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On court today...

- Novak Djokovic created yet more history here in 2023, claiming his 10th title here with a straight sets victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final, seeing him equal Rafael Nadal's tally of 22 Grand Slam men's singles titles. After adding his 23rd and 24th major titles at Roland Garros and the US Open last year, Djokovic begins his campaign to become the first player to win 25 Grand Slam singles titles on Rod Laver Arena this evening – and he does so in a generational clash with 18-year-old qualifier Dino Prizmic, who makes his Grand Slam debut today. Djokovic made his Grand Slam debut at the 2005 Australian Open, nearly 7 months before Prizmic was born in August 2005. Should Prizmic record a the unlikeliest of upset victories tonight, Djokovic would become the first defending champion to lose in the 1st round here since Boris Becker in 1997.
- No. 4 seed Jannik Sinner opens play on RLA, with the Italian making his first competitive appearance since leading his nation to the Davis Cup title in November. He faces Dutch world No. 59 Botić van de Zandschulp, a tough competitor who has reached the quarterfinals at the US Open before, for the first time. After reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at Wimbledon last year, Sinner be looking to go at least one better this season. Should he reach his first Grand Slam final this fortnight, he would become the first Italian player in history to reach an Australian Open singles' final.
- Andrey Rublev's match against Thiago Seyboth Wild is up second on Margaret Court Arena today, with the world No. 5 arriving in Melbourne as one of the select group of players to have already secured a title in the new year. He won his 15th Tour-level title at Hong Kong last week, and the 9-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist will hope to finally break his last 8 curse here this year. First he must find a way past Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild, who makes his Australian Open debut. Despite the Brazilian's inexperience, Rublev will not take him lightly, after the 23-year-old defeated Rublev's close friend Daniil Medvedev in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros in one of the biggest upsets at the Grand Slams last year.
- The final match of the day on MCA sees No. 17 seed Frances Tiafoe up against Borna Ćorić. Tiafoe is a former quarterfinalist here, having reached the last 8 in 2019, but the American will be keen to improve on his 3rd round finish in 2023. Meanwhile, Ćorić is looking to reach the 2nd round here for just the 3rd time in 9 appearances at the Australian Open. The pair have met once before, more than 5 years ago and on a different surface, but also in a best-of-5-set encounter – and that clash went the distance, with Ćorić winning in 5 sets in the decisive fifth match of Croatia's 2018 Davis Cup semifinal against USA.

NO. 1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v (Q) DINO PRIZMIC (CRO)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Djokovic has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 178 Prizmic. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic at a Grand Slam is No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017.

Djokovic has won all 24 matches he has played against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including straight-sets victories in 4 of the 5 matches he has played against qualifiers at the Australian Open, only dropping a set against Enzo Couacaud in the 2nd round here last year. He has a 91-7 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

DJOKOVIC	v	PRIZMIC
36	Age	18
1	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	178
98	Titles	0
361-48	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
89-8	Australian Open Record	0-0
1089-214	Career Record	3-6
690-124	Career Record - Hard	1-3
2-1	2024 Record	0-0
2-1	2024 Record - Hard	0-0
38-11	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
324-167	Career Tiebreak Record	0-1
0-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 17th consecutive year. This is his 19th Australian Open appearance and his 73rd Grand Slam overall.
- The Australian Open is **the only Grand Slam event where Djokovic has lost in the 1st round**. He fell in the 1st round on his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier here in 2005 (l. Marat Safin) and again in 2006 (l. Paul Goldstein).
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Roger Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 before winning the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem) and 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who has won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic has **won his last 28 Australian Open matches**. He has not lost an Australian Open match since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and last year. He did not compete here in 2022.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He would also extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- At 36 years 251 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Ken Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is also bidding to win his **5th Grand Slam title since turning 35 and his 13th Grand Slam title since turning 30**, extending his Open Era records for both feats.
- Djokovic **won 3 Grand Slam titles in 2023**. In addition to his title here, he also won the titles at Roland Garros (d. Casper Ruud) and the US Open (d. Medvedev). He finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- Djokovic's **other highlights in 2023** were winning the titles at Adelaide 1 (d. Sebastian Korda), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Alcaraz), Paris-1000 (d. Grigor Dimitrov) and the ATP Finals (d. Jannik Sinner). With a total of 7 titles, he led the Tour for most titles won in 2023.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Djokovic represented Serbia at the United Cup, where the team reached the quarterfinals before falling to Australia. He won singles matches against China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen and Czechia's Jiri Lehecka but fell to Australia's Alex de Minaur. His defeat to De Minaur ended a 43-match winning streak in Australia, having previously not lost in Australia since falling to Chung in the round of 16 here in 2018.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **99th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**. He will begin his 408th week as world No. 1 on Monday. He returned to No. 1 after winning the US Open in September and has remained at No. 1 since then. He is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, alongside Alcaraz and Medvedev.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004, and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation's first Davis Cup title. He has a 40-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 44-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. His 21-match Davis Cup singles winning streak ended during Serbia's semifinal defeat to Italy in November last year, when he fell to Sinner in 3 sets.
- Djokovic is coached by Goran Ivanisevic, who reached the quarterfinals here in 1989, 1994 and 1997.
- Qualifier **PRIZMIC** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- Prizmic defeated No. 18 seed Mariano Navone (ARG) 57 63 62, Duje Ajdukovic (CRO) 75 60 and Aziz Dougaz (TUN) 63 64 in the 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. It was his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam event – he was ranked too low to enter any Grand Slam qualifying events in 2023.
- Prizmic is bidding to record his **4th Tour-level match-win**. His only match-wins at Tour-level came in a quarterfinal finish as a wild card at 2023 Umag, where he defeated Ajdukovic and Zsombor Piros before falling to Alexei Popyrin, and as a qualifier at 2023 Stockholm (d. Jiri Lehecka, I. Elias Ymer).
- Prizmic **won his first Challenger title** at the 2023 Banja Luka Challenger (BIH) (d. Kimmer Coppejans). He also reached quarterfinals at 7 other Challenger events in 2023 and won a title on the ITF World Tennis Tour at M15 Porec (CRO) (d. Mirko Martinez).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Prizmic reached the 2nd round at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (d. Radu Albot, I. Brandon Nakashima).
- Prizmic is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced at any level is No. 30 Lehecka, whom he defeated in the 1st round at Stockholm last year.
- Prizmic **broke the Top 200 for the first time** in August last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 155 in October. He plays here at No. 178.
- Prizmic is the **current Roland Garros boys' singles champion**, defeating Juan Carlos Prado Angelo in the 2023 boys' singles final – it was the only junior event he contested in 2023. He contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2022, reaching the 3rd round (I. Daniel Vallejo).
- Prizmic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Croatia at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September. He lost both singles matches he contested, falling to USA's Mackenzie McDonald and Finland's Otto Virtanen. Croatia will play at home against Belgium in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Prizmic is coached by Miro Hrvatin.

