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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- In a repeat of last year's **BNP Paribas Open** semi-final, defending champion **Carlos Alcaraz** meets World No. 3 **Jannik Sinner**. Both Alcaraz and Sinner enter their semi-final encounter on winning streaks, as Sinner aims to extend his 19-match winning streak, including 16-0 this season, facing defending champion Alcaraz, who is on a 10-match winning streak at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.
- If Sinner wins, it will mark the 7th time a player started the season with 17 consecutive wins since the ATP Tour was established in 1990. He would be the 5th active player to string 20 straight wins after Djokovic (8 times), Nadal (7), Murray (2) and Medvedev (1).

Best Starts in ATP Tour History (since 1990)

Novak Djokovic	41-0	2011
Novak Djokovic	26-0	2020
Rafael Nadal	20-0	2022
Novak Djokovic	17-0	2013
Roger Federer	17-0	2018
Pete Sampras	17-0	1997
Roger Federer	16-0	2006
Jannik Sinner	16-0	2024

* First loss of season

Lost in Dubai final prior to Indian Wells

BNP Paribas Open Finish

Champion (d. Rafael Nadal)
<i>Tournament Canceled</i>
Finalist (l. to Taylor Fritz)*
Semi-finalist (l. to Juan Martin del Potro)*
Finalist (l. to Juan Martin del Potro)*
2nd Round (l. to Bohdan Ulihrach)*
Champion (d. James Blake)#
Plays in SF vs. Carlos Alcaraz

- Also at stake during the semi-final encounter between **Alcaraz** and **Sinner** is the World No. 2 spot on the PIF ATP Rankings on Monday. Sinner, who became the first Italian to reach Top 3 in rankings history, aims to improve his career-high, while current World No. 2 Alcaraz attempts to keep his position and avoid dropping outside Top 2 for 1st time since winning 2022 US Open in September (rose from No. 4 to No. 1 after title win).
- World No. 4 **Daniil Medvedev** faces a home player in the Indian Wells semi-final for the second year in a row, after defeating **Frances Tiafoe** at this stage last year. This year he faces **Tommy Paul** with Medvedev going into the match with a 2-0 lead in their **Lexus ATP Head2Head**.
- Medvedev attempts to advance to his 10th ATP Masters 1000 final and become the eleventh player with double digit ATP Masters 1000 finals since the series began in 1990. The World No. 4 reaching the final would guarantee either:
 - If Alcaraz advances to final:**
a repeat of previous year's Indian Wells final for the second time in tournament history (Djokovic d. Federer in 2014-15)
 - If Sinner advances to final:**
a repeat of Australian Open final in the Indian Wells final for the second time in tournament history (1995 - Agassi d. Sampras at Australian Open, Sampras d. Agassi in Indian Wells).
- Tommy Paul looks for the biggest final of career and 7th win over a Top 5 opponent (6-9). The World No. 17 earned first 2 of 6 career Top 5 wins at Indian Wells, defeating No. 5 Rublev in 2021 3R and No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 2R. After defeating No. 9 Ruud in quarter-finals, he aims to record multiple Top 10 wins in a tournament for the first time in his career.

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Insights from this week, 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Tommy Paul	25%	70%	32%	7.8	7.5	6.8	7.7
Daniil Medvedev	21%	74%	39%	7.4	7.3	8.6	7.4
Jannik Sinner	27%	76%	36%	8.0	7.1	9.3	8.6
Carlos Alcaraz	26%	74%	47%	7.9	7.8	9.0	7.7
Tour Average	25.0%	66.0%	34.0%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

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[3] Jannik Sinner (ITA) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)

