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### SINGLES SEMI-FINALISTS: BY THE NUMBERS

Player	Ranking	Career-High	Age	Wins	QFs	SFs	Finals	Titles
[1] Cameron Norrie (GBR)	No. 30	No. 30	25	84	16	11	4	0
[2] John Isner (USA)	No. 39	No. 8	36	445	94	55	28	15
[3] Taylor Fritz (USA)	No. 37	No. 24	23	114	20	11	5	1
Brandon Nakashima (USA)	No. 134	No. 133	19	6	2	1	0	0

#### AMERICAN NOTES

- Three Americans are in an ATP Tour SF for 1st time since 2019 New York (Isner, Opelka, Querrey).
- Three Americans are in an ATP Tour SF outside USA for 1st time since 1995 Tokyo-1 (Agassi, Chang, Courier).
- Last All-American final on ATP Tour was 2019 Eastbourne (Fritz d. Querrey 6-3 6-4).
- Nakashima bids to become youngest American finalist on ATP Tour since Fritz, 18, at 2016 Memphis.
- Nakashima bids to become youngest American champion on ATP Tour since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston.
- Nakashima bids to become youngest American finalist outside USA since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Toronto.
- Nakashima bids to become youngest American champion outside USA since Chang, 19, at 1991 Birmingham.

### ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

#### [1] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [3] Taylor Fritz (USA)

19 Auckland (New Zealand)	Hard	QF	Cameron Norrie	7-6(3) 6-3
19 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	R128	Taylor Fritz	6-3 7-6(6) 6-2
19 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Taylor Fritz	6-1 3-6 6-3
20 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Cameron Norrie	6-4 6-7(4) 6-4
20 St. Petersburg (Russia)	Hard	R32	Cameron Norrie	6-4 4-6 6-3
21 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Taylor Fritz	6-4 3-6 6-1

#### Series Tied 3-3

**Cameron Norrie** | Age: 25 | World No. 30 (Career-High) | 2021: 33-14 (3 Finals) | Los Cabos: 6-2 (2018, 2021 SFs)  
> Former Top-10 junior achieved career-high No. 30 following run to 4th and biggest final of career at 2021 London/Queen's Club.

> Advanced to ATP 250 finals at 2019 Auckland as WC, 2021 Estoril and 2021 Lyon.

> Posted personal-best 33 wins in 2021, including biggest victory of career over No. 4 Thiem in Lyon 2R.

> Reached Grand Slam 3R on 4 occasions, including at 2020 US Open, where he rallied from 2 sets down and saved 2 MPs vs. Schwartzman in 1R.

> 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:** Norrie, who has won his last 3 SFs, is 2nd-highest-ranked player yet to win a title (No. 15 Auger-Aliassime).

#### Most Tour-Level Wins in 2021

1	Stefanos Tsitsipas	40
2	Andrey Rublev	36
3	Novak Djokovic	34
4	<b>Cameron Norrie</b>	33
5	Matteo Berrettini	32

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 23 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 24 | 2021: 17-11 (3rd SF) | Los Cabos: 9-3 (2019 Final)

> Became No. 1 American in 2021 less than 2 years after becoming youngest American in Top 25 at age 21 since Roddick, 21, in 2004.

> Also in 2019, captured 1st ATP Tour title at Eastbourne and earned 5 victories vs. Top 10, including biggest win of career over No. 5 Thiem at Laver Cup.

> Reached 2016 Memphis final as 18-year-old WC and remains youngest ATP finalist since Nishikori, 18, at 2008 Delray Beach and youngest American finalist since Chang, 17, at 1989 Wembley.

- > Owns 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R (0-5 vs. Top 10), including 5-set loss to World No. 1 and eventual champion Djokovic at 2021 Australian Open.
- > Ended junior career in 2015 as World No. 1 after winning US Open title, reaching Roland Garros final and posting wins over future Top-10 ATP players Rublev, Shapovalov and Tsitsipas.

**NOTE:** Fritz bids to become 1st two-time finalist in Los Cabos' 5-year tournament history (2016-19, 2021). He is seeking his 6th appearance overall in an ATP Tour final (1-4) and 3rd in Mexico (2019 Los Cabos, 2020 Acapulco).

## Brandon Nakashima (USA) vs [2] John Isner (USA)

## First Meeting

**Brandon Nakashima** | Age: 19 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 133 | 2021: 3-2 (Los Cabos SF) | Los Cabos: 3-0

- > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 133 after winning 2nd Challenger title at 2021 Quimper-2.
- > Defeated Vesely and Norrie to reach 2020 Delray Beach QF as 18-year-old WC in ATP Tour debut.
- > Ended 2020 season by sweeping 10 sets en route to 1st Challenger title at Orlando.
- > Went 44-18 across all levels in 2019, beginning season on ITF World Tennis Tour, starring at University of Virginia, advancing to US Open boys' singles SF and ending year on ATP Challenger Tour.
- > Lost deciding set to eventual semi-finalist Karatsev in 2021 Australian Open qualifying 1R.

**NOTE:** Nakashima is youngest and 2nd-lowest-ranked semi-finalist in event history (No. 454 Kokkinakis - 2017 Final). He entered this week with 3 tour-level wins and none since 31 August 2020 (d. Lorenzi in US Open 1R). Nakashima saved 3 MPs vs. Thompson in QF and seeks his 3rd win this week over a countryman (d. Wolf in 1R, Querrey in 2R).

**John Isner** | Age: 36 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 11-6 (Los Cabos SF) | Los Cabos: 2-0 (2021 SF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 8 after reaching 1st Grand Slam SF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. to Anderson 26-24 in 5th after 6:36).
- > Owns 15 ATP Tour titles, including 5 at Atlanta, 4 at Newport and 2 at Winston-Salem (all tournament records).
- > Beat No. 1 Djokovic en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals at 2012 Indian Wells and 2013 Cincinnati, then became oldest 1st-time ATP Masters 1000 champion in history with 2018 Miami title at age 32.
- > In 2010 Wimbledon 1R, hit record 113 aces over 3 days to win longest match ever over Mahut 70-68 in 5th after 11:05.
- > Posted 1st 5 wins of career in 3rd-set TBs to reach 2007 Washington final, hit 10,000th ace at 2018 Houston, and earned 400th win at 2019 Acapulco (d. Mannarino).

**NOTE:** Isner is seeking his 1st ATP Tour final since winning his 15th title at 2019 Newport. He is also scheduled to play in a doubles SF later on Friday against fellow singles semi-finalist Fritz (Hach Verdugo/Isner vs. Fritz/Monroe).

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

### [1] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA)

20 Delray Beach (U.S.A.) Hard R16 Brandon Nakashima

### Nakashima Leads 1-0

7-5 6-2

### [1] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [2] John Isner (USA)

18 Lyon (France) Clay QF Cameron Norrie  
18 Vienna (Austria) Hard R32 John Isner

### Series Tied 1-1

7-6(1) 6-4  
6-7(1) 6-4 7-6(7)

### [3] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Brandon Nakashima (USA)

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R128 Taylor Fritz

### Fritz Leads 1-0

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

### [3] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs [2] John Isner (USA)

16 Atlanta (U.S.A.) Hard QF John Isner  
17 Wimbledon (Great Britain) Grass R128 John Isner  
19 Auckland (New Zealand) Hard R16 Taylor Fritz  
20 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard SF Taylor Fritz

### Series Tied 2-2

7-5 6-4  
6-4 7-6(3) 6-3  
7-6(3) 7-6(5)  
2-6 7-5 6-3