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#### NITTO ATP FINALS TALKING POINTS

- The final Nitto ATP Finals semi-final spot is up for grabs on Friday between No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz and No. 7 Alexander Zverev, the 2018 and 2021 champion. No. 3 Daniil Medvedev is 2-0 in Red Group play so far and has already qualified for the semi-finals. He faces Alcaraz in the day session and in the evening session Zverev takes on No. 5 Andrey Rublev, who is 0-2 this week.
- In the opening singles day session match, **Alcaraz** and **Medvedev** square off for the fifth time (tied 2-2) in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head**. Alcaraz won in this year's ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final and in the Wimbledon semi-finals before Medvedev won the last meeting in the US Open semi-finals.
- Alcaraz earned his personal-best 10th Top 10 win of the season over Rublev on Wednesday and owns a 10-5 record against Top 10 opponents. Medvedev has not dropped a set (4-0) en route to his third Nitto ATP Finals semi-final in the last four years. He leads the ATP Tour this season with 66 overall wins and 49 on hard courts.
- Here are the Red Group qualifying semi-final scenarios going into Friday's play:

1) Regardless of score, if **ALCARAZ** defeats MEDVEDEV and **RUBLEV** defeats ZVEREV, then ALCARAZ wins the group and MEDVEDEV qualifies 2nd.

2) Regardless of score, if **MEDVEDEV** defeats ALCARAZ and **RUBLEV** defeats ZVEREV, then MEDVEDEV wins the group and ALCARAZ qualifies 2nd.

3) Regardless of score, if **MEDVEDEV** defeats ALCARAZ and **ZVEREV** defeats RUBLEV, then MEDVEDEV wins the group and ZVEREV qualifies 2nd.

4) **ALCARAZ** defeats MEDVEDEV in 2 sets and **ZVEREV** defeats RUBLEV in 2 sets, then ALCARAZ wins the group and MEDVEDEV qualifies 2nd.

5) **ALCARAZ** defeats MEDVEDEV in 2 sets and **ZVEREV** defeats RUBLEV in 3 sets, then ALCARAZ wins the group and MEDVEDEV qualifies 2nd.

6) **ALCARAZ** defeats MEDVEDEV in 3 sets and **ZVEREV** defeats RUBLEV in 2 sets, then MEDVEDEV wins the group and ALCARAZ qualifies 2nd.

7) **ALCARAZ** defeats MEDVEDEV in 3 sets and **ZVEREV** defeats RUBLEV in 3 sets, then MEDVEDEV wins the group and ALCARAZ qualifies 2nd.

- In the evening session, **Zverev** comes in with a 5-3 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** record against **Rublev**, who has won the past three meetings, all this season. Zverev won the first five meetings between 2016-2021. Zverev, who captured titles in 2018 and 2021, is trying to advance to the semi-finals for the fourth time in six appearances.
- Rublev, who reached the semi-finals last year, is trying to avoid his first 0-3 finish at the Nitto ATP Finals. He has lost straight-set matches to Medvedev and Alcaraz so far. In his first two appearances in 2020-21, he went 1-2 in round robin play.



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- In Red Group doubles action, in the opening match, No. 2 Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski bring a 3-2 Lexus ATP Head2Head record against No. 3 Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden. Both teams are 1-1 this week and the winner will advance to the semi-finals. Last year Koolhof/Skupski reached the semi-finals. Bopanna, 43, became the oldest player to win a match in tournament history on Wednesday.
- In the evening session, reigning Nitto ATP Finals champions and 3-time US Open winners No. 6 Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury meet No. 8 Rinky Hijikata and Jason Kubler for the first time. Ram/Salisbury already have qualified for the semi-finals for the fourth straight year and they enter with a seven-match Turin winning streak. Australian Open champions Hijikata/Kubler are trying to win their first match since Wimbledon 1R. This is only their second tournament together since then. They are 0-2 this week in their Nitto ATP Finals debut.
- Here are the doubles Red Group semi-final qualifying scenarios going into Friday's group play:
  1) Regardless of score, if KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI defeat BOPANNA / EBDEN and RAM / SALISBURY defeat HIJIKATA / KUBLER, then RAM / SALISBURY win the group and KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI qualify 2nd.
  2) Regardless of score, if KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI defeat BOPANNA / EBDEN and HIJIKATA / KUBLER defeat RAM / SALISBURY, then RAM / SALISBURY win the group and KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI qualify 2nd.
  3) Regardless of score, if BOPANNA / EBDEN defeat KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI and RAM / SALISBURY defeat HIJIKATA / KUBLER, then RAM / SALISBURY win the group and BOPANNA / EBDEN qualify 2nd.
  4) Regardless of score, if BOPANNA / EBDEN defeat KOOLHOF / SKUPSKI and HIJIKATA / KUBLER defeat RAM / SALISBURY, then RAM / SALISBURY win the group and BOPANNA / EBDEN qualify 2nd.

