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## BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- The top half of **BNP Paribas Open** men's singles draw will battle for the remaining 8 fourth round spots. World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** continues his quest to win record-extending 41st ATP Masters 1000 title and 6th Indian Wells title. In his third round, he faces lucky loser **Luca Nardi**, who is aiming to be the 6th player ranked outside Top 100 to defeat a World No. 1 at an ATP Masters 1000 event (since the series began in 1990).

### Lowest-Ranked Players to Defeat a World No. 1 at ATP Masters 1000 Events:

No.	Player	Win Over	Tournament
No. 178	Francisco Clavet	No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt	2003 Miami
No. 175	Thanasi Kokkinakis	No. 1 Roger Federer	2018 Miami
No. 129	Vasek Pospisil	No. 1 Andy Murray	<b>2017 Indian Wells</b>
No. 114	Nicolas Pereira	No. 1 Thomas Muster	1996 Miami
No. 101	Richard Gasquet	No. 1 Roger Federer	2005 Monte-Carlo

- Djokovic recorded his 400th ATP Masters 1000 win over **Aleksandar Vukic** in 2R and is now six wins away from tying **Rafael Nadal** for most ATP Masters 1000 wins (406) and five wins away from becoming the 3rd (and only active) player in Open Era with 1,100 wins (**Jimmy Connors** 1274, **Roger Federer** 1251).
- No. 4 seed **Daniil Medvedev** faces a familiar foe in American and No. 29 seed **Sebastian Korda**. Korda defeated the former-World No. 1 in both encounters last year and leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 2-1. Medvedev is 19-1 in his last 20 matches against players outside of Top 20 on the [PIF ATP Rankings](#), with only loss coming to No. 26 Korda at ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai last October.
- In the battle of former junior World No. 1s, No. 7 seed **Holger Rune** faces No. 26 **Lorenzo Musetti** in their second meeting, with Rune prevailing in their previous match on grass last year. Both players aim to advance to Indian Wells 4R for the 1st time, with Rune making his debut after 1R bye and walkover from Raonic in 2R.
- Two of Top 3 Americans, No. 1 **Taylor Fritz** and No. 3 **Tommy Paul** attempt to join No. 2 American **Ben Shelton** in the Indian Wells fourth round. Both players will need to break their opponent's hot streaks as Fritz faces **Sebastian Baez**, who is on a 10-match winning streak after winning back-to-back titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago and Paul faces left-handed Frenchman **Ugo Humbert**, who won the Dubai title last week.
- On **Stadium 3**, 2021 champion **Cameron Norrie** looks for his first win in fourth meeting vs. French veteran and 2-time Indian Wells quarter-finalist **Gael Monfils**, while 19-year-old Frenchman **Arthur Fils** aims to record his third Top 10 win, second over No. 9 seed **Casper Ruud**.

Most Hard-Court Titles since 2018		Most Hard-Court Wins since 2018		ATP Masters 1000 wins since 2023	
Novak Djokovic	20	Daniil Medvedev	256	Carlos Alcaraz	27
Daniil Medvedev	18	Andrey Rublev	199	Daniil Medvedev	25
Jannik Sinner	11	Novak Djokovic	193	Jannik Sinner	23
Andrey Rublev	10	Stefanos Tsitsipas	193	Andrey Rublev	22
Alexander Zverev	10	Alexander Zverev	184	Hubert Hurkacz	20

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY THIRD-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### STADIUM 1

Insight from their 2023 London / Queen's Club quarterfinal meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Lorenzo Musetti	22%	69%	34%	7.6	6.7	8.8	6.1
Holger Rune	33%	66%	31%	7.9	7.9	6.8	8.3
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

The 11% In Attack advantage Rune created gives a 78% win probability on the ATP Tour. Musetti will need to close that gap and need a Steal score above his avg. of 36%.

