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## 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



## Men's Tournament Preview

This is the 112th edition of the Australian Championships, which began in 1905, as well as being the 55th Australian Open and the 223rd Grand Slam tournament of the Open Era.

Melbourne Park hosts the tournament for the 37 th year. It was first played here in 1988 , when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

## POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Total prize money for the men's singles at the 2024 Australian Open is $\$ 29,775,000$ (AUD), an $11 \%$ increase on 2023. Individual prize money and ATP ranking points are:

|  | Prize Money (AUD) | ATP Ranking Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Champion | $3,150,000$ | 2000 |
| Finalist | $1,725,000$ | 1300 |
| Semifinalist | 990,000 | 800 |
| Quarterfinalist | 600,000 | 400 |
| Round of 16 | 375,000 | 200 |
| Third Round | 255,000 | 100 |
| Second Round | 180,000 | 50 |
| First Round | 120,000 | 10 |

## 2023 - A REVIEW

Novak Djokovic enjoyed yet another historic season at the Grand Slam tournaments, winning 3 titles and winning 27 of the 28 matches he contested at the majors. He won a 10th Australian Open crown in January, defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final, which saw him equal Rafael Nadal's record of 22 Grand Slam men's singles titles. He then surpassed Nadal by claiming his 23rd major title at Roland Garros, where he overcame Casper Ruud in the final to become the first player to win all 4 Grand Slam tournaments on at least 3 occasions.

Djokovic's quest for the Grand Slam ended at Wimbledon, where he was defeated in a sensational final by 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, who became the youngest player to win the Wimbledon men's singles title since 18-yearold Boris Becker in 1986. But Djokovic was triumphant once again at the US Open in September, defeating Daniil Medvedev in the final to win his 24th major title and equal Margaret Court's all-time record for most Grand Slam singles titles.

Away from the Grand Slams, Alcaraz (Indian Wells and Madrid), Medvedev (Miami and Rome) and Djokovic (Cincinnati and Paris) each won a pair of titles at Masters-1000 level. The 3 other winners of Masters-1000 tournaments were Andrey Rublev (Monte Carlo), Jannik Sinner (Toronto) and Hubert Hurkacz (Shanghai).

Djokovic ended the year on a high by winning the ATP Finals for the 7th time - taking sole ownership of the record for most titles at the event, ahead of Roger Federer - defeating Sinner in the title match. But Sinner avenged that loss at the Davis Cup Finals the following week, with his Italian team defeating Djokovic's Serbia in the semifinals before beating Australia in the final to win Italy's 2nd Davis Cup title and first since 1976.

## DJOKOVIC BIDS FOR MORE GRAND SLAM HISTORY

Ten-time Australian Open champion Djokovic is bidding to win his 25 th Grand Slam singles title - and claim sole ownership of the all-time record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. Djokovic has won exactly one third of the Grand Slam tournaments he has contested, winning 24 titles in 72 Grand Slam appearances.

Most Grand Slam singles titles (all-time)

| Rank | Player | Grand Slam titles |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 =}$ | Margaret Court | 24 |
|  | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| 3. | Serena Williams | 23 |
| $5=$ | Steffi Graf | 22 |
|  | Rafael Nadal | 22 |
| 6. | Roger Federer | 20 |
| 7. | Helen Wills Moody | 19 |
| $8=$ | Chris Evert | 18 |
|  | Martina Navratilova | 18 |
| 10. | Pete Sampras | 14 |

Djokovic is also bidding to extend his all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, having claimed sole ownership of the record from Nadal by winning the title at Roland Garros last year.

| Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (all-time) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | Player | Grand Slam titles |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| 2. | Rafael Nadal | 22 |
| 3. | Roger Federer | 20 |
| 4. | Pete Sampras | 14 |
| 5. | Roy Emerson | 12 |

## DJOKOVIC AIMS FOR ELEVENTH AUSSIE CROWN

Djokovic is bidding to win his 11th Australian Open title and extend his lead at the top of the list for most Australian Championships/Open men's singles titles.

