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ROLEX MONTE-CARLO MASTERS TALKING POINTS

- For only the third time in **Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters** history (2006, 2015), all eight quarter-finalists are seeded, highlighted by No. 1 seed **Novak Djokovic** and No. 2 seed **Jannik Sinner**, as both enter the quarter-finals stage without losing a set.
- 2-time champion **Novak Djokovic** is looking for his first Monte-Carlo SF in nine years, when he won the 2015 title. The Serb faces No. 11 seed **Alex de Minaur**, with the pair splitting their previous matches. Djokovic, who already owns the most ATP Masters 1000 titles (40) and finals (58), aims to take the sole lead for most semi-finals since the series began in 1990, while de Minaur aims to join compatriots **John Newcombe** in 1969 and **John Alexander** in 1979 as the only Australian semi-finalists at this event in Open Era.

Most ATP Masters 1000 Semi-finals (since the series began in 1990)

No. Player	SF	No. Player	SF
1T. Novak Djokovic	76	4. Andy Murray	33
1T. Rafael Nadal	76	5. Andre Agassi	32
3. Roger Federer	66	6. Pete Sampras	31

- Jannik Sinner** is 13-2 vs. fellow Top 10 players since September, only losing to No. 1 Djokovic at 2023 Nitto ATP Finals and No. 2 Alcaraz at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells. He faces World No. 7 **Holger Rune**, who defeated the Italian in last year's semi-final. Sinner aims to reach the semi-finals of first three ATP Masters 1000 events of the season for the second year in a row (Indian Wells SF, Miami title).

Semi-Finals at all-First 3 ATP Masters 1000 Events of the Season (since the series began in 1990):

Player Years (SFs at Indian Wells, Miami, Monte-Carlo)

Jannik Sinner	2023
Novak Djokovic	2012, 2014, 2015
Rafael Nadal	2008, 2010, 2011, 2012
Andy Murray	2009
Roger Federer	2006

BOLD: Won all three ATP Masters 1000 titles in that year

- 2-time champion and No. 12 **Stefanos Tsitsipas** is playing in his fourth consecutive Monte-Carlo quarter-final and takes a 7-1 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead against No. 15 **Karen Khachanov**. Both are looking for the first ATP Masters 1000 SF of the season, with Tsitsipas aiming to advance to his 16th career ATP Masters 1000 SF, while Khachanov seeks first clay court semi-final at this level.
- No. 8 seed **Casper Ruud** meets No. 14 seed **Ugo Humbert** in their fifth meeting. Humbert leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 3-1, however, Ruud won their lone previous encounter on clay courts. The Norwegian looks for his second Monte-Carlo SF (2021). Humbert is playing in his third ATP Masters 1000 QF after 2020 Paris and 2023 Shanghai, attempting to reach his first semi-final.

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Insights from 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Novak Djokovic	28.0%	72.3%	40.9%	8.06	6.94	9.16	8.02
Alex de Minaur	22.8%	71.8%	45.1%	7.37	7.05	8.17	7.21
Ugo Humbert	28.5%	71.1%	37%	7.91	6.65	7.58	7.49
Casper Ruud	23.6%	80.0%	47.6%	8.09	7.84	8.59	9.24
Stefanos Tsitsipas	28.2%	73.6%	53.8%	7.46	6.69	8.94	7.94
Karen Khachanov	25.2%	66.8%	38.0%	8.22	6.55	7.83	7.97
Holger Rune	24.3%	67.5%	32.1%	7.60	6.38	7.50	7.16
Jannik Sinner	23.2%	80.6%	46.7%	7.93	6.97	8.41	8.54
Tour Average	25.0%	66.0%	34.0%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

COURT RAINIER III

[12] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [15] Karen Khachanov

17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Stefanos Tsitsipas
18 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R32	Stefanos Tsitsipas
21 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas
21 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas
22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas
23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	SF	Stefanos Tsitsipas
23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Karen Khachanov
23 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas

Tsitsipas Leads 7-1

7-5 6-3
6-4 7-6(8)
4-6 6-3 7-5
6-3 6-2
4-6 6-0 6-3
7-6(2) 6-4 6-7(6) 6-3
7-6(4) 6-4
6-3 6-4

Insights from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Stefanos Tsitsipas	24%	72%	27%	8.1	7.3	9.4	8.3
Karen Khachanov	18%	73%	28%	7.8	8.6	8.1	7.7
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

A standout Backhand Quality performance for Tsitsipas in Paris, considerably above his 7.3 52-week average.

