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BNP PARIBAS OPEN TALKING POINTS

- World No. 3 **Jannik Sinner** enters the fourth round at **BNP Paribas Open** on a 17-match winning streak with a perfect 14-0 record this season. The 22-year-old Italian is 34-2 since September last year, only losing to World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** at 2023 Nitto ATP Finals championship match and his next opponent, **Ben Shelton**, at the 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 4R.

Recent Undefeated Starts to the ATP Tour Season (11+):

Year	Player	Streak	Wins
2024	Jannik Sinner	14	Australian Open (7), Rotterdam (5), Indian Wells (2)
2023	Novak Djokovic	15	Adelaide-1 (5), Australian Open (7), Dubai (3)
2022	Rafael Nadal	20	Melbourne (3), Aus. Open (7), Acapulco (5), Indian Wells (5)
2020	Novak Djokovic	26	ATP Cup (6), Aus. Open (7), Dubai (5), Cincinnati (5), US Open (3)
2018	Roger Federer	17	Australian Open (7), Rotterdam (5), Indian Wells (5)

- Shelton** looks for his third Top 5 win of career after defeating No. 5 Ruud at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and No. 4 Sinner at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai. The 21-year-old aims to become the second American to defeat a Top-3 opponent in the last 10 editions of Indian Wells after **Tommy Paul** d. No. 3 Zverev in 2022.
- Defending champion **Carlos Alcaraz** now carries an 8-match Indian Wells winning streak as the No. 2 seed looks for his third consecutive quarter-final at the event (2022 SF, 2023 Title). He now faces **Fabian Marozsan**, the Hungarian, who leads their **Lexus ATP Head2Head** 1-0, shocking Alcaraz as World No. 135 qualifier in his ATP Tour debut event at ATP Masters 1000 Rome last May.
- On **Stadium 2**, No. 11 seed **Stefanos Tsitsipas** meets No. 32 seed **Jiri Lehecka** for the third time, with the Greek winning both previous encounters. Tsitsipas looks for his second Indian Wells quarter-final, while Lehecka aims to record his 1st ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final.
- Two Top 10 players are meeting before the quarter-final stage for the second time this year, again involving the World No. 10 **Alex de Minaur**, as the Australian meets World No. 6 **Alexander Zverev**. de Minaur is playing in the Indian Wells 4R for the third time, aiming to reach his 1st quarter-final in the Californian desert.
- Zverev is 49-63 vs. Top 10 players in his career, looking to become the fifth active male player to record 50 Top 10 wins behind all-time Top 10 wins leader **Novak Djokovic** (257), **Rafael Nadal** (186), **Andy Murray** (105) and **Stan Wawrinka** (62).

Most Hard-Court Titles since 2018		Most Hard-Court Wins since 2018		ATP Masters 1000 wins since 2023	
Novak Djokovic	20	Daniil Medvedev	257	Carlos Alcaraz	27
Daniil Medvedev	18	Andrey Rublev	199	Daniil Medvedev	26
Jannik Sinner	11	Novak Djokovic	193	Jannik Sinner	23
Andrey Rublev	10	Stefanos Tsitsipas	193	Andrey Rublev	22
Alexander Zverev	10	Alexander Zverev	184	Hubert Hurkacz	20

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM 1

Fabian Marozsan (HUN) vs [2] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)

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R32

Fabian Marozsan

Marozsan Leads 1-0

6-3 7-6(4)

Insight from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3rd Round meeting:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Fabian Marozsan	33%	73%	29%	8.3	6.8	8.6	7.3
Carlos Alcaraz	18%	71%	27%	8.1	6.7	6.9	6.2
Tour Average	25%	66%	34%	7.9	6.6	7.6	7.2

Marozsan dictated play & the In Attack score hitting only 12% of shots from 2m+ behind the baseline, while Alcaraz was 2m+ on 35% of his shots and that opened up the space for the Marozsan drop shot.

Fabian Marozsan | Age: 24 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 57 | 2024: 7-7 (Indian Wells 4R) | Indian Wells: 3-0 (2024 4R)
 > Broke into Top 200 in August 2022, Top 100 in June 2023 and earned career-high No. 57 in January 2024.
 > In ATP Tour debut, qualified and defeated No. 2 Alcaraz for biggest win of career en route to 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 4R, then reached QF at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai QF (d. No. 5 Ruud in 4R).
 > Earned 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2023 US Open (d. Gasquet) and reached 3R at 2024 Australian Open.
 > Owns 55-30 record on Challenger tour (3-1 in finals), winning titles at 2022 Banja Luka, 2023 Antalya and 2023 Perugia and losing to compatriot Fucsovics in 2022 Bratislava-2 final.
 > Began playing tennis at age 5 and credits his father for teaching him everything about the sport.

