



## UNICREDIT FIRENZE OPEN – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022

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### 2022 UNICREDIT FIRENZE OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2022 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	40-24 (Rotterdam Title)	140-100 (2022 Rotterdam Title)
2	Matteo Berrettini (ITA)	29-10 (Stuttgart, Queen's Club Titles)	141-73 (7 Titles)
3	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	24-22 (Hamburg Title)	50-47 (2022 Hamburg Title)
4	Maxime Cressy (USA)	24-23 (Newport Title)	31-30 (2022 Newport Title)
5	Aslan Karatsev	15-25 (Sydney Title)	52-55 (3 Titles)
6	Jenson Brooksby (USA)	24-19 (Dallas, Atlanta Finals)	40-28 (3 Finals)
7	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	29-24 (Montpellier Title)	99-94 (2022 Montpellier Title)
8	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	27-20 (San Diego Title)	47-34 (2022 San Diego Title)

#### Tournament History

1st Edition in 2022

#### Singles Final

Sunday 16 October at 5:15 pm

#### Wild Cards (3)

Francesco Maestrelli (ITA), Francesco Passaro (ITA), Giulio Zeppieri (ITA)

#### Qualifiers (4)

Altug Celikbilek (TUR), Flavio Cobolli (ITA), Tim van Rijthoven (NED), Mikael Ymer (SWE)

#### Oldest Player

Richard Gasquet (36)

#### #NextGenATP (6)

Flavio Cobolli (20), Francesco Maestrelli (19), Lorenzo Musetti (20),

Brandon Nakashima (21), Francesco Passaro (21), Giulio Zeppieri (20)

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (14)

#### Italy (7)

Matteo Berrettini, Flavio Cobolli, Francesco Maestrelli, Lorenzo Musetti, Francesco Passaro, Lorenzo Sonego, Giulio Zeppieri

#### United States (5)

Jenson Brooksby, Maxime Cressy, Mackenzie McDonald, Brandon Nakashima, J.J. Wolf

#### France (2)

Richard Gasquet, Corentin Moutet

#### Netherlands (2)

Tallon Griekspoor, Tim van Rijthoven

#### Spain (2)

Roberto Carballes Baena, Bernabe Zapata Miralles

#### Belgium (1)

David Goffin

#### Canada (1)

Felix Auger-Aliassime

#### Chile (1)

Cristian Garin

#### Colombia (1)

Daniel Elahi Galan

#### Hungary (1)

Marton Fucsovics

#### Germany (1)

Oscar Otte

#### Kazakhstan (1)

Alexander Bublik

#### Sweden (1)

Mikael Ymer

#### Turkey (1)

Altug Celikbilek

### PEPPERSTONE ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

UniCredit Firenze Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (€)	93,090	54,300	31,925	18,495	10,740	6,565
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (€)	32,340	17,300	10,150	5,670	3,340	--

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

## 2022 UNICREDIT FIRENZE OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2022 (BEST FINISH)	CAREER (BEST FINISH)
1	Wesley Koolhof (NED) Neal Skupski (GBR)	50-15 (6 Titles) 50-15 in 2022 (6 Titles)	52-17 (6 Titles) 51-15 (6 Titles)	208-144 (13 Titles) 192-135 (12 Titles)
2	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavic (CRO)	111-30 (14 Titles) 46-17 in 2022 (5 Titles)	46-17 (5 Titles) 50-17 (6 Titles)	254-134 (22 Titles) 375-182 (31 Titles)
3	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Austin Krajicek (USA)	23-14 (2022 Lyon Title) 20-13 in 2022 (1 Title)	28-22 (Lyon Title) 26-21 (Lyon Title)	381-262 (17 Titles) 132-119 (5 Titles)
4	Matthew Ebden (AUS) John Peers (AUS)	0-1 (2018 Davis Cup tie)	34-18 (3 Titles) 23-22 (Sydney Title)	116-117 (7 Titles) 347-220 (26 Titles)

**Doubles Final:** Sunday 16 October at 3:00 pm.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### CAMPO CENTRALE

#### [5] Aslan Karatsev vs Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

22 Rotterdam (Netherlands) Hard R32 Tallon Griekspoor

#### Griekspoor Leads 1-0

2-6 7-6(2) 7-6(0)

#### Other Meeting

19 Tampere CH (Finland) Clay R32 Tallon Griekspoor

3-6 6-4 6-3

20 Prague II CH (Czech Republic) Clay F Aslan Karatsev

6-4 7-6(6)

**Aslan Karatsev** | Age: 29 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 14 | 2022: 15-25 (Sydney Title) | Career: 52-55 (3 Titles)  
> Broke into Top 20 after winning 2nd ATP Tour title at 2021 Moscow, then achieved career-high No. 14 following 3rd title at 2022 Sydney.

> Reached 2021 Australian Open SF as World No. 114, becoming 1st men's semi-finalist in Grand Slam debut in Open Era, 1st men's qualifier to reach Grand Slam SF since Voltchkov at 2000 Wimbledon, and lowest-ranked Grand Slam men's semi-finalist since No. 125 Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon.

