

Alcaraz beats Djokovic, reaches 3rd straight Grand Slam final

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NEW YORK — Carlos Alcaraz used his youth, athleticism and creativity to assert himself against the much more accomplished, but also much older, Novak Djokovic and beat the 24-time major champion 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2 at the U.S. Open on Friday for a berth in his third consecutive Grand Slam final.

By the end, Djokovic was “gassed out,” as he described it afterward, and seemed resigned to the result. The 38-year-old from Serbia reached the semifinals at all four Slams this season but exited in that round each time, three via losses to No. 2 Alcaraz, 22, or No. 1 Jan-nik Sinner, 24.

“It’s frustrating on the court when you are not able to keep up with that level physically, but at the same time, it’s something also expected, I guess,” Djokovic said. “It comes with time and with age.”

Alcaraz will face either defending champion Sinner or No. 25 Felix Auger-Aliassime for the championship on Sunday, when President Donald Trump plans to attend. Sinner could become the first repeat men’s champion in New York since Roger Federer won the hard-court tournament five years in a row from 2004 through 2008.

Alcaraz is seeking his sixth major title and second at Flushing Meadows. He defeated Sinner at the French Open in June and lost to his rival at Wimbledon in July.

Djokovic’s bid to become the first player in the sport’s history to get Slam No. 25 was blocked again, and he thinks part of the issue is trying to overcome much younger men in best-of-five set matches.

“I still want to play ... (a) full Grand Slam season next year,” Djokovic said. “Let’s see whether that’s



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Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, hugs Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, after losing to Alcaraz in the men’s singles semi-finals of the U.S. Open tennis championships Friday in New York.

going to happen or not, but ... Slams are Slams. They are just different from any other tournament. They are the pillars of our sport, the most important tournaments we have. But I do fancy my chances a bit more in best-of-three.”

Alcaraz and Sinner have combined to collect the past seven major championships and nine of the last 12. Djokovic won the other three in that span, most recently at the 2023 U.S. Open.

Djokovic’s shots were not quite on-target early

and, but for a brief inter-lude in the second set, his usual verve was not present. He rolled his eyes after one miss, grimaced after another. At changeovers, he flexed or stretched his neck, which bothered him earlier in the tournament, and also was looked at by a trainer.

There also was the occasional bit of brilliance, including a two-handed backhand passing shot that drew raucous roars from the crowd, which often cried out his nickname, “No-le!” and

seemed to want to will him to at least make things more competitive, if not win.

Djokovic celebrated by strutting to his towel box while shaking his right hand over and over, as though to say, “Hoo-boy! How nice was that?”

Djokovic even managed to steal one of Alcaraz’s service games while taking a 3-0 lead in the second set. Might this portend a long, tight match?

Nope. Alcaraz immediately snapped to, taking the next three games, including one scooped cross-court forehand passing winner that was so superb even Djokovic felt compelled to applaud with his racket.

Alcaraz never faced another break point. That’s quite an accomplishment. As Alcaraz said shortly before completing the walk from the locker room to the Ashe court: “Now I am facing one of

the best returners ever, if not the best.”

Alcaraz finished with 30 unforced errors, the same total as his opponent. But the performance was more than good enough.

“Today, I’d say, it wasn’t the best level of the tournament for me,” Alcaraz said, “but I just kept a cool level (from) the beginning until the last point.”

He was wearing a pink, sleeveless shirt and now sporting nearly a full head of hair less than two weeks after showing up for his first-round match with a buzz cut he said was necessary when his brother tried to give him a cut but messed up.



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City of Pembroke
222 South Main Street
Pembroke, KY 42266

A public hearing shall occur at the City of Pembroke City Hall, 222 Main Street, Pembroke, Kentucky at 5:45pm (CDT) on September 15, 2025, regarding the proposed tax rates for 2025.


The general tax fund levy for FY 2024 was 20.6 cents (per \$100) on real property and 20.6 cents (per \$100) on personal property. The revenue generated from the 2024 real property tax was \$110,234.00 and \$15,814.00 from personal property tax. The compensating tax rate for fiscal year 2025 is 20.5 cents (per \$100) on real property and 20.6 cents (per \$100) on personal property. The compensating tax rates for 2025 would generate \$110,234.00 of revenue from real property and \$15,814.00 from personal property. The proposed tax rates are 21.4 cents (per \$100) on real property and 21.4 cents (per \$100) on personal property. The proposed tax rates are expected to generate revenue of \$114,877.00 from real property and \$16,952.00 from personal property, of this amount \$16,952.00 is from new and personal property. The general areas to which revenue in excess of the revenue produced in the proceeding fiscal year will be allocated to the general fund. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rates. The General Assembly has required publication and advertisement of the information herein.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE


Todd County Fiscal Court will be meeting September 12, 2025 at 8:50 am in the courtroom for tax hearing pertaining to tax rates. Todd County tax rates will remain the same as last year. Following at 9:00 am the second reading of ORDINANCE #25-5. A complete copy of ORDINANCE #25-5 may be obtained at the Todd County Judge Executive Office/ Todd County Treasurer Office during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.



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On December 18, 2024, I was appointed as Warning Order Attorney by Order of the Christian Circuit Court, Hopkinsville, KY, in the above-listed case. The purpose of my appointment is to notify you of the nature and pendency of the action, which has been filed against you. Should you contact me I will happily provide a copy of the documents that I have received.


The purpose of this ad is to notify you that this action has been filed, that you are a party Defendant, and that you need to take action to protect your rights in this matter. This is a foreclosure case involving real estate you may have an interest in. It is very important that you do not ignore this issue as your rights are at stake.

By appointment as your Warning Order Attorney, I am not your attorney. If you desire the services of an attorney, you must make arrangements to have one represent you. My appointment is for notification purposes only.

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If you have any questions, you may call me at 270-693-7155 or by email at michael@mwc-law.org.

Michael W. Cotthoff
Attorney at Law



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

CHRISTINE HOOGENBOOM, Plaintiff, against David Brice, et al., Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00693

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on June 27, 2025 in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION on Monday, September 8, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 3410 Hermitage Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 761, Page 250, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 2,600.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 1% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Bouchillon Law Office, LLC.
Louisville, KY.
Counsel for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

PLANTERS BANK, INC., Plaintiff, against Mark Sivils, et al., Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00335

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on July 1, 2025 in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION on Monday, September 8, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 2008 McHenry Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 806, Page 666, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 25,100.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

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Ison & Cavanah, LLP
Hopkinsville, KY.
Counsel for Plaintiff


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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

CHARTER GROUP, LLC., Plaintiff, against Brian C. Schmidt, et al., Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00249

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on July 29, 2025 in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON**, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION on Monday, September 8, 2025, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 434 Pacific Ave, Oak Grove, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 626, Page 488, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 4,100.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all *ad valorem* taxes for 2025, *et seq.*

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Albrektsen & Wakid, LLC.
Crestwood, KY.
Counsel for Plaintiff

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