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| Player          |       | Conversion<br>Score |       |     |     |     | Backhand<br>Quality |
|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|
| Carlos Alcaraz  | 22.3  | 70.2                | 38.2  | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 7.8                 |
| Daniil Medvedev | 21.9  | 69                  | 39.4  | 8.1 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 8.1                 |
| Tour Average    | 23.0% | 66.0%               | 34.0% | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 7.1                 |

#### Alcaraz vs Medvedev - Insight from 2023 season;

When Alcaraz defeated Medvedev in Indian Wells, he was able to break down the Medvedev defences and achieve a Conversion Score of 71%. This is special as opponents average a 61% Conversion Score vs Medvedev, and when Alcaraz loses to Medvedev, he has a low Conversion Score.

| Rublev vs zverev - insight hom zozo season, |           |            |       |         |         |         |          |
|---|-----------|------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|   |           | Conversion |       | Serve   |         |         | Backhand |
| Player                                      | In Attack | Score      | Score | Quality | Quality | Quality | Quality  |
| Andrey Rublev                               | 25.6      | 70.6       | 31.4  | 8.2     | 7.1     | 8.3     | 7.5      |
| Alexander Zverev                            | 25.2      | 66.4       | 32    | 8.5     | 7.4     | 8.0     | 7.8      |
| Tour Average                                | 23.0%     | 66.0%      | 34.0% | 7.9     | 6.6     | 7.5     | 7.1      |

#### Rublev vs Zverev - Insight from 2023 season;

Insight from Vienna quarter-final (a very high-level match);

| Player           | In Attack | Conversion<br>Score | Steal<br>Score | Serve<br>Quality | Return<br>Quality | Forehand<br>Quality | Backhand<br>Quality |
|------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Andrey Rublev    | 32        | 74                  | 38             | 8.6              | 8.1               | 8.8                 | 8.0                 |
| Alexander Zverev | 21        | 62                  | 26             | 9.0              | 9.0               | 7.8                 | 8.7                 |
| Tour Average     | 23.0%     | 66.0%               | 34.0%          | 7.9              | 6.6               | 7.5                 | 7.1                 |



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#### LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: RED GROUP SINGLES MATCHES

| [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) vs [3] Daniil Medvedev |        |     |                 | Serie  | s Tiec | 2-2 |     |
|---|--------|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| 21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)                    | Grass  | R64 | Daniil Medvedev | 6-4    | 6-1    | 6-2 |     |
| 23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (USA           | ()Hard | F   | Carlos Alcaraz  | 6-3    | 6-2    |     |     |
| 23 Wimbledon (Great Britain)                    | Grass  | SF  | Carlos Alcaraz  | 6-3    | 6-3    | 6-3 |     |
| 23 US Open (U.S.A.)                             | Hard   | SF  | Daniil Medvedev | 7-6(3) | 6-1    | 3-6 | 6-3 |

| CARLOS ALCARAZ             | vs                             | DANIIL MEDVEDEV            |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 20 (5 May 2003)            | Age (Birthdate)                | 27 (11 February 1996)      |
| No. 2                      | Pepperstone ATP Ranking        | No. 3                      |
| No. 1 on 12 September 2022 | Career-High Ranking            | No. 1 on 28 February 2022  |
| El Palmar, Murcia, Spain   | Birthplace                     | Moscow                     |
| 1 (2023)                   | Nitto ATP Finals Appearances   | 5 (2019-2023)              |
| 1-1 (Debut)                | Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish) | 11-7 (2020 Title)          |
| 12 (6)                     | Titles (2023)                  | 20 (5)                     |
| 3 (1)                      | Hard-Court Titles (2023)       | 18 (4)                     |
| 0 (0)                      | Indoor Titles (2023)           | 8 (1)                      |
| 154-42 (64-11)             | W-L (2023)                     | 333-134 (66-16)            |
| 74-26 (27-8)               | Hard Courts (2023)             | 265-88 (49-10)             |
| 17-8 (1-2)                 | Indoors (2023)                 | 91-36 (11-2)               |
| 22-14 (10-5)               | vs Top 10 (2023)               | 41-39 (12-7)               |
| 55-34 (19-9)               | Tiebreaks (2023)               | 98-74 (16-15)              |
| 132-10 (55-5)              | After Winning 1st Set (2023)   | 282-28 (57-1)              |
| 40-19 (12-6)               | Deciding Sets (2023)           | 77-53 (14-5)               |
| \$21,477,574 (\$9,647,931) | Prize Money (2023)             | \$34,734,561 (\$8,134,179) |
| Juan Carlos Ferrero        | Coach                          | Gilles Cervara             |

#### CARLOS ALCARAZ

#### 2023 Season

W (6): Buenos Aires (d. Norrie); ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (d. Medvedev); Barcelona (d. Tsitsipas); ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (d. Struff); London/Queen's Club (d. de Minaur); Wimbledon (d. Djokovic)
F (2): Rio de Janeiro (l. to Norrie); ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (l. to Djokovic)
SF (4): ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to Sinner); Roland Garros (l. to Djokovic); US Open (l. to Medvedev); Beijing (l. to Sinner)
QF (1): ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (l. to Paul)

#### **Nitto ATP Finals Stats**

• The 20-year-old Spaniard earned his first tournament win 7-5 6-2 over Rublev, winning 94% of 1st serve pts. and never facing break point. He opened with a 6-7(3) 6-3 6-4 loss to Zverev on Monday in his tournament debut.

• Looking to become the youngest semi-finalist since Nadal (20) in 2006.

• He is the youngest player in the field along with 20-year-old Rune, this marks first time since 2000 Lisbon there are two 20-and-under players in the field. In 2000, Lleyton Hewitt (19) and Marat Safin (20) made their debuts.

