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## **SINNER REPEATS AS FANS' FAVOURITE; BERRETTINI, DIMITROV, THIEM AMONG 2024 ATP AWARDS WINNERS**

**LONDON — Jannik Sinner won Fans' Favourite for the second straight year, while also earning ATP Year-End No. 1 presented by PIF honours in the 2024 ATP Awards.**

It was a fitting way to cap a historic season that saw the 23-year-old claim a Tour-best eight singles titles (including his first two Grand Slams, three ATP Masters 1000s, and the Nitto ATP Finals), help his countrymen successfully defend their Davis Cup title, and become the first Italian No. 1 in the annals of the PIF ATP Rankings.

Runners-up at both the Australian Open and Roland Garros, first-time partners Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori of Italy took home the Fans' Favourite Award in the doubles category.

The 2024 ATP Awards also honoured the tandem of Marcelo Arevalo and Mate Pavic, who received their trophy in Turin as the Year-End ATP Doubles No. 1 presented by PIF. The first-year pairing accounted for four doubles titles, their biggest coming on clay at Roland Garros.

Matteo Berrettini was named Comeback Player of the Year after overcoming a series of injuries to collect three titles and climb back into the Top 40, while 19-year-old Jakub Mensik, the youngest member of the year-end Top 50, won Newcomer of the Year.

Proving he belongs at the elite level, Most Improved Player of the Year winner Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard earned five Top 30 wins across title runs in Lyon and Basel, rising 175 spots in the PIF ATP Rankings to a career-high No. 30.

After putting an end to a seven-year title drought and returning to the Top 10 in the PIF ATP Rankings for the first time since 2018, Grigor Dimitrov was selected by his fellow players as the winner of the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award, recognising fair play, professionalism and integrity on and off the court.

Michael Russell took Coach of the Year honours in a vote of his contemporaries after guiding Taylor Fritz to a 53-23 season and a career-best No. 4 in the PIF ATP Rankings. Fritz won two titles this year and also reached the championship match at the Nitto ATP Finals and US Open.

Dominic Thiem received the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award in recognition of his commitment to sustainability and environmental issues, with a particular focus on ocean conservation. The 2020 US Open titlist and former World No. 3, who headed into retirement after playing his final match at the Erste Bank Open in Vienna, has long supported such non-profit organisations as 4Ocean, SeaLegacy and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

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The BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells (ATP Masters 1000), the cinch Championships at The Queen's Club in London (ATP 500) and the Qatar ExxonMobil Open in Doha (ATP 250) were voted by players as Tournament of the Year in their respective categories. The cinch Championships was also awarded special recognition for their Standards of Excellence, along with the Rolex Shanghai Masters and the Nordea Open in Bastad.

The Mexico City Open at Club Deportivo Chapultepec was named Tournament of the Year on the ATP Challenger Tour. Meanwhile, Joan Solsona of *MARCA* was the recipient of the Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award.

## 2024 ATP Awards Winners

### ATP No. 1 presented by PIF

(determined by PIF ATP Rankings)

### Fans' Favourite Award (Singles)

(voted by fans)

**Jannik Sinner:** The first Italian No. 1 in the history of the PIF ATP Rankings, Jannik Sinner posted a remarkable 73-6 campaign during which he never lost a match in straight sets (Of those with a minimum of 20 matches played, only Roger Federer has matched that feat in the Open Era.). Sinner opened 2024 on a 16-match winning streak, a perfect stretch that included his maiden major trophy in Melbourne, where he became the first Italian in the Open Era to win the Australian Open singles title. In all, he would claim a Tour-best eight titles on the year, including his second major singles triumph at the US Open, three ATP Masters 1000s (Miami, Cincinnati, Shanghai) and the Nitto ATP Finals. He capped the year by leading a successful Davis Cup title defence for Italy.

### ATP Doubles No. 1 presented by PIF

(determined by PIF ATP Rankings)

**Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic:** The first-year pairing of Marcelo Arevalo and Mate Pavic got out of the blocks in a hurry in 2024, winning its debut at the ATP 250 stop in Hong Kong. The banner result proved a foreshadowing of things to come, as the Salvadoran-Croatian duo went on to claim three more big-stage trophies, including Roland Garros and the ATP Masters 1000 event in Cincinnati. Arevalo/Pavic also reached the title match at the year-end Nitto ATP Finals in Turin.

### Comeback Player of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Matteo Berrettini:** After reaching a career-high No. 6 in the PIF ATP Rankings in 2022, Matteo Berrettini experienced a series of injury setbacks. Falling as low as No. 154, he stepped back on the court in March at an ATP Challenger Tour event in Phoenix, where he reached the final. After dropping a three-setter to Andy Murray in Miami, Berrettini re-announced himself by winning Marrakech. That proved to be the first of three ATP 250 titles for the Italian on the year, with the 28-year-old backing it up with triumphs in Gstaad and Kitzbuhel to bring his tour-level singles trophy count up to 10. Berrettini closed out his 2024 campaign

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by helping Italy retain its Davis Cup title, notching crucial singles wins in the final two rounds. Two other former Top 10 players, Marin Cilic and Kei Nishikori, were nominated in the Comeback category.

## Most Improved Player of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard:** The 6-foot-8 Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard opened the year outside the Top 200 in the PIF ATP Rankings, but climbed to a career-high No. 30 by November. He broke into the Top 100 in May after saving a championship point to capture his first ATP Tour title in his hometown of Lyon. At Wimbledon, he became the first lucky loser to reach the Round of 16 since 1995. The Frenchman continued his climb by clinching the ATP 500 crown at the Swiss Indoors Basel. Mpetshi Perricard remained unbroken all week and fired 109 aces in five matches. Jack Draper, Tomas Machac and Alejandro Tabilo were also nominated in this category.