Most Australian Championships/Open men's singles (all-time)

| Rank | Player | Titles won | Years |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 1. | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | 2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023 |
| 2= | Roy Emerson | 6 | $1961,1963-67$ |
|  | Roger Federer | 6 | $2004,2006-07,2010,2017-18$ |
| $4=$ | Andre Agassi | 4 | $1995,2000-01,2003$ |
|  | Jack Crawford | 4 | $1931-33,1935$ |
|  | Ken Rosewall | 4 | $1953,1955,1971-72$ |

By winning the title here last year, Djokovic also became the 2nd man in history to win at least 10 titles at any Grand Slam event. Nadal is the only other man to have won at least 10 titles at a single Grand Slam event, having won the title at Roland Garros on 14 occasions.

| Most men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (all-time) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Grand Slam | Titles won | Years |
| Player | Roland Garros | 14 | $2005-08,2010-2014,2017-20,2022$ |
| Novak Djokovic | Australian Open | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}, \mathbf{2 0 1 1 - 1 3 , 2 0 1 5 - 1 6 , ~ 2 0 1 9 - 2 1 , ~ 2 0 2 3 ~}$ |
| Roger Federer | Wimbledon | 8 | $2003-07,2009,2012,2017$ |
| Novak Djokovic | Wimbledon | 7 | $2011,2014-15,2018-22^{*}$ |
| Bill Larned | US Championships | 7 | $1901-02,1907-11^{* *}$ |
| William Renshaw | Wimbledon | 7 | $1881-86,1889^{* *}$ |
| Pete Sampras | Wimbledon | 7 | $1993-95,1997-2000$ |
| Richard Sears | US Championships | 7 | $1881-87^{* *}$ |
| Bill Tilden | US Championships | 7 | $1920-25,1929$ |

*No tournament at Wimbledon in 2020. **Challenge round played through 1911 at US Championships and through 1921 at Wimbledon.
Victory for Djokovic would also see him become the 3rd player, man or woman, to win 11 titles at one Grand Slam event - after Nadal at Roland Garros and Margaret Court, who won 11 women's singles titles at the Australian Championships/Open. (see table overleaf)

Most singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (men and women)

| Player | Grand Slam | Titles won | Years |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Rafael Nadal | Roland Garros | 14 | $2005-08$, 2010-2014, 2017-20, 2022 |
| Margaret Court | Australian Open | 11 | $1960-66,1969-71,1973$ |
| Novak Djokovic | Australian Open | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8 , 2 0 1 1 - 1 3 , 2 0 1 5 - 1 6 , 2 0 1 9 - 2 1 , ~ 2 0 2 3 ~}$ |
| Martina Navratilova | Wimbledon | 9 | $1978-79,1982-87,1990$ |

*Known as Australian Championships before 1969.

## THE 30s CLUB

At 36 years 251 days, Djokovic is bidding to win his 5th Grand Slam title since turning 35 and extend his Open Era record for most Grand Slam singles titles won aged 35 or older. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Grand Slam singles titles won aged 35+ (Open Era)

| Player | Grand Slam titles |
| :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Roger Federer | 3 |
| Ken Rosewall | 3 |
| Rafael Nadal | 2 |
| Serena Williams | 1 |

Djokovic is also bidding to win his 13th Grand Slam title since turning 30 and extend his record for most Grand Slam singles titles won after the age of 30 in the Open Era. He claimed sole ownership of the record by winning his 11th Grand Slam title since turning 30 at Roland Garros last year, moving ahead of Serena Williams.
Most Grand Slam singles titles won aged 30+ (Open Era)

| Player |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Grand Slam titles |  |
| Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| Serena Williams | 10 |
| Rafael Nadal | 8 |
| Roger Federer | 4 |
| Rod Laver | 4 |
| Ken Rosewall | 4 |
| Margaret Court | 3 |
| Martina Navratilova | 3 |
| Andre Agassi | 2 |
| Jimmy Connors | 2 |
| Chris Evert | 2 |
| Billie Jean King | 2 |
| Stan Wawrinka | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold |  |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold
Djokovic is also bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open on multiple occasions after turning 35 - after Federer and Rosewall.