#### [26] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs [7] Holger Rune (DEN)

**Rune Leads 1-0**

23 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass QF Holger Rune

6-4 7-5

**Lorenzo Musetti** | Age: 22 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 15 | 2024: 5-7 (Adelaide QF) | Indian Wells: 2-3 (2024 3R)  
> Former World No. 1 junior earned personal-best 34 wins in 2022, then broke into Top 20 in January 2023 and achieved career-high No. 15 in June.  
> Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych).  
> At 2023 Monte Carlo, earned 1st 6-0 6-0 victory at an ATP Masters 1000 event since 2016 over Nardi in 2R before upsetting No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF.  
> Did not drop a set en route to 2nd ATP title at 2022 Naples, defeating countryman and United Cup teammate Berrettini in final on home soil.  
> Advanced to 2021 Roland Garros 4R (l. to No. 1 Djokovic from 2 sets up) and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF (d. No. 4 Ruud in 3R).  
> Reached 2018 US Open boys' singles final, won 2019 Australian Open boys' singles title and defeated Wawrinka at 2020 Rome to become 1st player born in 2002 to win an ATP Tour match.

**NOTE:** Musetti is 5-18 vs. Top 10 players, aiming to capture first Top 10 win since defeating No. 1 Djokovic to reach his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF in Monte-Carlo last year (0-9 since). If he joins Sinner in 4R, it would mark the second time there are multiple Italians in 4R of Indian Wells (2022 – Berrettini, Sinner).

**Holger Rune** | Age: 20 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 11-5 (Brisbane Final) | Indian Wells: 2-3 (2023-24 3R)  
> 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 making his fourth appearance at the event, losing in 1R in 2021 and reaching 2R in 2022 and 3R in 2023. He is playing in his first match of the event after receiving a walkover from Raonic in 2R.

#### [1] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs [LL] Luca Nardi (ITA)

**First Meeting**

**Novak Djokovic** | Age: 36 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2024: 8-2 (Aus. Open SF) | Event: 51-9 (2008, 2011, 2014-16 Titles)  
> Record breaking 7-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns ATP/WTA record for most weeks at No. 1 (415), as well as PIF ATP Rankings records for most years ended at No. 1 (8) and most wins vs. Top 10 (257), finishing in Top 5 in 16 of last 17 years (2017 – No. 12).  
> All-time leader for most Grand Slam men's singles titles in history (24), including record 10 Australian Open titles, and is 1 of 3 men to hold all 4 Grand Slam championships at same time (also Budge, Laver).

- > Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events since start of series in 1990, doing so multiple times for a record total of 40 titles.
- > Owns 3rd-most men's singles titles in Open Era (98) and 3rd-most men's singles wins in Open Era (1,095) and 2nd-most Grand Slam match wins (366).
- > Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (30-29), as well as win streaks of ATP Tour-record 43 matches (2010-11), ATP Masters 1000-record 31 matches (2011) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

**NOTE:** Djokovic is on an 11-match winning streak in ATP Masters 1000 events, capturing titles in Cincinnati and Paris last year. He is 24-0 vs. players ranked outside Top 50 at ATP Masters 1000 level since losing to No. 109 Taro Daniel in Indian Wells in 2018.

**Luca Nardi** | Age: 20 | World No. 123 | Career-High No. 106 | 2024: 1-0 (Indian Wells 3R) | Indian Wells: 1-0 (2024 3R)  
> Broke into Top 200 in April 2022, qualified for 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals and reached career-high No. 106 in February 2024.  
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2022 Astana after appearing in main draws of 2020 Antwerp and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome as a WC and qualifying for 2022 Hamburg.  
> Owns 71-53 Challenger record (5-2 in finals), winning 1st title on home soil at Forlì-1.  
> Defeated Vacherot in ATP Masters 1000 debut at 2023 Monte-Carlo as Q, then earned biggest win of career over No. 50 Zhang at 2024 Indian Wells as LL.  
> Has been working with coach Francesco Sani since age 7, when he first started playing and mentions riding motorcycles as his biggest passion outside tennis.

**NOTE:** Nardi earned his first Top 50 win of career (1-6) over No. 50 Zhang in 2R, after entering the draw late due to No. 30 seed Etcheverry's withdrawal. He aims to be the lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic at ATP Masters 1000 or Grand Slam level (currently No. 122 Anderson at 2008 Miami).

