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### CHINA OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Reigning champion and World No. 1 **Jannik Sinner** will face No. 3 **Carlos Alcaraz** in **China Open** final. It is the 3rd time Top 2 seeds clash in the final in Beijing after 2005 (No. 1 Nadal d. No. 2 Coria) & 2013 (No. 1 Djokovic d. No. 2 Nadal) and the 3rd tour-level final this year between the Top 2 seeds after Brisbane (No. 2 Dimitrov d. No. 1 Rune) and Paris Olympics (No. 1 Djokovic d. No. 2 Alcaraz).
- Alcaraz** leads the **Lexus ATP Head2Head** against **Sinner** 5-4, winning their two encounters since the Italian defeated him 7-6(4) 6-1 in Beijing SF last year. This is the second time the pair meets in a final after 2022 Umag (Sinner won 6-7(5) 6-1 6-1), meeting in 1 quarter-final and 5 semi-finals since.
- Sinner** remains undefeated at this venue with a 9-0 record and aims to be the 2nd player in tournament history to defend the title after 6-time champion **Novak Djokovic** (2009-10, 2012-15). He would also become the 3rd player to win Beijing as World No. 1 after Djokovic in 2013-15 and **Rafael Nadal** in 2017. Players occupying the World No. 1 ranking are 24-0 at this tournament.
- Alcaraz** would become the 1st player to win an ATP 500 title on all 3 surfaces in series history (since 2009), winning 2022 Rio de Janeiro, 2022-23 Barcelona on clay and 2023 London / Queen's Club on grass. **Sinner** aims to be the 4th active player to grab 6+ ATP 500 titles after Nadal (23), Djokovic (15) and Nishikori (6). With a title win, Alcaraz would become the youngest Beijing champion since Baghdatis, 21, in 2006.
- After picking up the titles in Rotterdam (d. de Minaur) and Halle (d. Hurkacz), **Sinner** bids to be the first player since Andrey Rublev in 2020 to win 3 ATP 500 events in one season. He is on a 24-match winning streak in ATP 500 events since retiring to Alexander Bublik in 2023 Halle QF, claiming 4 titles since (2023 Beijing, 2023 Vienna, 2024 Rotterdam, 2024 Halle).

#### Players with 3+ ATP 500 Titles in a Season since 2015:

| Player        | Year | Events                                         |
|---------------|------|------------------------------------------------|
| Andrey Rublev | 2020 | Hamburg, St. Petersburg, Vienna                |
| Roger Federer | 2019 | Dubai, Halle, Basel                            |
| Dominic Thiem | 2019 | Barcelona, <b>Beijing</b> , Vienna             |
| Andy Murray   | 2016 | London / Queen's Club, <b>Beijing</b> , Vienna |
| Roger Federer | 2015 | Dubai, Halle, Basel                            |
| David Ferrer  | 2015 | Rio de Janeiro, Acapulco, Vienna               |

- Alcaraz** is now 7-1 against Top 5 players in 2024 after defeating No. 4 **Daniil Medvedev** in SF and will aim to become the 2nd Spanish champion in tournament history after Nadal (2005, 2017). He is currently on an 8-match winning streak while **Sinner** earned 15 consecutive wins since losing to Rublev in ATP Masters 1000 Montreal QF in August.

#### 2024 ATP 500 Champions:

| Tournament     | Champion             | Tournament            | Champion             |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Rotterdam      | <b>Jannik Sinner</b> | Halle                 | <b>Jannik Sinner</b> |
| Rio de Janeiro | Sebastian Baez       | London / Queen's Club | Tommy Paul           |
| Acapulco       | Alex de Minaur       | Hamburg               | Arthur Fils          |
| Dubai          | Ugo Humbert          | Washington            | Sebastian Korda      |
| Barcelona      | Casper Ruud          | Tokyo                 | Arthur Fils          |

## PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

| Race | Player                        | Points | Scenario                                                |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | <b>Jannik Sinner (ITA)</b>    | 9,330  | Beijing – +170 for Final win vs. Alcaraz                |
| 2    | <b>Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)</b>   | 6,340  | Beijing – +170 for Final win vs. Sinner                 |
| 2    | <b>Alexander Zverev (GER)</b> | 6,115  | ----                                                    |
| 4    | Daniil Medvedev               | 4,620  | <i>Lost in Beijing SF to Alcaraz</i>                    |
| 5    | Taylor Fritz (USA)            | 3,890  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 1R to Fils</i>                         |
| 6    | Casper Ruud (NOR)             | 3,795  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 1R to Thompson</i>                     |
| 7    | Andrey Rublev                 | 3,580  | <i>Lost in Beijing QF to Buyunchaokete</i>              |
| 8    | Alex de Minaur (AUS)          | 3,305  | ----                                                    |
| 9    | Novak Djokovic (SRB)          | 3,260  | ----                                                    |
| 10   | Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)         | 2,835  | <i>On-site withdrawal from Beijing (left hamstring)</i> |
| 11   | Tommy Paul (USA)              | 2,785  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 2R to Machac</i>                       |
| 12   | Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)      | 2,735  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 1R to Michelsen</i>                    |
| 13   | Hubert Hurkacz (POL)          | 2,640  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 2R to Draper</i>                       |
| 14   | Frances Tiafoe (USA)          | 2,460  | <i>Lost in Tokyo 1R to Nakashima</i>                    |
| 15   | Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)         | 2,415  | <i>Lost in Beijing 2R to Buyunchaokete</i>              |
| 16   | Holger Rune (DEN)             | 2,385  | <i>Lost in Tokyo SF to Fils</i>                         |

**BOLD:** Qualified for 2024 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (10-17 November)

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

### [1] Jannik Sinner (ITA) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

|                                           |             |           |                      |                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)        | Hard        | R32       | Carlos Alcaraz       | 7-6(1) 7-5                |
| 22 Wimbledon (Great Britain)              | Grass       | R16       | Jannik Sinner        | 6-1 6-4 6-7(8) 6-3        |
| 22 Umag (Croatia)                         | Clay        | F         | Jannik Sinner        | 6-7(5) 6-1 6-1            |
| 22 US Open (U.S.A.)                       | Hard        | QF        | Carlos Alcaraz       | 6-3 6-7(7) 6-7(0) 7-5 6-3 |
| 23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) | Hard        | SF        | Carlos Alcaraz       | 7-6(4) 6-3                |
| 23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)        | Hard        | SF        | Jannik Sinner        | 6-7(4) 6-4 6-2            |
| <b>23 Beijing (China)</b>                 | <b>Hard</b> | <b>SF</b> | <b>Jannik Sinner</b> | <b>7-6(4) 6-1</b>         |
| 24 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.) | Hard        | SF        | Carlos Alcaraz       | 1-6 6-3 6-2               |
| 24 Roland Garros (France)                 | Clay        | SF        | Carlos Alcaraz       | 2-6 6-3 3-6 6-4 6-3       |
| <b>Other Meeting</b>                      |             |           |                      |                           |
| 19 Alicante CH (Spain)                    | Clay        | R64       | Carlos Alcaraz       | 6-2 3-6 6-3               |

### Alcaraz Leads 5-4

**Tennis Data Innovations Insights** uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/insights-introduction>.

Insights from their Beijing averages::

| Player              | In Attack  | Conversion Score | Steal Score | Serve Quality | Return Quality | Forehand Quality | Backhand Quality |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Jannik Sinner       | 25%        | <b>78%</b>       | <b>37%</b>  | <b>8.2</b>    | 8.2            | <b>8.8</b>       | <b>8.2</b>       |
| Carlos Alcaraz      | <b>32%</b> | 77%              | <b>37%</b>  | <b>8.2</b>    | <b>8.7</b>     | 8.6              | 7.7              |
| <i>Tour Average</i> | 24%        | 67%              | 33%         | 7.9           | 6.5            | 7.5              | 7.1              |

Sinner performance rating in Beijing = 8.91

Alcaraz performance rating in Beijing = 8.94

Alcaraz has spent significantly more time in attack in Beijing compared to his 52-week average Beijing - 32%, 52-week average - 25%. He's also up on points won at the net, 72% compared to 68%. He might be getting more chances to come forward due to his forehand increasing in speed to an average of 79mph (76mph player average) and a flatter trajectory off that wing with his net clearance down to just 57cm (77cm player average). Sinner interestingly has won fewer points that have gone 9+ in rally length in Beijing compared to his 52-week average (45% vs 57%) but a lot more in the 5-8 shot category (63% vs 54%).

