

# GENERALI OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

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## 2023 GENERALI OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2023 W-L (BEST FINISH)	KITZBUHEL W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)	20-16 (Houston, Santiago Finals)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Yannick Hanfmann (GER)	18-12 (Mallorca, Houston SF)	7-4 (2020 F)
3	Pedro Cachin (ARG)	14-19 (Gstaad Title)	0-0 (2015 Q1)
4	Sebastian Ofner (AUT)	5-4 (Bastad QF)	6-5 (2017 SF)
5	Laslo Djere (SRB)	19-17 (3 times in QF)	4-3 (2020 SF)
6	Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)	16-17 (Marrakech Title)	2-3 (2019,2016 2R)
7	Dusan Lajovic (SRB)	17-14 (Banja Luka Title)	11-7 (2016 SF)
8	Daniel Altmaier (GER)	8-14 (Madrid QF)	3-1 (2021 SF)

**Tournament History** 

1968-2009, 2011-Present (55th Edition in 2023)

**Singles Final** 

Saturday 5 August at 11:00am

Wild Cards (3) Qualifiers (4) Filip Misolic (AUT), Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA), Dominic Thiem (AUT) Guido Andreeozi (ARG), Facundo Bagnis (ARG), Hamad Medjedovic (SRB),

Dennis Novak (AUT)

Guido Pella

Protected Ranking (1) Oldest Player

Albert Ramos-Vinolas (38)

#NextGenATP (3)
Tournament Records

Luca Van Assche (19), Filip Misolic (21), Hamad Medjedovic (20)

Most Titles – Guillermo Vilas (4)

Most Wins - Emilio Sanchez (33)

Youngest Champion - Juan Martin del Potro, 19, in 2008

Oldest Champion - Paolo Lorenzi, 34, in 2016

Highest-Ranked Champion - No. 2 Guillermo Vilas in 1982, Goran Ivanisevic in 1994

<u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 191 Horacio de la Pena in 1990

Last Austrian Champion - Dominic Thiem in 2019

# **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)**

Argentina (6) Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Guido Andreozzi, Sebastian Baez, Guido Pella, Pedro Cachin,

Facundo Bagnis

Austria (4) Filip Misolic, Dennis Novak, Sebastian Ofner, Dominic Thiem

Serbia (3) Laslo Diere, Dusan Lajovic, Hamad Medjedovic

Australia (2) Christopher O'Connell, Alexei Popyrin Luca Van Assche, Arthur Rinderknech

Spain (2) Roberto Carballes Baena, Albert Ramos Vinolas

Germany (2) Daniel Altmaier, Yannick Hanfmann

Italy (1)Marco CecchinatoColombia (1)Daniel Elahi GalanSwitzerland (1)Marc Andrea HueslerBrazil (1)Thiago Seyboth WildPeru (1)Juan Pablo Varillas

Slovakia (1) Alex Molcan China (1) Zhizhen Zhang



# PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Generali Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	85,605	49,940	29,355	17,010	9,880	6,035
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	
Doubles Prize Money (€)	29,745	15,910	9,330	5,220	3,070	

<sup>\*</sup> Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

## **2023 GENERALI OPEN DOUBLES**

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2023 (BEST FINISH)	<b>EVENT (BEST FINISH)</b>
4	Alexander Erler (AUT)	39-39 (1 Title)	24-19 (3 Finals)	1-2 (2022 QF)
1	Lucas Miedler (AUT)	23-17 in 2023 (3 Finals)	23-17 (3 Finals)	3-3 (2018 SF)
2	Simone Bolelli (ITA)	3-1	12-6 (Aus. Open Title)	0-0 (Debut)
	Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	(2023 Delray Beach Final)	5-3 (Delray Beach Final)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Sadio Doumbia (FRA)	10-14 (3 SFs)	12-13 (Mallorca Title)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Fabien Reboul (FRA)	8-12 in 2023 (2 SFs)	8-12 (Dallas, Munich SF)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Gonzalo Escobar (ECU)	0-0	7-12 (Houston Final)	0-0 (Debut)
	Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ)	(Debut)	12-9 (Dubai Title)	0-1 (2019 1R)

Doubles Final: Saturday 5 August at 2:00pm.

