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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- World No. 3 **Jannik Sinner** enters the **BNP Paribas Open** quarter-finals on an 18-match winning streak, including a perfect 15-0 record in 2024, marking just the 10th time a player started their season with such record since ATP Tour was established in 1990. The Italian now faces No. 32 seed **Jiri Lehecka** in their first tour-level meeting, as the Czech No. 1 looks for the biggest win of his career.

Best Starts in ATP Tour History (since 1990)			BNP Paribas Open Finish
Novak Djokovic	41-0	2011	Champion (d. Rafael Nadal)
Novak Djokovic	26-0	2020	*Tournament Canceled*
Rafael Nadal	20-0	2022	Finalist (l. to Taylor Fritz)*
Novak Djokovic	17-0	2013	Semi-finalist (l. to Juan Martin del Potro)*
Roger Federer	17-0	2018	Finalist (l. to Juan Martin del Potro)*
Pete Sampras	17-0	1997	2nd Round (l. to Bohdan Ulihrach)*
Roger Federer	16-0	2006	Champion (d. James Blake)#
Jannik Sinner	**15-0**	**2024**	**Plays in QF vs. Jiri Lehecka**
Novak Djokovic	15-0	2023	Did Not Participate#
Andre Agassi	15-0	1995	Finalist (l. to Pete Sampras)#

* First loss of season # Lost prior to Indian Wells (Djokovic in '23 Dubai SF, Federer in '06 Dubai final, Agassi in '95 Philadelphia final)

- Defending champion and World No. 2 **Carlos Alcaraz** meets a familiar foe in No. 6 seed **Alexander Zverev**. Alcaraz lost to the German in both recent meetings and trails in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 3-5. The Spaniard aims to maintain his perfect record of reaching at least the SF stage when defending the title, while Zverev looks to complete the set of semi-finals at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events in his 2nd Indian Wells QF.

- In another battle of Top 10 players, No. 4 **Daniil Medvedev** meets No. 7 **Holger Rune** in their third meeting, with the pair splitting the previous matches, with Medvedev capturing his latest ATP Masters 1000 title at 2023 Rome in their last encounter. Rune seeks his 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF and Top 5 win since that Rome event.

- The lone American left in the draw, No. 12 **Tommy Paul**, aims to keep the home presence in Indian Wells SFs for the fourth consecutive year (**Taylor Fritz** in 2021-22, **Frances Tiafoe** in 2023). He faces No. 9 **Casper Ruud**, with the Norwegian entering the match with a 4-1 lead in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head**. Ruud seeks his 50th ATP Masters 1000 win, while Paul seeks 1st Top 10 win since defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz last August.

- With 6 Top 10 players remaining, only No. 12 Paul and No. 32 Lehecka can prevent the third all-Top 10 ATP Masters 1000 semi-final lineup since the start of 2023 season (2023 Monte-Carlo, Rome), first on hard court since 2021 Paris (No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Medvedev, No. 4 Zverev, No. 10 Hurkacz) and first in Indian Wells since 2015 (No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Federer, No. 4 Murray, No. 6 Raonic).

Most ATP Masters 1000 SFs (from remaining field)		Most ATP Masters 1000 Wins (from remaining field)	
Alexander Zverev	16	Alexander Zverev	119
Daniil Medvedev	12	Daniil Medvedev	89
Carlos Alcaraz	7	Jannik Sinner	53
Casper Ruud	7	Carlos Alcaraz	50
Jannik Sinner	5	Casper Ruud	49
Holger Rune	3	Tommy Paul	39
Tommy Paul	1	Holger Rune	25
Jiri Lehecka	0	Jiri Lehecka	9

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Insights from this week at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells :

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Tommy Paul	25%	72%	29%	7.9	7.2	6.6	7.5
Casper Ruud	26%	72%	34%	7.9	6.3	8.1	7.5
Daniil Medvedev	20%	76%	39%	7.3	7.3	8.7	7.4
Holger Rune	**27%**	73%	43%	8.0	6.6	7.8	7.9
Jiri Lehecka	25%	72%	38%	**8.4**	7.2	8.4	7.4
Jannik Sinner	**27%**	**78%**	35%	8.1	7.3	**9.3**	**8.5**
Alexander Zverev	**27%**	68%	39%	8.3	**7.6**	7.5	7.7
Carlos Alcaraz	26%	75%	**44%**	7.8	7.5	8.9	7.7
Tour Average	*25.0%*	*66.0%*	*34.0%*	*7.9*	*6.6*	*7.5*	*7.1*

