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## SINGLES SEMI-FINALISTS: BY THE NUMBERS

Player	Ranking	Career-High	Age	Wins	QFs	SFs	Finals	Titles
[3] Casper Ruud (NOR)	No. 14	No. 14	22	91	20	14	5	3
[7] Laslo Djere (SRB)	No. 52	No. 27	26	72	18	13	3	2
Hugo Gaston (FRA)	No. 155	No. 141	20	8	1	1	0	0
[Q] Vit Kopriva (CZE)	No. 249	No. 249	24	3	1	1	0	0

### WEEKEND NOTES

- All 14 of Ruud's and all 13 of Djere's ATP Tour SF appearances have come on clay courts.
- Both Gaston and Kopriva are appearing in 1st ATP Tour SF of their respective careers.
- Either Gaston or Kopriva would be lowest-ranked Gstaad champion since start of FedEx ATP Rankings in 1973.
- Ruud would be highest-ranked Gstaad champion since No. 13 Gaudio in 2005.
- Ruud has reached semi-finals or better in his last 6 ATP Tour appearances on clay (Roland Garros excluded).
- Gaston would be 3rd-youngest Gstaad champion in Open Era (1-Gasquet, 20, in 2006; 2-Edberg, 20, in 1986).
- Gaston would be youngest French champion on ATP Tour since Gasquet, 20, at 2006 Lyon.
- Kopriva joins 2021 Cordoba champion J. Cerundolo as 2nd semi-finalist in ATP Tour debut since May 2012.
- Kopriva bids to become 1st qualifier to win Gstaad title since Bellucci in 2009.

## ATP HEAD2HEADS: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

### Hugo Gaston (FRA) vs [7] Laslo Djere (SRB)

### First Meeting

**Hugo Gaston** | Age: 20 | World No. 155 | Career-High No. 141 | 2021: 5-4 (Gstaad SF) | Gstaad: 3-0 (2021 SF)

- > Broke into Top 200 following run to 2020 Roland Garros 4R and achieved career-high No. 141 in 2021.
- > Became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in Roland Garros debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling to 2018 and 2019 finalist Thiem in 5 sets.
- > As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
- > Earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2016, advanced to 1st Challenger final at 2021 Rome-1 and reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Gstaad.
- > Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

**NOTE:** Gaston is youngest Gstaad semi-finalist since 2006 champion Gasquet, 20, and 2006 semi-finalist Cilic, 17. He saved 4 match points to defeat 5-time ATP Tour champion Garin 6-1 4-6 7-6(11) in Gstaad QF on Friday.

**Laslo Djere** | Age: 26 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 27 | 2021: 20-16 (Cagliari Final) | Gstaad: 6-1 (2018, 2021 SFs)

- > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.
- > Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.
- > Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.
- > Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro 1R) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid 2R).
- > Owns records of 61-35 on clay (.635), 9-31 on hard (.225) and 2-6 on grass (.250) with all 18 of his ATP Tour QFs coming on clay.

**NOTE:** Djere's 20 victories in 2021 are tied for his single-season best. He went 20-22 during 2019 season.

**[Q] Vit Kopriva (CZE) vs [3] Casper Ruud (NOR)**  
**Other Meeting**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

14 Haskovo Juniors Q (Bulgaria) Clay Q1 Vit Kopriva 4-0 5-4(5)

**Vit Kopriva** | Age: 24 | World No. 249 (Career-High) | 2021: 3-0 (Gstaad SF) | Gstaad: 3-0 (2021 SF)  
> Advanced to 2021 Gstaad SF as 249th-ranked Q, joining 2021 Cordoba champion J. Cerundolo as 2nd player since May 2012 to reach SF in his ATP Tour main draw debut.  
> Defeated No. 10 Shapovalov in 2021 Gstaad 2R to become lowest-ranked player to earn Top-10 win since No. 698 Kokkinakis beat No. 6 Raonic at 2017 London/Queen's Club.  
> Reached Challenger SFs in 2021 at St. Petersburg-1, Rome-1 as Q and Braunschweig.  
> Captured 5 ITF titles in 5 different countries, most recently on home soil at 2019 Prague.  
> Former Top-75 junior earned boys' singles wins over future Top-15 ATP players de Minaur and Ruud.

**NOTE:** Kopriva nearly failed to qualify for Gstaad, trailing Couacaud 6-2 6-5 in Q2 with Frenchman serving for match. Kopriva's only other ATP Tour qualifying appearance came at Belgrade-2 in May (l. to Carballes Baena in Q2).

**Casper Ruud** | Age: 22 | World No. 14 (Career-High) | 2021: 29-9 (Geneva, Bastad Titles) | Gstaad: 2-0 (2021 SF)

> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 50 in January 2020 and Top 25 in September 2020 before achieving career-high No. 14 in June 2021.  
> Became highest-ranked player and 1st ATP Tour champion from Norway by winning 2020 Buenos Aires title, passing his father and coach Christian, who peaked at No. 39 after reaching 1995 Bastad final.  
> Added clay-court titles at 2021 Geneva and 2021 Bastad, leading all players with 39 clay-court wins in 2020-21.  
> Earned biggest career wins en route to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2020 Rome (d. No. 8 Berrettini in QF), 2021 Monte Carlo (d. No. 9 Schwartzman in 2R) and 2021 Madrid (d. No. 5 Tsitsipas in 3R).  
> Advanced to Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2021 Australian Open after qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open in 2018.

**NOTE:** Ruud is 22-5 on clay in 2021 (.815) after going 17-6 on clay in 2020 (.739). He is 68-30 lifetime on clay (.694).

Most Clay-Court Wins in 2020-21

1	<b>Casper Ruud</b>	39
2	Stefanos Tsitsipas	34
3	Federico Delbonis	31
4	Cristian Garin	30
5	Novak Djokovic	29
6T	<b>Laslo Djere</b>	28
6T	Rafael Nadal	28

**ATP HEAD2HEADS: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS**

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**Other Meeting**

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

19 ATP Masters 1000 Paris Q (France) Hard Q2 Casper Ruud 6-4 3-6 6-3

**[3] Casper Ruud (NOR) vs [7] Laslo Djere (SRB)**

**Djere Leads 1-0**

19 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Clay QF Laslo Djere

6-4 7-5