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CITI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- In the first match on Stadium, number two seed **Hubert Hurkacz** faces **Emil Ruusuvuori** for the first time. Hurkacz has a 14-6 record on hard this season, but his lone title this year came on grass in Halle, also an ATP 500 event.
- All American battles: Second on Stadium is the first of three all American encounters at the Citi Open today as No. 10 seed **Frances Tiafoe** takes on wild card **Christopher Eubanks**. Tiafoe reached the semi-finals in Atlanta last week and is looking to improve his 5-4 record against fellow countrymen as he faces Eubanks for the second time after beating him at the US Open last year. On John Harris Court, former World No. 8 **Jack Sock** meets No. 13 seed countryman **Maxime Cressy**. Sock won their only previous meeting earlier this summer in Wimbledon in four sets. In the third all American match today, No. 4 seed **Reilly Opelka** meets last year's quarter-finalist **Denis Kudla**. The pair has never met on tour level.
- 2019 champion **Nick Kyrgios** faces No. 14 seed American **Tommy Paul** during the evening session on Stadium. The Australian is making his fourth appearance in Washington DC and has won their only previous meeting on clay in Houston earlier this season. Paul was a quarter-finalist here in 2017 and reached the quarter-finals in Atlanta last week (l. to Ivashka).
- No. 5 seed and 2013 quarter-finalist **Grigor Dimitrov** is also in action today as he takes on Frenchman **Adrian Mannarino**. The Bulgarian leads their head-to-head 3-0.
- Atlanta champion and No. 11 seed **Alex de Minaur** starts his campaign against Japan's **Yoshihito Nishioka** who has beaten the Australian in their two previous meetings.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: WEDNESDAY SECOND ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM

Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) vs [2] Hubert Hurkacz (POL)

First Meeting

Emil Ruusuvuori | Age: 23 | World No. 46 | Career-High No. 42 | 2022: 23-19 (Pune Final) | Washington: 2-1 (2021, 2022 2R)

> Former World No. 4 junior advanced to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Pune and achieved career-high No. 42 in July 2022.

> In 2020, reached 1st SF at Nur-Sultan after winning ATP debut at Montpellier (d. Novak), ATP Masters 1000 debut at Cincinnati (d. Korda) and Grand Slam debut at US Open (d. Bedene).

> Defeated No. 5 Thiem during 2019 Davis Cup tie and No. 7 A. Zverev en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R.

> Posted 36-12 Challenger record in 2019 with titles at Fergana, Mallorca, Glasgow and Helsinki.

> Began playing tennis at age 5 after a tennis coach spotted him playing badminton with his mom, Eva, and convinced him to switch sports.

NOTE: Considers hard court his best surface and has a 12-7 record on it so far this season.

Hubert Hurkacz | Age: 25 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 9 | 2022: 28-12 (Halle Title) | Washington: 2-2 (2018, 2019 2R)

> Top Polish men's player in history improved year-end ranking in 7 straight seasons, ending 2021 at career-high No. 9 after qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals.

- > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then defeated No. 2 Medvedev and 8-time champion Federer en route to 1st Grand Slam SF.
- > Upset 5 higher seeds to win biggest of 4 singles titles at 2021 Miami as World No. 37, becoming lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 champion since No. 50 Berdych at 2005 Paris.
- > Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris and 2022 Miami, defeating No. 2 Medvedev in Miami QF to prevent him from reclaiming No. 1 ranking.
- > Owns 6-1 ATP Cup singles record and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.

NOTE: Has not played since losing to Davidovich Fokina in a five-set battle in the first round of Wimbledon.

[WC] Christopher Eubanks (USA) vs [10] Frances Tiafoe (USA) Tiafoe Leads 1-0
21 US Open (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Frances Tiafoe 7-6(8) 5-7 6-3 6-4

Christopher Eubanks | Age: 26 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 147 | 2022: 3-3 (3 times 2R) | Washington: 1-1 (2022 2R)

- > Broke into Top 200 in April 2018 and achieved career-high No. 147 in April 2019.
- > Playing in his hometown at 2017 Atlanta, defeated countrymen Fritz and Donaldson for 1st ATP Tour wins and to reach 1st QF.
- > Qualified at 3 Grand Slam events, including 2019 Australian Open, where he defeated then-No. 106 Auger-Aliassime in Q2.
- > Reached finals at consecutive Mexican Challenger events in April 2018, winning Leon title (d. J. Smith in 3rd-set TB) after finishing runner-up at Guadalajara (l. to Arevalo in 3rd-set TB).
- > Played college tennis at Georgia Tech from 2015-17 and was a 2-time All-American and 2-time ACC Player of the Year.

