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ROLEX SHANGHAI MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- Four-time champion **Novak Djokovic** arrives to **Rolex Shanghai Masters** on a 5-match winning streak after capturing Beijing title on Tuesday for his 102nd tour-level title. 39-year-old begins his path to becoming the oldest ATP Masters 1000 champion in series history vs. 2023 champion **Hubert Hurkacz**. Djokovic owns ATP Masters 1000 records for most titles (40), finals (60), semi-finals (80), and match wins (420).
- Hurkacz** is on a 7-match winning streak in Shanghai, playing at the event for the first time since winning 2023 title. He seeks his first win over Djokovic to become the fourth man to earn tour-level wins over Djokovic on hard courts, Nadal on clay (2024 Rome) and Federer on grass (2021 Wimbledon), joining Murray, Thiem and Zverev. He is 14-2 in Chinese ATP Tour events since 2020, including Chengdu final and Beijing SF in last two weeks.
- No. 1 seed **Alexander Zverev** leads the ATP Tour in match wins this season (58), highlighted by Roland Garros and US Open titles. 29-year-old opens his campaign to reach Shanghai SF this week to clinch ATP Year-End No. 1 presented by PIF. He takes on **Wu Yibing**, who aims to become the first Chinese player to record a Top-3 win in PIF ATP Rankings history and equal his best result at this event after run to 3R in 2024.
- World No. 4 **Ben Shelton** is 2-4 in ATP Masters 1000 opening rounds this season, aiming to reach 3R for third time after Indian Wells (3R) and Montreal (Title). One of two 2026 ATP Masters 1000 champions in the field (also Fils) faces **Daniel Altmaier** with Altmaier winning their only prior match in Hamburg 2R in May. Closing **Stadium Court** action, **Zhou Yi** seeks biggest win of his career vs. World No. 25 **Lorenzo Musetti**.
- On **Grandstand 2**, World No. 10 **Frances Tiafoe** aims to avenge last year's Shanghai opening round loss to **Yannick Hanfmann**. World No. 9 **Alex de Minaur** faces **Alex Molcan** with Slovakian No. 1 seeking third Top 10 win of career, while World No. 7 **Flavio Cobolli** aims to equal his best result in Shanghai (2024 3R), when he takes on 38-year-old Frenchman **Adrian Mannarino** in their first meeting.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Race	Player	Points	This Week
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	8,760	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Wu
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	7,950	Out for the rest of 2026 season
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	4,560	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. J. Cerundolo
4	Ben Shelton (USA)	4,440	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Altmaier
5	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	3,540	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Mannarino
6	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	3,340	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Hanfmann
7	Arthur Fils (FRA)	3,285	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Kotov
8	Daniil Medvedev	3,030	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Struff
9	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2,840	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Hurkacz
10	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2,690	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Molcan
11	Rafael Jodar (ESP)	2,519	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Tirante
12	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,490	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Arnaldi
13	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	2,405	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Kecmanovic
14	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,395	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Vallejo
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,375	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Ugo Carabelli
16	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	2,285	Shanghai – +40 for 2R win vs. Berrettini

BOLD: Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY SECOND-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM COURT

[3] Ben Shelton (USA) vs Daniel Altmaier (GER)