## STADIUM 2

### [17] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [14] Ugo Humbert (FRA)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Tommy Paul

#### Other Meeting

18 Champaign CH (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Tommy Paul

### Paul Leads 1-0

6-1 7-6(4)

6-4 4-6 6-2

**Tommy Paul** | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 11-4 (Dallas Title) | Indian Wells: 8-3 ('21, '23 4R)  
> 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 is 14-2 vs. Frenchmen on tour-level, on a 9-match winning streak since losing to Gasquet at 2022 Estoril. He is 8-1 on American soil this season, winning Dallas title and reaching the final in Delray Beach.

**Ugo Humbert** | Age: 25 | World No. 14 (Career-High) | 2024: 14-3 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 3-3 (2023-24 3R)  
> Broke into Top 20 in November 2023, then earned career-high No. 14 in March 2024 after winning Dubai, becoming the third player in Open Era (also Gulbis and Klizan) to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final.  
> Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 6 career titles at 2021 Halle.  
> Captured 4th and 5th ATP Tour titles on French soil at 2023 Metz, his hometown, and 2024 Marseille.  
> Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.  
> Owns 12-12 record vs. Top 10 and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.  
> Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles at Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

**NOTE:** Humbert is on a 6-match winning streak after winning the Dubai title last week and 4-1 vs. fellow Top 20 players this season (l. to No. 9 Hurkacz at Aus. Open 3R). He looks to reach round of 16 at ATP Masters 1000 level for the fourth time in career (2020 Rome, 2020 Paris, 2023 Shanghai).

### [12] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [19] Sebastian Baez (ARG)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Taylor Fritz
<b>23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)</b>	<b>Hard</b>	<b>R32</b>	<b>Taylor Fritz</b>
23 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R64	Taylor Fritz

### Fritz Leads 3-0

6-1 6-1
<b>6-1 6-2</b>
6-1 6-4

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 26 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 5 | 2024: 11-3 (Delray Beach Title) | Indian Wells: 19-6 (2022 Title)  
 > Former World No. 1 junior won 5th ATP Tour title at 2023 Delray Beach to achieve career-high No. 5 and become 1st American in Top 5 since Roddick in September 2009.  
 > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.  
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.  
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.  
 > Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023 after helping Team World capture 2022 Laver Cup.

**NOTE:** The American No. 1 is attempting to reach Indian Wells 4R for the fifth time (2018 4R, 2021 SF, 2022 Title, 2023 QF) and post his 20th win at the event, becoming the 6th active player to reach that milestone at the tournament.

### Indian Wells Win Leaders (among active players):

Player	Age	Win/Loss	Player	Age	Win/Loss
Rafael Nadal	37	59-11	Milos Raonic	33	24-8
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51-9</b>	<b>Taylor Fritz</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19-6</b>
Andy Murray	36	31-16	<b>Gael Monfils</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19-13</b>
Stan Wawrinka	38	27-13			

**BOLD:** Players still active in this edition of the event  
 (Monfils also plays for 20th win vs. Norrie on Monday)

**Sebastian Baez** | Age: 23 | World No. 19 (Career-High) | 2024: 17-5 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 2-2 (2023-24 3R)

> Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after going on a 9-match winning streak, grabbing biggest title of career at Rio de Janeiro and winning Santiago the following week.  
 > Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2023 highlighted by 12-match winning streak, winning titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reaching 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.  
 > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril, then earned 2nd title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.  
 > Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.  
 > Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

**NOTE:** Baez is on a 10-match winning streak for the second time in his career (12 in 2023) and making his debut as a Top 20 player in this event. He aims to reach the 4R of any ATP Masters 1000 event for the first time and capture first Top 20 win since defeating No. 8 Rublev at 2022 Bastad (2-21 vs. Top 20 in career; 0-12 on hard courts).



#### [4] Daniil Medvedev vs [29] Sebastian Korda (USA)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France) Hard R16 Daniil Medvedev  
23 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R32 Sebastian Korda  
23 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) Hard R32 Sebastian Korda

#### Korda Leads 2-1

4-6 6-1 6-3  
7-6(7) 6-3 7-6(4)  
7-6(8) 6-2

Insight from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3rd Round meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Sebastian Korda	<b>33%</b>	69%	27%	<b>8.9</b>	7.4	8.4	7.1
Daniil Medvedev	20%	<b>73%</b>	<b>31%</b>	7.9	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Korda's serve (up from avg. of 8.3) and In Attack (up from 28% avg.) were key to his victory. Korda made a couple of interesting adjustments for this matchup.

