

# **SEMIFINAL**

## DOHA, QATAR

### DAY-5 MATCH-3 CENTER COURT

SEED	SINGLES	RANK	NAT	SET-1	SET-2	SET-3
[WC]	GAEL MONFILS	68	FRA	6	1	6
	JAKUB MENSIK	116	CZE	4	6	3

MATCH TIME 1:54

S	SET 1	
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	0-1
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	1-1
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	1-2
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	2-2
JAKUB MENSIK	BREAK	3-2
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	4-2
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	4-3
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	5-3
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	5-4
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	6-4

	SET 2	
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	0-1
GAEL MONFILS	BREAK	0-2
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	0-3
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	1-3
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	1-4
GAEL MONFILS	BREAK	1-5
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	1-6

S	SET 3	
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	1-0
JAKUB MENSIK	BREAK	2-0
GAEL MONFILS	BREAK	2-1
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	2-2
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	3-2
GAEL MONFILS	HOLD	3-3
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	4-3
JAKUB MENSIK	BREAK	5-3
JAKUB MENSIK	HOLD	6-3

HEAD TO HEAD						
YEAR	RNK WINNING PLAYER	RNK LOSING PLAYER	ROUND	EVENT	CATEGORY	RESULT
2024	116 JAKUB MENSIK	68 GAEL MONFILS	SF	DOHA	ATP-250	6-4 1-6 6-3

THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS.

#### JAKUB MENSIK -116- (CZE) 2023 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN **OPPONENT ROUND SEED RANK NAT RESULT FINAL** [2] KAREN KHACHANOV 17 TBD **SEMIFINAL GAEL MONFILS** FRA 6-4 1-6 6-3 | 1:54 [WC] 68 **QUARTERFINAL** ANDREY RUBLEV 5 6-4 7-6(6) | 1:36 [1] **ROUND 2** ANDY MURRAY 7-6(6) 6-7(3) 7-6(4) | 3:23 50 **GBR ROUND I** [5] ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA 24 **ESP** 7-6(3) 6-4 | 1:33 **DIRECT ENTRY**

#### [WC] GAEL MONFILS -68- (FRA) 2023 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN **ROUND** SEED **OPPONENT RANK** NAT **RESULT** 4-6 6-1 3-6 | 1:54 **SEMIFINAL** JAKUB MENSIK 116 CZE QUARTERFINAL UMO HUMBERT 18 FRA 6-2 6-4 | 1:11 [3] 4-6 7-5 7-6(2) | 2:23 **ROUND 2** ZHIZHEN ZHANG 48 CHN **ROUND I BOTIC VAN DE ZANDSCHULP** 70 6-1 7-6(9) | 1:42 NED **DIRECT ENTRY**

#### **PLAYER BIOGRAPHY**

THE YOUNGEST TALENT IN THIS YEAR'S DRAW - ON TUESDAY, HE KNOCKED-OFF WORLD #24 ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA. ON WEDNESDAY, HE DEFEATED 2-TIME DOHA CHAMPION ANDY MURRRAY IN THREE TIEBREAK SETS (THE LONGEST MATCH IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY). AND LAST NIGHT, HE SCORED HIS FIRST TOP-5 TRIUMPH, TAKING-OUT 2020 DOHA CHAMPION ANDREY RUBLEV. TONIGHT, HE RETURNS TO CENTER COURT FOR HIS FIRST CAREER TOUR-LEVEL SEMIFINAL - KNOWING, THAT WITH THE RESULTS HE'S PUT-UP THIS WEEK IN DOHA - ON MONDAY, HE'LL CRACK THE ATP'S TOP-100 FOR THE FIRST TIME. FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC - PLEASE WELCOME, JAKUB MENSIK.

CURRENT RANK	CAREER-HIGH	DETAIL
116	116	<ul> <li>Feb-24   2nd CHALLENGER Final, Qualified at Australian Open, Reached R2 (upset Shapovalov)</li> </ul>

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN		SIL OPEN	DOHA DEBUT - #NEXTGEN CARD	SINGLES RESULTS: 4-0
YEAR	RANK	RESULT	DETAIL	
			• F [2] Karen Khachanov-17	
			SF [WC] Gael Monfils-68	* New youngest Finalist in Doha history
2024	116	F	QF [1] Andrey Rublev-5	* First top-5 win
			• R2 Andy Murray-50 (3 tiebreak sets) - 1st career Tour-Level QF	* Longest match in tournament history
			R1 Davidovich Fokina-24 (6th Tour-level win)	* First top-25 victory

YEAR	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	DETAILS
2024	R2				<ul> <li>Qualified, 1 main draw win, fell to Hurkacz-9</li> </ul>
2023				R3	Qualified, 2 main draw wins, fell to Frtiz-9

- 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN: (142) Qualified Defeated former top-10 Shapovalov-114 in R1, pushed Hurkacz-9 to 5-sets
- 2023 US OPEN: (206) Qualified Youngest player to win a main-draw match at US Open in 9-years | 17-years-old Day after 18th birthday, faced Fritz-9 in the US Open's 3rd Round

