2022 US OPEN
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DAY 14 MEDIA NOTES | Sunday 11 September 2022 **www.usopen.org**

MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM
[5] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs [3] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) Alcaraz Leads 2-0

DAY 14 TALKING POINTS

- World No. 4 **Carlos Alcaraz** collides with No. 7 **Casper Ruud** on Sunday in an unprecedented US Open final.
  - 1st final featuring 2 men competing for both their 1st Grand Slam title and the World No. 1 ranking
  - 1st Grand Slam men's final with 2 players who've never been World No. 1 competing for No. 1 ranking
  - 1st match-up for 1st Grand Slam title and 1st ATP Masters 1000 title (Alcaraz d. Ruud at 2022 Miami)
  - 1st post-US Open change at No. 1 since 2003, when Alcaraz's coach **Juan Carlos Ferrero** rose to No. 1

- Alcaraz, 19, bids to become the youngest and first teenage World No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since August 1973). Ruud, 23, bids to make the biggest jump to No. 1 in history. Alcaraz would tie that record.

Youngest World No. 1s in Pepperstone ATP Rankings

Lleyton Hewitt	20 years, 9 months	19 Nov. 2001
Marat Safin	20 years, 10 months	20 Nov. 2000
John McEnroe	21 years, 1 month	3 Mar. 1980
Andy Roddick	21 years, 2 months	3 Nov. 2003
Bjorn Borg	21 years, 3 months	23 Aug. 1977

Biggest Jumps to ATP No. 1 (107 Changes)

Carlos Moya*	No. 4 to No. 1	15 March 1999
Andre Agassi	No. 4 to No. 1	5 July 1999
Pete Sampras	No. 4 to No. 1	11 Sept. 2000

** Debut at No. 1*

- Alcaraz is the youngest Grand Slam men's finalist since 2005 Roland Garros champion **Rafael Nadal** (19 years, 2 days) and the youngest US Open men's finalist since 1990 champion **Pete Sampras** (19 years, 28 days). Alcaraz and Sampras are the only teenagers to advance to the US Open men's singles final in the Open Era (since 1968).

- Alcaraz vs. Ruud is the second-youngest US Open men's singles final of the Open Era, trailing Sampras' win over **Andre Agassi**, 20, in 1990. It is the youngest Grand Slam men's singles final in more than 20 years, dating back to 21-year-old **Lleyton Hewitt**'s win over 20-year-old **David Nalbandian** for the 2002 Wimbledon championship.

Teens to Win Grand Slam Men's Singles Titles (Open Era)

Michael Chang	17 years, 4 months	1989 Roland Garros
Boris Becker	17 years, 7 months	1985 Wimbledon
Mats Wilander	17 years, 9 months	1982 Roland Garros
Bjorn Borg	18 years, 10 days	1974 Roland Garros
Boris Becker	18 years, 7 months	1986 Wimbledon
Rafael Nadal	19 years, 2 days	2005 Roland Garros
Bjorn Borg	19 years, 9 days	1975 Roland Garros
Pete Sampras	19 years, 28 days	1990 US Open
Mats Wilander	19 years, 3 months	1983 Australian Open
Stefan Edberg	19 years, 11 months	1985 Australian Open

NOTE: Carlos Alcaraz is 19 years, 4 months old

First-Time Grand Slam Champions at US Open

2022 Alcaraz or Ruud	2000 Marat Safin
2021 Daniil Medvedev	1997 Patrick Rafter
2020 Dominic Thiem	1990 Pete Sampras
2014 Marin Cilic	1979 John McEnroe
2012 Andy Murray	1975 Manuel Orantes
2009 J. del Potro	1972 Ilie Nastase
2003 Andy Roddick	1971 Stan Smith
2001 Lleyton Hewitt	1968 Arthur Ashe

- Either Alcaraz or Ruud will become the…
  - 28th World No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since August 1973)
  - 152nd Grand Slam men's singles champion and 57th of Open Era (since April 1968)
  - 71st US Championships/US Open men's singles champion and 30th of Open Era
  - 5th US Open men's singles champion in last 5 editions and 10th in last 15 editions

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21 Marbella (Spain)	Clay	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	6-2 6-4
22 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Carlos Alcaraz	7-5 6-4

