

What to look for in Today's Matches



12:00: [8] Sarah-Jane Perry (England, age 29, rank 8) vs. Sabrina Sobhy (USA, age 23, rank 39)

The American is the lowest-ranked player left in the tournament and brimming with confidence after two top-twenty upsets to reach her first career ToC third round. Sobhy will need her shot-making to translate on the glass court after two matches on traditional courts to have a chance at her first career top ten upset against the imposing Englishwoman.

12:45: [4] Nour El Tayeb (Egypt, age 26, rank 4) vs. [14] Salma Hany (Egypt, age 23, rank 14)

Hany has enjoyed success in Grand Central in the past, upsetting Laura Massaro last year to reach what was her only Platinum quarterfinal appearance to date. El Tayeb, a 2018 ToC finalist and 2019 semifinalist, will be favored with a 5-0 head-to-head record and two decisive 3-0 victories against her younger compatriot in 2019.

2:00: [6] Joelle King (New Zealand, age 31, rank 6) vs. [12] Joshna Chinappa (India, age 33, rank 12)

Both players enjoyed a smooth start to the tournament with 3-0 second round wins, and will be up for the fight. While King holds an 8-3 head-to-head lead, Chinappa has won two of their last three encounters since 2018—including a best-of-three upset during September's Oracle NetSuite Open. King will look to avenge that loss to reach her second straight ToC quarterfinals.

2:45: [2] Nour El Sherbini (Egypt, age 24, rank 2) vs. Olivia Blatchford Clyne (USA, age 26, rank 17)

A rematch of the 2019 ToC third round, the world champion understandably enters this match as the heavy favorite to extend her 6-0 record against the Wilton, Connecticut-native. Blatchford Clyne only spent one game on the glass in the second round due to Tesni Evans' injury. She looked sharp in that game and will need to replicate that pace to push El Sherbini as much as possible.

5:00: [1] Raneem El Welily (Egypt, age 31, rank 1) vs. [5] Camille Serme (France, age 30, rank 5)

Both El Welily, the 2015 champion, and Serme, the 2017 champion, have competed in every ToC since 2014, but have never crossed paths in Grand Central until now. The world No. 1 has been on cruise control so far, unlike Serme who overcame two difficult matches against young Egyptians. Serme will need to be in her best form to have a chance of notching what would be just her fourth win in their twenty-first PSA match.

5:45: [4] Tarek Momen (Egypt, age 31, rank 3) vs. Mostafa Asal (Egypt, age 18, rank 21)

The eighteen-year-old has been the tournament's surprise package so far by recording a top ten upset against Mohamed Abouelghar and spoiling Gregory Gaultier's comeback party. The world champion will be his biggest test so far, but based on his ambitious style of attacking squash this week, even the world's best could be troubled by the starlet.

7:30: [3] Nouran Gohar (Egypt, age 22, rank 3) vs. [13] Alison Waters (England, age 35, rank 13)

Gohar reached the quarterfinals with two clinical performances and will be favored in her recent vein of form. Waters, the 2015 ToC finalist, did notch two wins over Gohar in 2018, but the Egyptian's game has developed significantly in the past two years—so much that she is considered a top three title favorite.

8:15: [1] Ali Farag (Egypt, age 27, rank 1) vs. [5] Paul Coll (New Zealand, age 27, rank 5)

Last year, Farag tamed 'Superman' in three games and fifty-minutes during his title run in the quarterfinals. Coll—then world No. 7—now sits at a career high world No. 5 as the highest-ranked non-Egyptian. After reaching the World Championship final in November, Coll could be on the verge of making a breakthrough against the world's top four and winning his first Platinum title. The Kiwi's only career win against Farag took place in Grand Central in 2017, but he has lost all ten encounters since.



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Tuesday is the first of two quarterfinal days at the 2020 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions with four semifinalists set to be determined during the last two sessions. Only three quarterfinalists defied the seeding to reach the last eight so far, but we've now reached the business end of the tournament where anything can happen. Both five seeds, Coll (left) and Serme (right), are the world's highest ranked non-Egyptians and will attempt to stun the two Egyptian world No. 1's.

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