



QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022

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2022 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN - SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	DOHA W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Denis Shapovalov (CAN)	141-113 (1 Title)	1-1 (2021 QF)
2	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	343-208 (9 Titles)	9-2 (2019 Champion)
3	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	131-144 (5 Titles)	9-3 (2021 Champion)
4	Marin Cilic (CRO)	556-309 (20 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Daniel Evans (GBR)	104-107 (1 Title)	1-2 (2021 2R)
6	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	181-140 (4 Titles)	1-2 (2017 2R)
7	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	76-73 (1 Title)	2-2 (2020-21 2R)
8	Lloyd Harris (RSA)	62-58 (2 Finals)	1-1 (2021 2R)

Tournament History 1993-Present (30th Edition in 2022)
Singles Final Saturday 19 February at 6:00 pm
Qualifiers (4) Christopher Eubanks (USA), Thomas Fabbiano (ITA), Jozef Kovalik (SVK), Christopher O'Connell (AUS)
Wild Cards (3) Marin Cilic (CRO), Malek Jaziri (TUN), Andy Murray (GBR)
Lucky Loser (1) Elias Ymer (SWE)
Oldest Player Andy Murray (34)
#NextGenATP (1) Lorenzo Musetti (19)
Tournament Records
Most Titles – Roger Federer (3)
Most Wins – Roger Federer (26)
Youngest Champion – Andy Murray, 20, in 2008
Oldest Champion – David Ferrer, 32, in 2015
Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 in 4 occasions: Roger Federer in 2005-06, Rafael Nadal in 2014, Novak Djokovic in 2016
Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 124 Rainer Schuettler in 1999

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (23)

Great Britain (2)	Daniel Evans, Andy Murray	South Africa (1)	Lloyd Harris
Italy (2)	Thomas Fabbiano, Lorenzo Musetti	Sweden (1)	Elias Ymer
Slovakia (2)	Jozef Kovalik, Alex Molcan	Tunisia (1)	Malek Jazir
Spain (2)	Roberto Bautista Agut, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina		
USA (2)	Christopher Eubanks, Mackenzie McDonald		
Australia (1)	Christopher O'Connell		
Belarus (1)	Egor Gerasimov		
Belgium (1)	David Goffin		
Canada (1)	Denis Shapovalov		
Croatia (1)	Marin Cilic		
Czech Republic (1)	Jiri Vesely		
Finland (1)	Emil Ruusuvuori		
France (1)	Arthur Rinderknech		
Georgia (1)	Nikoloz Basilashvili		
Hungary (1)	Marton Fucsovics		
Japan (1)	Taro Daniel		
Kazakhstan (1)	Alexander Bublik		
Korea (1)	Soonwoo Kwon		
Netherlands (1)	Botic van de Zandschulp		
Russia (1)	Karen Khachanov		

2022 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN - DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	DOHA W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavic (CRO)	209-119 (17 Titles) 326-167 (26 Titles)	2-3 (2018, 2021 QF) 6-4 (2018 Champion)
2	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Michael Venus (NZL)	358-244 (16 Titles) 238-167 (16 Titles)	3-5 (2013 SF) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Wesley Koolhof (NED) Neal Skupski (GBR)	168-129 (9 Titles) 153-122 (8 Titles)	4-1 (2020 Champion) 1-1 (2020 QF)
4	Sander Gille (BEL) Joran Vliegen (BEL)	71-62 (5 Titles) 71-63 (5 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Friday 18 February at 3:45pm before singles semi-finals.

