



## HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 18 JULY 2022

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### HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN TALKING POINTS

- The last of the three clay ATP500 tournaments in 2022 gets underway with former champions No. 2 seed **Andrey Rublev**, No. 4 seed **Pablo Carreno Busta**, 2-time champion No. 6 seed **Nikoloz Basilashvili** and **Fabio Fognini** in the field. Joining them is the No. 1 seed **Carlos Alcaraz**, as the top seed for the first time in an ATP500 tournament.
- No. 1 seed **Alcaraz** is making his debut at the event, but has dominated the clay ATP500 tournaments in 2022, winning both Rio de Janeiro in February and Barcelona in April (10-0 in ATP500 tournaments this season). Seeking his 5th title of the year, he would take the lead for most titles this season (currently tied with Nadal at 4). **Alcaraz** is one of the 6 #NextGenATP players competing in the event.
- No. 2 seed and 2020 champion **Rublev** is coming off a semi-final result in Bastad. Besides the 2020 title, he has a successful history in Hamburg, reaching another final in 2019. This is his 4th appearance at the event.
- No. 3 seed **Schwartzman** and No. 4 seed **Carreno Busta** are both still seeking their first title in 2022. They both reached the final of a clay ATP500 tournament this season, but Alcaraz took the trophy on both occasions.
- Hamburg will see 5 home players in the field with **Daniel Altmaier** being the direct entrance, **Nicola Kuhn**, **Max Hans Rehberg** and **Jan-Lennard Struff** receiving the main draw wildcards and **Marko Topo** coming through qualifying.

### 2022 HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	HAMBURG W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	35-5 (Rio, Miami, Barcelona, Madrid Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Andrey Rublev	31-10 (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade Titles)	9-2 (2020 Title)
3	Diego Schwartzman (ARG)	26-16 (Buenos Aires, Rio Finals)	4-4 (2017-18 QF)
4	Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)	21-16 (Barcelona Final)	9-3 (2021 Title)
5	Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)	25-17 (Munich Final)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	12-21 (Doha Final)	10-3 (2018-19 Titles)
7	Karen Khachanov	22-16 (Adelaide-1 Final)	3-2 (2017 QF)
8	Holger Rune (DEN)	16-15 (Munich Title)	0-0 (Debut)

#### Tournament History

1968-Present (55th Edition in 2022)

#### Singles Final

Sunday 24 July at 3:00pm

#### Wild Cards (3)

Nicola Kuhn (GER), Max Hans Rehberg (GER), Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)

#### Qualifiers (4)

Daniel Elahi Galan (COL), Jozef Kovalik (SVK), Luca Nardi (ITA), Marko Topo (GER)

#### Protected Rankings (2)

Aljaz Bedene (PR-75), Borna Coric (PR-27)

#### Oldest Player

Fabio Fognini (35)

#### #NextGenATP (6)

Carlos Alcaraz (19), Lorenzo Musetti (20), Luca Nardi (18),  
Max Hans Rehberg (18), Holger Rune (19), Marko Topo (18)

#### Tournament Records

Most Titles – Roger Federer (4)

Most Wins – Guillermo Vilas (35)

Youngest Champion – Andrei Medvedev, 19, in 1994

Oldest Champion – Andres Gimeno, 33, in 1971

Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 Ivan Lendl (1987, 1989), Roger Federer (2004-05, 2007)

Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 143 Roberto Carretero in 1996

Last German Champion – Michael Stich in 1993

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

<b>Germany (5)</b>	Daniel Altmaier, Nicola Kuhn, Max Hans Rehberg, Jan-Lennard Struff, Marko Topo
<b>Argentina (4)</b>	Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Federico Coria, Diego Schwartzman
<b>Italy (3)</b>	Fabio Fognini, Lorenzo Musetti, Luca Nardi
<b>Serbia (3)</b>	Laslo Djere, Filip Krajinovic, Dusan Lajovic
<b>Spain (3)</b>	Carlos Alcaraz, Pablo Carreno Busta, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina
<b>Netherlands (2)</b>	Tallon Griekspoor, Botić van de Zandschulp
<b>Slovakia (2)</b>	Jozef Kovalik, Alex Molcan
<b>Colombia (1)</b>	Daniel Elahi Galan
<b>Croatia (1)</b>	Borna Ćorić
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Holger Rune
<b>Finland (1)</b>	Emil Ruusuvuori
<b>Georgia (1)</b>	Nikoloz Basilashvili
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Alexander Bublik
<b>Slovenia (1)</b>	Aljaz Bedene

## PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Hamburg European Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	45	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	331,125	178,170	94,925	48,550	25,900	13,800
Doubles Ranking Points	500	300	180	90	--	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	108,770	58,000	29,340	14,670	7,600	