# **GENERALI OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Filip Misolic (AUT)	6-2 6-2
2021	Casper Ruud (NOR)	Pedro Martinez	6-1 4-6 6-3
2020	Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)	Yannick Hanfmann (GER)	6-4 6-4
2019	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	7-6 (7) 6-4
2018	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Denis Istomin (UZB)	6-2 6-2
2017	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	Joao Sousa (POR)	6-3 6-4
2016	Paolo Lorenzi (ITA)	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	6-3 6-4
2015	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	Paul Henri-Mathieu (FRA)	2-6 6-2 6-2
2014	David Goffin (BEL)	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	4-6 6-1 6-3
2013	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	Juan Monaco (ARG)	0-6 7-6 (3) 6-4
2012	Robin Haase (NED)	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	6-7 (2) 6-3 6-2
2011	Robin Hasse (NED)	Albert Montanes (ESP)	6-4 4-6 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2023 Generali Open singles draw.

# **GENERALI OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Pedro Martinez / Lorenzo Sonego	Tim Putz / Michael Venus	5-7 6-4 [10-8]
2021	Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler	Roman Jebavy / Matwe Middelkoop	7-5 7-6(5)
2020	Austin Krajicek/Franko Skugor	Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos	7-6 (5) 7-5
2019	Philipp Oswald/Filip Polasek	Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen	6-4 6-4
2018	Roman Jebavy/ Andres Molteni	Daniele Bracciali/Federico Delbonis	6-2 6-4
2017	Pablo Cuevas /Guillermo Duran	Hans Podlipnik-Castillo /Anderi Vasilevlski	6-4 4-6 [12-10]
2016	Wesley Koolhof / Matwe Middelkoop	Dennis Novak / Dominic Thiem	2-6 6-3 [11-9]
2015	Nicolas Almagro/Carlos Berlocq	Robin Haase / Henri Kontinen	5-7 6-3 [11-9]
2014	Henri Kontinen/Jarkko Nieminen	Daniele Bracciali/Andrey Golubev	6-1 6-4
2013	Martin Emmrich/Christopher Kas	Frantisek Cermak/Lukas Dloughy	6-4 6-3
2012	Frantisek Cermak / Julian Knowle	Dustin Brown / Paul Hanley	7-6 (4) 3-6 [12-10]
2011	Daniel Bracciali / Santiago Gonzalez	Franco Ferreiro / Andre Sa	7-6 (1) 4-6 [11-9]

BOLD: Player in 2023 Generali Open doubles draw.

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# LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **CENTER COURT**

# Luca Van Assche (FRA) vs Alex Molcan (SVK)

First Meeting

Luca Van Assche | Age: 19 | World No. 68 (Career-High) | 2023: 7-11 (Hamburg QF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Made tour-level debut at 2022 Antwerp before earning first ATP Tour win at 2023 Estoril.
- > Owns 50-27 Challenger record (16-5 in 2023), with titles at 2022 Maia, 2023 Pau and 2023 San Remo.
- > Defeated No. 72 Rinderknech at 2023 Pau CH SF for biggest career win before saving 2 championship points to defeat Humbert in the longest Challenger final in history (3 hours, 56 minutes).
- > Posted 29-19 Challenger record in 2022 (1-3 in finals), going on a 19-6 run from late September to December, reaching finals of Lisbon, Brest and Valencia before winning first ATP Challenger title in Maia.
- > Defeated fellow countryman Fils to win the 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles title and ended junior career with a 79-27 record.

**NOTE**: Van Assche is high on confidence after making a first tour-level QF last week where he lost to eventual champion Alexander Zverev. The 19 year old Next Gen player seeks a first win here at Kitzbuhel on his debut.

Alex Molcan | Age: 25 | World No. 120 | (Career-High No. 38) | 2023: 12-15 (Banja Luka SF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (Debut) > Ended 2021 and 2022 as No. 1 Slovakian, breaking into Top 50 in April 2022 and achieving career-high No. 38 in May 2022.