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	114,875	80,410	53,255	35,510	22,975	12,530
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	40,720	29,240	18,800	12,530	7,310	--

* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN – SINGLES FINALS (Since 2005)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	7-6(5) 6-2
2020	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	Corentin Moutet (FRA)	6-2 7-6(3)
2019	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	6-4 3-6 6-3
2018	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	6-2 6-3
2017	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-3 5-7 6-4
2016	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	6-1 6-2
2015	David Ferrer (ESP)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	6-4, 7-5
2014	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-1 6-7(5) 6-2
2013	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)	3-6, 7-6(4), 6-3
2012	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	7-5 6-3
2011	Roger Federer (SUI)	Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)	6-3 6-4
2010	Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	0-6 7-6(8) 6-4
2009	Andy Murray (GBR)	Andy Roddick (USA)	6-4 6-2
2008	Andy Murray (GBR)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	6-4 4-6 6-2
2007	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-4 6-4
2006	Roger Federer (SUI)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-3 7-6(5)
2005	Roger Federer (SUI)	Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)	6-3 6-1

BOLD: Player in 2022 Qatar Exxonmobil Open singles draw.

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN – DOUBLES FINALS (Since 2005)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Aslan Karatsev/Andrey Rublev	Marcus Daniell/Philipp Oswald	7-5 6-4
2020	Rohan Bopanna/Wesley Koolhof	Luke Bambridge/Santiago Gonzalez	3-6 6-2 [10-6]
2019	David Goffin/Pierre-Hugues Herbert	Robin Haase/Matwe Middelkoop	5-7 6-4 [10-4]
2018	Oliver Marach/ Mate Pavic	Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares	6-2 7-6(6)
2017	Jeremy Chardy/ Fabrice Martin	Vasek Pospisil/Radek Stepanek	6-4 7-6(3)

2016	Feliciano Lopez/Marc Lopez	Philipp Petzschner/Alexander Peya	6-4 6-3
2015	Juan Monaco/Rafael Nadal	Julian Knowle/Philipp Oswald	6-3 6-4
2014	Tomas Berdych/Jan Hajek	Alexander Peya/Bruno Soares	6-2 6-4
2013	Christopher Kas/Philipp Kohlschreiber	Julian Knowle/Filip Polasek	7-5 6-4
2012	Filip Polasek/Lukas Rosol	Christopher Kas/Philipp Kohlschreiber	6-3 6-4
2011	Marc Lopez/Rafael Nadal	Daniele Bracciali/Andreas Seppi	6-3 7-6(4)
2010	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez/Albert Montanes	Frantisek Cermak/Michal Mertinak	6-4 7-5
2009	Marc Lopez/Rafael Nadal	Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic	4-6 6-4 [10-8]
2008	Philipp Kohlschreiber/David Skoch	Jeff Coetzee/Wesley Moodie	6-4 4-6 [11-9]
2007	Nenad Zimonjic /Mikhail Youzhny	Martin Damm/Leander Paes	6-1 7-6(3)
2006	Jonas Bjorkman/Max Mirnyi	Christophe Rochus/Olivier Rochus	2-6 6-3 [10-8]
2005	Albert Costa/Rafael Nadal	Andrei Pavel/ Mikhail Youzhny	6-3 4-6 6-3

BOLD: Player in 2022 Qatar Exxonmobil Open doubles draw.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Alex Molcan (SVK) vs [Q] Christopher O'Connell (AUS)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

21 Hamburg Q (Germany)

Clay Q2 Alex Molcan

6-3 5-7 6-3

Alex Molcan | Age: 24 | World No. 73 | Career-High No. 72 | 2022: 3-3 (Melbourne QF) | Doha: 0-0 (Debut)

> Ended 2021 as No. 1 Slovakian before achieving career-high No. 72 in January 2022.

> Earned 1st 4 ATP Tour main draw wins of career en route to 2021 Belgrade-2 final as 255th-ranked Q (l. to No. 1 Djokovic).

> Defeated Nakashima in 5 sets to join 4 other qualifiers in 2021 US Open 3R and reached 2R at 2022 Australian Open (d. Safiullin, l. to Andujar).

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger title at 2021 Liberec, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.

> Peaked at No. 18 in junior rankings after reaching 2015 Australian Open boys' doubles final w/Hurkacz.