NO. 4 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v BOTIC VAN DE ZANDSCHULP (NED)

Head-to-head: first meeting

SINNER	v	VAN DE ZANDSCHULP
22	Age	28
4	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	59
11	Titles	0
38-16	Career Grand Slam Record	17-12
8-4	Australian Open Record	3-3
190-74	Career Record	79-67
129-46	Career Record - Hard	53-45
0-0	2024 Record	2-2
0-0	2024 Record - Hard	2-2
5-7	Career Five-Set Record	5-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
62-46	Career Tiebreak Record	40-26
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-2

- **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions** – including once at the Australian Open, in 2021, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in 5 sets. He also lost in the 1st round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at the 2019 US Open (l. Stan Wawrinka) and at the 2020 US Open (l. Karen Khachanov) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics).
- **Last year here**, Sinner reached the round of 16. He defeated Kyle Edmund, Tomas Martin Etcheverry and Fucsovics before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas.
- Sinner's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022 (l. Tsitsipas).
- Sinner's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon last year (l. Novak Djokovic). He has reached at least the quarterfinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments and is one of only 2 Italian men, alongside Matteo Berrettini to have achieved the feat. In addition to his quarterfinal finish here in 2022, he also reached the quarterfinals at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal), 2022 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) and the 2022 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Sinner reached the round of 16 at the US Open, where he defeated Yannick Hanfmann, Lorenzo Sonego and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Alexander Zverev, but fell in the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Alexandre Muller, l. Daniel Altmaier).
- At 22 years 165 days, Sinner is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Sinner's **best result in 2023** was winning his first Masters-1000 level title at Toronto-1000 (d. Alex de Minaur) in his 3rd Masters-1000 final. He also won the titles at Montpellier (d. Maxime Cressy), Beijing (d. Medvedev) and Vienna (d. Medvedev) and finished runner-up at Rotterdam (l. Medvedev), Miami-1000 (l. Medvedev) and the ATP Finals (l. Djokovic).
- Sinner is contesting his **first match of 2024 today**.
- Sinner has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – his only victory in a 5-set match here came against Fucsovics in the 3rd round last year, when he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets for the only time in his career to date. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Tsitsipas in the round of 16 last year. He has a 5-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sinner reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 after winning the title at Beijing in October last year. He plays here at the same ranking.

- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys' singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).
- Sinner **led Italy to their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**, winning all 5 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 11-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. As defending champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- **VAN DE ZANDSCHULP** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd straight year. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 13th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Van de Zandschulp reached the 2nd round (d. Ilya Ivashka, l. Tallon Griekspoor).
- Van de Zandschulp's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022, when he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff and Richard Gasquet before falling to Daniil Medvedev. He has lost in the 1st round here once before – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2021 (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- Van de Zandschulp's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at the 2021 US Open (l. Medvedev). He became (and remains) the 3rd qualifier in the Open Era to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the US Open – after Nicolas Escude (1999) and Gilles Muller (2008) – and the first Dutchman to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Sjeng Schalken at 2004 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Van de Zandschulp reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Zhang Zhizhen, l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and the US Open (d. Jordan Thompson, l. Daniel Evans) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante).
- Van de Zandschulp's **best result in 2023** was reaching his 2nd Tour-level final at Munich (l. Holger Rune). His only other appearance in a Tour-level final also came at Munich in 2022, when he retired due to illness against Rune. Elsewhere in 2023, he reached the semifinals at Pune (l. Benjamin Bonzi) and the quarterfinals at Dubai (l. Andrey Rublev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Van de Zandschulp reached the 2nd round at both Hong Kong (d. Shintaro Mochizuki, l. Shang Juncheng) and Auckland (d. Christopher Eubanks, l. Alejandro Tabilo).
- Van de Zandschulp is bidding to record his **2nd victory against a Top 5 player**. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level, with his only victory coming against No. 4 Casper Ruud in the 3rd round at Miami-1000 last year. He has lost all 4 matches he has contested against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 11 Ruud in the 2nd round at the 2021 US Open.
- Van de Zandschulp has won 5 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested with his only defeat in a 5-set match coming against Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round at 2021 Roland Garros. He has recorded 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down – against Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and against Carlos Taberner in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. He has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Van de Zandschulp reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 22 in August 2022. He plays here at No. 59.
- Van de Zandschulp made his **Davis Cup** debut for Netherlands at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals. He has an 8-3 win-loss record in the competition and has been part of the Dutch teams that have reached the quarterfinals in 2022 and 2023. Netherlands play at home to Switzerland in the Qualifiers in February.
- Van de Zandschulp is coached by Sven Groeneveld.