> Ended 23-match ATP 500 win streak of countryman Rublev en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2021 Dubai, then defeated No. 1 Djokovic at 2021 Belgrade-1 and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Rome.

> In mixed doubles w/Vesnina, finished as 2021 Roland Garros runner-up and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist in All-ROC final (held in 2021).

> Went 18-2 on ATP Challenger Tour from August-November 2020, including titles at Prague-2 and Ostrava.

**NOTE:** Karatsev is 1-9 in his last 10 matches (d. Nakashima in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati in 1R). He is 9-14 on hard courts in 2022 after a 6-0 start (Sydney title, Australian Open 3R).

**Tallon Griekspoor** | Age: 26 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 44 | 2022: 17-21 (3 times in QF) | Career: 24-36 (3 QFs)

> Achieved career-high No. 44 in after winning 11th Challenger title of career at 2022 Amersfoort.

> Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

> Advanced to ATP Tour QFs on 3 different surfaces at Melbourne, Geneva and Mallorca in 2022.

> Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam 1R wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019 and No. 14 Karatsev in 2022.

> Twin brothers, Scott and Kevin, are 5.5 years older and peaked at No. 205 and No. 655 respectively in Pepperstone ATP Rankings.

**NOTE:** Griekspoor holds a 5-13 record vs. Top 50 players on tour-level hard courts in his career.

#### Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP)

21 Santiago (Chile) Clay QF Daniel Elahi Galan

#### Galan Leads 1-0

7-6(8) 6-3

#### Other Meeting

18 L'Aquila CH (Italy) Clay R16 Daniel Elahi Galan

7-5 6-3

20 Lima CH (Peru) Clay QF Daniel Elahi Galan

7-6(6) 6-2

20 Campinas CH (Brazil) Clay SF Roberto Carballes Baena

6-4 6-2

**Daniel Elahi Galan** | Age: 26 | World No. 71 | Career-High No. 69 | 2022: 11-10 (2 times in QF) | Career: 34-33 (2 SFs)

> Improved year-end ranking in 7 straight seasons (2015-21), then broke into Top 100 in July 2022 before achieving career-high No. 69 in September 2022.

- > Defeated 2-time defending champion Johnson en route to 1st ATP Tour QF and SF at 2019 Houston as Q-WC.
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros as LL and 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2021 Miami.
- > Won ATP Tour main draw debut on home soil at 2015 Bogota as 19-year-old WC (d. Riba).
- > Owns 106-96 Challenger record (4-3 in finals), including clay-court titles in 2022 at Concepcion and Sarasota.

**NOTE:** Galan is 4-1 vs. lower-ranked players on tour-level in 2022.

**R. Carballes Baena** | Age: 29 | World No. 80 | Career-High No. 69 | 2022: 8-16 (2 times in QF) | Career: 71-94 (1 Title)  
> Former World No. 8 junior achieved career-high No. 71 in November 2021 following previous career-high of No. 72 in February 2018.  
> At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.  
> Earned biggest win of career over No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.  
> Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.  
> Boasts 227-144 Challenger record (10-8 in finals), capturing most recent title at 2022 Seville in the 2nd week of US Open.

**NOTE:** Carballes Baena is 1-6 on tour-level hard courts this season (d. Munar at 2022 US Open 1R).

### **J.J. Wolf (USA) vs [WC] Francesco Maestrelli (ITA)**

### **First Meeting**

**J.J. Wolf** | Age: 23 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 72 | 2022: 10-10 (Washington QF) | Career: 12-16 (1 QF)  
> Already ranked No. 272 when he turned pro in July 2019, then broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 72 in September 2022.  
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF at 2022 Washington as WC in his 1st week as a Top-100 player.  
> Achieved first Top 20 win over No. 18 Bautista Agut en route to 2nd Grand Slam 3R at 2022 US Open.  
> Made Grand Slam main draw debut and earned 1st tour-level wins of career en route to 2020 US Open 3R as WC (d. Pella and Carballes Baena).  
> Owns 78-42 Challenger record overall, including 5-1 in finals and 21-7 with 2 titles in Columbus, where he played 3 seasons of college tennis for Ohio State University.  
> Former World No. 18 junior won 2016 USTA Boys' 18s National Championship in doubles w/McNally and reached 2017 singles final at same event (l. to Kypson in 5 sets).

