

ATP 250 OPEN OCCITANIE 2026

MONTPELLIER, FRANCE | INDOOR HARD

2-8 February 2026 | Prize Money: €612,620

Tournament Analysis & ELO Forecast

This comprehensive brief combines Trade on Sports historical venue data, surface-specific ELO forecasts, player injury/form intelligence, and 4-year historical results analysis to identify actionable betting angles for the 2026 Open Occitanie.

Venue Statistics Overview

Based on 248 matches at this venue (excludes qualifiers):

Metric	Open Sud de France	Tour Mean
Favourite Win %	61.69%	65.49%
Back Favourite ROI	-18.43%	-78.05%
Back Underdog ROI	+7.72%	-136.91%
2 Sets %	66.13%	63.74%
Tie Breaks %	40.73%	40.43%
Retirements %	3.63%	2.48%

KEY INSIGHT: This venue shows POSITIVE underdog ROI (+7.72%) vs massively negative tour mean (-136.91%). Favourites significantly underperform vs tour average (61.69% vs 65.49%). Higher retirement rate (3.63% vs 2.48% tour mean) suggests fitness concerns play a bigger role here.

Round-by-Round Betting Angles

Round	Fav Win %	Back Fav ROI	Back Dog ROI	Retire %
First (114)	63.16%	-1.67%	-1.02%	3.51%
Second (72)	61.11%	-7.26%	+7.9%	1.39%
Quarter (36)	72.22%	+7.77%	-33%	5.56%
Semi (18)	44.44%	-7.49%	+53.11%	11.11%
Final (8)	37.5%	-3.78%	+68.88%	0%

ACTIONABLE BETTING ANGLES:

- **SECOND ROUND:** Back underdogs (+7.9% ROI) - upset territory begins here
- **QUARTERFINALS: BACK FAVOURITES (+7.77% ROI)** - class tells at this stage
- **SEMIFINALS: HUGE DOG VALUE (+53.11% ROI)** - favourites win only 44.44%! Watch for retirements (11.11%)

• **FINAL: MASSIVE UNDERDOG VALUE (+68.88% ROI) - only 37.5% favourite win rate. Back the dog!**

Odds Band Analysis

Where to find value based on favourite's odds:

Odds Range	Fav Win %	Back Fav ROI	Back Dog ROI
1.01-1.24 (23)	86.96%	+0.85%	-37.61%
1.25-1.49 (85)	60%	-15.45%	+26.19%
1.50-1.74 (94)	64.89%	+3.6%	-15.93%
1.75-1.99 (46)	45.65%	-7.63%	+11.2%

SWEET SPOT: Back underdogs when favourite is priced 1.25-1.49 (+26.19% ROI from 85 matches). These odds indicate market overconfidence in moderate favourites. Also target dogs when fav is 1.75-1.99 (+11.2% ROI) - essentially coin-flip matches with value on the dog.

Historical Results Analysis (2022-2025)

Seed Performance

2025: (2) Felix Auger-Aliassime won the title, defeating qualifier Aleksandar Kovacevic in final. (1WC) Andrey Rublev reached SF, lost to Kovacevic. Seeds (4)-(8) all lost before semis.

2024: (2) Alexander Bublik won the title. (1WC) Holger Rune reached SF but retired injured vs (4) Borna Coric. Top 4 seeds accounted for all semifinalists.

2023: (2) Jannik Sinner won the title. (1) Holger Rune reached SF. Wild card Arthur Fils made SF (beat seed 4 RBA). Maxime Cressy (unseeded) reached final.

2022: (6) Alexander Bublik won, defeating (1WC) Alexander Zverev in final. Unseeded Mikael Ymer made SF, beat (3) Gael Monfils 6-1 6-2.

PATTERN: The #1 seed has NOT won this tournament in the past 4 years. The #2 seed has won 3 of the last 4 editions (Sinner 2023, Bublik 2024, FAA 2025). Mid-range seeds (4-8) and unseeded players consistently cause upsets deep into the tournament.

Qualifier Performance

2025: Aleksandar Kovacevic reached the FINAL as a qualifier (beat (6) Goffin, Bellucci, (4) Bublik, (1WC) Rublev). Nikoloz Basilashvili also made QF. Constant Lestienne won 1 match.

2024: Pablo Llamas Ruiz beat Richard Gasquet R1. Other qualifiers exited R1.

2023: Qualifiers struggled - Nardi, Chidekh, Bellier, Blancaneaux all lost R1. Home crowd advantage didn't help French qualifiers.

2022: Damir Dzumhur reached QF (beat (4) Basilashvili). Pierre-Hugues Herbert, Gilles Simon, Kacper Zuk all won R1.

QUALIFIER INSIGHT: Experienced qualifiers with strong serve/indoor pedigree can thrive here. Kovacevic's 2025 run was exceptional. Look for qualifiers with ATP main draw experience and serving weapons. French qualifiers often get local support but struggle to convert.

