



## SERBIA OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 18 APRIL 2022

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### 2022 SERBIA OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	2-2 (Dubai QF)	10-2 (2009, 2011 Titles)
2	Andrey Rublev	19-5 (Marseille, Dubai Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Karen Khachanov	11-9 (Adelaide-1 Final)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Aslan Karatsev	8-8 (Sydney Title)	3-1 (2021 Final)
5	Cristian Garin (CHI)	6-8 (Houston SF)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	8-6 (Rio de Janeiro SF)	1-2 (2010 2R)
7	Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)	17-7 (4 times in QF)	2-1 (2021 QF)
8	Filip Krajinovic (SRB)	7-7 (Montpellier SF)	5-3 (2010 SF)

<b>Tournament History</b>	2009-2012, 2021-Present (5th Edition in 2022)
<b>Singles Final</b>	Sunday 24 April at 2:00 pm
<b>Wild Cards (3)</b>	Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ), Hamad Medjedovic (SRB), Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)
<b>Qualifiers (4)</b>	TBD on Monday
<b>Protected Rankings (1)</b>	Aljaz Bedene (SLO)
<b>Oldest Player</b>	Richard Gasquet (35)
<b>#NextGenATP (3)</b>	Hamad Medjedovic (18), Holger Rune (18)
<b>Tournament Records</b>	<u>Most Titles</u> – Novak Djokovic (2) <u>Most Wins</u> – Novak Djokovic (10) <u>Youngest Champion</u> – Novak Djokovic, 21, in 2009 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Andreas Seppi, 28, in 2012 <u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 2 Novak Djokovic in 2011 <u>Lowest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 46 Andreas Seppi in 2012 <u>Last Home Champion</u> – Novak Djokovic in 2011

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

<b>Serbia (6)</b>	Laslo Djere, Novak Djokovic, Miomir Kecmanovic, Filip Krajinovic, Dusan Lajovic, Hamad Medjedovic
<b>Chile (2)</b>	Cristian Garin, Alejandro Tabilo
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Marco Cecchinato, Fabio Fognini
<b>Australia (1)</b>	John Millman
<b>Austria (1)</b>	Dominic Thiem
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	David Goffin
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Holger Rune
<b>France (1)</b>	Richard Gasquet
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Oscar Otte
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Mikhail Kukushkin
<b>Portugal (1)</b>	Joao Sousa
<b>Slovenia (1)</b>	Aljaz Bedene
<b>Sweden (1)</b>	Mikael Ymer
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Henri Laaksonen

NOTE: Qualifiers not included, TBD on Monday

### ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Serbia Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	81,310	47,430	27,885	16,160	9,380	5,730
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	28,250	15,110	8,860	4,950	2,920	--

\* Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

## 2022 SERBIA OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavić (CRO)	72-20 (9 Titles)	7-7 (Dubai Final) 7-7 (Dubai Final)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
2	Simone Bolelli (ITA) Fabio Fognini (ITA)	96-53 (4 Titles)	14-6 (Rio de Janeiro Title) 17-5 (Rio de Janeiro Title)	1-1 (2021 QF) 0-1 (2010 1R)
3	Matthew Ebden (AUS) Max Purcell (AUS)	13-3 (2022 Houston Title)	10-3 (Houston Title) 10-2 (Houston Title)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Austin Krajicek (USA)	3-1 (2021 Winston-Salem Final)	7-8 (Adelaide-1 Final) 6-8 (Dubai SF)	1-1 (2012 QF) 0-1 (2021 1R)

Doubles Final: Saturday 23 April at 11:30 am

## SERBIA OPEN FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	Aslan Karatsev	6-1 3-6 7-6(0)
2013-20	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2012	Andreas Seppi (ITA)	Benoit Paire (FRA)	6-3 6-2
2011	<b>Novak Djokovic (SRB)</b>	Feliciano Lopez (ESP)	7-6(4) 6-2
2010	Sam Querrey (USA)	John Isner (USA)	3-6 7-6(4) 6-4
2009	<b>Novak Djokovic (SRB)</b>	Lukasz Kubot (POL)	6-3 7-6(0)

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Serbia Open singles draw

## SERBIA OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Ivan Sabanov/Matej Sabanov	Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar	6-3 7-6(5)
2013-20	TOURNAMENT NOT HELD		
2012	Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram	Martin Emmrich/Andreas Siljeström	4-6 6-2 10-6
2011	Frantisek Cermak/Filip Polasek	Oliver Marach/Alexander Peya	7-5 6-2
2010	Santiago Gonzalez/Travis Rettenmaier	Tomasz Bednarek/Mateusz Kowalczyk	7-6(6) 6-1
2009	Lukasz Kubot/Oliver Marach	Johan Brunström/Jean-Julien Rojer	6-2 7-6(3)

