

ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 - MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022

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ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The first ATP 500 event of the 2022 season gets underway in Rotterdam with former champions **Andrey** Rubley, Andy Murray and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the field. Former #NextGenATP players Stefanos Tsitsipas, Felix Auger-Aliassime, Hubert Hurkacz and Denis Shapovalov join Rublev as the Top-5 seeds.
- Rublev reigned at 2021 Rotterdam for his fourth ATP 500 title in a row, defeating Tsitsipas in the semi-finals. If they meet again this week, it will be in Sunday's final. The top-seeded Tsitsipas owns seven titles - one less than No. 2 seed Rublev. An ATP 500 championship has eluded Tsitsipas, who is 0-7 in finals at this level.
- No. 3 seed Auger-Aliassime and No. 5 seed Shapovalov arrive in Rotterdam after leading Canada to the ATP Cup title and falling in five-set quarter-finals at the Australian Open. The countrymen and longtime friends have combined for one ATP Tour singles title in 12 finals, with Auger-Aliassime yet to win a set in eight finals overall.
- No. 4 seed Hurkacz opens against 2017 champion Tsonga, while 2009 champion Murray faces Alexander Bublik in the first round. Bublik is coming off the biggest win and first ATP Tour title of his career at Montpellier on Sunday. The 24-year-old Kazakh defeated World No. 3 Alexander Zverev to improve to 1-4 in finals.
- Two Dutchman are playing on home soil: US Open qualifier-turned-quarter-finalist Botic van de Zandschulp and ATP Challenger Tour record-setter Tallon Griekspoor. In 2021, van de Zandschulp became the first Dutch Grand Slam guarter-finalist since 2004 and Griekspoor won an unprecedented eight Challenger titles.

2022 ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	ROTTERDAM W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	6-2 (Aus. Open SF)	4-4 (2021 SF)
2	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	2-1 (Aus. Open 3R)	9-2 (2021 Title)
3	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	7-3 (Aus. Open QF)	4-3 (2020 Final)
4	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	4-2 (Aus. Open 2R)	1-2 (2021 2R)
5	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	7-2 (Aus. Open QF)	2-2 (2019 QF)
6	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	0-4 (Aus. Open 1R)	1-1 (2021 2R)
7	Aslan Karatsev (RUS)	6-2 (Sydney Title)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	0-5 (Sydney, Montpellier 2R)	1-3 (2019 2R)

Tournament History Singles Final

1974-2022 (49th Edition)

Wild Cards (3) Qualifiers (4)

Sunday 13 February not before 3:30 pm Tallon Griekspoor (NED), Andy Murray (GBR), Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)

Egor Gerasimov (BLR), Henri Laaksonen (SUI),

Jiri Lehecka (CZE), Bernabe Zapata Miralles (ESP)

Special Exempts (1) **Oldest Player** #NextGenATP (2) **Tournament Records** Mikael Ymer (SWE) Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (36)

Lorenzo Musetti (19), Jiri Lehecka (20)

Most Titles - Roger Federer (3) Most Wins - Roger Federer (28)

Youngest Champion - Miloslav Mecir, 20, in 1985 Oldest Champion - Roger Federer, 36, in 2018

<u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 1 Jimmy Connors (1978), No. 1 Roger Federer (2005) <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 156 Anders Jarryd in 1993

Last Dutch Champion – Jan Siemerink in 1998

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COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (22)

France (3) Ugo Humbert, Arthur Rinderknech, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga **Russia (3)** Aslan Karatsev, Karen Khachanov, Andrey Rublev

Australia (2) Alex de Minaur, Alexei Popyrin Belarus (2) Egor Gerasimov, Ilya Ivashka

Canada (2) Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov

Great Britain (2) Andy Murray, Cameron Norrie

Netherlands (2) Tallon Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp

Spain (2) Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Bernabe Zapata Miralles

David Goffin Poland (1) Belgium (1) **Hubert Hurkacz** Serbia (1) Jiri Lehecka Czech Republic (1) Filip Krajinovic Nikoloz Basilashvili South Africa (1) Lloyd Harris Georgia (1) South Korea (1) Greece (1) Stefanos Tsitsipas Soonwoo Kwon Hungary (1) Marton Fucsovics Sweden (1) Mikael Ymer Lorenzo Musetti Switzerland (1) Henri Laaksonen Italy (1) Alexander Bublik Mackenzie McDonald Kazakhstan (1) United States (1)

ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

ABN AMRO WTT	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	45	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	109,565	81,290	57,725	38,875	24,745	14,135
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90		
Doubles Prize Money (€)	40,050	30,630	21,210	14,130	8,250	