CASPER RUUD	vs	CARLOS ALCARAZ
23 (22 December 1998)	**Age (Birthdate)**	19 (5 May 2003)
No. 7 (No. 5 on 13 June 2022)	**Pepperstone ATP Ranking (High)**	No. 4 (No. 4 on 1 August 2022)
Oslo, Norway	**Birthplace**	El Palmar, Murcia, Spain
44-15 (18-6)	**2022 W-L (Hard)**	50-9 (20-4)
163-85 (61-43)	**Career W-L (Hard)**	83-27 (40-14)
9 (1)	**Career Titles (Hard)**	5 (1)
27-15 (2 Finals)	**Grand Slam W-L (Best Finish)**	23-7 (2022 US Open Final)
9-4 (2022 Final)	**US Open W-L (Best Finish)**	10-1 (2022 Final)
6-4 (2-0)	**5th-Set W-L (US Open)**	8-1 (5-0)
1	**Comebacks from 2 Sets Down**	0
48-47 (22-12)	**Career Tiebreak W-L (2022)**	33-25 (19-15)
$8,126,900 ($3,347,680)	**Career Prize Money (2022)**	$6,519,045 ($4,791,733)
Christian Ruud	**Coach**	Juan Carlos Ferrero

CASPER RUUD

US Open Stats

> Will become 28th World No. 1 on Monday if he wins US Open title and career-high No. 2 if he loses US Open final.
> As World No. 7, would make biggest jump to No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (107 changes since 1973).
> Would be 1st Norwegian World No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since August 1973) and 4th Scandinavian World No. 1 after Borg, Edberg and Wilander of Sweden. Last Scandinavian World No. 1 was Edberg on 4 October 1992.
> Qualifies for Nitto ATP Finals if he wins US Open title. Debuted at event in 2021 and advanced to SF (l. to Medvedev).
> Hoping to equal biggest win of his career vs. No. 4 Alcaraz (d. No. 4 A. Zverev in 2022 Miami QF).
> Owns 0-5 Grand Slam record vs. Top 10 (d. No. 13 Hurkacz in Roland Garros 4R, d. No. 14 Berrettini in US Open QF).
> Seeks 10th and biggest tour-level title of career. Owns 9-2 record in ATP 250 finals and 0-2 record in other finals.
> Youngest man to reach 2 Grand Slam finals since Murray at 2008 US Open (21) and 2010 Australian Open (22).
> Youngest man to reach 2 Grand Slam finals in same season since Nadal, 22, at 2008 Roland Garros and Wimbledon.
> 1st Norwegian man to reach US Open 3R (2020), 4R (2022), QF (2022), SF (2022) and final (2022).
> 4th Scandinavian man to reach US Open final and 1st since 1991 and 1992 champion Edberg of Sweden.
> 7th Scandinavian man to reach multiple Grand Slam finals, 1st since 2009 and 2010 Roland Garros runner-up Soderling of Sweden, and 1st in same season since 1992 Australian Open runner-up and US Open champion Edberg.
> Bids to 6th become Scandinavian Grand Slam men's champion and 3rd Scandinavian US Open men's champion.

- Thomas Johansson (SWE) — 2002 Australian Open
- Stefan Edberg (SWE) — 1985 & 1987 Australian Open; 1988 & 1990 Wimbledon; 1991-92 US Open
- Mats Wilander (SWE) — 1983-84 & 1988 Aus. Open; 1982, 1985 & 1988 Roland Garros; 1988 US Open
- Bjorn Borg (SWE) — 1974-75 & 1978-81 Roland Garros; 1976-80 Wimbledon
- Sven Davidson (SWE) — 1957 Roland Garros

Casper Ruud on Hard Courts

2022	18-6	US Open Final
2021	27-10*	US Open 2R
2020	5-7	US Open 3R
2019	4-10	US Open 1R
2018	3-3	US Open 1R (as Q)
2017	2-4	US Open Q2
2016	2-3	DNP at US Open

** 10-5 through end of US Open*

Most Wins in 2022

Carlos Alcaraz	50
Stefanos Tsitsipas	46
Cameron Norrie	44
Casper Ruud	44*
Jannik Sinner	42
Andrey Rublev	40
Rafael Nadal	38

** 101 wins in 2021-22 (T-1 Tsitsipas)*

First-Time US Open Finalists in US Open Final

2022: [4] Carlos Alcaraz vs. [7] Casper Ruud
2020: [2] Dominic Thiem d. [5] Alexander Zverev
2014: [14] Marin Cilic d. [10] Kei Nishikori
2003: [4] Andy Roddick d. [3] Juan Carlos Ferrero
1997: [13] Patrick Rafter d. Greg Rusedski
1991: [2] Stefan Edberg d. [4] Jim Courier
1990: [12] Pete Sampras d. [4] Andre Agassi

Since 1980

Career Highlights
> First Norwegian to break into Top 5, win an ATP Tour title (9), qualify for Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF), advance to a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open) and reach 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 (70), finals (10) and titles (8).
> Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.
> Also reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2020 Rome, 2021 Monte Carlo, 2021 Madrid, 2022 Rome and 2022 Montreal.

