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NOVENTI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Four-time ATP 500 champion **Andrey Rublev** and three-time ATP 500 champion **Nikoloz Basilashvili** will meet on Saturday for a spot in the Halle ATP 500 final. Rublev's lone loss in an ATP 500 final came against Basilashvili at 2019 Hamburg. He avenged that loss en route to his fourth ATP 500 title at 2021 Rotterdam.
- The 30th-ranked Basilashvili was relegated to qualifying because he did not enter by the 19 May main draw deadline. He is the second-highest-ranked qualifier to reach an ATP Tour semi-final since the tour was established in 1990. **Goran Ivanisevic** won the 1991 Manchester title as an 11th-ranked qualifying wild card.
- Rublev has held in 30 of his 31 services games this week and is up to 32 wins on the year – second only to **Stefanos Tsitsipas**' 39. The 23-year-old Russian leads the ATP Tour with 73 victories since the start of 2020.

Highest-Ranked Qualifiers to Reach ATP Tour SF (with Finish)

No. 11 Goran Ivanisevic	1991 Manchester	Champion
No. 30 Nikoloz Basilashvili	2021 Halle	?
No. 32 Daniil Medvedev	2018 Tokyo	Champion
No. 33 Mischa Zverev	2017 Geneva	Finalist
No. 36 Gilles Simon	2008 Casablanca	Champion

NOTE: Qualifiers tracked since start of ATP Tour in 1990

Most Wins on ATP Tour (2020-21)

1	Andrey Rublev	73
2T	Novak Djokovic	68
2T	Stefanos Tsitsipas	68
4	Alexander Zverev	52
5T	Daniil Medvedev	50
5T	Rafael Nadal	50

- In the other semi-final, **Felix Auger-Aliassime** and **Ugo Humbert** will meet for the third time on grass. Humbert won their 2019 Wimbledon meeting before falling to Auger-Aliassime in the Stuttgart quarter-finals on 11 June. Auger-Aliassime seeks a spot in his ninth ATP Tour final, while Humbert hopes for a third. However, Auger-Aliassime is 0-8 in finals (0-16 in sets) and Humbert is 2-0 with championships at 2020 Auckland and Antwerp.
- Auger-Aliassime leads all players this week with 36 aces, 87% of first-serve points won (106 of 122) and 38% of first-serve return points won (48 of 125). The 20-year-old Canadian has also held in 33 of his 34 service games.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

[4] Andrey Rublev (RUS) vs [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

19 Doha (Qatar)	Hard	R16	Nikoloz Basilashvili
19 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	F	Nikoloz Basilashvili
19 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Andrey Rublev
20 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	R32	Andrey Rublev

Series Tied 2-2

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

Andrey Rublev | Age: 23 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 7 | 2021: 32-9 (Rotterdam Title) | Halle: 5-1 (2021 SF)
> Broke into Top 20 in January 2020 and Top 10 in October 2020, then achieved career-high No. 7 in April 2021 following 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Monte Carlo.

> Led ATP Tour with 5 titles and tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, sweeping Doha and Adelaide to become 1st player since Hrbaty in 2004 to win titles in opening 2 weeks of a season.

> Won 23 straight ATP 500 matches with 4 titles from 2020-21 and went 4-0 in singles for 2021 ATP Cup team title.

> Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2017 US Open, 2020 US Open, 2020 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open, becoming youngest US Open quarter-finalist at age 19 since Roddick, 19, in 2001.

> Earned biggest career wins over No. 3 Federer in 2019 Cincinnati 3R, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Vienna QF, No. 3 Thiem in 2020 Nitto ATP Finals RR and No. 3 Nadal in 2021 Monte Carlo QF.

NOTE: Rublev is 28-2 at ATP 500 events since ATP Tour resumed from COVID-19 suspension last August (4 titles).

Nikoloz Basilashvili | Age: 29 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 16 | 2021: 19-15 (2 Titles) | Halle: 4-2 (2021 SF)
> Former World No. 16 is 15-2 on German clay with titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.
> Saved 1 MP vs. 3-time champion Federer en route to 2021 Doha title.
> Defeated No. 4 Del Potro for biggest win of career in 2018 Beijing final.
> Posted career-high 29 wins in 2018, including 3 victories en route to US Open 4R.
> Father, Nodar, was a dancer in Georgian national ballet.

NOTE: Basilashvili is into 4th SF in Germany and went on to titles at 2018 Hamburg, 2019 Hamburg and 2021 Munich.

Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

19 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R32

Ugo Humbert

Series Tied 1-1

6-4 7-5 6-3

21 Stuttgart (Germany)

Grass QF

Felix Auger-Aliassime

7-6(5) 7-6(8)

Other Meeting

15 Dutch Open Juniors (Netherlands)

Clay F

Ugo Humbert

6-3 6-2

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 20 | World No. 21 | Career-High No. 17 | 2021: 20-12 (2 Finals) | Halle: 3-0 (2021 SF)

> At age 18 on 27 May 2019, became youngest player in Top 25 since Hewitt, 18, on 13 December 1999.
> Advanced to 5 finals as a teenager to become youngest 5-time finalist since Nadal in 2004-05.
> Became youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at 2019 Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), then qualified and won 7 matches at 2019 Miami to become youngest semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1985).
> Won 1st doubles final at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Paris w/Hurkacz, but owns 0-8 record in singles finals (0-16 sets).
> Enjoys playing piano and would be an artist if he wasn't a tennis player.

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime owns surface records of 14-4 on grass (.778), 48-39 on hard (.552) and 20-21 on clay (.488).

Ugo Humbert | Age: 22 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 29 | 2021: 12-13 (Marseille, Halle SFs) | Halle: 3-0 (2021 SF)

> Ended 2020 in Top 30 after defeating No. 5 Medvedev en route to 1st ATP 500 QF at Hamburg and No. 6 Tsitsipas en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Paris.
> Defeated countryman Paire in 3rd-set TB for 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old.
> Youngest Frenchman to win an ATP Tour title since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and 1st Frenchman to win Auckland title in tournament history (since 1956).
> Saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
> Rallied from 2 sets down to defeat countryman Monfils en route to 2019 Wimbledon 4R.

NOTE: Humbert owns surface records of 11-5 on grass (.688), 38-33 on hard (.535) and 6-13 on clay (.316).

ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs [4] Andrey Rublev (RUS)

18 Umag (Croatia)

Clay R16

Andrey Rublev

Rublev Leads 2-0

20 Adelaide (Australia)

Hard SF

Andrey Rublev

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

Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)

Hard R16

Felix Auger-Aliassime

Auger-Aliassime Leads 3-0

19 Lyon (France)

Clay SF

Felix Auger-Aliassime

7-6(4) 6-4

20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)

Hard R64

Felix Auger-Aliassime

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

6-4 6-1

Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [4] Andrey Rublev (RUS)

20 St. Petersburg (Russia)

Hard R16

Andrey Rublev

Rublev Leads 1-0

4-6 6-4 7-5

Other Meeting

19 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q

Clay Q2

Andrey Rublev

6-4 6-4

Ugo Humbert (FRA) vs [Q] Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)

18 Metz (France)

Hard R16

Nikoloz Basilashvili

Basilashvili Leads 1-0

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