NO. 5 ANDREY RUBLEV v THIAGO SEYBOTH WILD (BRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

RUBLEV	v	SEYBOTH WILD
26	Age	23
5	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	78
16	Titles	1
56-24	Career Grand Slam Record	2-2
16-7	Australian Open Record	0-0
296-158	Career Record	13-24
206-115	Career Record - Hard	1-8
4-0	2024 Record	0-3
4-0	2024 Record - Hard	0-3
11-9	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
94-95	Career Tiebreak Record	6-13
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **RUBLEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 8th Australian Open and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Rublev has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 5 occasions** – including here in 2019, when he fell to Mackenzie McDonald in 4 sets in the 1st round. He also fell in the 1st round at the US Open as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2015 (l. Kevin Anderson) and as a direct acceptance in 2018 (l. Jeremy Chardy), and at Roland Garros as a lucky loser in 2017 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and as No. 7 seed in 2021 (l. Jan-Lennard Struff).
- Last year here, Rublev equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the quarterfinals here in 2021 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- Rublev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 9 occasions. In addition to his 2 quarterfinal finishes here, he also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal), 2020 (l. Medvedev), 2022 (l. Cilic) and 2023 (l. Medvedev), and at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2022 (l. Frances Tiafoe), and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic). He is the only man in the Open Era to have lost the first 8 (or more) Grand Slam quarterfinal matches he has reached.
- Rublev's **best result in 2023** was winning his first Masters-1000 title at Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Holger Rune). He also won the title at Bastad (d. Casper Ruud) and finished runner-up at Dubai (l. Medvedev), Banja Luka (l. Dusan Lajovic), Halle (l. Alexander Bublik) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Rublev won his **15th Tour-level title** at Hong Kong (d. Emil Ruusuvuori).
- Rublev has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against David Ferrer in the 1st round in 2018 and against Rune in the round of 16 last year. He has a 7-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Rublev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in September 2021. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1** having topped the boys' rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at 2014 Roland Garros. He reached the quarterfinals at the 2014 Junior Australian Open (l. Stefan Kozlov) and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles with Kozlov at 2014 Wimbledon. He also won two medals at the Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing later that year, winning boys' singles bronze and boys' doubles silver with Karen Khachanov. He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Rublev **won Olympic gold in mixed doubles** alongside Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova at Tokyo 2020, with the pair defeating Karatsev/Elena Vesnina in the final. Along with Khachanov, who won men's singles silver, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.
- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente.

- **SEYBOTH WILD** is making his Australian Open debut today. This is his 3rd Grand Slam main draw appearance overall.
- Seyboth Wild was **ranked too low to enter Australian Open qualifying in 2023**. He has lost in the 1st round on all 3 of his previous appearances in Australian Open qualifying – in 2020 (l. Peter Gojowczyk), 2021 (l. Robin Haase) and 2022 (l. Thomas Fabbiano).
- Seyboth Wild's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros last year. He defeated No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev and Guido Pella for his first Grand Slam match-wins before falling to Yoshihito Nishioka. On his only other Grand Slam main draw appearance, at the 2020 US Open, he fell to Daniel Evans in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Seyboth Wild fell in the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Tomas Barrios Vera) and the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Zdenek Kolar).
- Seyboth Wild recorded **4 Tour-level match-wins in 2023** – in addition to his 2 victories at Roland Garros, he reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Kitzbuhel (d. Dennis Novak, l. Laslo Djere) and defeated August Holmgren during Brazil's Davis Cup World Group I victory against Denmark. He lost in the 1st round at the 4 other Tour-level events he contested.
- Seyboth Wild **won 4 titles at Challenger-level in 2023** – at Vina del Mar (CHI) (d. Hugo Gaston), Buenos Aires (ARG) (d. Luciano Darderi), Como (ITA) (d. Pedro Martinez) and Genoa (ITA) (d. Fabio Fognini). He also finished runner-up at the Santiago Challenger (CHI) (l. Hugo Dellien) and reached the semifinals at the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (l. Pavel Kotov).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Seyboth Wild represented Brazil at the United Cup, where he lost both singles matches he contested, falling to Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz. He lost in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide but entered the main draw as a lucky loser, falling to Alex Bolt in the 1st round.
- Seyboth Wild is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the 2nd time on his 3rd attempt**. He lost his first match against a Top 5 player to No. 3 Alexander Zverev during Brazil's 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers defeat to Germany before winning his 2nd match against a Top 5 player against No. 2 Medvedev in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.
- Seyboth Wild has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level, both of which came at Roland Garros last year – he defeated Medvedev in 5 sets in the 1st round but fell to Nishioka in 5 sets in the 3rd round. He also lost a 5-set match to Barrios Vera in the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon last year.
- Seyboth Wild **broke the Top 100 for the first time** after winning back-to-back Challenger titles at Como (ITA) and Genoa (ITA) in September last year. He reached a career high ranking of No. 74 later that month and plays here 4 places lower at No. 78.
- Seyboth Wild is a **former junior world No. 8** and won the boys' singles title at the 2018 US Open, defeating Lorenzo Musetti in the final. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (d. Philip Henning, l. Dane Sweeny).
- Seyboth Wild made his **Davis Cup** debut for Brazil in 2020 and has a 1-2 win-loss record in the competition. Brazil will play away against Sweden in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Seyboth Wild is coached by Duda Matos.

NO. 12 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA) v FACUNDO DIAZ ACOSTA (ARG)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Fritz has won 3 of his previous 4 matches against lefthanded players at the Australian Open. He fell to Gilles Muller in the 1st round here in 2017 but has since defeated Cameron Norrie in the 1st round in 2018, Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round in 2021 and Maximilian Marterer in the 1st round in 2022. He has a 7-5 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams.

Fritz has won 8 of his last 9 matches against lefthanded players at Tour-level with his only defeat in that time coming against Adrian Mannarino in the 2nd round at Queen's last year. He has a 37-31 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

FRITZ	v	DIAZ ACOSTA
26	Age	23
12	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	93
6	Titles	0
36-29	Career Grand Slam Record	0-2
10-7	Australian Open Record	0-0
232-168	Career Record	2-7
172-117	Career Record - Hard	1-3
1-1	2024 Record	0-1
1-1	2024 Record - Hard	0-1
8-11	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
126-101	Career Tiebreak Record	1-3
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th straight year. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Fritz reached the 2nd round. He defeated Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to Alexei Popyrin in 5 sets. It was his earliest defeat here since 2017, when he fell in the 1st round (l. Gilles Muller). He has lost in the 1st round here on one other occasion – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2016 (l. Jack Sock).
- Fritz's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2022, when he defeated Maximilian Marterer, Frances Tiafoe and Roberto Bautista Agut before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets.
- Fritz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions – at 2022 Wimbledon, where he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets, and at the US Open last year (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Fritz reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Michael Mmoh and Arthur Rinderknech before falling to Francisco Cerundolo, and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Mikael Ymer).
- Fritz's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Delray Beach (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and Atlanta (d. Aleksandar Vukic). He also reached the semifinals at Dallas (l. Wu Yibing), Acapulco (l. Tommy Paul), Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev), Munich (l. Botic van de Zandschulp), Geneva (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and Washington (l. Tallon Griekspoor).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Fritz represented USA at the United Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he played, defeating Great Britain's Cameron Norrie but falling to Australia's Alex de Minaur.
- Fritz reached a career-high ranking of No. 5 in February last year, becoming the **first American man to be ranked in the Top 5** since Andy Roddick in 2009. He plays here at No. 12.
- Fritz has won 3 of the 7 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has an 8-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Fritz is a **former junior world No. 1**. He was named 2015 ITF Junior World Champion after winning the boys' singles title at the 2015 US Open (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros

(I. Paul). He contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2015, reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (I. Hong Seong-chan).

