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2023 SOFIA OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2023 W-L (BEST FINISH)	SOFIA W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	32-27 (3 times in SF)	2-2 (2022 SF)
2	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	39-24 (Newport, Astana Titles)	5-6 (2020 SF)
3	Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)	18-16 (Madrid, Stuttgart Finals)	3-3 (2020 QF)
4	Sebastian Baez (ARG)	31-25 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Alexei Popyrin (AUS)	22-22 (Umag Title)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Max Purcell (AUS)	9-19 (Cincinnati, Winston-Salem QF)	0-0 (2020 Q1)
7	Sebastian Ofner (AUT)	11-13 (Astana SF)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Marton Fucsovics (HUN)	20-20 (Stuttgart SF)	3-2 (2019 Final)
9	Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)	25-29 (Delray Beach, Estoril Finals)	1-1 (2021 2R)

Tournament History Singles Final Doubles Final Wild Cards (3) Qualifiers (4)	2016-Present (8th Edition in 2023) Saturday 11 November at 3:00 pm Saturday 11 November at 12:30 pm Cem Ilkel (TUR), Dimitar Kuzmanov (BUL), Alexandar Lazarov (BUL) Terence Atmane (FRA), Billy Harris (GBR), Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI), Vitaliy Sachko (UKR)
Lucky Loser (1)	TBD on Tuesday
Oldest Player	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (35)
#NextGenATP (2)	Hamad Medjedovic (20), Lorenzo Musetti (21), Terence Atmane (21)
Tournament Records	Most Titles – Jannik Sinner (2)
	Most Wins – Jannik Sinner (11)
	Youngest Champion – Jannik Sinner, 19, in 2020
	Oldest Champion – Roberto Bautista Agut, 27, in 2016
	Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 13 Grigor Dimitrov in 2017
	Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 129 Mirza Basic in 2018
	Last Bulgarian Champion – Grigor Dimitrov in 2017

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

Australia (3) Hungary (3) Spain (3)	Rinky Hijikata, Christopher O'Connell, Max Purcell Marton Fucsovics, Fabian Marozsan, Zsombor Piros Roberto Bautista Agut, Roberto Carballes Baena, Albert Ramos-Vinolas
Austria (2)	Sebastian Ofner, Jurij Rodionov
Bulgaria (2)	Dimitar Kuzmanov, Alexandar Lazarov
France (2)	Terence Atmane, Adrian Mannarino
Germany (2)	Maximilian Marterer, Jan-Lennard Struff
Great Britain (2)	Jack Draper, Billy Harris
Serbia (2)	Miomir Kecmanovic, Hamad Medjedovic
Argentina (1)	Sebastian Baez
Italy (1)	Lorenzo Musetti
Switzerland (1)	Marc-Andrea Huesler
Turkey (1)	Cem Ilkel
Ukraine (1)	Vitaliy Sachko
.,	Pavel Kotov



PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Sofia Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	85,605	49,940	29,355	17,010	9,880	6,035
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	29,745	15,910	9,330	5,220	3,070	

* Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

2023 SOFIA OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2023 (BEST FINISH)	SOFIA (BEST FINISH)
4	Sander Gille (BEL)	111-106 (32-23 in 2023)	32-23 (2 Titles)	1-2 (2018 QF)
	Joran Vliegen (BEL)	7 Titles (2 in 2023)	32-23 (2 Titles)	0-1 (2020 1R)
2	Nathaniel Lammons (USA)	69-49 (53-27 in 2023)	54-29 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2019 1R)
2	Jackson Withrow (USA)	5 Titles (4 in 2023)	53-27 (4 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
0	Julian Cash (GBR)	1-0	17-18 (2 Finals)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Nikola Mektic (CRO)	(1-0 in 2023)	25-25 (3 Titles)	7-1 (2019 Title)
	Alexander Erler (AUT)	44-33 (33-26 in 2023)	33-26 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Lucas Miedler (AUT)	5 Titles (3 in 2023)	34-26 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)

*Team and 2023 stats include 1R win for Cash/Mektic and 1R loss for Lammons/Withrow on Monday

SOFIA OPEN SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI)	Holger Rune (DEN)	6-4 7-6(8)
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-3 6-4
2020	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Vasek Pospisil	6-4 3-6 7-6(3)
2019	Daniil Medvedev	Marton Fucsovics (HUN)	6-4 6-3
2018	Mirza Basic (BIH)	Marius Copil (ROU)	7-6(6) 6-7(4) 6-4
2017	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	David Goffin (BEL)	7-5 6-4
2016	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Viktor Troicki (SRB)	6-3 6-4

BOLD: Player in 2023 Sofia Open singles draw.

