



CITI OPEN 2018 STORYLINES

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Draw: S-48, D-16 | Prize Money: \$1,890,155 | Surface: Hard

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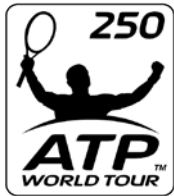
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10 THINGS TO WATCH IN WASHINGTON

- 1) **50th Celebration:** The 50th edition of the Citi Open in Washington, D.C. features an outstanding line-up with seven of the Top 20 players in the ATP Rankings (as of July 23). Reigning champion **Alexander Zverev** is the top seed followed by three-time Citi Open finalist **John Isner**.
- 2) **On the Clock:** For the first time on the ATP World Tour, a 25-second serve clock will be implemented during the tournament. It will be used at three other events leading into the US Open.
- 3) **Alexander the Great:** The No. 3-ranked Zverev comes in with a 36-11 match record on the season with clay titles in Munich and ATP Masters 1000 Madrid. In his last hard court tournament at ATP Masters 1000 Miami in April, he reached the final (l. to Isner). He is 11-2 at the Citi Open.
- 4) **Big John:** No. 2 seed Isner is putting together his best season with his first ATP Masters 1000 crown in Miami and first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon. The 33-year-old Greensboro, N.C. native has a 25-9 record at the Citi Open, reaching the final in 2007, 2013 and 2015.
- 5) **Murray Returns:** Former World No. 1 **Andy Murray**, who reached the final in his Citi Open 2006 debut and lost in the 2R in 2015, is playing in his first hard court tournament since March 2017 in Indian Wells. Murray, who underwent hip surgery in January, has dropped to No. 838 (as of July 23) after his Wimbledon QF pts. from last year dropped off. This is his third tournament in 2018.
- 6) **NextGenATP Six Pack:** Six of the Top 10 in the ATP Race to Milan standings for the Next Gen ATP Finals are in D.C.: No. 2 **Stefanos Tsitsipas**, No. 3 **Denis Shapovalov**, No. 4 **Frances Tiafoe**, No. 5 **Alex de Minaur**, No. 7 **Andrey Rublev**, and No. 10 **Hubert Hurkacz**. Zverev, who is the leader in the Milan Race, is No. 3 in the Race to London for the Nitto ATP Finals.
- 7) **Hometown Kids:** No. 13 seed Tiafoe, who is from nearby Hyattsville, Md., and **Denis Kudla**, from Arlington, Va., are looking to win their first match at the Citi Open. Tiafoe, who broke the Top 50 after Wimbledon, is 0-2 in D.C. Kudla, who returned to the Top 100 last month, is 0-4.
- 8) **Eye on 500:** Former World No. 8 **Mikhail Youzhny** is two wins from the 500 Wins Club. Youzhny has the most wins among Russians in the Open Era. He is making his first D.C. visit since 2009.
- 9) **Wild Cards:** Two of last year's quarter-finalists: **Daniil Medvedev** and **Tommy Paul**, are among the five wild cards. The others are former World No. 3 **Stan Wawrinka**, who is playing in D.C. for the first time since 2010, along with **Noah Rubin** and **Tim Smyczek**.
- 10) **Strong Doubles:** Six of the Top 10 teams in the ATP Doubles Race to London standings are in the draw, led by No. 1 **Oliver Marach & Mate Pavic**, who clinched a spot in the season finale. The others are: No. 3 **Juan Sebastian Cabal & Robert Farah**, No. 4 **Nikola Pietrangeli & Alexander Peya**, No. 6 **Raven Klaassen & Michael Venus**, No. 7 **Jamie Murray & Bruno Soares**, and No. 8 **Lukasz Kubot & Marcelo Melo**. The reigning champions are **Henri Kontinen & John Peers**.

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ABIERTO MEXICANO DE TENIS MIFEL STORYLINES

Delmar International School | Los Cabos, Mexico | 30 July-4 August 2018
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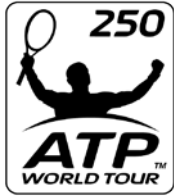
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10 THINGS TO WATCH IN LOS CABOS

