



## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD – ATP MEDIA NOTES

### PREVIEW & DAY 1 – 19 JULY 2021

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## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD TALKING POINTS

- **Shapo Leads Strong Field:** This year's Swiss Open Gstaad features four players in the Top 20 of the FedEx ATP Rankings, led by World No. 10 **Denis Shapovalov**, who is coming off his best Grand Slam result at Wimbledon where he reached the semi-finals (l. to Djokovic). The other seeds receiving a first round bye are: **Roberto Bautista Agut**, the 2018 finalist, **Casper Ruud** and **Cristian Garin**.
- **Former Champ:** The lone former champion in the draw is No. 8 seed **Feliciano Lopez**, who won the 2016 title. The 39-year-old Spaniard also was a finalist in 2006. He owns a 22-11 record in Gstaad.
- **Former Finalists:** No. 2 seed **Roberto Bautista Agut** was runner-up in 2018 (l. to Berrettini) and German **Yannick Hanfmann** was finalist in 2017 (l. to Fognini). Bautista Agut also was a semi-finalist in 2017.
- **Home Crew:** There are a tournament-high five Swiss players in the main draw, led by **Marc-Andrea Huesler**, who is appearing in his third Gstaad main draw (1-2). Three wild cards are making their first main draw showing: **Johan Nikles**, **Leandro Riedi** and **Dominic Stephan Stricker**. **Sandro Ehrat** was a qualifier.
- **#NextGenATP Players:** There are five #NextGenATP players (21-and-under) in the field, including Stricker (18), who is the youngest. Argentine **Juan Manuel Cerundolo** (19) captured his first ATP Tour title in Cordoba in March. The others are **Riedi** (19), **Hugo Gaston** (20) and **Thiago Seyboth Wild** (21).

## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD SINGLES

SEED	PLYER	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	GSTAAD W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	22-14 (Geneva Final)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	23-16 (Montpellier, Doha Finals)	7-4 (2018 Final)
3	Casper Ruud (NOR)	27-9 (Geneva, Bastad Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Cristian Garin (CHI)	17-11 (Santiago Title)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	22-14 (Santiago, Belgrade-2, Hamburg SF)	3-5 (2013-15 2R)
6	Benoit Paire (FRA)	4-18 (Cordoba, Hamburg QF)	1-1 (2012 2R)
7	Laslo Djere (SRB)	17-16 (Cagliari Final)	3-1 (2018 SF)
8	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	8-14 (Mallorca QF)	22-11 (2016 Title)

#### Tournament History

##### Singles Final

##### Qualifiers (4)

##### Wild Cards (3)

##### Oldest Player

##### #NextGenATP (5)

Previously held since 1968

Sunday 25 July at 11:30 a.m.

Zizou Bergs, Sandro Ehrat, Vit Kopriva, Oscar Otte

Johan Nikles (SUI), Leandro Riedi (SUI), Dominic Stephan Stricker (SUI)

Feliciano Lopez (39)

Dominic Stephan Stricker (18), Juan Manuel Cerundolo (19), Leandro Riedi (19), Hugo Gaston (20), Thiago Seyboth Wild (21)

Most Wins – Sergi Bruguera (32)

Most Titles – Sergi Bruguera, Alex Corretja (3)

Youngest Champion – Richard Gasquet, 20, in 2006

Oldest Champion – Ken Rosewall, 40, in 1975

Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 1 Roger Federer in 2004

Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 119 Thomaz Bellucci in 2009

#### Tournament Records

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (17) –

Switzerland (5)	Sandro Ehrat, Marc-Andrea Huesler, Johan Nikles, Leandro Riedi, Dominic Stephan Stricker
Argentina (3)	Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Federico Delbonis, Juan Ignacio Londero
France (3)	Hugo Gaston, Benoit Paire, Arthur Rinderknech
Germany (2)	Yannick Hanfmann, Oscar Otte
Slovakia (2)	Jozef Kovalik, Alex Molcan
Spain (2)	Roberto Bautista Agut, Feliciano Lopez
Australia (1)	Marc Polmans
Austria (1)	Denis Novak
Belgium (1)	Zizou Bergs
Brazil (1)	Thiago Seyboth Wild
Canada (1)	Denis Shapovalov
Chile (1)	Cristian Garin
Czech Republic (1)	Vit Kopriva
Netherlands (1)	Tallon Griekspoor
Norway (1)	Casper Ruud
Serbia (1)	Laslo Djere
Sweden (1)	Mikael Ymer

## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	GSTAAD W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Robin Haase (NED) Matwe Middelkoop (NED)	5-6 (Roland Garros, Wimbledon 3R) 14-16 (Marbella, Rome SF w/Arevalo)	9-5 (2014 Title w/Begemann) 4-2 (2017 SF w/Jebavy, 2018 SF w/Haase)
2	Ariel Behar (URU) Gonzalo Escobar (ECU)	31-17 (Delray Beach, Marbella Titles) 31-17 (Delray Beach, Marbella Titles)	0-1 (2018 1R w/Garcia-Lopez) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Hugo Nys (MON) Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	16-12 (Estoril, Lyon Titles w/Puetz) 13-16 (Cagliari Title w/Sonogo)	1-1 (2018 QF w/Eysseric) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Andre Goransson (SWE) Frederik Nielsen (DEN)	12-9 (Santiago SF w/Oliveira) 3-15 (Three QFS w/Three partners)	0-0 (Debut) 1-1 (2019 QF w/Huey)

Doubles Final: Sunday 25 July following Singles (11:30 a.m.)

## FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Swiss Open Gstaad	W	F	SF	QF	R16 *	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	41,145	29,500	21,000	14,000	9,000	5,415
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	15,360	11,000	7,250	4,710	2,760	--

\* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	CANCELLED	NOT HELD	
2019	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	Marcel-Cedrik Stebe (GER)	6-3 6-2
2018	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	<b>Roberto Bautista-Agut (ESP)</b>	7-6(9) 6-4
2017	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	<b>Yannick Hanfmann (GER)</b>	6-4 7-5
2016	<b>Feliciano Lopez (ESP)</b>	Robin Haase (NED)	6-4 7-5
2015	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	David Goffin (BEL)	7-5 6-2
2014	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Juan Monaco (ARG)	6-3 7-5
2013	Mikhail Youzhny (RUS)	Robin Haase (NED)	6-3 6-4
2012	Thomaz Bellucci (BRA)	Janko Tipsarevic (SRB)	6-7(6) 6-4 6-2
2011	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	Fernando Verdasco (ESP)	6-4 3-6 6-3
2010	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	7-5 6-1
2009	Thomaz Bellucci (BRA)	Andreas Beck (GER)	6-4 7-6(2)

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Swiss Open Gstaad singles draw

## SWISS OPEN GSTAAD DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2020	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>NOT HELD</b>	
2019	Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen	Philipp Oswald/Filip Polasek	6-4 6-3
2018	Matteo Berrettini/Daniele Bracciali	<b>Denys Molchanov</b> /Igor Zelenay	7-6(2) 7-6(5)
2017	Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald	Jonathan Eysseric/Franko Skugor	6-3 4-6 [10-8]
2016	Julio Peralta/Horacio Zeballos	Mate Pavic/Michael Venus	7-6(2) 6-2
2015	Allaksandr Bury/Denis Istomin	Oliver Marach/Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi	3-6 6-2 [10-5]
2014	Andre Begemann/ <b>Robin Haase</b>	Rameez Junaid/Michal Mertinak	6-3 6-4
2013	Jamie Murray/John Peers	Pablo Andujar/Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	6-3 6-4
2012	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	Robert Farah/Santiago Giraldo	6-4 7-6(9)
2011	Frantisek Cermak/Filip Polasek	Christopher Kas/Alexander Peya	6-3 7-6(9)
2010	Johan Brunstrom/Jarkko Nieminen	Marcelo Melo/Bruno Soares	6-3 6-7(4) [11-9]
2009	Marco Chiudinelli/Michael Lammer	Jaroslav Levinsky/Filip Polasek	7-5 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Swiss Open Gstaad doubles draw.

## FEDEX ATP HEAD 2 HEADS: MONDAY 1ST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### ROY EMERSON ARENA

#### [WC] Johan Nikles (SUI) vs [Q] Vit Kopriva (CZE)

#### First Meeting

**Johan Nikles** | Age: 24 | World No. 409 | Career-High No. 409 | 2021: 0-0 | Gstaad: 0-1 (2016 1R)

> Appearing in his second career ATP Tour main draw and has played almost entirely on ITF Futures circuit with a 148-118 overall record and 4 clay titles.

> Qualified into first Challenger in Amersfoort last week and reached 2R (l. to Rosol).

> Has a 23-13 record in ITF Futures this season with title in Madrid (M15) in May and runner-up in Genova (M15) in June. Also SF in 2 other events and QF in 3 others.

**NOTE:** Made his ATP Tour debut in 2016 Gstaad as a wild card and lost to Youzhny in the first round.

**Vit Kopriva** | Age: 24 | World No. 249 | Career-High No. 249 | 2021: 15-11 (ATP Challenger Tour) | Gstaad: 0-0 (Debut)

> Making his ATP Tour main draw debut. Has a 35-33 career record on ATP Challenger Tour (26-24 on clay) and 166-100 on ITF circuit with 5 clay titles.

> This season has compiled a 15-12 Challenger record (12-9 on clay) with SF at St. Petersburg-1, Rome-1 and Braunschweig. Also QF in two other tournaments.

**NOTE:** Prior to qualifying in Gstaad, Kopriva attempted to qualify in one other ATP Tour event this season, in Belgrade-2, where he lost in the final round to Carballes-Baena.

