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CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- There are three British players in the quarter-finals at The Queen's Club for the first time in the Open Era. No. 6 seed **Daniel Evans**, wild card **Jack Draper** and **Cameron Norrie** are all playing in the quarter-finals for the first time. The last time three Brits reached the QFs in an ATP Tour tournament was 1996 Nottingham with **Tim Henman**, **Mark Petchey** and **Greg Rusedski**.
- **Brits in the Semi-finals** – The winner of Draper-Norrie guarantees a Brit in the semi-finals. If Evans wins, two Brits will be in the SFs at The Queen's Club for the first time since 2011 when **Andy Murray** and **James Ward** advanced to the final four. That was also the only time it happened here in the Open Era and the last time on the ATP Tour. Prior to 2011, the last time two Brits reached the SFs was 1999 Rotterdam with Henman and Rusedski.
- In the opening match on Centre Court, No. 4 seed **Alex de Minaur** takes on two-time Queen's Club champion **Marin Cilic**, who won the only previous meeting in the 3R at the 2018 US Open. The No. 1 Aussie is appearing in his first Queen's QF while Cilic is making his eighth QF appearance (5-2). Cilic comes in on a seven-match winning streak after capturing his 19th career title in Stuttgart last Sunday.
- In the next match on, top seed and World No. 9 **Matteo Berrettini** plays British No. 1 **Evans** for the first time. The Italian is appearing in his fifth quarter-final of the season and he's trying to reach his third career SF on grass. Evans is looking for his fifth career win (4-16) over a Top 10 opponent, second this season (d. No. 1 Djokovic in Monte Carlo 3R) and first on grass (0-2).
- In the third match on, left-handers **Norrie** and **Draper** square off for the first time. Norrie is appearing in his sixth ATP Tour QF of the season and he's trying to advance to the SFs for the fourth time (on a third different surface). The No. 309-ranked Draper is the lowest-ranked Queen's Club quarter-finalist since No. 682 Derrick Rostagno in 1995. If Draper wins, he would be the lowest-ranked semi-finalist.
- Draper, 19, is the youngest Brit to reach the quarter-finals in an ATP Tour tournament since Murray, 19, at 2006 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati. Draper is also the youngest Brit to reach the London/Queen's Club QF in the Open Era.
- In the final match on, **Frances Tiafoe** takes on No. 2 seed **Denis Shapovalov**, who has won three of the previous four meetings, all on hard courts. Tiafoe is coming off last week's title run at the Nottingham Challenger and this is the American's second Queen's Club QF (2018). Shapovalov is appearing in his first Queen's Club QF and second in as many weeks (Stuttgart).

ATP HEAD2HEADS: FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

[4] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Marin Cilic (CRO)

18 US Open (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Marin Cilic

Cilic Leads 1-0

4-6 3-6 6-3 6-4 7-5

Alex de Minaur | Age: 22 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 15-12 (Antalya Title) | Queen's: 2-1 (2021 QF)
> Four-time ATP Tour singles champion and two-time Next Gen ATP Finals runner-up achieved career-high No. 18 in 2019.
> Captured 1st title at 2019 Sydney, becoming final champion in his hometown tournament's history (est. 1885).
> At 2019 Atlanta, became 3rd ATP Tour champion since 1991 to face 0 break points (Haas 2007 Memphis, Isner 2017 Newport).
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open, becoming youngest Aussie in US Open QF since his mentor Hewitt in 2002.
> Son to a Uruguayan father and Spanish mother, splits time between Australia and Spain, and speaks English, Spanish and French.

NOTE: No. 1 Aussie has a 7-7 career record on grass and he's appearing in his second straight QF after reaching this round in Stuttgart last week (bye, d. Thompson, l. to Rodionov).

Marin Cilic | Age: 32 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 3 | 2021: 17-10 (Stuttgart Title) | Queen's: 32-10 (2012, '18 Titles)
> Broke into Top 10 after reaching 2010 Aus. Open SF and set career-high No. 3 by reaching 2018 Aus. Open final.
> Defeated Federer en route to 2014 US Open title but fell to Swiss in 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Aus. Open finals.
> Earned biggest career wins over No. 1 Djokovic (2016 Paris) and No. 1 Nadal (2018 Australian Open) before beating countryman Karlovic for 500th win (2019 Moscow).
> Won 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati title and helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup.
> Boasts 33 wins in 5th sets – 2nd among all active players to Djokovic's 34 entering 2021 Roland Garros final.

NOTE: Cilic beat [Q] Ofner in the 1R and [8] Fognini in 2R to win his seventh match in a row. He captured his 19th career title in Stuttgart (d. Auger-Aliassime) on Sunday and did not lose a set in five matches.

[1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs [6] Daniel Evans (GBR)

First Meeting

Matteo Berrettini | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 23-6 (Belgrade Title) | Queen's: 2-0 (2021 QF)
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 to become highest-ranked Italian since No. 8 Barazzutti in 1978.
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem at 2021 ATP Cup for biggest win of career and No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).
> Won titles at 2018 Gstaad and 2019 Stuttgart without dropping serve, as well as 2019 Budapest title.
> Beat Monfils in 5th-set TB at 2019 US Open to become 2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history (also Barazzutti in 1977).