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

STADIUM 1

[6] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)   Zverev Leads 5-3

21 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R32	Alexander Zverev	6-3 6-1
21 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	SF	Alexander Zverev	6-3 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	F	Carlos Alcaraz	6-3 6-1
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	QF	Alexander Zverev	6-4 6-4 4-6 7-6(7)
23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Carlos Alcaraz	6-1 6-2
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	6-3 6-2 6-4
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Alexander Zverev	6-7(3) 6-3 6-4
24 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	QF	Alexander Zverev	6-1 6-3 6-7(2) 6-4

Insight from their Nitto ATP Finals 2023 Round Robin meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Alexander Zverev	29%	**73%**	**33%**	**9.4**	6.7	8.6	**7.7**
Carlos Alcaraz	**31%**	67%	27%	8.7	**7.2**	**8.7**	7.4
Tour Average	*25%*	*66%*	*34%*	*7.9*	*6.6*	*7.6*	*7.2*

Zverev Conversion was up from his 52-week avg. of 66% to 73%. Alcaraz Steal was down from his 52-week avg. of 38% to 27%. That's a trend the Spaniard will need to reverse if he's going to turn this match-up around.

Alexander Zverev | Age: 26 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 14-4 (2 SFs) | Indian Wells: 13-7 ('21, '24 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.
> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 21 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).

NOTE: Zverev looks for his 17th ATP Masters 1000 SF (10-6), 1st at Indian Wells to earn a SF at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events. He is 10-16 vs. Top 2 opponents, winning the last two matches vs. No. 2 Alcaraz and aims to be the only player with +3 differential in Lexus ATP Head2Head vs. Alcaraz. Regardless of the quarter-final result, he is projected to return to Top 5 on the PIF ATP Rankings on Monday for the first time since October 2022.

Alexander Zverev in ATP Masters 1000 Events:

Tournament	Best Result	Tournament	Best Result
Indian Wells	2021, 2024 QF	Canada	2017 Champion (Montreal)
Miami	2018 Runner-up	Cincinnati	2021 Champion
Monte-Carlo	2018, 2022 SF	Shanghai	2019 Runner-up
Madrid	2018, 2021 Champion	Paris	2020 Runner-up
Rome	2017 Champion		

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 9-3 (Buenos Aires SF) | Indian Wells: 13-2 (2023 Title)
> Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season.
> Became third Spanish man in Wimbledon history to win the singles title after Nadal (2008, 2010) and Santana (1966), defeating 7-time champion Djokovic in a 5-set battle for his 2nd Grand Slam title.
> Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
> Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (173 events since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (298 events since 1990).
> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch, 18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

NOTE: Alcaraz is on a 9-match winning streak at the event, aiming to become the first player to reach the semi-final in his title defense since 2017 champion Roger Federer reached the 2018 final (l. to del Potro).

Carlos Alcaraz when Defending a Tour-Level Title:

Year/Tournament Won	Title Defense
2021 Umag (d. Gasquet)	2022 Final (l. to Sinner)
2022 Rio de Janeiro (d. Schwartzman)	2023 Final (l. to Norrie)
2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (d. Ruud)	2023 SF (l. to Sinner)
2022 Barcelona (d. Carreno Busta)	2023 **Title** (d. Tsitsipas)
2022 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (d. Zverev)	2023 **Title** (d. Struff)
2022 US Open (d. Ruud)	2023 SF (l. to Medvedev)
2023 Buenos Aires (d. Norrie)	2024 SF (l. to Jarry)
2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (d. Medvedev)	plays in QF vs. Zverev

[4] Daniil Medvedev vs [7] Holger Rune (DEN)   Series Tied 1-1

23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco) Clay	QF	Holger Rune	6-3 6-4
23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	F	Daniil Medvedev	7-5 7-5

Insight from the 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome Final:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Daniil Medvedev	24%	**72%**	**47%**	7.8	**7.2**	**9.3**	**7.4**
Holger Rune	**29%**	53%	28%	**8.0**	6.7	8.4	**7.4**
Tour Average	*25%*	*66%*	*34%*	*7.9*	*6.6*	*7.6*	*7.2*

Rune had a significant In Attack advantage in Rome. But Medvedev had a huge 47% Steal Score (his average is 39%). Rune will likely be the more aggressive player, but finding a way to raise his Conversion Score (points won in attack) vs one of the tour's best defenders will be critical.

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Daniil Medvedev | Age: 28 | World No. 4 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 12-2 (Aus. Open Final) | Indian Wells: 14-6 (2023 Final)
> Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in 2004.
> Six-time Grand Slam finalist owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.
> Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
> Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
> Won 18 of his 20 singles titles on hard courts and all 20 of his titles at different events, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st career clay ATP Tour title.

NOTE: Medvedev aims to capture the Indian Wells title this week to complete the set of titles at all hard court ATP Masters 1000 events (Miami in 2023, Canada in 2021, Cincinnati in 2019, Shanghai in 2019, Paris in 2020). He looks for his 13th ATP Masters 1000 SF (9-3), first since winning the 2023 Rome title.