## Newcomer of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Jakub Mensik:** En route to his first ATP Tour final in Doha, Jakub Mensik dispatched Andy Murray, Andrey Rublev and Gael Monfils in succession. The 19-year-old Czech's victory against Rublev made him the youngest player to earn a Top 5 win since Carlos Alcaraz beat Stefanos Tsitsipas at the 2021 US Open. The run earned him his Top 100 breakthrough in the PIF ATP Rankings, and he continued his steady rise to finish the year inside the Top 50. Mensik achieved his best major result of the season by reaching the third round at the US Open. Shang Juncheng was also nominated in this category as a #NextGenATP player who entered the Top 100 for the first time in 2024.

## Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award

(voted by ATP players)

**Grigor Dimitrov:** Grigor Dimitrov has been recognised by his fellow players for his fair play, professionalism and integrity both on and off the court. After opening his 2024 campaign with triumph in Brisbane to end a seven-year title drought, the former World No. 3 returned to the Top 10 in the PIF ATP Rankings in April for the first time since 2018. The Bulgarian becomes only the third player not named Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal to earn the distinction in two decades, joining Carlos Alcaraz (2023) and Casper Ruud (2022). Dominic Thiem and former Alcaraz and Ruud were also nominated in this category.

## Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award

(awarded by ATP)

**Dominic Thiem:** With his career-long commitment to sustainability and environmental issues — clean ocean initiatives at the forefront — Dominic Thiem has been named the 2024 Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award recipient. He has long supported such non-profit organisations as 4Ocean, SeaLegacy and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Thiem joins the likes of John McEnroe, Andre Agassi and Roger Federer as winners of this award. The 31-year-old Austrian retired from professional tennis this past October, after 348 match wins, 17 singles titles (including the 2020 US Open) and a career-high No. 3 ranking.

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## Fans' Favourite Award (Doubles)

(voted by fans)

**Simone Bolelli/Andrea Vavassori:** The first-year pairing of Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori claimed three titles (Buenos Aires, Halle, Beijing), reached Grand Slam finals at the Australian Open and Roland Garros, and qualified for their maiden team appearance at the Nitto ATP Finals in Turin. Bolelli/Vavassori also accounted for the clincher in a 2-1 edging of Belgium during Italy's run to a second straight Davis Cup title.

## Coach of the Year

(voted by ATP coaches)

**Michael Russell (Taylor Fritz):** Former World No. 60 Michael Russell helped guide Taylor Fritz to his first Grand Slam final at the US Open, the championship match at the Nitto ATP Finals, and a pair of ATP 250 titles in Delray Beach and Eastbourne. After posting a 17-4 record at the Grand Slams, more than doubling his previous high for major wins in a year, Fritz finished the season at a career-high No. 4 in the PIF ATP Rankings – the highest year-end finish by an American since James Blake also finished No. 4 in 2006. Russell, who began working with Fritz in late 2021, was nominated in this category alongside Xavier Malisse (Alexei Popyrin), Emmanuel Planque (Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard), Brad Stine (Tommy Paul) and James Trotman (Jack Draper).

## ATP Masters 1000 Tournament of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**BNP Paribas Open (Indian Wells):** The BNP Paribas Open won in the ATP Masters 1000 category for a record-extending 10th year in a row. Held amidst the natural beauty and backdrop of the desert landscape, the Indian Wells Tennis Garden offers top-notch player facilities and amenities; plentiful practice courts that allow fans to watch players up close; and unparalleled dining options. In 2024, the tournament welcomed a record-breaking 493,440 fans across two weeks and awarded more than \$19 million in total prize money, the largest purse in BNP Paribas Open history.

## ATP 500 Tournament of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**cinch Championships (London):** The cinch Championships at The Queen's Club claimed honours at the ATP 500 level, winning for the sixth time. Also recognised in this category in 2015-16, 2018 and 2022-23, the tournament has thrived in its prestigious setting in West Kensington by consistently attracting some of the best singles and doubles players on the ATP Tour.

## ATP 250 Tournament of the Year

(voted by ATP players)

**Qatar ExxonMobil Open (Doha):** The Qatar ExxonMobil Open at the Khalifa International Tennis Complex, one of two ATP Tour events held in the Middle East, has been selected by the players as the

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ATP 250 Tournament of the Year for the sixth time (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021-22, 2024). Doha has set high standards since its inception in 1993 and under the guidance of former player Karim Alami, the tournament continues to build its reputation for its superb facility, world-class hospitality and welcoming fans.

## ATP Challenger Tournament of the Year

(selected by ATP players)

**Mexico City Open (Mexico City):** Held at the Club Deportivo Chapultepec, often called Mexico's 'Cathedral of Tennis', the Mexico City Open has become a beloved event for players to start the spring clay-court season. This year's champion was Argentine Thiago Agustin Tirante.

## Ron Bookman Media Excellence Award

(awarded by ATP)

**Joan Solsona:** A longtime journalist with Spain's daily sports newspaper *MARCA*, Joan Solsona has more than two decades' worth of Grand Slams, ATP Masters 1000s, Nitto ATP Finals and Davis Cup ties to his credit. Solsona has also covered football, basketball, handball, swimming and water polo.

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