NOTE: All of his three tour-level wins this year came on American soil (Indian Wells, Newport and here in Washington)

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 24 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 25 | 2022: 17-15 (Estoril Final) | Washington: 2-5 (2018, 2019 3R)

- > Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 25 in May 2022 after earning personal-best 33 victories in 2021, including biggest career win over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to Vienna final.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion 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 US Open 4R in 2020 and 2021, becoming 1st American to do so in back-to-back years since Fish and Roddick in 2011 and 2012.
- > 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: The number 3 American is 5-4 against fellow countrymen so far this season.

[14] Tommy Paul (USA) vs Nick Kyrgios (AUS) Kyrgios Leads 1-0
22 Houston (U.S.A.) Clay R16 Nick Kyrgios 6-4 6-2

Tommy Paul | Age: 25 | World No. 34 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 25-18 (Delray Beach SF) | Washington: 5-4 (2017 QF)

- > Former World No. 3 junior earned personal-best 25 wins in 2021 and achieved career-high No. 32 in June 2022.
- > Defeated junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
- > Upset No. 5 Rublev in 2021 Indian Wells 3R and No. 3 A. Zverev in 2022 Indian Wells 2R for biggest wins of career.
- > After qualifying in men's singles at 2015 US Open, ended junior career there by reaching boys' singles final (d. de Minaur 6-0 6-0, l. to Fritz).
- > Grew up playing on clay courts in North Carolina, preparing him for run to 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz) and boys' doubles final w/Blumberg.

NOTE: Has a 8-5 record on American soil this season.

Nick Kyrgios | Age: 27 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 13 | 2022: 22-7 (Wimbledon Final) | Washington: 7-2 (2019 Title)

- > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 50 at age 19 in 2015 and ended 2016 at career-high No. 13.
- > Joined countryman Hewitt as 1 of 2 players to win 1st meeting with Nadal (2014 Wimbledon), Federer (2015 Madrid) and Djokovic (2017 Acapulco).
- > Defeated Nadal en route to 1st Grand Slam QF (2014 Wimbledon), 1st ATP Masters 1000 final (2017 Cincinnati) and 2nd of 3 ATP 500 titles (2019 Acapulco).
- > Reached 2nd Grand Slam QF as 19-year-old at 2015 Australian Open, becoming youngest quarter-finalist at his home Grand Slam event since Cherkasov, 19, in 1990.
- > Won 2022 Australian Open doubles title as 259th-ranked WC with countryman Kokkinakis, defeating Ebden/Purcell in 1st All-Aussie Grand Slam doubles final since 1980 Australian Open.

NOTE: Kyrgios is the only former champion in the 2022 Citi Open singles draw.

JOHN HARRIS

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs [12] Sebastian Baez (ARG)

21 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals (Italy) Hard RR Sebastian Korda

Korda Leads 1-0

4-3(3) 4-2 4-2

Sebastian Korda | Age: 22 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 30 | 2022: 18-14 (Estoril SF) | Washington: 2-1 (2021 3R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 30 in May 2022 after advancing to ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo 3R and avenging loss to Alcaraz in 2021 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals championship match.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 2021 Parma championship, joining Petr Korda as 3rd father-son duo to win a tour-level title in Open Era (Phil & Taylor Dent, Ramanathan & Ramesh Krishnan).
- > Advanced to 2020 Roland Garros 4R as Q and 2021 Wimbledon 4R, becoming 3rd men's player in Open Era to reach 4R in debut at both events (Borg in 1973, Pernfors in 1986).
- > Became World No. 1 junior by winning 2018 Australian Open boys' singles title 20 years after his father won Australian Open men's singles title.
- > Father, Petr, peaked at No. 2 on ATP Tour; mother, Regina, peaked at No. 26 in WTA; sister, Nelly, became World No. 1 women's golfer in 2021; sister, Jessica, reached career-high No. 8 in women's golf.