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 13-5 (Brisbane Final) | Indian Wells: 4-3 (2024 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching No. 4 in August 2023.
> Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
> From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, posting runner-up results in Monte Carlo (l. to Rublev) and Rome (l. to Medvedev).
> Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents, ending the streak with loss to No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (7-7 vs. Top 5).
> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).
> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

NOTE: Rune is 7-7 vs. Top 5, aiming to break a 6-match losing streak against them since defeating No. 4 Ruud to reach 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (l. to Medvedev). He owns a 3-1 record in ATP Masters 1000 QFs and 3-0 in SFs, only losing to No. 1 Djokovic at 2023 Paris QF.

STADIUM 2

[32] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [3] Jannik Sinner (ITA)   **First Tour-Level Meeting**
Other Meeting

19 Ostrava CH (Czech Republic)	Clay	R16	Jannik Sinner	6-4 6-2

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 13-6 (Adelaide Title) | Indian Wells: 4-1 (2024 4R)
> Achieved career-high No. 23 in January 2024 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Adelaide.
> Defeated No. 5 Rublev for biggest wins of career to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Indian Wells.
> Recorded wins over No. 12 Norrie and No. 7 Auger-Aliassime to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2023 Australian Open.
> Qualified and defeated No. 12 Shapovalov for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 1st QF and SF at 2022 Rotterdam.
> Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.
> Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

NOTE: Lehecka is playing his 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF, looking for the biggest win of his career (0-3 vs. Top 3) to become the first Czech in ATP Masters 1000 SF since Berdych at 2015 Madrid. He aims to be the lowest-ranked semi-finalist in Indian Wells since No. 36 Basilashvili reached the 2021 final (l. to Norrie).

Czech ATP Masters 1000 Semi-Finalists:

Player	No. of SFs	Player	No. of SFs
Tomas Berdych	19	Karel Novacek	1
Petr Korda	7	Slava Dosedel	1
Radek Stepanek	6	Bohdan Ulihrach	1
Jiri Novak	5		

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Jannik Sinner | Age: 22 | World No. 3 (Career-High) | 2024: 15-0 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 10-2 (2023 SF)
> Unranked to begin 2018, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021, then reached career-high No. 3 in February 2024, becoming the highest-ranked Italian in PIF ATP Rankings history.
> At 2024 Australian Open, defeated 10-time champion Djokovic in SF and rallied from two sets down in final against Medvedev to win his 1st Grand Slam title. Became 1st player to beat Djokovic in SF or later at the tournament.
> Became the first Italian champion in Australian Open tournament history and second Italian man to win a Grand Slam title in Open Era (Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros).
> Earned career-best 64 wins in 2023, setting the record for most wins by an Italian player in a single season in Open Era, highlighted by first ATP Masters 1000 title at Toronto.
> As a 19-year-old in 2021, became first teenager to win an ATP 500 title at Washington and first Italian finalist in tournament history of ATP Masters 1000 Miami (since 1985).

NOTE: Sinner is on an 18-match winning streak, 15-0 in 2024, capturing titles at Australian Open and Rotterdam. The Italian is 26-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 20 since the start of 2023 Wimbledon, only losing to No. 66 Lajovic at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 2R on his 22nd birthday.

[17] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [9] Casper Ruud (NOR)   Ruud Leads 4-1

17 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Tommy Paul	3-6 7-5 3-0 RET
20 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Casper Ruud	6-1 1-6 6-3 1-6 6-3
21 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R64	Casper Ruud	3-6 6-2 6-4 7-5
22 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Casper Ruud	7-6(3) 6-7(5) 7-6(2) 5-7 6-0
23 Laver Cup (Canada)	Hard	RR	Casper Ruud	7-6(6) 6-2

Tommy Paul | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 13-4 (Dallas Title) | Indian Wells: 10-3 (2024 QF)
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 12 in October 2023 after defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF in Toronto earlier in the year.
> Became the 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF in 2023 since Roddick in 2009.
> Owns 6-9 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.
> Posted upsets at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 events of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
> Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
> Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul aims to reach his second ATP Masters 1000 SF (0-1). He is 8-21 vs. Top 10 opponents, attempting to break a 6-match losing streak since defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz at 2023 Toronto to reach his 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF.

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 16-3 (2 Finals) | Indian Wells: 7-3 (2024 QF)
> Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.
> First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (10), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final), and reach both a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros, US Open, 2023 Roland Garros) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).
> Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.
> Former World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (92), finals (13) and titles (9).
> Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

NOTE: Ruud is 4-0 in ATP Masters 1000 QFs since the start of 2022 season (7-3 overall), aiming to reach his 8th ATP Masters 1000 SF (1-6), first since 2023 Rome and third on hard court (2022 Miami, 2022 Montreal). He looks for his 50th ATP Masters 1000 win (49-32).