- Fritz made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2019 Finals and has a 5-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. USA play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Both of Fritz's parents were professional tennis players. His mother, Kathy, is a former Top 10 player.
- Fritz is coached by Michael Russell and Paul Annacone.
- Lefthander **DIAZ ACOSTA** is bidding to record his first Grand Slam match-win on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Diaz Acosta fell in the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Gijs Brouwer, I. Yannick Hanfmann). It was his only appearance in the qualifying draw here.
- Diaz Acosta made his **Grand Slam debut** as a lucky loser at Roland Garros last year, falling to Jason Kubler in the 1st round of the main draw. His only other Grand Slam main draw appearance came at the US Open last year, where he fell to John Isner in the 1st round. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at 2023 Wimbledon (I. Sho Shimabukuro).
- Diaz Acosta is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win**. He recorded his first 2 Tour-level match-wins in 2023 – as a wild card at Buenos Aires (d. Federico Coria, I. Cameron Norrie) and as a direct acceptance at Winston-Salem (d. Quentin Halys, I. Laslo Djere).
- Diaz Acosta **won 4 Challenger titles in 2023** – at Savannah (USA) (d. Tristan Boyer), Oeiras (POR) (d. Aleksandar Vukic), Milan (ITA) (d. Matteo Gigante) and Montevideo (URU) (d. Thiago Monteiro). He also finished runner-up at the Heilbronn Challenger (GER) (I. Matteo Arnaldi) and reached the semifinals at 3 other Challenger-level events.
- Diaz Acosta recorded the **2nd-highest number of match-wins at Challenger-level in 2023**. He recorded a 44-16 win-loss record at Challenger-level last season, with Francisco Comesana (45-21) the only player to record more match-wins at Challenger-level.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Diaz Acosta defeated Yosuke Watanuki and Thiago Seyboth Wild in qualifying at Adelaide before falling to Jordan Thompson in the 1st round of the main draw. He also competed at the Canberra Challenger (AUS), falling to Rudolf Molleker in the 1st round.
- Diaz Acosta **lost his only previous match against a Top 20 player** – against No. 12 Norrie in the 2nd round at Buenos Aires last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 49 Coria in the 1st round at Buenos Aires last year.
- Diaz Acosta is one of the **18 lefthanders** to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw. Rafael Nadal was the last lefthander to win the title here in 2022.
- Diaz Acosta lost the only **5-set match** he has contested to date – against Kubler in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.
- Diaz Acosta reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 93 in August last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Diaz Acosta **won a silver medal in the boys' singles at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires**, falling to Hugo Gaston in the gold medal match. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 6 in October 2018 but lost in the 1st round in all 3 Grand Slam junior events he contested. He never competed in the boys' singles at the Australian Open.
- Diaz Acosta is coached by Mariano Monachesi and Mariano Hood.

NO. 17 FRANCES TIAFOE (USA) v BORNA CORIC (CRO)

Head-to-head: Coric leads 1-0

2018 Davis Cup semifinal Clay (O) M5 Coric 67(0) 61 67(11) 61 63

A 2nd meeting for Tiafoe and Coric, with Coric having won the only match they have previously contested – a 5-set victory in the decisive 5th match of Croatia's 2018 Davis Cup semifinal tie against USA. Croatia went on to win the Davis Cup title for the 2nd time that season.

TIAFOE	v	CORIC
25*	Age	27
17	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	39
3	Titles	3
39-30	Career Grand Slam Record	29-29
9-7	Australian Open Record	4-8
178-166	Career Record	211-177
128-117	Career Record - Hard	135-113
1-1	2024 Record	1-1
1-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-1
4-12	Career Five-Set Record	8-5
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
112-94	Career Tiebreak Record	102-79
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-0

*Turns 26 on Saturday 20 January

- **TIAFOE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 31st Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Tiafoe reached the 3rd round, defeating Daniel Altmaier and Shang Juncheng before falling to Karen Khachanov.
- Tiafoe's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals here in 2019. He defeated 2 seeded players – No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson and No. 20 seed Grigor Dimitrov – before falling to Rafael Nadal in the last 8.
- Tiafoe's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2022 US Open, where he defeated Nadal in the round of 16 and Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals before falling to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets in the last 4. He became the first American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Andy Roddick in 2006.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Tiafoe reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Ben Shelton) but fell in the 3rd round at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (l. Grigor Dimitrov).
- Tiafoe's best results in 2023 were winning his **2nd and 3rd Tour-level titles** at Houston (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Stuttgart (d. Jan-Lennard Struff). He also reached the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. JJ Wolf), Acapulco (l. Taylor Fritz), Washington (l. Daniel Evans) and Vienna (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Tiafoe reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong. He received a bye through the 1st round and defeated Miomir Kecmanovic in the 2nd round before falling to Shang in the quarterfinals.
- Tiafoe has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Andreas Seppi in the 3rd round in 2019 and against Marco Trungelliti in the 1st round in 2022. He has a 4-12 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Tiafoe **broke the Top 10, at No. 10, for the first time** after winning the title at Stuttgart in June last year. He remained in the Top 10 for 13 weeks until the end of the US Open. He plays here at No. 17.
- Tiafoe had a **successful junior career**. Aged just 15, he won the 2013 Orange Bowl (d. Stefan Kozlov), becoming the youngest boys' singles winner in the event's history. He also reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open (l. Quentin Halys) and achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. He never competed in the junior event here.

