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CITI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- In the first men's match on Stadium, **Sebastian Korda** takes on **Ilya Ivashka** for the first time on the ATP Tour. Korda won a semi-final meeting in the 2020 Eckental, GER Challenger en route to the title.
- In the next match on, World No. 8 and top seed **Andrey Rublev** meets British #NextGenATP **Jack Draper** for the second time. Rublev is making his third Citi Open appearance (3-2) and his best result is the semi-finals in his 2018 debut (l. to de Minaur). Rublev is 32-11 on the season (18-4 on hard courts) with three titles (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade), which is tied with Casper Ruud and trails Spaniards Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal with four.
- The 20-year-old Draper comes in a career-high No. 81 in this week's Pepperstone ATP Rankings and in his previous meeting with Rublev, he lost 7-5 in the third set in the second round at ATP Masters 1000 Madrid in May. Draper has made the biggest jump in the Top 100 this season from the end of last year, climbing 178 spots from No. 259 last year. He advanced to his first ATP Tour semi-final in Eastbourne and has compiled a 24-4 record on the ATP Challenger Tour with four titles.
- In the evening session, Wimbledon finalist and 2019 Citi Open champion **Nick Kyrgios** makes his fourth tournament appearance (6-2) as he takes on **Marcos Giron** for the first time. Kyrgios, who won the Atlanta Open doubles title on Sunday (w/Kokkinakis), is playing his first singles match since losing to Djokovic in four sets in the Wimbledon final on July 10. The 27-year-old Australian is 21-7 on the season and has not lost in the first round (8-0). He has advanced to the semi-finals or better in four of his past five tournaments since April.
- In the opening match on John Harris Court, former World No. 14 **Kyle Edmund**, who won his first match on Monday in his ATP Tour return from three knee surgeries that sidelined him for 20 months, meets countryman and No. 16 seed **Daniel Evans**. Edmund has won both previous ATP Tour meetings in 2017 Monte Carlo and 2019 Eastbourne. He also won their Dallas Challenger final meeting in 2016. Edmund played in the Winnipeg, CAN Challenger last week and lost in the second round. He is ranked No. 639 this week and is playing on a protected ranking of No. 48. He also played in the Wimbledon mixed doubles draw.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST AND SECOND ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs Ilya Ivashka

Other meeting

20 Eckental CH (Germany)

Carpet SF

Sebastian Korda

First Tour-Level Meeting

6-2 6-4

Sebastian Korda | Age: 22 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 30 | 2022: 17-14 (Estoril SF) | Washington: 1-1 (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: Making his second appearance at the Citi Open. Lost to Sinner in 3R last year.

- Ilya Ivashka** | Age: 28 | World No. 49 | Career-High No. 40 | 2022: 15-15 (Atlanta SF) | Washington: 2-3 (2021 3R)
- > Qualified at 8 tour-level events in 2018, earned personal-best 31 wins in 2021 and achieved career-high No. 40 in June 2022.
 - > Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2021 Winston-Salem by defeating Ruusuvuori 6-2 6-1 in SF and M. Ymer 6-0 6-2 in final.
 - > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev for biggest win of career en route to 2021 Munich SF as Q.
 - > Advanced to 2021 Wimbledon 4R and 2021 US Open 3R after starting career 1-6 at Grand Slams.
 - > Won 3-setters against Monfils and Kukushkin to reach 2020 Tokyo Olympics 3R (held in 2021).

NOTE: Reached the semi-finals in Atlanta last week, losing to eventual champion Alex de Minaur.

[1] **Andrey Rublev vs Jack Draper (GBR)**

22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain) Clay R32 Andrey Rublev

Rublev Leads 1-0

2-6 6-4 7-5

- Andrey Rublev** | Age: 24 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 5 | 2022: 15-15 (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade Titles) | Washington: 0-0 (Debut)
- > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 20 in January 2020, Top 10 in October 2020 and Top 5 in September 2021.
 - > Defeated No. 3 Nadal at 2021 Monte Carlo and No. 2 Medvedev at 2021 Cincinnati en route to ATP Masters 1000 finals, then beat No. 1 Djokovic for 11th ATP Tour title at 2022 Belgrade.
 - > Led ATP Tour with 5 titles in 2020, tied for tour-lead with 41 victories in 2020, and won 23 matches and 4 titles in a row at ATP 500 events from 2020-21.
 - > Reached 5 Grand Slam QFs and won gold medal in mixed doubles final at 2020 Tokyo Olympics w/Pavlyuchenkova (held in 2021).
 - > Earned 4 singles wins at both 2021 ATP Cup and 2021 Davis Cup Finals, sweeping each team title.