NOTE: Marozsan is playing in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 event of career and reached the 4R in all three events, looking to equal biggest win of career (d. No. 2 Alcaraz in Rome) to advance to his 2nd QF at ATP Masters 1000 level (2023 Shanghai). With a win, he could rise to No. 47 on PIF ATP Live Rankings and become the fourth Hungarian to break into Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (Taroczy – No. 12, Fucsovics – No. 31, Szoke – No. 47).

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 20 | World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 8-3 (Buenos Aires SF) | Indian Wells: 12-2 (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 an 8-match winning streak at the event, winning the title last year and defeating Arnaldi and Auger-Aliassime to reach 4R this year. He looks for his 50th ATP Masters 1000 win (49-16), highlighted by 4 titles.

Most ATP Masters 1000 Wins Before Turning 21 Years Old:

Player	Win/Loss	Titles
Rafael Nadal	82-17	9
*Carlos Alcaraz	49-16	4
Novak Djokovic	48-19	4
Andy Roddick	45-20	2
Lleyton Hewitt	41-21	0

* Turns 21 on May 5th

[16] Ben Shelton (USA) vs [3] Jannik Sinner (ITA)

23 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) Hard R16 Ben Shelton
23 Vienna (Austria) Hard R32 Jannik Sinner

Series Tied 1-1

2-6 6-3 7-6(5)
7-6(2) 7-5

Insight from their 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai 4th Round meeting:

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Player	Serve Quality	Serve Quality	Serve Quality
Ben Shelton	6.8	9.2	9.1
Jannik Sinner	9.2	7.5	8.6
Tour Average	7.9	7.9	7.9

Shelton found more pace (1st serve Avg. speed by set (1) 121 mph, (2) 124 mph, (3) 126 mph) and more consistency (1st Serve in by set (1) 52%, (2) 74%, (3) 77%) across the sets, finding his range particularly with his 'T' serves in sets 2 & 3 which proved to be a vital change up.

Ben Shelton | Age: 21 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 15 | 2024: 10-5 (2 SFs) | Indian Wells: 3-1 (2024 4R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 15 in October 2023 after winning first ATP Tour title at 2023 Tokyo.
- > Defeated compatriots Paul and Tiafoe at 2023 US Open to become the youngest American man to reach US Open semi-finals since Chang in 1992, then beat No. 4 Sinner to reach 1st ATP Masters QF at 2023 Shanghai.
- > Advanced to 2023 Australian Open QF at age 20 and on his 1st trip outside USA, becoming youngest American man in Aus. Open QF since Giammalva Jr., 19, in 1982, and in Grand Slam QF since Roddick, 20, at 2002 US Open.
- > Upset No. 5 Ruud to reach 2022 Cincinnati 3R in ATP Masters 1000 debut at age 19, becoming youngest American man to earn Top-5 win since Roddick, 18, at 2001 Montreal (d. No. 1 Kuersten).
- > Ended 2022 season on ATP Challenger Tour with 3 indoor hard titles in as many weeks at Charlottesville, Knoxville and Champaign.
- > Posted 65-10 singles record in 2 seasons for University of Florida, clinching 2021 NCAA team title and 2022 NCAA singles title while being coached by his father Bryan, a former World No. 55.

NOTE: Shelton looks for the biggest win of career (0-3 vs. Top 3), attempting to reach his 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF after defeating then-No. 4 Sinner in 2023 Shanghai 4R for his 1st QF. He would be the youngest American quarter-finalist in Indian Wells since 20-year-olds Ginepri and Roddick in 2003.

Jannik Sinner | Age: 22 | World No. 3 (Career-High) | 2024: 14-0 (2 Titles) | Indian Wells: 9-2 (2023 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 17-match winning streak, 14-0 in 2024, capturing titles at Australian Open and Rotterdam. The Italian seeks his 150th hard court tour-level win of career (149-46) to become the 1st player born since 2000 to reach the milestone.