Players aged $35+$ in the Australian Open men's singles final (Open Era)

| Player | Age |  | Year |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | Result in final

Djokovic is bidding to win his 5th Australian Open title since turning 30. He is the only man in the Open Era to have won 3 or more Australian Open titles after turning 30 and one of just 4 men in the Open Era (alongside Federer, Rosewall and Andre Agassi) to have won multiple Australian Open titles after turning 30. In the Open Era, the Australian Open men's singles title has been won by players aged 30 or over on 14 occasions - including every season for the last 7 years. (see table overleaf)

Players aged 30+ to win the Australian Open men's singles title (Open Era)

| Player | Age | Year | Result in final |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ken Rosewall | 37 years 62 days | 1972 | Defeated Mal Anderson 76(2) 6375 |
| Roger Federer | 36 years 173 days | 2018 | Defeated Marin Cilic 6267 (5) 633661 |
| Ken Rosewall | 36 years 73 days | 1971 | Defeated Arthur Ashe 617563 |
| Novak Djokovic | 35 years 252 days | 2023 | Defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas 63 76(4) 76(5) |
| Rafael Nadal | 35 years 241 days | 2022 | Defeated Daniil Medvedev 2667 (5) 646475 |
| Roger Federer | 35 years 174 days | 2017 | Defeated Rafael Nadal 6436613663 |
| Novak Djokovic | 33 years 275 days | 2021 | Defeated Daniil Medvedev 756262 |
| Andre Agassi | 32 years 272 days | 2003 | Defeated Rainer Schuettler 626261 |
| Novak Djokovic | 32 years 256 days | 2020 | Defeated Dominic Thiem 6446266364 |
| Novak Djokovic | 31 years 250 days | 2019 | Defeated Rafael Nadal 636263 |
| Andre Agassi | 30 years 274 days | 2001 | Defeated Arnaud Clement 646262 |
| John Newcombe | 30 years 223 days | 1975 | Defeated Jimmy Connors 753664 76(7) |
| Rod Laver | 30 years 171 days | 1969 | Defeated Andres Gimeno 636475 |
| Petr Korda | 30 years 9 days | 1998 | Defeated Marcelo Rios 626262 |

## DECADES APART

Djokovic is bidding to win the title here 16 years after winning his first Grand Slam title here in 2008. He is in 3rd place on the Open Era list for largest gap between first and most-recent Grand Slam titles, after Serena Williams and Nadal.

Largest gap between first and most recent Grand Slam singles titles (Open Era)

| Player | First Grand Slam title | Most-recent Grand <br> Slam title | Time between first and most- <br> recent Grand Slam titles |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serena Williams | 1999 US Open | 2017 Australian Open | 17 years, 5 months |
| Rafael Nadal | 2005 Roland Garros | 2022 Roland Garros | 17 years |
| Novak Djokovic | 2008 Australian Open | 2023 US Open | 15 years, 7 months |
| Roger Federer | 2003 Wimbledon | 2018 Australian Open | 14 years, 7 months |
| Chris Evert | 1974 Roland Garros | 1986 Roland Garros | 12 years |
| Steffi Graf | 1987 Roland Garros | 1999 Roland Garros | 12 years |
| Martina Navratilova | 1978 Wimbledon | 1990 Wimbledon | 12 years |
| Pete Sampras | 1990 US Open | 2002 US Open | 12 years |
| Andre Agassi | 1992 Wimbledon | 2003 Australian Open | 10 years, 7 months |
| Boris Becker | 1985 Wimbledon | 1996 Australian Open | 10 years, 7 months |

Djokovic and Nadal have both won Grand Slam titles in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s - they are the only 2 men to have won Grand Slam singles titles in 3 different decades in the Open Era. Williams (who won at least one major title in the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s) and Martina Navratilova (1970s, 1980s and 1990s) are the only women who have achieved the feat in the Open Era.

## THE DJOKOVIC-NADAL DUOPOLY

Between them, Djokovic and Nadal have won 18 of the last 22 Grand Slam men's singles titles (since 2018 Roland Garros), with Dominic Thiem (2020 US Open), Medvedev (2021 US Open) and Alcaraz (2022 US Open and 2023 Wimbledon) the only other players to have won major titles in that time. Djokovic has won 12 Grand Slam titles in that time, with Nadal claiming 6 Grand Slam titles.

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINAL APPEARANCES

Djokovic surpassed Federer at the top of the list for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances in the Open Era by reaching his 8th final here in 2020 - and extended the record by reaching a 9th final in 2021 and 10th final in 2023. Five-time Australian Open runner-up Murray is also competing here this year.