## 2022 HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	81-35 (7 Titles)	18-9 (Halle Title)	3-4 (2014 SF)
	Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	18-9 in 2022 (Halle Title)	22-10 (Halle Title)	5-3 (2018 Title)
2	Wesley Koolhof (NED)	41-11 (5 Titles)	42-11 (5 Titles)	7-3 (2019 Final)
	Neal Skupski (GBR)	41-11 in 2022 (5 Titles)	41-11 (5 Titles)	0-1 (2020 1R)
3	Tim Puetz (GER)	32-16 (3 Titles)	22-10 (Dubai Title)	4-4 (2021 Title)
	Michael Venus (NZL)	17-8 in 2022 (1 Title)	23-14 (Dubai Title)	7-1 (2020-21 Titles)
4	Rohan Bopanna (IND)	9-6 (2020 Antwerp F)	30-16 (2 Titles)	2-2 (2012, 2019 QF)
	Matwe Middelkoop (NED)	6-5 in 2022 (1 SF)	20-18 (Rotterdam Title)	0-2 (2019, 2021 1R)

Doubles Final: Sunday 24 July at 12:30 pm

## HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
<b>2021</b>	<b>Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)</b>	<b>Filip Krajinovic (SRB)</b>	6-2 6-4
<b>2020</b>	<b>Andrey Rublev</b>	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	6-4 3-6 7-5
<b>2019</b>	<b>Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)</b>	<b>Andrey Rublev</b>	7-5 4-6 6-3
<b>2018</b>	<b>Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)</b>	Leonardo Mayer (ARG)	6-4 0-6 7-5
<b>2017</b>	Leonardo Mayer (ARG)	Florian Mayer (GER)	6-4 4-6 6-3
<b>2016</b>	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Pablo Cuevas (URU)	6-1 6-4
<b>2015</b>	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	<b>Fabio Fognini (ITA)</b>	7-5 7-5
<b>2014</b>	Leonardo Mayer (ARG)	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-7(3) 6-1 7-6(4)
<b>2013</b>	<b>Fabio Fognini (ITA)</b>	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	4-6 7-6(8) 6-2
<b>2012</b>	Juan Monaco (ARG)	Tommy Haas (GER)	7-5 6-4
<b>2011</b>	Gilles Simon (FRA)	Nicolas Almagro (ESP)	6-4 4-6 6-4
<b>2010</b>	Andrey Golubev (KAZ)	Jurgen Melzer (AUT)	6-3 7-5
<b>2009</b>	Nikolay Davydenko	Paul-Henri Mathieu (FRA)	6-4 6-2

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Hamburg European Open singles draw

## HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
<b>2021</b>	<b>Tim Puetz/Michael Venus</b>	Kevin Krawietz/Horia Tecau	6-3 6-7(3) [10-8]
<b>2020</b>	John Peers/Michael Venus	Ivan Dodig/Mate Pavic	6-3 6-4
<b>2019</b>	Oliver Marach/Jurgen Melzer	Robin Haase/Wesley Koolhof	6-2 7-6(3)
<b>2018</b>	Julio Peralta/Horacio Zeballos	Oliver Marach/Mate Pavic	6-1 4-6 [10-6]
<b>2017</b>	Ivan Dodig/Mate Pavic	Pablo Cuevas/Marc Lopez	6-3 6-4
<b>2016</b>	Henri Kontinen/John Peers	Daniel Nestor/Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi	7-5 6-3
<b>2015</b>	Jamie Murray/John Peers	Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah	2-6 6-3 [10-8]
<b>2014</b>	Marin Draganja/Florin Mergea	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	6-4 7-5
<b>2013</b>	Mariusz Fystenberg/Marcin Matkowski	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	3-6 6-1 [10-8]
<b>2012</b>	David Marrero/Fernando Verdasco	Rogério Dutra Silva/Daniel Muñoz de la Nava	6-4 6-3
<b>2011</b>	Oliver Marach/Alexander Peya	Frantisek Cermak/Filip Polasek	6-4 6-1
<b>2010</b>	Marc Lopez/David Marrero	Jeremy Chardy/Paul-Henri Mathieu	6-3 2-6 [10-8]
<b>2009</b>	Simon Aspelin/Paul Hanley	Marcelo Melo/Filip Polasek	6-3 6-3

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Hamburg European Open doubles draw – team Puetz/Venus remains intact.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

#### [5] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) Series Tied 1-1

21 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	6-3 6-4 6-2
22 London/Queen's Club (Great Britain)	Grass	QF	Botic van de Zandschulp	6-2 6-4

**Botic van de Zandschulp** | Age: 26 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 24 | 2022: 25-17 (Munich F) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)  
 > Ended 2021 as No. 1 Dutchman and achieved new career-high ranking 12 times in 2022, peaking at No. 24 in July.  
 > At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.  
 > Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Tringelliti in Q3).  
 > Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich and No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.  
 > Advanced to 2021 Melbourne-1 QF in ATP Tour debut as World No. 159.

**NOTES:** van de Zandschulp is 17-9 against lower-ranked players on tour-level in 2022 (7-4 on clay). He is 6-1 in his opening matches of clay tour-level tournaments in his career (l. to No. 42 Korda at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo).

