



## OPEN 13 PROVENCE – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

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### 2021 OPEN 13 PROVENCE - SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	MARSEILLE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Daniil Medvedev (RUS)	169-88 (9 Titles)	3-2 (2017, 2020 QF)
2	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	142-78 (5 Titles)	8-2 (2019, 2020 <b>Champion</b> )
3	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	146-115 (4 Titles)	5-2 (2018 <b>Champion</b> )
4	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	46-42 (2 Titles)	3-1 (2019 SF)
5	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	35-23 (2 Titles)	1-1 (2020 2R)
6	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	407-198 (12 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	19-22 (2 SFs)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)	67-74 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)

<b>Tournament History</b>	1993-Present (29 <sup>th</sup> Edition in 2021)
<b>Singles Final</b>	Sunday 14 March not before 2:00 pm
<b>Qualifiers (4)</b>	TBD on Monday 8 March
<b>Wild Cards (3)</b>	Benjamin Bonzi (FRA), Hugo Gaston (FRA), Petros Tsitsipas (GRE)
<b>Oldest Player</b>	Feliciano Lopez (39)
<b>#NextGenATP (3)</b>	Hugo Gaston (20), Jannik Sinner (19), Petros Tsitsipas (20)
<b>Tournament Records</b>	Most Wins – Gilles Simon (29) Most Titles – Thomas Enqvist, Marc Rosset, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (3) Youngest Champion – Stefanos Tsitsipas, 20, in 2019 Oldest Champion - Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 31, in 2017 Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 79 Michael Llodra in 2010

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

<b>France (7)</b>	Gregoire Barrere, Benjamin Bonzi, Hugo Gaston, Pierre-Hugues Herbert, Ugo Humbert, Lucas Pouille, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga
<b>Greece (2)</b>	Petros Tsitsipas, Stefanos Tsitsipas
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Jannik Sinner, Stefano Travaglia
<b>Japan (2)</b>	Kei Nishikori, Yoshihito Nishioka
<b>Russia (2)</b>	Daniil Medvedev, Karen Khachanov
<b>Spain (2)</b>	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Feliciano Lopez
<b>Austria (1)</b>	Dennis Novak
<b>Belarus (1)</b>	Egor Gerasimov
<b>Finland (1)</b>	Emil Ruusuvuori
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Yannick Hanfmann
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Cameron Norrie
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Mikhail Kukushkin
<b>USA (1)</b>	Mackenzie McDonald

**NOTE:** Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

## 2021 OPEN 13 PROVENCE - DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	MARSEILLE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Ken Skupski (GBR) Neal Skupski (GBR)	125-139 (5 Titles) 113-98 (4 Titles)	7-7 (2011 <b>Champion</b> ) 1-4 (2015 QF)
2	Luke Bambridge (GBR) Dominic Inglot (GBR)	47-45 (3 Titles) 236-195 (14 Titles)	0-0 (Tournament debut) 6-2 (2017, 2018 Finalist)
3	Jonny O'Mara (GBR) Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (PAK)	47-38 (2 Titles) 349-306 (18 Titles)	0-0 (Tournament debut) 5-4 (2013 Finalist)
4	Divij Sharan (IND) Igor Zelenay (SVK)	106-103 (5 Titles) 91-132 (1 Title)	0-0 (Tournament debut) 5-5 (2016 SF)

**Doubles Final:** Sunday 14 March at 11:45 a.m.

## FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Open 13 Provence	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	27,615	20,400	15,300	10,450	7,140	5,100
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	9,630	7,060	5,360	3,840	2,800	--

\* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

## OPEN 13 PROVENCE – SINGLES FINALS (Since 2007)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
<b>2020</b>	<b>Stefanos Tsitsipas</b> (GRE)	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	6-3 6-4
<b>2019</b>	<b>Stefanos Tsitsipas</b> (GRE)	<b>Mikhail Kukushkin</b> (KAZ)	7-5 7-6(5)
<b>2018</b>	<b>Karen Khachanov</b> (RUS)	<b>Lucas Pouille</b> (FRA)	7-5 3-6 7-5
<b>2017</b>	<b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b> (FRA)	<b>Lucas Pouille</b> (FRA)	6-4 6-4
<b>2016</b>	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	6-2 7-6(3)
<b>2015</b>	Gilles Simon (FRA)	Gael Monfils (FRA)	6-4 1-6 7-6(4)
<b>2014</b>	Ernesto Gulbis (LAT)	<b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b> (FRA)	7-6(5) 6-4
<b>2013</b>	<b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b> (FRA)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	3-6 7-6(6) 6-4
<b>2012</b>	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	Michael Llodra (FRA)	6-4 6-4
<b>2011</b>	Robin Soderling (SWE)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	6-7(8) 6-3 6-3
<b>2010</b>	Michael Llodra (FRA)	Julien Benneteau (FRA)	6-3 6-4
<b>2009</b>	<b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b> (FRA)	Michael Llodra (FRA)	7-5 7-6(3)
<b>2008</b>	Andy Murray (GBR)	Mario Ancic (CRO)	6-3 6-4
<b>2007</b>	Gilles Simon (FRA)	Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)	6-4 7-6(3)

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Open 13 Provence singles draw.

