



## 2018 US OPEN

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## MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP – ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM

### Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)/Jamie Murray (GBR) vs Alicja Rosolska (POL)/Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO)

- This is the first all-unseeded doubles final at the US Open since 2009 when Carly Gullickson and Travis Parrott defeated Cara Black and Leander Paes.
- Both teams are playing together for the first time at this year's US Open. They are both coming off Match Tie-break wins in the semi-finals and each team has lost two sets en route to the final.
- Jamie Murray, who won last year's mixed doubles title (w/Hingis), is attempting to become the first man to win back-to-back US Open mixed doubles titles since Bob Bryan in 2003-04
- The winning team will receive \$155,000 while the finalists will split \$70,000

### 2018 MIXED DOUBLES FINALS

- Australian Open: Gabriela Dabrowski/Mate Pavic d. Timea Babos/Rohan Bopanna 26 64 11-9
- Roland Garros: Latisha Chan/Ivan Dodig d. Gabriela Dabrowski/Mate Pavic 61 67 10-8
- Wimbledon: Nicole Melichar/Alexander Peya d. Victoria Azarenka/**Jamie Murray** 76 63

### BETHANIE MATTEK-SANDS (ranked No. 83) / JAMIE MURRAY (ranked No. 7)

#### MATTEK-SANDS

- The 33-year-old Phoenix resident is a five-time Grand Slam doubles champion winning titles (all w/Safarova) at three of the four Slams – Australian Open (2015, 2017), Roland Garros (2015, 2017) and US Open (2016). Wimbledon is the only Slam she has not won a doubles title at with best result coming in 2010 (SF, w/L.Huber).
- Won two mixed doubles titles – 2012 Australian Open (w/Tecau) and 2015 Roland Garros (w/M.Bryan).
- Making second appearance in US Open mixed doubles final. Finished as runner-up in 2015 (w/Querrey)

#### J. MURRAY

- The 32-year-old native of Dunblane, Scotland has won two men's Grand Slam doubles titles (w/Soares) in 2016 at the Australian Open and US Open. Has a 3-2 record in mixed doubles finals, winning titles at 2007 Wimbledon (w/Jankovic), 2017 Wimbledon and 2017 US Open (both w/Hingis). Runner-up 2008 US Open (w/Huber) and 2018 Wimbledon (w/Azarenka).
- Has a 3-2 in finals this season on the ATP World Tour (w/Soares). They won titles in Acapulco, Washington and ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati and were finalists in Doha and Queen's Club. They lost in the QFs here (l. to Albot/Jaziri).
- Has a 22-22 career record in doubles finals and ranked No. 1 for the first time on April 4, 2016.

### ALICJA ROSOLSKA (ranked No. 31) / NIKOLA MEKTIC (ranked career-high No. 18)

#### ROSOLSKA

- The 32-year-old Warsaw resident is making her first career Grand Slam mixed doubles final appearance.
- Reached her first Grand Slam doubles SF (w/Spears) at Wimbledon this year; prior to 2018 had not reached a doubles QF in 47 Grand Slam doubles appearances.
- Rosolska/Spears lost in the first round of the US Open women's doubles draw (l. Kerkhove/Marozava).
- Bidding to become Poland's first Grand Slam mixed doubles champion. Wojtek Fibak (1978 Australian Open) and Lukasz Kubot (2014 Australian Open and 2017 Wimbledon) have won men's doubles titles. Kubot was runner-up on Friday (w/Melo) in the men's doubles final. No Polish player – man or woman has won a Grand Slam singles title – Jadwiga Jedrzejowska was runner-up in three Grand Slam finals in the 1930s.

#### MEKTIC

- The 29-year-old Zagreb native is making his first career Grand Slam mixed doubles final appearance.
- He is putting together his best season on the ATP World Tour, winning titles in Marrakech and ATP Masters 1000 Madrid while reaching finals in Sofia, Rio de Janeiro and Munich (all w/Alexander Peya). They also advanced to the semi-finals at Roland Garros. They are No. 4 in the ATP Doubles Team Rankings.
- Peya withdrew from the US Open due to an elbow injury and Mektic teamed up with Jurgen Melzer and they reached the third round (l. to Krajicek/Sandgren).
- Countryman Mate Pavic won the 2016 US Open mixed doubles title (w/Siegemund).
- Has a 4-5 career record in ATP World Tour doubles finals.