**BOLD:** Player in 2022 Serbia Open doubles draw – teams Sabanov/Sabanov and Behar/Escobar remain intact in the 2022 draw.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CENTER COURT

[WC] Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) vs [PR] Aljaz Bedene (SLO) **First Tour-Level Meeting**

Other Meeting

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**Mikhail Kukushkin** | Age: 34 | World No. 167 | Career-High No. 39 | 2022: 1-5 (Miami 2R) | Event: 0-1 (2011 1R)

> Achieved career-high No. 39 and earned personal-best 22 wins in 2019.

> Posted 1st Top-10 win vs. No. 10 Youzhny to capture 2010 St. Petersburg title, then beat No. 4 Wawrinka for biggest win of career in 2014 Basel 1R.

> Advanced to 2012 Australian Open 4R following 5-set wins over Troicki and Monfils and 2019 Wimbledon 4R after beating Isner in 5 sets.

> Owns 180-84 Challenger record with 14 titles and wins over former or future Top-10 players Ancic, Bautista Agut, Berrettini, Goffin, Khachanov and Schwartzman.

> Underwent left hip surgery on 25 September 2012 and right hip surgery on 8 October 2012.

**NOTE:** Kukushkin is seeking his 1st tour-level win on clay since beating No. 15 Fognini at 2020 Roland Garros.

**Aljaz Bedene** | Age: 32 | World No. 164 | Career-High No. 43 | 2022: 0-2 (2 times in 1R) | Event: 2-2 (2012, 2021 2R)  
> Achieved career-high No. 43 following run to 3rd of his 4 career finals at 2018 Buenos Aires.  
> Advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2016 Roland Garros, 2017 Wimbledon, 2019 US Open, 2020 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon.  
> Won 16 straight tour-level, qualifying and Challenger matches on European clay in April 2017.  
> Owns 138-38 Challenger record (16-2 in finals), including wins over former or future Top-10 players Baghdatis, Carreno Busta, Dimitrov, Goffin, Rublev, Schwartzman, Sinner and Thiem.  
> Became a British citizen in 2015, then returned to representing Slovenia in 2018.

**NOTE:** Bedene is aiming to break his 4-match tour-level losing streak, last win coming at 2021 Wimbledon 2R vs. No. 58 Nishioka.

## [5] Cristian Garin (CHI) vs Holger Rune (DEN)

## First Meeting

**Cristian Garin** | Age: 25 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 17 | 2022: 6-8 (Houston SF) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Won biggest title of career at 2020 Rio de Janeiro to rise to No. 18, then ended 2021 season at career-high No. 17.  
> Five-time ATP Tour champion saved 5 MPs vs. Chardy en route to 2019 Houston title and 2 MPs vs. No. 3 A. Zverev en route to 2019 Munich title.  
> Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2019 Paris and 2021 Madrid, as well as Grand Slam 4R at 2021 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon.  
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2013 Vina del Mar as 16-year-old WC (d. Lajovic) and 2nd ATP Tour win at 2019 Buenos Aires (d. Auger-Aliassime).  
> Former World No. 4 junior defeated A. Zverev for 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles title and reached boys' doubles final with countryman Jarry.

**NOTE:** Garin is 2-4 in his opening rounds this season, but has reached his first quarter-final and semi-final of the season in his last tournament (Houston, I. to No. 27 Isner in the semi-finals).

**Holger Rune** | Age: 18 | World No. 72 (Career-High) | 2022: 3-8 (3 times in 2R) | Event: 0-0 (Debut)  
> Broke into Top 400, 300 and 200 in 2021, then entered Top 100 in January 2022 and achieved career-high No. 72 in April 2022.  
> As 17-year-old Q-WC at 2021 Santiago, became 1st ATP Tour quarter-finalist born in 2003 or later, 1st Danish quarter-finalist since Pless at 2006 Newport, and youngest quarter-finalist since Coric, 17, at 2014 Umag.  
> Took a set off World No. 1 Djokovic in 2021 US Open 1R after qualifying in his 1st attempt at a Grand Slam.  
> Captured 5th Challenger title of career at 2022 Sanremo (d. Passaro 6-1 2-6 6-4), then won ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q1 match on same day (d. Albot 6-2 6-3).  
> Won 2019 Roland Garros boys' singles title and went on to become World No. 1 junior in October 2019.

