



Andy Murray, Sebastian Korda Given Wild Cards ***Western & Southern Open Begins Aug. 14***

CINCINNATI (Aug. 3, 2021) – Three-time Major champion **Andy Murray** and 21-year-old American **Sebastian Korda** have been awarded wild cards for the men’s singles field for the 2021 Western & Southern Open.

Murray, a two-time winner in Cincinnati, is one of seven former Western & Southern Open champions to join the initial entry list. **Korda**, who claimed his first title on the ATP tour earlier this season, is the son of two-time Western & Southern Open quarterfinalist Petr Korda.

A former No. 1 player in singles, the 34-year-old Murray has captured 46 career titles, currently 14th in the Open Era. His 680 wins are good for 10th on the Open Era’s all-time wins list and has won three Major titles (Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016 along with the US Open in 2012) in addition to reaching 11 Major finals. Murray, a 14-time participant in the Western & Southern Open, claimed the singles title in 2008 and 2011 in Cincinnati. He is only one of three players in tournament history to win a gold medal and appear in a Western & Southern Open final in the same year, becoming a finalist in Cincinnati in 2016 just a week after claiming Gold in Rio de Janeiro.

Murray underwent a hip resurfacing operation in January 2019, and played his first singles match following the procedure later that year at the Western & Southern Open.

Korda reached his first career ATP final to open the 2021 season at Delray Beach, and also advanced to the Round of 16 at two of the last four Majors. After making his Masters 1000 debut at the 2020 Western & Southern Open, Korda finished as a quarterfinalist at the 2021 Miami Masters 1000 event. Turning pro in 2018, Korda reached a career-high ranking of 45 in the latest ATP rankings after starting the season ranked No. 118. Korda is the second 21-year-old in the last three Western & Southern Opens to earn a wild card entry, where Reilly Opelka earned his way into the field as a wild card in 2019.

The Western & Southern Open will be held Aug. 14-22, with first serve taking place at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14 for the qualifying tournament. The men’s and women’s singles finals will take place on Sunday, Aug. 22. The schedule is available [here](#).

All tickets, including full series, mini-plans, single session and hospitality packages, are now on sale, and information about available tickets can be found [here](#).

The Western & Southern Open, an ATP Masters 1000 and a WTA 1000, is part of the US Open Series and is held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.



About the Western & Southern Open

Founded in 1899, the Western & Southern Open is an ATP Masters 1000 and a WTA 1000 tournament. The Western & Southern Open annually welcomes nearly 200,000 fans who come from all 50 states and more than 35 countries and is seen by more than 50 million global viewers in over 160 countries. The tournament is also one of the last stops on the US Open Series before the US Open in New York. Since 1974, the tournament has contributed more than \$11 million to various beneficiaries including Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Barrett Cancer Center and Tennis for City Youth. The tournament is held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center, 20 miles north of Cincinnati in Mason, Ohio. For more information, visit www.wsopen.com.

About the US Open Series

The US Open Series serves as a true "regular season" of summer tennis in North America, linking nine WTA and ATP Tour tournaments to the US Open. Featuring a cohesive weekly viewing schedule, as well as comprehensive outreach and grassroots engagement initiatives, the Series serves as a vital platform to promote and grow the game of tennis in person and at home. Fans can follow along all summer as today's top champions go head-to-head with tomorrow's emerging stars, while each tournament engages its local community with a variety of programs geared toward showcasing and promoting the game to new and existing fans.

About the WTA

Founded by Billie Jean King in 1973 on the principle of equal opportunity for women in sports, the WTA is the global leader in women's professional sport with more than 1,650 players representing 84 nations competing for a record \$180 million in prize money. In 2019, the WTA was watched by a record-breaking global audience of 700 million. The 2020 WTA season includes 55 events and four Grand Slams in 29 countries and regions. The season culminates with the Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen, offering a \$14 million total prize purse and honoring the season's top singles and doubles players. Further information on the WTA can be found at www.wtatennis.com.

About the ATP

As the global governing body of men's professional tennis, the ATP's mission is to serve tennis. We entertain a billion global fans, showcase the world's greatest players at the most prestigious tournaments, and inspire the next generation of fans and players. From the ATP Cup in Australia, to Europe, the Americas and Asia, the stars of the game battle for titles and FedEx ATP Rankings points at ATP Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, and Grand Slams. All roads lead towards the Nitto ATP Finals, the prestigious season finale held in Turin, Italy. Featuring only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams, the tournament also sees the official crowning of the year-end ATP World No. 1, the ultimate achievement in tennis. For more information, please visit www.ATPTour.com.

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