• Qualified last year but withdrew due to an internal oblique muscle tear in his left abdominal wall.

• One of 7 players in the field who has played at the Next Gen ATP Finals in Milan (Hurkacz, Medvedev, Rublev, Rune, Sinner, Tsitsipas) and captured 2021 title (d. Korda).



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#### **Career Highlights**

• Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in Pepperstone ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season earning a total of 36 weeks.

• Has compiled a 6-2 record in finals in 2023 and has a 12-4 career record in tour-level finals from 2021-23.

• Became third Spanish man in Wimbledon history to win the singles title after Nadal (2008, 2010) and Santana (1966), defeating Djokovic in a 5-set battle for his 2nd Grand Slam title.

• Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.

• Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (173 events since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (since 1990).

• Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on backto-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.

• Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch, 18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

#### DANIIL MEDVEDEV

#### 2023 Season

**W (5)**: Rotterdam (d. Sinner); Doha (d. Murray); Dubai (d. Rublev); ATP Masters 1000 Miami (d. Sinner); ATP Masters 1000 Rome (d. Rune)

**F (4)**: ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (I. to Alcaraz); US Open (I. to Djokovic); Beijing (I. to Sinner); Vienna (I. to Sinner) **SF (2)**: Adelaide-1 (I. to Djokovic); Wimbledon (I. to Alcaraz)

QF (3): ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (I. to Rune); Halle (I. to Bautista Agut); ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (I. to de Minaur)

#### Nitto ATP Finals Stats

• Opened with a 6-4 6-2 victory over Rublev on Monday (saving all 7 break points faced), then posted a 7-6(7) 6-4 win over Zverev to advance to the semi-finals for the third time in five appearances.

• Last year went 0-3 in round robin play, losing to Rublev, Tsitsipas and Djokovic all in a third-set tie-break.

• In 2021, reached final (I. to Zverev), which broke a 9-match tournament winning streak. Won Red Group with a 3-0 record (all in 3 sets). Of his 9 wins, 5 straight came in 3 sets.

• Captured 2020 title with victories over 2018 champion Zverev 6-3 6-4, No. 1 Djokovic 6-3 6-3, Schwartzman 6-3 6-3, 2-time finalist Nadal 3-6 7-6(4) 6-3 and 2019 finalist Thiem 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4.

- Became 1st player in tournament history to defeat World No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 (d. Djokovic, Nadal and Thiem).
- Five victories at 2020 Nitto ATP Finals were part of career-long 20 match win streak overall (12 vs. Top 10).

• Joined countryman Davydenko, who won 2009 London, to capture Nitto ATP Finals titles. Medvedev won last of 12 editions held at The O2 and Davydenko won 1st of 12.

• Went 0-3 in Nitto ATP Finals tournament debut in 2019 (I. to Tsitsipas, Nadal and A. Zverev).

• In 2020, became 1st player in tournament history to go undefeated one year after going winless in his debut.

#### **Career Highlights**

• Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022, becoming tallest No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st No. 1 other than Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal since Roddick in February 2004.

• Five-time Grand Slam finalist (1-4) owns 5-3 record vs. Djokovic when Serb is World No. 1, including 6-4 6-4 6-4 win in 2021 US Open final that denied Djokovic calendar Grand Slam.

• Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).

• Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.



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• Won 18 of his 20 singles titles on hard courts and all 20 of his titles at different events, including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris, 2021 Toronto, 2023 Miami and 2023 Rome, his 1st career clay ATP Tour title.

| [5] Andrey Rublev vs [7] Alexander Zverev (GER) |      |     |                  |     | Zverev Leads 5-3 |  |  |
|---|------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|--|--|
| 16 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo                 | Clay | R64 | Alexander Zverev | 6-1 | 6-3              |  |  |
| 17 Beijing (China)                              | Hard | QF  | Alexander Zverev | 6-2 | 6-3              |  |  |
| 19 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)            | Hard | R16 | Alexander Zverev | 6-0 | 7-6(4)           |  |  |
| 20 Australian Open (Australia)                  | Hard | R16 | Alexander Zverev | 6-4 | 6-4 6-4          |  |  |
| 21 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (USA)            | Hard | F   | Alexander Zverev | 6-2 | 6-3              |  |  |
| 23 Dubai (U.A.E.)                               | Hard | SF  | Andrey Rublev    | 6-3 | 7-6(9)           |  |  |
| 23 Bastad (Sweden)                              | Clay | QF  | Andrey Rublev    | 6-2 | 6-3              |  |  |
| 23 Vienna (Austria)                             | Hard | QF  | Andrey Rublev    | 6-1 | 6-7(5) 6-3       |  |  |

