



## Cincinnati Natives McNally, Wolf Awarded Western & Southern Open Wild Cards

### *Caty McNally to Make Main Draw Singles Debut; JJ Wolf Returns in Qualifying*

CINCINNATI (July 31, 2019) – Two Cincinnati natives have been awarded wild cards to participate in the Western & Southern Open.

Seventeen-year-old **Caty McNally** will make her main draw debut while 20-year-old **JJ Wolf** will play qualifying at this year's tournament which will be held August 10-18 at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.

**McNally** is a native of Madeira who turned pro in April. She will be playing W&S Open singles for the first time after previously playing doubles here in 2017. Last month she made her Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon after qualifying. She has enjoyed success at ITF 100k tournaments this season, winning the title at February's Midland, Mich., event without dropping a set and later reaching the semifinals at Surbiton in June.

As a junior, McNally was runner-up in singles at the 2018 French Open. The former Madeira High School standout also enjoyed juniors doubles success with titles at the 2018 US Open and French Open along with a runner-up finish at Wimbledon. She reached a career high of No. 6 in the junior rankings earlier this year.

Wolf turned pro in July after three successful seasons at Ohio State University. He capped his Buckeye career with a 35-2 season in which he was the ITA All-American Singles Champion and was named Big Ten Player of the Year. He was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2017 despite only playing the spring season after graduating early from Cincinnati Country Day.

Earlier this year, Wolf won the title at the Columbus Challenger. He will be bidding to reach his first ATP singles main draw after reaching the final round of qualifying at last year's W&S Open.

"It is a great opportunity to have homegrown talent playing at the Western & Southern Open," said Tournament Director Andre Silva. "Both Caty and JJ have been attending this event with their families for years. It has been exciting for the local tennis community to follow their careers, and we're looking forward to seeing them compete here not only this year, but hopefully for years to come."

In 2018, the Western & Southern Open attracted more than 194,000 spectators. The reigning singles champions are ATP No. 1 Novak Djokovic and WTA No. 5 Kiki Bertens. In addition to world class tennis, the

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W&S Open features more than 25 musical acts, 16 food vendors, six signature bar areas and a retail plaza for patrons to enjoy between matches.

The Western & Southern Open, a WTA Premier 5 and ATP Masters 1000 tournament, is part of the US Open Series. Started in 1899, the tournament annually supports a number of Cincinnati area charities.

Tickets for all sessions are available now at [wsopen.com](http://wsopen.com).

#### **About the Western & Southern Open**

*The Western & Southern Open will be held August 10-18, 2019, at the Lindner Family Tennis Center, 20 miles north of Cincinnati in Mason, Ohio. The tournament is one of the prestigious ATP Masters 1000 events on the men's tour and a Premier 5 event for the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). The W&S Open is the largest annual summer sporting event in the US Midwest, hosting fans from all 50 states and more than 35 countries with more than 50 million global viewers in more than 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 \$10 million to various beneficiaries including Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Barrett Cancer Center at UC and Tennis for City Youth. For more information, visit [www.wsopen.com](http://www.wsopen.com).*

#### **About the US Open Series**

*Now in its 16th season, the world's best players on the WTA and ATP Tour are coming together for the US Open Series. Linking six summer WTA and ATP Tour tournaments to the US Open, the US Open Series serves as a true "regular season" of hard court tennis. Featuring a cohesive schedule, the Series centralizes the way tennis is viewed in North America, across multiple television and digital platforms. Fans will see today's top champions go head-to-head with tomorrow's emerging stars, as storylines develop throughout the summer season. Each tournament also engages its local community with a variety of outreach initiatives, including grass-roots youth tennis clinics and activities.*

#### **About the WTA**

*Founded on the principle of equal opportunity for women in sports by Billie Jean King in 1973, the WTA is the global leader in women's professional sport with more than 1,800 players representing 85 nations competing for a record \$164 million in prize money. In 2018, the WTA was watched by a record breaking global audience of 600 million. The 2019 WTA competitive season includes 55 events and four Grand Slams in 29 countries, culminating with the WTA Finals in Shenzhen, China, offering an unprecedented \$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**

*The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 63 tournaments in 30 countries, the ATP Tour showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2019 ATP Tour will battle for prestigious titles and ATP Rankings points at ATP Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams will qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the Nitto ATP Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event will officially crown the 2019 ATP Tour No. 1. For more information, please visit [www.ATPTour.com](http://www.ATPTour.com).*

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