NOTE: Has won 4 ATP 500 events so far including Dubai this year.

- Jack Draper** | Age: 20 | World No. 81 (Career-High) | 2022: 8-5 (Eastbourne SF) | Washington: 1-0 (2022 2R)
- > Achieved new career-high ranking 18 times in 2022, breaking into Top 200 on 21 February and breaking into Top 100 on 13 June and setting a career-high at No. 81 in August 2022 following reaching his first ATP Tour SF at Eastbourne.
 - > Owns 24-4 Challenger record in 2022, winning titles on indoor hard courts at Forli-2, Forli-4, Forli-5 and St. Brieuc.
 - > Defeated both Sinner and Bublik in 2 TBs for 1st and 2nd ATP Tour wins of career, reaching 2021 London/Queen's Club QF as 309th-ranked WC.
 - > Took 1st set off World No. 1 Djokovic in 2021 Wimbledon 1R on Centre Court as 253rd-ranked WC.
 - > Ended junior career by achieving career-high No. 7 and reaching 2018 Wimbledon boys' singles final (d. Mejia 7-6 6-7 19-17 in SF).

NOTE: Playing here for the first time, Draper won his first round match against Stefan Kozlov on Monday in straight sets.

Nick Kyrgios (AUS) vs Marcos Giron (USA)

First Meeting

- Nick Kyrgios** | Age: 27 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 13 | 2022: 21-7 (Wimbledon Final) | Washington: 6-2 (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.

Marcos Giron | Age: 29 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 49 | 2022: 11-20 (Dallas SF) | Washington: 1-1 (2021 2R)
 > Broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 49 after reaching 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 3R as LL.
 > Qualified en route to ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R in both 2020 and 2021, earning biggest win of career over No. 10 Berrettini in 2020.
 > Also in city of Paris, rallied from 6-2 6-4 5-1 down and saved 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov en route to 2021 Roland Garros 3R.
 > Began 2019 with Orlando Challenger title as World No. 308 and ended 2019 with Houston Challenger title as World No. 123 (d. Karlovic after saving 6 MPs).
 > Turned pro in 2014 after winning NCAA singles title for UCLA, then underwent surgeries on both hips and missed 8+ months in 2016.

NOTE: Has a 6-9 W/L on hard so far this year.

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[PR] Kyle Edmund (GBR) vs [16] Daniel Evans (GBR)

17 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R64	Kyle Edmund
19 Eastbourne (Great Britain)	Grass	QF	Kyle Edmund

Edmund Leads 2-0

7-5 6-1
1-6 6-3 6-4

Other meeting

16 Dallas CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	F	Kyle Edmund	6-3 6-2
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Kyle Edmund | Age: 27 | World No. 639 | Career-High No. 14 | 2022: 1-0 (Washington 2R) | Washington: 4-3 (2019 QF)

> Achieved career-high No. 14 and became No. 1 Brit in 2018, ending Murray's 12-year reign as top player from Great Britain.
 > Won 1st ATP Tour title in 1st event as No. 1 seed at 2018 Antwerp, then added 2nd title at 2020 New York as No. 8 seed.
 > Earned biggest win of career over No. 3 Dimitrov en route to 2018 Australian Open SF, becoming 6th Brit to reach Grand Slam SF in Open Era.
 > Made Davis Cup debut in 2015 final for championship British team, becoming 1st player to debut in final since Lopez in 2003.
 > Did not begin playing tennis until age 10 after moving from South Africa to Great Britain as a 3-year-old.

NOTE: On Monday Edmund won his first tour-level match since beating Bublik in 1R at the 2020 US Open. He returned to the tour after a 21-month absence last week in Winnipeg.

Daniel Evans | Age: 32 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 22 | 2022: 13-16 (Sydney SF) | Washington: 2-3 (2016 3R)
 > Unranked in April 2018 before becoming No. 1 Brit for 1st time in October 2019 and achieving career-high No. 22 in September 2021.

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour title as a 30-year-old at 2021 Melbourne-2.
 > Reached 1st final at 2017 Sydney and squandered 3 MPs vs. Albot in 2019 Delray Beach final as Q.
 > Rallied from 2 sets down and won 5th-set TB vs. Popyrin to reach 2nd Grand Slam 4R of career at 2021 US Open.
 > Upset No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo SF and reached back-to-back ATP Masters 1000 doubles finals w/N. Skupski at Miami and Monte Carlo in 2021.

