



## **Brooksby, Nakashima, Tiafoe Added To Men's Field; Pera, Stosur, Teichmann Awarded Women's Wild Cards *Kenin, Williams Sisters Withdraw From Western & Southern Open***

CINCINNATI (Aug. 10, 2021) – Americans **Jenson Brooksby**, **Brandon Nakashima** and **Frances Tiafoe** have been awarded men's wild cards for the 2021 Western & Southern Open. In addition, **Bernada Pera**, **Samantha Stosur** and **Jil Teichmann** have received wild cards into the women's field.

Three players have withdrawn from the women's field – **Sofia Kenin** (foot), **Serena Williams** (leg) and **Venus Williams**.

With a scorching 2021 season, **Brooksby** has climbed into the Top 100 of the ATP rankings for the first time in his career. Brooksby reached his first ATP final just last month in Newport, becoming the second-youngest player to reach the final in the 45-year tournament history. Brooksby collected his first win over a top 20 opponent (Felix Auger-Aliassime) in Washington D.C. last week to advance to his first semifinal in an ATP 500 event.

The 20-year-old, who will be making his Cincinnati debut, has also snagged his first three career ATP Challenger Tour titles in 2021, including back-to-back wins in consecutive weeks in April.

Finishing as a finalist in two of his last three events in Los Cabos and Atlanta, **Nakashima** jumped to a career-high ranking of 87. Nakashima, who will be making his second consecutive appearance in Cincinnati, became the youngest American to reach an ATP final since Taylor Fritz reached the Memphis Open final in 2016.

The 20-year-old has won 65 percent of his matches on the ATP Tour and Majors in his career, winning two titles on the ATP Challenger Tour along with two ITF titles in the process.

**Tiafoe** returns to Cincinnati for his fourth consecutive appearance and second as a wild card. In 2017, Tiafoe upset then-No. 7 Alexander Zverev in the second round of his Western & Southern Open main draw debut. Tiafoe, a member of Team USA at the Tokyo Olympics last month, posted his best career result at a Major at the 2019 Australian Open by reaching the quarterfinals.

Winning his first singles title at the 2018 Delray Beach Open, he became the youngest American title-holder on the ATP Tour since Andy Roddick in 2002. The 23-year-old is also a six-time titleholder on the ATP Challenger Tour.



**Pera** has advanced to the round of 32 in two WTA 1000 events this season, accomplishing that feat in Rome and Madrid. In addition to being consistently in the top 100 rankings, Pera has nine ITF singles titles under her belt.

The 26-year-old makes her fourth consecutive Western & Southern Open appearance, having her best finish last year with a second round appearance.

A nine-time titleholder on the WTA Tour, **Stosur's** reign to success includes capturing the 2011 US Open championship and finishing as a finalist in the 2010 French Open. Stosur also earned two semifinal appearances in the WTA Finals and was a finalist in the 2013 WTA Elite Trophy.

Returning to Cincinnati for the first time since 2016, Stosur has been seeded three times in the Western & Southern Open. Stosur's best finish in Cincinnati came in her first appearance in 2012, reaching the quarterfinals as a No. 3 seed.

Having two singles titles on the WTA Tour, **Teichmann** quickly rose into the spotlight in women's tennis. Collecting six singles on the ITF Circuit, Teichmann also won the 2014 US Open girls' doubles title along with a gold medal in mixed doubles at the Summer Youth Olympics in Nanjing in the same year.

Teichmann advanced out of the qualifying round in her first appearance in the Western & Southern Open in 2020, eventually moving to the second round.

Brooksby, Nakashima and Tiafoe join a men's field that includes 20-time Major champion **Rafael Nadal**, one of five former men's champions entered in the Western & Southern Open. Other previous champions in the field include two-time winner **Andy Murray** (2011, 2008) along with **Daniil Medvedev** (2019), **Grigor Dimitrov** (2017) and **Marin Cilic** (2016).

Pera, Stosur and Teichmann join a women's field that features No. 1 ranked women's player and 2021 Wimbledon champion **Ashleigh Barty**, along with recent Major champions such as 2020 Western & Southern Open finalist **Naomi Osaka** (2020 US Open, 2021 Australian Open), **Barbora Krejckova** (2021 French Open) and **Iga Swiatek** (2020 French Open). The entries also include defending and two-time champion Victoria Azarenka along with past Cincinnati champions **Madison Keys** (2019), **Garbine Mugurza** (2017) and **Karolina Pliskova** (2016).

The entry lists for 2021 Western & Southern Open can be found [here](#).

The Western & Southern Open will be held Aug. 14-22. The main draw will be released on the evening of Friday, Aug. 13. Qualifying action takes place this weekend, Aug. 14-15. Men's main draw action gets underway Sunday, Aug. 15, with a full day of men's and women's main draw play scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16. The full 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](http://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.*

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