26 Hamburg (Germany)

Clay R16 Daniel Altmaier

Altmaier Leads 1-0

4-6 7-6(4) 6-4

Ben Shelton | Age: 24 | World No. 4 (Career-High) | 2026: 39-16 (4 Titles) | Shanghai: 5-3 (2023 QF)
> Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in November 2022 and Top 20 in September 2023, achieving career-high No. 4 in September 2026 after run to 1st Grand Slam final at US Open.
> Defeated countrymen Paul and Tiafoe en route to 2023 US Open SF, becoming youngest American man in US Open SF since Chang, 20, in 1992 and beat No. 4 Sinner for 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Shanghai.
> Became youngest American ATP Masters 1000 champion in Toronto since Roddick, 21, at 2004 Miami and defended the title in Montreal the following year without dropping a set.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2023 Tokyo, joining Bryan Shelton as 4th father-son duo to win a tour-level championship in Open Era (Phil & Taylor Dent, Ramanathan & Ramesh Krishnan, Petr & Sebastian Korda).
> Advanced to 2023 Australian Open QF at age 20 and on his 1st trip outside USA, becoming youngest American man in Aus. Open QF since Giammalva Jr., 19, in 1982, and in Grand Slam QF since Roddick, 20, at 2002 US Open.
> Posted 65-10 singles record in 2 seasons for University of Florida, clinching 2021 NCAA team title and 2022 NCAA singles title while being coached by his father Bryan, a former World No. 55.

NOTE: On his 24th birthday, Shelton aims to become the sixth man to record 40 wins this season, achieving the feat for third straight season (42 in 2024, 40 in 2025) and earn first win since defeating Tiafoe in US Open SF. He is 7-5 at ATP Masters 1000 level this year, 1-5 outside of his Montreal title run, lone win over Opelka in Indian Wells 2R.

2026 ATP Tour Win Leaders

Player	W-L	Player	W-L
Alexander Zverev	58-15	Alex de Minaur	40-19
Jannik Sinner	44-3	Ben Shelton	39-16
Frances Tiafoe	43-18	Tommy Paul	39-18
Daniil Medvedev	41-17	Rafael Jodar	38-16

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 28 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 44 | 2026: 15-26 (Halle SF) | Shanghai: 2-2 (2025-26 2R)
> Made Top 50 debut a day before 25th birthday in September 2023, achieving career-high No. 44 in January 2026.
> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid as a LL and defeated No. 4 Fritz for biggest win of career en route to 2025 Roland Garros 4R, earning 3 of 8 career Top 10 wins at that event.
> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and defeated No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 and defeated 2022 champion Hurkacz and No. 7 Medvedev to reach 2026 Halle SF.
> Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil.

NOTE: Altmaier is 8-13 vs. Top 10, including 2-2 this season, earning wins over No. 6 Shelton in Hamburg 2R and No. 7 Medvedev in Halle QF. 28-year-old aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R for the sixth time after 2023 Madrid, 2023 Paris, 2024 Madrid and Monte-Carlo and Paris last year.

[1] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs [WC] Wu Yibing (CHN)

23 Geneva (Switzerland)

Clay QF Alexander Zverev

Zverev Leads 1-0

4-1 RET

Alexander Zverev | Age: 29 | World No. 2 (Career-High) | 2026: 58-14 (2 Titles) | Shanghai: 13-7 (2019 Final)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.
> Finalist at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments, winning 2026 Roland Garros title to become first German men's champion at that event in Open Era and spent 23 hours and 11 minutes on court to win 2026 US Open title.
> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born in 1990s with 26 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
> Earned wins over 14-time champion Nadal en route to 2024 Roland Garros final and 10-time champion Djokovic via RET to reach 2025 Australian Open final.

> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 7 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (4 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2 times).

NOTE: Zverev is playing eighth Shanghai main draw and owns 6-1 record in his opening rounds at the event, losing to Safiullin in 2023 2R. He aims to become the second man to record 30 hard-court wins this season after Medvedev (30) and extend his 22-match winning streak vs. players outside Top 100 since loss to No. 106 Garin at 2024 Munich.

2026 ATP Masters 1000 Win Leaders

Player	W-L	Best Result
Jannik Sinner	29-0	Indian Wells, Miami, Monte-Carlo, Madrid, Rome Titles
Arthur Fils	20-5	Cincinnati Title
Alexander Zverev	20-7	Madrid Final
Rafael Nadal	15-6	Montreal SF
Jiri Lehecka	14-7	Miami Final

