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SWISS INDOORS BASEL TALKING POINTS

- **Ben Shelton** and **Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard** meet in the final of the **Swiss Indoors Basel**. The Frenchman leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 1-0, winning in London/Queen's Club 1R on grass courts. The winner is guaranteed to be the first Basel champion ranked outside Top 20 since No. 35 **Jim Courier** in 1989. Both players are yet to be broken this week with Shelton saving 12 of 12 break points and Mpetshi Perricard 3 of 3.
- **Shelton**, who defeated No. 1 seed **Andrey Rublev** in QF and ended **Arthur Fils'** 13-match ATP 500 winning streak in SF, will attempt to capture his second ATP 500 final after 2023 Tokyo (d. Karatsev). He bids to be 6th American to win Basel title, 1st since Sampras in 1996 (d. Dreekmann).
- With a win, the American No. 5 would be the fifth and youngest player to capture 30 hard court wins this season (29-15) and join Alcaraz (14), Sinner (11), Auger-Aliassime (3) and Fils (2) as the only players born in 2000s to win multiple titles above ATP 250 level.

American Champions in Tournament History

Player	Year
Brian Gottfried	1979
Vitas Gerulaitis	1983
Jim Courier	1989, 1995
John McEnroe	1990
Pete Sampras	1996

- World No. 50 **Mpetshi Perricard** claimed Top 20 wins over two-time defending champion No. 19 **Felix Auger-Aliassime** in 2R and 2022 finalist No. 14 **Holger Rune** in SF and aims to be 1st unseeded Basel champion since **Jiri Novak** in 2004, lowest-ranked ATP 500 champion since No. 63 **Nick Kyrgios** at 2022 Washington and the lowest-ranked champion at **Swiss Indoors Basel** since it became a tour-level event in 1975.

Lowest-Ranked Basel Champions since 1975:

Rank	Player	Year
No. 44	Jiri Hrebec	1975
No. 30	Jim Courier	1989
No. 20	Jiri Novak	2004
No. 20	Karol Kucera	1999

- Mpetshi Perricard is playing the biggest final of his career and bids to be the first French champion in Basel since Noah in 1982 and 1987 and third Frenchman to win an ATP 500 title in 2024 (Humbert – Dubai, Fils – Hamburg, Tokyo), marking the first time in series history (since 2009) that three different Frenchmen win ATP 500 titles in one season.

2024 ATP 500 Champions:

Tournament

Rotterdam
Rio de Janeiro
Acapulco
Dubai
Barcelona
Halle
Queen's Club

Champion

Jannik Sinner
Sebastian Baez
Alex de Minaur
Ugo Humbert
Casper Ruud
Jannik Sinner
Tommy Paul

Tournament

Hamburg
Washington
Beijing
Tokyo
Basel
Vienna

Champion

Arthur Fils
Sebastian Korda
Carlos Alcaraz
Arthur Fils
Shelton vs. Mpetshi Perricard
Draper vs. Khachanov

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>.

All insights from 2024 Basel:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Shelton	30%	75%	22%	8.9	6.4	8.1	7.0
Mpetshi Perricard	33%	71%	26%	9.8	5.6	7.5	5.7
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>

Shelton is up +7% on his conversion score in comparison to his 52-week average.

Mpetshi Perricard is +1.0 on his Forehand Quality score in comparison to his 52-week average.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES FINAL

CENTER COURT

[6] Ben Shelton (USA) vs Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA)

24 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass R32 G. Mpetshi Perricard 6-3 7-6(3)

Mpetshi Perricard Leads 1-0

Ben Shelton | Age: 22 | World No. 23 | Career-High No. 13 | 2024: 41-23 (Houston Title) | Basel: 4-0 (2024 Final)

> Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in November 2022 and Top 20 in September 2023, achieving career-high No. 13 in August 2024 after capturing 2nd title in Houston earlier in the season.

> Defeated compatriots Paul and Tiafoe at 2023 US Open to become the youngest American man in US Open semi-finals since Chang, 20, in 1992, then beat No. 4 Sinner to reach 1st ATP Masters QF at 2023 Shanghai.

> 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 Giannalva Jr., 19, in 1982, and in Grand Slam QF since Roddick, 20, at 2002 US Open.

> Upset No. 5 Ruud to reach 2022 Cincinnati 3R in ATP Masters 1000 debut at age 19, becoming youngest American man to earn Top-5 win since Roddick, 18, at 2001 Montreal (d. No. 1 Kuerten).

> 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: Shelton is looking for his 3rd ATP Tour title (2-0), 2nd above ATP 250 level after 2023 Tokyo (d. Karatsev). He bids to be the third and only active American player (also Roddick, Querrey) to capture multiple ATP 500 titles in series history (since 2009). He is No. 19 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and would rise to No. 18 with title win.

2024 ATP Tour Hard Court Win Leaders

Player	W-L	HC Titles
Jannik Sinner	45-3	6
Grigor Dimitrov	32-11	1
Alexander Zverev	32-12	0
Andrey Rublev	31-14	1
Ben Shelton	29-15	0

G. Mpetshi Perricard | Age: 21 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 44 | 2024: 14-11 (Lyon Title) | Basel: 4-0 (2024 Final)

> Broke inside Top 100 in May 2024 after saving a championship point to capture his 1st ATP Tour title in his hometown of Lyon as No. 117-ranked WC, then reached career-high No. 44 in July.

