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2026 ALMATY OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2026 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Daniil Medvedev	45-18 (3 Titles)	7-1 (2025 Title)
2	Luciano Darderi (ITA)	35-24 (Santiago Title)	0-1 (2025 2R)
3	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	30-21 (Hong Kong Title)	3-4 (2021 SF)
4	Andrey Rublev	33-20 (Bastad Title)	3-1 (2022 SF)
5	Karen Khachanov	25-21 (US Open SF)	6-2 (2024 Title)
6	Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)	26-25 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	34-22 (Gstaad Title)	4-1 (2022 Final)
8	Thiago Agustin Tirante (ARG)	28-17 (Houston SF)	0-0 (Debut)

Tournament History

Singles Final

Wild Cards (3)

Qualifiers (4)

Oldest Player

#NextGenATP (2)

Tournament Records

2020-Present (7th Edition in 2026, held in Astana from 2020-2023)

Sunday 25 October not before 3:00pm

Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ), Zangar Nurlanuly (KAZ), Timofey Skatov (KAZ)

Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO), Roman Safiullin,
Rei Sakamoto (JPN), Stefanos Sakellaridis (GRE)

Mikhail Kukushkin (38)

Zangar Nurlanuly (18), Rei Sakamoto (20)

Most Titles – Novak Djokovic, Karen Khachanov, Soonwoo Kwon,
Adrian Mannarino, Daniil Medvedev, John Millman (1)

Most Wins – Adrian Mannarino (11)

Youngest Champion – Soonwoo Kwon, 23, in 2021

Oldest Champion – Novak Djokovic, 35, in 2022

Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 7 Novak Djokovic in 2022

Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 82 Soonwoo Kwon in 2021

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

Kazakhstan (4)

Argentina (3)

Australia (3)

France (2)

Greece (2)

Italy (2)

Japan (2)

Croatia (1)

Czechia (1)

Georgia (1)

Hungary (1)

Serbia (1)

United States (1)

Alexander Bublik, Mikhail Kukushkin, Zangar Nurlanuly, Timofey Skatov

Facundo Diaz Acosta, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Thiago Agustin Tirante

James Duckworth, Rinky Hijikata, Aleksandar Vukic

Terence Atmane, Adrian Mannarino

Stefanos Tsitsipas, Stefanos Sakellaridis

Mattia Bellucci, Luciano Darderi

Rei Sakamoto, Sho Shimabukuro

Marin Cilic

Tomas Machac

Nikoloz Basilashvili

Fabian Marozsan

Miomir Kecmanovic

Aleksandar Kovacevic

Daniil Medvedev, Karen Khachanov, Andrey Rublev, Roman Safiullin

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Almaty Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	163,570	95,400	56,085	32,495	18,865	11,530
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	56,880	30,560	17,880	9,910	5,850	--

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

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2026 ALMATY OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2026 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Lucas Miedler (AUT) Neil Oberleitner (AUT)	7-1 (2026 Shanghai Title)	42-26 (4 Titles) 21-15 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
2	Jakob Schnaitter (GER) Mark Wallner (GER)	51-47 (1 Title) 27-25 in 2026 (1 Title)	27-25 (Munich Title) 27-25 (Munich Title)	5-2 (2025 Final) 5-2 (2025 Final)
3	N.Sriram Balaji (IND) Evan King (USA)	1-1 (US Open 2R)	12-11 (2 SFs) 18-24 (Mallorca Final)	2-2 (2024 SF) 0-1 (2024 1R)
4	Yuki Bhambri (IND) Ryan Seggerman (USA)	0-0 (Team Debut)	21-24 (Geneva Final) 15-16 (Los Cabos Title)	0-1 (2024 1R) 2-1 (2025 SF)

Doubles Final: Sunday 25 October at 12pm

ALMATY OPEN SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2025	Daniil Medvedev	Corentin Moutet (FRA)	7-5 4-6 6-3
2024	Karen Khachanov	Gabriel Diallo (CAN)	6-2 5-7 6-3
2023	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	Sebastian Korda (USA)	4-6 6-3 6-2
2022	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	6-3 6-4
2021	Soonwoo Kwon (KOR)	James Duckworth (AUS)	7-6(6) 6-3
2020	John Millman (AUS)	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	7-5 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2026 Almaty Open singles draw.

ALMATY OPEN DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	FINALISTS	SCORE
2025	Theo Arribage / Albano Olivetti	Jakob Schnaitter / Mark Wallner	6-4 7-6(8)
2024	Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli / Arjun Kadhe	Nicolas Barrientos / Skander Mansouri	3-6 7-6(7) [14-12]
2023	Nathaniel Lammons / Jackson Withrow	Mate Pavic / John Peers	7-6(4) 7-6(7)
2022	Nikola Mektic / Mate Pavic	Adrian Mannarino / Fabrice Martin	6-4 6-2
2021	Santiago Gonzalez / Andres Molteni	Jonathan Erlich / Andrei Vasilevski	6-1 6-2
2020	Sander Gille / Joran Vliegen	Max Purcell / Luke Saville	7-5 6-3

BOLD: Player in 2026 Almaty Open doubles draw – teams Lammons/Withrow and Schnaitter/Wallner remains intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs James Duckworth (AUS)

First Meeting

Miomir Kecmanovic | Age: 27 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 27 | 2026: 17-25 (Acapulco SF) | Event: 1-2 ('20-'21 1R)
> 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.

> Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner) and saved 2 championship points to defeat Davidovich Fokina for 2nd ATP Tour title at 2025 Delray Beach.

> 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 making his third appearance and seeks second win at this event after defeating Verdasco in 2021 1R, then held in Astana. 27-year-old earned 11 of 17 tour-level wins on hard courts this season, highlighted by defeating No. 4 Zverev in Acapulco 2R for biggest win of his career.

James Duckworth | Age: 34 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 46 | 2026: 12-20 (Winston-Salem SF) | Event: 7-4 ('21 Final)
> Achieved career-high No. 46 in January 2022 after earning personal-best 22 tour-level wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Astana and biggest win of career vs. No. 13 Goffin at Miami.
> Also in 2021, advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at Wimbledon and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Paris.
> Went 0-3 on ATP Tour and 49-18 at Challengers in 2019 with 4 titles in 6 finals: Bangkok, Baotou, Playford and Pune.
> Underwent 9 surgeries: right elbow in late-2012, early-2014 and February 2018; right foot in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; right shoulder in March 2017 and March 2020; and hip in January 2022.
> Grandmother, Beryl Penrose, swept singles and doubles titles at 1955 Australian Championships.

NOTE: Duckworth aims to record his first tour-level win since defeating No. 36 Arnaldi in US Open 1R (0-4 since). 34-year-old is making his fifth appearance at this event, reaching his sole ATP Tour final in 2021, losing to Kwon, and coming from qualifying to advance to last year's semi-finals, ousting No. 22 Cobolli before losing to No. 14 Medvedev.

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Hard R32

Aleksandar Vukic

Vukic Leads 2-0

7-6(5) 2-6 6-1

24 Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Hard **R16**

Aleksandar Vukic

7-6(4) 6-3

Other Meeting

17 Noumea CH (New Caledonia)

Hard R32

Adrian Mannarino

6-1 6-2

20 Monterrey CH (Mexico)

Hard F

Adrian Mannarino

6-1 6-3

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 38 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 17 | 2026: 17-26 (Montpellier Final) | Event: 11-3 ('23 Title)
> Ended 13 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-25) and became the oldest man to break into Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 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 in Newport, Astana and Sofia.
> 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 and posted win over No. 6 Shelton via RET to reach 2025 US Open 4R, after 0-22 start vs. Top-10 at Grand Slams.

NOTE: Mannarino owns tournament record for most wins in event history (11), highlighted by runs to 2020 final (l. to Millman) and 2023 title (d. Korda). He plays in his second edition in Almaty after 2024, when he defeated Safiullin in 1R before losing to Vukic. Last week, advance to ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 3R, defeating No. 7 Cobolli in 2R.

Almaty Win Leaders

Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Adrian Mannarino	11-3	John Millman	6-1
Daniil Medvedev	7-1	Karen Khachanov	6-2
James Duckworth	7-4	Emil Ruusuvuori	6-3

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 30 | World No. 116 | Career-High No. 48 | 2026: 4-13 (Adelaide QF) | Event: 4-2 (2024 SF)
> Broke into Top 200 in March 2020 prior to COVID-19 suspension of ATP Tour and Top 100 in May 2023 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2023 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Atlanta.
> Entered 2024 Eastbourne as LL, advancing to 2nd ATP Tour SF by defeating Nishioka in QF after losing to him in qualifying.
> Qualified and defeated No. 9 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 3R at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.
> Won Challenger titles at 2022 Bengaluru-2 and 2023 Busan and reached Challenger finals at 2021 and 2022 Champaign, where he was a 3-time All-American for University of Illinois from 2015-18.
> Born in Sydney after parents and older brother fled Montenegro during breakup of Yugoslavia in early-1990s.

NOTE: Vukic aims to break his 4-match tour-level losing streak since defeating Z. Svajda in Washington 1R in July. 30-year-old aims to advance to Almaty 2R for the third year in a row, going on to reach most recent of his 3 career ATP Tour SFs in 2024 (d. No. 15 Tiafoe in QF) and seeks fifth consecutive win vs. left-handers across all levels.

Marin Cilic (CRO) vs [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

21 Stuttgart (Germany) Grass R16 Marin Cilic
25 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) Hard R128 Marin Cilic

Cilic Leads 2-0

6-3 6-2
6-3 7-6(5)

Marin Cilic | Age: 38 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 3 | 2026: 14-16 (Dallas SF) | Event: 1-1 (2022 2R)

> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 10 after reaching 2010 Australian Open SF and achieved career-high No. 3 following run to 2018 Australian Open final.

> Defeated Federer en route to 2014 US Open title, but lost to him in 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Australian Open finals.

> Upset No. 2 Medvedev en route to 2022 Roland Garros SF and is one of 5 active players to advance to SFs of all 4 Grand Slam events (also Alcaraz, Djokovic, Sinner, Zverev).