| ANDREY RUBLEV                    | Vs                             | ALEXANDER ZVEREV           |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 26 (20 October 1997)             | Age (Birthdate)                | 26 (20 April 1997)         |
| No. 5                            | Pepperstone ATP Ranking        | No. 7                      |
| No. 5 on 13 September 2021       | Career-High Ranking            | No. 2 on 13 June 2022      |
| Moscow                           | Birthplace                     | Hamburg, Germany           |
| 4 (2020-2023)                    | Nitto ATP Finals Appearances   | 6 (2017-21, 2023)          |
| 4-8 (2022 SF)                    | Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish) | 13-9 (2018, 2021 Titles)   |
| 14 (2)                           | Titles (2023)                  | 21 (2)                     |
| 9 (0)                            | Hard-Court Titles (2023)       | 14 (1)                     |
| 6 (0)                            | Indoor Titles (2023)           | 7 (0)                      |
| 292-157 (56-25)                  | W-L (2023)                     | 393-177 (54-27)            |
| 206-115 (29-18)                  | Hard Courts (2023)             | 232-110 (29-18)            |
| 81-47 (6-6)                      | Indoors (2023)                 | 78-40 (7-5)                |
| 23-36 (5-9)                      | vs Top 10 (2023)               | 45-62 (3-14)               |
| 93-95 (19-18)                    | Tiebreaks (2023)               | 151-105 (18-21)            |
| 240-30 (45-6)                    | After Winning 1st Set (2023)   | 324-51 (41-4)              |
| 85-51 (14-11)                    | Deciding Sets (2023)           | 118-73 (18-5)              |
| \$20,146,588 (\$5,163,128)       | Prize Money (2023)             | \$36,724,367 (\$3,819,312) |
| Fernando Vicente, Alberto Martin | Coach                          | Alexander Zverev Sr.       |

#### ANDREY RUBLEV

#### 2023 Season

W (2): ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (d. Rune); Bastad (d. Ruud)

**F (4)**: Dubai (I. to Medvedev); Banja Luka (I. to Lajovic); Halle (I. to Bublik); ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (I. to Hurkacz) **SF (2)**: Vienna (I. to Sinner); ATP Masters 1000 Paris (I. to Djokovic)

**QF (4)**: Australian Open (I. to Djokovic); Doha (I. to Lehecka); Wimbledon (I. to Djokovic); US Open (I. to Medvedev)

#### Nitto ATP Finals Stats

• Opened with a 6-4 6-2 loss to Medvedev and followed with a 7-5 6-2 loss to Alcaraz (has yet to break serve so far).

• He is making his 4th straight Nitto ATP Finals appearance and looking to avoid first 0-3 finish.

• Last year advanced to SFs with a 2-1 round robin record (d. Medvedev, l. to Djokovic, d. Tsitsipas) and then lost to Ruud. In first two appearances, went 1-2 in 2020-21.

• All 4 of his wins have come against Top 5 opponents – No. 3 Thiem in 2020, No. 4 Tsitsipas in 2021, No. 5 Medvedev and No. 3 Tsitsipas last year.

• In 2021, opened with win over Tsitsipas before losing to Djokovic in straight sets and to Ruud in 3rd set TB.

• In 2020, lost to Nadal in straight sets and Tsitsipas in 3rd set TB before defeating Thiem 6-2 7-5 in final match.



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#### **Career Highlights**

- Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.
- Came from a set down in both SF and F for 1st time in career at 2023 Monte Carlo to win 1st ATP Masters 1000 title.
- Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte Carlo and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals, then beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th of 14 ATP Tour titles at 2022 Belgrade.

• Led tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.

• Nine-time Grand Slam quarter-finalist reached 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF and won gold medal in All-ROC mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).

• Went 9-1 in singles and 4-1 in doubles at team events during 2021 season, sweeping titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.

#### ALEXANDER ZVEREV

#### 2023 Season

W (2): Hamburg (d. Djere); Chengdu (d. Safiullin)

SF (6): Dubai (I. to Rublev); Geneva (I. to Jarry); Roland Garros (I. to Ruud);

Halle (I. to Bublik); ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (I. to Djokovic); Beijing (I. to Medvedev)

QF (3): Bastad (I. to Rublev); US Open (I. to Alcaraz); Vienna (I. to Rublev)

#### **Nitto ATP Finals Stats**

• The two-time champion (2018, 2021) opened with a 6-7(3) 6-3 6-4 win over Alcaraz on Monday, hitting 16 aces and saving 5 of 6 break points. Followed with a 7-6(7) 6-4 loss to Medvedev on Wednesday. Looking to reach semi-finals for the fourth time in six appearances.

• Two years ago went 4-1 en route to title over No. 2 Medvedev. Became 10th player in tournament history with at least 2 titles and joined countryman Becker (3) with multiple titles.

• Three of his 4 career World No. 1 wins have come at Nitto ATP Finals – d. No. 1 Djokovic in 2018 final and 2021 SF along with No. 1 Nadal in 2019 round robin play.

- Defeated No. 3 Federer in SF and avenged group loss to No. 1 Djokovic in final to win 2018 championship.
- One of 3 Germans to win Nitto ATP Finals title (also Becker in 1988, 1992 and 1995; Stich in 1993).
- Upset No. 1 Nadal en route to 2019 SF, becoming 1st player to beat Djokovic, Nadal & Federer at Nitto ATP Finals.

#### **Career Highlights**

Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal. Missed rest of season and finished No. 12 before strong 2023 with 6th year-end Top 10 ranking.
Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 21 career titles, defeating No. 1

Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.

• Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.

• Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

• Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).



