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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Former finalist **Stan Wawrinka** (2017) returns to **BNP Paribas Open** making his 13th appearance. The 38-year-old, who is playing in his 123rd ATP Masters 1000 event (6th most, tied with **David Ferrer**) meets Czech **Tomas Machac**. Machac leads their **Lexus ATP Head** 1-0, winning in Stockholm last October. Wawrinka (27-12) would tie **Michael Chang** and **Andy Roddick** for 9th most wins in Indian Wells with a win today.

BNP Paribas Open Win Leaders –

No.	Player	Win/Loss	No.	Player	Win/Loss
1.	Roger Federer	66-13	6T.	Pete Sampras	31-12
2.	Rafael Nadal	59-11	6T.	Andy Murray	31-15
3.	Novak Djokovic	50-9	8.	Lleyton Hewitt	30-13
4.	Andre Agassi	37-16	9T.	Andy Roddick	28-10
5.	Jimmy Connors	34-6	9T.	Michael Chang	28-11

- Another former finalist **Milos Raonic** (2016) will step on the **Stadium 1** court for the first time since reaching the semi-finals in 2019. The Canadian, who owns a 124-67 record at ATP Masters 1000 level, was originally matched against 3-time champion **Rafael Nadal**, before the Spaniard pulled out. He now faces lucky loser **Sumit Nagal**, who is making his ATP Masters 1000 debut, after making his Top 100 debut last month.
- Gael Monfils** squares up against **Max Purcell** in their second **Lexus ATP Head2Head** meeting, with the Australian prevailing at 2021 Eastbourne. Monfils, who first debuted at the event in 2005, reached the quarter-finals in 2016 and 2019 and now seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 win since earning consecutive Top 15 wins over No. 15 Norrie and No. 12 de Minaur en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 3R (l. to No. 2 Djokovic).
- Alex Michelsen** is the highest-ranked of 7 Americans on the schedule today, as the 19-year-old aims to become the youngest American to win a match at ATP Masters 1000 level since 19-year-olds **Taylor Fritz** and **Frances Tiafoe** at 2017 Miami. The Californian, who is making his debut at this level, meets **Jaume Munar**.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: THURSDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM 1

Stan Wawrinka (SUI) vs Tomas Machac (CZE)

23 Stockholm (Sweden)

Hard R16 Tomas Machac

Machac Leads 1-0

6-4 6-1

Tennis Data Innovations Insights uses algorithmic software to process ball and player tracking data in real-time to calculate shot type, shot quality, situation, phase of play and tactic for every shot. Insights explained at <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/insights-introduction>.

Insight from their 2023 Stockholm 2nd Round meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Stan Wawrinka	22%	56%	21%	8.1	6.2	6.4	7.8
Tomas Machac	25%	79%	44%	8.0	7.2	8.2	7.4
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Machac's forehand Shot Quality improved from his 52-week average of 6.9 to 8.2 in the match. Wawrinka, meanwhile, saw a decline from his 52-week average of 7.8 to 6.4. Despite increasing his forehand speed from an average of 76mph to 81mph in the match, his consistency dropped significantly, with only 71% of his forehands landing in.

Stan Wawrinka | Age: 38 | World No. 70 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 1-3 (Buenos Aires 2R) | Indian Wells: 27-12 (2017 Final)
> Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
> Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
> One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
> Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte Carlo.
> Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup.

NOTE: Wawrinka is 11-1 in his opening-round matches at Indian Wells, losing to No. 104 Haase in 2015. He would be the oldest player to win a match at Indian Wells since 40-year-old Karlovic beat Gunneswaran in 3R in 2019.

Tomas Machac | Age: 23 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 62 | 2024: 5-4 (Marseille QF) | Indian Wells: 1-1 (2022 2R)
> Former Top-20 junior broke into Top 100 in time for 2022 year-end rankings, then earned career-high No. 62 in February 2024 after reaching 3rd ATP Tour QF at Marseille.
> Defeated former champion Sock en route to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2023 Houston.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 17 Tiafoe en route to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2024 Australian Open.
> Representing Czech Republic, defeated Sousa to reach 2020 Tokyo Olympics 2R (held in 2021) and beat both Gasquet and Evans during 2021 Davis Cup Finals.
> Boasts 110-54 Challenger record (6-5 in finals), including back-to-back titles at Orleans and Mouilleron le Captif in October 2023.
> Says that his favourite sports team is Chicago Bulls and his hero is Michael Jordan, who played his last game as a Bull in 1998 – 2 years before Machac was born.