Wu Yibing | Age: 26 | World No. 113 | Career-High No. 54 | 2026: 9-10 (Acapulco QF) | Shanghai: 4-4 (2024 3R)
> Rose from No. 1,869 in March 2022 to career-high No. 54 in May 2023 after missing March 2019-January 2022 due to injuries.
> Saved 4 championship points vs. Isner at 2023 Dallas following SF win over No. 8 Fritz, becoming 1st Chinese man to win an ATP Tour title, reach an ATP Tour final and earn a Top-10 win.
> Qualified at 2022 US Open and became 1st Chinese man to reach US Open 3R in tournament history (since 1881), falling to World No. 1 Medvedev, before defeating No. 18 Medvedev to reach 2025 Hangzhou SF.
> Posted 40-7 record in main draw and qualifying matches across all levels in 2022, winning 3 ATP Challenger Tour titles and an ITF World Tennis Tour title in Orange Park, FL, USA.
> Swept 2017 US Open boys' singles title and boys' doubles title w/Hsu to become World No. 1 junior, then won Shanghai Challenger title a week later as 496th-ranked WC.

NOTE: Wu is 1-7 vs. Top 10, defeating No. 8 Fritz at 2023 Dallas and aims to become the third Chinese player to record a Top 10 win on home soil after Bu d. No. 6 Rublev at 2024 Beijing and Shang d. No. 10 Khachanov in Shanghai last year. He aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R for the second time after run to 3R at this venue in 2024.

[6] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs Hubert Hurkacz (POL)

19 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R128	Novak Djokovic	6-4 6-2 6-2
19 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R32	Novak Djokovic	7-5 6-7(5) 6-1 6-4
21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris France)	Hard	SF	Novak Djokovic	3-6 6-0 7-6(5)
22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	QF	Novak Djokovic	6-3 6-4
23 Dubai (U.A.E)	Hard	QF	Novak Djokovic	6-3 7-5
23 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Novak Djokovic	7-6(6) 7-6(6) 5-7 6-4
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Novak Djokovic	7-6(1) 4-6 6-1
25 Geneva (Switzerland)	Clay	F	Novak Djokovic	5-7 7-6(2) 7-6(2)

Djokovic Leads 8-0

Novak Djokovic | Age: 39 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 19-7 (Beijing Title) | Event: 43-7 ('12-'13, '15, '18 Titles)
> Record 7-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns ATP/WTB record for most weeks at No. 1 (428), as well as PIF ATP Rankings records for most years ended at No. 1 (8) and most wins vs. Top 10 (269), finishing in Top 5 in 17 of last 19 years (2017 – No. 12, 2024 – No. 7).
> All-time leader for most Grand Slam men's singles titles in history (24), including record 10 Australian Open titles, and is 1 of 3 men to hold all 4 Grand Slam championships at same time (also Budge, Laver).
> Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events since start of series in 1990, doing so multiple times for a record total of 40 titles.
> Owns most Grand Slam match wins in history (409), 3rd-most men's singles titles in Open Era (102) and 3rd-most men's singles wins in Open Era (1,182).
> Earned gold medal at 2024 Paris Olympics, joining Agassi and Nadal as only men to win all 4 Grand Slam titles and Olympic title in singles.
> Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (31-29), as well as win streaks of ATP Tour-record 43 matches (2010-11) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

NOTE: Djokovic owns tournament records for most wins (43) and titles (4), reaching at least the quarter-finals in all 11 previous appearances. He aims to record first ATP Masters 1000 win since advancing to Indian Wells 4R in March after opening round losses to Prizmic in Rome 2R and Tirante in Cincinnati 2R.

Shanghai Win Leaders

Player	W-L
Novak Djokovic	43-7
Andy Murray	23-5
Roger Federer	23-6
Feliciano Lopez	19-9

ATP Masters 1000 Win Leaders

Player	W-L
Novak Djokovic	420-98
Rafael Nadal	410-90
Roger Federer	381-108
Andy Murray	230-101

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 29 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 6 | 2026: 25-19 (Chengdu Final) | Shanghai: 8-2 (2023 Title)
 > Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.
 > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.
 > Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.
 > Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.
 > Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-5 in finals).

