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## ALCARAZ, NADAL, MURRAY AMONG WINNERS IN 2022 ATP AWARDS

**LONDON:** World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz and coach Juan Carlos Ferrero combine for three honours in the 2022 ATP Awards, following the 19-year-old's historic season on the ATP Tour. Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal, Holger Rune and Casper Ruud have also been named among the winners.

Alcaraz and Ferrero have been selected by their peers as the Most Improved Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively. Alcaraz, also honoured as the ATP No. 1 presented Pepperstone in the 2022 ATP Awards, made the biggest jump to year-end No. 1 in history and is the first teenager to finish in the top spot. He won five titles in 2022, including a first Grand Slam crown at the US Open and a pair of ATP Masters 1000 titles at the Miami Open presented by Itau and Mutua Madrid Open.

Two other Masters 1000 champions claim ATP Awards in player-voted categories. Rune, 19, has been named Newcomer of the Year while 26-year-old Coric takes home Comeback Player of the Year honours. Rune finished the season by winning 19 of his final 21 matches, defeating five Top 10 opponents en route to the Rolex Paris Masters title. Coric, a former World No. 12, returned from a shoulder injury to win the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati.

Ruud has been voted by fellow players as the first Scandinavian winner of the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award since the award's namesake in 1995. The Norwegian is also the first player other than Roger Federer and Nadal to win this category since 2003.

Meanwhile, Nadal adds to his ATP Awards haul by winning his first Fans' Favourite Award. The 36-year-old Spaniard's collection includes a full set in the player-voted categories – Newcomer (2003), Most Improved (2005), Comeback (2013) and Sportsmanship (2010, 2018-2021) – in addition to the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award (2011) and ATP No. 1 presented by Pepperstone (2008, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2019).

Murray has been named recipient of the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award for a second time, in recognition of his support for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. The 35-year-old Brit, who has [written an essay about his charity work](#) for ATP.com, donated his 2022 prize money to a UNICEF campaign for children.

The 2022 ATP Awards also recognises Wesley Koolhof & Neal Skupski, winners of seven titles during the first year of their partnership, as the ATP Doubles No. 1 presented by Pepperstone. Australian Open champions Thanasi Kokkinakis & Nick Kyrgios have been voted as Fans' Favourite doubles team.

The BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells (ATP Masters 1000), the cinch Championships at the Queen's Club in London (ATP 500) and the Qatar ExxonMobil Open in Doha (ATP 250) have been [voted by players as Tournament of the Year](#) in their respective categories. Meanwhile, Argentine journalist Sebastian Torok of LA NACION, has been recognised as the recipient of the Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award.

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## 2022 ATP Awards Winners

### ATP No. 1 presented by Pepperstone

(determined by Pepperstone ATP Rankings)

### Most Improved Player of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Carlos Alcaraz:** The 19-year-old Spaniard is the first teenager and youngest player to finish No. 1 in the 50 editions of the year-end Pepperstone ATP Rankings. He made the biggest jump to year-end No. 1 in history, rising from No. 32 at the end of 2021. Alcaraz, the 2020 Newcomer of the Year, became the youngest ATP 500 champion (since 2009) by winning Rio de Janeiro in February. He also led the Tour with two ATP Masters 1000 titles (Miami and Madrid) and five titles overall (tied with Novak Djokovic). Alcaraz clinched his first Grand Slam title in September, when he became the youngest men's singles winner at the US Open since 19-year-old Pete Sampras in 1990.

### ATP Doubles No. 1 presented by Pepperstone

(determined by Pepperstone ATP Rankings)

**Wesley Koolhof & Neal Skupski:** The Dutchman and Briton won seven titles in their first year as a team, highlighted by their triumphs at three ATP Masters 1000 events (Madrid, Montreal and Paris). They were successful across different surfaces – outdoor and indoor hard courts, clay and grass – also picking up trophies in Melbourne, Adelaide, Doha and 's-Hertogenbosch. In addition to reaching the top as a team, Koolhof hit No. 1 in the Pepperstone ATP Doubles Rankings on 7 November. Skupski joined him as joint World No. 1 a week later.

### Comeback Player of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Borna Coric:** After missing a year due to a shoulder injury and surgery in May 2021, the 26-year-old Croatian surged back up the Pepperstone ATP Rankings, from No. 278 in May to a year-end No. 26. Coric, who started his comeback in March, won an ATP Challenger Tour title in June. The former World No. 12 then charged back into the ATP Tour winners' circle in style at the Western & Southern Open in August. Coric took out five Top 20 players in a row, including Rafael Nadal, Felix Auger-Aliassime and Stefanos Tsitsipas, to claim his first ATP Masters 1000 title in Cincinnati. Dominic Thiem, Stan Wawrinka and Wu Yibing were also nominated for Comeback Player of the Year.

