



CINCINNATI OPEN - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

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CINCINNATI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- There are three former champions in the 2024 **Cincinnati Open** main draw with No. 3 seed **Alexander Zverev** (2021), No. 4 seed **Daniil Medvedev** (2019), and No. 8 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** (2017). 3-time winner and defending champion **Novak Djokovic** (2018, 2020, 2023) withdrew after picking up the Gold Medal at the Paris Olympics.
- World No. 1 **Jannik Sinner** leads the ATP Tour in hard court wins this season (24). The Italian lost two matches on the surface this year, including loss to **Andrey Rublev** in Montreal QF last week. The Italian will attempt to make Cincinnati QF for the first time in career to reach the stage in 6th ATP Masters 1000 event this year in as many played, after he withdrew from Rome.
- No. 2 seed **Carlos Alcaraz** missed a championship point to win the title in Cincinnati last year, losing to **Novak Djokovic** in the longest match in tournament history (3 hours and 49 minutes). The Spaniard reached the final in three of his last four events, including titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon. He aims to be the first player to reach consecutive Cincinnati finals since **Roger Federer** in 2014-15.
- No. 4 seed Medvedev earned all 20 tour-level titles of his career at 20 different events and will attempt to win Cincinnati for the 2nd time after beating **David Goffin** in the 2019 final. No. 6 seed **Andrey Rublev** is the only player to have reached multiple ATP Masters 1000 finals this year (Madrid, Montreal).
- Eight American men are already in the main draw with a further five competing in the final qualifying round. Since **Andy Roddick** became the last home champion in Cincinnati in 2006, **James Blake** (2007), **Mardy Fish** (2010), and **John Isner** (2013) have all finished runner-up. Four Americans are seeded for this year's event with No. 10 **Tommy Paul**, No. 11 **Taylor Fritz**, No. 12 **Ben Shelton**, and No. 16 **Sebastian Korda**.
- Two first-round main draw matches have been scheduled for Monday. Recent Washington finalist **Flavio Cobolli** takes on No. 10 seed Paul in their first Lexus ATP Head2Head meeting, while **Karen Khachanov** hopes to extend his 5-0 lead over **Francisco Cerundolo**. The two have played all five matches on the ATP Masters 1000 level, including three this year (Miami, Monte-Carlo, Rome).

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Tournament History Singles Final Doubles Final Wild Cards (4)

56th Edition of Open Era (1969-2023)
Monday 19 August at 6:00 pm
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Matteo Berrettini (ITA), Brandon Nakashima (USA),
Reilly Opelka (USA), Max Purcell (AUS)

Qualifiers (7) Protected Rankings (1) Oldest Player #NextGenATP (2) Open Era Records

TBD on Monday 12 August
Pablo Carreno Busta (PR-18)
Gael Monfils (37)
Alex Michelsen (19), Arthur Fils (20)
Most Titles – Roger Federer (7)
Most Wins – Roger Federer (47)
Youngest Champion – Boris Becker, 17, in 1985
Oldest Champion – Novak Djokovic, 36, in 2023
Highest-Ranked Champion – No. 1 on 10 occasions, most recently Djokovic in 2020
Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 152 Borna Coric in 2022
Last American Champion – Andy Roddick in 2006

2024 CINCINNATI OPEN SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CINCINNATI W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	44-5 (4 Titles)	3-3 (2022 3R)
2	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	38-7 (3 Titles)	6-3 (2023 Final)
3	Alexander Zverev (GER)	49-15 (Rome Title)	9-7 (2021 Title)
4	Daniil Medvedev	35-12 (Aus. Open, Indian Wells Finals)	15-6 (2019 Title)
5	Hubert Hurkacz (POL)	36-15 (Estoril Title)	6-6 (2023 SF)
6*	Andrey Rublev	32-15 (Hong Kong, Madrid Titles)	8-6 (2021 Final)
7	Casper Ruud (NOR)	44-13 (Barcelona, Geneva Titles)	2-5 (2021 QF)
8	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	33-12 (Brisbane Title)	18-11 (2017 Title)
9	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	35-15 (Monte-Carlo Title)	11-6 (2022 Final)
10	Tommy Paul (USA)	35-13 (Dallas, Queen's Club Titles)	5-5 (2023 3R)
11	Taylor Fritz (USA)	38-15 (Delray Beach, Eastbourne Titles)	7-6 (2022-23 QF)
12	Ben Shelton (USA)	27-18 (Houston Title)	3-2 (2022 3R)
13	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	26-17 (Marseille, Dubai Titles)	1-3 (2023 2R)
14	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	31-20 (Queen's Club, Umag Finals)	1-2 (2023 2R)
15	Holger Rune (DEN)	29-16 (Brisbane Final)	0-2 (2022-23 1R)
16	Sebastian Korda (USA)	30-17 (Washington Title)	3-4 (2022 3R)