**NOTE:** Nine of Wolf's 10 Tour-level wins in 2022 have come in events held in the U.S.A. (d. Sonogo at Acapulco 1R).

**Francesco Maestrelli** | Age: 19 | World No. 186 | Career-High No. 178 | 2022: 0-0 (Verona CH Title) | Career: 0-0  
> After starting 2022 ranked out of Top 750, he achieved career-high No. 178 in September after making his 4th ATP Challenger semi-final of 2022 in Cassis.  
> Reached Q3 at 2022 US Open in his Grand Slam qualifying debut before squandering a 6-2 lead in the final set tiebreak (to 10) vs Borges.  
> Earned biggest career win over No. 75 Lestienne at 2022 Cassis CH QF and holds a 2-0 record vs. Top 100 players on the ATP Challenger Tour.  
> Owns 19-14 Challenger record (19-12 in 2022), coming through qualifying to win 1st Challenger title at 2022 Verona defeating No. 98 Cachin in the final from a set down stopping his 9-match winning streak.  
> Made his main draw debut at 2022 Florence as a wildcard.

**NOTE:** Maestrelli is making his tour-level debut after receiving a wildcard. He is one of 6 #NextGenATP players in the draw, currently No. 19 on Pepperstone ATP Live Race To Milan in hopes of qualifying for 2022 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals.

### **[WC] Giulio Zeppieri (ITA) vs [Q] Altug Celikbilek (TUR)**

### **First Meeting**

**Giulio Zeppieri** | Age: 20 | World No. 170 | Career-High No. 136 | 2022: 3-3 (Umag SF) | Career: 3-5 (1 SF)  
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in July 2018 and achieved career-high No. 136 at age 20 in August 2022 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Umag.  
> Qualified at 2022 Roland Garros in 1st try at a Grand Slam event, defeating 38-year-old Seppi in Q1 to snap his countryman's streak of 66 straight Grand Slam main draw appearances.  
> Also qualified at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome with comeback wins over No. 47 Molcan and No. 62 Cressy.  
> Captured 1st Challenger title of career on home soil at 2021 Barletta.  
> Peaked at No. 12 in juniors after falling to countryman Musetti in 2019 Australian Open boys' singles SF and teaming with Musetti to reach 2019 Australian Open boys' doubles SF.

**NOTE:** Zeppieri got all 3 of his career tour-level wins en route to his 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 Umag (0-4 at other tour-level events). He is No. 16 on [Pepperstone ATP Live Race To Milan](#).

**Altug Celikbilek** | Age: 26 | World No. 230 | Career-High No. 154 | 2022: 2-1 (Davis Cup) | Career: 10-10 (3 2Rs)  
> Broke into Top 200 in July 2021 after winning 1st ATP Challenger title at 2021 Porto and achieved a career-high No. 154 in February 2022.  
> Improved year-end ranking in 6 straight seasons from 2015-21, ending last season at year-end best No. 162.  
> Defeated former World No. 10 Gulbis in ATP Tour main draw debut at 2019 Antalya.  
> Owns 7-6 Davis Cup singles record for Turkey, highlighted by tie-clinching win vs. Denmark in 2019 (d. Sigsgaard).  
> Holds a 65-61 Challenger record with 3 titles at 2021 Porto, 2021 Pozoblanco and 2022 Porto, successfully defending the title.

**NOTE:** Celikbilek seeks 1st ATP Tour win of the season and first since 2021 Singapore (d. Mochizuki in 1R).

## [Q] Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs Corentin Moutet (FRA)

## First Meeting

**Flavio Cobolli** | Age: 20 | World No. 164 | Career-High No. 133 | 2022: 0-1 (Rome 1R) | Career: 1-2 (1 2R)  
> Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and achieved career-high No. 133 in July 2022 after finishing 2020 at No. 906.  
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.  
> Has a 23-17 record (21-15 on clay) on ATP Challenger Tour this season and won 1st Challenger title at 2022 Zadar after reaching finals at 2021 Rome-2 and 2021 Barletta.  
> Captured 1st ITF World Tennis Tour title of career at Antalya in April 2021.  
> Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.  
> Has a 55-38 career Challenger record. including 49-30 on clay.

**NOTE:** Cobolli is playing in his first hard court tour-level match. He owns a 6-8 hard court record on the ATP Challenger circuit and 2-6 indoors.

**Corentin Moutet** | Age: 23 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 64 | 2022: 10-8 (Adelaide-2 SF) | Career: 40-52 (1 Final)  
> Former Top-10 junior broke into Top 100 in 2019 and achieved career-high No. 64 in September 2022 after reaching 4R at US Open.  
> Reached 1st ATP Tour final as 20-year-old at 2020 Doha, becoming youngest French finalist on tour since Gasquet, 20, at 2006 Lyon.  
> Entered the draw as a lucky loser at 2022 US Open before advancing to 4R for the first time in his career at a Grand Slam (l. to Ruud).  
> Advanced to 3R at 2019 Roland Garros and 2020 US Open, then lost to Giustino after 6:05 in 2020 Roland Garros 1R – longest match at event in 16 years.  
> Defeated future World No. 3 Tsitsipas for 1st of his 6 Challenger titles at 2017 Brest as WC.  
> Enjoys rapping and playing piano, having released an 8-song EP entitled “Ecorche” in 2020.

**NOTE:** Moutet is playing in his first tour-level event since making 4R at 2022 US Open as a lucky loser.