#### ATP TOUR #NEXTGEN SINGLES RECORD: 9-2

TITLES: 0 FINALS: 1 ATP FINALS: 0 APPEARANCES

YEAR	TITLE	FINAL	DETAIL
2024	0	1	• First career ATP Tour Final in Doha - only his 3rd career Tour-level event
2024	U	1	• 2nd CHALLENGER FINAL   Australian Open - Qualified, defeated Shapovalov-114, pushed Hurkacz to 5-sets
2023	0	0	1st CHALLENGER TOUR TITLE   US Open - Reached the 3rd Round in Grand Slam debut, fell to Fritz-9

#### **TEAM EVENTS**

EVENT	DETAIL
OLYMPICS	• N/A
DAVIS CUP	• Since 2023   4 TIES   (4-0) Record overall
UNITED CUP	• N/A

#### **NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS / ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

YEAR	DETAIL	
2022	JUNIOR   Australian Open Finalist	
SCHOOL	• Finishing his final year of high school remotely while on the road - sports theory and management, language	
NEXTGEN	• Players 20-and-under who crack the top-250 receive one main-draw opportunity at an ATP-250 event on weeks with 3 or more events	

#### **PLAYER BIOGRAPHY**

IN THE 2006 DOHA FINAL, AT JUST 19-YEARS-OLD, HE WENT TOE-TO-TOE WITH ROGER FEDERER FOR THE FIRST TIME - AND TO THIS DAY, REMAINS THE YOUNGEST QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN FINALIST IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY. TONIGHT, HE RETURNS TO CENTER COURT AS ONE OF ONLY TWO PLAYERS WHO'VE REACHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH 4-TIMES. MANY OF HIS CAREER FIRSTS HAPPENED RIGHT HERE - HIS FIRST TOP-10 WIN, HIS FIRST CAREER VICTORY OVER A WORLD #1 - AND SHOULD HE TRIUMPH TONIGHT - WILL MATCH ROGER FEDERER'S RECORD OF 20 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS (2 STRAIGHT DECADES) WITH AN ATP TOUR FINAL. FROM FRANCE - PLEASE WELCOME 2018 QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN CHAMPION, GAEL MONFILS.

CURRENT RANK	CAREER-HIGH	DETAIL
68	6	Nov-2016   Following 2nd Grand Slam SF (US Open)

QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN		SIL OPEN	2018 CHAMPION   2006, 2012, 2014 FINALIST	SINGLES RESULTS: 26-8
YEAR	RANK	RESULT	DETAIL	
2024	68	SF	• R1 Van De Zandschulp-70   R2 Zhang-48   QF [3] Humbert-18   SF Mensik-116 (3-sets)	
2018	46	W	• R1 Lorenzi-43 R2 Struff-53 QF Gojowczyk SF Thiem-5 (w/o) FF Rublev-39	
2014	31	F	• R1 Giraldo-69 R2 Gasquet-9 QF Brands-54 SF Mayer-40 FF Nadal-1	
2013	77	QF	• R1 Shanan Zayed-1851 R2 Kohlschreiber-20 QF Brands-153	
2012	16	F	• R1 Machado-68 R2 Becker-304 QF Troicki-22 SF Nadal-2 FF Tsonga-6	
2009	13	SF	• R1 Hernych-79 R2 Devilder-72 QF Nadal-1 1st career #1 win SF Roddick-8	
2007	46	R2	• R1 Seppi-74   R2 Youzhny-24	
2006	30	F	• F Federer-1	
2005	239	R2	• R1 Gaudio-10 1st career top-10 win   R2 Santoro-52	

GRAND SLAM 2-TIME SEMIFINALIST			ROLAND GARROS, 201	L6 US OPEN   10-TIN	ME QUARTERFINALIST	SINGLES RESULTS: 121-61
AUSTRALIAN OPEN ROLAND GARROS WIMBLEDON US OPEN DETAILS						
REST	2 OF	1 SF   4 OF	1 R16	1 SF   4 OF	61 MAIORS I Now	37-years-old

А	IP TOUR		12 SINGLES TITLES, 34 CAREER FINALS	SINGLES RECORD: 545-319
1	TITLES: 12	FINALS: 34	ATP FINALS: 1 APPEARANCE (2016-RR)   3-TIME MASTERS-1000 FINALIST	
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LATEST	TITLE	FINAL	DETAIL
2024	0	0	•
2023	1	0	• W Stockholm-250   def Pavel Kotov-109 in Final
2022	1	0	• W Adelaide-250   def Karen Khachanov-29 in Final

#### **TEAM EVENTS**

EVENT	DETAIL
OLYMPICS (3)	• 2008 BEIJING (QF Djokovic-3)   2016 RIO (QF Niskori-7)   2020(21) TOKYO (Ivashka-66)
DAVIS CUP	• 2-TIME FINALIST   2012, 2014
UNITED CUP	• N/A

## NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS / ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	DETAIL
DOHA	• 26 match victories. Just 1 shy of Roger Federer's record of 27 match victories.
DAD	He and wife Elina Svitolina had a daughter SKAI in 2023
<b>6</b> %	• 35 top-10 wins. 1st Gaudio-10 (Doha-2005). 1st World #1 win Nadal-1 (Doha-2009). Latest Tsitsipas-4 (Toronto-2023)
FINALS	• Has reached an ATP Tour level final every year since 2005 (19-years) - One of only four players