NOTE: Hurkacz is on a 7-match winning streak in Shanghai, playing at the event for the first time since winning 2023 title. 29-year-old is 21-42 vs. Top 10 and seeks third Top 10 win of the season after defeating No. 3 Zverev and No. 9 Fritz at United Cup in January. He bids to be 31st man to earn wins over Djokovic, Federer and Nadal in their career.

Players to Defeat Djokovic on Hard, Federer on Grass and Nadal on Clay Courts

Player	d. Djokovic on Hard	d. Federer on Grass	d. Nadal on Clay
Andy Murray	8 times	2012 London Olympics	2015-16 Madrid
Alexander Zverev	4 times	2016 Halle	2021 Madrid, 2024 RG
Dominic Thiem	2019-20 Nitto ATP Finals	2016 Stuttgart	4 times

[WC] Zhou Yi (CHN) vs [24] Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)

First Meeting

Zhou Yi | Age: 21 | World No. 277 | Career-High No. 217 | 2026: 1-1 (Shanghai 2R) | Shanghai: 2-2 (2024, 2026 2R)
 > Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st PIF ATP Rankings point in February 2023, then achieved career-high No. 217 in May 2026.
 > Defeated Tseng at 2024 Chengdu as WC via RET for first ATP Tour win, Nishioka at 2024 Shanghai as WC via RET for 1st ATP Masters 1000 win and No. 34 Norrie for biggest win of career at 2025 Chengdu as WC.
 > Made tour-level debut at 2023 Davis Cup and owns 3-2 record playing for China at that competition.
 > Owns 38-43 Challenger record (0-3 in finals), facing countryman Wu in second all-Chinese Challenger final in series history at 2025 Tyler, before finals at 2025 Shenzhen (Futian) and 2026 Phan Thiet 2.
 > Went 98-31 on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by runs to Australian Open SF and US Open QF in boys' singles.
 > Wanted to be a professional badminton player and began playing tennis at age 10 as his uncle urged him to take up the sport. At 14 was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, but managed to continue with his training.

NOTE: Zhou seeks the biggest win of his career (0-2 vs. Top 30) and aims to advance to ATP Masters 1000 3R for the first time. As World No. 277, he would become the third-lowest ranked player to reach Shanghai 3R in event history after No. 560 Wu and No. 336 Watanuki, both in 2024.

Lorenzo Musetti | Age: 24 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 5 | 2026: 20-11 (Hong Kong Final) | Event: 2-3 (2025 4R)
 > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in 2023 and Top 10 in May 2025, earning career-high No. 5 in January 2026 after posting personal-best 45 wins in 2025 and making his Nitto ATP Finals debut.
 > Defeated 19-year-old Alcaraz in 2022 Hamburg final at age 20, marking youngest ATP Tour final since 2005 Bastad (19-year-old Nadal d. 19-year-old Berdych) and did not drop a set en route to 2nd title at 2022 Naples.
 > Upset Tokyo gold medallist Zverev en route to bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics, earning 1st Olympic singles medal for Team Italy in tennis since 1924 after advancing to his 1st Grand Slam SF at 2024 Wimbledon.
 > At 2023 Monte-Carlo, earned 1st 6-0 6-0 victory at an ATP Masters 1000 event since 2016 over Nardi in 2R before upsetting No. 1 Djokovic in 3R for biggest win of career to reach 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF.
 > In 2025, reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 final in Monte-Carlo and advanced to SFs of Madrid and Rome to become first Italian to reach all 3 clay ATP Masters 1000 and Roland Garros SF in a season.

NOTE: Musetti is playing in his first tournament since US Open after pulling out of Tokyo last week due to fractured finger. He aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R for the fifth time this season after Madrid, Rome, Montreal and Cincinnati. 24-year-old earned both Shanghai wins last year, defeating Comesana and Darderi to reach 4R.