18.6% slice vs 12.7% avg. slice use.

5% increase in serves hit wide to the deuce court & another 5% increase wide to the Advantage court.

13 vol winners vs 5.2 avg vol winners/match.

**Daniil Medvedev** | Age: 28 | World No. 4 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 10-2 (Aus. Open Final) | Indian Wells: 12-6 (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 year 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).

**Sebastian Korda** | Age: 23 | World No. 29 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 9-6 (Adelaide SF) | Indian Wells: 2-2 (2024 3R)

> Achieved career-high No. 23 in October 2023 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at Shanghai.

> Earned biggest wins of career over Medvedev as No. 3 at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R en route to SF and No. 8 at 2023 Australian Open 3R en route to 1st Grand Slam QF.

> Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma title, joining Petr Korda as 3rd father-son duo to win a tour-level championship in Open Era (Phil & Taylor Dent, Ramanathan & Ramesh Krishnan).

> Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).

> Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.

> Father, Petr, peaked at No. 2 on ATP Tour; mother, Regina, peaked at No. 26 in WTA; sister, Nelly, became World No. 1 women's golfer in 2021; sister, Jessica, peaked at No. 8 in women's golf.

**NOTE:** Korda earned his two biggest wins of career over Medvedev, defeating him as World No. 8 en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2023 Australian Open and as World No. 3 en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Shanghai.

**Korda's Career Top 10 Win (6-12 vs. Top 10) –** Korda is 0-9 after losing the 1st set vs. Top 10 players

#### Ranking / Opponent / Score

d. No. 3 Daniil Medvedev 7-6(8) 6-2  
d. No. 8 Daniil Medvedev 7-6(7) 6-3 7-6(4)  
d. No. 9 Diego Schwartzman 6-3 4-6 7-5  
d. No. 10 Frances Tiafoe 7-6(2) 6-3  
d. No. 10 Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-2 6-2  
d. No. 10 Roberto Bautista Agut 6-3 7-6(0)

#### Tournament

2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai  
2023 Australian Open  
2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami  
2023 London / Queen's Club  
2022 Estoril  
2021 Halle

## STADIUM 3

### [28] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Gael Monfils (FRA)

17 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Gael Monfils
19 Zhuhai (China)	Hard	R16	Gael Monfils
23 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Gael Monfils

### Monfils Leads 3-0

6-3 6-2
5-7 6-3 6-4
3-6 6-4 6-3

**Cameron Norrie** | Age: 28 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 9-4 (Rio de Janeiro SF) | Indian Wells: 13-4 (2021 Title)  
 > Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.  
 > Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.  
 > Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets.  
 > Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before beating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup and No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro final for biggest wins of career.  
 > Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University, and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

**NOTE:** Norrie earned 3 of his 4 career ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finals at Indian Wells (2021 Title, 2022-23 QF) and all four on American soil, also reaching SF at 2022 Cincinnati (l. to Coric).

**Gael Monfils** | Age: 37 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 7-6 (Doha SF) | Indian Wells: 19-13 (2016, 2019 QF)  
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 in 2016 and married former WTA No. 3 Elina Svitolina in 2021.  
 > Owns 12 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.  
 > Reached at least 1 final in 19 straight seasons (2005-23), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.  
 > Earned 547 career victories, highlighted by biggest wins over No. 1 Nadal at 2009 Doha and No. 1 Medvedev at 2022 Indian Wells, as well as career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.  
 > Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004.

**NOTE:** Monfils provided the first Top 10 upset of the tournament by defeating No. 8 Hurkacz in 2R and now looks to reach Indian Wells 4R for the sixth time in fifteen appearances (2016 QF, 2017 4R, 2019 QF, 2021 4R, 2022 4R).

