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SWISS INDOORS BASEL TALKING POINTS

- 39-year-old **Novak Djokovic** is the only former **Swiss Indoors Basel** champion left in the field, defeating No. 1 Federer in 2009 final, and makes his first appearance at the event since 2011. Serbian begins his campaign to tie Federer (103) for second-most men's tour-level titles in Open Era vs. **Ugo Humbert** and aims to extend his 16-2 indoor record since the start of 2023 season, both losses to Sinner in 2023. Humbert, who advanced to Basel SF in two of last three editions, bids to be the first Frenchman to defeat Djokovic since 2018.
- No. 6 seed **Taylor Fritz**, who is celebrating his 29th birthday on Wednesday, is playing in his third indoor ATP Tour event of 2026 after reaching finals of Dallas in February, losing to Shelton after holding 3 championship points, and Lyon last week. Originally drawn to play against former-World No. 3 Tsitsipas, he now faces lucky loser **Rinky Hijikata** with Australian attempting to earn his fourth Top 20 win of career, all this season.
- In the battle of former finalists, 2022 finalist **Holger Rune** takes on 2023 runner-up **Hubert Hurkacz** with Rune attempting to reach his fourth Basel quarter-final in as many appearances and reach his first ATP Tour QF of the season after being sidelined for 11 months from October last year due to Achilles injury. Hurkacz looks to reach his third tour-level quarter-final in last 4 events after going 0 for 16 from January to September.
- No. 9 seed **Casper Ruud** seeks back-to-back quarter-finals at **St. Jakobshalle** and takes a 2-1 **Lexus ATP Head2Head** lead into his match vs. **Nuno Borges**. Ruud aims to reach the last 8 stage at third hard-court event of the season after Delray Beach and ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai. Borges attempts to record his first Top 50 win on indoor hard courts (0-8) and reach his 2nd ATP Tour QF indoors after Athens last year.
- On **IWB Court 1**, **Remy Bertola**, who became 1st Swiss man in event history to qualify in back-to-back years, seeks first ATP Tour win at age 28 vs. two-time quarter-finalist **Denis Shapovalov**. If he joins **Kym** in 2R, it will mark third time this decade multiple Swiss men reach Basel 2R after Stricker and Wawrinka in 2022 and 2024.

PIF ATP LIVE RACE TO TURIN

Rank	Player	Points	Scenario
1	Alexander Zverev (GER)	9,200	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Griekspoor or Nakashima
2	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	7,950	<i>Out for the rest of 2026 season</i>
3	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	4,650	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Rodionov or Basilashvili
4	Ben Shelton (USA)	4,530	Basel – +50 for 2R win vs. Kym
5	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	3,690	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Berrettini
6	Daniil Medvedev	3,660	Vienna – +50 for 1R win vs. Merida
7	Arthur Fils (FRA)	3,475	Basel – +50 for 2R win vs. Michelsen
8	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	3,380	Vienna – +50 for 1R win vs. Musetti
9	Rafael Jodar (ESP)	3,209	Basel – +50 for 2R win vs. Vacherot
10	Alex de Minaur (AUS)	2,930	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Tien
11	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2,840	Basel – +50 for 1R win vs. Humbert
12	Tommy Paul (USA)	2,725	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Darderi
13	Taylor Fritz (USA)	2,685	Basel – +50 for 1R win vs. Hijikata
14	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	2,545	Vienna – +50 for 2R win vs. Mannarino
15	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	2,465	----
16	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	2,450	----

BOLD: Qualified for 2026 Nitto ATP Finals in Turin (15-22 November)

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

2R: Nuno Borges (POR) vs [9] Casper Ruud (NOR)

24 Los Cabos (Mexico)	Hard	QF	Casper Ruud
25 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R64	Nuno Borges
25 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R32	Casper Ruud

Ruud Leads 2-1

6-3 6-2
2-6 6-4 6-1 6-0
7-5 6-4

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Borges	24%	70%	32%	8.0	5.9	7.6	6.6
Ruud	28%	69%	34%	8.0	7.0	8.1	7.7
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.4	7.3	7.0