NOTE: The American snapped a three-match losing streak with a 6-4, 7-6(5) win against Ilya Ivashka on Tuesday.

Sebastian Baez | Age: 21 | World No. 31 | Career-High No. 31 | 2022: 25-19 (Estoril Title) | Washington: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Defeated former champions J. Sousa, Gasquet and Ramos-Vinolas en route to 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril.
- > Also defeated Ramos-Vinolas to reach 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Santiago and for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2022 Australian Open.
- > Made hard-court debut at 2021 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals, defeating Musetti and Gaston en route to SF.
- > Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals to tie 4 other players for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
- > Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Buenos Aires Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta.

NOTE: Reached a career-high ranking of 31 on Monday.

[3] Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Alexei Popyrin (AUS)

First Meeting

Taylor Fritz | Age: 24 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 29-11 (Indian Wells, Eastbourne Titles) | Washington: 1-2 (2016 2R)

- > Finished 2021 season as No. 1 American, advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and achieved career-high No. 12 in July 2022.
- > Equalled biggest win of career and snapped 20-match win streak of No. 4 Nadal to capture 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title.
- > Became 1st American to win Indian Wells men's singles title since Agassi in 2001.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Eastbourne after reaching 1st final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.

> 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: The number 1 American is only playing here for the third time. He is 16-5 (0.762) on hard this season.

Alexei Popyrin | Age: 22 | World No. 83 | Career-High No. 59 | 2022: 4-13 (Melbourne, Dubai, Washington 2R) | Washington: 1-2 (2022 2R)

- > Earned personal-best 22 victories in 2021, achieving career-high No. 59 after defeating No. 3 Tsitsipas via RET for biggest win of career at ATP Masters 1000 Paris.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour SF, advanced to 1st final and won 1st title at 2021 Singapore.
- > Qualified 10 times at tour-level events in 2019, tying single-season record set by M. Zverev in 2016.
- > Won a main draw match at all 4 Grand Slam events in 2019, including upset of No. 8 Thiem via RET at Australian Open.
- > Peaked at No. 2 in junior rankings after ending career with 17 straight wins and 2017 Roland Garros boys' singles title.

NOTE: Won the Bordeaux Challenger in May, defeating three higher ranked players (Taberner, Munar and Halys) on the way to the title.

Jack Sock (USA) vs [13] Maxime Cressy (USA)

22 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R64 Jack Sock

Sock Leads 1-0

6-4 6-4 3-6 7-6(1)

Jack Sock | Age: 29 | World No. 105 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 7-8 (Wimbledon 3R) | Washington: 11-7 (2017 SF)
> Ended 2017 at career-high No. 8 in singles, 2018 at career-high No. 2 in doubles and 2019 unranked in singles after posting only win of season at Laver Cup (d. Fognini).
> One of 2 active players to compete at Nitto ATP Finals in singles and doubles (also Verdasco), beating No. 3 A. Zverev for biggest singles win in 2017 and saving 1 MP for 2018 doubles title w/M. Bryan.
> Won biggest singles title of career at 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Paris after trailing Edmund 5-1 in 3rd set of opening match.
> Captured Grand Slam titles in 2010 US Open boys' singles, 2011 US Open mixed doubles w/Oudin, 2014 Wimbledon men's doubles w/Pospisil and 2018 Wimbledon & US Open men's doubles w/M. Bryan.
> Only men's or women's tennis player to earn multiple medals at 2016 Rio Olympics, winning gold in mixed doubles w/Mattek-Sands and bronze in men's doubles w/Johnson.

NOTE: Looking to enter the Top 100 of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings for the first time since October 2018.