NOTE: Machac is playing in his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 event, after qualifying for 2022 Indian Wells (d. Popyrin in 1R, l. to No. 1 Medvedev in 2R). One of three Czechs in the field, most in an ATP Masters 1000 draw since 2017 Miami (Berdych, Pavlasek, Vesely).

[PR] Milos Raonic (CAN) vs [LL] Sumit Nagal (IND)

First Meeting

Milos Raonic | Age: 33 | World No. 224 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 2-2 (Rotterdam QF) | Indian Wells: 23-8 (2016 Final)
> Ended 2016 at career-high No. 3 after earning personal-best 52 wins and reaching Nitto ATP Finals SF (l. to No. 1 Murray after holding 1 MP).
> Became 1st Canadian to break into Top 10 in 2013, then won 1st All-Canadian final in Open Era at 2014 Washington (d. Pospisil).
> Advanced to 10 Grand Slam QFs and 3 Grand Slam SFs, beating Federer in 5 sets to become 1st Canadian Grand Slam men's singles finalist at 2016 Wimbledon.
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Federer at 2014 Paris en route to 2nd of his 4 ATP Masters 1000 finals.
> Played 83 tournaments and advanced to 7 finals since 8th and most recent ATP Tour title at 2016 Brisbane (d. Federer).

NOTE: Raonic is on a 9-match win streak in opening-round matches at the ATP Masters 1000 level since losing to McDonald at 2018 Shanghai. He made at least the semifinal stage in his last four Indian Wells appearances (2015-16, 2018-19).

Sumit Nagal | Age: 26 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 97 | 2024: 1-2 (Aus. Open 2R) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (2024 Q2)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in 2013, broke into Top 200 in 2019 and Top 100 in February 2024 by winning 5th Challenger title in Chennai, achieving career-high no. 97 later that month.
> Made ATP Tour debut on home soil at 2018 Pune as Q and Grand Slam debut at 2019 US Open as Q (l. to 5-time champion Federer in 1R).
> Earned first tour-level wins at 2019 Davis Cup vs. Pakistan, followed by 1st Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open.
> Owns 119-103 Challenger record (5-3 in finals), picking up titles at 2017 Bangalore, 2019 Buenos Aires, 2023 Rome, 2023 Tampere, and 2024 Chennai.
> Peaked at No. 23 in juniors in 2015 and went 88-53 in juniors with wins over future Top 10 players Berrettini, Hurkacz, Shapovalov and Tiafoe, ending junior career by winning 2015 Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Ly.

NOTE: Nagal is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 main draw. He aims to be the first Indian to win an ATP Masters 1000 match since Gunneswaran at 2019 Indian Wells (reached 3R, d. Paire in 1R, No. 18 Basilashvili in 2R).

STADIUM 2

Gael Monfils (FRA) vs Max Purcell (AUS)

21 Eastbourne (Great Britain)

Grass R16 Max Purcell

Purcell Leads 1-0

6-4 5-7 6-4

Gael Monfils | Age: 37 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 5-6 (Doha SF) | Indian Wells: 17-13 (2016, 2019 QF)
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 6 in 2016 and married former WTA No. 3 Elina Svitolina in 2021.

> Owns 12 ATP Tour titles, including ATP 500s at 2016 Washington, 2019 Rotterdam and 2020 Rotterdam.

> Reached at least 1 final in 19 straight seasons (2005-23), including ATP Masters 1000s at 2009 Paris, 2010 Paris and 2016 Monte Carlo.

> Earned 545 career victories, highlighted by biggest wins over No. 1 Nadal at 2009 Doha and No. 1 Medvedev at 2022 Indian Wells, as well as career-long win streaks of 12 matches and 25 sets in 2020.

> Advanced to 2008 Roland Garros and 2016 US Open SFs after winning junior titles at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004

NOTE: Monfils is making his 15th appearance in Indian Wells, debuting in 2005. He is 9-5 in opening-round matches at Indian Wells, losing four in a row in 2007-10 before winning seven in a row (2014, 2016-19, 21-22; l. to Thompson in 2023 1R).

Max Purcell | Age: 25 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 40 | 2024: 4-7 (4 times in 2R) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (2022 Q1)

> Broke into singles Top 200 in 2021 and Top 100 in March 2023, reaching career-high No. 40 in October 2023.

> Reached 1st ATP Tour singles SF at 2021 Eastbourne as LL, then beat No. 7 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Cincinnati (l. to No. 1 Alcaraz).