Nuno Borges | Age: 29 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 30 | 2026: 28-26 (Mallorca SF) | Basel: 1-1 (2026 2R)
 > Became 2nd Portuguese man to break inside Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in 2024, achieving career-high No. 30 in September 2024 after saving 3 MPs vs. Mensik to reach US Open 4R.
 > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Bastad by joining Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Zeballos as only players to defeat Nadal in an ATP Tour final on clay.
 > Defeated No. 13 Dimitrov to reach 2024 Australian Open 4R, becoming 1st Portuguese player in fourth round in tournament's history.
 > First Portuguese man to earn Top 10 wins at a Grand Slam, defeating No. 8 Ruud to reach 2025 Roland Garros 3R and No. 8 Auger-Aliassime via RET en route to 2026 Australian Open 3R.
 > Advanced to 10 Challenger finals, winning titles at 2021 Antalya-3, 2022 Barletta, 2023 Monterrey, 2023 and 2024 Phoenix and 2023 Maia, his hometown.
 > Five-time All-American during 4-year college career at Mississippi State University, posting 31-match win streak that ended in his last match (l. to Jubb in 2019 NCAA singles final).

NOTE: Borges defeated Brunold in 1R to become 1st Portuguese match winner in tournament history and now seeks his 12th ATP Tour QF (3-8), fifth of 2026, and second above ATP 250 level after Barcelona in April this year. 29-year-old seeks first Top 30 win since defeating No. 25 F. Cerundolo and No. 18 Rublev to reach Cincinnati 4R (0-4 since).

Casper Ruud | Age: 27 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 2 | 2026: 32-18 (Rome Final) | Basel: 4-4 (2025 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 (14), an ATP Masters 1000 title (2025 Madrid), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021 SF, 2022 final, 2024 SF), and reach a Grand Slam final (2022, 2023 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open).
 > 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 (149), finals (18) and titles (12).
 > Defeated World No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final and won biggest titles of career on Spanish clay at 2024 Barcelona and 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.

NOTE: Ruud looks for 69th tour-level quarter-final, seventh of the season, and first indoors since Basel last year. 27-year-old is 17-3 indoors since the start of 2025 season, highlighted by 1st indoor title in Stockholm last year.

Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Final Leaders (Active Players)

Player	Born	QFs	Player	Born	QFs	Player	Born	QFs
Alexander Zverev	1997	120	Stefanos Tsitsipas	1998	86	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	71
Daniil Medvedev	1996	99	Milos Raonic	1990	81	Karen Khachanov	1996	70
Grigor Dimitrov	1991	96	Dominic Thiem	1993	76	Casper Ruud	1998	68
Andrey Rublev	1997	91	Taylor Fritz	1997	73	Jannik Sinner	2001	68

1R: [4/WC] Novak Djokovic (SRB) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)
19 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R16 Novak Djokovic

Djokovic Leads 1-0
6-3 6-2 6-3

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Djokovic	25%	69%	35%	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.0
Humbert	29%	67%	29%	8.0	6.3	7.4	7.1
<i>Tour Average</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>

Novak Djokovic | Age: 39 | World No. 12 | Career-High No. 1 | 2026: 19-8 (Beijing Title) | Basel: 12-2 (2009 Title)
 > Record 7-time Nitto ATP Finals champion owns ATP/WTA record for most weeks at No. 1 (428), as well as PIF ATP Rankings records for most years ended at No. 1 (8) and most wins vs. Top 10 (269), finishing in Top 5 in 17 of last 19 years (2017 – No. 12, 2024 – No. 7).
 > All-time leader for most Grand Slam men's singles titles in history (24), including record 10 Australian Open titles, and is 1 of 3 men to hold all 4 Grand Slam championships at same time (also Budge, Laver).
 > Only player to win all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events since start of series in 1990, doing so multiple times for a record total of 40 titles.
 > Owns most Grand Slam match wins in history (409), 3rd-most men's singles titles in Open Era (102) and 3rd-most men's singles wins in Open Era (1,182).
 > Earned gold medal at 2024 Paris Olympics, joining Agassi and Nadal as only men to win all 4 Grand Slam titles and Olympic title in singles.
 > Boasts winning records against both Federer (27-23) and Nadal (31-29), as well as win streaks of ATP Tour-record 43 matches (2010-11) and Open Era-record 30 Grand Slam matches (2015-16).

NOTE: Djokovic is playing in his first indoor event since winning Athens title in November last year and second ATP 500 event of the season after Beijing title earlier this month. 39-year-old is on a 32-0 vs. Frenchmen since losing to Paire at 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (88-2 since the start of 2011 season) and aims to record 20+ tour-level wins for the 21st consecutive season (since 2006).