### [9] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs Arthur Fils (FRA)

23 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	QF	Arthur Fils
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### Fils Leads 1-0

6-0 6-4
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**Casper Ruud** | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 14-3 (2 Finals) | Indian Wells: 5-3 (2021 4R)  
 > 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 arrived to Indian Wells by reaching back-to-back ATP Tour finals in Mexico, and now aims to equal his best result in Indian Wells (2021 4R, l. to Schwartzman). He is 13-2 vs. Frenchmen since the start of 2021 season, losing to Humbert at 2022 Wimbledon 2R and Fils in Hamburg QF last year.

**Arthur Fils** | Age: 19 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 34 | 2024: 9-6 (Auckland SF) | Indian Wells: 2-0 (2024 3R)  
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in January 2021, then achieved career-high No. 34 in January 2024.  
 > Became youngest Frenchman at 18 years and 11 months to win an ATP Tour title since Gael Monfils at 2005 Sopot, defeating F. Cerundolo to lift the 2023 Lyon title as No. 112-ranked WC.  
 > In February 2023, became the youngest Frenchman to reach an ATP Tour SF since Gasquet in 2004 in Montpellier (l. to Sinner) and advanced to 2nd SF in Marseille (l. to Bonzi).  
 > Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris after beating Top-60 players Munar and Fognini in qualifying before losing to [LL] Fognini in 1R.

> At 2021 Roland Garros, defeated former Top-20 player Tomic in Grand Slam qualifying debut as 16-year-old ranked 1,035th, advanced to boys' singles final (l. to countryman Van Assche) and won the boys' doubles title w/Mpetshi Perricard, achieving career-high No. 3 in junior rankings during 2021 season.

**NOTE:** Fils seeks his 1st ATP Masters 1000 4R to become the third French teenager to reach Indian Wells round of 16 in tournament history (Santoro, 18, in 1991; Gasquet, 19, in 2006). He is 2-3 vs. Top 10 players, defeating No. 4 Ruud at 2023 Hamburg on clay and No. 7 Tsitsipas at 2023 Antwerp on indoor hard.

## **[21] Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [13] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)**

16 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Grigor Dimitrov
20 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R16	Grigor Dimitrov
21 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R32	Grigor Dimitrov
22 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Grigor Dimitrov

## **Dimitrov Leads 4-0**

6-4 7-5
6-7(8) 6-2 7-6(2)
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**Adrian Mannarino** | Age: 35 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 17 | 2024: 7-7 (Dallas SF) | Indian Wells: 11-10 (2015 4R)  
> Ended 11 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-23), before making Top 20 debut at the age of 35, achieving career-high No. 17 in January 2024.

> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch, 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.

> Posted personal-best 43 wins in 2023, highlighted by ATP Tour titles at Newport and Astana and final at Mallorca.

> Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch.

> Reached Australian Open 4R in 2022 and 2024 and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018, but owns 0-22 record vs. Top-10 players at Grand Slams.

**NOTE:** Mannarino defeated Machac in 2R to return inside Top 20 on the [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and now looks to reach Indian Wells 4R for the second time in career (2015, l. to Murray). He is 1-7 in his last 8 matches vs. Top 20 opponents, defeating No. 16 Shelton at 2024 Australian Open for lone win.

**Grigor Dimitrov** | Age: 32 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 13-3 (Brisbane Title) | Indian Wells: 13-10 (2022 SF)

> Former World No. 1 junior ended 2017 at career-high No. 3 after becoming 1st debutant to go 5-0 en route to Nitto ATP Finals title since McEnroe in 1978.

> Top-ranked Bulgarian in history and only champion from his country, winning 9 titles including 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

> Surpassed 400 wins in 2023, highlighted by biggest win over No. 1 Djokovic at 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

> Advanced to Grand Slam SFs at 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open and 2019 US Open, as well as 10 ATP Masters 1000 SFs.

> Posted 1st win in 8 meetings with Federer in 2019 US Open QF as World No. 78, becoming 2nd-lowest-ranked US Open men's semi-finalist in history (No. 174 Connors in 1991).

**NOTE:** Dimitrov aims to reach Indian Wells 4R for the third of last four editions played (2021 SF, 2022 QF, 2023 2R), after failing to reach the 4R stage in any of first 7 appearances at the event (2012-18).