22 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

22 Umag (Croatia)

22 US Open (U.S.A.)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)

23 Beijing (China)

Other Meeting

19 Alicante CH (Spain)

Hard R32

Grass R16

Clay F

Hard QF

Hard SF

Hard SF

Hard SF

Clay R64

Carlos Alcaraz

Jannik Sinner

Jannik Sinner

Carlos Alcaraz

Carlos Alcaraz

Jannik Sinner

Jannik Sinner

Sinner Leads 4-3

7-6(1) 7-5

6-1 6-4 6-7(8) 6-3

6-7(5) 6-1 6-1

6-3 6-7(7) 6-7(0) 7-5 6-3

7-6(4) 6-3

6-7(4) 6-4 6-2

7-6(4) 6-1

6-2 3-6 6-3

Insight from their 2023 Beijing Semi-final meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Carlos Alcaraz	17%	66%	31%	8.2	8.2	7.2	7.9
Jannik Sinner	31%	69%	34%	8.1	8.7	8.9	7.7
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Sinner dictated play with 31% In Attack to the Alcaraz 17%. That 14% advantage equals 86% win probability on the ATP Tour.

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 10-3 (2 SFs) | Indian Wells: 14-2 (2023 Title)

> Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF 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.

> Became third Spanish man in Wimbledon history to win the singles title after Nadal (2008, 2010) and Santana (1966), defeating 7-time champion 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 (298 events since 1990).

> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-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.

NOTE: Alcaraz is on a 10-match winning streak at the event, aiming to become the first player to reach the final as the defending champion since 2017 champion Roger Federer reached 2018 final and looks for his 1st final since losing to Djokovic at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (0-4 in SFs since). He seeks his 6th ATP Masters 1000 final (4-1) and would tie his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero & Carlos Moya for 3rd most finals among Spaniards (Nadal - 53, Ferrer - 7).

Defending Champions in Indian Wells Finals (since 1990):

Player	Year Won	Title Defense
Roger Federer	2017	2018 runner-up (l. to del Potro)
Novak Djokovic	2014	2015, 2016 Champion
Roger Federer	2004	2005, 2006 Champion
Lleyton Hewitt	2002	2003 Champion
Michael Chang	1996	1997 Champion
Pete Sampras	1994	1995 Champion

Jannik Sinner | Age: 22 | World No. 3 (Career-High) | 2024: 16-0 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 11-2 (2023-24 SF)
 > Unranked to begin 2018, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager and broke into Top 10 at age 20 in 2021, then reached career-high No. 3 in February 2024, becoming the highest-ranked Italian in PIF ATP Rankings history.
 > At 2024 Australian Open, defeated 10-time champion Djokovic in SF and rallied from two sets down in final against Medvedev to win his 1st Grand Slam title. Became 1st player to beat Djokovic in SF or later at the tournament.
 > Became the first Italian champion in Australian Open tournament history and second Italian man to win a Grand Slam title in Open Era (Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros).
 > Earned career-best 64 wins in 2023, setting the record for most wins by an Italian player in a single season in Open Era, highlighted by first ATP Masters 1000 title at Toronto.
 > As a 19-year-old in 2021, became first teenager to win an ATP 500 title at Washington and first Italian finalist in tournament history of ATP Masters 1000 Miami (since 1985).

NOTE: Sinner is on a 19-match winning streak, 16-0 in 2024, capturing titles at Australian Open and Rotterdam. The Italian is 12-1 vs. Top 10 players since September, only losing to No. 1 Djokovic at 2023 Nitto ATP Finals championship match. He looks for his 4th ATP Masters 1000 final (1-2) after 2021 & 2023 Miami and 2023 Toronto.

[17] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [4] Daniil Medvedev

21 Roland Garros (France)
23 Beijing (China)

Clay R64 Daniil Medvedev
Hard R32 Daniil Medvedev

Medvedev Leads 2-0

3-6 6-1 6-4 6-3
6-2 6-1

Insight from their 2023 Beijing 1st Round meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Tommy Paul	30%	46%	26%	7.8	6.8	7.0	7.3
Daniil Medvedev	23%	74%	54%	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.3
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Paul had the In Attack advantage but after that it's all Medvedev. Every Shot Quality in the 8's and a devastating Steal Score. In Indian Wells Paul has a Conversion Score of 70%, with his net game making a healthy contribution to that score, can he keep that level against one of the games great defenders?