SOFIA OPEN DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Rafael Matos / David Vega Hernandez	Fabian Fallert / Oscar Otte	3-6 6-3 [10-5]
2021	Jonny O'Mara / Ken Skupski	Oliver Marach / Philipp Oswald	6-3 6-4
2020	Jamie Murray / Neal Skupski	Jurgen Melzer / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	W/O
2019	Jurgen Melzer / Nikola Mektic	Cheng-Peng Hsieh / Christopher Rungkat	6-2 4-6 [10-2]
2018	Robin Haase / Matwe Middelkoop	Nikola Mektic / Alexander Peya	5-7 6-4 [10-4]
2017	Viktor Troicki / Nenad Zimonjic	Mikhail Elgin / Andrey Kuznetsov	6-4 6-4
2016	Wesley Koolhof / Matwe Middelkoop	Philipp Oswald / Adil Shamasdin	5-7 7-6(9) [10-6]

BOLD: Player in 2023 Sofia Open doubles draw - no team remains intact.



LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Zsombor Piros (HUN) vs Fabian Marozsan (HUN) **First Tour-Level Meeting** Other Meetings

21 M15 Sibenik (Croatia)	Clay	QF	Zsombor Piros	6-2 6-1
21 M25 Grodzisk Mazowiecki (Poland)	Clay	R32	Zsombor Piros	7-6(2) 6-3
23 Split CH (Croatia)	Clay	R32	Zsombor Piros	6-3 6-3

Zsombor Piros | Age: 24 | World No. 121 | Career-High No. 109 | 2023: 3-1 (Umag 2R) | Sofia: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 300 in November 2021, Top 200 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 109 in July 2023 just before recording first ATP Tour win at Umag by defeating O'Connell in 1R.

> Owns 89-64 Challenger record (4-2 in finals) with titles at 2022 Tampere, 2022 Gwangju, 2023 Split and 2023 Oeiras-3.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 30 Marin Cilic at Davis Cup Finals in 2021 Madrid.

> Captured 7 of 8 tour-level wins playing for Hungary in Davis Cup where he owns 7-4 singles record.

> Defeated Oliel to capture the Australian Open boys' singles title in 2017, becoming the second Hungarian to record

a Grand Slam boys' singles title after Fucsovics at 2010 Wimbledon.

NOTE: Piros aims to win 2nd ATP Tour match of his career. He is 8-6 on tour-level, 5-3 on hard courts.

Fabian Maroszan | Age: 24 | World No. 62 | Career-High No. 61 | 2023: 10-7 (Shanghai QF) | Sofia: 0-0 (Debut) > Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in June 2023 and earned career-high No. 61 in October 2023 soon after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Shanghai.

> In ATP Tour debut, qualified and defeated No. 2 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R.

> Earned first Grand Slam main draw win over Gasquet at 2023 US Open in five sets (I. to Mannarino in 2R).

> Owns 55-30 record on Challenger tour (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Banja Luka, 2023 Antalya and 2023 Perugia and losing to compatriot Fucsovics in 2022 Bratislava-2 final.

> Began playing tennis at age 5 and credits his father for teaching him everything about the sport.

NOTE: Maroszan owns a 4-2 record in opening rounds this season. He is 10-8 on tour-level in career (5-5 on hard courts).

Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)

Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs A	Ramos-Vinolas Leads 4-3			
16 Bastad (Sweden)	Clay	R16	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	7-6(5) 6-3
17 Quito (Ecuador)	Clay	QF	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	7-5 4-6 6-2
18 Quito (Ecuador)	Clay	F	Roberto Carballes Baena	6-3 4-6 6-4
18 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Roberto Carballes Baena	6-1 6-3
19 Bastad (Sweden)	Clay	QF	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	4-6 6-1 6-1
19 Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	QF	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-2 6-1
23 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Roberto Carballes Baena	7-5 6-4
Other Meetings				
14 Kenitra CH (Morocco)	Clay	SF	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	4-6 6-4 6-3
15 Caltanissetta CH (Italy)	Clay	R16	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-4 6-0
15 Cordenons CH (Italy)	Clay	QF	Roberto Carballes Baena	4-6 6-2 6-3

Roberto Carballes Baena | Age: 30 | World No. 61 | Career-High No. 49 | 2023: 19-23 (Marrakech Title) | Sofia: 0-1 (2020 1R) > Former World No. 8 junior entered Top 50 at 30 years of age at career high No. 49 after coming from a set down three times to win 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Marrakech.

> At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.

> Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.

> Boasts 233-151 Challenger record (11-8 in finals), including clay-court titles at 2022 and 2023 Seville.

NOTE: Carballes Baena seeks his 20th tour-level win on hard courts in his career (19-36). He aims to break a 4match tour-level losing streak, seeking first win since defeating No. 4 Rune at US Open 1R for biggest win of career.

Albert Ramos Vinolas | Age: 35 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 17 | 2023: 11-25 (Gstaad Final) | Sofia: 0-0 (Debut) > Achieved career-high No. 17 in 2017 and has finished each of last 12 seasons in Top 100 (2011-22).



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> Played in 12 finals on ATP Tour, winning clay-court titles at 2016 Bastad, 2019 Gstaad, 2021 Estoril and 2022 Cordoba.

> Advanced to 3R, 4R and QF of a Grand Slam for 1st time at 2016 Roland Garros.

> Reached QF, SF and final of an ATP Masters 1000 event for 1st time at 2017 Monte Carlo, earning biggest career win over No. 1 Murray in 3R from 0-4 down in 3rd set.

> Defeated defending champion and World No. 3 Federer in 2015 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 2R for 1st win in 16 tries vs. Top 10.

NOTE: Ramos-Vinolas aims to break an 11-match tour-level losing streak on the surface, seeking 1st tour-level hard court win since defeating No. 23 Musetti at 2022 Basel 1R.

Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) vs [9] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) Bautista Agut Leads 4-0

19 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-1 6-2
20 US Open (U.S.A)	Hard	R64	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-3 3-6 6-3 6-4
21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Roberto Bautista Agut	6-3 6-3 6-7(3) 3-6 6-3
22 ESP vs SRB Finals Group B (Spain)	Hard	RR	Roberto Bautista Agut	7-6(5) 7-6(5)

Roberto Bautista Agut | Age: 35 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 9 | 2023: 16-20 (Adelaide-2 Final) | Sofia: 6-1 (2016 Title) > Captured 10th and 11th ATP Tour titles of career in 2022, earned 300th win of career in 2020 and ended 2019 at career-high No. 9.

> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-9 record in Grand Slam 4R matches.

> Defeated No. 1 Djokovic in 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF, 2019 Doha SF and 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R, as well as No. 1 Medvedev in 2022 Mallorca QF.

> Went 4-1 at 2022 ATP Cup and 6-0 at 2020 ATP Cup to lead Spain to finals after helping his country win 2019 Davis Cup.

> Played football for Villarreal C.F. until he was 14 years old.

NOTE: Bautista Agut is one of the two former champions in the field (w/Huesler). He seeks his 10th hard court win of the season (9-11).

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 24 | World No. 56 | Career-High No. 27 | 2023: 25-29 (2 Finals) | Sofia: 1-1 (2021 2R) > Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 27 in January 2023.

> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, reaching Australian Open 4R, Roland Garros 3R and Wimbledon 3R.
> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Indian Wells as LL, 2022 Indian Wells and 2022 Miami, equaling biggest win of career in 2022 Indian Wells 4R vs. No. 6 Berrettini.

> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (I. to eventual champion Sinner).

> Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

NOTE: Kecmanovic is 1-9 vs. Top 100 players in last 10 tour-level matches against them, equaling biggest win of career over No. 6 Rune at Stockholm 2R for lone win.

[WC] Alexandar Lazarov (BUL) vs Pavel Kotov

First Meeting

Alexandar Lazarov | Age: 26 | World No. 709 | Career-High No. 272 | 2023: 1-1 (Dubai 1R) | Sofia: 1-4 (2022 2R) > Achieved career-high No. 272 in November 2022 after defeating No. 74 Lehecka for biggest win of career at 2022 Sofia for his first ATP Tour win of career.

> Made ATP Tour debut at 2017 Sofia as a wildcard (I. to Albot in 1R).

> Owns 10-17 Challenger record and 175-96 on ITF Tour (7-2 in finals), with most recent titles at M15 Sozopol in back-to-back weeks.

> Started playing tennis at age 6 because his father, uncle and grandfather played and was inspired as a youngster by watching VHS tapes of his father playing.

> Tennis idols are countryman Grigor Dimitrov and Rafael Nadal.

NOTE: Lazarov seeks his 2nd ATP tour win against a Top 100 player in his career (d. No. 74 Lehecka at 2022 Sofia 1R). This is his 5th Sofia main draw appearance overall.



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Pavel Kotov | Age: 24 | World No. 80 (Career-High) | 2023: 13-13 (Stockholm Final) | Sofia: 0-0 (Debut) > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2015, broke into Top 100 in October 2022 and achieved career-high No. 80 in November 2023 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Stockholm.

> Qualified and earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Marrakech (d. Griekspoor in 1R), before returning in 2023 to reach 1st ATP Tour SF in Marrakech.

> Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2020 St. Petersburg and Grand Slam debut at 2022 Roland Garros.

> Owns 89-71 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2021 Forli-3, 2022 Forli-3 and 2022 San Marino.

> Went 83-47 on ITF Junior Circuit and peaked at No. 34 in junior rankings.

NOTE: Kotov earned 6 of 7 career tour-level hard court wins this season, including 4 on his way to 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Stockholm in his last event.

[WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) vs [WC] Dim	llkel Leads 1-0			
16 TUR vs BUL EAG2 1st Round (Turkey)	Hard	RR	Cem Ilkel	7-6(4) 1-6 6-4 1-6 7-5
Other Meetings				
14 Turkey F29 (Turkey)	Hard	F	Dimitar Kuzmanov	6-1 6-3
21 Potchefstroom CH (South Africa)	Hard	QF	Cem Ilkel	4-6 6-3 6-2

Cem Ilkel | Age: 28 | World No. 259 | Career-High No. 144 | 2023: 1-1 (Davis Cup) | Sofia: 0-1 (2017 1R)

> Broke into Top 200 in February 2020 and achieved career-high No. 144 in November 2021.

> Qualified at US Open and Indian Wells in 2021, becoming 2nd Turkish man in Open Era to compete in a Grand Slam and ATP Masters 1000 main draw (also Ilhan).

> Lost 1st 11 ATP Tour main draw matches of career before beating Berankis in 2020 Doha 1R as WC.

> Owns 134-122 Challenger record, highlighted by 1st career title at 2020 Quimper.

> Peaked at No. 52 on ITF Junior Circuit and posted 3-set win over future ATP No. 5 Rublev in 2013.

NOTE: Ilkel seeks his first ATP Tour win since 2020 Doha (d. Berankis in 1R). He is 9-29 overall on tour-level, 8 out of his 9 wins came on hard courts (8-15).

Dimitar Kuzmanov | Age: 30 | World No. 189 | Career-High No. 159 | 2023: 5-3 (Marrakech 2R) | Sofia: 1-7 (2021 2R) > Earned 1st Pepperstone ATP Rankings point in 2009 at age 15, then achieved career-high No. 159 in 2022 at age 29.

> Played No. 2 singles for Team Bulgaria at 2020 ATP Cup, defeating Cozbinov and Darcis for 1st ATP Tour wins of career.

