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BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL TALKING POINTS

- There are no Spaniards in the quarter-final line-up of **Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell** this season, making it only the fourth time in Open Era with zero home players in the final 8 in Barcelona (1981-82, 1989) and no Spanish semi-finalists for the first time since 1995. In the 23 editions since 2000, Spaniards lifted the trophy on eighteen different occasions.

Non-Spanish Barcelona Champions since 2000

Year	Champion (Opponent in final)
2000	Marat Safin (d. Ferrero)
2002	Gaston Gaudio (d. A. Costa)
2014-15	Kei Nishikori (d. Giraldo in 2014, Andujar in 2015)
2019	Dominic Thiem (d. Medvedev)

- Three-time finalist **Stefanos Tsitsipas** continues his campaign to lift his first ATP 500 title this week (0-10 in finals). The World No. 7 is on an 8-match winning streak and takes on **Facundo Diaz Acosta** in their first meeting. Diaz Acosta is looking for his 1st Top 10 win to become the first Argentine to defeat Tsitsipas since Schwartzman at 2022 ATP Cup (Tsitsipas is 8-0 since), while Tsitsipas looks to break a 4-match losing streak vs. left-handers (losses to Stricker, Molcan, Humbert and Shapovalov since US Open).
- Casper Ruud** leads the ATP Tour in wins (26) this season and is the highest-ranked player remaining in the draw. He looks for his fifth semi-final of 2024. The Norwegian faces **Matteo Arnaldi**, who defeated Ruud on Spanish clay in their only previous **Lexus ATP Head2Head** meeting at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid last year. Ruud bids to become the first Scandinavian to advance to Barcelona SF since **Soderling** in 2010.
- No. 12 seed **Cameron Norrie** meets No. 13 seed **Tomas Martin Etcheverry** for the 2nd time, as Norrie leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 1-0. Norrie aims to be the third British semi-finalist in Barcelona after **Andy Murray** in 2017 and **Daniel Evans** last year. On the other side of the net, Etcheverry aims to advance to the biggest ATP Tour SF of his career, fifth overall. The Argentine is 7-2 vs. lower-ranked players on clay in 2024.
- No. 16 seed **Arthur Fils**, No. 1 in the PIF ATP Live Race to Jeddah, upset the No. 4 seed **Alex de Minaur** in 3R and now meets **Dusan Lajovic**. The pair have split their previous two matches in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** with Lajovic winning their most recent match in Buenos Aires this year.
- The 19-year-old Fils aims to be the fifth different teenager to reach Barcelona semi-final since 2000. After defeating No. 13 **Humbert** in 3R and No. 27 **Davidovich Fokina**, Lajovic seeks third consecutive Top 50 win to become the first Serbian semi-finalist in tournament history.

Teenagers in Barcelona SF since 1990:

Player	Age	Years	Player	Age	Years
Carlos Alcaraz	18, 19	2022-23	Carlos Moya	19	1996
Jannik Sinner	19	2021	Alex Corretja	19	1994
Stefanos Tsitsipas	19	2018	Andrei Medvedev	18	1993
Rafael Nadal	18, 19	2005-06			

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES QUARTER-FINALS

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[12] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [13] Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG) Norrie Leads 1-0

23 Buenos Aires (Argentina) Clay QF Cameron Norrie 5-7 6-0 6-3

Cameron Norrie | Age: 28 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 12-7 (Rio SF) | Barcelona: 8-4 (2021-22, 2024 QF)
 > Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.
 > Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.
 > Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets.
 > Earned 52 wins in 2021 and 49 wins in 2022 before beating No. 2 Nadal at 2023 United Cup and No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro final for biggest wins of career.
 > Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University, and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie defeated Bautista Agut in 3R to earn 200th tour-level win of career (200-143) and now looks for his 25th tour-level semi-final (14-10) and become the only player to reach semi-finals at both clay ATP 500 events this season. He aims to break a 5-match losing streak vs. Top 30 on clay since defeating No. 2 Alcaraz in 2023 Rio de Janeiro F.

Tomas Martin Etcheverry | Age: 24 | World No. 30 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 10-9 (Houston SF) | Event: 3-1 (2024 QF)
 > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022, achieving career-high No. 27 in February 2024 after earning personal-best 30 wins in 2023.
 > At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R and reached the quarter-finals without losing a set.
 > Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago a month before reaching 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.
 > Qualified at 2022 Australian Open and earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 Australian Open (d. Barrere).
 > Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

NOTE: Etcheverry seeks 5th ATP Tour SF (2-2), all on clay and first above ATP 250 level. He aims to earn three consecutive wins for the first time since reaching 2023 Roland Garros QF (l. to Zverev).

Matteo Arnaldi (ITA) vs [3] Casper Ruud (NOR)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R64 Matteo Arnaldi

Arnaldi Leads 1-0

6-3 6-4

Matteo Arnaldi | Age: 23 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 35 | 2024: 13-9 (2 QFs) | Barcelona: 4-1 (2024 QF)
 > Broke into Top 500 in September 2021, Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 100 in May 2023, achieving career-high No. 35 in April 2024.
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2023 Umag and 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 US Open.
 > Qualified to reach 3R at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, defeating No. 4 Ruud for biggest win of career a week after earning first career ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Munar).
 > Owns 58-38 Challenger record (4-2 in finals), highlighted by 1st title on home soil at Francavilla al Mare.
 > Peaked at No. 22 in juniors, posting 80-42 singles record (3 titles) and 34-35 doubles record (2 titles).

