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CINCINNATI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- 2022 champion Borna Coric is one of four former Cincinnati Open winners in the draw alongside Medvedev (2019), **Zverev** (2021), and **Sinner** (2024), becoming the lowest-ranked champion in tournament history as No. 152-ranked WC three years ago. Coric aims to record his 1st ATP Tour win since United Cup in December against qualifier Emilio Nava, who reached his 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R in Toronto last week.
- Wildcard Jenson Brooksby earned 7 of his 13 tour-level wins this season on home soil with run to ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R (d. No. 18 Auger-Aliassime in 2R) and 1st ATP Tour title in Houston (d. No. 13 Paul in SF & No. 17 Tiafoe in F). 24-year-old seeks 1st Cincinnati win after losing to Paul in his debut in 2022 and faces World No. 41 Alexandre Muller in their 1st Lexus ATP Head2Head meeting.
- Lucky loser Aleksandar Vukic replaced Gael Monfils (left wrist) and faces wildcard Nishesh Basavareddy to close out P&G Center Court play. Basavareddy seeks 1st ATP Tour win on home soil and 1st ATP Masters 1000 win after earning 3 of 4 ATP Tour wins in 2025 en route to Auckland SF in January. 20-year-old reached Next Gen ATP Finals SF last year and sits at No. 7 on PIF ATP Race to Jeddah this season.
- Four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist Kei Nishikori returns to action after retiring in Geneva 2R in May and plays in Cincinnati for first time since 2019. Japanese No. 1 reached 3R at this venue in 2012 and 2016 and aims to complete the career set of all 9 ATP Masters 1000 QFs. He takes on Camilo Ugo Carabelli, who has earned 16 of 20 career tour-level wins this season and is a 4-time ATP Tour semi-finalist in 2025 (all on clay).
- Last week, Learner Tien became youngest American to reach ATP Masters 1000 R16 since Tiafoe in Cincinnati in 2017. 19-year-old defeated No. 10 Rublev in Washington last month and is set to meet Rublev again if he defeats qualifier Leandro Riedi in his Cincinnati debut. The Swiss underwent two surgeries on his right knee over the past year and seeks first ATP Masters 1000 win.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

P&G CENTER COURT

Borna Coric (CRO) vs [Q] Emilio Nava (USA)

First Meeting

Borna Coric | Age: 28 | World No. 90 | Career-High No. 12 | 2025: 1-5 (United Cup) | Cincinnati: 13-7 (2022 Title) > Owns 11 wins vs. Top 5 and ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.

- > As World No. 152, upset No. 3 Nadal en route to 2022 Cincinnati title, becoming lowest-ranked champion in tournament and ATP Masters 1000 series history.
- > Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21.
- > Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.
- > Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed 12 months from March 2021-March 2022 including Davis Cup Finals – due to right shoulder injury.

NOTE: Coric earned lone ATP Masters 1000 title in Cincinnati in 2022, becoming lowest-ranked champion in series history at No. 152. He seeks 1st ATP Tour win since defeating No. 29 Auger-Aliassime at United Cup in first match of 2025 (0-5 since) and 1st at any level since defeating Wawrinka for Aix-en-Provence CH title in May.



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Most 2025 ATP Challenger Tour Titles: Most 2025 ATP Challenger Tour Match Wins:

Player Titles Player Wins **Borna Coric** Liam Draxl 39 Nicolai Budkov Kjaer 35 3 **Emilio Nava Emilio Nava** 3 Valentin Rover 34

* Coric is 22-3 on ATP Challenger Tour in 2025

Emilio Nava | Age: 23 | World No. 105 (Career-High) | 2025: 5-4 (Los Cabos QF) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (2022 Q1)

- > Former World No. 5 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in October 2018 and broke into Top 200 in August 2022, achieving career-high No. 105 in August 2025 after reaching Los Cabos QF and ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 3R.
- > Qualified at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami and 2022 Winston-Salem, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2022 US Open over Millman and defeating No. 46 Isner for lone Top 50 win at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami.
- > In 2025, went on a 19-0 run at Challenger level, picking up titles in Asuncion, Concepcion and Sarasota before losing in Tallahassee final to Rodesch.
- > Two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up and two-time Grand Slam boys' doubles runner-up, finishing junior career as 2019 US Open boys' singles finalist.
- > Also advanced to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles final, squandering 1 MP vs. Musetti and falling 4-6 6-2 7-6(12).

NOTE: Nava reached ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 3R as Q last week, defeating Bergs and Atmane. He seeks 3rd tour-level win on home soil after defeating Millman at 2022 US Open and Isner at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami.