> Boasts 24-8 singles record for Bulgaria in Davis Cup play (12-6 in Group II, 10-0 in Group III)

> Defeated 5 former or future Top-60 players without dropping a set en route to 1st Challenger title of career at 2021 Barcelona.

> Peaked at No. 35 in juniors after ending career with runner-up finish at 2011 European Championships.

NOTE: Kuzmanov makes his 8th main draw appearance in Sofia in 8 years. He seeks Sofia 2R for the 2nd time in career, defeating No. 61 Musetti at 2021 1R for lone win (1-7).

[8] Marton Fucsovics (HUN) vs	First Tour-Level Meeting			
Other Meeting				
23 Segovia CH (Spain)	Hard	QF	Terence Atmane	6-3 7-6(10)

Marton Fucsovics | Age: 31 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 31 | 2023: 20-20 (Stuttgart SF) | Sofia: 3-2 (2019 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 31 in 2019 and became highest-ranked Hungarian since No. 29 Taroczy in 1983.

> Defeated 2-time defending champion Wawrinka en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2018 Geneva, becoming 1st Hungarian champion since Taroczy at 1982 Hilversum.

> Rallied for 5-set win over No. 7 Rublev at 2021 Wimbledon to become 1st men's quarter-finalist from Hungary at that event since Asboth in 1948.

> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 3 other occasions, beating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and to end 0-14 start to career vs. Top 10.

> Became World No. 1 junior after capturing 2010 Wimbledon boys' singles title without dropping a set.

NOTE: Fucsovics is 12-8 in opening rounds this season, he owns a 5-2 record on tour-level against players ranked outside of Top 100 in 2023.

Terence Atmane | Age: 21 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 132 | 2023: 1-2 (Shanghai 2R) | Sofia: 0-0 (Debut) > Left-handed Frenchman broke into Top 500 in July 2022 and Top 200 in September 2023, earning career-high No. 132 in October 2023 after earning 1st ATP Tour win of career at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (d. Thompson in 1R).



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> Went 11-1 in three-week span at Challenger events in September 2023, earning 1st final and title at Zhangjiagang after saving 6 MPs vs. Sun in 1R and 2nd title at Guangzhou, saving 3 MPs vs. Polmans in the final.

> Posted 33-16 Challenger record in 2023, including 18-4 record in tie-breaks at Challenger events and owns 99-54 career ITF Tour record highlighted by 5 titles, latest at 2023 M25 Anapoima in March.

> Defeated No. 53 O'Connell for biggest win of career at 2023 Guangzhou CH QF en route to the title win.

> Reached career-high No. 20 on the ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by run to 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles QF.

NOTE: Atmane seeks his biggest career win against Fucsovics (0-3 vs Top 50). This is his 3th ATP Tour main draw tournament, after making ATP Tour debut at Zhuhai and qualifying for ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.

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Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs Chri 23 Wimbledon (Great Britain)			onnell (AUS) Christopher O'Connell	O'Connell Leads 1-0 7-5 6-4 4-6 6-4
[7] Sebastian Ofner (AUT) vs [Q] Vitaliy Sachko (UKR)				First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting 22 Kitzbuhel (Austria)	Clay	Q2	Sebastian Ofner	6-4 6-4
Rinky Hijikata (AUS) vs [6] Max Purcell (AUS) Other Meetings				First Tour-Level Meeting
18 Australia F4 (Australia) 22 Busan CH (South Korea) 22 Playford 2 CH (Australia)	Clay Hard Hard	R16 R32 SF	Max Purcell Max Purcell Rinky Hijikata	6-3 6-3 3-6 7-6(12) 6-4 6-1 6-1
[Q] Billy Harris (GBR) vs [Q] Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI)				First Meeting
Jurij Rodionov (AUT) vs [LL] Nicolas Moreno de Alboran (USA)				First Meeting
Jack Draper (GBR) vs Maximilian Marterer (GER)				First Tour-Level Meeting
Other Meeting 22 Cherbourg CH (France)	Hard	R16	Jack Draper	6-4 6-2