- Tiafoe made his **Davis Cup** debut in USA's 2018 semifinal defeat to Croatia and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition, with his only Davis Cup victory to date coming against Colombia's Nicolas Mejia at the 2021 Finals. USA will play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Tiafoe is coached by Diego Moyano.
- **CORIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 31st Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Coric fell to Jiri Lehecka in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round here on 6 of his 8 previous appearances here.
- Coric's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2019, when he Steve Darcis, Marton Fucsovics and Filip Krajinovic before falling to Lucas Pouille.
- Coric's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 US Open, when he defeated Pablo Andujar, Juan Ignacio Londero, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Jordan Thompson before falling to eventual finalist Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Coric reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Federico Coria and Pedro Cachin before falling to Tomas Martin Etcheverry but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Guido Pella) and the US Open (l. Sebastian Baez).
- Coric's **best results in 2023** were reaching the semi-finals at Madrid-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz), Los Cabos (l. Tsitsipas) and Winston-Salem (l. Baez). He also reached the quarterfinals at Montpellier (l. Maxime Cressy), Dubai (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Rome-1000 (l. Tsitsipas).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Coric represented Croatia at the United Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he contested, defeating Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor but falling to Norway's Casper Ruud.
- Coric is bidding to end a **6-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 15 Hubert Hurkacz in the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 last year. He has a 32-68 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Coric is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 4th time**. He has a 3-6 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his 3 victories coming against No. 19 Tommy Robredo in the 2nd round at 2015 Roland Garros, No. 6 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at the 2017 US Open and No. 6 Tsitsipas in the 3rd round at the 2020 US Open. He has never previously faced a Top 20 player at the Australian Open.
- Coric has won 4 of the last 5 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat in a 5-set match in that time coming in his most-recent 5-set match, against Pella in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year. He has an 8-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level but has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Coric has **won 3 Tour-level titles**, all of which have come on different surfaces. His only title on hard courts came at 2022 Cincinnati-1000 (d. Tsitsipas), where, ranked No. 152 and using a protected ranking to enter the tournament, he became the lowest-ranked player in history to win a Masters-1000 title.
- Coric reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 12 in November 2018. He plays here at No. 39.
- Coric made his **Davis Cup** debut for Croatia and has a 16-9 win-loss record in the competition. He was a member of the Croatian team that won their 2nd title in 2018, defeating Jeremy Chardy in the first match of Croatia's 3-1 victory over France in the final. Croatia will play at home against Belgium in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Coric is coached by Mate Delic.

NO. 22 FRANCISCO CERUNDOLO (ARG) v (Q) DANE SWEENEY (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Cerundolo won his only previous match against a qualifier at a Grand Slam – against Zachary Svajda in the 1st round at the 2023 US Open. He has an 8-4 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Cerundolo has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 257 Sweeney once before – when he fell to No. 437 Jiri Vesely in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open.

CERUNDOLO	v	SWEENEY
25	Age	22
22	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	257
2	Titles	0
7-8	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
2-1	Australian Open Record	0-0
67-60	Career Record	2-3
22-27	Career Record - Hard	2-3
0-2	2024 Record	0-0
0-2	2024 Record - Hard	0-0
0-2	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
21-25	Career Tiebreak Record	1-0
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **CERUNDOLO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Cerundolo reached the 3rd round. He defeated Guido Pella and Corentin Moutet for his first Grand Slam match-wins before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime.
- Cerundolo's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at Roland Garros last year. He defeated Jaime Munar, Yannick Hanfmann and Taylor Fritz before falling to Holger Rune in 5 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Cerundolo reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Nuno Borges, l. Jiri Lehecka) and the US Open (d. Zachary Svajda, l. Jiri Vesely).
- Cerundolo's best result in 2023 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** at Eastbourne (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished runner-up at Lyon (l. Arthur Fils), reached the semifinals at Bastad (l. Andrey Rublev) and reached the quarterfinals at Cordoba (l. Federico Coria), Buenos Aires (Bernabe Zapata Miralles), Miami-1000 (l. Karen Khachanov), Barcelona (l. Daniel Evans) and Rome-1000 (l. Casper Ruud).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Cerundolo lost his opening match at both Hong Kong (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and Auckland (l. Alexandre Muller).
- Cerundolo has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested – against Rune in the round of 16 at 2023 Roland Garros and against Vesely in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open.
- Cerundolo broke the Top 20 for the first time in June last year, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 19 that month. He plays here at No. 22.
- Cerundolo made his **Davis Cup** debut for Argentina in 2022 and has a 2-2 win-loss record in the competition. He recorded his first Davis Cup victories in 2023, defeating Finland's Otto Virtanen and Lithuania's Edas Vilius Gaubas. Argentina will play at home against Kazakhstan in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Cerundolo's younger brother, Juan Manuel, is also a professional tennis player and is currently ranked at No. 133. As No. 15 seed, he fell to Terence Atmane in the 1st round of qualifying here this year.
- Cerundolo is coached by Kevin Konfederak.

- Qualifier **SWEENY** is making his Grand Slam main draw debut today.
- As a wild card in qualifying, Sweeny defeated Matteo Gigante (ITA) 76(3) 75, No. 13 seed Luca Nardi (ITA) 76(2) 62 and No. 22 seed Zizou Bergs (BEL), who retired with Sweeny leading 57 75 2-0. It is the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 5th attempt.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card in qualifying, Sweeny fell in the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Vit Kopriwa, l. Luciano Darderi). He also fell in Australian Open qualifying in 2021-22.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Sweeny fell in the 1st round of qualifying as an alternate at Wimbledon (l. Dragos Nicolae Madaras). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon.
- Sweeny is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win**. He has contested 3 Tour-level events, reaching the 2nd round as a wild card at the 2021 Great Ocean Road in Melbourne (d. Nam Jisung, l. Aljaz Bedene) and as a qualifier at 2023 Shanghai-1000 (d. Taro Daniel, l. Sebastian Baez) and falling in the 1st round as a qualifier at 2023 Zhuhai (l. Marc Polmans).
- Sweeny **played mainly at Challenger-level in 2023**. His best results at Challenger-level were reaching the semifinals at the Chennai Challenger (IND) (l. Max Purcell) and the quarterfinals at the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (l. Bu Yunchaokete).
- **Also in 2023**, Sweeny won his 7th title on the ITF World Tennis Tour at M25 Canberra (AUS) (d. Marc Polmans). He won 6 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2022.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sweeny attempted to qualify at Brisbane. As a wild card, he fell to Gregoire Barrere in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Sweeny is one of **15 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Sweeny is **facing a Top 50 player, at any level, for the 2nd time**. His only previous meeting with a Top 50 player was his defeat to No. 29 Baez in the 2nd round at Shanghai-1000 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 97 Daniel in the 1st round at Shanghai-1000 last year.
- Sweeny reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 225 in June last year. He plays here at No. 257.
- Sweeny reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 21 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on all 3 of his appearances in the boys' singles here in 2017-19.
- Sweeny is coached by his father, Clay Sweeny.

CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL (AUS) v CRISTIAN GARIN (CHI)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2019	Brisbane Qualifying Draw	Hard (O)	R16	Garin	64 64
2023	Toronto-1000 Qualifying Draw	Hard (O)	R16	Garin	76(6) 64

A first Tour-level meeting for O'Connell and Garin. Garin has won both of their meetings below Tour-level in straight sets, including a victory in Australia – in qualifying at Brisbane in 2019.

O'CONNELL	v	GARIN
29	Age	27
71	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	88
0	Titles	5
7-13	Career Grand Slam Record	22-17
3-5	Australian Open Record	3-4
32-50	Career Record	120-111
19-33	Career Record - Hard	31-51
2-2	2024 Record	0-0
2-2	2024 Record - Hard	0-0
0-2	Career Five-Set Record	8-3
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	4
34-27	Career Tiebreak Record	53-50
1-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **O'CONNELL** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, O'Connell fell to Jenson Brooksby in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round here on 2 other occasions – as a wild card in both 2017 (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and 2020 (l. Andrey Rublev).
- O'Connell's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions, including at the 2022 Australian Open, when he defeated Hugo Gaston and Diego Schwartzman before falling to Maxime Cressy. He also reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon last year, defeating Hamad Medjedovic and Jiri Vesely before falling to Christopher Eubanks.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, O'Connell reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Max Purcell, l. Daniil Medvedev) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Taro Daniel).
- O'Connell's **best result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Munich (l. Holger Rune). He also reached the quarterfinals at Doha (l. Medvedev), Marrakech (l. Pavel Kotov), Geneva (l. Dimitrov), Stuttgart (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and Chengdu (l. Dimitrov).
- Also in 2023, O'Connell won his **5th career Challenger title** at the Shanghai Challenger (CHN) (d. Yosuke Watanuki). He also reached the semifinals at the Split Challenger (CRO) (l. Zsombor Piros) and the quarterfinals at the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (l. Terence Atmane).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, O'Connell reached the quarterfinals as a wild card at Adelaide, defeating Arthur Rinderknech and Alexander Shevchenko before falling to Sebastian Korda. He also competed at Brisbane, falling to Alexei Popyrin in the 1st round.
- O'Connell has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested to date – falling in 5 sets to Tommy Paul in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and to Gael Monfils in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- O'Connell reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 53 in September last year. He plays here at No. 71.
- O'Connell is one of **15 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- O'Connell reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 501** in January 2010. He played in the boys' doubles event at the Australian Open as a wild card in 2011 and the boys' singles as a wild card in 2012, reaching the 2nd round on both occasions.

- O'Connell is coached by Marinko Matosevic, who contested the main draw here in 2010-15, reaching the 2nd round in 2015.
- **GARIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Garin fell to Sebastian Korda in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round here on one other occasion – on his Australian Open debut in 2019, when he fell to David Goffin.
- Garin's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022, when he defeated both Facundo Bagnis and Pedro Martinez in 5 sets before falling to Gael Monfils
- Garin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Nick Kyrgios). He became the first Chilean man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Fernando Gonzalez at the 2009 US Open.
- Garin is contesting his **first Grand Slam main draw match since the 2023 Australian Open**. He withdrew from Roland Garros last year due to a rib injury and opted to play Challenger events on clay instead of compete in Wimbledon qualifying on his return from injury. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Titouan Droguet).
- Garin's **best Tour-level results in 2023** were reaching the quarterfinals at Houston (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Munich (l. Holger Rune) and reaching the round of 16 as a qualifier at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina).
- **At Challenger-level in 2023**, Garin reached the semifinals at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (l. Raul Brancaccio) and the Iasi Challenger (ROU) (l. Bernabe Zapata Miralles), and the quarterfinals at the Brasilia Challenger (BRA) (l. Santiago Fa Rodriguez Taverna).
- Garin is contesting his **first match of 2024 today**.
- Garin has won **5 Tour-level singles titles** – at Houston (d. Casper Ruud) and Munich (d. Matteo Berrettini) in 2019, at Cordoba (d. Diego Schwartzman) and Rio de Janeiro (d. Gianluca Mager) in 2020, and at 2021 Santiago (d. Facundo Bagnis). All 5 of his titles have come on clay.
- Garin is a **former Top 20 player**. He reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 17 in September 2021. He plays here at No. 88.
- Garin had a **successful junior career**. He won the boys' singles title at 2013 Roland Garros (d. Alexander Zverev) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 4. He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Filippo Baldi).
- Garin has played **Davis Cup** for Chile since 2012 and has a 15-16 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won 2 of the 4 Davis Cup matches he played in 2023 as Chile reached the Finals Group Stage. Chile will play at home against Peru in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Garin is coached by Andres Schneiter.