ATP Tour-Level Hard-Court Win Leaders (players born since 1995)

Player	Born	Win/Loss	Titles	Player	Born	Win/Loss	Titles
*Daniil Medvedev	1996	276-92	18	*Taylor Fritz	1997	184-119	5
*Alexander Zverev	1997	246-114	14	*Alex de Minaur	1999	175-95	7
Andrey Rublev	1997	221-121	10	Karen Khachanov	1996	171-127	6
*Stefanos Tsitsipas	1998	197-102	5	*Jannik Sinner	2001	149-46	11

* - Player still active in Indian Wells this week

STADIUM 2

[32] Jiri Lehecka (CZE) vs [11] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)

22 Rotterdam (Netherlands)	Hard	SF	Stefanos Tsitsipas
23 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas

Tsitsipas Leads 2-0

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

Jiri Lehecka | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 12-6 (Adelaide Title) | Indian Wells: 3-1 (2024 4R)
 > Achieved career-high No. 23 in January 2024 after capturing 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Adelaide.
 > Defeated No. 5 Rublev for biggest wins of career to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Doha and to reach 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.
 > Celebrated 21st birthday during 2022 Next Gen ATP Finals and finished as runner-up.
 > Qualified in 2022 at Australian Open, Rotterdam, ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, Belgrade and Munich, highlighted by SF run at Rotterdam.
 > Former World No. 10 junior won 2019 Wimbledon boys' doubles title with countryman Forejtek.

NOTE: Lehecka attempts to reach his 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF to become the 11th Czech in ATP Masters 1000 QF, first since Berdych at 2017 Miami and first in Indian Wells since Berdych in 2015. He is 10-21 vs. Top 20 opponents in his career, 3-2 in 2024, including win over No. 5 Rublev in 3R on Sunday.

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 25 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 11-4 (Los Cabos SF) | Indian Wells: 7-5 (2021 QF)
 > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 10 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 3 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).
 > Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.
 > Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.
 > Won 10 ATP Tour titles, including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-10 in finals).
 > Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas looks for his 22nd ATP Masters 1000 QF (14-6 + 1 W/O win), first on outdoor hard court since reaching 2022 Cincinnati final, to equal his best result in Indian Wells. He is on a 13-match winning streak vs. players ranked outside Top 20 (10-0 in 2024) since losing to No. 38 Fils at 2023 Antwerp SF.

[6] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs [10] Alex de Minaur (AUS)

18 Davis Cup WG 1st Round (Australia)	Hard	RR	Alexander Zverev
18 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Alexander Zverev
18 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R16	Alexander Zverev
19 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	QF	Alexander Zverev
20 ATP Cup (Australia)	Hard	RR	Alex de Minaur
21 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R16	Alexander Zverev
22 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R16	Alexander Zverev
24 United Cup (Australia)	Hard	SF	Alex de Minaur

Zverev Leads 6-2

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

Alexander Zverev | Age: 26 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 13-4 (2 SFs) | Indian Wells: 12-7 (2021 QF)
 > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.
 > Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 21 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
 > Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
 > Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 5 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
 > Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).

NOTE: Zverev is 49-63 vs. Top 10 players (3-1 in 2024), looking to become the second German to post 50 Top 10 wins since the start of PIF ATP Rankings after Becker (121). He aims to equal his best Indian Wells result (2021 QF) in the only ATP Masters 1000 event, where he is yet to reach a semi-final.

Alex de Minaur | Age: 25 | World No. 10 | Career-High No. 9 | 2024: 17-4 (Acapulco Title) | Indian Wells: 7-5 ('21-22, '24 4R)
> Two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 9 in February 2024 soon after defeating No. 1 Djokovic at 2024 United Cup for biggest win of career.
> Earned personal-best 47 victories in 2022, then captured biggest of 8 ATP Tour titles in Acapulco in 2023 and 2024.
> Advanced to his first ATP Masters 1000 QF, SF and final at 2023 Toronto, losing to Sinner.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open immediately after winning 1st ATP Tour doubles title at 2020 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati w/Carreno Busta in team debut and at same venue.
> Defeated Murray to help Team World win 2022 Laver Cup and went 6-1 in Davis Cup play during the season, leading Australia to its 1st final since 2003.
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTE: de Minaur came into 2023 season with a 0-10 record in ATP Masters 1000 R16s, before reaching quarter-finals at 2023 Toronto (d. Fritz in R16) and 2023 Paris (received a W/O by Sinner in R16). He is on a 7-match winning streak, aiming to take sole lead for most wins on the ATP Tour this season (currently tied w/Baez at 17).

All-Top 10 Meetings Prior to Quarter-Finals Since Start of 2022 Season:

Result

No. 6 Alexander Zverev vs. No. 10 Alex de Minaur

No. 5 Andrey Rublev d. No. 10 Alex de Minaur 6-4 6-7 6-7 6-3 6-0
No. 6 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. No. 9 Alexander Zverev 7-6 6-4
No. 10 Taylor Fritz d. No. 8 Holger Rune 6-3 6-4
No. 6 Andrey Rublev d. No. 10 Holger Rune 6-3 3-6 6-3 4-6 7-6
No. 5 Rafael Nadal d. No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime 3-6 6-3 6-2 3-6 6-3

Tournament

2024 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R

2024 Australian Open 4R
2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R
2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R
2023 Australian Open 4R
2022 Roland Garros 4R