

## ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS - ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 8 – SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

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# ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- No. 3 seed and World No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas, the defending champion, takes on unseeded Alejandro
  Davidovich Fokina in the championship of the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters on Sunday. Tsitsipas is trying to
  become the first back-to-back Monte Carlo champion since Rafael Nadal won three in a row from 2016-18.
  Davidovich Fokina is appearing in his first career ATP Tour final and he's looking to become the first
  unseeded Monte Carlo winner since Thomas Muster in 1992 (d. Krickstein).
- The 22-year-old Davidovich Fokina is attempting to become the first player to capture his first ATP Tour title in an ATP Masters 1000 tournament since countryman (Q) Albert Portas won Hamburg in 2001. The No. 46-ranked Spaniard is trying to become the lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion since No. 50 Tomas Berdych won the title in 2005 Paris.
- Unseeded Monte Carlo Finalists Davidovich Fokina is trying to become the first unseeded Monte Carlo champion since Thomas Muster in 1992. Here are the unseeded finalists since Muster's title 30 years ago:
   2022 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (vs. Tsitsipas)2002 Carlos Moya (I. to Ferrero)
   2019 Dusan Lajovic (I. to Fognini)
   2001 Hicham Arazi (I. to Kuerten)
   2018 Kei Nishikori (I. to Nadal)
   2000 Dominik Hrbaty (I. to Pioline)
   2003 Guillermo Coria (I. to Ferrero)
   1993 Cedric Pioline (I. to Bruguera)
   Note: No. 46 Davidovich Fokina is the lowest-ranked Monte Carlo finalist since No. 48 Dusan Lajovic in 2019.
- **First-time ATP Masters 1000 Champions** Davidovich Fokina is trying to become the third straight first-time ATP Masters 1000 champion this season, joining:
  - Monte Carlo: Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (vs. Tsitsipas)
  - Miami: Carlos Alcaraz (d. Ruud)
  - Indian Wells: Taylor Fritz (d. Nadal)
- Tsitsipas is appearing in his 19th tour-level final (7-11), ninth on clay (3-5) and fourth in an ATP Masters 1000 event (1-2). The 23-year-old Greek star is attempting to become the eighth active player with multiple ATP Masters 1000 titles in his career, joining Novak Djokovic (37), Rafael Nadal (36), Roger Federer (28), Andy Murray (14), Alexander Zverev (5), Daniil Medvedev (4) and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2).

2022 Monte Carlo Statistics	A. Davidovich Fokina	Stefanos Tsitsipas
Aces	6	20
1st-Serve Percentage	73% (291 of 397)	56% (155 of 277)
1st-Serve Points Won	67% (194 of 291)	74% (114 of 155)
2nd-Serve Points Won	48% (51 of 106)	59% (72 of 122)
Service Games Won	77% (47 of 61)	84% (37 of 44)
Break Points Saved	66% (27 of 41)	65% (13 of 20)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	41% (103 of 254)	36% (63 of 176)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	53% (117 of 219)	62% (61 of 98)
Return Games Won	44% (28 of 63)	42% (18 of 43)
Break Points Converted	37% (28 of 75)	67% (18 of 27)



### ATP HEAD2HEAD: CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES MATCH

### **COURT RAINIER III**

# Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs [3] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) Tsitsipas Leads 2-021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco) ClayQFStefanos Tsitsipas7-5ret (left thigh strain)22 Rotterdam (Netherlands)HardR32Stefanos Tsitsipas7-56-7(1)6-4

**A. Davidovich Fokina** | Age: 22 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 9-9 (M-C Final) | Event: 8-1 (2022 Final) > Achieved career-high No. 32 and earned personal-best 27 wins in 2021.

> Broke No. 1 Djokovic's serve 9 times for biggest win of career in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo 2R, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match.

> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte Carlo.

> Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.
 > Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

**NOTES**: Davidovich Fokina is appearing in his 1st career ATP Tour final. He came into Monte Carlo with a 4-9 record on the season (with one Top 100 win) and has five wins so far (four against Top 50 opponents). He is 2-12 lifetime against Top 10 opponents (d. No. 10 Berrettini in 2021 Monte Carlo, d. No. 1 Djokovic in 2022 Monte Carlo).

First-time ATP Tour Champions – The Spaniard is looking to become the fifth first-time ATP Tour winner in 2022:

Age	Tournament
25	Melbourne-2
24	Montpellier
21	Rotterdam
24	Santiago
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**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 23 | World No. 5 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 21-7 (Two Finals) | Event: 11-2 (2021 Title) > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 5 in August 2019, No. 4 in June 2021, No. 3 in August 2021. > Five-time Grand Slam semi-finalist became 1st Greek Grand Slam finalist at 2021 Roland Garros, as well as

youngest Grand Slam finalist at age 22 since Murray, 22, at 2010 Australian Open.

> Captured 7 ATP Tour titles including 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals, becoming youngest year-end champion at age 21 since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Earned 4 Top-10 wins en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto final at age 19 (d. Thiem, Djokovic, A. Zverev and Anderson; I. to No. 1 Nadal on 20th birthday).

