

## GERRY WEBER OPEN STORYLINES

Gerry Weber Stadion | Halle, Germany | 18-24 June 2018  
Draw: S-32, D-16 | Prize Money: €1,983,595 | Surface: Grass

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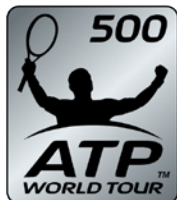
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## 10 THINGS TO WATCH IN HALLE

- 1) **Fantastic Fields:** The best players in tennis will put on their grass-court shoes this week at ATP World Tour 500 events in Halle and London. At the Gerry Weber Open, nine-time champion **Roger Federer** joins two-time finalist **Alexander Zverev** and Roland Garros runner-up **Dominic Thiem**.
- 2) **Who's No. 1?:** If Federer wins his semi-final on Saturday at the MercedesCup, he will arrive in Halle on Monday as the World No. 1. With runs to both the Stuttgart final and Halle title, Federer would be No. 1 on 25 June. Otherwise, **Rafael Nadal** will be the World No. 1 entering Wimbledon.
- 3) **Goat on Grass:** Federer entered the MercedesCup semi-finals with a 166-24 record on grass and the surface's best win percentage in the Open Era (.874). The Swiss has won more titles at Halle (9) than any other event in his career. Nadal is the only player in the Open Era to reach double-digit titles at a single event with 11 championships each at Monte-Carlo, Barcelona and Roland Garros.
- 4) **Sensational Sascha:** Zverev returns to Halle following his first Grand Slam quarter-final at Roland Garros. Also this spring, the 21-year-old German became the first player since **Marin Cilic** in 2014 to reach three finals in as many weeks. Zverev won his second Munich title on 6 May and third ATP Masters 1000 title at Madrid on 13 May before finishing runner-up to Nadal at Rome on 20 May.
- 5) **Dominant Thiem:** Zverev's 34 wins this season are second only to Thiem's 35. The Austrian ended Zverev's Roland Garros run en route to his first Grand Slam final. Thiem is 13-11 on grass, though he did win the 2016 Stuttgart title after saving two match points against Federer in the semi-finals.
- 6) **Highs and Lows:** Like Federer, **Lucas Pouille** will arrive in Halle after reaching the MercedesCup semi-finals. Pouille captured the Montpellier title and reached two other finals during a four-week stretch this winter. But the Frenchman has also suffered six losses this season in opening matches.
- 7) **German Champions:** **Philipp Kohlschreiber** and **Florian Mayer** hope to win home titles in Halle for the second time. Kohlschreiber capitalized on a Federer-less draw in 2011 to take the title, while Mayer edged Zverev for the 2016 title. Zverev defeated Federer one day earlier in the semi-finals.
- 8) **Good Run of Bad Luck:** Former World No. 4 **Kei Nishikori** returns to Halle for the sixth straight year despite his string of injuries at the event. Nishikori retired in the 2015 semi-finals (left leg), conceded a walkover in the 2016 second round (rib) and retired in the 2017 second round (left hip).
- 9) **Get Wins to the Greek:** It took **Stefanos Tsitsipas** nine tries before he earned the first ATP World Tour win of his career last October at Shanghai. The 19-year-old Greek is already up to 18 wins this season, highlighted by a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Thiem en route to his first final at Barcelona in April.
- 10) **Grasshoppers:** After going 14-0 on grass and finishing 2017 as the No. 1 doubles team in the world, **Lukasz Kubot** and **Marcelo Melo** started this season with the Sydney title. They haven't reached a final since. Kubot and Melo are the defending Gerry Weber Open doubles champions.

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## FEVER-TREE CHAMPIONSHIPS STORYLINES

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## 10 THINGS TO WATCH AT LONDON/QUEEN'S CLUB

- 1) **Fantastic Fields:** The best players in tennis will put on their grass-court shoes this week at ATP World Tour 500 events in London and Halle. At the Fever-Tree Championships, the last five men to lift the championship trophy are in the field, including the returning **Andy Murray** (as of late-Friday).
- 2) **To Be or Not to Be:** Murray is expected to decide about his participation early-Saturday. He has not played since the Wimbledon quarter-finals on 12 July 2017. The former World No. 1 underwent right hip surgery in January and fell outside the Top 100 of the ATP Rankings last week for the first time since 2005. Murray is 30-6 and boasts a record five titles at the Fever-Tree Championships.
- 3) **Comeback Trail:** Like Murray, **Novak Djokovic** ended his 2017 season in the Wimbledon quarter-finals. Back from a right elbow injury, Djokovic is 14-8 in 2018 and a wild card entry at the Fever-Tree Championships. He has not reached a final since 1 July 2017 on the lawns of Eastbourne.
- 4) **Great on Grass:** Following withdrawals by **Rafael Nadal** and **Juan Martin del Potro**, 2012 champion **Marin Cilic** will be the No. 1 seed this week. Last summer, Cilic advanced to his third final at the Fever-Tree Championships and his second of three Grand Slam finals at Wimbledon.
- 5) **London Calling:** Like Cilic, 2014 champion **Grigor Dimitrov** is seeking his first title of the season. He's in the right place. Besides winning the Fever-Tree Championships four years ago, Dimitrov captured the Wimbledon boys' singles title in 2008 and the Nitto ATP Finals title last fall at The O2.
- 6) **The Other Guys:** Defending champion **Feliciano Lopez** and 2010 champion **Sam Querrey** are also seeking their second title at the Fever-Tree Championships. Lopez saved a match point against both Cilic and **Tomas Berdych** to win the 2017 title. Only one of the five men Querrey defeated en route to the 2010 title remains active on the ATP World Tour (**Marcel Granollers**).
- 7) **Back the Brits:** **Kyle Edmund** plays in England for the first time since becoming the No. 1 Brit on 5 March. He is joined by countrymen **Jay Clarke**, **Daniel Evans** and **Cameron Norrie**. Clarke, 19, will make his ATP debut, while Evans will play his first tour-level match since 2017 Roland Garros.
- 8) **Next is Now:** The #NextGenATP duo of **Denis Shapovalov** and **Frances Tiafoe** is also in action. Shapovalov has achieved a career-high ranking 11 times this season, peaking last week at No. 23. Tiafoe followed his first ATP World Tour title at Delray Beach with his second final at Estoril.
- 9) **Dangerous Floaters:** Murray, Djokovic and former World No. 3s **Milos Raonic** and **Stan Wawrinka** are among the unseeded players in the draw. Wawrinka underwent two left knee surgeries last August and dropped outside the Top 200 last week for the first time since 2003.
- 10) **From Paris with Love:** **Pierre-Hugues Herbert** and **Nicolas Mahut** could meet **Oliver Marach** and **Mate Pavic** this week in a rematch of the Roland Garros doubles final. Herbert and Mahut beat Marach and Pavic for their 12th team title, two of which came at the Fever-Tree Championships.

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