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#### [2] Wesley Koolhof (NED) / Neal Skupski (GBR) vs Koolhof/Skupski Lead 3-2 [3] Rohan Bopanna (IND) / Matthew Ebden (AUS) 23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (USA) Hard Final Bopanna/Ebden 6-3 2-6 [10-8] 23 Barcelona (ESP) Clay SF Koolhof/Skupski 6-4 7-5 Bopanna/Ebden 23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (ESP) Clay QF 6-3 6-2 Grass QF 23 London/Queen's Club (GBR) Koolhof/Skupski 6-3 7-6(5) 23 Wimbledon (GBR) Grass SF Koolhof/Skupski 7-5 6-4

#### WESLEY KOOLHOF / NEAL SKUPSKI

| STATS                           | WESLEY KOOLHOF        | NEAL SKUPSKI          | TEAM           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Age (Birthdate)                 | 34 (17 April 1989)    | 33 (1 December 1989)  |                |
| Birthplace                      | Zevenaar, Netherlands | Liverpool, England    |                |
| Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking | No. 5                 | No. 3                 | No. 2          |
| Career-High Doubles Ranking     | No. 1 on 7 Nov. 2022  | No. 1 on 14 Nov. 2022 |                |
| Nitto ATP Finals Appearances    | 3 (2020, 2022-23)     | 2 (2022-23)           | 2 (2022-23)    |
| Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)  | 7-3 (2020 Title)      | 3-2 (2022 SF)         | 3-2 (2022 SF)  |
| Titles-Finals (2023)            | 16-22 (2-3)           | 15-18 (2-4)           | 9-6 (2-3)      |
| Hard-Court Titles (2023)        | 10 (0)                | 10 (0)                | 5 (0)          |
| Indoor Titles (2023)            | 3 (0)                 | 4 (0)                 | 1 (0)          |
| Grand Slam Titles (2023)        | 1 (1)                 | 0 (0)                 | 1 (1)          |
| ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2023)  | 3 (0)                 | 3 (0)                 | 3 (0)          |
| W-L (2023)                      | 261-170 (47-22)       | 249-161 (51-22)       | 101-39 (45-20) |

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W (2): 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Escobar/Nedovyesov); Wimbledon (d. Granollers/Zeballos)

**F (3)**: ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (I. to Bopanna/Ebden); Barcelona (I. to M. Gonzalez/Molteni); Beijing (I. to Dodig/Krajicek)

**SF (4)**: Adelaide-2 (I. to Dodig/Krajicek); Acapulco (I. to Erler/Miedler); ATP Masters 1000 Rome (I. to Haase/van de Zandshulp); London/Queen's Club (I. to Fritz/Lehecka)

#### **Nitto ATP Finals Stats**

• No. 2 seeds opened with a 6-3 6-4 win over Hijikata/Kubler and followed with a 6-3 3-6 [10-7] loss to Ram/Salisbury in their second straight tournament appearance as a team. Last year came in with a 7-3 record in finals during the season and as the top seeds lost in the semi-finals to eventual champions Ram/Salisbury.

• Koolhof is making his 3rd Nitto ATP Finals appearance after winning the title in his 2020 debut w/Mektic.

• Skupski is 1 of 2 Brits in the field, joining 2022 champion Salisbury, who became the first Briton doubles champion in tournament history (Murray won the singles title in 2016).

• Skupski (LSU) is 1 of 5 former college players in the field (also Hijikata, Krajicek, Ram, Salisbury).

#### Wesley Koolhof Career Highlights

• Became fourth Dutchman to become World No. 1 in doubles, rising to top on 7 November 2022 after winning 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title of season and career at Paris w/N. Skupski.

• Joined forces w/N. Skupski in 2022 and ended the year as the World No. 1 team after winning 7 titles (in 10 finals), earning career-best 58 victories and reaching US Open final (I. to Ram/Salisbury).

• Captured maiden Grand Slam men's doubles title at 2023 Wimbledon and also 2022 Roland Garros mixed doubles champion in team debut w/Shibahara.

• Advanced to 2020 US Open final and won 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title w/Mektic, becoming 1st team in history to claim its 1st title together at year-end championships.



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#### Neal Skupski Career Highlights

• Third Brit to become World No. 1 in doubles (J. Murray, Salisbury), rising to top on 14 November 2022 after winning 3rd ATP Masters 1000 title of season and career at Paris w/Koolhof.

• Joined forces w/Koolhof in 2022 and finished the year as World No. 1 team after winning 7 titles (in 10 finals), earning a personal-best 57 victories and reaching US Open final (I. to Ram/Salisbury).

• Captured first Grand Slam men's doubles title at 2023 Wimbledon after winning 2021-22 Wimbledon mixed doubles titles w/Krawczyk. Also reached 1st Grand Slam men's doubles SF at 2019 US Open w/J. Murray.

• Captured 2018 Montpellier, 2019 Budapest and 2021 Acapulco titles with brother Ken, who now serves as one of his coaches.

• Followed in Ken's footsteps by playing college tennis as Louisiana State University, earning All-American honours in 2009 doubles, 2011 doubles and 2012 singles.