NOTES: Top Italian has a 15-5 career record on grass with 2019 Stuttgart title and 2019 Halle SF his best results on the surface. Posted a 13-4 clay court record with his 4th career ATP Tour title in Belgrade (d. Karatsev), runner-up at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (l. to Zverev) and QF at Roland Garros (l. to Djokovic).

Daniel Evans | Age: 30 | World No. 25 | Career-High No. 25 | 2021: 14-10 (Melbourne-2 Title) | Queen's: 5-6 (2021 QF)
> Unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 25 this week (14 June 2021).
> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2 (d. Auger-Aliassime).
> Reached 1st final at 2017 Sydney and squandered 3 MPs vs. Albot in 2019 Delray Beach final as Q.
> Advanced to 2017 Australian Open 4R after squandering 1 MP against eventual champion Wawrinka in 2016 US Open 3R.
> Upset World No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo SF and reached back-to-back ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals w/N. Skupski at Miami and Monte Carlo in 2021.

NOTE: British No. 1 has a 13-15 career record on grass and he's appearing in his first QF at The Queen's Club. He's trying to reach his first ATP Tour SF on grass. He advanced to the Eastbourne QFs in 2019 (l. to Edmund).

Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [WC] Jack Draper (GBR)

First Meeting

Cameron Norrie | Age: 25 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 41 | 2021: 27-12 (Estoril, Lyon Finals) | Queen's: 2-3 (2021 QF)
> Former Top-10 junior set a new career-high ranking 9 times in 2018 and 5 times in 2019, peaking at No. 41.
> Advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2019 Auckland as WC, 2021 Estoril and 2021 Lyon.
> Beat No. 4 Thiem en route to 2021 Lyon final and No. 10 Isner en route to 2018 Lyon SF for biggest wins of career.
> Rallied from 2 sets down and saved 2 MPs vs. Schwartzman en route to 2020 US Open 3R.
> Born in South Africa, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University, and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: British No. 2 earned wins over Ramos-Vinolas 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and [5] Karatsev 7-5, 6-2 to reach his first QF here. He's won a personal-best 27 matches (14-5 on clay, 11-7 on hard) and trying to reach first ATP Tour grass SF.

Jack Draper | Age: 19 | World No. 309 | Career-High No. 283 | 2021: 2-1 (Queen's QF) | Queen's: 2-0 (2021 QF)
> Has a 7-9 career record on ATP Challenger Tour and 77-22 in Futures events with 7 titles on hard courts.
> Made his ATP Tour debut as a WC in 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami where he retired after losing the 1st set 7-5 to Kukushkin due to heat related illness.
> Last month reached final at Prague Futures on clay.
> In 2019, played 3 tournaments on grass, at Nottingham Challenger (l. to Evans in 2R), 1R qualifying at Queen's (l. to Bublik) and 1R qualifying at Wimbledon (l. to Uchiyama).
> Reached 2019 Wimbledon juniors final (l. to Tseng).

NOTE: British teenager earned his first career ATP Tour main draw win on Monday over No. 23 Jannik Sinner 7-6(6), 7-6(2) and followed with 7-6(5), 7-6(0) victory over No. 39 Bublik. Trying to become the third ATP Tour semi-finalist this season ranked outside the Top 300: No. 789 C. Harrison at Delray Beach and No. 335 at Cordoba-won title).

Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs [2] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

Shapovalov Leads 3-1

18 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Frances Tiafoe	7-5	6-4	
18 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Denis Shapovalov	7-6(6)	3-6	7-5
19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Denis Shapovalov	6-7(5)	6-4	6-2
19 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R64	Denis Shapovalov	6-4	6-2	

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 23 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 29 | 2021: 12-10 (Two QFs) | Queen's: 4-2 (2018, '21 QF)
> Former World No. 2 junior set a new career-high in FedEx ATP Rankings 11 times in 2017 and 7 times in 2018 before peaking at No. 29 in 2019.
> Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach, becoming only WC champion in event history (since 1993) and youngest American champion on tour since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston.
> Defeated Dimitrov on 21st birthday to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open, becoming youngest American Grand Slam quarter-finalist since Roddick, 20, at 2003 Wimbledon.
> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2019 Miami, becoming youngest American quarter-finalist at event since his former coach Ginepri, 20, in 2003.
> Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Has an 8-7 career record on grass. His best results this season are QF in Delray Beach (l. to Norrie) and 4R at ATP Masters 1000 Miami (l. to No. 2 Medvedev). He won the Nottingham Challenger on Sunday (d. Kudla).

Denis Shapovalov | Age: 22 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 10 | 2021: 17-12 (Geneva Final) | Queen's: 3-3 (2021 QF)
> In 2020, became 1st Canadian US Open quarter-finalist and 2nd Canadian to break into singles Top 10 in history.
> As an 18-year-old in 2017, became youngest Top-50 player since Nadal, 18, in 2004.
> Won 1st ATP Tour title in 1st final at 2019 Stockholm, but owns 2-10 record overall in SFs.
> Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal as 18-year-old WC and became youngest ATP Masters 1000 semi-finalist in series history.
> Ended 2019 season with 3 singles and 2 doubles wins to lead Canada to its 1st Davis Cup final (ESP d. CAN 2-0).

NOTE: Shapovalov is appearing in his second straight QF after losing to eventual champion Cilic in Stuttgart last week. Withdrew from Roland Garros due to a shoulder injury. Has a 6-10 career record on grass.