> Replaced 2-time Olympic gold medallist Murray in 2020 Tokyo Olympics draw and defeated No. 15 Auger-Aliassime in 1R (held in 2021).

> Compiled a 34-7 record on the ATP Challenger Tour in 2023 (3-3 in finals), going on an 18-match winning streak and capturing three titles in as many weeks in Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune.

> Owns career-high No. 25 in doubles, reaching 2020 and 2022 Australian Open finals and captured 2022 Wimbledon title w/Ebden, becoming first All-Aussie men's doubles Wimbledon champions since Woodbridge/Woodforde in 2000.

NOTE: Purcell is looking for his first ATP Masters 1000 win since making the quarterfinals at 2023 Cincinnati (d. No. 7 Ruud in 2R). Defeated No. 16 Monfils at 2021 Eastbourne for 1st Top 20 win en route to lone ATP Tour SF.

Alex Michelsen (USA) vs Jaume Munar (ESP)

First Meeting

Alex Michelsen | Age: 19 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 73 | 2024: 6-6 (Los Cabos QF) | Indian Wells: 0-0 (2023 Q1)

> Youngest American in Top 200 of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings earned career-high No. 73 in January 2024 after defeating No. 23 Lehecka for biggest win of career to reach 1st Grand Slam 3R at Australian Open.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming the youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis and qualified for 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals.

> Defeated Ramos-Vinolas in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2023 US Open.

> Owns a 34-15 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Chicago and Knoxville.

> Reached career-high No. 25 in ITF Juniors, highlighted by 2022 Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Gorzny.

> Started playing at the age of 3, hitting with his mother, former college player, every day until 15 years of age.

NOTE: Michelsen is playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 main draw. He is 5-1 in tour-level opening-round matches on home soil, including beating Sandgren in Delray Beach and Kokkinakis in Dallas in February.

Jaume Munar | Age: 26 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 52 | 2024: 6-5 (2 QFs) | Indian Wells: 2-4 (2022 3R)

> Former World No. 3 junior advanced to 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals SF and achieved career-high No. 52 in May 2019.

> Finished 2022 at year-end high No. 58 after earning personal-best 19 wins and qualifying for 4 ATP Masters 1000 events.

> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.

> Earned 2 Top-10 wins over No. 3 Zverev at 2019 Marrakech 2R and No. 3 Ruud at 2022 Tokyo 1R.

> Owns 128-68 Challenger record (9-6 in finals), including recent clay-court title at 2023 San Marino.

> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Munar is seeking his 10th ATP Masters 1000 win (9-16), 5th on hard courts (4-9). He posted two of these wins at 2022 Indian Wells, defeating Shang in 1R and No. 16 Carreno Busta in 2R.

Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [PR] Denis Shapovalov (CAN) First Meeting

Botic van de Zandschulp | Age: 28 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 22 | 2024: 4-7 (3x 2R) | Indian Wells: 2-3 (2022 3R)

> Achieved new career-high ranking 14 times in 2022, peaking at No. 22 in August and ending 2nd straight season as No. 1 Dutchman.

> At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.

> Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Trungelliti in Q3).

> Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.

> Defeated No. 10 Fritz in SF to reach 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Munich, before squandering 4 championship points to lose to Rune in the Munich final for the second year in a row.

> Earned personal-best 38 wins in 2022, including victories over Norrie, Fritz and Bublik to help The Netherlands qualify for Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage.

NOTE: van de Zandschulp earned best ATP Masters 1000 results last season, reaching 4R in Miami (d. No. 4 Ruud in 3R) and 3R in Paris (d. No. 12 Paul in 2R).

Denis Shapovalov | Age: 24 | World No. 131 | Career-High No. 10 | 2024: 1-6 (Montpellier 2R) | Indian Wells: 5-5 (2019 4R)

> After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.

> Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.

> Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).

> Beat Carreno Busta to begin 2022 ATP Cup final and Kokkinakis to begin 2022 Davis Cup final, helping Canada sweep both team titles.

> Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of Pepperstone ATP Rankings less than 15 months later.

NOTE: Shapovalov is seeking his 1st ATP Masters 1000 win since defeating No. 581 Pella at 2023 Miami 2R. The Canadian is 4-1 in Indian Wells opening-round matches, losing to Humbert in 2R last year (after 1R bye).