**Jannik Sinner** | Age: 23 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2024: 59-5 (6 Titles) | Beijing: 9-0 (2023 Title)

- > Unranked to begin 2018, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager, broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021 and became 1st Italian World No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 22 in June 2024.
- > At 2024 Australian Open, defeated 10-time champion Djokovic in SF and rallied from two sets down in final against Medvedev to win his 1st Grand Slam title. Became 1st player to beat Djokovic in SF or later at the tournament.
- > Became the first Italian champion in Australian Open tournament history and second Italian man to win a Grand Slam title in Open Era (Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros).
- > Captured 2024 US Open to join Djokovic, Federer and Wilander as only men to capture both hard court Grand Slams in the same season and first man since Vilas in 1977 to win 1st two Grand Slam of career in the same year.
- > Earned personal-best 64 wins in 2023, setting the record for most wins by an Italian player in a single season in Open Era, highlighted by first ATP Masters 1000 title in Toronto.
- > First Italian man to play in 2023 Nitto ATP Finals SF and championship match on home soil in Turin, then led Italy to 2023 Davis Cup title, first since 1976.

**NOTE:** Sinner is on a 14-match winning streak after capturing titles at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and US Open. He is 16-4 in tour-level finals, including 6-0 in 2024. The 23-year-old seeks his 15th hard-court title, aims to post 60 wins in back-to-back seasons (64 in 2023) and record 250th tour-level win of career (249-79).

**Players to Win 7+ Tour-Level Titles in a Season Since 2015:**

| Player         | Year | Title Count |
|----------------|------|-------------|
| Novak Djokovic | 2023 | 7           |
| Roger Federer  | 2017 | 7           |
| Andy Murray    | 2016 | 9           |
| Novak Djokovic | 2016 | 7           |
| Novak Djokovic | 2015 | 11          |

**2024 ATP Tour Win Leaders:**

| Player                | W/L         | Titles   |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Jannik Sinner</b>  | <b>59-5</b> | <b>6</b> |
| Alexander Zverev      | 57-18       | 1        |
| Casper Ruud           | 48-18       | 2        |
| <b>Carlos Alcaraz</b> | <b>47-9</b> | <b>3</b> |
| Taylor Fritz          | 45-19       | 2        |
| Daniil Medvedev       | 42-16       | 0        |

**2024 ATP Hard Court Win Leaders:**

| Player               | W/L         | Titles   |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Jannik Sinner</b> | <b>39-2</b> | <b>5</b> |
| Alexander Zverev     | 28-10       | 0        |
| Andrey Rublev        | 28-11       | 1        |
| Grigor Dimitrov      | 26-8        | 1        |
| Daniil Medvedev      | 25-9        | 0        |
| Jordan Thompson      | 25-14       | 1        |

\* Alcaraz is 23-4 with 1 hard court title

**Carlos Alcaraz** | Age: 21 | World No. 3 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 47-9 (3 Titles) | Beijing: 7-1 (2024 Final)

- > Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season and later earning a total of 36 weeks.
- > Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
- > Earned fifth set wins over Sinner in SF and Zverev in final to capture 2024 Roland Garros, becoming the youngest man to win a Grand Slam title on all three surfaces.
- > Defeated 7-time champion Djokovic in 2023 and 2024 Wimbledon finals to be the second man in Open Era to win his first 4 Grand Slam finals after Federer (7), then lost to Djokovic in 2024 Paris Olympics final.
- > Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (since 1990).
- > Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

**NOTE:** Alcaraz is on an 8-match winning streak and bids to become the 2nd player to win 4 tour-level titles in 2024 (6 – Sinner, 3 – Alcaraz, Berrettini). He is 15-5 in tour-level finals and looks for 5th ATP 500 title. By reaching Beijing SF, he moved past Zverev on PIF ATP Live Rankings and will return to Top 2 for the first time since June. He is 7-1 vs. Top 5 players this year and looks for his 2nd win vs. a World No. 1 (Djokovic at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid).

