to 2019 Houston title and 2 MPs vs. No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2019 Munich title.
- > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Paris and 2021 Madrid, as well as Grand Slam 4R at 2021 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon.
- > Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Vina del Mar as 16-year-old WC (d. Lajovic) and 2nd ATP Tour win at 2019 Buenos Aires (d. Auger-Aliassime).
- > Former World No. 4 junior defeated A. Zverev for 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles title and reached boys' doubles final with countryman Jarry.

NOTE: Garin is 4-7 on clay this season (0 finals) after entering 2022 with 58-30 record on the surface (5-1 in finals)

## Marin Cilic (CRO) vs [WC] Matteo Arnaldi (ITA)

First Meeting

Marin Cilic | Age: 33 | World No. 24 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 11-10 (Adelaide-1 & 2 SFs) | Rome: 16-13 (2018 SF) > Broke into Top 10 after reaching 2010 Australian Open SF and achieved career-high No. 3 following run to 2018 Australian Open final.

- > Defeated Federer en route to 2014 US Open title, but fell to Swiss in 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Australian Open finals.
- > Captured titles at Stuttgart and St. Petersburg in 2021 to become 6th active player with 20+ career championships (also Federer, Nadal, Djokovic, Murray, Del Potro).
- > Earned biggest career wins over No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Paris) and No. 1 Nadal (2018 Australian Open) before beating countryman Karlovic for 500th win (2019 Moscow).
- > Won 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati title, clinched 2018 Davis Cup for Croatia, and earned silver medal in All-Croatian men's doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Dodig (held in 2021).

NOTE: Cilic advanced to Rome SF in 2018 (I. to A. Zverev) and QFs in 2011 (I. to No. 1 Nadal) and 2017 (I. to Isner).

Matteo Arnaldi | Age: 21 | World No. 277 | Career-High No. 277 | 2022: 0-0 (ATP Debut) | Rome: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 277 in May 2022 after advancing to 1st Challenger SF at Split as Q.
- > Beat countrymen Nardi and Forti in pre-qualifying tournament to earn 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome WC.
- > Captured ITF World Tennis Tour titles at 2021 Bolzano and 2021 Skopje.
- > Peaked at No. 22 in juniors, posting 80-42 singles record with 3 titles and 34-35 doubles record with 2 titles.
- > Captured 2017 Tbilisi title in ITF Junior Circuit debut as 16-year-old Q.

NOTE: Arnaldi is playing 1st ATP Tour main draw or qualifying match in singles or doubles.

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#### **GRAND STAND ARENA**

## Lloyd Harris (RSA) vs Aslan Karatsev

Karatsev Leads 1-0

21 Dubai (U.A.E.) Hard F Aslan Karatsev 6-3 6-2

**Lloyd Harris** | Age: 25 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 31 | 2022: 7-12 (Miami 4R) | Rome: 0-1 (2021 1R) > Became No. 1 African in January 2020, broke into Top 50 in April 2021 and achieved career-high No. 31 in September 2021 after advancing to 1st Grand Slam QF at US Open.

- > Earned personal-best 30 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Nadal in Washington 3R.
- > Defeated No. 4 Thiem en route to 2021 Dubai final, becoming 1st qualifier to advance past QF in 30-year tournament history.
- > Also qualified at 5 tour-level events in 2020, highlighted by run to 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide.
- > Regularly played ITF Futures events in Egypt, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe before making ATP Tour debut in 2017, earning 1st ATP Tour win in 2018 and breaking into Top 100 in 2019.

NOTE: Harris is 7-12 this season with 0 QFs (.368) after posting 30-22 record in 2021 with 5 QFs (.577).

**Aslan Karatsev** | Age: 28 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 14 | 2022: 8-10 (Sydney Title) | Rome: 2-1 (2021 3R) > Broke into Top 20 after winning 2nd ATP Tour title at 2021 Moscow, then achieved career-high No. 14 following 3rd title at 2022 Sydney.

- > Reached 2021 Australian Open SF as World No. 114, becoming 1st men's semi-finalist in Grand Slam debut in Open Era, 1st men's qualifier to reach Grand Slam SF since Voltchkov at 2000 Wimbledon, and lowest-ranked Grand Slam men's semi-finalist since No. 125 Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon.
- > Ended 23-match ATP 500 win streak of countryman Rublev en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2021 Dubai, then defeated No. 1 Djokovic at 2021 Belgrade-1 and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Rome.
- > In mixed doubles w/Vesnina, finished as 2021 Roland Garros runner-up and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist in All-ROC final (held in 2021).
- > Went 18-2 on ATP Challenger Tour from August-November 2020, including titles at Prague-2 and Ostrava.

NOTE: Karatsev is 2-10 since starting season with 6 straight wins (Sydney Title, Australian Open 3R).