GRANDSTAND 2

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [6] Flavio Cobolli (ITA)

First Meeting

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 38 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 17 | 2026: 16-25 (Montpellier F) | Event: 3-6 (2023 3R)
> 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 is 11-65 vs. Top 10 (0-4 in 2026), seeking first Top 10 win since defeating No. 6 Shelton in US Open 3R last year via RET. He is 2-7 at ATP Masters 1000 level this season, defeating No. 270 Zhang in Miami 1R and No. 121 Basilashvili in 1R this week and seeks first 3R at this level since Cincinnati last year.

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 24 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 6 | 2026: 33-21 (Acapulco Title) | Shanghai: 1-2 (2024 3R)
> Broke into Top 100 in October 2023 and Top 10 in June 2026 after advancing to his 1st Grand Slam final at Roland Garros and achieved career-high No. 6 in August 2026.
> During 2025 season, defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Baez to win 1st ATP Tour title in Bucharest, defeated former champion Rublev in Hamburg final, and led Italy to their third consecutive Davis Cup victory.
> Earned wins over Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington before beating No. 3 Zverev for biggest win of career to reach 2026 Munich final.
> Advanced to 1st Grand Slam final at 2026 Roland Garros and reached back-to-back Wimbledon quarter-finals in 2025 and 2026.
> Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli aims to avoid fourth consecutive loss since advancing to US Open 3R and owns 11-9 record in opening rounds this season. He seeks second win in Shanghai after defeating Wawrinka in 2R two years ago, 21 years after his father and coach, Stefano, defeated the Swiss veteran in Brindisi Challenger.

Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs [7] Frances Tiafoe (USA)

Series Tied 1-1

24 Stuttgart (Germany)

Grass R16

Frances Tiafoe

7-5 7-6(5)

25 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)

Hard R64

Yannick Hanfmann

6-7(9) 6-2 6-1

Yannick Hanfmann | Age: 34 | World No. 57 | Career-High No. 45 | 2026: 24-18 (Santiago F) | Shanghai: 3-2 ('25 3R)
> Hearing-impaired player broke into Top 100 in 2018 and achieved career-high No. 45 in July 2023 after biggest win of career vs. No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2023 Mallorca en route to 6th of 11 ATP Tour SFs.
> Earned wins over No. 9 Fritz and No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Rome and as World No. 101 became lowest-ranked quarter-finalist in Rome since No. 114 Monaco in 2016.
> Qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2017 Gstaad and 2nd final at 2020 Kitzbuhel and defeated No. 19 F. Cerundolo to reach 3rd final at 2026 Santiago.
> Captured 1st Top 10 win of career over No. 9 Monfils at 2020 Hamburg, where he accepted main draw WC instead of playing qualifying at Roland Garros.
> Posted 1st Grand Slam main draw win in 7th try at 2022 Australian Open as Q (d. Kokkinakis).
> Captured 7 Challenger titles after playing for University of Southern California (2012-15), where he helped Trojans win 2 NCAA national titles.

NOTE: Hanfmann is 5-21 vs. Top 10, 1-10 on hard courts, defeating No. 8 Cobolli in ATP Masters 1000 Montreal earlier this season for lone Top 10 win of the season. He aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R for the sixth time after 2023 Madrid, 2023 Rome, 2024 Miami, 2025 Shanghai and Montreal this year.

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 28 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 8 | 2026: 43-18 (Halle Title) | Shanghai: 2-6 (2025 3R)

> Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 10 in June 2023 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2026 after run to his third US Open semi-final.
> Defeated 4-time champion Nadal en route to 2022 US Open SF, becoming that event's 1st American men's semi-finalist since Roddick in 2006 and lost in all-American US Open semi-finals in 2024 to Fritz and 2026 to Shelton.
> Led Team World to 2022 Laver Cup title, teaming w/Sock to defeat Federer/Nadal in Swiss' final match before clinching cup with win over Tsitsipas.

> Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach, did not drop a set en route to 2nd title at 2023 Houston and saved 1 championship point to win 2023 Stuttgart and complete the set of ATP Tour titles on all three surfaces.
> Earned 3 Top 10 wins over No. 10 Cobolli, No. 4 Auger-Aliassime and No. 9 Fritz in 5 matches en route to capturing the biggest title of his career at 2026 Halle.
> Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Tiafoe is 18-1 in opening rounds this season (5-0 at M1000 level), lone loss to Atmane in Washington 1R. He aims to tie Sinner for second-most wins on ATP Tour this season (44) behind Zverev (58) and looks for third main draw win in Shanghai after defeating No. 38 Paire in 2017 1R and No. 440 Zhou in 2024 2R.

[9] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Alex Molcan (SVK)

22 Lyon (France)

Clay SF Alex Molcan

Molcan Leads 1-0

7-6(2) 6-2

Alex de Minaur | Age: 27 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 5 | 2026: 40-19 (Rotterdam Title) | Shanghai: 5-4 ('25 QF)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up became 1st Australian to qualify for Nitto ATP Finals in singles (2024-25) since Hewitt in 2004 and achieved career-high No. 5 in July 2026.
> Earned personal-best 56 victories in 2025 and captured 11 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500 championships at 2023 and 2024 Acapulco, 2025 Washington and 2026 Rotterdam.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
> Seven-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist, including at four consecutive events at 2024 Roland Garros, Wimbledon, US Open and 2025 Australian Open and advanced to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto.
> Playing for Australia, he went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during 2022 season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003 and defeated No. 2 Nadal in 2023 and No. 1 Djokovic in 2024 at United Cup.

NOTE: de Minaur is 15-4 in opening round matches this season (4-3 at ATP Masters 1000 level), 10-0 since losing to Arnaldi in Rome 2R. He is 6-7 at ATP Masters 1000 level this year, highlighted by Monte-Carlo QF and Cincinnati 4R.

Alex Molcan | Age: 28 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 38 | 2026: 15-10 (Munich, Umag SFs) | Shanghai: 1-0 ('26 2R)
> 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 personal best 26 wins and finished a year-end best No. 50 in 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 (l. to Goffin) and Lyon (l. to Norrie) 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 4 Challenger titles, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

NOTE: Molcan is 2-9 vs. Top 10, defeating No. 9 Auger-Aliassime at 2022 Marrakech and No. 5 Tsitsipas in Davis Cup vs. Greece in 2023. 28-year-old aims to reach ATP Masters 1000 3R for the third time after 2023 Indian Wells and 2023 Miami and bids to become the first player representing Slovakia to reach Shanghai 3R in event history.

[19] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs Tomas Machac (CZE)

24 Dubai (U.A.E.)

Hard R32 Alexander Bublik

Bublik Leads 2-0

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

25 Halle (Germany)

Grass QF Alexander Bublik

7-6(2) 6-3

Alexander Bublik | Age: 29 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 10 | 2026: 28-20 (Hong Kong Title) | Event: 0-3 ('24-'25 2R)
> Broke into Top 10 at career-high No. 10 in January 2026 following Hong Kong title in the 1st week of the season after ending 2025 at No. 11.
> Earned personal-best 37 wins in 2025 and captured titles in Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel and Hangzhou, joining Djokovic and Alcaraz as only men to win titles on clay, grass and hard courts in a season since 2018.
> Upset No. 9 de Minaur from 2 sets down and No. 6 Draper en route to 2025 Roland Garros QF, becoming 1st man representing Kazakhstan to become a Grand Slam quarter-finalist.
> In Halle, earned five Top 25 wins in as many matches to capture 2023 title and defeated No. 1 Sinner for biggest win of career en route to 2025 title.
> Defeated No. 3 Zverev for 1st title in 5th final at 2022 Montpellier and became 1st ATP Tour champion (since ATP Tour was established in 1990) to come back from a set down in every match en route to 2024 Montpellier title.
> In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik aims to record his 1st main draw win in Shanghai to complete the set of wins at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events after losing in opening round to Auger-Aliassime in 2019, Safiullin in 2024 and eventual champion Vacherot last year. He is 4-5 at ATP Masters 1000 level in 2026, 1-2 on hard courts, defeating Kopriva in Indian Wells 2R.