* 2024 stats for Andrey Rublev exclude Montreal final on Monday 12 August

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (20)

United States (8)	Taylor Fritz, Marcos Giron, Sebastian Korda, Brandon Nakashima, Reilly Opelka, Tommy Paul, Ben Shelton, Frances Tiafoe		
Italy (6)	Matteo Arnaldi, Matteo Berrettini, Flavio Cobolli, Luciano Darderi, Lorenzo Musetti, Jannik Sinner		
France (5)	Arthur Fils, Ugo Humbert, Adrian Mannarino, Gael Monfils, Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard		
Argentina (4)	Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Mariano Navone		
Australia (3)	Alexei Popyrin, Max Purcell, Jordan Thompson		
Spain (3)	Carlos Alcaraz, Pablo Carreno Busta, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina		
Chile (2)	Nicolas Jarry, Alejandro Tabilo		
Czechia (2)	Jiri Lehecka, Tomas Machac		
Germany (2)	Jan-Lennard Struff, Alexander Zverev		
Bulgaria (1)	Grigor Dimitrov		
Canada (1)	Felix Auger-Aliassime	Hungary (1)	Fabian Marozsan
China (1)	Zhang Zhizhen	Netherlands (1)	Tallon Griekspoor
Denmark (1)	Holger Rune	Norway (1)	Casper Ruud
Great Britain (1)	Jack Draper	Poland (1)	Hubert Hurkacz
Greece (1)	Stefanos Tsitsipas	Serbia (1)	Miomir Kecmanovic
	Karen Khachanov, Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev		

NOTE: 7 qualifiers not included, TBD on Monday 12 August

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Cincinnati Open	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Singles Ranking Points	1,000	650	400	200	100	50*	10^
Singles Prize Money (\$)	1,049,460	573,090	313,395	170,940	91,435	49,030	27,165
Doubles Ranking Points	1,000	600	360	180	90~	0	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	322,000	174,920	96,090	53,010	29,140	15,910	--

* Singles players who receive a bye in R64 and lose in R32 earn 10 ranking points

^ Singles wild cards who lose in R64 earn 0 ranking points

~ Doubles teams that receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

2024 CINCINNATI OPEN DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYERS	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	CINCINNATI (BEST FINISH)
1*	Marcel Granollers (ESP) Horacio Zeballos (ARG)	159-74 (9 Titles) 35-10 in 2024 (1 Title)	36-11 (Rome Title) 35-10 (Rome Title)	12-7 (2021 Title) 8-4 (2021 Title)
2	Rohan Bopanna (IND) Matthew Ebden (AUS)	60-30 (4 Titles) 20-10 in 2024 (2 Titles)	20-12 (2 Titles) 28-12 (3 Titles)	9-14 (2012 Final) 0-2 (2023 2R)
3*	Rajeev Ram (USA) Joe Salisbury (GBR)	196-93 (14 Titles) 19-11 in 2024 (1 Title)	26-15 (Adelaide Title) 20-13 (Adelaide Title)	10-12 (2022 Title) 7-4 (2022 Title)
4	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Mate Pavic (CRO)	36-14 (3 Titles) 36-14 in 2024 (3 Titles)	37-14 (3 Titles) 36-16 (3 Titles)	5-3 (2021 SF) 5-7 (2019 SF)
5	Simone Bolelli (ITA) Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	41-20 (2 Titles) 31-12 in 2024 (2 Titles)	31-12 (2 Titles) 32-13 (2 Titles)	1-4 (2008, 2015 2R) 0-0 (Debut)
6	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)	67-33 (5 Titles) 7-8 in 2024 (Lyon SF)	22-21 (2 Finals) 20-17 (Hamburg Final)	10-4 (2013, 2022-23 SF) 18-9 (2015 Title)
7	Harri Heliövaara (FIN) Henry Patten (GBR)	22-5 (3 Titles) 22-5 in 2024 (3 Titles)	28-13 (3 Titles) 25-14 (3 Titles)	1-2 (2022 2R) 0-0 (Debut)
8	Max Purcell (AUS) Jordan Thompson (AUS)	43-10 (4 Titles) 30-6 in 2024 (3 Titles)	31-8 (3 Titles) 35-9 (4 Titles)	1-3 (2023 2R) 0-0 (Debut)