#### **ROHAN BOPANNA / MATTHEW EBDEN**

| STATS                           | ROHAN BOPANNA           | MATTHEW EBDEN         | TEAM          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Age (Birthdate)                 | 43 (4 March 1980)       | 35 (26 November 1987) |               |
| Birthplace                      | Bangalore, India        | Durban, South Africa  |               |
| Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking | No. 6                   | No. 4                 | No. 3         |
| Career-High Doubles Ranking     | No. 3 on 22 July 2013   | No. 4 on 13 Nov. 2023 |               |
| Nitto ATP Finals Appearances    | 4 (2011-12, 2015, 2023) | 1 (2023)              | 1 (2023)      |
| Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)  | 7-8 (2012, 2015 Finals) | 1-1 (Debut)           | 1-1 (Debut)   |
| Titles-Finals (2023)            | 24-36 (2-5)             | 9-11 (2-5)            | 2-5 (2-5)     |
| Hard-Court Titles (2023)        | 20 (2)                  | 6 (2)                 | 2 (2)         |
| Indoor Titles (2023)            | 6 (0)                   | 0 (0)                 | 0 (0)         |
| Grand Slam Titles (2023)        | 0 (0)                   | 1 (0)                 | 0 (0)         |
| ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2023)  | 5 (1)                   | 1 (1)                 | 1 (1)         |
| W-L (2023)                      | 496-365 (40-21)         | 167-144 (46-23)       | 39-19 (39-19) |

#### 2023 Season

W (2): Doha (d. Lestienne/van de Zandschulp); ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (d. Koolhof/Skupski)
F (5): Rotterdam (l. to Dodig/Krajicek); Barcelona (l. to Khachanov/Rublev); US Open (l. to Ram/Salisbury); ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (l. to Granollers/Zeballos); ATP Masters 1000 Paris (l. to S. Gonzalez/Roger-Vasselin)
SF (3): Barcelona (l. to Koolhof/Skupski); Stuttgart (l. to Krawietz/Puetz); Wimbledon (l. to Koolhof/Skupski)

#### Nitto ATP Finals Stats

• Made their team debut on Monday with a 6-3 6-4 loss to reigning champions No. 6 Ram/Salisbury and followed with a 6-4 6-4 win over Hijikata/Kubler.

• Bopanna, 43, is the oldest player in Nitto ATP Finals history (singles or doubles) to win a match and he surpassed Nestor (42), who won his final group match in 2014.

• Bopanna is making his 4th appearance in the season finale with as many partners. He made his debut in 2011 w/Qureshi (0-3) and the following year he reached the final w/Bhupathi (I. Granollers/M. Lopez). In his last appearance in 2015, he was runner-up w/Mergea (I. to Rojer/Tecau).

• His countrymen Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes were finalists in 1997, 1999-2000. Bhupathi also was runner-up in 2010 w/Mirnyi and 2012 w/Bopanna. Paes was also runner-up in 2005 w/Zimonjic.

• Ebden is joined by countryman Hijikata/Kubler in the field and the trio are making their tournament debut. John Peers is the last Aussie to win the Nitto ATP Finals doubles title in 2017 w/Kontinen (also won the title in 2016).



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#### **Rohan Bopanna Career Highlights**

• Achieved doubles career-high No. 3 in 2013 and earned 400th doubles win of career in 2021 (d. Albot/Basilashvili in Halle 1R w/Sharan). Has appeared in 60 career doubles finals (24-36), most of anyone in this year's field.

• At 43 years of age, became the oldest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2023 Indian Wells w/Ebden.

• Captured 24 tour-level doubles titles with 14 different partners, including ATP Masters 1000s at 2011 Paris w/Qureshi, 2012 Paris w/Bhupathi, 2015 Madrid w/Mergea, 2017 Monte Carlo w/Cuevas and 2023 Indian Wells w/Ebden.

• Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2011 w/Qureshi, 2012 w/Bhupathi and 2015 w/Mergea, finishing as runner-up in 2012 and 2015.

• Did not drop a set en route to 2010 US Open final w/Qureshi and received 2010 Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award alongside Qureshi. Also runner-up at 2023 US Open w/Ebden.

• Won 2017 Roland Garros mixed doubles title w/Dabrowski and reached 2018 Aust. Open mixed doubles final w/Babos.

#### Matthew Ebden Career Highlights

• Aussie had a career-best doubles season in 2023, reaching a personal-high 7 finals (2-5) and cracking the Top 20 and Top 10. Broke the Top 20 on 20 March after capturing first ATP Masters 1000 title w/Bopanna. Then broke Top 10 on 17 July after SF at Wimbledon (I. to eventual champions Koolhof/Skupski).

• Comes into Turin after reaching 3 straight finals - US Open and ATP Masters 1000 events in Shanghai and Paris. Reached career-high No. 4 on 13 November a month after Shanghai final.

• In 2022, won career-high 3 doubles titles, including Wimbledon w/Purcell. Also runner-up at Aust. Open w/Purcell.

• Achieved career-high singles ranking of No. 39 on 22 October 2018 following personal-best 19th win of season. Broke into Top 50 on 16 July 2018 after reaching Wimbledon 3R. Rose 600+ spots from No. 695 to No. 76 in 2017. Made biggest jump of any player in 2017 year-end Top 100.

• Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF and final at 2017 Newport as 249th-ranked Q. Also reached SFs at 2018 's-Hertogenbosch, 2018 Atlanta and 2021 Marseille as Q.

• Played last main draw singles match as a Q at 2022 's-Hertogenbosch (I. to eventual champ van Rijthoven in 1R.

• Captured 2013 Australian Open mixed doubles title as WC w/Wolfe. Became 3rd All-Aussie team to win Australian Open title since mixed doubles returned to tournament in 1987.