NOTE: Arnaldi saved 4 MPs to defeat Baez in 2R and is now playing in the biggest of his 3 ATP Tour quarter-finals, seeking 2nd SF of career (2023 Umag). He is 2-6 vs. Top 10, defeating No. 4 Ruud for biggest win of career at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid in only prior clay court match vs. a Top 10 opponent.

Casper Ruud | Age: 25 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 26-7 (3 Finals) | Barcelona: 6-3 (2022, 2024 QF)
 > 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 ('22-'23 Roland Garros, '22 US Open) and an ATP Masters 1000 final ('22 Miami, '24 Monte-Carlo).
 > 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 No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (100), finals (14) and titles (9).
 > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final.

NOTE: Ruud leads the ATP Tour in wins this season (26) and looks for his 3rd consecutive semi-final, after reaching the stage in Estoril (l. to Martinez) and ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (l. to Tsitsipas in final) in previous two weeks. The Norwegian is 23-0 after winning the 1st set this season and is 10-3 vs. Italians on clay in his career.

Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG) vs [5] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) First Meeting

Facundo Diaz Acosta | Age: 23 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 52 | 2024: 12-8 (Buenos Aires Title) | Event: 3-0 (2024 QF)
 > Left-handed Argentine climbed to career-high No. 52 in February 2024 soon after defeating No. 21 Jarry for biggest win of career to earn 1st ATP Tour title in Buenos Aires without losing a set.
 > In his hometown Buenos Aires, made ATP Tour debut in 2020 as a WC, captured 1st ATP Tour win in 2023 (d. Coria) and advanced to 1st SF and final en route to 1st ATP Tour title in 2024.
 > Defeated compatriots Gomez and Tirante to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 Cordoba (l. to compatriot Baez).
 > Owns 82-53 Challenger record (5-3 in finals), earning titles at 2022 Coquimbo, 2023 Savannah, Oeiras-4, Milan and Montevideo, going 44-17 in 2023.
 > Former World No. 6 junior ended junior career in Buenos Aires by earning singles silver medal and doubles gold medal with countryman Baez at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Diaz Acosta is playing in his first match vs. a Top 10 player, seeking the biggest win of career. He is competing in his 3rd ATP Tour QF, first outside of Argentina and looks for 2nd SF. He is No. 46 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#), securing himself a Top 50 debut on Monday and could reach No. 39 with a QF win.

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 25 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 19-6 (Monte-Carlo Title) | Event: 18-5 ('18, '21, '23 F)
 > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 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 is on an 8-match winning streak after capturing his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title in Monte-Carlo last week. He is 27-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 20 on clay since the start of 2022 season and is 12-3 vs. Argentines, 7-1 on clay (l. to del Potro at 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Rome).

[16] Arthur Fils (FRA) vs Dusan Lajovic (SRB) Series Tied 1-1

23 Hamburg (Germany)	Clay	R16	Arthur Fils	7-5 7-5
24 Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Dusan Lajovic	6-3 6-4

Arthur Fils | Age: 19 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 34 | 2024: 13-10 (Auckland SF) | Barcelona: 2-0 (2024 QF)
 > Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in January 2021, then achieved career-high No. 34 in January 2024.
 > Became youngest Frenchman at 18 years and 11 months to win an ATP Tour title since Gael Monfils at 2005 Sopot, defeating F. Cerundolo to lift the 2023 Lyon title as No. 112-ranked WC.
 > In February 2023, became the youngest Frenchman to reach an ATP Tour SF since Gasquet in 2004 in Montpellier (l. to Sinner) and advanced to 2nd SF in Marseille (l. to Bonzi).
 > Made ATP Tour main draw debut at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris after beating Top-60 players Munar and Fognini in qualifying before losing to [LL] Fognini in 1R.
 > At 2021 Roland Garros, defeated former Top-20 player Tomic in Grand Slam qualifying debut as 16-year-old ranked 1,035th, advanced to boys' singles final (l. to countryman Van Assche) and won the boys' doubles title w/Mpetshi Perricard, achieving career-high No. 3 in junior rankings during 2021 season.

NOTE: Fils, the youngest player left in the field, seeks 7th ATP Tour SF (2-4), second above ATP 250 level (2023 Hamburg). The Frenchman is No. 32 on [PIF ATP Live Rankings](#) and could rise to No. 28 with a QF win.

Dusan Lajovic | Age: 33 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 10-8 (3 QFs) | Barcelona: 4-1 (2024 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 23 after defeating future World No. 1 Medvedev to reach 1st ATP Tour singles final at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo.
> Entered Monte Carlo as World No. 48 and became lowest-ranked finalist at that event since No. 53 Arazi in 2001.
> Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2023 Banja Luka, defeating World No. 1 Djokovic in QF for biggest win of career and No. 6 Rublev in the final.
> Won 1st ATP Tour singles title at 2019 Umag, doubles title at 2015 Istanbul w/Albot and team title at 2020 ATP Cup as member of Team Serbia.
> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R on 2 occasions: 2014 Roland Garros and 2021 Australian Open.
> Qualified 13 times at ATP Masters 1000 events, including en route to 2018 Madrid QF.

NOTE: Lajovic is 1-11 in ATP Tour QFs since the start of 2020 season, lone win over World No. 1 Djokovic in 2023 Banja Luka QF en route to his 2nd title. He seeks 8th ATP Tour SF (3-4), second above ATP 250 level (2019 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo), to become the lowest-ranked semi-finalist since No. 63 Tsitsipas in 2018.