Maxime Cressy | Age: 25 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 19-16 (Newport Title) | Washington: 0-0 (Main draw debut, 2021 Q-2R)

- > French-born American broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 32 in August 2022.
- > Won 11 of 14 matches in Australia during month of January 2022, reaching Melbourne final as Q, Sydney QF as SE and Australian Open 4R.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2019 Cleveland as Q, 2020 Drummondville and 2021 Forli-2.
- > Broke into Top 200 in October 2019 – less than 5 months following college career.
- > Played college tennis for UCLA from 2016-19, posting 26-0 doubles record as a senior, winning 2019 NCAA doubles title w/K. Smith, and ending career as No. 1 doubles and No. 17 singles player in nation.

NOTE: Reached a career-high ranking of 32 on Monday.

Denis Kudla (USA) vs [4] Reilly Opelka (USA)

Other meetings

16 Charlottesville CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Reilly Opelka	6-3 7-6(7)
18 Newport Beach CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Reilly Opelka	7-6(5) 6-3
18 Houston Q (U.S.A.)	Clay	--	Denis Kudla	6-4 6-3

First Tour-Level Meeting

Denis Kudla | Age: 29 | World No. 82 | Career-High No. 53 | 2022: 5-12 (Miami 3R) | Washington: 7-7 (2018, 2021 QF)

- > Former World No. 3 junior earned 1st ranking point at age 15 in 2008, broke into Top 100 in 2013 and achieved career-high No. 53 in 2016.
- > Won 13 straight matches overall during 2-week stretch in March 2022, sweeping singles and doubles titles at Phoenix Challenger before reaching ATP Masters 1000 Miami 3R as Q.

- > Also qualified en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2015 Atlanta and 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2018 Halle.
- > Posted grass-court records of 26-26 on tour and 28-11 at Challengers, including win over former World No. 1 and 2-time Wimbledon champion Murray at 2022 Surbiton Challenger (l. to Thompson in final).
- > Defeated future World No. 2 A. Zverev en route to 2015 Wimbledon 4R as WC and has qualified at Australian Open 3 times, Roland Garros twice and Wimbledon 3 times.

NOTE: Kudla is making his 8th main draw appearance in Washington, where he reached the quarter-finals in 2018 and 2021.

Reilly Opelka | Age: 24 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 17 | 2022: 20-14 (Dallas, Houston Titles) | Washington: 2-4 (2021 3R)

- > Former World No. 4 junior became No. 1 American in June 2021 and achieved career-high No. 17 in February 2022.
- > Defeated Isner for 4th ATP 250 title on American soil at 2022 Houston after beating him 7-6(7) 7-6(22) en route to 2022 Dallas title, winning longest tiebreak in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
- > At 2020 Delray Beach, saved 1 MP vs. Raonic in SF and beat Nishioka in final on same day to win 2nd title.
- > At 2019 New York, saved 6 MPs and hit 43 aces vs. Isner in SF, then hit 43 more aces vs. Schnur in final to win 1st title.
- > Upset No. 3 Tsitsipas at 2021 Toronto for biggest win of career and to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 final.

NOTE: Looking to continue his good run on home soil: Has not lost a match at home since losing to Francisco Cerundolo in his opening match in Miami. Has a 13-3 W-L record in the US so far this season.

GRANDSTAND

Holger Rune (DEN) vs Benoit Paire (FRA)

21 Santiago (Chile) Clay R16 Holger Rune

Rune Leads 1-0

6-2 6-3

[11] Alex de Minaur (AUS) vs Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) Hard R128 Yoshihito Nishioka
19 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.) Hard R16 Yoshihito Nishioka

Nishioka Leads 2-0

6-2 6-4
7-5 6-4

[WC] J.J. Wolf (USA) vs [6] Denis Shapovalov (CAN)

First Meeting

COURT 4

[15] Aslan Karatsev vs Mikael Ymer (SWE)

Other meeting

18 Cherbourg Q (France) Hard -- Mikael Ymer

First Tour-Level Meeting

6-4 2-6 7-5

[5] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Adrian Mannarino (FRA)

16 Delray Beach (U.S.A.) Hard QF Grigor Dimitrov
20 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard R16 Grigor Dimitrov
21 Acapulco (Mexico) Hard R32 Grigor Dimitrov

Dimitrov Leads 3-0

6-4 7-5
6-7(8) 6-2 7-6(2)
6-4 3-0 ret