



# MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024

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## 2024 MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	9-2 (Australian Open SF)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	5-2 (Australian Open 4R)	4-0 (2023 Title)
3	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	10-3 (Rotterdam Final)	4-1 (2023 Final)
4	Casper Ruud (NOR)	6-1 (Australian Open 3R)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Roman Safiullin	3-3 (Brisbane SF)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)	5-5 (Australian Open 4R)	2-1 (2022 SF)
7	Max Purcell (AUS)	3-5 (3 times in 2R)	1-1 (2022 2R)
8	Jordan Thompson (AUS)	8-5 (Brisbane SF)	3-2 (2021 QF)

**Tournament History** 2016-2019, 2021-Present (8th Edition in 2024)  
**Singles Final** Saturday 24 February at 8pm  
**Wild Cards (3)** Ernesto Escobedo (MEX), Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez (MEX), Diego Schwartzman (ARG)  
**Qualifiers (4)** Flavio Cobolli (ITA), Brandon Holt (USA), Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA), Emilio Nava (USA)  
**Alternates (2)** Constant Lestienne (FRA), Alex Michelsen (USA)  
**Oldest Player** Daniel Evans (33)  
**#NextGen ATP (2)** Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez (18), Alex Michelsen (19)  
**Tournament Records**  
Most Titles – Fabio Fognini, Ivo Karlovic, Daniil Medvedev, Cameron Norrie, Sam Querrey, Diego Schwartzman, Stefanos Tsitsipas (1)  
Most Wins – Cameron Norrie (11)  
Youngest Champion – Stefanos Tsitsipas, 24, in 2023  
Oldest Champion – Ivo Karlovic, 37, in 2016  
Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 Daniil Medvedev in 2022  
Lowest-Ranked Champion – No.30 Cameron Norrie in 2021

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

**Australia (6)** Alex de Minaur, Rinky Hijikata, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Max Purcell, Jordan Thompson, Aleksandar Vukic  
**United States (5)** Marcos Giron, Brandon Holt, Aleksandar Kovacevic, Alex Michelsen, Emilio Nava  
**Germany (2)** Dominik Koepfer, Alexander Zverev  
**Great Britain (2)** Jack Draper, Daniel Evans –  
**Italy (2)** Matteo Arnaldi, Flavio Cobolli  
**Japan (2)** Taro Daniel, Yoshihito Nishioka  
**Mexico (2)** Ernesto Escobedo, Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez  
**Argentina (1)** Diego Schwartzman  
**France (1)** Constant Lestienne  
**Greece (1)** Stefanos Tsitsipas  
**Norway (1)** Casper Ruud  
**Portugal (1)** Nuno Borges  
**Serbia (1)** Miomir Kecmanovic  
Roman Safiullin

## PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Mifel Tennis Open by Telcel Oppo	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	139,190	81,195	47,740	26,665	16,065	9,815
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	48,360	25,880	15,170	8,480	5,000	--

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

## 2024 MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) Neal Skupski (GBR)	7-4 (2024 Delray Beach Final)	7-4 (Delray Beach Final) 7-4 (Delray Beach Final)	8-5 (2023 Title) 0-0 (Debut)
2	Hugo Nys (MON) Jan Zielinski (POL)	54-39 (3 Titles) 5-3 in 2024 (2 SFs)	6-4 (2 times in SF) 6-3 (2 times in SF)	4-1 (2019 Title) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Harri Heliövaara (FIN) John Peers (AUS)	2-4 (2024 Marseille QF)	4-5 (Marseille QF) 2-4 (Marseille QF)	0-1 (2021 1R) 0-1 (2023 1R)
4	Max Purcell (AUS) Jordan Thompson (AUS)	20-6 (2 Titles) 8-2 in 2024 (Dallas Title)	8-2 (Dallas Title) 8-2 (Dallas Title)	1-2 (2022 QF) 0-0 (2021 1R)

Doubles Final: Saturday 24 February at 5:30 pm.

## MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	<b>Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)</b>	<b>Alex de Minaur (AUS)</b>	6-3 6-4
2022	Daniil Medvedev	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	7-5 6-0
2021	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	6-2 6-2
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	<b>Diego Schwartzman (ARG)</b>	Taylor Fritz (USA)	7-6(6) 6-3
2018	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	6-4 6-2
2017	Sam Querrey (USA)	<b>Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS)</b>	6-3 3-6 6-2
2016	Ivo Karlovic (CRO)	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	7-6(5) 6-2

**BOLD:** Player in 2024 Mifel Tennis Open by Telcel Oppo singles draw.

## MIFEL TENNIS OPEN BY TELCEL OPPO DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	<b>Santiago Gonzalez / Edouard Roger-Vasselin</b>	<b>Andrew Harris / Dominik Koepfer</b>	6-4 7-5
2022	<b>William Blumberg / Miomir Kecmanovic</b>	Raven Klaasen / Marcelo Melo	6-0 6-1
2021	<b>Hans Hach Verdugo / John Isner</b>	Hunter Reese / Sem Verbeek	5-7 6-2 [10-4]
2020	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2019	Romain Arneodo / <b>Hugo Nys</b>	Dominic Inglot / Austin Krajicek	7-5 5-7 [16-14]
2018	Marcelo Arevalo / <b>Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela</b>	Taylor Fritz / Thanasi Kokkinakis	6-4 6-4
2017	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Treat Huey	Sergio Galdos / Roberto Maytin	6-2 6-3
2016	Purav Raja / Divij Sharan	Jonathan Erlich / Ken Skupski	7-6(4) 7-6(3)

**BOLD:** Player in 2024 Mifel Tennis Open by Telcel Oppo doubles draw – team Harris/Koepfer remains intact.

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

### ESTADIO MEXTENIS

#### Daniel Evans (GBR) vs [5] Roman Safiullin

23 Chengdu (China)

Hard R16 Roman Safiullin

#### Safiullin Leads 1-0

6-3 6-3

#### Other Meeting

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Hard QF Daniel Evans

3-6 6-3 7-6(1)

**Daniel Evans** | Age: 33 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 21 | 2024: 1-3 (Adelaide 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

> Former Top-10 junior was unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 21 in August 2023 after winning 2nd ATP Tour title at Washington.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2.

> Rallied from 2 sets down and won 5th-set TB vs. Popyrin to reach 2nd Grand Slam 4R of career at 2021 US Open.

> Reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Djokovic in 3R) and 2022 Montreal.

> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals at 2021 Miami w/N. Skupski, 2021 Monte Carlo w/N. Skupski and 2022 Montreal w/Peers.

**NOTE:** Evans is 8-21 in opening-round matches since the start of the 2023 season and will be trying to grab his 1st win since beating Hijikata in his 1st appearance of 2024.

**Roman Safiullin** | Age: 26 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 36 | 2024: 3-3 (Brisbane SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 36 in January 2024.  
 > Posted personal-best 20 wins in 2023, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Chengdu and defeating No. 2 Alcaraz at ATP Masters 1000 Paris to reach 3R as Q.  
 > As World No. 92 in main draw debut at Wimbledon, became the lowest-ranked quarterfinalist since Kyrgios in 2014.  
 > Defeated 2-time champion and World No. 4 Tsitsipas to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Marseille, and advanced to 2nd SF on indoor hard courts at 2022 Tel Aviv.  
 > Went 105-21 with 11 titles on ITF Junior Circuit, posting wins over Medvedev, Rublev and Khachanov before ending junior career as 2015 Australian Open champion.

**NOTE:** Safiullin is seeded at an ATP Tour event for the first time in his career. He won his last 4 matches against one-handed backhand players, including over Evans at 2023 Chengdu.

**[7] Max Purcell (AUS) vs Matteo Arnaldi (ITA)**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other Meeting**

23 Australian Open Q (Australia)	Hard	Q3	Max Purcell	6-4 6-3
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**Max Purcell** | Age: 25 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 3-5 (3 times in 2R) | Event: 1-1 (2022 2R)  
 > Broke into singles Top 200 in 2021 and Top 100 in March 2023, reaching career-high No. 40 in October 2023.  
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour singles SF at 2021 Eastbourne as LL, then beat No. 7 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Cincinnati (l. to No. 1 Alcaraz).  
 > Replaced 2-time Olympic gold medallist Murray in 2020 Tokyo Olympics draw and defeated No. 15 Auger-Aliassime in 1R (held in 2021).  
 > Compiled a 34-7 record on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2023 (3-3 in finals), going on an 18-match winning streak and capturing three titles in as many weeks in Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune.  
 > Owns career-high No. 25 in doubles, reaching 2020 and 2022 Australian Open finals and captured 2022 Wimbledon title w/Ebden, becoming first All-Aussie men's doubles Wimbledon champions since Woodbridge/Woodforde in 2000.