2022 ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
4	Nikola Mektic (CRO)	66-14	1-1 (Aus. Open 2R)	5-2 (2021 Title)
1	Mate Pavic (CRO)	(9 Titles in 2021)	1-1 (Aus. Open 2R)	8-4 (2021 Title)
2	Ivan Dodig (CRO)	144-84	6-3 (Adelaide-1 Final)	8-4 (2017 Title)
4	Marcelo Melo (BRA)	(6 Titles from 2013-16)	6-4 (Adelaide-1 Final)	3-6 (2016-18 QF)
3	Nicolas Mahut (FRA)	6-3	4-1 (Montpellier Title)	18-3 (4 Titles)
	Fabrice Martin (FRA)	(2021 Antwerp Title)	3-6 (2 QFs)	2-1 (2021 SF)
4	Wesley Koolhof (NED)	10-1	10-1 (2 Titles)	5-5 (2017 Final)
	Neal Skupski (GBR)	(2 Titles in 2022)	10-1 (2 Titles)	1-1 (2020 QF)

Doubles Final: Sunday 13 February at 1:00 pm

ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	Marton Fucsovics (HUN)	7-6(4) 6-4
2020	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	6-2 6-4
2019	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	6-3 1-6 6-2
2018	Roger Federer (SUI)	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	6-2 6-2
2017	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	David Goffin (BEL)	4-6 6-4 6-1
2016	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-7(1) 6-3 6-1
2015	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	4-6 6-3 6-4
2014	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	6-4 6-2
2013	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	Julien Benneteau (FRA)	7-6(2) 6-3
2012	Roger Federer (SUI)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	6-1 6-4
2011	Robin Soderling (SWE)	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	6-3 3-6 6-3
2010	Robin Soderling (SWE)	Mikhail Youzhny (RUS)	6-4 2-0 ret
2009	Andy Murray (GBR)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-3 4-6 6-0

BOLD: Player in 2022 ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament singles draw

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ABN AMRO WORLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic	Kevin Krawietz/Horia Tecau	7-6(7) 6-2
2020	Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut	Henri Kontinen/Jan-Lennard Struff	7-6(5) 4-6 [10-7]
2019	Jeremy Chardy/Henri Kontinen	Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau	7-6(5) 7-6(4)
2018	Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut	Oliver Marach/Mate Pavic	2-6 6-2 [10-7]
2017	Ivan Dodig/Marcel Granollers	Wesley Koolhof/Matwe Middelkoop	7-6(5) 6-3
2016	Nicolas Mahut/Vasek Pospisil	Philipp Petzschner/Alexander Peya	7-6(2) 6-4
2015	Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau	Jamie Murray/John Peers	3-6 6-3 [10-8]
2014	Michael Llodra/Nicolas Mahut	Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau	6-2 7-6(4)
2013	Robert Lindstedt/Nenad Zimonjic	Thiemo de Bakker/Jesse Huta Galung	5-7 6-3 [10-8]
2012	Michael Llodra/Nenad Zimonjic	Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau	4-6 7-5 [16-14]
2011	Jurgen Melzer/Philipp Petzschner	Michael Llodra/Nenad Zimonjic	6-4 3-6 [10-5]
2010	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	Simon Aspelin/Paul Hanley	6-4 4-6 [10-7]
2009	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	Lukas Dlouhy/Leander Paes	6-2 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2022 ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament doubles draw - Mektic/Pavic remains intact.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs [8] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) First Meeting

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 26 | World No. 49 | Career-High No. 49 | 2022: 3-4 (3 times in 2R) | Rotterdam: 0-0 > Broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 49 in February 2022 after undergoing right hamstring surgery in 2019 and falling outside Top 250 in 2020.

- > Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington.
- > Also in 2021, qualified at Roland Garros and Wimbledon after reaching Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
- > Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
- > Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: McDonald is playing this month at Rotterdam and Doha instead of on home soil at Dallas and Delray Beach.

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 29 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 0-5 (2x in 2R) | Rotterdam: 1-3 (2019 2R)

- > Former World No. 16 is 15-3 on German clay with titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.
- > Earned career-high 33 victories in 2021, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Indian Wells.
- > En route to titles, defeated No. 4 Del Potro at 2018 Beijing, No. 5 A. Zverev at 2019 Hamburg (saved 2 MPs) and No. 6 Federer at 2021 Doha (saved 1 MP).
- > Posted best Grand Slam finish at 2018 US Open, falling to defending champion and No. 1 Nadal in 4R.
- > Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

NOTE: Basilashvili is 1-8 with 7 straight losses since reaching ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final on 16 October.

[8] David Goffin (BEL) vs Alex de Minaur (AUS) 19 Davis Cup Finals (Spain) 21 Antalya (Turkey) Hard RR Alex de Minaur 6-0 7-6(4) 6-4 3-6 6-2

David Goffin | Age: 31 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 3-4 (Sydney QF) | Rotterdam: 8-8 (2017 Final) > Ended 2017 at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.