- 1) **Tres Los Cabos:** This is the third edition of the Abierto Mexicano de Tenis Mifel presentado por Cinemex with World No. 4 **Juan Martin del Potro** making his tournament debut. Reigning champion **Sam Querrey** and 2016 winner **Ivo Karlovic** are also in the field.
- 2) **Mexican Title Sweep:** Del Potro is looking to win both ATP World Tour singles titles in Mexico this season. The Argentine star, who won the Acapulco title in March, enters with a 32-8 match record this season (21-4 on hard). He also captured his first ATP Masters 1000 crown in Indian Wells.
- 3) **Fabulous Fabio:** No. 2 seed **Fabio Fognini** makes his Los Cabos debut after compiling a 21-10 record on clay. The top Italian won two ATP World Tour titles in a season for the first time since 2013, capturing titles in Sao Paulo and Bastad. He is ranked No. 14, one spot off his career-best.
- 4) **Damir on the Rise:** No. 3 seed **Damir Dzumhur**, who reached the semi-finals in his Los Cabos debut last year, went on to win his first two ATP World Tour titles in St. Petersburg in September and Moscow in October. Last month he won his first grass title in Antalya.
- 5) **Mannarino Eyes Title Breakthrough:** No. 4 seed **Adrian Mannarino** has reached five ATP World Tour finals since 2015, including Antalya last month. The Frenchman is looking to raise his first champion's trophy. Last year year he reached the quarter-finals in Los Cabos.
- 6) **Querrey Reigning Champion:** No. 5 seed **Sam Querrey** won his 10th ATP World Tour title in Los Cabos last year (d. Kokkinakis) after winning in Acapulco. Querrey is trying to defend a title for the second time in his career. In 2009-10 he won back-to-back titles in Los Angeles.
- 7) **Ryan Time:** No. 6 seed **Ryan Harrison** is making his Los Cabos debut. Harrison is trying to become the first or second player on the ATP World Tour this year to win singles and doubles titles in the same tournament. On Sunday in Atlanta, Harrison plays Isner in the singles championship and then teams with Ram in the doubles final. In Gstaad, Matteo Berrettini appears in both finals.
- 8) **2016 Finalists Return:** In the inaugural Los Cabos final two years ago, **Ivo Karlovic** defeated **Feliciano Lopez**. Karlovic (39) and Lopez (36) are the two oldest players in the singles draw and they will meet in the quarter-finals if both players win their first two matches.
- 9) **Doubles Partners Meet:** Last year's finalist **Thanasi Kokkinakis**, a wild card entry, and 2017 quarter-finalist **Taylor Fritz** meet in the first round. They also team up for the first time in doubles. Kokkinakis beat World No. 1 Federer in Miami. Fritz is No. 6 in the Race to Milan standings.
- 10) **Doubles Draw:** There are six Mexican players in the doubles draw and the country's highest-ranked player (No. 49) **Santiago Gonzalez** and Spaniard **David Marrero** are the top seeds. They are teaming up for the first time since 2017 Acapulco. They have reached finals in their team debut in 2011 Nice and in 2017 Buenos Aires

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GENERALI OPEN STORYLINES

Kitzbuehel Tennis Club | Kitzbuehel, Austria | 30 July-4 August 2018
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10 THINGS TO WATCH IN KITZBUEHEL

- 1) **Final Clay Stop:** The final 2018 clay-court tournament on the ATP World Tour is located in the Alps in the Tyrol region of Austria and is one of the most picturesque venues in tennis. The top seed is **Dominic Thiem**, who is trying to become the first Austrian champion since Thomas Muster in 1993.
- 2) **Thiem Top Seed:** Thiem is the top seed in Kitzbuehel for the third time in four years (except last year). He has an 8-6 record on his home soil tournament, reaching the final in 2014 (l. to Goffin) and the semi-finals in 2015. He has the most clay court wins (28) on the ATP World Tour this year.
- 3) **Kohli Reigning Champion:** No. 2 seed **Philipp Kohlschreiber** is the reigning champion and he also won the title in 2015 and was a finalist in 2012. He has a 18-8 record in Kitzbuehel.
- 4) **Verdasco Returns:** No. 3 seed **Fernando Verdasco** is making his first Kitzbuehel appearance since 2013. The Madrid native has a 16-6 record in Kitzbuehel, reaching the final in 2005 (l. to Gaudio) and the semi-finals in 2004, 2006-07, falling each time to an Argentine opponent.
- 5) **Dutch Treat:** No. 4 seed **Robin Haase** is a two-time champion (2011-12) and a semi-finalist in 2013. The top Dutchman, who has a 13-4 record in Kitzbuehel, is 1-3 in his last three appearances.
- 6) **German Trio:** Three of the top six Germans are among the eight seeds, led by Kohlschreiber. The others are No. 6 **Maximilian Marterer** and No. 7 **Jan-Lennard Struff**, who reached the quarter-finals two years ago.
- 7) **Wild Cards:** The wild cards are French teenager **Corentin Moutet** along with Austrians **Denis Novak** and **Sebastian Ofner**, who reached the semi-finals last year. The 19-year-old Moutet is making his tourney debut and Novak is 1-3 in Kitzbuehel.
- 8) **Special Exempts:** The two special exempts are **Jozef Kovalik** and **Jurgen Zopp**, both coming off semi-final performances this past week. Kovalik held a match point in his third-set tie-break loss to Leonardo Mayer in Hamburg while Zopp fell 64 76 to Matteo Berrettini in Gstaad.
- 9) **Georgia Success:** **Nikoloz Basilashvili**, who reached the Kitzbuehel final two years ago (l. to Lorenzi), is in Sunday's final in Hamburg (vs. Mayer) as a qualifier. Basilashvili is trying to become the first player from the country of Georgia to win an ATP World Tour singles title.
- 10) **Doubles Reunion:** The wild card team of **Jurgen Melzer** and **Philipp Petzschner** are playing together for the third time this season. The Austrian/German duo are two-time Grand Slam title winners (2010 Wimbledon, 2011 US Open). The top seeds are Hamburg finalists **Julio Peralta** and **Horacio Zeballos**. The No. 2 seeds are **Max Mirnyi** and Austrian native **Philipp Oswald**.

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