**Alejandro Davidovich Fokina** | Age: 23 | World No. 35 | Career-High No. 27 | 2022: 16-18 (Monte Carlo Final) | Hamburg: 0-1 (2019 1R)  
 > Achieved career-high No.27 after defeating World No. 1 and 2-time champion Djokovic en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.  
 > Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match.  
 > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.  
 > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.  
 > Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain

**NOTE:** Davidovich Fokina is 7-12 vs. higher ranked players on tour-level this year (3-4 on clay), including his first two Top 10 wins (over No. 1 Djokovic at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo 2R and No. 10 Hurkacz at Wimbledon 1R).

## [Q] Marko Topo (GER) vs Alex Molcan (SVK)

## First Meeting

**Marko Topo** | Age: 18 | World No. 585 (Career-High) | 2022: 0-1 (Munich 1R) | Hamburg: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Appearing in his third career ATP Tour tournament, second as a qualifier, posting wins over No. 4 seed Travaglia and fellow wildcard Molleker in the qualifying draw.
- > He bids to become 1st player younger than Alcaraz to win an ATP Tour or Grand Slam main draw match. Alcaraz, who was born on 5 May 2003, owns 68 ATP Tour or Grand Slam wins.
- > Made his ATP Tour main draw debut as a WC in 2021 Belgrade-2 (l. to Coria in three sets)
- > Has a 12-12 career record on ITF World Tennis Tour (8-8 this season).
- > Earned 1st ATP Rankings point at age 17 in October 2020 after reaching Sharm El Sheikh QF on ITF World Tennis Tour.
- > Reached career-high world junior ranking of No. 23 in March 2021.
- > Advanced to back-to-back junior finals on home soil last September, winning Novi Sad Grade 2 title before finishing as Pancevo Grade 1 runner-up.

**NOTE:** Topo is seeking his first tour-level win and biggest career win (beat No. 94 Laaksonen in 2022 Munich qualifying for his only win vs. a Top 100 player).

**Alex Molcan** | Age: 24 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 38 | 2022: 18-12 (Marrakech, Lyon Finals) | Hamburg: 1-1 (2021 2R)

- > Ended 2021 as No. 1 Slovakian, then broke into Top 50 in April 2022 and achieved 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 (l. 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.
- > Defeated Nakashima in 5 sets to join 4 other qualifiers in 2021 US Open 3R.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger title at 2021 Liberec, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

**NOTE:** Molcan is 10-2 vs. players ranked outside of Top 100 on tour-level, including a 4-match winning streak. He is playing his 4th ATP250 event on clay in 2022, reaching the final of two earlier this year (Marrakech, Lyon).

## [WC] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) vs [7] Karen Khachanov

## Khachanov Leads 2-1

19 Halle (Germany)	Grass	R16	Karen Khachanov	6-3 3-6 6-4
19 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R32	Jan-Lennard Struff	7-6(5) 3-6 7-5
<b>20 Hamburg (Germany)</b>	<b>Clay</b>	<b>R32</b>	<b>Karen Khachanov</b>	<b>7-6(5) 4-6 7-5</b>
<b>Other Meetings</b>				
13 Geneva CH (Switzerland)	Hard	QF	Jan-Lennard Struff	6-2 6-4
16 Jonkoping CH (Sweden)	Hard	SF	Karen Khachanov	1-6 7-6(4) 7-6(1)

**Jan-Lennard Struff** | Age: 32 | World No. 122 | Career-High No. 29 | 2022: 2-11 (Stuttgart 2R) | Hamburg: 3-8 ('13, '17, '19 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 29 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2020 Cincinnati, but fell to out of Top 100 in June 2022 after suffering right foot injury.
- > On home soil, advanced to 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2021 Munich and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev in 2021 Halle 1R.
- > Posted personal-best 35 victories in 2019, highlighted by 1st Grand Slam 4R appearance at Roland Garros.
- > In 2018, became 1st player in Open Era to rally from 2 sets down in Wimbledon 1R and 2R (d. L. Mayer and Karlovic).
- > Lost in qualifying at 20 tour-level events before qualifying for 1st time at 2013 Roland Garros and earning 1st tour-level win at 2013 Wimbledon as Q (d. Kavcic).

**NOTE:** Struff is 1-9 in last 10 tour-level matches, but won Braunschweig CH title last week, including two wins over Top 100 players (No. 84 Delbonis in 1R and No. 96 Laaksonen in SF).

**Karen Khachanov** | Age: 26 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 22-16 (Adelaide-1 Final) | Hamburg: 3-2 (2017 QF)

- > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 after ending 2018 at No. 11.
- > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
- > Remains only unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2019 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon, where he broke Korda 7 times in 5th set of 4R win.
- > Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).

**NOTE:** Khachanov holds a 44-7 tour-level record vs. players ranked outside Top 100 (6-1 in 2022). Playing in his first event since reaching quarter-final at Halle (l. to No. 51 Otte) in June.

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**Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) vs Dusan Lajovic (SRB)**

**First Meeting**

**[Q] Jozef Kovalik (SVK) vs [WC] Max Hans Rehberg (GER)**

**First Meeting**