> En route to Lyon title, earned first Top 30 wins of career, defeating No. 19 Bublik in SF and No. 29 Etcheverry in final.

> Entered 2024 Wimbledon as LL, defeating No. 21 Korda in 1R for first Grand Slam match win then became the first lucky loser to reach Wimbledon 4R since Norman in 1995.

> Owns 50-33 Challenger record (4-0 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Leon, 2024 Nottingham, 2024 Cuernavaca, and 2024 Acapulco.

> Peaked at No. 4 in junior rankings during 2021 season, after advancing to 2021 Roland Garros boys' singles SF (l. to Fils) and winning the boys' doubles title w/Fils.

NOTE: Mpetshi Perricard looks for 2nd ATP Tour title after winning Lyon in May this year. He is 9-0 vs. left-handers this season across all levels, including win over Shapovalov in Basel QF. The 21-year-old is No. 37 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and would rise to No. 31 by winning the title.

Biggest Jumps in Top 50 PIF ATP Rankings (from year-end 2023)

	Ranking Jump	2023 / 21 October
1) Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	+156	No. 206 / No. 50
2) Shang Juncheng	+138	No. 185 / No. 47
3) Brandon Nakashima	+96	No. 134 / No. 38
4) Luciano Darderi	+86	No. 128 / No. 42
5) Mariano Navone	+81	No. 125 / No. 44

2024 Basel Statistics	Ben Shelton	Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard
Aces	38	87
1st-Serve Percentage	75% (222 of 297)	66% (193 of 294)
1st-Serve Points Won	81% (180 of 222)	83% (160 of 193)
2nd-Serve Points Won	68% (51 of 57)	67% (68 of 101)
Service Games Won	100% (50 of 50)	100% (49 of 49)
Break Points Saved	100% (12 of 12)	100% (3 of 3)
1st-Serve Return Points Won	13% (20 of 159)	22% (36 of 165)
2nd-Serve Return Points Won	45% (46 of 102)	39% (47 of 102)
Return Games Won	13% (6 of 48)	11% (5 of 46)
Break Points Converted	86% (6 of 7)	31% (5 of 16)

BOLD: Leads all 32 players in 2024 Swiss Indoors Basel.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: DOUBLES FINAL

[1] Wesley Koolhof (NED) / Nikola Mektic (CRO) vs
[Q] Jamie Murray (GBR) / John Peers (AUS)

First Meeting

Koolhof/Mektic Notes

- > Duo of former No. 1s are 64-28 as a team (40-15 in 2024), first playing during the 2020 season, ending the year with the 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title.
- > Reunited this year with titles at Auckland, Rotterdam and ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.
- > 2020 US Open finalists required third-set tie-breaks to defeat Cerundolo/Etcheverry in 1R and Swiss WCs Huesler/Stricker in SF to advance 2 spots to No. 5 on [PIF ATP Live Doubles Teams Rankings](#), as they seek 2nd Nitto ATP Finals appearance after 2020 title.
- > With fifth ATP Tour title of the season, they would move ahead of Arevalo/Pavic, Purcell/Thompson, Lammons/Withrow and Patten/Heliouvaara for most tour-level titles by any team in 2024.
- > Koolhof is ranked No. 13 (career-high No. 1 in 2022) and Mektic is ranked No. 15 (career-high No. 1 in 2021).
- > Koolhof, 35, is 20-23 in tour-level doubles finals, looking for his 2nd ATP 500 title (1-5) after winning in Rotterdam this year w/Mektic and plans to retire after 2024 season.
- > Mektic, 35, is 29-17 in tour-level doubles finals, aiming to capture 5th ATP 500 title (4-4), winning 2024 Rotterdam w/Koolhof and partnering w/Pavic to capture titles at 2021 Rotterdam, 2022 London / Queen's Club and 2022 Astana.

Murray/Peers Notes

- > The Brit and Aussie are 119-73 as a team (10-6 in 2024), first playing during 2013 season, going on to win six titles and reach finals at Wimbledon, US Open and Basel in 2015, before reuniting this summer.
- > They saved 3MPs vs. Arneodo/Arribage in qualifying, then defeated No. 3 seeds Krajicek/Ram in 1R, Bhambri/Olivetti in QF and No. 2 seeds Gonzalez/Roger-Vasselin in SF in third-set tie-breaks.
- > Team is ranked No. 35 on [PIF ATP Doubles Teams Rankings](#). Individually, Murray is ranked No. 39 (career-high No. 1 in 2016) and Peers is No. 47 (career-high No. 2 in 2017).
- > Murray, 38, is 32-31 in tour-level doubles finals, looking for second title of the season after winning Doha in February w/Venus and first title above ATP 250 level since 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Soares.
- > Peers, 36, is 28-20 in tour-level doubles finals, including men's doubles gold medal at 2024 Paris Olympics w/Ebden and looks for first hard court title since 2022 Sydney w/Polasek.