[WC] Jenson Brooksby (USA) vs Alexandre Muller (FRA)

First Meeting

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Insights from their 52-week averages:

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Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality		
Brooksby	22%	66%	35%	7.1	6.3	6.9	7.3		
Muller	21%	66%	32%	7.4	6.4	6.9	7.0		
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1		

Jenson Brooksby | Age: 24 | World No. 101 | Career-High No. 33 | 2025: 13-10 (Houston Title) | Cincinnati: 0-1 ('22 1R) > Achieved career-high No. 33 in June 2022, then defeated 6-time champion Isner at 2022 Atlanta en route to 3rd ATP 250 final on home soil.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title in Houston as Q, after saving 1 MP vs. Gomez in qualifying, 3 MPs vs. Tabilo in 2R and 1 MP vs. Paul in SF and as No. 507 became 3rd-lowest-ranked champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in his grass-court debut at 2021 Newport, becoming 2nd-youngest finalist at age 20 in 46-year tournament history (Rusedski, 19, in 1993).
- > Reached 2021 US Open 4R as 20-year-old WC, becoming youngest American in US Open 4R since Roddick, 20, in 2002.
- > Defeated No. 3 Ruud for biggest win of career and to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R.
- > Qualified at 2019 US Open and ended former World No. 4 Berdych's career for 1st tour-level win, then missed entire 2020 season due to toe injury.

NOTE: Brooksby is 7-7 vs. Top 50 this year, 1-4 on hard courts, defeating No. 18 Auger-Aliassime in ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 2R. He earned 9 of 12 career ATP Masters 1000 wins on home soil (6 – Indian Wells, 3 – Miami).

Alexandre Muller | Age: 28 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 39 | 2025: 19-18 (Hong Kong Title) | Cincinnati: 0-0 ('23 Q1) > Broke into Top 500 in 2016, Top 250 in 2019, Top 100 in 2023 and achieved career-high No. 39 in April 2025 soon after advancing to biggest final of career in Rio de Janeiro.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2025 Hong Kong, becoming 3rd man in Open Era to win a tour-level title by rallying from a set down in all matches played after Ashe at 1975 WCT Finals and Bublik at 2024 Montpellier.
- > Defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Musetti en route to 1st SF and final at 2023 Marrakech and earned Top 10 wins over No. 6 Rublev at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Rome and No. 3 Zverev at 2025 Hamburg.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2017 Roland Garros as WC (I. to Monteiro) and won 1st tour-level match at 2021 Australian Open as LL, beating Londero in 1R.
- > Owns 140-123 Challenger record (3-3 in finals), winning 1st title at 2022 Blois after saving a MP in his 1R match.

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NOTE: Muller looks to record a win at 8th of 9 ATP Masters 1000 events, making his Cincinnati main draw debut (0-1 in Paris). He would be 3rd Frenchman to earn 20+ tour-level wins this year after Fils (22) and Moutet (21).

[LL] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) vs [WC] Nishesh Basavareddy (USA) First Meeting

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Vukic	25%	67%	30%	8.2	5.9	6.9	6.1
Basavareddy	25%	66%	33%	7.5	5.9	6.9	6.9
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 29 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 48 | 2025: 9-19 (2x 3R) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (2024 Q2)

- > Broke into Top 200 in March 2020 prior to COVID-19 suspension of ATP Tour and Top 100 in May 2023 and achieved career-high No. 48 in August 2023 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Atlanta.
- > Entered 2024 Eastbourne as LL, advancing to 2nd ATP Tour SF by defeating Nishioka in QF after losing to him in qualifying.
- > Qualified and defeated No. 9 Ruud for biggest win of career en route to 3R at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai.
- > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Bengaluru-2 and 2023 Busan and reached Challenger finals at 2021 and 2022 Champaign, where he was a 3-time All-American for University of Illinois from 2015-18.
- > Born in Sydney after parents and older brother fled Montenegro during breakup of Yugoslavia in early-1990s.

NOTE: Vukic reached ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 3R last week (d. Martinez, Norrie, I. to No. 12 Tiafoe), before losing to Kypson in Cincinnati Q2. He looks to record 10+ wins for 3rd consecutive season (11 – 2023, 22 – 2024) and reached 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto 3R & 2024 Eastbourne SF as LL.

Nishesh Basavareddy | Age: 20 | World No. 109 | Career-High No. 99 | 2025: 4-10 (Auckland SF) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (Debut) > Peaked at No. 3 in junior rankings in January 2023, then broke Top 200 in September 2024, opting to leave college and turn professional in December 2024 and achieved career-high No. 99 in June 2025.

- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF at 2025 Auckland as Q, upsetting defending champion No. 23 Tabilo for biggest win of career in 2R and countryman Michelsen in QF.
- > Made tour-level debut at 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals, going 1-2 in round robin, defeating No. 50 Shang for 1st win and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2025 Australian Open, losing to 10-time champion Djokovic in 1R.
- > Owns 54-25 Challenger record (2-5 in finals), capturing titles at 2024 Tiburon and Puerto Vallarta .
- > Spent two seasons playing college tennis for Stanford University, where he was a two-time ITA All-American.
- > Won 2022 US Open boys' doubles title w/Baris, becoming fifth all-American team to win the US Open boys' doubles title this century.