STADIUM 3

Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) vs Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

19 Antalya (Turkiye)	Grass	F	Lorenzo Sonego
22 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R32	Miomir Kecmanovic
22 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	Clay	R16	Miomir Kecmanovic

Other Meetings

17 Italy F30 (Italy)	Clay	QF	Miomir Kecmanovic	6-3 4-6 7-5
17 Italy F31 (Italy)	Clay	QF	Lorenzo Sonego	7-5 6-4
19 Geneva Q (Switzerland)	Clay	Q2	Lorenzo Sonego	6-4 7-6(5)

Kecmanovic Leads 2-1

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

Roman Safiullin vs Daniel Evans (GBR)

23 Chengdu (China)	Hard	R16	Roman Safiullin
24 Los Cabos (Mexico)	Hard	R32	Daniel Evans

Other Meeting

19 Quimper CH (France)	Hard	QF	Daniel Evans	3-6 6-3 7-6(1)
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Series Tied 1-1

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

Insight from their 2024 Los Cabos 1st Round meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Daniel Evans	19%	62%	33%	7.0	6.7	8.2	7.3
Roman Safiullin	21%	67%	38%	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.6
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Evans asserted control in baseline exchanges with higher Shot Quality, nearly equaling Safiullin's speed (74mph to 75mph) on the forehand side but significantly more consistent (90% Fh In to 79%).

Safiullin will look to replicate the performance that led to his victory over Evans in Chengdu 2023, where his serve and forehand Shot Quality (both 8.0) enabled him to dominate In Attack 28% to 18%.

[Q] Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) vs J.J. Wolf (USA)

First Meeting

[WC] Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs Bernabe Zapata Miralles (ESP)

21 Barcelona (Spain)	Clay	R32	Bernabe Zapata Miralles
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Zapata Miralles Leads 1-0

6-0 4-4 DEF

[WC] Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

First Meeting

STADIUM 4

To Finish - Lajovic leads 7-5 0-0* 0-40 – Ruusuvuori on serve

Dusan Lajovic (SRB) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)	Hard	R64	Dusan Lajovic
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Lajovic Leads 1-0

3-6 6-3 6-3

STADIUM 5

To Finish - Kudla leads 6-3 *2-2 40-40 – Kudla on serve

[Q] Constant Lestienne (FRA) vs [Q] Denis Kudla (USA)

Other Meetings

21 Quimper 1 CH (France)	Hard	R32	Constant Lestienne
23 Surbiton CH (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	Constant Lestienne

First Tour-Level Meeting

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

[WC] Jakub Mensik (CZE) vs [Q] Seongchan Hong (KOR)

First Meeting

[Q] Shang Juncheng (CHN) vs Jordan Thompson (AUS)

Other Meetings

22 Granby CH (Canada)	Hard	QF	Shang Juncheng
22 Cary CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Jordan Thompson

First Tour-Level Meeting

7-5 6-4
7-6(4) 6-7(10) 6-2

[Q] Ethan Quinn (USA) vs [WC] Patrick Kypson (USA)

Other Meetings

22 M15 Los Angeles (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Patrick Kypson
23 Champaign CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Patrick Kypson
24 Cleveland CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Patrick Kypson

First Tour-Level Meeting

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

[Q] Nicolas Moreno De Alboran (USA) vs [Q] Lukas Klein (SVK)

First Meeting

STADIUM 6

[Q] Hugo Grenier (FRA) vs Alexandre Muller (FRA)

24 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Hugo Grenier
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Other Meetings

18 Mouilleron le Captif CH Q (France)	Hard	Q2	Alexandre Muller
19 Budapest CH (Hungary)	Hard	R64	Alexandre Muller

Grenier Leads 1-0

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

STADIUM 7

[Q] Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN) vs Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

Other Meeting

22 Busan CH (South Korea)	Hard	R32	Aleksandar Vukic
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First Tour-Level Meeting

6-4 6-3

To Finish - Pouille leads 2-1 30-0 – Altmaier on serve*

[Q] Lucas Pouille (FRA) vs Daniel Altmaier (GER)

First Meeting

Borna Coric (CRO) vs Sebastian Ofner (AUT)

First Meeting

Arthur Fils (FRA) vs Nuno Borges (POR)

24 Auckland (New Zealand)	Hard	R16	Arthur Fils
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Other Meeting

21 M15 Majadahonda, Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R32	Nuno Borges
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Fils Leads 1-0

6-2 6-0
6-2 3-6 6-2

Pavel Kotov vs Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)

Other Meeting

19 Shymkent 2 CH (Kazakhstan)	Clay	R64	Alejandro Tabilo
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First Tour-Level Meeting

6-4 4-2 RET

Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)

First Meeting