

# GRAND PRIX HASSAN II – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022

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#### 2022 GRAND PRIX HASSAN II SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	15-6 (Rotterdam Title)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Daniel Evans (GBR)	8-6 (Sydney SF)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	7-5 (Rio de Janeiro SF)	<del>2-4 (2011 QF)</del>
4	Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	8-5 (Cordoba Title)	7-7 (2012 Final)
5	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	6-9 (Buenos Aires SF)	7-4 (2016 Title)
6	Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)	9-7 (Melbourne QF)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	4-8 (Doha QF)	0-1 (2019 1R)
8	Laslo Djere (SRB)	3-7 (Adelaide-1 QF)	1-2 (2017 2R)
9	Tallon Griekspoor (NED)	5-6 (Melbourne QF)	0-0 (Debut)

**Tournament History** Casablanca 1990, 1992-2015, Marrakech 2016-2019, 2022 (30th Edition in 2022)

Singles Final Sunday 10 April 2:00 pm

Wild Cards (3) Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN), Elliot Benchetrit (MAR), Malek Jaziri (TUN)

Qualifiers (4) TBD on Monday
Alternates (1) Stefano Travaglia (ITA)

Oldest Player Malek Jaziri (38)

Uldest Player Malek Jaziri (38)

#NextGenATP (2) Jiri Lehecka (20), Lorenzo Musetti (20)

**Tournament Records** <u>Most Titles</u> – Pablo Andujar (3)

Most Wins - Younes El Aynaoui (27)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Borna Coric, 20, in 2017 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Pablo Andujar, 32, in 2018

<u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 20 Younes El Aynaoui in 2002 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 355 Pablo Andujar in 2018 Last Moroccan Champion – Younes El Aynaoui in 2002

## **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (19)**

Spain (5) Pablo Andujar, Roberto Carballes Baena, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina,

Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Carlos Taberner

Italy (3) Marco Cecchinato, Lorenzo Musetti, Stefano Travaglia

Argentina (2) Federico Coria, Federico Delbonis

Czech Republic (2) Jiri Lehecka, Jiri Vesely

**Netherlands (2)** Tallon Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp

Australia (1) Alexei Popyrin Morocco (1) Elliot Benchetrit Belgium (1) David Goffin Poland (1) Kamil Majchrzak Portugal (1) Hugo Dellien Bolivia (1) Joao Sousa Felix Auger-Aliassime Canada (1) Serbia (1) Laslo Djere France (1) Richard Gasquet Slovakia (1) Alex Molcan Yannick Hanfmann Switzerland (1) Henri Laaksonen Germany (1) **Daniel Evans** Malek Jaziri **Great Britain (1)** Tunisia (1)

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

#### ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Grand Prix Hassan II	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	81,310	47,430	27,885	16,160	9,380	5,730
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	28,250	15,110	8,860	4,950	2,920	

<sup>\*</sup> Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points



#### **2022 GRAND PRIX HASSAN II DOUBLES**

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	<b>EVENT (BEST FINISH)</b>
4	Andrey Golubev (KAZ)	3-2	7-8 (2 times in SF)	0-1 (2011 1R)
<b>'</b>	Fabrice Martin (FRA)	(2022 Doha SF)	7-11 (2 times in SF)	1-2 (2017 QF)
2	Sander Gille (BEL)	70-62	4-9 (4 times in QF)	1-1 (2019 QF)
	Joran Vliegen (BEL)	(5 titles)	4-7 (4 times in QF)	1-1 (2019 QF)
3	Ariel Behar (URU)	0-0	9-9 (Adelaide-2 Final)	0-0 (Debut)
	Matwe Middelkoop (NED)	(Debut)	8-7 (Rotterdam Title)	3-4 (2019 Final)
4	Jonathan Erlich (ISR)	2-1	3-6 (Montpellier SF)	0-1 (2016 1R)
	Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	(2022 Montpellier SF)	10-11 (Indian Wells Final)	3-1 (2018 Final)

**Doubles Final**: Saturday 9 April following singles semi-finals.

### **GRAND PRIX HASSAN II SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2019	Benoit Paire (FRA)	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	6-2 6-3
2018	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Kyle Edmund (GBR)	6-2 6-2
2017	Borna Coric (CRO)	Philip Kohlschreiber (GER)	5-7 7-6(3) 7-5
2016	Federico Delbonis (ARG)	Borna Coric (CRO)	6-2 6-4
2015	Martin Klizan (SVK)	Daniel Gimeno-Traver (ESP)	6-2 6-2
2014	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP)	Marcel Granollers (ESP)	5-7 6-4 6-3
2013	Tommy Robredo (ESP)	Kevin Anderson (RSA)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-3
2012	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Albert Ramos Vinolas (ESP)	6-1 7-6(5)
2011	Pablo Andujar (ESP)	Potito Starace (ITA)	6-1 6-2
2010	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Victor Hanescu (ROU)	6-2 6-3
2009	Juan Carlos Ferrero (ESP)	Florent Serra (FRA)	6-4 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2022 Grand Prix Hassan II singles draw.