Surface-Specific ELO Forecast

Player	R16	QF	SF	WIN
(1) Felix Auger-Aliassime	78.9%	60.3%	48.3%	32.2%
(2) Flavio Cobolli	70.4%	37.0%	15.6%	6.6%
(3) Tomas Machac	71.6%	42.6%	27.5%	14.9%
(4) Tallon Griekspoor	57.3%	41.0%	14.7%	6.1%
(5) Ugo Humbert	55.2%	31.8%	21.0%	11.8%
(6) Arthur Fils	53.8%	20.7%	13.5%	6.6%
(7) Hubert Hurkacz	53.2%	33.2%	16.2%	7.9%
(8) Aleksandar Kovacevic	28.7%	9.5%	2.0%	0.5%
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	21.5%	9.3%	4.4%	1.7%

Player Fitness & Form Intelligence

❑ **FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (1):** Retired from AO first round with cramping in left leg after winning first set vs Borges. Has struggled physically since ATP Finals where he also had a left calf issue. Fitness questionable for back-to-back tournament. Note: Won this event last year but conditions were different (no prior injury).

❑ **ARTHUR FILS (6):** Making return after 6 MONTHS OUT with back injury (since Roland Garros). Says 'all signals are green' but this is his first competitive match since August. Previous Montpellier form: SF in 2023. Major rust factor.

⚡ **HUBERT HURKACZ (7):** Returning from knee surgery (July 2025). Strong United Cup showing - beat Zverev, Fritz, Wawrinka to help Poland win title. However, concerns about indoor hard court record - prefers higher bouncing balls. Lost last two vs Humbert.

✔ **TOMAS MACHAC (3):** WON Adelaide title last week (beat Tommy Paul, Ugo Humbert). In red-hot form. Had knee issues in late 2025 but clearly fit now. ELO second favourite at 14.9% - could be slightly undervalued given current form.

✔ **UGO HUMBERT (5):** INDOOR SPECIALIST - 4 of his 7 career titles indoors, 3 in France. Last 8 indoor tournaments: 3 titles (SF-RU-W-RU-L16-L32-W-W). Made Adelaide final last week (lost to Machac). Chose Montpellier over Davis Cup - motivated. French home crowd support.

TALLON GRIEKSPoor (4): Had back injury end of 2025, but played United Cup for Netherlands. Lost to Hurkacz at United Cup. Indoor hard court specialist historically but recovery questionable.

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Big server (6'8") who can upset on fast indoor courts. Had strong 2025, reached Basel final. Dangerous floater in Machac's quarter. Arthur Gea (WC) also in his section - both unseeded Frenchmen.

Tournament Predictions

OUTRIGHT WINNER: UGO HUMBERT @ 11/1

Elite indoor record, French home advantage, skipped Davis Cup to focus here, Adelaide final last week shows match sharpness. ELO has him at 11.8% - fifth favourite, but the venue's underdog bias in late rounds (SF +53% ROI, Final +69% ROI) means if he reaches these stages as likely dog, he's excellent value. Historic trend: #1 seed hasn't won here in 4 years.

VALUE PICK: TOMAS MACHAC @ 7/1

Won Adelaide last week, beating Humbert in the final. In form, fit, and enters as 3-seed with good draw (Mpetshi Perricard is the danger). Historical pattern supports #2/#3 seeds winning this event.

FADE: FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME

Defending champion with fitness concerns after AO retirement. Cramping and leg issues don't bode well for 5 matches in a week. ELO favourite at 32.2% but the venue data shows favourites underperform here. If he reaches the final as favourite, back his opponent.

Key First Round Matches to Watch

Medjedovic vs Wawrinka: Winner likely faces FAA. Medjedovic (55.7% R16 per ELO) the favourite, but Wawrinka's experience and slower conditions might suit him. Watch for FAA opponent selection opportunities.

Humbert vs Van de Zandschulp: Botic has struggled (8 consecutive losses mentioned). Should be routine for Humbert. If Humbert loses here, tournament dynamics shift dramatically.

Mpetshi Perricard vs Gea (WC): Two young Frenchmen - winner likely faces Machac in R16. Watch for local crowd splits. Perricard's serve is weapon indoors.

Fils vs Royer: All-French clash for Fils' return. After 6 months out, rust is huge concern. Royer not highly rated (17.2% R16) but Fils coming back from major injury could stumble early.

SUMMARY: BETTING ANGLES FOR OPEN OCCITANIE 2026

1. BACK UNDERDOGS in Second Round (+7.9% ROI) and when fav priced 1.25-1.49 (+26.19% ROI)
2. BACK FAVOURITES in Quarterfinals (+7.77% ROI) - class tells at this stage
3. MASSIVE UNDERDOG VALUE in Semifinals (+53.11% ROI) and Finals (+68.88% ROI)
4. FADE #1 SEED - hasn't won this tournament in 4 years. FAA has fitness concerns.
5. BACK HUMBERT (11/1) - Indoor specialist, home advantage, motivated after skipping Davis Cup
6. MACHAC (7/1) good value - Won Adelaide, in form, fits #2/#3 seed winning pattern
7. WATCH for retirement angles - 3.63% rate (above tour average) + multiple injury concerns

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