NOTE: The British number 2 is one of 3 Brits still in competition in the Citi Open singles draw.

Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) vs Jenson Brooksby (USA)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meeting

22 Columbus CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	SF	Yoshihito Nishioka	6-3 6-4
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Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 26 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 48 | 2022: 5-10 (Acapulco QF) | Washington: 3-4 (2019 3R)

> Broke into Top 50 at career-high No. 48 in February 2020 and became No. 1 Japanese player in June 2021, ending Nishikori's 10-year reign as top player from Japan.
 > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.

- > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori for biggest win of career en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.
- > Ended 0-6 start to career in Grand Slam 2R matches by beating Evans to reach 2020 Australian Open 3R.
- > Tore left ACL in 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R vs. Sock and missed remainder of season following surgery.

NOTE: Beat Brooksby en route to Columbus Challenger title in January this year.

Jenson Brooksby | Age: 21 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 33 | 2022: 18-13 (Dallas, Atlanta Finals) | Washington: 4-1 (2021 SF)

- > Played in 3rd ATP Tour final of career at 2022 Atlanta last week (l. to de Minaur).
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in his grass-court debut at 2021 Newport, becoming 2nd-youngest finalist at age 20 in 45-year tournament history (Rusedski, 19, in 1993).
- > Reached 2021 US Open 4R as 20-year-old WC, becoming youngest American in US Open 4R since Roddick, 20, in 2002.
- > Earned 3 ATP Masters 1000 victories at both Indian Wells and Miami in 2022, highlighted by biggest win of career over No. 5 Tsitsipas in Indian Wells 3R.
- > Qualified at 2019 US Open and ended former No. 4 Berdych's career for 1st tour-level win, then missed entire 2020 season due to toe injury.

NOTE: Is 0-3 against left-handers so far this season.

[Q] Dominik Koepfer (GER) vs [7] Karen Khachanov

First Meeting

Dominik Koepfer | Age: 28 | World No. 145 | Career-High No. 50 | 2022: 3-8 (3 times 2R) | Washington: 1-0 (2022 2R)

- > Improved year-end ranking in 6 straight seasons (2016-21), breaking into Top 100 in 2019 and achieving career-high No. 50 in 2021.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Acapulco.
- > Qualified and made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at 2020 Rome, where he earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils en route to 1st ATP Tour QF.
- > Posted 6 wins en route to 2019 US Open 4R as Q, then reached 3R at Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics and ATP Masters 1000 Paris in 2021.
- > Earned finance degree and was a 2-time All-American at Tulane University in New Orleans (2013-16).

NOTE: Qualified with straight set wins over Colby and Mochizuki, then beat Kwon in 1R on Monday.

Karen Khachanov | Age: 26 | World No. 24 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 24-17 (Adelaide -1 Final) | Washington: 0-2 (2018, 2019 2R)

- > Broke into Top 10 and achieved career-high No. 8 in 2019 after ending 2018 at No. 11.
- > Upset Top-10 players Isner, A. Zverev, Thiem and Djokovic en route to 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Paris title.
- > Remains only unseeded ATP Masters 1000 champion since Nalbandian at 2007 Paris.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2019 Roland Garros and 2021 Wimbledon, where he broke Korda 7 times in 5th set of 4R win.
- > Entered 2020 Tokyo Olympics as No. 4 men's player on Team ROC and went on to earn silver medal (held in 2021).

NOTE: Only two wins away from reaching a 200 career wins milestone.

GRANDSTAND

David Goffin (BEL) vs Jack Sock (USA)

13 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	David Goffin
16 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R32	David Goffin
17 Basel (Switzerland)	Hard	QF	David Goffin

Goffin Leads 3-0

4-6 6-3 1-0 ret
6-4 6-4
7-6(6) 6-3

[8] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [Q] Borna Gojo (CRO)

Other meeting

20 Split CH (Croatia)	Clay	R16	Borna Gojo
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First Tour-Level Meeting

7-6(8) 2-6 6-4

COURT 4

Benjamin Bonzi (FRA) vs [WC] Christopher Eubanks (USA)

22 Newport (U.S.A.)

Grass R16 Benjamin Bonzi

Bonzi Leads 1-0

6-4 7-6(5)

COURT 5

Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN)

21 Roland Garros (France)

Clay R128 Mackenzie McDonald

Series Tied 1-1

21 Atlanta (U.S.A.)

Hard R32 Emil Ruusuvuori

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

7-6(3) 7-