### Newcomer of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Holger Rune:** The Dane enjoyed a standout season that saw him claim three titles and break into the Top 10 of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings. Rune lifted his maiden ATP Tour title in Munich in May, two days after turning 19. He won 19 of his final 21 matches of the year, reaching four straight finals during that run. Rune won the Stockholm title in between runner-up finishes in Sofia and Basel. He then capped off his 2022 campaign by defeating five Top 10 opponents in a row – including Novak Djokovic in the final – to win the ATP Masters 1000 title at the Rolex Paris Masters. #NextGenATP players Jack Draper, Jiri Lehecka, Ben Shelton and Chun-Hsin Tseng were also nominees for Newcomer of the Year.

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## **Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award**

(voted by ATP players)

**Casper Ruud:** The Norwegian has been recognised by fellow players for his fair play, professionalism and integrity on and off the court. By winning the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award, Ruud breaks the dominance of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, who combined to win it each year since 2004 — Federer 13 times and Nadal five. The 23-year-old is also the award's first Scandinavian winner since Sweden's Edberg won it for a fifth time in 1995; the following year, it was renamed in his honour. This season, Ruud reached a career-high World No. 2 and won three ATP Tour titles. Carlos Alcaraz, Felix Auger-Aliassime, Nadal and Frances Tiafoe were also nominated in this category.

## **Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award**

(awarded by ATP)

**Andy Murray:** The 35-year-old Brit has been named the 2022 Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award recipient in recognition of his support for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Murray donated his prize money for 2022 – more than US\$630,000, starting in March with Indian Wells – to a UNICEF campaign for children affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Murray, a UNICEF UK Ambassador since 2014, is the fourth player who has earned the award multiple times, joining Andre Agassi, Roger Federer and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi.

## **Fans' Favourite Award (Singles)**

(voted by fans)

**Rafael Nadal:** The 36-year-old wins the fan-voted ATP Award for the first time, adding to his full set of Awards in the player-voted categories: Newcomer, Most Improved, Comeback and Sportsmanship. Nadal was also named Arthur Ashe Humanitarian of the Year in 2011 and crowned ATP No. 1 presented by Pepperstone five times. The Spaniard made his best start to an ATP Tour season by winning his first 20 matches of 2022, a run that included a record 21st Grand Slam crown at the Australian Open. He made it 22 major titles with victory at Roland Garros.

## **Fans' Favourite Award (Doubles)**

(voted by fans)

**Thanasi Kokkinakis & Nick Kyrgios:** The Australians have been voted as the Fans' Favourite doubles team for the first time. The longtime friends started the season by winning a first team title at the Australian Open. Kokkinakis, 26, and 27-year-old Kyrgios also reached the Miami semi-finals and clinched the Atlanta title, before capping off their 2022 campaign with debut at the Nitto ATP Finals.

## **Coach of the Year**

(voted by ATP coaches)

**Juan Carlos Ferrero:** The former World No. 1 helped Carlos Alcaraz achieve a record-breaking season on Tour. Ferrero first set eyes on his countryman at the Equelite Sport Academy when the 2021 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals champion was just 13 years old. He witnessed Alcaraz earn his first ATP Tour point aged 14, before the pair started officially working together in 2018. Ferrero was selected as the winner from a shortlist that included Frederic Fontang (Felix Auger-Aliassime), Goran Ivanisevic (Novak Djokovic), Michael Russell (Taylor Fritz) and Christian Ruud (Casper Ruud).

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## **ATP Masters 1000 Tournament of the Year**

(voted by ATP players)

**BNP Paribas Open (Indian Wells):** The BNP Paribas Open wins in the ATP Masters 1000 category for a record-extending eighth time — all in succession. Held amidst the natural beauty and backdrop of the desert landscape, the Indian Wells Tennis Garden offers top-notch player facilities and amenities; plentiful practice courts that allow fans to watch players up close; and unparalleled dining options.

## **ATP 500 Tournament of the Year**

(voted by ATP players)

**cinch Championships (London):** The cinch Championships at The Queen's Club claims honours at the ATP 500 level, winning for the fourth time. Also recognised in the ATP Awards in 2015, 2016 and 2018, the tournament has thrived in its prestigious setting in West Kensington by consistently attracting some of the best singles and doubles players on the ATP Tour.

## **ATP 250 Tournament of the Year**

(voted by ATP players)

**Qatar ExxonMobil Open (Doha):** The Qatar ExxonMobil Open repeats as winner in the ATP 250 category, claiming the Tournament of the Year award for the fifth time overall (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021). Doha has set high standards since its inception in 1993 and under the guidance of former player Karim Alami, the tournament continues to build its reputation for its superb facility, world-class hospitality and welcoming fans.

## **Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award**

(awarded by ATP)

**Sebastian Torok:** Torok has been a journalist for the Argentine newspaper LA NACION since 2000. He has covered football, rugby, boxing and handball, but specialises in tennis. He has been a radio columnist and, since 2018, has been a commentator on ESPN Latin America. He also wrote biographies on Juan Martin del Potro ('El milagro Del Potro' and 'The Gentle Giant') and Gustavo Fernandez, a leading figure in wheelchair tennis ('Hambre de Lobo'). The Argentine received international recognition at the AIPS Sport Media Awards for various investigations.

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