* Team and 2024 stats for Granollers/Zeballos and Ram/Salisbury exclude Montreal final on Monday 12 August

CINCINNATI OPEN SINGLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	5-7 7-6(7) 7-6(4)
2022	Borna Coric (CRO)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)	7-6(0) 6-2
2021	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Andrey Rublev	6-2 6-3
2020	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	1-6 6-3 6-4
2019	Daniil Medvedev	David Goffin (BEL)	7-6(3) 6-4
2018	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Roger Federer (SUI)	6-4 6-4
2017	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	6-3 7-5
2016	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-4 7-5
2015	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	7-6(1) 6-3
2014	Roger Federer (SUI)	David Ferrer (ESP)	6-3 1-6 6-2
2013	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	John Isner (USA)	7-6(8) 7-6(3)
2012	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-0 7-6(7)
2011	Andy Murray (GBR)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-4 3-0 RET
2010	Roger Federer (SUI)	Andy Murray (GBR)	6-7(5) 7-6(1) 6-4
2009	Roger Federer (SUI)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	6-1 7-5

BOLD: Player in 2024 Cincinnati Open singles draw.

CINCINNATI OPEN DOUBLES FINALS (since 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2023	Maximo Gonzalez / Andres Molteni	Jamie Murray / Michael Venus	3-6 6-1 [11-9]
2022	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	Tim Puetz / Michael Venus	7-6(4) 7-6(5)
2021	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos	Steve Johnson / Austin Krajicek	7-6(5) 7-6(5)
2020	Pablo Carreno Busta / Alex de Minaur	Jamie Murray / Neal Skupski	6-2 7-5
2019	Ivan Dodig / Filip Polasek	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	4-6 6-4 [10-6]
2018	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	4-6 6-3 [10-6]
2017	Pierre-Hugues Herbert / Nicolas Mahut	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	7-6(6) 6-4
2016	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	Jean-Julien Rojer / Horia Tecau	7-6(5) 6-7(5) [10-6]
2015	Daniel Nestor / Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Marcin Matkowski / Nenad Zimonjic	6-2 6-2
2014	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Vasek Pospisil / Jack Sock	6-3 6-2
2013	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Marcel Granollers / Marc Lopez	6-4 4-6 [10-4]
2012	Robert Lindstedt / Horia Tecau	Mahesh Bhupathi / Rohan Bopanna	6-4 6-4
2011	Mahesh Bhupathi / Leander Paes	Michael Llodra / Nenad Zimonjic	7-6(4) 7-6(2)
2010	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	Mahesh Bhupathi / Max Mirnyi	6-3 6-4
2009	Daniel Nestor / Nenad Zimonjic	Bob Bryan / Mike Bryan	3-6 7-6(2) [15-13]

BOLD: Player in 2024 Cincinnati Open doubles draw (teams Gonzalez/Molteni, Granollers/Zeballos, and Ram/Salisbury remain intact).