## OPEN 13 PROVENCE – DOUBLES FINALS (Since 2007)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
<b>2020</b>	Nicolas Mahut/Vasek Pospisil	Wesely Koolhof/Nikola Pietrangeli	6-3 6-4
<b>2019</b>	Jeremy Chardy/Fabrice Martin	Matwe Middelkoop/Ben McLachlan	6-3 6-7(4) [10-3]
<b>2018</b>	Raven Klaasen/Michael Venus	Marcus Daniell/ <b>Dominic Inglot</b>	6-7(2) 6-3 [10-4]
<b>2017</b>	Julien Benneteau/Nicolas Mahut	Robin Haase/ <b>Dominic Inglot</b>	6-4 6-7(9) [10-5]
<b>2016</b>	Mate Pavic/Michael Venus	Jonathan Erlich/Colin Fleming	6-2 6-3
<b>2015</b>	Marin Draganja/Henri Kontinen	Colin Fleming/Jonathan Marray	6-4 3-6 [10-8]

<b>2014</b>	Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Paul Hanley/Jonathan Marray	4-6 7-6(6) [13-11]
<b>2013</b>	Rohan Bopanna/Colin Fleming	<b>Aisam-UI-Haq Qureshi</b> /Jean-Julien Rojer	6-4 7-6(3)
<b>2012</b>	Nicolas Mahut/Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Dustin Brown/ <b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b>	3-6 6-4 [10-6]
<b>2011</b>	Robin Haase/ <b>Ken Skupski</b>	Julien Benneteau/ <b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b>	6-4 6-7(4) [13-11]
<b>2010</b>	Julien Benneteau/Michael Llodra	Julian Knowle/Robert Lindstedt	6-4 6-3
<b>2009</b>	Arnaud Clement/Michael Llodra	Julian Knowle/Andy Ram	3-6 6-3 [10-8]
<b>2008</b>	Martin Damm/Pavel Vizner	Yves Allegro/Jeff Coetzee	7-6(0) 7-5
<b>2007</b>	Arnaud Clement/Michael Llodra	Mark Knowles/Daniel Nestor	7-5 4-6 [10-8]

**BOLD:** Player in 2021 Open 13 Provence doubles draw.

## OPEN 13 PROVENCE TALKING POINTS

- [1] **Daniil Medvedev** will become World No. 2 at the end of the week regardless of the Marseille run as the current World No. 2 Rafael Nadal is not competing this week. The Russian will be only the 5<sup>th</sup> World No. 2 since 25 July 2005 (after Federer, Nadal, Murray and Djokovic).
- [2] **Stefanos Tsitsipas** is unbeaten in Marseille since 2018. The Greek won back-to-back titles in 2019 (d. Kukushkin) and in 2020 (d. Auger-Aliassime) and is currently on a 16 sets winning streak in the tournament.
- 3-times champion **Jo-Wilfried Tsonga** will try to become the most successful player in the history of the Open 13 Provence adding a 4<sup>th</sup> crown. The Frenchman won his 1<sup>st</sup> Marseille title in 2009 and added another title every four years: in 2013 and 2017. The 2021 edition marks 4 years since his last Marseille triumph.
- Brothers Stefanos and Petros Tsitsipas will play an ATP Tour singles main draw together for the first time in career. To find two or more Greeks in an ATP Tour singles main draw we have to go back to Athens 1994 with Pantelis Moschoutis, Solon Peppas and George Kalovelonis.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### COURT CENTRAL

#### Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [8] Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)

#### First Meeting

**Emil Ruusuvuori** | Age: 21 | World No. 87 | Career-High No. 84 | Career: 14-16 (2020 Nur-Sultan SF) | Marseille: 0-1  
 > Former World No. 4 junior achieved career-high No. 84 after qualifying en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2020 Nur-Sultan.  
 > Also in 2020, made victorious ATP Tour debut at Montpellier as Q (d. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati as Q (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene in 5 sets).  
 > Owns 5 wins as member of Finnish Davis Cup team, including 6-3 6-2 upset of No. 5 Thiem in 2019 (AUT d. FIN 3-2).  
 > Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.  
 > Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

**NOTE:** Ruusuvuori is 1-2 in career ATP Tour-level vs left-handed players.

**Yoshihito Nishioka** | Age: 25 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 48 | Career: 67-74 (2018 Shenzhen title) | Marseille: Tournament debut  
 > Broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 48 in 2020 after reaching 2nd ATP Tour final at Delray Beach.  
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st final and title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.

- > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori for biggest win of career en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.
- > Ended 0-6 start to career in Grand Slam 2R matches by beating Evans to reach 2020 Australian Open 3R.
- > Tore left ACL in 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R vs. Sock and missed remainder of season following surgery.

**NOTE:** Nishioka is playing in 2<sup>nd</sup> career ATP Tour-level tournament as seeded player after 2020 Singapore.

## **Dennis Novak (AUT) vs [WC] Hugo Gaston (FRA)**

## **First Meeting**

**Dennis Novak** | Age: 27 | World No. 98 | Career-High No. 85 | Career: 22-34 (2 QFs) | Marseille: 0-1

- > Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 85 in early-2020 prior to ATP Tour suspension due to COVID-19.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour QF at 2020 Cologne-1 and defeated No. 17 Fognini for biggest win of career at 2021 ATP Cup.
- > Came within 1 win of qualifying for all 4 Grand Slams in 2018, reaching Wimbledon 3R and also qualifying at Australian Open and US Open.
- > Earned 3 wins in Match TB en route to 2016 Kitzbuhel doubles final with countryman and lifelong friend Thiem.
- > Coached by Thiem's father, Wolfgang, and was born 6 days before Thiem in same town of Wiener Neustadt.

**NOTE:** Novak is 3-3 in 2021 and reached QF in Montpellier (l. to Gojowczyk)

**Hugo Gaston** | Age: 20 | World No. 166 | Career-High No. 157 | Career: 3-5 (2020 Roland Garros R4) | Marseille: 0-1

- > Broke into Top 200 and achieved career-high No. 157 after earning 1st 3 tour-level wins at 2020 Roland Garros as 239<sup>th</sup>-ranked WC.
- > Became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in Roland Garros debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling to 2018 and 2019 finalist Thiem in 5 sets.
- > Also became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
- > Earned 1st point in FedEx ATP Rankings at age 15 after qualifying and winning 1R match at 2016 Mont-de-Marsan Futures.
- > Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in singles and bronze medal in both doubles and mixed at Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

**NOTE:** Gaston is seeking his 1<sup>st</sup> ever career win in an ATP Tour event.

## **Gregoire Barrere (FRA) vs [5] Jannik Sinner (ITA)**

## **First Meeting**

**Gregoire Barrere** | Age: 27 | World No. 115 | Career-High No. 80 | Career: 11-23 (2 QFs) | Marseille: 1-2 (2019 2R)

- > Broke into Top 100 after qualifying at 2019 US Open and achieved career-high No. 80 after reaching 2019 Orleans Challenger final.
- > Advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2019 Metz as WC and 2020 Montpellier.
- > Defeated No. 23 Dimitrov for biggest win of career in 2020 Montpellier 2R.
- > Won 1R matches at all 4 Grand Slam events, including at US Open in both 2019 and 2020.
- > Owns 72-60 Challenger record, winning all 3 of his titles on home soil at 2018 Lille, 2019 Quimper and 2019 Lille.

**NOTE:** Barrere will try to win his 3<sup>rd</sup> career ATP Tour-level win against a seeded player after 2019 Metz (d. [6] Hurkacz) and 2020 Montpellier (d. [4] Dimitrov).

**Jannik Sinner** | Age: 19 | World No. n73234 | Career-High No. 32 | Career: 35-23 (2 Titles) | Marseille: 1-1 (2020 2R)

- > Unranked to begin 2018, broke into Top 100 in 2019, ended 2020 as No. 1 teenager, and achieved career-high No. 32 in 2021.
- > Won ATP 250 titles at age 19 to end 2020 season (Sofia) and begin 2021 season (Melbourne-1).
- > Youngest ATP Tour champion since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach; youngest 2-time champion since Djokovic, 19, in 2006; and youngest player to win titles in consecutive appearances since Nadal, 19, in 2005.
- > Also won 2019 Next Gen ATP Finals title in Milan as No. 8 seed in 8-man field, then did not drop a set en route to Ortisei Challenger title the following week.
- > Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros QF in tournament debut at age 19, becoming 1st debutant to reach Roland Garros QF since Nadal in 2005 and youngest quarter-finalist at event since Djokovic, 19, in 2006.

**NOTE:** Sinner is 7-1 in ATP Tour-level against players ranked outside the Top 100 (only loss 2019 Lyon, l. to Lamasine).