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 25 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 14-6 (Los Cabos SF) | Event: 17-3 (2021-22 Titles)
 > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 10 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 3 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).
 > Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.
 > Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.
 > Won 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).
 > Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas aims to reach an ATP Masters 1000 SF for the 7th consecutive season (since 2018), 16th SF at this level overall. The 2-time champion is 14-1 vs. players ranked outside Top 10 in Monte-Carlo, losing to No. 14 Medvedev in 2019 3R and 7-2 in ATP Masters 1000 QFs since the start of 2022 season.

Karen Khachanov | Age: 27 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 15-6 (Doha Title) | Monte-Carlo: 9-6 (2024 QF)
 > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in July 2019 after ending 2018 season at No. 11.
 > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title, but went on a 23-match losing streak to Top 10 players (August 2019-March 2023), before beating No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 4th ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Miami, first since 2019 Montreal.
 > At 2018 Paris, became 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
 > Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF and 2023 Australian Open SF.
 > 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 looks for his 5th ATP Masters 1000 SF (1-3), first since 2023 Miami and first on clay. He defeated No. 4 Medvedev in 3R to break a 9-match losing streak vs. Top 20 players and now seeks consecutive Top 20 wins for the first time since 2021 Tokyo Olympics (d. No. 13 Schwartzman in 3R, No. 11 Carreno Busta in SF).

[7] Holger Rune (DEN) vs [2] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

Rune Leads 2-1

22 Sofia (Bulgaria)	Hard	SF	Holger Rune	5-7 6-4 5-2 RET
23 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	SF	Holger Rune	1-6 7-5 7-5
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Jannik Sinner	6-2 5-7 6-4

Insights from their 2023 Nitto ATP Finals RR meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Holger Rune	26%	58%	27%	8.6	7.0	7.2	7.2
Jannik Sinner	29%	73%	42%	8.7	7.4	8.5	7.9
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Sinner led in all areas when they met in Turin.

Holger Rune | Age: 20 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 15-7 (Brisbane Final) | Monte-Carlo: 6-3 (2023 Final)
 > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), reaching No. 4 in August 2023.
 > Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
 > From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record in 6 ATP Masters 1000 events, posting runner-up results in Monte Carlo (l. to Rublev) and Rome (l. to Medvedev).
 > Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents, ending the streak with loss to No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome final (7-8 vs. Top 5).
 > Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
 > Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).
 > Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).

NOTE: Rune saved 2 MPs vs. Dimitrov to earn 2nd consecutive Monte-Carlo QF. He is 7-8 vs. Top 5 after 7-1 start, aiming to earn first Top 5 win since defeating No. 4 Ruud at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome. He seeks his 4th ATP Masters 1000 SF after 2022 Paris, 2023 Monte-Carlo and 2023 Rome. He is No. 11 on the [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and needs to reach the semi-finals to avoid dropping outside Top 10 for the first time since January 2023.

Jannik Sinner | Age: 22 | World No. 2 (Career-High) | 2024: 24-1 (3 Titles) | Monte-Carlo: 9-3 (2023 SF)
 > Unranked to begin 2018, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021, then reached career-high No. 2 in April 2024, becoming the highest-ranked Italian in PIF ATP Rankings history.
 > 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).

- > Earned career-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 at Toronto.
- > As 19-year-old in 2021, became 1st teenager to win an ATP 500 title at Washington and 1st Italian finalist in tournament history of ATP Masters 1000 Miami (since 1985), winning the Miami title in 2024.

NOTE: Sinner is on an 8-match winning streak after winning his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title in Miami and seeks 8th ATP Masters 1000 SF (4-3) to become the only player to reach semi-finals at all 3 ATP Masters 1000 events this season. He is No. 3 in [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and needs to reach the semi-finals to stay at World No. 2.

[1] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs [11] Alex de Minaur (AUS) Series Tied 1-1

23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R16	Novak Djokovic	6-2 6-1 6-2
24 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	QF	Alex de Minaur	6-4 6-4

Novak Djokovic | Age: 36 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2024: 10-3 (Aus. Open SF) | Monte-Carlo: 38-14 ('13, '15 Titles)
> Record breaking 7-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns ATP/WTA record for most weeks at No. 1 (420), as well as PIF ATP Rankings records for most years ended at No. 1 (8) and most wins vs. Top 10 (257), finishing in Top 5 in 16 of last 17 years (2017 – No. 12).

> 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 3rd-most men's singles titles in Open Era (98) and 3rd-most men's singles wins in Open Era (1,097) and 2nd-most Grand Slam match wins (366).

> Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (30-29), as well as win streaks of ATP Tour-record 43 matches (2010-11), ATP Masters 1000-record 31 matches (2011) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

NOTE: Djokovic is playing in his 10th Monte-Carlo quarter-final (7-2, losing in last two), seeking his first SF at the event since winning the 2015 title. The 36-year-old is the 2nd-oldest Monte-Carlo quarter-finalist in Open Era (Gulyas, 38, in 1970) and aims to become the oldest semi-finalist in tournament's Open Era history (Pietrangeli, 35, in 1969).

Oldest ATP Masters 1000 Semi-finalists – At 36 years and 10 months, Djokovic would become the 6th oldest player to reach an ATP Masters 1000 semi-final since the series began in 1990.

No.	Player	Age	Semi-final	No.	Player	Age	Semi-final
1	Roger Federer	37	2019 Miami	6	Roger Federer	36	2018 Indian Wells
2	Roger Federer	37	2019 Indian Wells	7	Novak Djokovic	36	2023 Paris
3	Roger Federer	37	2018 Paris	8	John Isner	36	2021 Toronto
4	Roger Federer	37	2018 Shanghai	9	Novak Djokovic	36	2023 Cincinnati
5	Roger Federer	37	2018 Cincinnati	10	Roger Federer	36	2017 Shanghai

Alex de Minaur | Age: 25 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 9 | 2024: 22-6 (Acapulco Title) | Monte-Carlo: 5-3 (2024 QF)

> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 9 in February 2024 soon after defeating No. 1 Djokovic at 2024 United Cup for biggest win of career.

> Earned personal-best 47 victories in 2022, then captured biggest of 8 ATP Tour titles in Acapulco in 2023 and 2024.

> After 0-10 start in ATP Masters 1000 R16s, advanced to first QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto (l. to Sinner).

> 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.

> Defeated Murray to help Team World win 2022 Laver Cup and went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during the season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003.

> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTE: de Minaur is attempting to advance to his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 SF (2023 Toronto). He is 2-5 vs. Top-2 players, earning both wins at United Cup (d. No. 2 Nadal in 2023, No. 1 Djokovic in 2024). He aims to be the first Australian to defeat a World No. 1 on clay since Philippoussis d. No. 1 Sampras at 1997 World Team Cup via RET.

Multiple ATP Masters 1000 SFs by Aussies (since the series began in 1990)

Player	SFs	Player	SFs
Lleyton Hewitt	19	Nick Kyrgios	3
Patrick Rafter	9	Mark Philippoussis	3

[14] Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [8] Casper Ruud (NOR)

20 Auckland (New Zealand)	Hard	R32	Ugo Humbert
20 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	QF	Casper Ruud
20 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R64	Ugo Humbert
22 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Ugo Humbert

Humbert Leads 3-1

7-6(3) 2-6 6-3
7-5 3-6 6-1
4-6 6-2 7-6(1)
3-6 6-2 7-5 6-4

Ugo Humbert | Age: 25 | World No. 15 | Career-High No. 14 | 2024: 17-5 (2 Titles) | Monte-Carlo: 3-3 (2024 QF)
 > Broke into Top 20 in November 2023, then earned career-high No. 14 in March 2024 after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as the third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final.
 > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 6 career titles at 2021 Halle.
 > Captured 4th and 5th ATP Tour titles on French soil at 2023 Metz, his hometown, and 2024 Marseille.
 > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
 > Owns 12-12 record vs. Top 10 and earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.
 > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles at Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert looks for his 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF and his first ATP Tour semi-final on clay. He aims to be the first Frenchman in Monte-Carlo SF since Pouille in 2017. He is 12-12 vs. Top 10 (3-1 in 2024), defeating No. 5 Medvedev at 2020 Hamburg in his only clay court match vs. a Top 10 opponent (5-16 vs. Top 50 on clay).

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 22-6 (2 Finals) | Monte-Carlo: 8-4 (2021 SF)
 > Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.
 > First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (10), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final), and reach both a Grand Slam final (2022 Roland Garros, US Open, 2023 Roland Garros) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami).
 > Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.
 > Former World No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (96), finals (13) and titles (9).
 > Defeated No. 4 A. Zverev on a hard court for biggest win of career en route to 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Miami final.

NOTE: Ruud is 5-0 in ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finals on clay (7-4 overall). He attempts to reach his 8th ATP Masters 1000 SF (1-6), first since 2023 Rome. He is 16-2 vs. Frenchmen since the start of 2021 season (l. to Humbert at 2022 Wimbledon & Fils at 2023 Hamburg) and would rise to No. 7 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) with a QF win.

Most Clay-Court Wins Since the Start of 2020 Season:

No.	Player	Win/Loss
1.	Casper Ruud	96-27
2.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	71-17
3.	Carlos Alcaraz	66-16
4.	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	59-52
5.	Novak Djokovic	57-11