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CITI OPEN TALKING POINTS

- Due to rain only three third round matches could be finished yesterday. Head-to-heads for the remaining third round matches as well as potential head-to-heads for today's quarter-finals can be found below.
- In the first quarter-final of the day on John Harris court, No. 16 seed **Daniel Evans** will meet unseeded left-hander **Yoshihito Nishioka**. The Japanese leads the H2H 4-0 including a recent victory at the ATP Masters 1000 in Miami. Currently the Japanese No. 2 behind Taro Daniel, Nishioka has moved ahead of his countryman to No. 79 in the Pepperstone ATP Live Rankings this week. Evans saved a match point against No. 3 seed Taylor Fritz yesterday. The Brit is 3-2 (0.600) against left-handers this season.
- Unseeded Swede **Mikael Ymer** bids to reach his first semi-final since Montpellier this year as he faces either No. 5 seed **Grigor Dimitrov** or American **Sebastian Korda** in the last match on Stadium.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: FRIDAY THIRD ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

STADIUM

Nick Kyrgios (AUS) vs [4] Reilly Opelka (USA)

21 ATP Masters 1000 Canada (Canada)	Hard	R64	Reilly Opelka
22 Houston (U.S.A.)	Clay	SF	Reilly Opelka

Opelka Leads 2-0

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

To be finished 7-6(1) 2-1

Nick Kyrgios | Age: 27 | World No. 63 | Career-High No. 13 | 2022: 23-7 (Wimbledon Final) | Washington: 8-2 (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.

Reilly Opelka | Age: 24 | World No. 17 | Career-High No. 17 | 2022: 21-14 (Dallas, Houston Titles) | Washington: 3-4 (2021, 2022 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: Opelka hit 28 aces in a 6-7(6), 6-4, 6-4 win against countryman Denis Kudla in 2R.

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[1] Andrey Rublev vs [13] Maxime Cressy (USA)

First Meeting

Andrey Rublev | Age: 24 | World No. 8 | Career-High No. 5 | 2022: 16-15 (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade Titles) | Washington: 1-0 (2022 3R)

> 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: Rublev is seeking his fourth title of the season (Marseille, Dubai, Belgrade), a mark which would draw him level with Spaniards Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz for joint-most on the year.

Maxime Cressy | Age: 25 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 32 | 2022: 20-16 (Newport Title) | Washington: 1-0 (2022 3R)

> 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: Cressy is 1-2 against Top 10 players so far this season (beat Auger-Aliassime in Wimbledon 1R).

[8] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [10] Frances Tiafoe (USA) First Meeting

To be finished 6-2 2-6

Botic van de Zandschulp | Age: 26 | World No. 26 | Career-High No. 24 | 2022: 26-18 (Munich Final) | Washington: 1-0 (2022 3R)

> Ended 2021 as No. 1 Dutchman and achieved new career-high ranking 9 times in 2022, peaking at No. 24 on 11 July.

> At 2021 US Open, became 3rd men's qualifier to reach US Open QF in Open Era, 1st Dutchman to reach Grand Slam QF since 2004, and only player to take a set off eventual champion Medvedev.

> Went 11-1 in Grand Slam qualifying matches in 2021, qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open, while entering Wimbledon as LL (l. to Trungelliti in Q3).

> Upset No. 7 Ruud en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2022 Munich after beating No. 6 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 St. Petersburg.

NOTE: A year ago, the Dutchman was ranked exactly 100 spots lower - 126 - in the Pepperstone ATP Rankings. He entered the Top 100 in September 2021, after reaching the quarter-finals at the US Open as a qualifier (l. to Medvedev).

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 24 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 25 | 2022: 18-15 (Estoril Final) | Washington: 3-5 (2018, 2019, 2022 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: Met New York Mets star Francisco Lindor during his visit to the Citi Open on Tuesday.

GRANDSTAND

[5] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Sebastian Korda (USA) First Meeting

To be finished 6-4

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[9] Holger Rune (DEN) vs [WC] J.J. Wolf (USA) First Meeting

ATP HEAD2HEAD: POTENTIAL FRIDAY QUARTER-FINALS

STADIUM

[1] Andrey Rublev vs [9] Holger Rune (DEN) First Meeting

-OR-

[1] Andrey Rublev vs [WC] J.J. Wolf (USA) First Meeting

-OR-

[13] Maxime Cressy (USA) vs [9] Holger Rune (DEN) Rune Leads 1-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo Q (Monaco)Clay -- Holger Rune 6-3 7-5

Other meeting

21 Pau CH (France) Hard QF Holger Rune 6-2 6-2

-OR-

[13] Maxime Cressy (USA) vs [WC] J.J. Wolf (USA) First Tour-Level Meeting

Other meeting

19 Tiburon CH (U.S.A.) Hard R32 Maxime Cressy 6-1 6-4

[8] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs Nick Kyrgios (AUS) First Meeting

-OR-

[8] Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) vs [4] Reilly Opelka (USA) van de Zandschulp Leads 1-0

21 Melbourne 1 (Australia) HardR16 Botic van de Zandschulp7-6(6) 7-6(4)

-OR-

[10] Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs Nick Kyrgios (AUS) First Meeting

-OR-

[10] Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs [4] Reilly Opelka (USA) **First Tour-Level Meeting**
Other meeting
17 Aix en Provence CH (France) Clay SF Frances Tiafoe 6-4 6-3

[5] Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) vs Mikael Ymer (SWE) **First Meeting**

-OR-

Sebastian Korda (USA) vs Mikael Ymer (SWE) **First Tour-Level Meeting**
Other meeting
18 U.S.A. F7 (U.S.A.) Hard R16 Mikael Ymer 6-2 6-4

Mikael Ymer | Age: 23 | World No. 115 | Career-High No. 67 | 2022: 11-10 (Montpellier SF) | Washington: 3-0 (2022 SF)

> Broke into Top 100 and competed at Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals in 2019, then achieved career-high No. 67 in 2020.

> Beat Alcaraz in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Winston-Salem to become 1st Swedish singles finalist since Soderling ended career as 2011 Bastad champion.

> Defeated No. 15 Monfils for biggest win of career to reach 2021 Roland Garros 3R.

> Captured 2016 Stockholm doubles title with older brother Elias as an unranked WC, defeating Pavic/Venus 6-1 6-1 in final.

> Peaked at No. 3 and went 98-33 in juniors with run to 2015 Wimbledon final and wins over future Top-10 ATP players Auger-Aliassime, Hurkacz, Ruud and Shapovalov.

NOTE: The Swede took out former World No. 1 Andy Murray, No. 15 seed Aslan Karatsev and Emil Ruusuvuori in three sets in his previous matches this week.

JOHN HARRIS

[16] Daniel Evans (GBR) vs Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)	Nishioka Leads 4-0
16 Atlanta (U.S.A.)	Hard R32 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-2 6-7(2) 7-6(4)
19 Washington (U.S.A.)	Hard R64 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4 6-1
20 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard R64 Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4 6-3 6-4
22 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard R64 Yoshihito Nishioka 3-6 6-4 6-3

Daniel Evans | Age: 32 | World No. 40 | Career-High No. 22 | 2022: 15-16 (Sydney SF) | Washington: 4-3 (2022 QF)
> 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: Saved a match point before advancing past third seed Taylor Fritz via retirement, leading 3-6, 7-6(6), 4-1.

Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 26 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 48 | 2022: 8-10 (Acapulco, Washington QF) | Washington: 6-4 (2022 QF)

> 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: Looking to reach first semi-final since 2020 Delray Beach where he reached the final (l. to Opelka)