



## CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS – ATP MEDIA NOTES DAY 6 – SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2021

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### CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS TALKING POINTS

- Four-time ATP Tour champions **Matteo Berrettini** and **Alex de Minaur** will meet on Saturday for a spot in the cinch Championships final. Berrettini, the No. 1 seed and World No. 9, has not lost a set in his tournament debut. De Minaur has won six straight semi-finals but lost six straight matches against Top-10 opponents.
- Also through to the semi-finals is **Cameron Norrie**, who boasts a 28-12 record on the season and returned to a career-high No. 41 in this week's FedEx ATP Rankings. The Brit has earned 14 victories in 2021 over higher-ranked opponents, including two this week against No. 38 **Albert Ramos-Vinolas** and No. 24 **Aslan Karatsev**.
- Norrie will meet either No. 14 **Denis Shapovalov** or No. 65 **Frances Tiafoe**. Rain and darkness prevented Shapovalov and Tiafoe from finishing their quarter-final on Friday. Play will resume with Shapovalov ahead 6-3.
- All five remaining players are under the age of 26. Berrettini is the only one who has played in a tour-level semi-final on grass. The 25-year-old Italian won the Stuttgart title and reached the Halle semi-finals on grass in 2019.

### ATP HEAD2HEAD: SUSPENDED QUARTER-FINAL

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

#### Shapovalov Leads 3-1

*NOTE: Match will resume with Shapovalov leading Tiafoe 6-3*

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 (2nd QF) | Queen's: 4-2 (2018, 2021 QFs)  
> Former World No. 2 junior set new career-high ranking 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.

> Advanced to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Miami QF and owns career records of 19-7 in Florida (.731) and 62-98 elsewhere (.388).

> 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:** Tiafoe has won 7 straight matches overall, including Nottingham Challenger grass-court title last week.

**Denis Shapovalov** | Age: 22 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 10 | 2021: 17-12 (Geneva F) | Queen's: 3-3 (2021 QF)  
> After becoming 1st Canadian US Open quarter-finalist in 2020, became 2nd Canadian in history to break into Top 10 (also Raonic).

> 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 6-10 on grass with 0 SFs. This week, he earned multiple wins for 1st time at a grass-court event.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: SINGLES SEMI-FINALS

### [1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs [4] Alex de Minaur (AUS)

**First Tour-Level Meeting**

**Other Meeting**

17 Segovia CH (Spain)

Hard SF Alex de Minaur

7-6(4) 7-5

**Matteo Berrettini** | Age: 25 | World No. 9 | Career-High No. 8 | 2021: 24-6 (Belgrade-1 Title) | Queen's: 3-0 (2021 SF)  
> Achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 to become highest-ranked Italian since No. 8 Barazzutti in 1978.  
> Beat Monfils in 5th-set TB at 2019 US Open to become 2nd Italian semi-finalist in tournament history (also Barazzutti in 1977).  
> Went 13-4 on clay in 2021, reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at Madrid and 2nd Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros.  
> Defeated No. 3 Thiem for biggest career win en route to 2021 ATP Cup team final and beat No. 5 Thiem at 2019 Nitto ATP Finals to become 1st Italian to earn a singles win in tournament history (since 1970).  
> Won 2 of his 4 ATP Tour titles without dropping serve: 2018 Gstaad on clay and 2019 Stuttgart on grass.

**NOTE:** Berrettini is appearing in his 11th ATP Tour SF (6-4 with 2 straight wins) and 3rd on grass (1-1).

**Alex de Minaur** | Age: 22 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 18 | 2021: 16-12 (Antalya Title) | Queen's: 3-1 (2021 SF)  
> 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:** De Minaur is appearing in his 11th ATP Tour SF (8-2 with 6 straight wins) and 1st on a surface other than hard.

### Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

**Norrie Leads 1-0**

21 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)

Hard QF Cameron Norrie

6-0 3-6 6-4

**Other Meeting**

12 US Open Juniors Q (U.S.A.)

Hard Q1 Frances Tiafoe

6-2 6-4

-OR-

### Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [2] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

**First Meeting**

**Cameron Norrie** | Age: 25 | World No. 41 | Career-High No. 41 | 2021: 28-12 (2 Finals) | Queen's: 3-3 (2021 SF)  
> Former Top-10 junior achieved career-high No. 41 in 2019 and returned to No. 41 following run to 2021 Roland Garros 3R.  
> Advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2019 Auckland as WC, 2021 Estoril and 2021 Lyon.  
> Posted personal-best 28 wins in 2021 including biggest victory of career over No. 4 Thiem in Lyon 2R.  
> Reached Grand Slam 3R on 3 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 is appearing in his 10th ATP Tour SF (3-6 with 2 straight wins) and 1st on grass.

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

### [1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs Cameron Norrie (GBR)

First Meeting

### [1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R64 Matteo Berrettini

**Berrettini Leads 1-0**

6-3 7-6(1)

### [1] Matteo Berrettini (ITA) vs [2] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

18 St. Petersburg (Russia) Hard R16 Denis Shapovalov  
19 Davis Cup Finals (Spain) Hard RR Denis Shapovalov

**Shapovalov Leads 2-0**

7-6(6) 4-6 6-0  
7-6(5) 6-7(3) 7-6(5)

### [4] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Cameron Norrie (GBR)

First Meeting

### [4] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Frances Tiafoe (USA)

18 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R64 Alex de Minaur  
19 Next Gen ATP Finals (Italy) Hard SF Alex de Minaur

**de Minaur Leads 2-0**

6-4 6-0 5-7 6-2  
4-2 4-1 0-4 4-2

#### Other Meeting

17 Brisbane Q (Australia) Hard Q2 Alex de Minaur

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

### [4] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs [2] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

19 Davis Cup Finals (Spain) Hard QF Alex de Minaur  
20 ATP Cup (Australia) Hard RR Alex de Minaur

**de Minaur Leads 2-0**

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

#### Other Meetings

16 Wimbledon Juniors Grass F Denis Shapovalov  
17 Surbiton CH Q (Great Britain) Grass Q3 Denis Shapovalov

4-6 6-1 6-3  
6-4 3-6 6-3