Tomas Machac | Age: 25 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 20 | 2026: 15-14 (Adelaide Title) | Shanghai: 6-2 ('24 SF)
> Broke into Top 100 in time for 2022 year-end rankings and achieved career-high No. 20 in March 2025 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title in Acapulco, becoming first Czech man in Top 20 since Berdych in 2018.
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2024 Geneva by defeating No. 1 Djokovic and upset No. 2 Alcaraz to advance to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF.
> Representing Czechia, recorded wins over Zhang at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's singles 1R and mixed doubles final to earn gold medal with Siniakova.
> Boasts 110-54 Challenger record (6-5 in finals), including back-to-back titles at Orleans and Mouilleron le Captif in October 2023.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2026 Adelaide, joining Auckland champion Mensik as the first Czech men's duo to win tour-level titles in the same week since Lendl and Smid in July 1982.

NOTE: Machac aims to record back-to-back wins for the first time since his run to ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 3R in April. He is 2-7 vs. Top 30 this season, earning wins over No. 21 Paul in Adelaide SF and No. 19 F. Cerundolo in Monte-Carlo 2R. 25-year-old aims to reach Shanghai 3R for the third time in as many appearances.

SHOW COURT 3

[Q] Rei Sakamoto (JPN) vs [23] Andrey Rublev

First Meeting

Sakamoto FastFacts

YTD W-L: 4-5
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0
Date of Birth: June 24, 2006
PIF ATP Ranking: 137
Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-1 (2026 2R)

Rublev FastFacts – seeks 1st win in Shanghai since reaching 2023 final

2026 Highlights:

W: Bastad (d Darderi); **F:** Barcelona (I Fils), Hangzhou (I Medvedev); **SF:** Hong Kong (I Musetti), Doha (I Alcaraz), Dubai (I Griekspoor); **QF:** ATP Masters 1000 Rome (I Sinner), Estoril (I Van Assche), Beijing (I de Minaur)
YTD W-L: 33-19
YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 18
Date of Birth: October 20, 1997
PIF ATP Ranking: 23
Shanghai History (Best Result): 8-6 (2023 Final)

Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs [16] Brandon Nakashima (USA)

Berrettini Leads 1-0

22 Australian Open (Australia) Hard R128 Matteo Berrettini

4-6 6-2 7-6(5) 6-3

Berrettini FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

QF: Rio de Janeiro (I Buse), Roland Garros (I Arnaldi)
YTD W-L: 18-15
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 10
Date of Birth: April 12, 1996
PIF ATP Ranking: 46
Shanghai History (Best Result): 6-3 (2019 SF)

Nakashima FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Brisbane (I Medvedev), ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (I Shelton); **SF:** Acapulco (I Tiafoe), London / Queen's Club (I F. Cerundolo), Washington (I Fritz), ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (I Tiafoe)
YTD W-L: 33-19
YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1
Date of Birth: August 3, 2001
PIF ATP Ranking: 19
Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-3 (2023 3R)

[26] Karen Khachanov vs Arthur Fery (GBR)

First Meeting

Khachanov FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: US Open (I Zverev); **QF:** Doha (I Alcaraz), ATP Masters 1000 Rome (I Ruud), Beijing (I Hurkacz)

YTD W-L: 23-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 7

Date of Birth: May 21, 1996

PIF ATP Ranking: 27

Shanghai History (Best Result): 3-6 (2019, 2023 3R)

Fery FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Winston-Salem (I Buse); **SF:** Wimbledon (I Zverev); **QF:** London / Queen's Club (I F. Cerundolo)

YTD W-L: 16-9

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: July 12, 2002

PIF ATP Ranking: 37

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-0 (2026 2R)

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs [13] Jakub Mensik (CZE)

24 Vienna (Austria)

Hard R16 Jakub Mensik

25 Beijing (China)

Hard R32 Jakub Mensik

Mensik Leads 2-0

6-3 7-6(7)

7-5 6-4

Kecmanovic FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Acapulco (I Cobolli); **QF:** Dallas (I Shelton), Mallorca (I Marozsan)

