

The MGM Slam Presented by Capital One and The CW Network Announce Broadcast Rights Agreement

Taylor Fritz, Tommy Paul, Casper Ruud, Nick Kyrgios, Joao Fonseca, Gael Monfils, Reilly Opelka and Alexander Bublik to Take the Court Hall of Famer Ted Robinson and Tennis Host Chris McKendry Will Call the Action from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas Sunday, March 1

LAS VEGAS (January 27, 2026) – The MGM Slam Presented by Capital One and The CW Network today announced that they have reached a broadcast rights agreement enabling the network to carry the \$1 million prize event live, Sunday, March 1, at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

The third annual event will feature an elite group of eight men's professional tennis players, led by top-ranked American and ATP world No. 9 **Taylor Fritz**. The 10-point tiebreaker knockout singles-format event also features fellow American and world No. 20 **Tommy Paul**; and a third world Top 10-ranked player, Kazakhstan's **Alexander Bublik**, who recently won the ATP Hong Kong Open. Currently playing in the Australian Open in Melbourne, the year's first Grand Slam event, Norwegian superstar **Casper Ruud**, popular Australian Open star **Nick Kyrgios**, Brazilian's fan favorite **Joao Fonseca** and entertaining Frenchman **Gael Monfils** also will participate in The MGM Slam.

Three-time Emmy Award-winning and Hall of Fame announcer **Ted Robinson** will deliver live coverage while popular tennis analyst **Chris McKendry** will handle host reporting duties for the LIVE telecast scheduled to air from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. EST / 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. PST.

"The MGM Slam adds yet another world-class sport in tennis to The CW's rapidly expanding sports lineup," said **Mike Perman**, Senior Vice President of Sports, The CW Network. "We are thrilled to welcome passionate tennis fans from across the country to experience this high-stakes, fast-paced tournament featuring many of the top ranked men in the world."

Tickets can be purchased on [AXS.com](https://www.axs.com). Capital One customers also can experience the weekend like a VIP, with packages including a two-night hotel stay, tickets to The MGM Slam, The MGM Slam After Party and exclusive access throughout their stay available on Capital One Entertainment.

Robinson has spent more than four decades covering a variety of sports, serving as the lead play-by-play announcer for Pac-12 football on The CW since 2024. He has worked with NBC, Tennis Channel and USA Network calling dozens of major tennis events including the French Open, U.S. Open, Wimbledon and the Gold Medal match at the 2012 Olympics. In total, he has called 15 Olympic Games and was inducted into the California Sports Hall of Fame in 2022.

McKendry is a longtime ESPN tennis host who, this year, will be serving as a play-by-play announcer for ESPN's Australian Open coverage, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. McKendry is a past regional Sports Emmy Award winner and was the first woman to work as a TV sports news anchor in Washington, D.C. She grew up in the Philadelphia area and played on an NCAA Division I tennis scholarship for Drexel University.

The MGM Slam Presented by Capital One joins a growing roster of sports on The CW, including the full 33-race season of the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series, which returns for a new year of high-octane racing Saturday, Feb. 14, from the legendary Daytona International Speedway. The network also is home to WWE NXT live every Tuesday night, ACC and Pac-12 college football and basketball games and will air 10 consecutive weeks of PBA professional bowling tournaments beginning Sunday, Feb. 22. Overall, The CW broadcast nearly 400 hours of live sports in 2025 and reached 45 million viewers across all live sporting events, according to Nielsen.

The MGM Slam Presented by Capital One is produced by MGM Resorts Live Event Ventures which is focused on seeking out and creating new-to-market live sports and entertainment programming including MLB Awards and Players Era Festival.

About T-Mobile Arena

T-Mobile Arena, the 20,000-seat venue located on the Las Vegas Strip between Park MGM and New York-New York, opened April 6, 2016. The arena hosts more than 100 events annually including major headline entertainment, awards shows, UFC,



boxing, basketball and other sporting events, family shows and special events. T-Mobile Arena also is the home of the Vegas Golden Knights, a National Hockey League expansion team and the city's first professional sports team, as well as UFC's exclusive Las Vegas arena destination. The venue, named the No. 1 venue on *Billboard Magazine's* 2018 Arena Power List as well as the "Best New Major Concert Venue" by *Pollstar Magazine* in 2016, features 50 luxury suites, more than two dozen private loge boxes, complete broadcast facilities, and other specially designed exclusive hospitality offerings and fan amenities destined to create a guest experience second to none. Toshiba Plaza, an adjacent two-acre outdoor entertainment space, features performance stages, a variety of video screens and other interactive content and display areas. Designed and built to prioritize environmental sustainability, T-Mobile Arena was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council in 2016. T-Mobile Arena is a privately funded joint venture between AEG and MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM). For more information, visit T-MobileArena.com or follow on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#).

About The CW Network

The CW is America's fifth major broadcast network and reaches 100% of US television households. The CW delivers 15 hours of primetime entertainment programming per week in addition to nearly 400 hours of sports per year as the broadcast home to the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series, WWE NXT, ACC football and basketball games, Pac-12 football games, AVP beach volleyball and PBR Team Series events. The fully ad-supported CW App, with more than 100 million downloads to date, is available for free to consumers on all major platforms and is home to the latest episodes and seasons of The CW's primetime programming and a library of entertaining film and television content for on-demand viewing. The CW is 75%-owned by Nexstar Media Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: NXST), a leading diversified media company and largest CW affiliate group. For more information about The CW, please visit www.cwtv.com.

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