NOTE: Basavareddy is 1-9 on tour-level since reaching Auckland SF in January (I. to Monfils) and seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 win, competing in 2nd main draw match after Indian Wells in March this year (I. to Buyunchaokete).

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Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) vs Kei Nishikori (JPN)

First Meeting

Insights from their 52-week averages:

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	Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality		
	Ugo Carabelli	19%	69%	37%	7.3	6.1	7.4	6.9		
	Nishikori	26%	69%	29%	7.1	6.5	7.5	7.0		
	Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1		

Camilo Ugo Carabelli | Age: 26 | World No. 47 (Career-High) | 2025: 16-17 (4 SFs) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 47 in July 2025 after reaching back-to-back semi-finals in Bastad and Umag.
- > Entered 2025 Rio de Janeiro as LL after squandering 4 MPs in qualifying and advanced to first ATP Tour QF and SF, defeating Faria in second quarter-final between lucky losers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990.
- > Did not drop a set to qualify for 2022 Roland Garros, then won 5th-set TB vs. Karatsev in tour-level debut.



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- > Posted 49-16 Challenger record in 2024, leading all players for most Challenger wins that year, highlighted by titles in Piracicaba, Santa Cruz and Villa Maria.
- > Peaked at No. 70 on ITF Junior Circuit, winning 2 boys' singles and 4 boys' doubles titles.

NOTE: Ugo Carabelli is 3-5 at ATP Masters 1000 level, all this year, after reaching Miami 3R and Rome 2R. He earned 18 of 20 tour-level wins on clay, defeating Holt and Michelsen for lone hard-court wins in Miami in March.

Kei Nishikori | Age: 35 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 4 | 2025: 10-9 (Hong Kong Final) | Cincinnati: 4-6 ('12, '16 3R) > Top Asian men's player in history, achieving career-high No. 4 in 2015.

- > Earned biggest of 451 career wins over No. 1 Djokovic at 2014 US Open to become 1st Asian Grand Slam men's singles finalist.
- > Captured 1st of 12 ATP Tour titles at 2008 Delray Beach as 18-year-old Q ranked 244th and remains youngest champion on tour since Hewitt, 16, at 1998 Adelaide.
- > Six-time ATP 500 champion, four-time ATP Masters 1000 finalist, four-time Nitto ATP Finals qualifier and 2016 Rio Olympics bronze medallist.
- > Owns highest winning percentage among active players in deciding sets (157-60, .724).

NOTE: Nishikori is playing first tournament since retiring vs. Khachanov in Geneva 2R in May due to lower back pain. He seeks first Top 50 win on tour-level since defeating No. 19 Khachanov, No .49 Norrie, and No. 50 Shang en route to Hong Kong final in January (0-5 since) and aims to complete career set of all 9 ATP Masters 1000 QFs this week.

ATP Masters 1000 Events - Best Result by Nishikori

Indian Wells	QF (2016-17)	Canada	Final (2016)
Miami	Final (2016)	Cincinnati	R16 (2012, 2016)
Monte-Carlo	Final (2018)	Shanghai	SF (2011)
Madrid	Final (2014)	Paris	SF (2014)
Rome	SF (2016)		, ,

Learner Tien (USA) vs [Q] Leandro Riedi (SUI)

First Meeting

Learner Tien | Age: 19 | World No. 55 (Career-High) | 2025: 16-17 (2 QFs) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 200 in August 2024, Top 100 in January 2025 and achieved career-high No. 55 in August 2025 after reaching first ATP Masters 1000 4R in Toronto.
- > Upset No. 5 Medvedev en route to 2025 Australian Open 4R as Q to be youngest man to defeat a Top-5 player at that event in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) before defeating No. 2 Zverev in Acapulco.
- > Qualified for 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals, defeating Top-3 seeds, No. 1 Fils and No. 3 Mensik in RR and No. 2 Michelsen in SF to become 1st left-handed finalist in event history.
- > Went on a 28-match winning streak from May to July 2024, capturing ITF Tour titles at M15 San Diego twice, M15 Rancho Santa Fe, M15 Lakewood and biggest title of career 1st Challenger title in Bloomfield Hills.
- > Peaked at No. 4 in juniors, highlighted by runs to junior finals of 2023 Australian Open (I. to Blockx) and US Open (I. to Fonseca) and defeated Blockx/Fonseca to capture 2023 Australian Open boys' doubles title w/C. Williams.