## **GRAND PRIX HASSAN II DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)**

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2019	Jurgen Melzer/Franko Skugor	Matwe Middelkoop/Frederik Nielsen	6-4 7-6(6)
2018	Nikola Mektic/Alexander Peya	Benoit Paire/Edouard Roger-Vasselin	7-5 3-6 [10-7]
2017	Dominic Inglot/Mate Pavic	Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez	6-4 2-6 [11-9]
2016	Guillermo Duran/Maximo Gonzalez	Marin Draganja/Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-6]
2015	Rameez Junaid/Adil Shamasdin	Rohan Bopanna/Florin Mergea	3-6 6-2 [10-7]
2014	Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau	Tomasz Bedanrek/Lukas Dlouhy	6-2 6-2
2013	Julian Knowle/Filip Polasek	Dustin Brown/Christopher Kas	6-3 6-2
2012	Dustin Brown/Paul Hanley	Daniele Bracciali/Fabio Fognini	7-5 6-3
2011	Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau	Colin Fleming/Igor Zelenay	6-2 6-1
2010	Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau	Rohan Bopanna/Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi	6-2 3-6 [10-7]
2009	Lukasz Kubot/Oliver Marach	Simon Aspelin/Paul Hanley	7-6(4) 3-6 [10-6]

**BOLD**: Player in 2022 Grand Prix Hassan II doubles draw – no teams from past finals are intact.

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#### ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **CENTRE COURT**

#### Henri Laaksonen (SUI) vs Richard Gasquet (FRA)

**Gasquet Leads 1-0** 

18 Bastad (Sweden)

Clay SF

Richard Gasquet

6-2 6-3

**Henri Laaksonen** | Age: 30 | World No. 87 | Career-High No. 85 | 2022: 4-6 (Melbourne, Miami 2R) | Event: 1-1 (2013 2R) > Broke into Top 100 after reaching 1st ATP Tour SF at 2017 Shenzhen, then achieved career-high No. 84 in February 2022.

- > Qualified at 2019 Australian Open, 2020 Roland Garros, 2021 Australian Open, 2021 Roland Garros and 2021 US Open after failing to qualify in 1st 15 attempts at Grand Slam events.
- > Earned 5 victories en route to both 2021 Roland Garros 3R and 2021 US Open 3R, including biggest win of career over No. 11 Bautista Agut in Paris.
- > Owns 163-137 Challenger record with titles at 2015 Champaign, 2016 Shanghai, 2016 Champaign, 2019 Bangkok, 2019 Rome and 2021 Orleans.
- > Represented Finland as a Top-20 junior after being born in Lohja to a Swiss father and Finnish mother.

**NOTE**: Laaksonen is on a 4-match winning streak vs. French players on tour-level, all 4 wins coming against Benoit Paire.

Richard Gasquet | Age: 35 | World No. 86 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 4-5 (Montpellier QF) | Event: 5-2 (2018 SF)

- > Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, also finishing 2012 and 2015 in Top 10.
- > Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).
- > Owns 15 titles and still seeking 1st above ATP 250 level after reaching ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.
- > Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).
- > Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 566 wins overall most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968).

**NOTE**: Gasquet is on a 5-match losing streak vs. opponents ranked lower than him on tour-level, last win coming vs No.152 Altmaier at 2021 Umag SF.

#### **COURT 2**

#### [7] Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) vs Federico Coria (ARG) First Meeting

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina | Age: 22 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 4-8 (Doha QF) | Event: 0-1 (2019 1R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 32 and earned personal-best 27 wins in 2021.
- > Reached SFs at 2019 Estoril as Q in his 2nd ATP Tour main draw.
- > Defeated No. 10 Berrettini for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo QF and edged No. 16 Ruud in 5 sets en route to 2021 Roland Garros QF.
- > 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 holds a 1-5 tour-level record vs Argentines, only win coming vs. No. 51 Delbonis at 2021 Roland Garros.

Federico Coria | Age: 30 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 60 | 2022: 6-7 (2 times in QF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Earned personal-best 16 wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour final at Bastad and 1st SF at Cordoba.
- > Defeated fellow South American and World No. 18 Garin for biggest win of career in 2021 Bastad QF.
- > Qualified and saved 2 MPs vs. Moutet en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Rio de Janeiro.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2019 Savannah, 2021 Prostejov and 2021 Brasilia.
- > Says that his idol is Guillermo Coria, his older brother by 10 years who peaked at No. 3 in 2004.

**NOTE**: Playing in his 5th clay event of the season, he has a 5-4 record on clay in 2022, including two Top 50 wins over No. 19 Garin and No. 37 Lajovic.



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**COURT 4** 

Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [8] Laslo Djere (SRB) First Meeting

**COURT 5** 

Carlos Taberner (ESP) vs Yannick Hanfmann (GER) First Tour-Level Meeting

**Other Meetings** 

17 Shymkent CH (Kazakhstan) Clay SF Yannick Hanfmann 6-4 6-4 20 Australian Open (Australia) Hard Q1 Yannick Hanfmann 7-6(8) 6-1