**NOTE:** Rune is playing his 5th clay tour-level event of the season, posting a 1-4 record (d. No. 30 Karatsev at ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo).

## Richard Gasquet (FRA) vs [7] Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

## First Meeting

**Richard Gasquet** | Age: 35 | World No. 82 | Career-High No. 7 | 2022: 6-6 (Montpellier, Marrakech QF) | Event: 2-1 (2010 QF)  
> Qualified for Nitto ATP Finals in 2007 and 2013, also finishing 2012 and 2015 in Top 10.  
> Defeated Top-5 players in 5 sets to reach SFs at 2007 Wimbledon (d. Roddick in QF), 2013 US Open (d. Ferrer in QF) and 2015 Wimbledon (d. Wawrinka in QF).  
> Owns 15 titles and still seeking 1st above ATP 250 level after reaching ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2005 Hamburg, 2006 Toronto and 2012 Toronto.  
> Won ATP Tour debut as 15-year-old at 2002 Monte Carlo (d. Squillari), earned biggest career win at 2005 Monte Carlo (d. No. 1 Federer) and posted 500th career win at 2018 Monte Carlo (d. M. Zverev).  
> Remains youngest match winner since start of ATP Tour in 1990 and owns 566 wins overall – most among Frenchmen in Open Era (since 1968).

**NOTE:** Gasquet has an 8-17 record vs. Serbians on tour-level (1-13 vs Djokovic).

**Miomir Kecmanovic** | Age: 22 | World No. 38 (Career-High) | 2022: 17-7 (4 times in QF) | Event: 2-1 (2021 QF)  
> Broke into Top 40 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Kitzbuhel and achieved career-high No. 38 in 2021.  
> Advanced to 2022 Australian Open 4R after beginning career with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 2R matches.  
> Earned 1st 24 tour-level victories during 2019 season, highlighted by run to ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells QF as LL and win over No. 6 A. Zverev at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati.

- > Beat Ruud and Davidovich Fokina to reach 2019 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals SF (l. to eventual champion Sinner).
- > Defeated Tsitsipas in 3rd-set TB to win 2015 Orange Bowl junior title, then ended 2016 as World No. 1 junior ahead of No. 2 Tsitsipas.

**NOTE:** Kecmanovic has reached the quarter-final stage in last four tour-level tournaments he played (Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells, ATP Masters 1000 Miami).

**[6] Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs Marco Cecchinato (ITA)**

**Fognini Leads 2-1**

13 Nice (France)	Clay	R32	Fabio Fognini	1-6 6-1 6-2
17 Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Clay	R32	Fabio Fognini	6-4 7-6(4)
18 Munich (Germany)	Clay	R32	Marco Cecchinato	5-7 6-3 6-2

**Fabio Fognini** | Age: 34 | World No. 62 | Career-High No. 9 | 2022: 8-6 (Rio de Janeiro SF) | Event: 1-2 (2010 2R)

- > As a 32-year-old in 2019, became oldest player to break into Top 10 for 1st time, as well as 1st Italian in Top 10 since Barazzutti in 1979.
- > Also became 1st Italian ATP Masters 1000 champion, beating Nadal for 3rd time on clay en route to 2019 Monte Carlo title.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at 2017 Rome and 300th win of career over Monfils at 2018 Rome.
- > Broke through as a doubles player in 2015 by winning Australian Open, reaching 3 ATP Masters 1000 finals and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals with countryman Bolelli.
- > Married to 2015 US Open women's singles champion Flavia Pennetta with 3 children – Federico, Farah and Flaminia.

**NOTE:** Fognini finds himself outside the Top 50 of the ATP Rankings for the first time since September 2012.

**Marco Cecchinato** | Age: 29 | World No. 108 | Career-High No. 16 | 2022: 0-3 (3 times in 1R) | Event: 1-1 (2021 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 16 after winning 3rd ATP Tour title at 2019 Buenos Aires.
- > Went 23-23 in 2018 after entering season with 4-23 career record, highlighted by titles at Budapest as LL and Umag.
- > As World No. 72 in 2018, became lowest-ranked Roland Garros semi-finalist since No. 100 A. Medvedev in 1999 and 1st Italian Grand Slam semi-finalist since Barazzutti at 1978 Roland Garros.
- > Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Copil, defeated No. 9 Goffin for biggest win of career and upset 2016 champion Djokovic en route to 2018 Roland Garros SF.
- > Owns 9-5 main draw record at Roland Garros (0-14 combined at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open).

**NOTE:** Cecchinato is 0-9 across all levels this season and seeks his 1st tour-level win since beating No. 91 Sandgren at 2021 Winston-Salem in August.