Djokovic in Basel

Year	Result
2009	Champion (d. No. 1 Federer)
2010	Finalist (l. to No. 2 Federer)
2011	Semi-Finalist (l. to No. 32 Nishikori)

Ugo Humbert | Age: 28 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 13 | 2026: 26-24 (2 Finals) | Basel: 8-4 (2023, 2025 SF)
 > Broke into Top 20 in November 2023 and achieved career-high No. 13 in April 2024 soon after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final (now 7-5 in finals).
 > Went on a 13-match winning streak on French indoor hard courts, capturing titles at 2023 Metz and 2024 Marseille and equaling biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Paris.
 > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 7 career titles at 2021 Halle.
 > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
 > Earned 14 wins vs. Top 10, including biggest win of career over No. 2 Medvedev at 2022 ATP Cup.
 > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles in Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

NOTE: Humbert is 32-43 vs. Top 20 (13-12 indoors) and aims to record his third Top 20 win in Basel after defeating No. 20 Jarry in 2023 2R and No. 4 Fritz in 2R last year. 28-year-old is 11-7 at ATP 500 level this season, highlighted by semi-final runs in Rotterdam and Queen's Club and aims to extend his 4-0 record in Basel 1R.

Humbert's Top 20 Wins in 2026 (W-L 4-6)

Win Over	Tournament
No. 15 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	Adelaide SF
No. 11 Daniil Medvedev	Rotterdam 1R
No. 15 Karen Khachanov	Hamburg 2R
No. 17 Brandon Nakashima	Tokyo 1R

1R: [6] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [LL] Rinky Hijikata (AUS)

24 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)

Hard QF Taylor Fritz

Fritz Leads 1-0

6-3 6-3

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Fritz	31%	68%	27%	8.9	7.3	7.9	7.2
Hijikata	24%	68%	34%	7.4	5.9	7.1	6.7
<i>Tour Average</i>	24%	67%	33%	7.9	6.4	7.3	7.0

Taylor Fritz | Age: 29 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 37-20 (Washington Title) | Basel: 5-5 (2018 QF)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024 after becoming 1st American since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 of year-end rankings.
 > At 2024 US Open, became 1st American man to play in a Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over former finalists Ruud and Zverev and defeating countryman Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
 > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
 > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
 > Clinched United Cup titles for Team USA in 2023 and 2025, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022, 2023 and 2025 and earned bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

NOTE: On his 29th birthday, Fritz aims to advance to Basel 2R for the fifth time in six appearances after losing to M. Zverev in 2016 1R in his tournament debut. American No. 3 is 13-3 at ATP 500 level this season, reaching finals at 3 of 4 events played at this level – in Dallas (l. to Shelton), Halle (l. to Tiafoe) and Washington (d. Jodar).

Rinky Hijikata | Age: 25 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 62 | 2026: 15-21 (Queen's QF) | Basel: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Former World No. 9 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching 2023 US Open 4R as WC and achieved career-high No. 62 in August 2024.
 > Rallied from a set down three times to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch as LL as well as to defeat No. 10 Bublik for biggest win of career to reach 2026 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.
 > 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 2023 Australian Open, rallied from 2 sets down vs. Hanfmann for 1st Grand Slam main draw singles win of career.
 > Won 4 Challenger singles titles on home soil: Playford in 2022, 2024 and 2025 and Burnie immediately after 2023 Australian Open.
 > Played college tennis at University of North Carolina from 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore before turning pro.

NOTE: Hijikata is 3-20 vs. Top 20, 3-4 this season, defeating No. 10 Bublik in Indian Wells 3R, No. 12 Lehecka in Queen's Club 2R and No. 20 Darderi in Cincinnati 2R. 25-year-old aims to record his personal-best 16th win of the season (15-22 in 2024). He entered the draw as a lucky loser after Tsitsipas withdrew due to right shoulder injury.

2R: [10] Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs Holger Rune (DEN)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)

Hard R32 Holger Rune

Rune Leads 1-0

7-5 6-1

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 29 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 6 | 2026: 28-20 (Chengdu Final) | Basel: 4-1 (2023 Final)
 > Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.
 > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.
 > Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.
 > Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.
 > Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-5 in finals).

NOTE: Hurkacz is on an 11-3 run since September 23 with runs to Chengdu final, Beijing SF and ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 4R. 29-year-old aims to reach his 45th tour-level quarter-final, third of the season. He is 24-1 vs. players outside Top 100 on tour-level since October 2023, lone loss to No. 160 Damm in Montpellier 1R in February this year.