• Broke into Top 100 on 17 October 2011 after advancing to ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai QF as Q. Returned to ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai QF in 2018, defeating No. 7 Thiem in 3rd-set TB for biggest win of career in 2R.

#### [6] Rajeev Ram (USA) / Joe Salisbury (GBR) vs [8] Rinky Hijikata (AUS) / Jason Kubler (AUS)

#### **First Meeting**

#### **RAJEEV RAM / JOE SALISBURY**

| STATS                           | RAJEEV RAM           | JOE SALISBURY        | TEAM              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Age (Birthdate)                 | 39 (18 March 1984)   | 31 (20 April 1992)   |                   |
| Birthplace                      | Denver, CO, USA      | London, England      |                   |
| Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking | No. 11               | No. 12               | No. 6             |
| Career-High Doubles Ranking     | No. 1 on 3 Oct. 2022 | No. 1 on 4 Apr. 2022 |                   |
| Nitto ATP Finals Appearances    | 7 (2016-17, 2019-23) | 5 (2019-23)          | 5 (2019-23)       |
| Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)  | 17-8 (2022 Title)    | 14-5 (2022 Title)    | 14-5 (2022 Title) |
| Titles-Finals (2023)            | 29-21 (3-1)          | 15-9 (3-1)           | 12-9 (3-1)        |
| Hard-Court Titles (2023)        | 22 (2)               | 13 (2)               | 7 (2)             |
| Indoor Titles (2023)            | 8 (1)                | 4 (1)                | 3 (1)             |
| Grand Slam Titles (2023)        | 4 (1)                | 4 (1)                | 4 (1)             |
| ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2023)  | 5 (0)                | 3 (0)                | 3 (0)             |
| W-L (2023)                      | 441-309 (38-20)      | 205-108 (34-19)      | 174-82 (34-18)    |



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#### 2023 Season

W (3): Lyon (d. Mahut/Middelkoop); US Open (d. Bopanna/Ebden); Vienna (d. Lammons/Withrow)

F (1): ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (I. to Arevalo/Rojer)

**SF (3):** Pune (I. to Gille/Vliegen); Eastbourne (I. to Mektic/Pavic); ATP Masters 1000 Paris (I. to S. Gonzalez/Roger-Vasselin)

#### **Nitto ATP Finals Stats**

• The reigning Nitto ATP Finals champions opened with a 6-3 6-4 victory over Bopanna/Ebden and followed with a 6-3 3-6 [10-7] win over Koolhof/Skupski to advance to the semi-finals for the fourth straight year.

• Last year they won the title undefeated (5-0), capping off with a straight-sets win over [4] Mektic/Pavic in the final.

• In 2021, advanced to championship match (I. to Herbert/Mahut). Posted all 4 of their wins over fellow Grand Slam champions (d. J. Murray/Soares, Herbert/Mahut, Cabal/Farah, Mektic/Pavic).

• In 2020, while playing for year-end No. 1, squandered 1 MP and 7-1 Match TB lead in SF vs. Melzer/Roger-Vasselin.

• Ram is making 7th appearance overall (also 2016-17 w/Klaasen) and has 17 wins, most of anyone in this year's field.

• Klaasen/Ram reached 2016 Nitto ATP Finals championship match, falling to Kontinen/Peers 2-6 6-1 [10-8].

- Ram (Illinois) and Salisbury (Memphis) are 2 of 5 former college players in field (also Hijikata, Krajicek, Skupski).
- Ram is one of 18 different American doubles champions in tournament history (since 1970).

• Last year Salisbury became the 1st British doubles winner in Nitto ATP Finals history. In 2021, he was the first British doubles finalist and 2nd British finalist overall (2016 singles champion Murray).

#### **Rajeev Ram Career Highlights**

• Became World No. 1 in doubles on 3 October 2022, passing his partner Salisbury after 26 consecutive weeks as

- World No. 2. On course to finish in Top 5 Pepperstone ATP Doubles Rankings for 3rd year in a row.
- Has won a Grand Slam doubles title from 2020-23 and has a 4-1 overall record in men's finals.

• In 2023, w/Salisbury became first team in Open Era (since 1968) to win 3 straight US Open titles (d. Bopanna/Ebden) and first duo to accomplish the feat since the all-American duo of Tom Bundy and Maurice McLoughlin from 1912-14.

• Won 2021 and 2022 US Open titles w/Salisbury in 21st and 22nd appearances at his home Grand Slam event,

becoming 2nd repeat US Open champions in Open Era (also Woodbridge/Woodforde in 1995-96).

• Captured 2020 Australian Open title w/Salisbury, setting an Open Era record with 1st Grand Slam men's doubles championship in his 58th appearance.

• Also at Australian Open, won 2019 and 2021 mixed doubles titles w/Krejcikova and advanced to 2021 men's doubles final w/Salisbury.

• Two-time Newport singles champion (2009, 2015) and ranked career-high No. 56 in singles on 18 April 2016. Also a 2-time Nitto ATP Finals doubles finalist (2016 w/Klaasen, 2021 w/Salisbury) and 5-time ATP Masters 1000 doubles champion (3 w/Salisbury, 1 w/Granollers, 1 w/Klaasen).

#### Joe Salisbury Career Highlights

• Became 2nd British doubles World No. 1 on 4 April 2022 – exactly 6 years after J. Murray became 1st British doubles World No. 1 on 4 April 2016.

