



ARIZONA TENNIS CLASSIC: MARCH 20 MATCH NOTES

Phoenix Country Club | Phoenix, AZ, USA | 14-20 March 2022

Draw: S-32, D-16 | ATP Challenger 125 | Prize Money: \$159,360 | Surface: Outdoor Hard

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ALTMAYER VS. KUDLA ON CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

Championship Sunday has arrived at the Arizona Tennis Classic, with Germany's Daniel Altmaier set to face Virginia native Denis Kudla. Exactly one month ago, the pair met in the final round of qualifying at the ATP 500 event in Acapulco, with Altmaier prevailing.

○ SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Daniel Altmaier (GER) [Rank: 79; Age: 23] – The 23-year-old Altmaier enjoyed a breakout campaign last year, en route to his Top 100 debut in the ATP Rankings. He currently sits at a career-high No. 79 after concluding his 2021 season with his third ATP Challenger Tour title, prevailing on the hard courts of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The German has since carried the momentum to 2022, blasting into the final in Phoenix with the loss of just one set.

Denis Kudla (USA) [Rank: 102; Age: 29] – The Virginia native Kudla is into his first final of the year after surviving countryman J.J. Wolf in a deciding tie-break on Saturday. He rallied from a set down to defeat Wolf 6-7(3), 6-4, 7-6(3) after nearly three hours. Born in Kiev, Ukraine, Kudla is not fazed by the moment, having reached the fourth round at Wimbledon in 2015, en route to a career-high No. 53 in the ATP Rankings. A title in Phoenix would go a long way towards once again cementing himself in the Top 100.

ATP Rankings Update – Altmaier would climb to a career-high No. 59 with the title and a career-high No. 69 even with a final loss. Kudla would rise to No. 84 with the title and No. 95 with a runner-up finish.

Head-to-Head – Altmaier won their lone previous meeting, at the ATP 500 event in Acapulco, Mexico, last month. He rallied from a set down to prevail 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Past Finals

Altmaier: This is Altmaier's sixth ATP Challenger Tour final, winning three times (all in 2021) on the clay of Braunschweig, Germany and Luedenscheid, Germany, as well as on the hard courts of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Kudla: This is Kudla's 18th ATP Challenger Tour final, winning on seven previous occasions over the last decade. His most recent title came in Cary, North Carolina, in 2020.

Stat of the Day – Altmaier and Kudla have enjoyed their share of success at the next level, with both players reaching the Round of 16 at a Grand Slam tournament. Altmaier stunned Matteo Berrettini en route to the second week at the 2020 French Open, while Kudla upset Alexander Zverev to advance as far at Wimbledon in 2015.

○ DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Denis Kudla (USA)/Treat Huey (PHI) vs. Oscar Otte (GER)/Jan-Lennard Struff (GER):

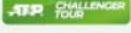
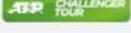
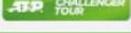
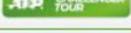
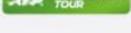
Kudla, who is also in the singles final, teams up with former Univ. of Virginia standout Huey. Individually, Huey is the most accomplished doubles player of the group, with 8 ATP Tour titles and a semifinal appearance at Wimbledon in 2016 (w/Max Mirnyi). On the other side of the net, Otte and Struff are both Top 100 in singles and are playing doubles together for the first time. They stunned World No. 1s Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavic on Saturday.

WHAT IS THE ATP CHALLENGER TOUR?

The ATP Challenger Tour is the second-highest level of men's professional tennis in the world. Since its inception in 1978, competition on the tour has been intense, with players fighting for critical ATP Rankings points and prize money. These tournaments (more than 150 events in 40 countries) give fans the excitement of watching world class tennis in a smaller, more intimate setting.

The purpose of the ATP Challenger Tour is to provide opportunities for players to develop their talents and skills from a young age, while gaining valuable experience against strong competition. The circuit has been the first step for the sport's most accomplished stars, including Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. Regardless of talent and potential, every player must work their way up the ATP Rankings, as they strive to reach the Top 100 and compete on the ATP Tour and in Grand Slam tournaments.

TOURNAMENT LEVEL		WINNER	FINALIST
Grand Slam		2000	1200
ATP Masters 1000		1000	600
ATP 500		500	300
ATP 250		250	150

Challenger 125		125	75
Challenger 110		110	65
Challenger 100		100	60
Challenger 90		90	55
Challenger 80		80	48
Challenger 50		50	30