



## **Western & Southern Open Doubles Field Includes 16 Past Champions *Gauff & McNally Join Major Champions, Olympic Gold Medalists in Fields***

**CINCINNATI (Aug. 4, 2021)** – The initial entries into the Western & Southern Open doubles fields include both of this year’s Olympic Gold Medal winning teams and both duos that claimed the Wimbledon titles earlier this summer as well as the debut in Cincinnati of **Coco Gauff** with Madeira resident **Caty McNally**.

**Gauff & McNally**, also known as “McCoco”, advanced to the Round of 16 in their first doubles appearance at Wimbledon this year. The 17-year-old Gauff and the 19-year-old McNally have collected three WTA titles together, most recently at Parma in May in addition to winning a junior doubles title at the 2018 US Open. The duo has also advanced to the Australian Open quarterfinals twice while making the third round at the French Open and US Open.

The Western & Southern Open will also welcome 2021 Wimbledon champions **Hsieh Su-wei & Elise Mertens** in addition to Olympic gold medalists and 2021 French Open champions **Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniakova**. The men’s field is highlighted by 2021 Wimbledon champions and Olympic Gold medalists **Nikola Pietrangeli & Mate Pavić**.

Nine former Western & Southern women’s doubles champions and seven former men’s champions are entered in the 2021 event. **Lucie Hradecká**, whose three titles is tied for fourth-most in tournament history, has entered with **Marie Bouzková**. Despite playing with different partners this year, 2020 Western & Southern Open women’s doubles champions **Kveta Peschke** and **Demi Schuurs** will both look to repeat as winners. Peschke will play with **Ellen Perez** while Schuurs will partner with American Olympian **Nicole Pietrangeli**.

**Ivan Dodig** is a two-time men’s doubles champion in Cincinnati and will team up this year with **Rohan Bopanna**. Last year’s winner, **Alex de Minaur**, has entered with **Cameron Norrie**.

**Hsieh & Mertens** claimed the title at Wimbledon in just their fifth tournament together as doubles partners, with Hsieh coming up with her third Wimbledon doubles trophy while defending a Major title for the first time. Winning the doubles title at Wimbledon allowed Hsieh to be the 35th woman to win at least four Majors doubles championships in the Open Era.

**Krejčíková & Siniakova** became the 18th doubles team in the Open Era to collect at least three Majors doubles championships when they claimed the French Open this season. The Czech Republic duo will be the first women’s doubles team in Western & Southern Open history to win an Olympic gold medal and compete in Cincinnati in the same year.

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Along with **Krejčíková & Siniáková**, Olympic bronze medalist **Luisa Stefani** is set to compete in Cincinnati. She will be the second bronze medalist to compete in the Olympics and in the Western & Southern Open in the same year and will play with Canadian **Gabriela Dabrowski**.

**Mektic & Pavic** have won nine doubles titles this season, including three ATP Masters 1000 events (Rome, Monte Carlo, Miami). Another ATP Masters 1000 title would make **Mektic & Pavic** the first doubles team since Bob and Mike Bryan in 2014 to win four ATP Masters 1000 titles and a Major title in the same season.

Cincinnati will also welcome 2019 Wimbledon and US Open Doubles men's champion **Juan Sebastian Cabal & Robert Farah**. **Cabal & Farah** have 18 doubles titles together on the ATP tour, winning two titles (Barcelona and Dubai) this season. The duo were also finalists in Cincinnati in 2019.

Five of the six men's players who claimed an Olympic medal in doubles tennis at the 2020 Olympic games are set to take the court in Cincinnati, the most in tournament history. This will mark the ninth time in Western & Southern Open history where at least one men's player who won an Olympic medal competes in Cincinnati in the same year.