FABIAN MAROZSAN (HUN) v MARIN CILIC (CRO)

Head-to-head: first meeting

MAROZSAN	v	CILIC
24	Age	35
65	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	-
0	Titles	20
1-2	Career Grand Slam Record	138-56
0-0	Australian Open Record	35-14
13-11	Career Record	582-329
8-7	Career Record - Hard	357-201
1-2	2024 Record	0-1
1-2	2024 Record - Hard	0-1
1-0	Career Five-Set Record	34-20
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	8
6-6	Career Tiebreak Record	235-207
1-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **MAROZSAN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Marozsan fell to Shang Juncheng in the 1st round of qualifying. It was his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam.
- Marozsan recorded his **first Grand Slam match-win** by reaching the 2nd round at the US Open last year, defeating Richard Gasquet in 5 sets before falling to Adrian Mannarino. He made his Grand Slam debut as a lucky loser at 2023 Wimbledon, falling to David Goffin in the 1st round of the main draw. He lost in the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Shang).
- Marozsan's **best Tour-level results in 2023** were reaching the quarterfinals at Shanghai-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and Sofia (l. Jan-Lennard Struff).
- Also in 2023, Marozsan **won 2 Challenger titles** – at Antalya (TUR) (d. Sebastian Ofner) and Perugia (ITA) (d. Edoardo Lavagno).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Marozsan reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Gael Monfils, l. Ben Shelton) but fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Roberto Bautista Agut).
- Marozsan won the only **5-set match** he has contested at Tour-level, defeating Gasquet in the 1st round at the 2023 US Open. He has a 1-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall, having lost to Maximilian Marterer in the final round of qualifying at 2023 Wimbledon.
- Marozsan achieved a **career-high ranking** of No. 61 in October 2023. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 65.
- Marozsan made his **Davis Cup** debut for Hungary at the 2021 Finals and has a 4-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Hungary will play at home against Germany in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Marozsan is coached by Gyorgy Balazs.
- **CILIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 13th time. This is his 15th Australian Open and 59th Grand Slam overall.
- Cilic **did not contest any of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2023** due to a knee injury. On his most-recent appearance in 2022, he reached the round of 16, defeating Emilio Gomez, Norbert Gombos and Andrey Rublev before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime.
- Cilic is a **former Australian Open runner-up**. He reached the final here in 2018, when he defeated No. 1 seed Rafael Nadal in 5 sets in the quarterfinals but fell to No. 2 seed and defending champion Roger Federer in the final, also in 5 sets.

- Cilic **won his only Grand Slam title to date at the 2014 US Open**, defeating Kei Nishikori in the final. He was the first Croatian to win a Grand Slam title since Goran Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon. In addition to his appearance in the final here in 2018, he also reached the final at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Federer). He is one of the 7 Grand Slam champions to have started this year's men's main draw.
- Cilic **played just 2 matches in 2023**. He reached the quarterfinals at Pune in January, receiving a bye through the 1st round and defeating Roberto Carballes Baena in the 2nd round before giving a walkover to Tallon Griekspoor in the quarterfinals. He underwent knee surgery later that month. He competed at Umag in July, falling to Flavio Cobolli in the 1st round. He did not play again in 2023.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Cilic competed at Hong Kong, falling to Jan-Lennard Struff in the 1st round.
- Cilic has 10 of the 14 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 34-20 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall – and is in 4th place on the all-time list for most 5-set matches won, after Djokovic (39-11), Ilie Nastase (38-19) and Ilie Nastase (36-22).
- Cilic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in January 2018 following his runner-up finish at the Australian Open. He is currently unranked but entered the tournament using a protected ranking of No. 21.
- Cilic reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2005 Australian Open (l. Donald Young). He finished the year at **No. 2 in the ITF Junior Rankings** behind Donald after winning Junior Roland Garros (d. Antal van der Duim) and reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the US Open.
- Cilic became a **Davis Cup** champion after leading Croatia to the title in 2018. He won 6 of the 7 matches he contested during 2018 and defeated Lucas Pouille in the 4th match of the Final to seal Croatia's 2nd Davis Cup title. He has a 43-22 win-loss record in the competition and holds the record for most Davis Cup match-wins by a player representing Croatia. Croatia will play at home against Belgium in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Cilic is coached by Ivan Cinkus and Vilim Visak.

DANIEL ELAHI GALAN (COL) v (WC) JASON KUBLER (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: Kubler leads 1-0

2022	Sarasota Challenger (USA)	Clay (O)	R16	Galan	63 46 63
2022	Tallahassee Challenger (USA)	Clay (O)	R16	Galan	61 76(5)
2023	Houston	Clay (O)	R16	Kubler	64 62

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Galan and Kubler. Kubler won their only previous Tour-level meeting, in the 2nd round at Houston last year, but Galan won both their meetings at Challenger-level in 2022.

GALAN	v	KUBLER
27	Age	30
89	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	112
0	Titles	0
9-10	Career Grand Slam Record	9-12
0-2	Australian Open Record	1-4
45-57	Career Record	28-33
18-28	Career Record - Hard	14-20
0-0	2024 Record	1-1
0-0	2024 Record - Hard	1-1
3-2	Career Five-Set Record	3-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
19-15	Career Tiebreak Record	13-14
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **GALAN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Galan fell to Jeremy Chardy in the 1st round. On his only other main draw appearance here, in 2020, he fell to Alejandro Tabilo in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- Galan's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at 2023 Wimbledon, when he defeated Yoshihito Nishioka, Oscar Otte and Mikael Ymer before falling to Jannik Sinner.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Galan fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Matteo Arnaldi) and the US Open (l. Daniel Evans).
- Galan's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals at Kitzbuhel (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry). He lost in the 1st round at 16 of the 21 Tour-level events he contested in 2023.
- **At Challenger-level in 2023**, Galan finished runner-up at Sarasota (USA) (l. Daniel Altmaier) and Guayaquil (ECU) (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and reached the semifinals at Cagliari (ITA) (l. Ugo Humbert) and Turin (ITA) (l. Dominik Koepfer).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Galan attempted to qualify at Brisbane, defeating Andrey Kuznetsov before falling to Tu Li in the final round of qualifying.
- Galan has won the last **3 five-set matches** he has contested, but lost the only 5-set match he has played at the Australian Open, falling to Tabilo in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Galan reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 56 after reaching the round of 16 at Wimbledon in July 2023. He plays here at No. 89.
- Galan made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018 and has a 9-5 win-loss record in the competition overall. Colombia will play at home to Luxembourg in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Galan is coached by his father, Santos Galan.