**ATP Tour Top 10 Win Leaders in 2024:**

| Player                | W-L vs. Top 10 | Player           | W-L vs. Top 10 |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Carlos Alcaraz</b> | <b>10-3</b>    | Alexei Popyrin   | 5-3            |
| <b>Jannik Sinner</b>  | <b>10-4</b>    | Alex de Minaur   | 5-6            |
| Taylor Fritz          | 7-7            | Daniil Medvedev  | 5-6            |
| Grigor Dimitrov       | 6-5            | Alexander Zverev | 5-6            |

| 2024 Beijing Statistics     | Jannik Sinner         | Carlos Alcaraz        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Aces                        | 23                    | 14                    |
| 1st-Serve Percentage        | 63% (182 of 287)      | 62% (126 of 202)      |
| 1st-Serve Points Won        | 80% (146 of 182)      | 79% (100 of 126)      |
| 2nd-Serve Points Won        | 58% (61 of 105)       | <b>64% (49 of 76)</b> |
| Service Games Won           | <b>94% (44 of 47)</b> | 92% (35 of 38)        |
| Break Points Saved          | <b>81% (13 of 16)</b> | 57% (4 of 7)          |
| 1st-Serve Return Points Won | 30% (52 of 173)       | 36% (52 of 144)       |
| 2nd-Serve Return Points Won | 53% (77 of 144)       | 56% (57 of 102)       |
| Return Games Won            | 24% (11 of 46)        | <b>39% (15 of 38)</b> |
| Break Points Converted      | 32% (11 of 34)        | 47% (15 of 32)        |

**BOLD:** Leads all 32 players in 2024 China Open.

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[1] Simone Bolelli (ITA) / Andrea Vavassori (ITA) vs  
[3] Harri Heliovaara (FIN) / Henry Patten (GBR)

Heliovaara/Patten Lead 1-0

24 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R64

Heliovaara/Patten

6-3 6-4

### Bolelli/Vavassori Notes

- > Italian duo is 48-24 as a pair (38-16 in 2024), making their team debut at 2021 ATP Cup, then becoming a regular pairing since last year's grass season and attempting to qualify for their 1st Nitto ATP Finals as a team this year.
- > Reached Grand Slam finals at Aus. Open (l. to Bopanna/Ebden) and Roland Garros (l. to Arevalo/Pavic) in 2024.
- > Bolelli and Vavassori aim to be the 1st Italians to win the doubles title in Beijing after Fognini/Seppi lost the 2013 final to Mirnyi/Tecau.
- > They are yet to drop a set and look for 3rd ATP Tour title as a pair after winning Buenos Aires and Halle this year.
- > Team is ranked No. 3 on PIF ATP Doubles Teams Rankings. Individually, Bolelli is ranked No. 12 (career-high No. 8 in August 2015), returning to Top 10 after Beijing, while Vavassori is ranked No. 9 (career-high).
- > Bolelli, 38, is 13-16 in tour-level doubles finals, picking up ATP 500 titles with three different Italian partners – 2016 Dubai w/Seppi, 2022 Rio de Janeiro w/Fognini, and 2024 Halle w/Vavassori.
- > Vavassori, 29, is 5-5 in tour-level finals, reaching 6 of 10 finals with Bolelli since June last year and looks for 1st ATP Tour title on hard courts.

### Heliovaara/Patten Notes

- > Finnish/British duo is 29-7 on tour-level as a pair, making their team debut by winning the title at 2024 Marrakech.
- > They saved 3 championship points to beat Purcell/Thompson in the 2024 Wimbledon final after defeating Bolelli/Vavassori in 1R.
- > Heliovaara would be the 2nd Finn to triumph in Beijing after Kontinen in 2017 (w/Peers), while Patten seeks to be the 2nd Brit to claim the Beijing doubles title after Hutchins in 2008 (w/Huss).
- > They are looking for their 4th tour-level title this year (Marrakech, Lyon, Wimbledon) and would join Arevalo/Pavic, Lammons/Withrow, and Purcell/Thompson as the only pairs to achieve this feat in 2024.
- > Team is ranked No. 7 on PIF ATP Doubles Teams Rankings. Individually, Heliovaara is ranked No. 15 (career-high No. 7 in June 2023), while Patten is ranked No. 17 (career-high No. 12 in August 2024).
- > Heliovaara, 35, is 7-8 in tour-level finals, including an ATP 500 title at 2022 Hamburg and two finals at this level (2022 London / Queen's Club, 2023 Dubai), all with this week's Tokyo champion Glasspool.
- > Patten, 28, is 3-2 in tour-level finals, making his 1st with J. Cash at 2023 Houston before winning 3 titles and reaching the Bucharest final w/Heliovaara this year.