NOTE: Tien reached first ATP Masters 1000 4R in Toronto last week (I. to Michelsen) and would become youngest American men's match winner in Cincinnati since Tiafoe, 19, reached 2017 3R (d. Marterer and No. 7 Zverev).

PIF ATP Live Race to Jeddah

No	o. Player	Points	This Week
1	Jakub Mensik	1,940	Cincinnati – 1R bye, awaits winner of Kecmanovic vs. Quinn in 2R
2	Joao Fonseca	1,015	Cincinnati – 2R vs. Davidovich Fokina
3	Learner Tien	760	Cincinnati – 1R vs. Riedi
4	Dino Prizmic	390	Grodzisk Mazowiecki CH – QF vs. Maestrelli
5	Alexander Blockx	348	Cincinnati – 1R vs. Giron

Leandro Riedi | Age: 23 | World No. 522 | Career-High No. 117 | 2025: 0-1 (Wimbledon 1R) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (Debut) > Former World No. 6 junior broke into Top 500 in April 2022 and Top 200 in November 2022, reaching career-high No. 117 in August 2024.

- > Made his ATP Tour debut at 2021 Gstaad as WC before earning his first win at 2023 Marseille (d. Rinderknech).
- > Owns a 57-33 Challenger record (4-6 in finals), winning titles in Helsinki and Andria in 2022 and Oeiras-2 and Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve in 2024.
- > Finished his junior career at 2020 Roland Garros, losing to Stricker in 1st All-Swiss boys' singles final after capturing 2020 Australian Open boys' doubles title w/lonel days after his 18th birthday.
- > Zurich native preferred football at a young age, before switching to tennis due to fun of the sport and travel.



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NOTE: Riedi seeks first ATP Tour win since defeating Barrere at 2024 Gstaad and is competing in his second ATP Masters 1000 main draw after 2023 Indian Wells as Q (I. to Draper in 1R). 23-year-old would be 4th lowest-ranked man to win a match in Cincinnati in ATP Masters 1000 era (since 1990).

Lowest-Ranked Male Match Winners in Cincinnati Since Becoming an ATP Masters 1000 Event (since 1990)

Player	Rank	Result

Ken Flach	Unranked	1994 2R (d. Kulti, I.to Courier)
Mardy Fish	No. 1034	2015 2R (d. Troicki, l. to Murray)
David Nainkin	No. 584	1992 2R (d. Koenig, I. to Krajicek)
Pablo Carreno Busta	No. 513	2024 3R (d. Korda, Purcell, I. to Zverev)
Sasa Hirszon	No. 456	1996 2R (d. S. Draper, I. to Stoltenberg)

COURT 3

[WC] Tristan Boyer (USA) vs [WC] Brandon Holt (USA) First Meeting

Marcos Giron (USA) vs [Q] Alexander Blockx (BEL)

First Meeting

CHAMPIONS' COURT

Hugo Dellien (BOL) vs Reilly Opelka (USA)

First Meeting

[Q] Martin Landaluce (ESP) vs [Q] Patrick Kypson (USA) First Meeting

Sebastian Ofner (AUT) vs [Q] Valentin Royer (FRA) First Meeting

COURT 10

Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) vs Ethan Quinn (USA)

First Meeting

Insights from their 52-week averages:

Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality
Kecmanovic	24%	69%	30%	7.7	6.6	8.0	7.4
Quinn	27%	68%	29%	8.0	5.9	7.3	6.1
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1

Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) vs Aleksandar Kovacevic (USA)

Medjedovic Leads 2-0

24 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R128 Hamad Medjedovic 4-6 7-5 6-4 24 Belgrade (Serbia) Hard R16 Hamad Medjedovic 7-6(5) 6-4

Insights from their 52-week averages:

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Player	In Attack	Conversion Score	Steal Score	Serve Quality	Return Quality	Forehand Quality	Backhand Quality	
Medjedovic	28%	68%	32%	8.4	6.6	7.7	6.8	
Kovacevic	27%	68%	30%	8.1	5.8	7.4	6.4	
Tour Average	24%	69%	31%	7.9	6.5	7.5	7.1	

COURT 4

Francisco Comesana (ARG) vs Jaume Munar (ESP) First Meeting

Daniel Altmaier (GER) vs Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)

First Meeting



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COURT 7

[LL] Luca Nardi (ITA) vs [Q] Thiago Agustin Tirante (ARG) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

23 US Open Q (U.S.A.) Hard Q1 Thiago Agustin Tirante 6-4 6-4

COURT 9

Adam Walton (AUS) vs [LL] Mariano Navone (ARG) First Meeting

Mattia Bellucci (ITA) vs Damir Dzumhur (BIH) Dzumhur Leads 1-0

25 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R128 Damir Dzumhur 4-6 6-4 6-2

Other Meeting

22 Cordenons CH (Italy) Clay R16 Mattia Bellucci 6-2 6-1