NOTE: Molcan seeks his 1st win in Doha on his tournament debut. He started the year with Melbourne QF (d. Goffin in 2R, l. to Ruusuvuori in QF), his 2nd career QF.

Christopher O'Connell | Age: 27 | World No. 148 | Career-High No. 111 | 2022: 2-3 (Aus. Open 3R) | Doha: 0-1 (2021 1R)

> Achieved career-high No. 111 on 14 September 2020 after reaching the US Open 2R (l. to Medvedev). Broke into Top 200 on 23 September 2019 following run to Sibiu, ROU Challenger final. Unranked to begin 2019 season.

> Made ATP Tour debut in his hometown by qualifying at 2017 Sydney and reached best result at 2021 Atlanta QF (d. No. 23 Sinner on 2R and l. to Isner in QF).

> Achieved 1st Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Djere) and reached best Aus. Open result in 2022, where he beat No. 13 Schwartzman on his way to the 3R (l. to Cressy).

> Went 32-13 on ATP Challenger Tour in 2019 with titles at Cordenons, ITA and Fairfield, USA. Also advanced to Challenger finals in 2019 at Sibiu, ROU and Knoxville, USA.

> Posted 50-11 record on ITF World Tennis Tour in 2019 with 3 titles in 10 finals: Antalya, TUR; Doboj, BIH and Balatonalmadi, HUN. Played 108 singles matches in 2019, including qualifying 1R losses at ATP Tour events in Brisbane and Sydney.

NOTE: O'Connell had a great start of the season with his best Grand Slam result (Aus. Open 3R) and best career win, d. No. 13 Schwartzman at the Aus. Open 2R. Last year he qualified in Doha on his tournament debut and l. to Pospisil in the 1R.

[Q] Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) vs Botić van de Zandschulp (NED) **First Meeting**

Thomas Fabbiano | Age: 32 | World No. 192 | Career-High No. 70 | 2022: 0-0 | Doha: 0-1 (2018 1R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 70 on 18 September 2017 soon after run to US Open 3R.
- > Qualified and snapped 9-match tour-level losing streak en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Eastbourne. Earned 1st 2 ATP Tour wins en route to 1st QF at 2016 Chennai as Q.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R on 4 occasions: 2017 US Open, 2018 Wimbledon as Q, 2019 Australian Open and 2019 Wimbledon. Defeated 3-time Grand Slam champion Wawrinka in 2018 Wimbledon 2R. Withstood 67 aces to beat Opelka in 2019 Australian Open 2R. Earned biggest wins of career over No. 6 Tsitsipas in 2019 Wimbledon 1R and No. 4 Thiem in 2019 US Open 1R.
- > Owns 183-169 record on ATP Challenger Tour (6-2 in finals). Boasts Challenger wins over past or present Top 20 players Basilashvili, Berrettini, Cecchinato, Chung, Granollers, Hrbaty, Ramos-Vinolas and Shapovalov.
- > Peaked at No. 6 in junior rankings on 2 April 2007. Went 76-41 on ITF Junior Circuit including appearances in boys' singles SFs at 2007 Australian Open and 2007 US Open. Captured 2007 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Karatchenia.

NOTE: Fabbiano is playing his 1s tour-level main draw match since 2021 Monte-Carlo, where he qualified and l. to Hurkacz in the 1R. He seeks his first tour-level win since 2019 US Open 2R (d. No. 4 Thiem and l. to Bublik). He seeks his 1st win in Doha.

B. van de Zandschulp | Age: 26 | World No. 50 (Career-High) | 2022: 5-4 (Melbourne QF) | Doha: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Ended 2021 as No. 1 Dutchman and achieved career-high No. 50 in January 2022.
- > At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.
- > Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Tringelliti in Q3).
- > Qualified and upset No. 6 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.
- > Advanced to 2021 Melbourne-1 QF in ATP Tour debut as World No. 159.

