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WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Western & Southern Open provides an exciting lineup with 6 seeded players, including 2019 champion and World No. 1 **Daniil Medvedev** leading the way along with No. 3 and No. 4 seeds **Carlos Alcaraz** and **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, who are currently tied for tour-leading 44 wins this season. No. 1 American and another 2022 ATP Masters 1000 champion **Taylor Fritz** is also featuring in his 3rd ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final of the season. Americans have 2 players in the quarter-final line-up at the event for the first time since 2017 (Isner, Donaldson).
- **John Isner**, 37, is the oldest Cincinnati quarter-finalist in the Open Era (since 1968). Isner passes Roger Federer, who was a younger 37 when he reached his most recent Cincinnati quarter-final in 2018. **Alcaraz** is the youngest quarter-finalist since Andy Murray, 19, in 2006. He bids to become the 3rd-youngest Cincinnati semi-finalist, finalist and champion in the Open Era (Boris Becker, 17, in 1985; Mats Wilander, 18, in 1983).
- In the first men's match on Center Court, top seed and World No. 1 **Daniil Medvedev** meets No. 11 seed American **Taylor Fritz** for the first time. **Medvedev** is aiming to reach first ATP Masters 1000 semi-final of the season, first since losing in the final of 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris. **Fritz** will seek the biggest win of his career after being 0-5 vs. World No. 1 player (all losses to Djokovic).
- In the third match on, [4] **Stefanos Tsitsipas** takes a 4-2 head-to-head advantage against **Isner**, who is one of the 2 former finalists in the draw, being the runner-up in 2013. **Tsitsipas** is trying to make his 3rd consecutive semi-final at the event, reaching the stage in 2020 (l. to Raonic) and 2021 (l. to A. Zverev). Along with his compatriot **Fritz**, **Isner** will be hoping to become the first American to reach Cincinnati semi-final, since he did it in 2017 (l. to Dimitrov).
- In the evening session, No. 9 seed **Cameron Norrie** and **Alcaraz** square off for the fourth time (Alcaraz leads 3-0). **Norrie** will be looking to tie his biggest career win over World No. 4 **Alcaraz**, being 2-1 vs. opponents ranked No. 4 (0-8 vs. Top 3 opponents). Alcaraz is 17-3 in ATP Masters 1000 events this season with titles in Miami and Madrid. Overall, he is 44-8 on the season (tied with Tsitsipas for most wins).
- In the evening match on Grand Stand, No. 7 seed **Felix Auger-Aliassime** meets **Borna Coric**. The Canadian saved 2 match points in his 3R victory over Sinner and now looks for 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 semi-final, first since 2019 Miami, where he beat **Coric** en route to the semi-final. **Coric** seeks 3rd career ATP Masters 1000 semi-final, first since reaching the final of 2018 Shanghai (d. No. 2 Federer in SF, l. to No. 3 Djokovic in final).
- World No. 152 **Coric** is the lowest-ranked Cincinnati quarter-finalist since No. 202 Steve Bryan in 1993 and the lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finalist since No. 239 Ivo Karlovic at 2011 Indian Wells. **Coric** would be the 2nd-lowest-ranked Cincinnati semi-finalist since the start of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings on 23 August 1973 (No. 203 Byron Bertram in 1975) and be tied for the 3rd-lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 semi-finalist since the start of the series in 1990 (No. 550 Chris Woodruff at 1999 Indian Wells, No. 191 Andrei Pavel at 2003 Paris, No. 152 Henri Leconte at 1990 Monte Carlo).

ATP M1000 RECORDS	CAREER M1000 RECORD	2022 M1000 RECORD	M1000 CHAMPION	M1000 FINALIST
(1) Daniil Medvedev	61-31	6-3	4	2
(11) Taylor Fritz	42-33	16-3	1	-
(4) Stefanos Tsitsipas	65-34	17-5	2	3
John Isner	144-91	7-4	1	4
(9) Cameron Norrie	29-21	13-6	1	-
(3) Carlos Alcaraz	20-8	17-3	2	-
(7) Felix Auger-Aliassime	30-28	8-6	-	-
(PR) Borna Coric	54-48	4-6	-	1

PEPPERSTONE ATP LIVE RANKINGS

Live	(current)		live	(current)	
1	1	Medvedev	10	11	Norrie
4	4	Alcaraz	12	13	Fritz
7	7	Tsitsipas	46	50	Isner
8 (CH)	9	Auger-Aliassime	98	152	Coric