- > Earned 1st 4 ATP Tour main draw wins of career en route to 2021 Belgrade-2 final as 255th-ranked Q (I. to No. 1 Djokovic).
- > Also advanced to clay-court finals at Marrakech and Lyon in 2022, defeating No. 9 Auger-Aliassime for biggest win of career in Marrakech 2R.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2021 US Open as Q and 2022 Wimbledon.
- > Did not drop a set at 2021 Liberec en route to 1st of 2 Challenger titles, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

NOTE: Molcan holds a 28-16 career tour-level record on clay this and seeks a first win in his Kitzbuhel debut.

## [Q] Guido Andreozi (ARG) vs [WC] Filip Misolic (AUT)

**First Meeting** 

Guido Andreozzi | Age: 29 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 43 | 2023: 10-13 ('s-Hertogenbosch F) | Newport: 4-5 (2021 SF) > Achieved career-high No. 70 on 28 January 2019. Broke into Top 100 on 17 September 2018 after winning Szczecin, POL Challenger title. Finished 6 of last 7 seasons in Top 200 (2012-14, 2016-18).

- > Earned 1st ATP Tour victory in his hometown, defeating countryman Molteni at 2015 Buenos Aires as WC. Enjoyed 2nd win over fellow Argentine Olivo at 2017 Buenos Aires as Q.
- > Qualified at 2012 US Open, 2016 US Open and 2018 Roland Garros, where he defeated Fritz in 5 sets for 1st Grand Slam main draw win of career. Made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut in 2019, earning 1R wins at Indian Wells (d. Ivashka) and Miami (d. Kukushkin). Qualified at 2019 Monte-Carlo.
- > Owns 203-130 record on ATP Challenger Tour with 8 titles. Went 38-15 at Challengers in 2018 (4-1 in finals). Defeated countrymen to win Challenger titles at 2012 Lima, PER (d. Arguello); 2013 San Juan, ARG (d. Schwartzman) and 2016 Santo Domingo, DOM (d. Kicker). Boasts Challenger wins over past or present Top 20 players Basilashvili, Cecchinato, Gulbis, Khachanov, Lopez and Schwartzman.
- > Won gold medal in mixed doubles at 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, CAN w/Irigoyen. Went on to earn silver medal in men's doubles w/Bagnis and bronze medal in singles at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, PER.

NOTE: Andreeozi seeks a first tour-level win of the season. He holds a 5-14 career tour-level record on the surface.

Filip Misolic | Age: 21 | World No. 158 | Career-High No. 126 | 2023: 2-2 (Bastad QF) | Kitzbuhel: 4-1 (2022 F)

- > Broke into Top 200 in July 2022 and achieved career-high No. 126 in April 2023 after winning 2nd Challenger title at 2023 Roseto Degli Abruzzi from a set and a break down in the final.
- > Advanced to 2022 Kitzbuhel final in his ATP Tour debut as a 20-year-old WC ranked 205th.
- > Qualified and posted 7 wins en route to 1st Challenger SF, final and title at 2022 Zagreb.
- > Owns 6-1 record in ITF World Tennis Tour finals, most recently winning 2022 Porec title.
- > Peaked at No. 63 on ITF Junior Circuit with 81-56 record, but never played at a Grand Slam event in juniors.

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**NOTE**: Last year's finalist Misolic aims to win a third tour-level match this season. With both his wins coming on clay this year, the wild-card contestant holds a 7-3 career tour-level record on the surface.

