

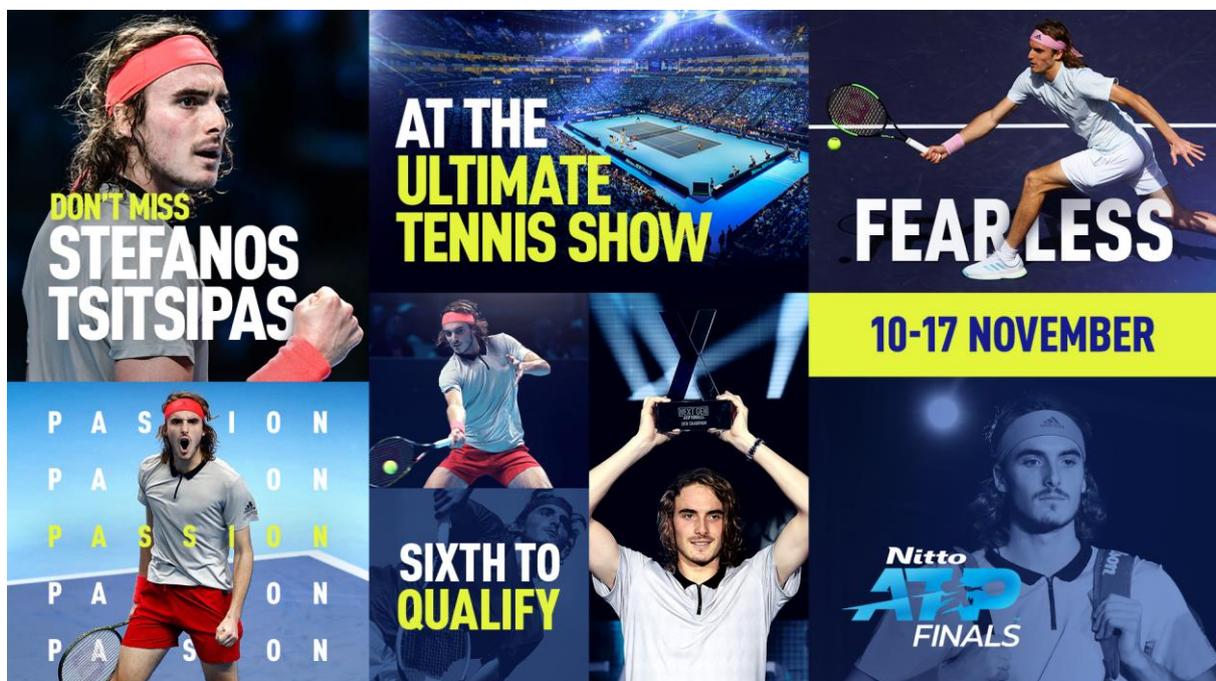
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TSITSIPAS QUALIFIES FOR FIRST TIME TO NITTO ATP FINALS

LONDON – Stefanos Tsitsipas has successfully transitioned from lifting the Next Gen ATP Finals trophy in November 2018 to qualifying for the first time to the 2019 Nitto ATP Finals. The Greek star, who will compete among the world’s best eight singles players at The O2 in London, stamped his ticket for the 10-17 November event due to results on Friday at the Rolex Shanghai Masters, on a day in which the Greek recorded one of his biggest career wins with a three-set defeat of World No. 1 Novak Djokovic.

The 20-year-old Tsitsipas, who beat Alex de Minaur in the title match of the 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals in Milan 11 months ago, has compiled a 45-21 match record and won two ATP Tour titles in a career-best 2019 season. He joins Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Daniil Medvedev and Dominic Thiem at the elite season finale next month.

“It’s great,” said Tsitsipas. “It’s sweet. It’s something that I have been trying to get, and it was in my bucket list from the beginning of the year. So, I’m glad I secured my spot at the Nitto ATP Finals. I feel like it’s going to be a great show and a great atmosphere for all the players that will be competing in that special celebration, special event taking place in London.”



Tsitsipas became the first Greek player to break into the Top 5 of the ATP Rankings (at No. 5) on 5 August 2019, during a season which has included titles at the Open 13 Provence (d.

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Kukushkin) and at the Millennium Estoril Open (d. Cuevas). Additionally, he upset World No. 2 Nadal to reach his second ATP Masters 1000 final at the Mutua Madrid Open (l. to Djokovic) and beat Federer at the Australian Open, en route to becoming the youngest Grand Slam championship semi-finalist since 20-year-old Djokovic at the 2007 US Open. He finished as runner-up to Federer at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships and, last week, reached the China Open final in Beijing (l. to Thiem).

Two singles spots are now left up for grabs at the 2019 Nitto ATP Finals. Roberto Bautista Agut and 2018 champion Alexander Zverev are currently in seventh and eighth places respectively in the 2019 ATP Race To London, but Matteo Berrettini, David Goffin, Fabio Fognini, Kei Nishikori and Gael Monfils are also among the contenders with one month to go until the start of the prestigious event.

The ATP's crown jewel event is to be held at The O2 in London through to 2020, where it has been staged to wide acclaim since 2009. The event has successfully established itself as one of the major annual sporting events worldwide, broadcast in more than 180 territories with global viewership figures reaching an average of 95 million each year.

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About the Nitto ATP Finals

The Nitto ATP Finals is the year-end climax to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams as they battle it out for the last title of the season. Players compete for ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world. Played using a round-robin format, each player plays three matches as they compete for a berth in the knockout semi-finals and beyond. The prestigious tournament has been contested in major cities around the world with a rich history dating back to the birth of The Masters in 1970 in Tokyo. Since 2000 the event has taken place in cities such as Lisbon, Sydney, and Shanghai. In 2009 the tournament was moved to London, where it will be played through to 2020 before moving to Turin in 2021. For more information, please visit www.NittoATPFinals.com.

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