(CH) = Career-High

ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY QUARTER-FINAL MATCHES

CENTER COURT

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs [11] Taylor Fritz (USA)

First Meeting

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 26 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2022: 33-11 (Los Cabos Title) | Event: 13-4 (2019 Title)
 > Achieved career-high No. 1 in February 2022, becoming tallest World No. 1 in history at 1.98m (6'6") and 1st World No. 1 other than Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Murray since Roddick in February 2004.
 > Four-time Grand Slam finalist denied No. 1 Djokovic of calendar Grand Slam by defeating him for 2021 US Open title.
 > Beat No. 1 Djokovic, No. 2 Nadal and No. 3 Thiem en route to 2020 Nitto ATP Finals title, becoming 1st player to sweep Top 3 in tournament history and anywhere on ATP Tour since 2007 Madrid (Nalbandian).
 > Earned 20 straight wins from 2020-21 (12 vs. Top 10), led ATP Tour with 63 victories in 2021, and captured team titles at 2021 ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup.
 > Won 13 of his 14 singles titles on hard courts (6 indoor, 7 outdoor), including ATP Masters 1000 championships at 2019 Cincinnati, 2019 Shanghai, 2020 Paris and 2021 Toronto.

NOTE: Medvedev seeks 1st ATP Masters 1000 semi-final of 2022, holds an 8-3 career record in ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finals. Holds a 12-match winning streak vs. Americans (l. to Opelka at 2020 St. Petersburg 2R).

Taylor Fritz | Age: 24 | World No. 13 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 35-13 (Indian Wells, Eastbourne Titles) | Event: 4-4 (2022 QF)
 > Finished 2021 season as No. 1 American, advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon and achieved career-high No. 12 in July 2022.
 > Equaled 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: Fritz seeks biggest career win (0-5 vs. World No. 1) and could jump into Top 10 Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings for the first time with a quarter-final win if Norrie loses in his quarter-final match.

[4] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs John Isner (USA)

17 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R32	John Isner	7-6(2) 7-6(9)
18 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R16	John Isner	6-4 7-6(8) 7-6(4)
19 Beijing (China)	Hard	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas	7-6(3) 6-3
20 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas	7-6(2) 7-6(4)
21 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R16	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-3 6-2
21 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R32	Stefanos Tsitsipas	5-7 6-3 7-6(3) 6-1

Tsitsipas Leads 4-2

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 24 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 44-15 (Monte Carlo, Mallorca Titles) | Event: 8-4 (2020-21 SF)
> Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 5 in August 2019, No. 4 in June 2021 and No. 3 in August 2021.

> Five-time Grand Slam semi-finalist became 1st Greek Grand Slam finalist at 2021 Roland Garros, as well as youngest Grand Slam finalist at age 22 since Murray, 22, at 2010 Australian Open.

> Captured 2018 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of the latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 8 ATP Tour titles including 2021 and 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-8 in finals).

> Youngest of 29 players to defeat Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

NOTE: Tsitsipas seeks 3rd consecutive semi-final at the event (0-2) and 4th ATP Masters 1000 semi-final of 2022 (Monte Carlo title, Madrid SF, Rome final). He is 6-1 vs. Americans in 2022 (l. to Brooksby at ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 3R).

John Isner | Age: 37 | World No. 50 | Career-High No. 8 | 2022: 21-15 (Houston Final) | Event: 23-14 (2013 Final)

> The all-time leader in aces on the ATP Tour (since 1991) with 13,854 (going into Cincinnati) and surpassed Karlovic (13,728) by hitting 24 aces in his 3R loss to Sinner at 2022 Wimbledon.

> Ended 12 straight seasons in Top 25 from 2010-21 and achieved career-high No. 8 after reaching 1st Grand Slam SF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. to Anderson 26-24 in 5th after 6:36).

> Owns 16 ATP Tour titles, including 6 at Atlanta, 4 at Newport and 2 at Winston-Salem (all tournament records).

> Became oldest 1st-time ATP Masters 1000 singles champion as 32-year-old at 2018 Miami and owns 5 ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles.

> In 2010 Wimbledon 1R, hit record 113 aces over 3 days to win longest match ever over Mahut 70-68 in 5th after 11:05.

> Won 5 straight 3rd-set TBs for 1st victories of his career at 2007 Washington and counts wins over No. 1 Djokovic, No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer among his 473 career victories.