## [Q] Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs Sebastian Baez (ARG)

**First Meeting** 

Hamad Medjedovic | Age: 20 | World No. 147 | Career-High No. 146 | 2023: 4-4 (Gstaad SF) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (2022 Q1)

- > Broke into Top 500 in April 2022, Top 200 in March, earning a career-high No. 146 in July 2023.
- > Made ATP Tour debut at 2021 Belgrade-2 (I. to eventual finalist Molcan) and earned first tour-level win at 2023 Davis Cup over Durasovic.
- > Defeated future Top-70 player Otte in ATP Challenger Tour debut at Belgrade as a 17-year-old in April 2021 and former World No. 3 Thiem en route to 3rd Challenger title at 2023 Mauthausen.
- > Owns 29-21 Challenger record, became the 3rd Serbian teenager to win a trio of ATP Challenger Tour titles at 2022 Luedenscheid, 2023 Szekesfehervar and 2023 Mauthausen, joining Djokovic and Tipsarevic.
- > Achieved career-high No. 9 in junior rankings after winning titles without dropping a set at 2019 Berlin Grade 1 and 2019 New Delhi Grade 2.

**NOTE**: After reaching his first ATP Tour SF on clay recently at Gstaad, the 20 year old aims at winning a 4<sup>th</sup> tour-level match on the surface this season.

Sebastian Baez | Age: 22 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 30 | 2023: 16-19 (Cordoba Title) | Kitzbuhel: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 30 in April 2023 soon after capturing 2nd ATP Tour title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
- > Defeated Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st final at 2022 Santiago and 1st title at 2022 Estoril, as well as for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.
- > Beat No. 8 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2022 Bastad final (I. to F. Cerundolo).
- > 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**: The reigning Cordoba champion seeks a first win on his debut at Kitzbuhel. The Argentine owns a 14-12 record on clay this season.

[PR] Guido Pella (ARG) v	s [6] Robert	o Carball	es Baena (ESP)	Series tied 1-1		
18 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Roberto Carballes Baena	6-4 6-2		
19 Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Guido Pella	6-2 6-4		
Other Meeting						
14 Lima CH (Peru)	Clay	QF	Guido Pella	3-6 7-6(3) 6-4		

Guido Pella | Age: 33 | World No. 199 | Career-High No. 20 | 2023: 9-11 | Kitzbuhel: 1-1 (2020 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 20 and earned personal-best 36 wins in 2019, but was limited to only 1 Challenger match in 2022 due to knee injury.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title in 5th career final at 2019 Sao Paulo.
- > Upset 2018 finalist Anderson and 2016 finalist Raonic to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Wimbledon.
- > Advanced to 2018 Wimbledon 3R with biggest win of career over 2017 finalist and World No. 5 Cilic.
- > Helped Argentina win 1st Davis Cup title in 2016, earning victories in 1R (d. Przysiezny), QF w/Del Potro (d. Fognini/Lorenzi) and SF (d. Edmund).

**NOTE**: After a devastating knee injury which kept him out of the tour for a while, Pella seeks a 10<sup>th</sup> tour-level match win of the season and a 5<sup>th</sup> on clay.



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**Roberto Carballes Baena** | Age: 30 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 49 | 2023: 16-17 (Marrakech Title) | Kitzbuhel: 2-3 (2 Times 2R) > Former World No. 8 junior entered Top 50 at 30 years of age at career high No. 49 after coming from a set down three times to win 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Marrakech.

- > At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.
- > Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.
- > Boasts 228-146 Challenger record (10-8 in finals), capturing clay-court titles in 2022 at Tunis and Seville.

**NOTE**: Carballes Baena seeks a 14<sup>th</sup> win on clay this season. The Marrakech champion is also closing in at 100 career tour-level match wins (91 currently)

#### **COURT KUCHENMEISTER**

Marco Cecchinato	First Tour-Level Meeting			
Other Meeting				
17 Todi CH (Italy)	Clay	R32	Marco Cecchinato	6-3 6-4

ΑI	bert Ramos-Vinolas	(ESP	vs Ju	an Pablo Varillas (PER)	Ramos-Vinolas Leads 4-1
23	Gstaad (Switzerland)	Clay	QF	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-7(2) 6-1 6-4
23	Lyon (France)	Clay	R32	Juan Pablo Varillas	3-6 7-6(7) 6-4
22	Kitzbuhel (Austria)	Clay	R16	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-3 6-4
22	Cordoba (Argentina)	Clay	R16	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	6-4 2-3 RET
20	Santiago (Chile)	Clay	R16	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	7-6(3) 6-2