

What to look for in Today's Matches



Noon: [3] Nouran Gohar (Egypt, age 22, rank 3) vs. Alexandra Fuller (South Africa, age 26, rank 41)

Gohar made a breakthrough at the ToC in 2016—her first major semifinal appearance. After hovering in the middle of the top ten rankings in 2017 and 2018, the Cairo native made another breakthrough last year by winning both the British Open and U.S. Open. A ToC title would be the perfect start to her world No. 1 aspirations in 2020.

12:45: [3] Karim Abdel Gawad (Egypt, age 28, rank 4) vs. Iker Pajares Bernabeu (Spain, age 23, rank 31)

Gawad has spent the past four years in the world's top ten and even reached world No. 1 for one month shortly after his 2017 ToC title. However, he has been one of the more inconsistent men's top players—capable of beating anyone in the world, but also susceptible to lapses. Making his ToC glass court debut, the talented young Spaniard will hope to catch Gawad off guard in his opening match.

2:00: [5] Camille Serme (France, age 30, rank 5) vs. Rowan Elaraby (Egypt, age 19, rank 21)

An intriguing first-time encounter between a veteran and one of many up and coming Egyptians. Serme's last major title came in Grand Central three years ago, and the highest-ranked non-Egyptian will be aiming to prove she still belongs at the top of the game. Elaraby, a two-time world junior champion, will be targeting a top five upset to prove her ambition.

2:45: James Willstrop (England, age 36, rank 18) vs. Greg Lobban (Scotland, age 27, rank 26)

The English marksman has remarkably only missed one ToC (in 2015) since his debut in Grand Central in 2003, and while his legs may not be what they used to be, his racquet control remains impeccable. The Scot will need to rely on his endurance and using all four corners of the court to notch his first win over Willstrop in his fifth attempt.

5:00: Raneem El Welily (Egypt, age 31, rank 1) vs. Coline Aumard (France, age 30, rank 34)

As Egyptian women's squash grows into its golden era, El Welily serves as its trailblazer and standard bearer. With the likes of El Sherbini, Gohar, El Tayeb and Serme nipping at her heels, El Welily will be focused on a second ToC title run to reassert her world No. 1 status.

5:45: [7] Diego Elias (Peru, age 23, rank 6) vs. Joel Makin (Wales, age 25, rank 12)

Most squash fans will view this match up as the match of the day as two of the tour's most in-form players collide in the second round. Both players ooze potential Top 5 in the world and seem to be getting closer to making a major title breakthrough with every tournament. The Peruvian will be the more confident of the two having won all three previous encounters, including a fifty-minute 3-0 win during October's U.S. Open.

7:30: [7] Amanda Sobhy (USA, age 26, rank 7) vs. Emily Whitlock (England, age 25, rank 27)

Sobhy—the 2016 finalist—will be keen to use the home crowd support to her advantage as she hopes to make another late run at the ToC in the prime of her career. Now back at full fitness, Sobhy will view the ToC as the perfect catalyst to fulfill her top 5 potential. While Sobhy enjoyed a first round bye, Whitlock will already be up to pace following a decisive 3-0 win on Friday.

8:15: [2] Mohamed ElShorbagy (Egypt, age 28, rank 2) vs. Ryan Cuskelly (Australia, age 32, rank 16)

The last time these two players met in Grand Central during the ToC second round, Cuskelly pulled off perhaps the best result of his career—a 90-minute five-game upset over the 'Beast of Alexandria'. The Aussie southpaw will hope to replicate that performance, while ElShorbagy will aim to start a third ToC title run that could spark his return to world No. 1 in 2020.

9:00: [6] Simon Rösner (Germany, age 32, rank 7) vs. Campbell Grayson (New Zealand, age 33, rank 28)

Like Cuskelly, Rösner's career moment thus far occurred in Grand Central—a remarkable 2018 ToC title run that was his first (and only) Platinum title. The two veterans have only met once before on the PSA World Tour in 2008, and their playing styles could make for a late night for both the players and spectators.



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As squash enthusiasts compete in the Grand Open throughout the city today, they will have nine J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions matches to draw inspiration from. Three past ToC champions begin what they hope will be their second ToC title run in world No. 1 Raneem El Welily, Karim Abdel Gawad and Simon Rösner. Mohamed ElShorbagy (right), the 2019 finalist, aims for a third title, while home favorite Amanda Sobhy (left) will hope to go one better than her 2016 final run.

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