#### Jozef Kovalik (SVK) vs [6] Benoit Paire (FRA)

#### First Tour-Level Meeting

**Other meeting:**

17 Sophia Antipolis CH (France) Clay SF Benoit Paire 6-4 7-6(6)

**Jozef Kovalik** | Age: 28 | World No. 130 | Career-High No. 80 | 2021: 3-3 (Cordoba QF) | Gstaad: 0-1 (2016 1R)

> Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 80 during 2018 season.

> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2018 Sofia and 2nd SF at 2018 Hamburg SF.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 6 Cilic in 2017 Chennai 2R as Q.

> Qualified at 2016 Australian Open, 2017 Roland Garros and 2018 Roland Garros, but owns 0-9 Grand Slam main draw record.

> Owns 5 Challenger titles overall, ending 2019 on 18-3 run with titles at Szczecin and Maia.

> Has an 11-8 record on ATP Challenger Tour this season with SF in Istanbul and Belgrade along with two QFs.

**NOTE:** His best ATP Tour result this season is QF in Cordoba in March (l. to Bagnis).

**Benoit Paire** | Age: 32 | World No. 49 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 4-18 (Cordoba, Hamburg QF) | Gstaad: 1-1 (2012 2R)  
> Rose 99 spots during season to end 2015 at No. 19, then reached career-high No. 18 in January 2016.  
> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title (Bastad), 3 Challenger titles and 1 Futures title in 2015 to become 1st player to sweep titles at all 3 levels since Darcis in 2007.  
> Earned personal-best 34 wins in 2019, adding 2 more ATP Tour titles at Marrakech and Lyon.  
> Saved 2 MPs to beat Nishikori en route to 2015 US Open 4R, also reaching 4R at 2017 Wimbledon, 2019 Roland Garros and 2019 Wimbledon.  
> Defeated No. 3 Wawrinka for biggest win of career at 2017 Madrid, lobbst to Wawrinka in biggest of 9 career finals at 2015 Tokyo and teamed w/Wawrinka for lone doubles title at 2013 Chennai.

**NOTE:** Paire won back-to-back matches for the first time this season last week in Hamburg where he lost to Delbonis in QFs after holding 4 MPs. In March, he advanced to QF in Cordoba (1R bye, d. Jarry in 2R, l. to Coria).

### **Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI) vs [8] Feliciano Lopez (ESP) Huesler Leads 1-0**

20 Kitzbuhel (Austria) Clay QF Marc-Andrea Huesler 6-4 6-3

**Marc-Andrea Huesler** | Age: 25 | World No. 162 | Career-High No. 142 | 2021: 0-1 (Cagliari 1R) | Gstaad: 1-2 (2018 2R)  
> Zurich native reached a career-high No. 142 on 25 January 2021 following QF at Istanbul Challenger.  
> Has a 6-7 career ATP Tour record and best result came in Kitzbuhel last year when he qualified and reached SFs (d. Fognini, Lopez, l. to Kecmanovic).  
> In only previous ATP Tour match this season, qualified and lost in 1R in Cagliari (l. to Broady).  
> Has a 6-10 record on ATP Challenger Tour with best result QF in Istanbul. Overall 41-38 in Challengers with 3 titles (2 coming on clay).

**NOTE:** Made ATP Tour debut in 2018 Gstaad and reached 2R (d. Almagro, l. to Bagnis).

**Feliciano Lopez** | Age: 39 | World No. 89 | Career-High No. 12 | 2021: 8-14 (Mallorca QF) | Gstaad: 22-11 (2016 Title)  
> Ended 19 straight years in Top 100 (2002-20) – 2nd-longest active streak behind fellow 39-year-old Federer's 22 (1999-2020).  
> Captured singles and doubles titles at 2019 London/Queen's Club as 37-year-old, becoming oldest player to sweep both titles at same event since Rosewall, 40, at 1975 Jackson.  
> Played in record 77th consecutive Grand Slam men's singles main draw at 2021 Wimbledon and is a 3-time Wimbledon quarter-finalist (2005, 2008, 2011).  
> Defeated No. 1 seeds and previous 3 champions to win 2016 Roland Garros doubles title w/M. Lopez  
> Counts victories over No. 1 Nadal (2010 London/Queen's Club) and No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Dubai) among his 38 Top-10 wins – most among active players never ranked in Top 10.

**NOTE:** Lopez won his lone ATP Tour clay court singles title in 2016 Gstaad (d. Haase) and was runner-up in 2006 (l. to Gasquet).

## **COURT 1**

**Marc Polmans (AUS) vs [Q] Sandro Ehrat (SUI) First Meeting**

**[Q] Oscar Otte (GER) vs [Q] Zizou Bergs (BEL) First Meeting**

**Mikael Ymer (SWE) vs Alex Molcan (SVK) First Meeting**