**NOTE:** Purcell is dropping 100 points from winning the Bengaluru Challenger last year and would need a semifinal in Los Cabos to defend them. He went 8-0 against Italians across all levels in 2023, including beating Arnaldi in Australian Open qualifying.

**Matteo Arnaldi** | Age: 22 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 38 | 2024: 5-4 (Brisbane QF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Broke into Top 500 in September 2021, Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 100 in May 2023, achieving career-high No. 38 in January 2024.  
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2023 Umag and 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 US Open.  
 > Qualified to reach 3R at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, defeating No. 4 Ruud for biggest win of career a week after earning first career ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Munar).  
 > Owns 58-38 Challenger record (4-2 in finals), highlighted by 1st title on home soil at Francavilla al Mare.  
 > Peaked at No. 22 in juniors, posting 80-42 singles record (3 titles) and 34-35 doubles record (2 titles).

**NOTE:** Arnaldi has won his last 7 opening-round matches, dating back to 2023 Beijing and including a 4-0 record this year. He is 5-1 against players outside the Top 50 this season, losing to Australian No. 84 Hijikata last week.

**Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) vs Jack Draper (GBR)**

**Draper Leads 1-0**

23 Davis Cup Finals (Great Britain)	Hard	RR	Jack Draper	6-7(6) 6-3 7-6(4)
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**Thanasi Kokkinakis** | Age: 27 | World No. 103 | Career-High No. 65 | 2024: 1-4 (Aus. Open 2R) | Event: 7-5 (2017 Final)  
 > Former Top-10 junior earned 1st ranking point 8 days after 15th birthday in 2011, achieved career-high No. 65 at age 27 in 2023 improving the career-high No. 69 he set at age 19 in 2015.  
 > Captured 1st ATP Tour title in hometown at 2022 Adelaide-2 as 145th-ranked WC after reaching 1st QF, SF and final at 2017 Los Cabos as 454th-ranked WC.  
 > Upset defending champion Federer in 2018 Miami 2R as 175th-ranked Q, becoming lowest-ranked player to beat World No. 1 since No. 178 Clavet beat Hewitt in 2003 Miami 2R.  
 > Won 2022 Australian Open doubles title as 434th-ranked WC with countryman Kyrgios, defeating Ebden/Purcell in 1st All-Aussie Grand Slam doubles final since 1980 Australian Open.  
 > Advanced to 3 Grand Slam junior finals in 2013, winning Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Kyrgios and finishing as boys' singles runner-up at Australian Open and US Open.

**NOTE:** Kokkinakis is making his 6th appearance in Los Cabos, tied with Escobedo for most among the field. In 2017, he made the final at this event as 454th-ranked WC. He dropped outside Top 100 this week for the first time since May 2023.

**Jack Draper** | Age: 22 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 38 | 2024: 5-2 (Adelaide Final) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Achieved new career-high ranking 22 times in 2022, breaking into Top 200 in February, Top 100 in June and Top 50 in September before peaking at No. 38 in January 2023.  
 > Earned 1st ATP Tour final at 2023 Sofia and reached his 2nd final at 2024 Adelaide in his next event.  
 > In 2022, advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at Eastbourne as WC, earned biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas en route to Montreal QF as Q, and defeated No. 8 Auger-Aliassime to reach US Open 3R.  
 > Defeated both Sinner and Rublev in 2 TBs for 1st and 2nd ATP Tour wins of career, reaching 2021 London/Queen's Club QF as 309th-ranked WC.  
 > Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

**NOTE:** Draper is 22-6 in opening-round matches on tour-level, including 10-3 since the start of the 2023 season, and is on an 8-match winning streak against players ranked outside the Top 100 across all levels (17-3 in 2023).

## GRANDSTAND

**[ALT] Constant Lestienne (FRA) vs [ALT] Alex Michelsen (USA)      First Meeting**

**[Q] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) vs [Q] Brandon Holt (USA)      First Tour-Level Meeting**  
**Other Meetings**

22 M25 Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)	Hard	QF	Brandon Holt	4-6 6-4 6-3
22 Las Vegas CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Brandon Holt	7-6(1) 7-5
23 Knoxville CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Brandon Holt	6-4 3-6 7-6(1)