YTD W-L: 17-24

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: August 31, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 61

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-4 (2024, 2026 2R)

Mensik FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Auckland (d Baez); **SF:** Doha (I Fils), Roland Garros (I Zverev); **QF:** Dubai (I Griekspoor), ATP Masters 1000

Montreal (I Shelton)

YTD W-L: 34-19

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: September 1, 2005

PIF ATP Ranking: 15

Shanghai History (Best Result): 4-2 (2024 QF)

COURT 4

Arthur Gea (FRA) vs [30] Ugo Humbert (FRA)

First Meeting

Gea FastFacts – Gea is making his ATP Masters 1000 debut and defeated Faria in 1R for 1st win.

2026 Highlights:

W: Los Cabos (d Shapovalov); **QF:** Montpellier (l Mannarino)

YTD W-L: 13-6

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: January 2, 2005

PIF ATP Ranking: 56

Shanghai History (Best Result): 1-0 (2026 2R)

Humbert FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Adelaide (l Machac), Eastbourne (l Bergs); **SF:** Rotterdam (l de Minaur), London / Queen's Club (l Paul); **QF:** Hamburg (l Buse)

YTD W-L: 26-22

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 7

Date of Birth: June 26, 1998

PIF ATP Ranking: 32

Shanghai History (Best Result): 5-3 (2023 QF)

Quentin Halys (FRA) vs [27] Alexander Blockx (BEL)

First Meeting

Halys FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Kitzbuhel (d Bublik); **QF:** Eastbourne (l Humbert), Gstaad (l Shevchenko)

YTD W-L: 23-20

YTD Titles: 1 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: October 26, 1996

PIF ATP Ranking: 48

Shanghai History (Best Result): 3-2 (2023, 2025-26 2R)

Blockx FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Estoril (l Van Assche); **SF:** ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l Zverev); **QF:** US Open (l Khachanov)

YTD W-L: 20-12

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: April 8, 2005

PIF ATP Ranking: 28

Shanghai History (Best Result): 0-0 (Debut)

[25] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Jenson Brooksby (USA) Series Tied 1-1

21 Antwerp (Belgium)

Hard

QF

Jenson Brooksby

7-5 6-0

25 Basel (Switzerland)

Hard

R16

A. Davidovich Fokina

6-7(6) 6-4 7-5

Davidovich Fokina FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Mallorca (d Quinn), Chengdu (d Hurkacz); **SF:** Adelaide (l Humbert); **QF:** Dallas (l Shapovalov), London / Queen's Club (l Paul), Umag (l Molcan)

YTD W-L: 27-16

YTD Titles: 2 / Career Titles: 2

Date of Birth: June 5, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 26

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-3 (2025 3R)

Brooksby FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

QF: Dubai (I Medvedev), Los Cabos (I Wong), Chengdu (I Basilashvili)

YTD W-L: 15-22

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: October 26, 2000

PIF ATP Ranking: 102

Shanghai History (Best Result): 2-1 (2025-26 2R)

[21] Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) vs [Q] Roman Safiullin

24 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R128

Roman Safiullin

24 Belgrade (Serbia)

Hard R16

Francisco Cerundolo

Series Tied 1-1

6-7(5) 3-6 7-5 6-3 6-4

6-4 6-4

F. Cerundolo FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

W: Buenos Aires (d Darderi), London / Queen's Club (d Paul); **SF:** Santiago (I Hanfmann); **QF:** ATP Masters 1000

Miami (I Zverev), Munich (I Zverev), Los Cabos (I Gea), Beijing (I Medvedev)

YTD W-L: 35-19

YTD Titles: 2 / Career Titles: 5

Date of Birth: August 13, 1998

PIF ATP Ranking: 20

Shanghai History (Best Result): 3-3 (2023 4R)

Safiullin FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

SF: Hangzhou (I Medvedev)

YTD W-L: 8-7

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: August 7, 1997

PIF ATP Ranking: 79

Shanghai History (Best Result): 6-2 (2024 4R)