NOTE: Isner seeks 14th career ATP Masters 1000 semi-final, first since 2021 Toronto. He holds a 29-76 record vs. Top 10 players (1-1 in 2022).

[9] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [3] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)

21 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 6-4 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Carlos Alcaraz	6-4 6-7(4) 6-3

Alcaraz Leads 3-0

Cameron Norrie | Age: 26 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 10 | 2022: 40-18 (2 Titles) | Event: 3-2 (2022 QF)

> Achieved career-high No. 10 in April 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Brit to break into Top 10.

> Earned 52 wins in 2021 after entering season with 51 career wins, becoming 1st Brit to win ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title in 46-year tournament history.

> Won 1st of 4 ATP Tour titles at 2021 Los Cabos following runner-up finishes at 2019 Auckland as WC, 2021 Estoril, 2021 Lyon and 2021 London/Queen's Club.

> Posted 14 straight wins in North America from 2021-22, including upset of No. 4 Tsitsipas in 2022 Acapulco SF to equal biggest win of career.

> Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, 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 seeks to tie his biggest career wins after defeating No. 4 Thiem at 2021 Lyon 2R and No. 4 Tsitsipas at 2022 Acapulco SF. He seeks 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 semi-final after winning 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells last October. He would achieve a new career-high No. 9 with a quarter-final win if Fritz does not reach the Cincinnati final.

Carlos Alcaraz | Age: 19 | World No. 4 (Career-High) | 2022: 44-8 (4 Titles) | Event: 2-1 (2022 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 4 at age 19 on August 1, 2022 after breaking into Top 10 at age 18 in April 2022 (youngest to do so since 2005) and Top 20 at age 18 in February 2022 (youngest to do so since 1993).
 > Youngest ATP Tour champion since 2008 (2021 Umag), ATP 500 champion in history (2022 Rio de Janeiro & Barcelona) and Miami & Madrid champion in respective tournament histories (2022).
 > Became 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion in history (286 events since 1990) and 2nd-youngest player to win 2 ATP Masters 1000 titles (Miami & Madrid).
 > Youngest player to defeat both Nadal & Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2022 Madrid title.
 > Advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2021 US Open and 2022 Roland Garros, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open in Open Era and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

NOTE: Alcaraz has a 17-3 record at ATP Masters 1000 tournaments this season, being the only player to win multiple ATP Masters 1000 titles in 2022 (Miami, Madrid). Alcaraz will achieve a new career-high No. 2 in the Pepperstone ATP Rankings on Monday if he wins the Cincinnati title.

GRAND STAND

[7] Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs [PR] Borna Coric (CRO) **Series Tied 1-1**

19 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Felix Auger-Aliassime	7-6(3) 6-2
19 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Borna Coric	6-7(4) 6-3 6-4

Felix Auger-Aliassime | Age: 22 | World No. 9 (Career-High) | 2022: 36-19 (Rotterdam Title) | Event: 6-3 (2021-22 QF)
 > Achieved career-high No. 9 after helping Canada win 2022 ATP Cup title, defeating No. 3 A. Zverev along the way for biggest win of career.
 > Defeated fellow Top-10 players Rublev and Tsitsipas at 2022 Rotterdam for 1st ATP Tour title in 9th final.
 > At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881).
 > Also advanced to Grand Slam QFs at 2021 Wimbledon and 2022 Australian Open.
 > As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999; youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009); and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

NOTE: Auger-Aliassime is the only player left in the draw with no ATP Masters 1000 finals on his career resume. He seeks 2nd ATP Masters 1000 semi-final, first since 2019 Miami (1-4 in ATP Masters 1000 QF). He sits on No. 8 on Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings, which would be his new career-high ranking.

Borna Coric | Age: 25 | World No. 152 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 7-8 (Hamburg, Cincinnati QF) | Event: 9-6 (2016, 2022 QF)
 > Ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.
 > Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21 (since 1993).
 > Owns 9 wins vs. Top 5, including 2nd upset of Federer to reach 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai final.
 > Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.
 > Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed final 8 months of 2021 season – including Davis Cup Finals – due to right shoulder injury.

NOTE: Coric returned into Top 100 on the Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings at No. 98 and would jump up to No. 66 with a quarter-final win. After defeating No. 3 Nadal in 2R, he aims to defeat 2 Top 10 players in a single tournament for 3rd time in his career. 2018 Halle – defeated No. 3 Zverev in 1R, No. 1 Federer in final and 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai – defeated No. 4 del Potro in 3R and No. 2 Federer in SF.