> Owns 21 titles and 610 victories, highlighted by biggest wins of career over No. 1 Djokovic at 2016 Paris and No. 1 Nadal at 2018 Australian Open, becoming 1st Croatian in history to earn 600+ wins.

> Became lowest-ranked champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990) by winning 2024 Hangzhou as World No. 777.

> Won 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati title, clinched 2018 Davis Cup for Croatia, and earned silver medal in All-Croatian men's doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Dodig (held in 2021).

NOTE: Cilic seeks his first ATP Tour win since defeating No. 94 Shimabukuro in ATP Masters 1000 Montreal 1R in August. 38-year-old plays in his second indoor event of the season, advancing to Dallas SF, including win over No. 23 Tien in 1R, and now seeks 150th indoor tour-level win of his career (149-88).

Men's Indoor Tour-Level Win Leaders (Active Players)

Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Novak Djokovic	202-50	Grigor Dimitrov	106-59
Marin Cilic	149-88	Daniil Medvedev	102-48
Stan Wawrinka	118-100	Alexander Zverev	102-50

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 34 | World No. 128 | Career-High No. 16 | 2026: 7-10 (Chengdu SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> Broke into Top 20 and achieved career-high No. 16 in 2019 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2018 US Open.

> Earned personal-best 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.

> Captured 5 ATP Tour titles despite 160-192 career record (.455) and 6 ATP Challenger Tour titles despite 88-91 career record (.492).

> 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).

> Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet

NOTE: Basilashvili aims to advance to second round at fourth ATP Tour event after ATP Masters 1000 Rome (4R), Bastad (2R) and Chengdu (SF). He aims to record his third win over a Grand Slam champion after defeating del Potro at 2018 Beijing and Federer at 2021 Doha and would become 1st Georgian match winner in tournament history.

[WC] Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) vs [Q] Stefanos Sakellaridis (GRE) First Meeting

Mikhail Kukushkin | Age: 38 | World No. 389 | Career-High No. 39 | 2026: 0-0 (Glasgow CH Final) | Event: 2-5 ('20 QF)

> Achieved career-high No. 39 and earned personal-best 22 wins in 2019.

> Posted 1st Top-10 win vs. No. 10 Youzhny to capture 2010 St. Petersburg title, then beat No. 4 Wawrinka for biggest win of career in 2014 Basel 1R.

> Advanced to 2012 Australian Open 4R following 5-set wins over Troicki and Monfils and 2019 Wimbledon 4R after beating Isner in 5 sets.

> Owns 278-158 Challenger record with 16 titles and wins over former or future Top-10 players Ancic, Bautista Agut, Berrettini, Gasquet, Goffin, Khachanov, Schwartzman and Verdasco.

> In 2024, broke a 6-year title drought on Challenger tour to capture title wins in Manama and Tenerife.

> Underwent left hip surgery on 25 September 2012 and right hip surgery on 8 October 2012.

NOTE: Kukushkin, who turned pro in 2006, is playing in his last ATP Tour event of his career, aiming to earn first ATP Tour win since defeating Darderi and Shevchenko to reach 2024 Hangzhou QF. 38-year-old, is playing in his 222nd ATP Tour or Grand Slam event, including record 6th appearance at this event, highlighted by 2010 St. Petersburg title.

Stefanos Sakellaridis | Age: 22 | World No. 133 (Career-High) | 2026: 1-4 (Bucharest 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Earned 1st ranking point in 2021 at age 16, broke into Top 500 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 133 in October 2026 soon after run to Quebec City final as Q.
- > Playing for Greece at 2023 United Cup, he defeated Bergs to become the first man born in 2004 or later to earn an ATP Tour win and earned his second win over Choinski at 2026 Bucharest.
- > Owns 51-36 Challenger record (2-1 in finals), winning titles at 2026 New Delhi and 2026 Chisinau.
- > Boasts 130-103 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (3-6 in finals), winning all 3 titles during 2025 season.
- > Comes from a tennis family with sister, Sapfo, current WTA Top 500 player, as well as brothers, Michalis and Dimitris, who are both ranked on PIF ATP Rankings.

NOTE: Sakellaridis aims to record his third ATP Tour win* after defeating No. 129 Bergs at 2023 United Cup and No. 120 Choinski in Bucharest earlier this year. He joined S. Tsitsipas in the draw to mark 3rd time multiple Greek men are in a tour-level draw in this century after Petros & Stefanos Tsitsipas at 2021 Marseille and 2024 Paris Olympics.

* not including Davis Cup

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[8] Thiago Agustin Tirante (ARG) vs Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG) **Diaz Acosta Leads 1-0**

24 Cordoba (Argentina)	Clay	R16	Facundo Diaz Acosta	6-2 6-7(5) 6-2
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Other Meetings

23 Vina del Mar CH (Chile)	Clay	R32	Thiago Agustin Tirante	6-1 4-3 RET
25 Trieste CH (Italy)	Clay	SF	Thiago Agustin Tirante	6-4 6-4
25 Costa do Sauipe CH (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Thiago Agustin Tirante	7-6(3) 6-4