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTER COURT

Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs [10] Tommy Paul (USA)

First Meeting

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 22 | World No. 31 (Career-High) | 2024: 26-21 (Washington Final) | Cincinnati: 0-0 (Debut)
 > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 31 in August 2024 soon after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Washington.
 > Earned biggest wins of career over Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington.
 > Defeated No. 18 Jarry for 1st Top 20 win of career en route to 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2024 Australian Open.
 > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
 > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Zadar and 2023 Lisbon and reached finals at 2021 Rome-2, 2021 Barletta and 2023 Olbia.
 > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

NOTE: Cobolli is seeking the biggest win of career and is 4-9 vs. the Top 20, winning the last two matches against No. 14 Shelton in Washington and No. 19 Auger-Aliassime at ATP Masters 1000 Montreal across the past two weeks. He has earned all 5 career ATP Tour Masters 1000 wins this year (2 - Madrid, 1 - Miami, Montreal, Rome).

Tommy Paul | Age: 27 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 35-13 (Dallas, Queen's Titles) | Cincinnati: 5-5 (2023 3R)
 > Former World No. 3 junior achieved career-high No. 12 in October 2023 after becoming 1st American man to reach Australian Open SF since Roddick in 2009 earlier in the season.
 > Owns 7-12 record vs. Top 5, including biggest win of career over World No. 1 Alcaraz to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Toronto.
 > Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
 > Captured 2nd ATP Tour title at 2024 Dallas and reached ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2024 Indian Wells and 2024 Rome, defeating defending champion No. 4 Medvedev in Rome 4R.
 > Posted upsets at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 events of No. 2 Nadal in Paris 2R, No. 3 A. Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 4 Alcaraz in Montreal 2R.
 > Won 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), advanced to 2015 Roland Garros boys' doubles final w/Blumberg and reached 2015 US Open boys' singles final (l. to Fritz).

NOTE: Paul posted 1st of his 47 career ATP Masters 1000 wins in Cincinnati in 2017, d. Young as No. 175-ranked WC. He is on a 6-match winning streak against Italians since losing to Sinner at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto.

Karen Khachanov vs Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)

Khachanov Leads 5-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	R64	Karen Khachanov	7-6(4) 5-7 6-3
23 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Karen Khachanov	6-3 6-2
24 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Karen Khachanov	6-1 5-7 7-6(5)
24 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R32	Karen Khachanov	4-6 6-4 6-3
24 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R32	Karen Khachanov	6-2 6-4

Karen Khachanov | Age: 28 | World No. 22 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 22-15 (Doha Title) | Cincinnati: 8-6 (2017-20 3R)
 > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in July 2019 after ending 2018 season at No. 11.
 > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title, but went on a 23-match losing streak to Top 10 players (August 2019-March 2023), before beating No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to 4th ATP Masters 1000 SF at 2023 Miami, first since 2019 Montreal.
 > At 2018 Paris, became 1st unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
 > Advanced to QFs of all 4 Grand Slam events, highlighted by runs to 2022 US Open SF and 2023 Australian Open SF.
 > Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).

NOTE: Khachanov is 5-1 in Cincinnati opening rounds, making the third round four consecutive times in 2017-20 and losing to Korda in most recent appearance in 2022 1R. He owns the most dominant Lexus ATP Head2Head without a loss against Cerundolo (4-0 vs Djere, Isner, Mannarino, McDonald, Monteiro).

Francisco Cerundolo | Age: 25 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 19 | 2024: 24-21 (Umag Title) | Cincinnati: 0-2 (2022-23 1R)
 > Broke into Top 100 and achieved new career-high ranking 11 times in 2022, then reached career-high No. 19 in June 2023 soon after reaching 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Roland Garros (d. No. 8 Fritz in 3R).

- > Moved into Top 25 in July after defeating No. 5 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour title in Bastad and No. 8 Rublev en route to Hamburg SF a week later.
- > Captured 2nd title at 2023 Eastbourne, to become the first Argentine to win a grass court ATP Tour title since Javier Frana in 1995.
- > As World No. 103 at 2022 Miami, became lowest-ranked semi-finalist in 37-year tournament history and 1st player to reach SF in his ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut since Janowicz at 2012 Paris.
- > Father, Alejandro, also played pro tennis; younger brother, Juan Manuel, won 2021 Cordoba title; sister, Constanza, played for Argentine field hockey team that won gold medal at 2018 Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Cerundolo is 5-17 vs. Top 30 on hard courts after 3-0 start, looking for 1st win since beating No. 8 Ruud at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Paris. He is attempting to record a match win at all 9 ATP Masters 1000 events in career.