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ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTE: This is the first all-Spanish final on the ATP Tour since Feb. 11, 2018 when Roberto Carballes Baena defeated Albert Ramos-Vinolas in Quito. Carreno Busta is appearing in his 8th career ATP Tour final (4-3) and Munar is making his ATP Tour final debut. The winner will become the first Spaniard to capture an ATP Tour title in 2021.

[1] Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) vs Jaume Munar (ESP)

First Meeting

Pablo Carreno Busta | Age: 29 | World No. 15 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 199-169 (4 Titles) | 2021: 7-3 (1st Final)
> Winner of 4 singles and 4 doubles titles achieved career-high No. 10 in singles and No. 16 in doubles during 2017 season.

> Reached US Open SF in 2017 after defeating 4 qualifiers and in 2020 after defeating No. 1 Djokovic by default and earning 5-set wins over Uchiyama and Shapovalov.

> Also advanced to Roland Garros QF in 2017 and 2020, as well as 2016 US Open doubles final with countryman Garcia-Lopez.

> Following back surgery in June 2012, posted 97-18 record in singles matches across all tours in 2013 with win streaks of 35 Futures and 17 Challenger matches.

> Played almost exclusively on hard courts until moving to Barcelona at age 15.

NOTES: Carreno Busta, who is appearing in his 1st final since winning 2019 Chengdu title (d. Bublik), is trying to earn his 200th tour level win (199-169). He is 1-3 in clay finals, winning 2017 Estoril (d. Muller).

Jaume Munar | Age: 23 | World No. 95 | Career-High No. 52 | Career: 37-51 (1st Final) | 2021: 6-3 (1st Final)

> 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.

NOTES: Munar is 12-2 overall in Marbella over the last 6 months, finishing as 2020 and 2021 Marbella Challenger runner-up. He is trying to become the 5th first-time ATP Tour winner this season:

- Daniel Evans Melbourne-2
- Juan Manuel Cerundolo Cordoba
- Alexei Popyrin Singapore
- Aslan Karatsev Dubai

- **Carreno Busta** leads the tournament in 1st serve pts. won (76%) and service games won (94%, 31 of 33) and is No. 2 in aces (18) behind Gombos (20). erve (43%) and No. 3 in 2nd serve pts. won (59%) .

Munar is No. 2 in pts. won returning 1st serve (39%) and return games won (42%, 18 of 43).

Andalucia Open	[1]Pablo Carreno Busta	Jaume Munar
Aces	18	16
1st-Serve Percentage	71%	66%
1st-Serve Points Won	76%	71%
2nd-Serve Points Won	56%	58%
Service Games Won	94% (31 of 33)	84% (36 of 43)
Break Points Saved	67% (4 of 6)	65% (13 of 20)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	32%	39%
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	49%	54%
Return Games Won	25% (8 of 32)	42% (18 of 43)
Break Points Converted	50% (8 of 16)	38% (18 of 47)

ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

**Ariel Behar (URU) / Gonzalo Escobar (ECU) vs
Tomislav Brkic (BIH) / Nikola Cacic (SRB)**

Brkic/Cacic Leads 1-0
2021 Buenos Aires Final 6-3 7-5

NOTES

- > This is the repeat of the Buenos Aires final last month won by Brkic/Cacic 6-3, 7-5.
- > Behar/Escobar have only lost one set en route to the final (6-1), outlasting [4] Saville/Smith 6-1, 5-7, 12-10 in 1R.
- > Brkic/Cacic rallied from a set down in their 1R and QF matches, beating [2] Daniell/Oswald 4-6, 7-6, 11-9 in QF.

Ariel Behar | Age: 31 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 55 | 1 Career Title | 22-33 in Career

- > Won maiden ATP Tour title in January 2021 at Delray Beach w/Escobar (d. Harrison brothers). Then reached Buenos Aires final in March (l. to Brkic/Cacic).
- > They are appearing in their 3rd career ATP Tour final and they have a 16-12 career record (13-5 this season).
- > Partnered with Gonzalo Escobar for first time at 2016 Bogota ATP Challenger and advanced to the final (l. to Arevalo/Galdos).
- > Reached ATP career-high ranking No. 55 on 15 March 2021 and closing in on Top 50 breakthrough.
- > Captured 22 ATP Challenger titles, 5 in 2020.
- > Won the Buenos Aires Challenger in 2017 w/De Paula (d. M.Gonzalez/Nels).

Gonzalo Escobar | Age: 32 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 58 | 1 Career Title | 22-16 in Career

- > Won maiden ATP Tour title in January 2021 at Delray Beach w/Behar (d. Harrison brothers). Then reached Buenos Aires final in March (l. to Brkic/Cacic).
- > They are appearing in their 3rd career ATP Tour final and they have a 16-12 career record (13-5 this season).
- > Partnered with Ariel Behar for first time at 2016 Bogota ATP Challenger and advanced to the final (l. to Arevalo/Galdos).
- > Reached ATP career-high ranking No. 58 on 15 March 2021 and came into Marbella ranked No. 60.
- > Captured 10 ATP Challenger titles from 2018-2020.

Tomislav Brkic | Age: 31 | World No. 74 | Career-High No. 71 | 1 Career Title | 27-17 in Career

- > Partnered with Nikola Cacic for the first time on tour level at 2021 Cordoba (l. to Bagnis/M.Gonzalez in 1R). The following week captured maiden ATP Tour title in Buenos Aires (d. Behar/Escobar).
- > Prior to Argentina, teamed together for 11 Futures events from 2010-17 (4-2 in finals) and 3 Challengers in 2019-20, winning Forli, ITA title last September
- > Reached first ATP Tour SF at 2020 Sofia with Marin Cilic (l. to Melzer/Roger-Vasselin)
- > Obtained his career-high ranking of World No. 71 on 8 March 2021, one day before his 31st birthday
- > Advanced to 1st career ATP Tour SF at 2020 Montpellier w/A.Pavic (l. to Cacic/M.Pavic).
- > Captured 11 ATP Challenger titles from 2013-2020.

Nikola Cacic | Age: 30 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 51 | 3 Career Titles | 26-27 in Career

- > Partnered with Tomislav Brkic for the first time on tour level at 2021 Cordoba (l. to Bagnis/M.Gonzalez in 1R). The following week captured 3rd career ATP Tour title in Buenos Aires (d. Behar/Escobar).
- > Prior to Argentina, teamed together for 11 Futures events from 2010-17 (4-2 in finals) and 3 Challengers in 2019-20, winning Forli, ITA title last September.
- > Reached career-high No. 51 on 15 March 2021 and will break the Top 50 in Monday's FedEx ATP Rankings.
- > Other ATP Tour titles came at: 2019 Chengdu w/Dusan Lajovic and 2020 Montpellier w/Mate Pavic. Won the ATP Cup 2020 for Serbia in team with Djokovic, Lajovic and Troicki.
- > Overall has a 32-14 record in Futures finals (from 2008-2018) and 4-6 in Challenger finals from 2018-20.