Holger Rune | Age: 23 | World No. 1202 | Career-High No. 4 | 2026: 3-2 (Basel 2R) | Basel: 11-3 (2022 Final)
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 in January 2022, Top 50 in May 2022 and Top 10 in November 2022, becoming highest-ranked Dane in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), peaking at No. 4 in August 2023.
> Captured 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title at age 19 by becoming 1st player since start of ATP Tour in 1990 to earn 5 Top-10 wins at an event other than Nitto ATP Finals.
> From 2022 Paris to 2023 Rome, compiled an 18-5 record at ATP Masters 1000 level, also reaching finals of Monte-Carlo and Rome and lost to Draper in 1st ATP Masters 1000 final between men born in 2000s at 2025 Indian Wells.
> Went on a 7-match winning streak vs. Top 5 opponents for 7-1 start to career vs. Top 5 (now 8-14), including wins over No. 1 Alcaraz at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Paris and No. 1 Djokovic at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome.
> Ended 2022 season on 19-2 run (2-2 in finals) after going 1-6 from January-February and 0-7 from June-July.
> Upset 2021 finalist Tsitsipas at 2022 Roland Garros to become 1st Danish man to reach QF in tournament history (since 1925) and to reach any Grand Slam QF in Open Era (since 1968).

NOTE: Rune attempts to reach his 39th tour-level quarter-final, 1st since suffering an Achilles injury in Stockholm SF on October 18 last year. He would become the lowest-ranked ATP 500 quarter-finalist since the series began in 2009 and sixth man in tournament history to reach Basel QF in all first four appearances at the event (2022-24).

Lowest-Ranked ATP 500 Quarter-Finalists (since 2009)			Most Men's Tour-Level Quarter-Finals (Born in 2000s)		
No. 832	Andy Murray	2018 Washington	Felix Auger-Aliassime	2000	71
No. 655	Joao Fonseca	2024 Rio de Janeiro	Jannik Sinner	2001	68
No. 503	Andy Murray	2019 Beijing	Carlos Alcaraz	2003	59
No. 487	Florian Mayer	2015 Halle	Lorenzo Musetti	2002	47
No. 432	Dmitry Tursunov	2010 Tokyo	Holger Rune	2003	38

Quarter-Finalists in All First Four Appearances in Basel (Tour-Level Editions – since 1975)

Player	QFs
Ivan Lendl	1979 (QF), 1980 (Champion), 1981 (Champion), 1992 (SF)
Tim Henman	1997 (SF), 1998 (Champion), 1999 (Final), 2000 (SF)
Andy Roddick	2001 (QF), 2002 (QF), 2003 (SF), 2010 (SF)
David Nalbandian	2002 (Champion), 2003 (Final), 2004 (Final), 2005 (SF)
Roberto Bautista Agut	2017 (QF), 2018 (QF), 2019 (QF), 2022 (SF)

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1R: [Q] Yannick Hanfmann (GER) vs [SE] Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

25 Cancun CH (Mexico) Hard R32 Yannick Hanfmann 3-6 7-5 6-1

Hanfmann FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Santiago (I Darderi); **SF:** Kitzbuhel (I Halys); **QF:** Marrakech (W/O to Darderi)

YTD W-L: 24-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: November 13, 1991

PIF ATP Ranking: 59

Basel History (Best Result): 0-1 (2023 1R)

Struff FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Brussels (I Griekspoor); **QF:** Wimbledon (I Sinner)

YTD W-L: 20-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 1

Date of Birth: April 25, 1990

PIF ATP Ranking: 47

Basel History (Best Result): 4-3 (2019 QF)

1R: [Q] Remy Bertola (SUI) vs Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

First Meeting

Bertola FastFacts – seeks 1st ATP Tour win, earning all 3 career tour-level wins in Davis Cup

YTD W-L: 1-1

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 0

Date of Birth: August 31, 1998

PIF ATP Ranking: 236

Basel History (Best Result): 0-1 (2025 1R)

Shapovalov FastFacts

2026 Highlights:

F: Los Cabos (I Gea); **SF:** Dallas (I Shelton), Chengdu (I Hurkacz); **QF:** Munich (I Molcan), Tokyo (I Alcaraz)

YTD W-L: 21-20

YTD Titles: 0 / Career Titles: 4

Date of Birth: April 15, 1999

PIF ATP Ranking: 52

Basel History (Best Result): 5-4 (2024-25 QF)