- Wild card **KUBLER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 13th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Kubler defeated Sebastian Baez for his first Australian Open match-win before falling to Karen Khachanov in the 2nd round. He fell in the 1st round on his 3 other main draw appearances here – as a wild card in 2010 (l. Ivan Ljubicic), 2018 (l. Pablo Carreno Busta) and 2019 (l. Thomas Fabbiano).
- Kubler's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a qualifier at 2022 Wimbledon, when he defeated Daniel Evans, Dennis Novak and Jack Sock before falling to Taylor Fritz.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Kubler reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Facundo Diaz Acosta, l. Fabio Fognini) and Wimbledon (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Nicolas Jarry), but retired due to a knee injury during his 1st round match against Matteo Arnaldi at the US Open.
- Kubler's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals at Houston (l. Frances Tiafoe). He did end his season after retiring in the 1st round at the US Open.
- Also in 2023, Kubler won his **8th career Challenger title** at Ilkley (GBR) (d. Sebastian Ofner) and reached the quarterfinals at 3 other Challenger-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kubler competed as a wild card at Brisbane, defeating Aslan Karatsev, who due to a right knee injury in their 1st round match, before falling to Rafael Nadal in the 2nd round.
- Kubler is one of **15 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kubler has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level, but has not contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open. He has a 3-1 win-loss record in career 5-set matches overall, having lost to Yasutaka Uchiyama in the final round of qualifying at 2019 Wimbledon.
- Kubler reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 63 in April 2023. He plays here at No. 112.
- Kubler **won the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Rinky Hijikata as a wild card team, defeating Hugo Nys/Jan Zielinski in the final. It was the pair's first event as a team at any level. They also became the 2nd all-Australian men's doubles champions at the Australian Open in consecutive years after Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios in 2022.
- Kubler was a **successful junior**. He became junior world No. 1 in May 2010 and was a member of the Australian team which defeated Great Britain to win the 2009 Junior Davis Cup. He also reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2011 Wimbledon (l. Liam Broady). His best result in the boys' singles here was a 3rd round finish in 2010 (l. Sean Berman).
- Kubler made his **Davis Cup** debut at the Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in Hamburg last September, winning one of the 2 matches he contested. He was not nominated for either the Finals Group Stage or the Final 8 Knockout Stage in 2023. As runners-up in 2022, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals Group Stage.
- Kubler is coached by Jarrad Bunt and Stephen Huss.

MATTEO ARNALDI (ITA) v (WC) ADAM WALTON (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Arnaldi has never lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 176 Walton. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Arnaldi at Tour-level is No. 119 Francesco Passaro in the group stage at the 2022 NextGen ATP Finals.

ARNALDI	v	WALTON
22	Age	24
41	ATP Ranking (8 Jan)	176
0	Titles	0
4-3	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
0-0	Australian Open Record	0-0
23-21	Career Record	0-1
13-12	Career Record - Hard	0-1
3-2	2024 Record	0-1
3-2	2024 Record - Hard	0-1
1-2	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
13-8	Career Tiebreak Record	0-0
2-3	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **ARNALDI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Arnaldi reached the final round of qualifying. As No. 22 seed, he defeated Alexander Ritschard and Alex Bolt before falling to Max Purcell. It was his only appearance in Australian Open qualifying.
- Arnaldi's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open last year. He defeated Jason Kubler, Arthur Fils and Cameron Norrie before falling to Carlos Alcaraz.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Arnaldi reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Daniel Elahi Galan, I. Denis Shapovalov) but fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Wimbledon (I. Roberto Carballes Baena).
- Arnaldi's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Umag (I. Alexei Popyrin). He also reached the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 (I. Jaume Munar) and Shanghai-1000 (I. JJ Wolf).
- Also in 2023, Arnaldi **won 3 Challenger titles** – at Tenerife (ESP) (d. Raul Brancaccio), Murcia (ESP) (d. Borna Gojo) and Heilbronn (GER) (d. Facundo Diaz Acosta)
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Arnaldi reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane. He defeated Marton Fucsovics and Lukas Klein before falling to Roman Safiullin. He then reached the 2nd round at Adelaide, defeating Bernabe Zapata Miralles before falling to Nicolas Jarry.
- Arnaldi won the only **5-set match** he has contested to date – against Fils in the 2nd round at the US Open last year.
- Arnaldi **broke the Top 50 for the first time** after reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in September last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 41 the following month. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Arnaldi reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 22 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (I. Filip Cristian Jianu).
- Arnaldi was a member of the **Italian team which won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**. He made his debut in the competition at the 2023 Finals Group Stage in September and has won 3 of the 4 Davis Cup singles matches he has contested, including a victory against Australia's Popyrin in the opening match of the final. As reigning champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Arnaldi is coached by Alessandro Petrone.

- Wild card **WALTON** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card in qualifying, Walton reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Pablo Andujar, l. Peter Gogowczyk). It is the only time he has contested the qualifying draw at a Grand Slam.
- Walton made his **Tour-level debut as a qualifier at Adelaide last week**. He defeated Pedro Cachin and Bernabe Zapata Miralles to qualify for the main draw before falling to Jiri Lehecka in the 1st round. Elsewhere in 2024, he fell in the 1st round as a wild card at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. David Goffin).
- Walton's best result in 2023 was winning his **first Challenger title** at Cary (USA) (d. Nicolas Moreno de Alboran). He also finished runner-up at the Tiburon Challenger (USA) (l. Zachary Svajda), reached the semifinals as a qualifier at the Little Rock Challenger (USA) (l. Beibit Zhukayev) and reached the quarterfinals at 4 other Challenger-level events.
- **Also in 2023**, Walton won 2 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour – at M15 Tblisi (GEO) (d. Orel Kimhi) and M25 Tulsa (USA) (d. Nick Chappell).
- Walton is one of **15 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Walton is **facing a Top 50 player, at any level, for the 2nd time**. His only previous match against a Top 50 player was his defeat to No. 32 Lehecka in the 1st round at Adelaide last week. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 72 Cachin in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide last week.
- Walton **broke the Top 200 for the first time** in August 2023 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 174 in October. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 176.
- Walton **played college tennis** for the University of Tennessee between 2017 and 2022, winning the 2021 NCAA title in men's doubles alongside Pat Harper and earning all-American honours in singles in 2022.
- Walton reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 60 in January 2017. He lost in the 1st round on both of his appearances in the boys' singles here – in 2016 (l. Lez Kazakov) and 2017 (l. Dan Added).
- Walton is coached by Aaron Klumpp.