Tommy Paul | Age: 26 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 14-4 (Dallas Title) | Indian Wells: 11-3 (2024 SF)
 > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 12 in October 2023 after defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF in Toronto earlier in the year.
 > Became the 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF in 2023 since Roddick in 2009.
 > Owns 6-9 record vs. Top 5, including 3-hour, 26-minute win over No. 5 Fritz to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Acapulco.
 > Posted upsets at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 events of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
 > Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
 > Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul is playing in his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 SF (2023 Toronto), attempting to reach his 1st final. He is 6-9 vs. Top 5 opponents, aiming to capture first Top 5 win since defeating World No. 1 Alcaraz at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto QF. He is 11-1 on American soil this year, with Dallas title and Delray Beach final prior to Indian Wells.

American Men in Indian Wells Finals since 2000:

Player	Year	Result
Andre Agassi	2001	Champion (d. Sampras)
Pete Sampras	2001	Finalist (l. to Agassi)
James Blake	2006	Finalist (l. to Federer)
Mardy Fish	2008	Finalist (l. to Djokovic)
Andy Roddick	2010	Finalist (l. to Ljubicic)
John Isner	2012	Finalist (l. to Federer)
Taylor Fritz	2022	Champion (d. Nadal)

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 28 | World No. 4 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 13-2 (Aus. Open Final) | Indian Wells: 15-6 (2023 Final)
 > 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 2004.
 > Six-time Grand Slam finalist 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.
 > 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.

NOTE: Medvedev aims to capture the Indian Wells title this week to complete the set of titles at all hard court ATP Masters 1000 events (Miami in 2023, Canada in 2021, Cincinnati in 2019, Shanghai in 2019, Paris in 2020). He aims to tie Kuerten, Muster and Zverev for 8th most ATP Masters 1000 finals (10).

Most ATP Masters 1000 Finals (since the series began in 1990)

No.	Player	Finals	No.	Player	Finals
1	Novak Djokovic	58	6	Pete Sampras	19
2	Rafael Nadal	53	7	Boris Becker	11
3	Roger Federer	50	8T	Gustavo Kuerten	10
4	Andre Agassi	22	8T	Thomas Muster	10
5	Andy Murray	21	8T	Alexander Zverev	10

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[17] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [3] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R64	Jannik Sinner
22 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Tommy Paul
23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	SF	Jannik Sinner

Sinner Leads 2-1

6-7(4) 7-6(4) 6-3
 6-3 3-6 6-3
 6-4 6-4

[17] Tommy Paul (USA) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

22 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	R32	Tommy Paul
23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Carlos Alcaraz
23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	QF	Tommy Paul
23 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Carlos Alcaraz

Series Tied 2-2

6-7(4) 7-6(7) 6-3
 6-4 6-4
 6-3 4-6 6-3
 7-6(6) 6-7(0) 6-3

[4] Daniil Medvedev vs [3] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

20 Marseille (France)	Hard	R16	Daniil Medvedev
21 Marseille (France)	Hard	QF	Daniil Medvedev
21 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Daniil Medvedev
22 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	QF	Daniil Medvedev
23 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	F	Daniil Medvedev
23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Daniil Medvedev
23 Beijing (China)	Hard	F	Jannik Sinner
23 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	F	Jannik Sinner
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	SF	Jannik Sinner
24 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	F	Jannik Sinner

Medvedev Leads 6-4

1-6 6-1 6-2
6-2 6-4
6-0 6-7(5) 7-6(8)
6-4 6-2
5-7 6-2 6-2
7-5 6-3
7-6(2) 7-6(2)
7-6(7) 4-6 6-3
6-3 6-7(4) 6-1
3-6 3-6 6-4 6-4 6-3

[4] Daniil Medvedev vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R64	Daniil Medvedev
23 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Carlos Alcaraz
23 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	SF	Carlos Alcaraz
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Carlos Alcaraz

Alcaraz Leads 3-2

6-4 6-1 6-2
6-3 6-2
6-3 6-3 6-3
7-6(3) 6-1 3-6 6-3
6-4 6-4