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WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN TALKING POINTS

- The semi-finals at **Western & Southern Open** feature 2019 champion and World No. 1 **Daniil Medvedev**, No. 4 seed **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, who earned a tour-leading 45th win of the season on Friday, No. 9 seed **Cameron Norrie** and Croatian **Borna Coric**, who entered the draw with a protected ranking.
- Borna Coric**, No. 152, is 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 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). He would be the lowest-ranked finalist in Cincinnati history (since the start of Pepperstone ATP Rankings in 1973) and 2nd-lowest-ranked ATP Masters 1000 finalist after No. 191 Andrei Pavel at 2003 Paris.
- In the first semi-final on Center Court, top seed and World No. 1 **Medvedev** meets known rival No. 4 seed **Tsitsipas**. **Medvedev** is aiming to reach first ATP Masters 1000 final of the season, first since 2021 Paris (l. to Djokovic). **Tsitsipas** is 1-10 vs. World No. 1s (1-7 vs. Djokovic, 0-3 vs. Nadal), after beating Djokovic at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai QF.
- Medvedev is appearing in 9th ATP Masters 1000 semi-final (6-2), while Tsitsipas is making his 12th ATP Masters 1000 semi-final showing (5-6), 4th of 2022. Both reached the Cincinnati semi-final last year, Medvedev losing to Rublev and Tsitsipas losing to Zverev.
- In the second semi-final, No. 9 seed **Norrie** and **Coric** square off for the third time (tied 1-1). Both will be looking for their 2nd ATP Masters 1000 final, after **Norrie** won 2021 Indian Wells and **Coric** reached the final of 2018 Shanghai (l. to Djokovic).
- Norrie** will reach a new career-high of No. 9 on Pepperstone ATP Rankings with a semi-final result and could reach No. 8 with a final this week. **Coric** has already rose 86 spots to No. 66 on Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings and could go as high as No. 48 with a final and No. 29 with the title on Sunday.
- First-time ATP Masters 1000 Champions** – There have been six first-time ATP Masters 1000 champions in the last 14 tournaments in 2021-22. Could **Coric** join the list as the first-time winner on Sunday?

2022	Montreal	Pablo Carreno-Busta	2021	Indian Wells	Cameron Norrie
2022	Miami	Carlos Alcaraz	2021	Monte Carlo	Stefanos Tsitsipas
2022	Indian Wells	Taylor Fritz	2021	Miami	Hubert Hurkacz

NOTE: The last first-time ATP Masters 1000 champion in Cincinnati was **Daniil Medvedev** in 2019.

ATP M1000 RECORDS	CAREER M1000 RECORD	2022 M1000 RECORD	M1000 CHAMPION	M1000 FINALIST
(1) Daniil Medvedev	62-31	7-3	4	2
(4) Stefanos Tsitsipas	66-34	18-5	2	3
(9) Cameron Norrie	30-21	14-6	1	-
(PR) Borna Coric	55-48	5-6	-	1

PEPPERSTONE ATP LIVE RANKINGS

Live	(current)		live	(current)	
1	1	Medvedev	9 (CH)	11	Norrie
7	7	Tsitsipas	66	152	Coric

(CH) = Career-High

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ATP HEAD2HEAD: SATURDAY SEMI-FINAL MATCHES

CENTER COURT

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs [4] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R128	Daniil Medvedev	2-6 6-4 6-2
18 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Daniil Medvedev	6-4 6-3 4-6 6-3
18 Basel (Switzerland)	Hard	QF	Daniil Medvedev	6-4 3-6 6-3
19 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo (Monaco)	Clay	R16	Daniil Medvedev	6-2 1-6 6-4
19 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	7-6(5) 7-5
19 Nitto ATP Finals (Great Britain)	Hard	RR	Stefanos Tsitsipas	7-6(5) 6-4
21 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	6-4 6-2 7-5
21 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	QF	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6-3 7-6(3) 7-5
22 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	SF	Daniil Medvedev	7-6(5) 4-6 6-4 6-1

Medvedev Leads 7-2

Daniil Medvedev | Age: 26 | World No. 1 (Career-High) | 2022: 34-11 (Los Cabos Title) | Event: 14-4 (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 is 6-1 vs. Tsitsipas on hard courts in their head-to-head and seeks 2nd final at the Western & Southern Open after winning the title in 2019. He is 3-3 vs. Top 10 players in 2022.

Stefanos Tsitsipas | Age: 24 | World No. 7 | Career-High No. 3 | 2022: 45-15 (Monte Carlo, Mallorca Titles) | Event: 9-4 (2020-22 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 is in his 3rd consecutive semi-final at the event (0-2), seeking 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 hard court final after 2018 Toronto (1-4 in hard court ATP Masters 1000 semi-finals), where he lost to No. 1 Nadal in the final. He now leads the tour in matches won (45) and ATP Masters 1000 matches won (18) in 2022.

[9] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [PR] Borna Coric (CRO)

18 Shenzhen (China)	Hard	R16	Cameron Norrie	6-4 7-6(8)
19 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R32	Borna Coric	6-2 6-2
Other Meetings				
13 Manila J1 Juniors (Philippines)	Hard	SF	Cameron Norrie	6-3 6-4
13 Great Britain F10 (Great Britain)	Clay	Q2	Borna Coric	2-6 6-3 6-1

Series Tied 1-1

Cameron Norrie | Age: 26 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 10 | 2022: 41-18 (2 Titles) | Event: 4-2 (2022 SF)
 > 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 2nd career ATP Masters 1000 final after winning 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells last October. He is 0-2 vs. Croatians in ATP Masters 1000 events losing to Coric at 2019 Rome and Cilic at 2022 Rome.

Borna Coric | Age: 25 | World No. 152 | Career-High No. 12 | 2022: 8-8 (Cincinnati SF) | Event: 10-6 (2022 SF)

> 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. 66 with a quarter-final win. He could defeat Auger-Aliassime and Norrie back-to-back for the 2nd time in his career, after beating Auger-Aliassime at 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Rome 1R and Norrie in 2R, before failing to convert 2 match points vs. No. 3 Federer in 3R.

ATP HEAD 2 HEADS: POTENTIAL SINGLES FINALS

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs [9] Cameron Norrie (GBR)

19 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)	Hard	R32	Daniil Medvedev
22 Los Cabos (Mexico)	Hard	F	Daniil Medvedev

Medvedev Leads 2-0

6-3 6-1
7-5 6-0

[1] Daniil Medvedev vs [PR] Borna Coric (CRO)

17 Next Gen ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Borna Coric
17 Next Gen ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	3rd/4th	Daniil Medvedev
18 Wimbledon (Great Britain)	Grass	R128	Daniil Medvedev
18 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati (U.S.A.)	Hard	R64	Borna Coric
18 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Borna Coric
18 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)	Hard	R32	Borna Coric
19 St. Petersburg (Russia)	Hard	F	Daniil Medvedev

Coric Leads 4-2

4-3(5) 2-4 4-1 4-2
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7-6(6) 6-2 6-2
6-2 6-3
6-3 7-5 6-2
6-4 6-4
6-3 6-1

[4] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [9] Cameron Norrie (GBR)

21 Lyon (France)	Clay	F	Stefanos Tsitsipas
22 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	SF	Cameron Norrie

Series Tied 1-1

6-3 6-3
6-4 6-4

[4] Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs [PR] Borna Coric (CRO)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy)	Clay	R64	Stefanos Tsitsipas
20 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Borna Coric

Series Tied 1-1

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6-7(2) 6-4 4-6 7-5 7-6(4)