The initial entry lists are as follows:

#### WTA

Pos	Name	Age	Nat.	Name	Age	Nat.
1	<b>Su-Wei Hsieh</b>	35	TPE	Elise Mertens	25	BEL
2	Barbora Krejčíková	25	CZE	Katerina Siniáková	25	CZE
3	Shuko Aoyama	33	JPN	Ena Shibahara	23	JPN
4	Nicole Melichar	28	USA	<b>Demi Schuurs</b>	28	NED
5	Alexa Guarachi	30	CHI	Desirae Krawczyk	27	USA
6	Gabriela Dabrowski	29	CAN	Luisa Stefani	22	BRA
7	<b>Hao-Ching Chan</b>	27	TPE	<b>Latisha Chan</b>	31	TPE
8	Darija Jurak	37	CRO	<b>Andreja Klepac</b>	35	SLO
9	Sofia Kenin	22	USA	Jelena Ostapenko	24	LAT
10	<b>Bethanie Mattek-Sands</b>	36	USA	Iga Swiatek	20	POL



11	Veronika Kudermetova	24	RUS	Elena Vesnina	35	RUS
12	Samantha Stosur	37	AUS	Shuai Zhang	32	CHN
13	Galina Voskoboeva	36	KAZ	Vera Zvonareva	36	RUS
14	Cori "Coco" Gauff	17	USA	Caty McNally	19	USA
15	Marie Bouzkova	23	CZE	<b>Lucie Hradecka</b>	36	CZE
16	Ellen Perez	25	AUS	<b>Kveta Peschke</b>	46	CZE
17	Nadiia Kichenok	29	UKR	Raluca Olaru	32	ROU
18	Hayley Carter	26	USA	Sabrina Santamaria	28	USA
19	Anna Danilina	25	KAZ	<b>Yaroslava Shvedova</b>	33	KAZ
20	Lyudmyla Kichenok	29	UKR	Makoto Ninomiya	27	JPN

#### ATP

Pos	Name	Age	Nat.	Name	Age	Nat.
1	Nikola Pietrangeli	32	CRO	Mate Pavic	28	CRO
2	Marcel Granollers	35	ESP	Horacio Zeballos	36	ARG
3	Juan Sebastian Cabal	35	COL	Robert Farah	34	COL
4	Rajeev Ram	37	USA	Joe Salisbury	29	GBR
5	Karen Khachanov	25	RUS	Andrey Rublev	23	RUS
6	Kevin Krawietz	29	GER	<b>Horia Tecau</b>	36	ROU
7	Lukasz Kubot	39	POL	<b>Marcelo Melo</b>	37	BRA
8	John Peers	33	AUS	<b>Filip Polasek</b>	36	SVK
9	Hubert Hurkacz	24	POL	Jannik Sinner	19	ITA
10	<b>Nicolas Mahut</b>	39	FRA	Fabrice Martin	34	FRA

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11	Wesley Koolhof	32	NED	Jean-Julien Rojer	39	NED
12	Daniel Evans	31	GBR	Neal Skupski	31	GBR
13	<b>Alex de Minaur</b>	22	AUS	Cameron Norrie	25	GBR
14	Tim Puetz	33	GER	Michael Venus	33	NZL
15	Rohan Bopanna	41	IND	<b>Ivan Dodig</b>	36	CRO
16	Simone Bolelli	35	ITA	Maximo Gonzalez	38	ARG
17	Alexander Bublik	24	KAZ	Cristian Garin	25	CHI
18	Andrey Golubev	34	KAZ	Andreas Mies	30	GER
19	Raven Klaasen	38	RSA	Ben McLachlan	29	JPN
20	Federico Delbonis	30	ARG	Diego Schwartzman	28	ARG
21	Matwe Middelkoop	37	NED	Luke Saville	27	AUS
22	<b>Jamie Murray</b>	35	GBR	Max Purcell	23	AUS
23	Felix Auger-Aliassime	20	CAN	Marcus Daniell	31	NZL
24	Sander Gille	30	BEL	Joran Vliegen	28	BEL
25	Ariel Behar	31	URU	Gonzalo Escobar	32	ECU

**BOLD** indicates former Western & Southern Open champion

In addition to the doubles fields, the main draw singles field includes 12 former tournament winners along with **Ashleigh Barty** and **Novak Djokovic**, the No. 1 ranked players in the world who are fresh off Wimbledon titles. Twenty-time Major champions **Roger Federer** and **Rafael Nadal** are included in the men's field while the women's field has recent Major champions such as 2020 Western & Southern Open finalist **Naomi Osaka** (2020 US Open, 2021 Australian Open), **Barbora Krejickova** (2021 French Open), **Sofia Kenin** (2020 Australian Open) and **Iga Swiatek** (2020 French Open)

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](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.*

**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](http://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](http://www.ATPTour.com).*

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