



2018 US OPEN

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DAY 11 MEDIA NOTES | Thursday, 6 September 2018

MEN'S DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS

LOUIS ARMSTRONG STADIUM

[7] Lukasz Kubot (POL)/Marcelo Melo (BRA) vs [ALT] Radu Albot (MDA)/Malek Jaziri (TUN)

First Meeting

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DAY 11 HIGHLIGHTS

- While the four remaining men's singles players enjoy a rare day of rest, the four remaining men's doubles teams take to Louis Armstrong Stadium on Thursday for the US Open semi-finals. After finishing 2017 as the No. 1 doubles team in the world, No. 7 seeds **Lukasz Kubot** and **Marcelo Melo** will play their first Grand Slam semi-final of the season against alternates **Radu Albot** and **Malek Jaziri**. Then, No. 3 seeds **Mike Bryan** and **Jack Sock**, the Wimbledon champions, meet No. 5 seeds **Juan Sebastian Cabal** and **Robert Farah**, the Australian Open finalists.
- Bryan is playing at his 24th straight US Open and first without his twin brother Bob. While Bob Bryan nursed a hip injury, Mike Bryan and Sock earned three wins in five sets to capture the Wimbledon title in just their second event as a team. If Bryan and Sock add the US Open championship, they will be the first team to win consecutive Grand Slam titles since Bob and Mike swept four straight from the 2012 US Open through 2013 Wimbledon. Mike Bryan would also break a tie with **John Newcombe** and set an all-time record with 18 Grand Slam men's doubles titles.
- In the absence of Bob Bryan, Cabal and Farah have emerged as the longest-running team on the ATP World Tour. The Colombians teamed as teenagers on the ITF Futures Circuit before Farah enrolled at the University of Southern California in 2006. Farah finished his college career in 2010 as the No. 1 singles player in the nation. He chose a career in doubles, however, and quickly reunited with Cabal, his only partner in 28 Grand Slam appearances. After winning 12 Challenger and 11 ATP titles together, Cabal and Farah would be rewarded for their loyalty with a win on Thursday, which would make them the first Colombians in doubles or singles to qualify for the Nitto ATP Finals.
- While Cabal and Farah own more than 200 victories as a team, Albot and Jaziri began the US Open with none. They lost their team debut at Wimbledon and only gained entry into the US Open when 2016 finalists **Pablo Carreno Busta** and **Guillermo Garcia-Lopez** withdrew on Opening Day. The Moldovan and Tunisian have gone on to defeat 2017 champions **Jean-Julien Rojer** and **Horia Tecau** and 2016 champions **Jamie Murray** and **Bruno Soares** to become the first players from their respective countries to reach a Grand Slam semi-final in doubles or singles.
- Kubot and Melo entered the US Open with five losses in their last seven matches. Though they have won two titles in 2018, they are still seeking their first championship of the year at a Grand Slam or ATP Masters 1000 event. The Pole and Brazilian won Wimbledon, three ATP Masters 1000 events and two other titles in 2017. In the third round on Sunday, Kubot and Melo beat three-time Grand Slam champions **Pierre-Hugues Herbert** and **Nicolas Mahut**.

ATP DOUBLES RACE TO LONDON (as of Thursday, 6 September at 12 pm)

No.	Team	Points	KEY
1	Oliver Marach / Mate Pavic*	6,590	Top 8 qualify for Nitto ATP Finals
2	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	5,290^	* Qualified
3	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	4,355	^ Add 480 points for SF win
4	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	4,250	
5	Nikola Pietrangeli / Alexander Peya	3,920	
6	Raven Klaasen / Michael Venus	3,685	
7	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	3,310	
8	Lukasz Kubot / Marcelo Melo	3,090^	
9	Mike Bryan / Jack Sock	2,990^	
10	Henri Kontinen / John Peers	2,740	
11	Feliciano Lopez / Marc Lopez	2,120	
12	Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecau	1,920	
13	Ben McLachlan / Jan-Lennard Struff	1,890	
14	Rohan Bopanna / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	1,845	
15	Dominic Inglot / Frank Skugor	1,625	
16	Robin Haase / Matwe Middelkoop	1,335	

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	LUKASZ KUBOT	MARCELO MELO	TEAM
Age	36 (5/16/82)	34 (9/23/83)	2015 Vienna (Debut)
ATP Doubles Rankings	No. 13	No. 14	No. 9
Career-High Rankings	No. 1 (1/8/18)	No. 1 (11/2/15)	No. 1 (2017 Year-End)
US Open W-L	12-9	24-11	5-1
Grand Slam W-L	76-43	96-43	20-6
Season W-L	28-17	29-17	27-17
Career W-L	332-223	461-278	86-37
Grand Slam Titles	2	2	1
Career Titles	22	30	10
Team Titles	2018 (2) Sydney, Halle; 2017 (6) ATP Masters 1000 Miami, ATP Masters 1000 Madrid, 's-Hertogenbosch, Halle, Wimbledon, ATP Masters 1000 Paris; 2016 (1) Vienna; 2015 (1) Vienna		

	RADU ALBOT	MALEK JAZIRI	TEAM
Age	28 (11/11/89)	34 (1/20/84)	2018 Wimbledon (Debut)
ATP Doubles Rankings	No. 131	No. 335	---
Career-High Rankings	No. 68 (6/22/15)	No. 195 (6/19/17)	---
US Open W-L	4-1	5-2	4-0
Grand Slam W-L	9-6	8-10	4-1
Season W-L	10-10	5-7	4-1
Career W-L	25-28	21-43	4-1
Grand Slam Titles	0	0	0
Career Titles	1	0	0
Albot Titles	2015 (1) Istanbul w/Lajovic		

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	MIKE BRYAN	JACK SOCK	TEAM
Age	40 (4/29/78)	25 (9/24/92)	2018 London/Queen's Club (Debut)
ATP Doubles Rankings	No. 1	No. 12	No. 10
Career-High Rankings	No. 1 (9/8/03)	No. 6 (5/11/15)	---
US Open W-L	69-18	7-5	4-0
Grand Slam W-L	283-65	34-13	10-0
Season W-L	41-14	30-10	12-3
Career W-L	1,097-350	149-71	12-3
Grand Slam Titles	17	2	1
Career Titles	119	12	1
Team Titles	2018 (1) Wimbledon		

	J.S. CABAL	ROBERT FARAH	TEAM
Age	32 (4/25/86)	31 (1/20/87)	2004 Colombia F3 (Debut)
ATP Doubles Rankings	No. 10	No. 11	No. 2
Career-High Rankings	No. 9 (5/28/18)	No. 11 (8/20/18)	No. 10 (2016 Year-End)
US Open W-L	9-7	7-6	7-6
Grand Slam W-L	50-30	41-27	41-27
Season W-L	33-16	33-16	33-16
Career W-L	247-158	212-131	205-124
Grand Slam Titles	0	0	0
Career Titles	12	11	11
Team Titles	2018 (1) ATP Masters 1000 Rome; 2017 (2) Buenos Aires, Munich; 2016 (4) Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Nice, Moscow; 2015 (2) Sao Paulo, Geneva; 2014 (2) Rio de Janeiro, Winston-Salem		