> Youngest of 26 players to defeat Nadal on clay and youngest of 28 to beat Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

**NOTE**: Tsitsipas is appearing in his 4th career ATP Masters 1000 final (1-2) and ninth career clay final (3-5) with his last two titles coming on the surface last year in Monte Carlo and Lyon.

**Back-to-Back Monte Carlo Champions** – Tsitsipas is looking to add his name to the list of players to win back-toback Monte Carlo titles in the Open Era:

	Back-to-Back Titles
Rafael Nadal	2005-12 (8), 2016-2018 (3)
Juan Carlos Ferrero	2002-2003
Thomas Muster	1995-1996
Bjorn Borg	1979-1980
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## ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

### [1] Rajeev Ram (USA) / Joe Salisbury (GBR) vs [6] Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) / Robert Farah (COL)

Ram/Salisbury	Leads	4-1
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[b] Juan Sepastian Cabai (C	·UL) / F	Copert	Faran (COL)	
2019 ATP Masters 1000 Paris	Hard	2R	Ram/Salisbury	7-5 5-7 [10-3]
2021 Eastbourne	Grass	SF	Ram/Salisbury	6-0 6-7(0) [10-6]
2021 Wimbledon	Grass	QF	Ram/Salisbury	6-3 6-4 7-6(2)
2021 Vienna	Hard	Final	Cabal/Farah	6-4 6-2
2021 Nitto ATP Finals-Turin	Hard	RR	Ram/Salisbury	7-5 2-6 [11-9]

### Ram / Salisbury Notes

> Ram and Salisbury are 12-5 this season and 115-55 together in 4th year as a team. They are 5-8 in finals as a duo, highlighted by Grand Slam titles at 2020 Australian Open (d. Purcell/Saville) and 2021 US Open (d. J. Murray/Soares) and 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (d. Mektic/Pavic).

> Ram & Salisbury are 1-1 in ATP Masters 1000 finals with a runner-up in Rome and title in Toronto last year.

> En route to their first final of the season, lost their only set in three matches in SF (d. Bopanna/J. Murray 36 76 11-9)

> As a team, American and Brit are No. 5 in ATP Doubles Team Rankings (No. 6 in 2019, No. 2 in 2020-21).
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> Ram, 38, is 22-20 in career ATP Tour-level doubles finals (3-2 in ATP Masters 1000s). He is 1-3 in clay finals, winning 2018 Munich (w/Dodig). He was runner-up in 2016 Geneva (w/Klaasen), 2018 Geneva (w/Dodig) and 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (w/Salisbury).

> Salisbury, 29, is 8-8 in doubles finals (1-1 in ATP Masters 1000s). He is 0-1 in clay finals with runner-up last year at ATP Masters 1000 Rome (w/Ram).

> Salisbury became the 56th player to hold the No. 1 ATP Doubles Ranking (since 1976) on 4 April 2022 and he is the second British player to accomplish the feat. Jamie Murray held No. 1 for nine weeks in 2016.

> The Bryan brothers are the last Americans to win the Monte Carlo doubles title in 2018 (also won in 2007, 2011-12, 2014-15). Prior to the Bryans' success, the last American doubles winners were Donald Johnson/Francisco Montana in 1997.

> The last British doubles champion in Monte Carlo was Tim Henman (w/Zimonjic) in 2004. Henman also won the title in 1999 (w/Delaitre).

#### Cabal / Farah Notes

> Cabal and Farah are 8-6 together this season and 321-185 as a team since playing their first tour-level tournament together at 2011 Wimbledon (3R).

> Colombians are appearing in their first ATP Tour final of the season and they have only dropped one set in four matches en route to the title match, that coming in their 1R win over Gille/Vliegen. In their last three matches, they defeated S. Gonzalez/Molteni, [2] Mektic/Pavic and [8] Arevalo/Rojer all in straight sets.

> They are 19-20 lifetime in finals and their last final/title came in Vienna last October (d. Ram/Salisbury).

> As a team, Colombians are No. 27 in ATP Doubles Team Rankings (No. 2 in 2018, No. 1 in 2019, No. 5 last year).
 > Individually, Cabal is ranked T-No. 12 (career-high T-No. 1 in 2019) and Farah is T-No. 12 (career-high T-No. 1 in 2019).

> Cabal, 35, is 20-23 lifetime in tour-level finals (2-3 in ATP Masters 1000s) and 12-12 in clay finals. Both of his ATP Masters 1000 titles came in 2018-19 Rome (w/Farah).

> Farah, 35, is 19-21 in career tour-level finals (2-3 in ATP Masters 1000s) and 12-12 in clay finals. Both of his ATP Masters 1000 titles came in 2018-19 Rome (w/Cabal).

> They are looking to become the first South American team to capture the Monte Carlo title since Hans Gildemeister (CHI) and Andres Gomez (ECU) in 1987.