

U.S. Open 2022: Men's preview

Defending champion Daniil Medvedev returns to major action following his Wimbledon ban, with the year's final Grand Slam set for a fierce battle for the No.1 spot

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Daniil Medvedev

Beat **Novak Djokovic** in 2021 final to win first major. Ruthless on hard court, with 13 titles

Rafael Nadal

Recovered from abdominal injury. Could end year with three majors for first time since 2010

Carlos Alcaraz

Meteoric rise in 2022, winning Madrid and Miami. Retired injured in 2021 quarter-final here

Stefanos Tsitsipas

Reached final at Cincinnati, losing to **Borna Coric**. Aims to improve on 3rd round here

PLAYER RECORD	Medvedev	Nadal	Alcaraz	Tsitsipas
2022 win-loss	32-12	35-4	44-9	46-16
2022 titles	1	4	4	2
Career titles (total)	14	92	5	9
Grand Slams	1	22	0	0
ATP points*	4,885	5,630	4,740	4,800

*As of Aug 29, after U.S. Open 2021 points dropped

BATTLE AT THE TOP: Nadal leads charge to reclaim No.1 spot for first time since February 2020, while rising star **Carlos Alcaraz**, aged 19, could become youngest ever top-ranked player, breaking record of **Lleyton Hewitt** (20)

Total number of weeks as World No.1

Novak Djokovic	SRB	Year-end No. 1: 7	373
Roger Federer	SUI	5	310
Pete Sampras	USA	6	286
Ivan Lendl	USA	4	270
Jimmy Connors	USA	5	268
Rafael Nadal	ESP	5	209