- > First Belgian to break into Top 10, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
- > Sixth player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray, Nalbandian).
- > Earned career-high 59 tour-level wins in 2017 after posting 67 total wins in 2014 (25 tour-level, 17 qualifying, 25 Challenger).
- > Led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017, then defeated No. 1 Nadal during 2020 ATP Cup QF.

NOTE: Goffin fell outside of Top 50 on 31 January for 1st time since being ranked No. 56 on 7 September 2014.



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Alex de Minaur | Age: 22 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 15 | 2022: 5-2 (Aus. Open 4R) | Rotterdam: 1-1 (2021 2R) > Five-time ATP Tour singles champion and two-time Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 15 in 2021.

- > Captured 1st title in his hometown of Sydney in 2019 and has won titles on 4 different continents.
- > At 2019 Atlanta, became 3rd player since 1991 to face 0 break points en route to an ATP Tour title (Haas at 2007 Memphis, Isner at 2017 Newport).
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut.
- > Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTE: De Minaur is coming off his best Australian Open finish in 5 appearances on home soil (I. to Sinner in 4R).

[4] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs [WC] Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) First Meeting

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 24 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 9 | 2022: 4-2 (Aus. Open 2R) | Rotterdam: 1-2 (2021 2R) > Top Polish men's player in history improved year-end ranking in 7 straight seasons, ending 2021 at career-high No. 9 after reaching ATP Masters 1000 Paris SF and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals.

- > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then defeated No. 2 Medvedev and 8-time champion Federer en route to 1st Grand Slam SF.
- > Upset 5 higher seeds to win biggest of 4 singles titles at 2021 Miami as World No. 37, becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion since No. 50 Berdych at 2005 Paris.
- > In 2nd event as a team, won 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime.
- > Owns 6-1 singles record at ATP Cup, leading Poland to 2022 SF (I. to Spain 2-1).

NOTE: Hurkacz owns 7-13 record at ATP 500 events with lone QF appearance at 2019 Dubai (I. to Tsitsipas).

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga | Age: 36 | World No. 247 | Career-High No. 5 | 2022: 1-1 (Montpellier 2R) | Rotterdam: 13-5 ('17 Title)

- > Spent 12 weeks at career-high No. 5 in 2012 and remains highest-ranked Frenchman No. 4 Grosjean in 2002.
- > Won 10 of his 18 ATP Tour titles in France (4 Metz, 3 Marseille, 1 Paris, 1 Lyon, 1 Montpellier).
- > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Nadal and Federer when each were No. 1 (also Del Potro, Murray) and 1 of 3 men to beat Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Murray at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Wawrinka).
- > Reached 1st of 6 Grand Slam SFs at 2008 Australian Open as World No. 38 (d. Nadal 6-2 6-3 6-2) and remains lowest-ranked Grand Slam finalist since No. 54 Baghdatis at 2006 Australian Open.
- > Captured ATP Masters 1000 titles at 2008 Paris and 2014 Toronto, defeating Djokovic, Murray and Federer en route to Toronto title.

NOTE: Tsonga has struggled with back injury and is 2-11 in tour-level matches since start of 2020 season.

[6] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

Humbert Leads 1-0

19 Lyon (France)

Clay R32 Ugo Humbert

6-1 6-3

Cameron Norrie | Age: 26 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 0-4 (Aus. Open 1R) | Rotterdam: 1-1 ('21 2R)

- > Ended 2021 at career-high No. 12 after becoming 1st Brit to win ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title in history.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2021 Los Cabos following 0-4 start to career in singles finals.
- > Earned 52 wins in 2021 after entering season with 51 career wins, highlighted by biggest victories of career over No. 4 Thiem in Lyon 2R and No. 5 Rublev in San Diego SF.
- > Played 2 matches at 2021 Nitto ATP Finals as ALT and is still seeking 1st run to 2nd week of a Grand Slam event.
- > Born in South Africa, 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 is 5-9 with 5 straight losses since capturing ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title on 17 October.

Ugo Humbert | Age: 23 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 25 | 2022: 1-4 (1-2 at ATP Cup) | Rotterdam: 0-1 (2021 1R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 25 after upsetting No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 2021 Halle title.
- > Won 1st of 3 ATP Tour titles at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and 1st Frenchman to win Auckland title in tournament history (since 1956).
- > Saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
- > Owns 6-5 record vs. Top 10 and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat countryman Monfils en route to 2019 Wimbledon 4R.

NOTE: Humbert is 1-9 in his last 10 matches including Challengers (d. No. 2 Medvedev 6-7 7-5 7-6 at ATP Cup).