

What to look for in Today's Matches



2:00: [5] Camille Serme (France, age 30, rank 5) vs. [16] Yathreb Adel (Egypt, age 23, rank 16)

The 2017 ToC champion survived a five-game scare Saturday against nineteen-year-old Egyptian Rowan Elaraby and will be motivated to avoid another extended match. The Egyptian has challenged the top players with her shot-making before and will be in search of a third career Platinum quarterfinal appearance. Serme is unbeaten in their four previous matchups.

2:45: [1] Raneem El Welily (Egypt, age 31, rank 1) vs. [13] Annie Au (Hong Kong, age 30, rank 11)

Au, a proponent of the lob-drop philosophy, should be more of a challenge to El Welily than her first-round opponent Coline Aumard, who the Egyptian dispatched in twenty-two minutes. El Welily will still be expected to comfortably progress, however, having only dropped two games in her seven career victories against Au.

4:00: [3] Nouran Gohar (Egypt, age 22, rank 3) vs. [10] Hania El Hammamy (Egypt, age 19, rank 10)

The potential match of the day sees two young top-ten Egyptians clash for just the second time on the PSA World Tour. Gohar, who relies on power perhaps more than any other woman on tour, will hope to overwhelm the nineteen-year-old with her strength and pace. The 2019 world junior champion has been continually improving as she matures and has already pulled off a few top five upsets—but never against Gohar.

4:45: [6] Simon Rösner (Germany, age 32, rank 7) vs. Saurav Ghosal (India, age 33, rank 13)

The two veterans had contrasting opening matches with Rösner comfortably taking out Campbell Grayson in three and Ghosal outlasted Cesar Salazar in a five-game battle. The Indian needed five games in his only two previous wins over the German in their seven meetings, and his legs will need to put in a serious shift to push the 'Tree Chopper'.

5:30: [3] Karim Abdel Gawad (Egypt, age 28, rank 4) vs. Declan James (England, age 26, rank 27)

Last month, these two players put on a 107-minute epic representing Egypt and England in the WSF Men's World Team Championship final in Washington, DC—a match that will be fresh in both player's minds. James elevated his game to new heights in that match and will need to put in another stellar shift to finally get his first win over Gawad in his fourth attempt.

7:30: [2] Mohamed ElShorbagy (Egypt, age 27, rank 2) vs. Gregoire Marche (France, age 29, rank 14)

The two-time ToC champion has never lost against the acrobatic Frenchman in six PSA matches, but needed nearly an hour to win their last two encounters in 2018—a testament to Marche continuing to refine his game in his late twenties. Don't be surprised to see Marche dive around the court to try and keep up with ElShorbagy's renowned barrage of attacking squash.

8:15: [13] Alison Waters (England, age 35, rank 13) vs. Emily Whitlock (England, age 25, rank 27)

Whitlock stunned world No. 7 Amanda Sobhy in one of the tournament's biggest upsets Saturday night, displaying her fitness and accurate short game. She will be keen to show how much she has improved since her 2019 first-round ToC loss against Waters—the 2015 ToC finalist.

9:00: Joel Makin (Wales, age 25, rank 12) vs. James Willstrop (England, age 36, rank 18)

While they have competed against each other in English league and European team play, this will be Makin and Willstrop's first PSA match. Makin's impressive win over Diego Elias Saturday will see him favored over the English marksman and former world No. 1. Makin's endurance may need to be called upon again if Willstrop's shot-making is in as good of form as it was on Saturday.



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The 2020 J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions is down to the last sixteen and will now test ToC legacies against ambition. Monday's lineup includes six former ToC champions in Serme, El Welily, Rösner, Gawad, ElShorbagy and Willstrop. Gohar (left) will aim to add the ToC to her expanding list of accolades, but will be tested by an ascending world junior champion. After a statement win over Diego Elias, Makin (right) will hope to make his Platinum tournament breakthrough in Grand Central.

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