NOTE: No. 1 Dutchman is playing on his career-high ATP ranking No. 50. He started the season with Melbourne QF (l. to Dimitrov) and achieved Aus. Open 3R for the 1st time (d. Struff, Gasquet, l. to Medvedev). He seeks his 1st win in Doha on his tournament debut.

[6] Karen Khachanov (RUS) vs Mackenzie McDonald (USA) **Khachanov Leads 2-0**

21 Marseille (France)	Hard	R16	Karen Khachanov	7-6(4) 6-4
21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R128	Karen Khachanov	3-6 6-3 6-4 7-6(3)

- Karen Khachanov** | Age: 25 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 7-4 (Adelaide-1 F) | Doha: 1-2 (2017 2R)
- > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019, becoming 1st Russian in Top 10 since Youzhny in 2011.
 - > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
 - > Became 1st Russian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since Davydenko at 2009 Shanghai and remains only unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
 - > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2019 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon, where he broke Korda 7 times in 5th set of 4R win.
 - > Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 Russian and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).

NOTE: Khachanov is back in Doha since his last two appearances in 2017 (2R) and 2018 (1R). He's 7-4 this season, with best result at Adelaide-1 final (l. to Monfils). At Australian Open l. to eventual champion Nadal in 3R.

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 26 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 49 | 2022: 4-5 (4 times in 2R) | Doha: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 49 in February 2022 after undergoing right hamstring surgery in 2019 and falling outside Top 250 in 2020.
- > Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington.
- > Also in 2021, qualified at Roland Garros and Wimbledon after reaching Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
- > Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
- > Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: McDonald seeks his 1st win in Doha on his tournament debut. He seeks his 5th 2R this season. Last week he defeated No. 21 Basilashvili in the Rotterdam 1R and l. to de Minaur in three sets in 2R.

[5] Daniel Evans (GBR) vs Egor Gerasimov (BLR)

First Meeting

Daniel Evans | Age: 31 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 22 | 2022: 6-2 (Sydney SF) | Doha: 1-2 (2021 2R)

> Unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 22 in September 2021.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2.

> Reached 1st final at 2017 Sydney and squandered 3 MPs vs. Albot in 2019 Delray Beach final as Q.

> Rallied from 2 sets down and won 5th-set TB vs. Popyrin to reach 2nd Grand Slam 4R of career at 2021 US Open.

> Upset No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo SF and reached back-to-back ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals w/N. Skupski at Miami and Monte Carlo in 2021.

NOTE: Evans is 6-2 this season, with 3 wins at ATP Cup (including win vs. No. 14 Shapovalov), SF in Sydney (l. to Karatsev) and Aus. Open 3R (l. to No. 9 Auger-Aliassime).

Egor Gerasimov | Age: 29 | World No. 124 | Career-High No. 65 | 2022: 2-5 (Adelaide-1 QF) | Doha: 0-0 (Debut)

> Achieved career-high No. 65 in February 2020 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Pune and defeating No. 10 Goffin at Marseille for biggest win of career.

> Earned 7 wins in 8 days across 2 countries en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 St. Petersburg (2 Davis Cup, 2 qualifying, 3 main draw).

> Qualified at a Grand Slam for 1st time in 14th attempt at 2019 US Open and defeated Harris in 1R.

> Also qualified at 5 ATP Tour events in 4-month span: 2021 Sofia, 2021 Moscow, 2021 St. Petersburg, 2022 Adelaide-1 and 2022 Adelaide-2.

> Owns 6-1 record in Challenger finals, including 2019 Recanati title.

NOTE: Gerasimov seeks 1st win in Doha on his tournament debut. He's 2-5 this season with Adelaide-1 QF as a Q as best result (l. to Khachanov).

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[Q] Christopher Eubanks (USA) vs Soonwoo Kwon (KOR)

First Meeting