• Has won a Grand Slam doubles title from 2020-23 and has a 4-1 overall record in men's finals.

• In 2023, w/Ram became first team in Open Era (since 1968) to win 3 straight US Open titles (d. Bopanna/Ebden) and first duo to accomplish the feat since the all-American duo of Tom Bundy and Maurice McLoughlin from 1912-14.

• Went 11-0 at 2021 US Open alongside Ram in men's doubles and Krawczyk in mixed doubles, becoming 1st player to sweep both titles since B. Bryan in 2010.

• Extended US Open win streak to 17 matches overall by defending title w/Ram in 2022, becoming 2nd repeat US Open men's doubles champions in Open Era (also Woodbridge/Woodforde in 1995-96).

• Also won 2020 Australian Open men's doubles title w/Ram, 2021 Roland Garros mixed doubles title w/Krawczyk and ATP Masters 1000 titles w/Ram at 2021 Toronto, 2022 Monte Carlo and 2022 Cincinnati.



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#### **RINKY HIJIKATA / JASON KUBLER**

| STATS                           | RINKY HIJIKATA         | JASON KUBLER          | TEAM        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Age (Birthdate)                 | 22 (23 Feb. 2001)      | 30 (19 May 1993)      |             |
| Birthplace                      | Sydney, Australia      | Brisbane, Australia   |             |
| Pepperstone ATP Doubles Ranking | No. 23                 | No. 30                | No. 17      |
| Career-High Doubles Ranking     | No. 23 on 30 Oct. 2023 | No. 27 on 22 May 2023 |             |
| Nitto ATP Finals Appearances    | 1 (2023)               | 1 (2023)              | 1 (2023)    |
| Nitto ATP Finals (Best Finish)  | 0-2 (Debut)            | 0-2 (Debut)           | 0-2 (Debut) |
| Titles-Finals (2023)            | 2-1 (2-1)              | 1-2 (1-0)             | 1-0 (1-0)   |
| Hard-Court Titles (2023)        | 2 (2)                  | 1 (1)                 | 1 (1)       |
| Indoor Titles (2023)            | 0 (0)                  | 0 (0)                 | 0 (0)       |
| Grand Slam Titles (2023)        | 1 (1)                  | 1 (1)                 | 1 (1)       |
| ATP Masters 1000 Titles (2023)  | 0 (0)                  | 0 (0)                 | 0 (0)       |
| W-L (2023)                      | 21-16 (20-14)          | 19-17 (11-12)         | 9-8 (9-8)   |

#### 2023 Season

W (1): Australian Open (d. Nys/Zielinski)

#### **Nitto ATP Finals Stats**

• The Australian Open champions made their debut on Monday, losing 6-3 6-4 to Koolhof/Skupski and followed with a 6-4 6-4 loss to Bopanna/Ebden.

• Qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals as the Grand Slam champions and they were ranked No. 17 in the Pepperstone ATP Doubles Team Rankings.

• They are playing together for the first time since August in Cincinnati (1R) and since their title in Melbourne, they have a 3-8 record in 8 tournaments (had W/O in Houston QF). This is Kubler's first tournament since the US Open and he had been sidelined with a right knee injury.

• The Aussies are one of four first-time duos in this year's tournament – Bopanna/Ebden, M. Gonzalez/Molteni, S. Gonzalez/Roger-Vasselin).

• Hijikata and Kubler are 2 of 6 players in the doubles field making Nitto ATP Finals debut (also Ebden, M. Gonzalez, S. Gonzalez, Molteni).

• The duo are joined by countryman Matthew Ebden in the field and the trio are making their tournament debut. John Peers is the last Aussie to win the Nitto ATP Finals doubles title in 2017 w/Kontinen (also won the title in 2016).

#### **Rinky Hijikata Career Highlights**

• Former World No. 9 junior achieved career-high singles ranking of No. 70 in October 2023 soon after reaching US Open 4R (I. to Tiafoe). Won personal-high 11 tour-level matches in singles and 20 in doubles. Reached a career-high No. 23 in doubles on 30 October, shortly after winning Tokyo title w/Purcell.

• Broke into Top 100 in singles after advancing to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL.

• Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Kubler, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.

• Also at Australian Open in singles, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam singles win of career.

• Won 2 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in October 2022 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open. Put together a 25-13 record in Challengers.

• Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.



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#### Jason Kubler Career Highlights

• Aussie compiled his best season in 2023 by achieving career-high rankings of No. 63 in singles on 24 April and No. 27 in doubles on 22 May.

• Unranked in March 2017 following string of knee surgeries, then broke into Top 100 in August 2018.

• Defeated [1] Koolhof/Skupski en route to 2023 Australian Open doubles title in team debut w/Hijikata, joining Kokkinakis/Kyrgios as 2nd straight All-Aussie WCs to win their home Grand Slam championship.

• After advancing to 2022 Wimbledon 4R as Q, saved 1 MP for biggest win of career vs. No. 9 Auger-Aliassime en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2022 Newport.

• To protect his knees, played exclusively on clay from March 2012-May 2015, winning 1st of 7 career Challenger titles at 2014 Sibiu.

• Earned 35 straight junior wins from July 2009-January 2010 (70-4 in sets), became World No. 1 junior in May 2010 and ended junior career by reaching 2011 Wimbledon boys' singles SF.





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