CARLOS ALCARAZ

US Open Stats
> Will become 28th World No. 1 on Monday if he wins US Open title and career-high No. 2 if he loses US Open final.
> As World No. 4, would tie biggest jump to No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (107 changes since 1973).
- Carlos Moya from No. 4 to No. 1 on 15 March 1999 (1st and only stint at No. 1)
- Andre Agassi from No. 4 to No. 1 on 5 July 1999 (3rd of 6 stints at No. 1)
- Pete Sampras from No. 4 to No. 1 on 11 September 2000 (11th and final stint at No. 1)

> Would be 4th Spanish World No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history, joining Ferrero, Moya and Nadal (since 1973).
> Youngest and 1st teenage Grand Slam men's finalist since 2005 Roland Garros champion Nadal (19 years, 2 days).
> Youngest and 1st teenage US Open men's finalist since 1990 champion Sampras (19 years, 28 days).
> Earned 5-set wins over [15] Cilic in 4R on Tuesday at 2:23 am, [11] Sinner in QF on Thursday at record 2:50 am, and [22] Tiafoe in SF on Friday at 11:54 pm. Saved 1 match point in 4th set of QF win over Sinner.
> Bids to become 1st man to save match point en route to Grand Slam title since Djokovic at 2019 Wimbledon (2 vs. Federer in final) and 1st man to save match point en route to US Open title since Wawrinka in 2016 (1 vs. Evans in 3R).
> 1st man to earn Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF wins in 5 sets since Agassi at 2005 US Open (l. to Federer in 4-set final).
> Last Grand Slam champion with 4R, QF and SF wins in 5 sets was Edberg at 1992 US Open (d. Sampras in 4-set final).
> No man has earned 4 straight 5-set wins en route to Grand Slam title and no man has earned 4 US Open wins in 5 sets.
> Spent 20 hours, 19 minutes on court – most through 6 US Open matches on record (since 1999) and most through 6 Grand Slam matches on record since Anderson played for 21:01 en route to 2018 Wimbledon final (l. to Djokovic in 2:19).
> Anderson spent most time on court during a Grand Slam event on record (since 1999) – 23:20 at 2018 Wimbledon.
> 2012 champion Murray spent most time on court during US Open on record (since 1999) – 21 hours, 51 minutes.
> Win over Sinner lasted 5:15 – 2nd-longest US Open match on record behind Edberg vs. Chang in 1992 SF (5:26).
> 4th man in Open Era to reach US Open final in 1st or 2nd appearance (1986: Mecir - 2nd, 1971: Kodes - 2nd, 1968: Okker - 2nd). Bids to become 1st man to win US Open title in 1st or 2nd appearance since Gonzales in 1948 (2nd).
> Youngest man to reach US Open QF in consecutive years since both Hoad and Rosewall in 1952-53 (Amateur Era).
> Won at least 1 set in 64 consecutive matches since losing to Gaston 6-4 7-5 in Paris 3R last November.
> Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals by reaching US Open SF and will be youngest participant since A. Medvedev in 1993.
> Owns 8-4 record vs. Top 10 in 2022 – most Top-10 wins on ATP Tour this season.
> Owns 1-3 record vs. Top 10 at Grand Slams, posting win in 5th-set tiebreak over No. 3 Tsitsipas in 2021 US Open 3R.

Career Highlights
> Broke into Top 5 in July 2022 at age 19 (youngest since 2005) after breaking into Top 10 at age 18 in April 2022 (youngest since 2005) and Top 20 at age 18 in February 2022 (youngest since 1993).
> Youngest ATP Tour champion since 2008 (2021 Umag), ATP 500 champion in history (2022 Rio de Janeiro, 2022 Barcelona) and Miami & Madrid champion in respective tournament histories (2022).
> Became 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion in history (288 events since 1990) and 2nd-youngest player to win 2 ATP Masters 1000 titles (2022 Miami, 2022 Madrid).
> 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 2022 Madrid title.
> Reached 1st of 3 Grand Slam QFs 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.