Most Australian Open men's singles final appearances (Open Era)

| Rank | Player | Finals reached |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
| 2. | Roger Federer | 7 |
| 3. | Rafael Nadal | 6 |
| $\mathbf{4 =}$ | Stefan Edberg | 5 |
|  | Andy Murray | $\mathbf{5}$ |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold.

## MOST GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

Djokovic holds the all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances, having moved ahead of Federer by contesting his 32nd Grand Slam final at 2022 Wimbledon. Djokovic has reached the final at exactly half of all Grand Slam tournaments he has contested, reaching 36 finals in 72 Grand Slam appearances

Most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances (all-time)

| Rank | Player | Finals reached |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |
| 2. | Roger Federer | 31 |
| 3. | Rafael Nadal | 30 |
| 4. | Ivan Lendl | 19 |
| 5. | Pete Sampras | 18 |

Djokovic also claimed sole ownership of the all-time record for most Grand Slam singles final appearances, ahead of Chris Evert, after contesting his 35th Grand Slam final at Wimbledon last year - and subsequently reached his 36th major final at the US Open.

Most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances (all-time)

| Rank | Player | Finals reached |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{3 6}$ |
| 2. | Chris Evert | 34 |
| 3. | Serena Williams | 33 |
| 4. | Martina Navratilova | 32 |
| $5=$ | Roger Federer | 31 |
|  | Steffi Graf | 31 |

## NO. 1 RANKING UPDATE

Djokovic, Alcaraz and Medvedev are in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking:

- Djokovic will remain at No. 1 if Alcaraz loses prior to the quarterfinals AND Medvedev fails to win the title, regardless of his own Australian Open result.
- If Djokovic and Alcaraz both reach the semifinals, the player who records the best result will be ranked No. 1. If both players lose in the semifinals, Djokovic will remain at No. 1.
- Alcaraz will be ranked No. 1 if he reaches the quarterfinals AND Djokovic loses prior to the round of 16 AND Medvedev does not win the title.
- Medvedev will be ranked No. 1 if he wins the tournament AND Djokovic and Alcaraz both lose prior to the semifinals.

| Player | R128 | R64 | R32 | R16 | QF | SF | F | W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | 9065 | 9105 | 9155 | 9255 | 9455 | 9855 | 10355 | 11055 |
| Carlos Alcaraz | 8865 | 8905 | 8955 | 9055 | 9255 | 9655 | 10155 | 10855 |
| Daniil Medvedev | 7475 | 7515 | 7565 | 7665 | 7865 | 8265 | 8765 | 9465 |

## NADAL MISSES OUT

Two-time Australian Open champion Nadal was aiming to return to Grand Slam action after nearly a full year off the Tour due to a left hip injury. He did not compete in 2023 after falling to Mackenzie McDonald in the 2nd round here last year and underwent hip surgery in June. He returned to the Tour this month at Brisbane but withdrew from the Australian Open on Sunday after suffering a muscle injury in his quarterfinal defeat to Jordan Thompson.

## SEVEN GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS IN THE DRAW

Seven Grand Slam champions are appearing in the 2024 Australian Open men's singles main draw, but only 2 of the 7 (Djokovic and Stan Wawrinka) have won the title here.

Grand Slam champions in the men's singles at 2024 Australian Open

| Player | Grand Slam titles won |
| :--- | :--- |

## A NEW NAME ON THE TROPHY?

Just 3 active players (Djokovic, Nadal and Wawrinka) have won an Australian Open title - together with Federer, they have won the last 18 Australian Open men's singles titles between them.

Eight active male players have reached the Australian Open final. In addition to Djokovic, Nadal and Wawrinka, 5 active male players have finished as runner-up here - Murray (2010-11, 2013, 2015-16), Marin Cilic (2018), Thiem (2020), Medvedev (2021-22) and Tsitsipas (2023).

By comparison, 7 active players have reached the men's singles final at Roland Garros (3 active champions), 9 active players have reached the men's singles final at Wimbledon (4 active champions) and 12 active players have reached the men's singles final at the US Open (8 active champions).

## ALCARAZ LEADS CHALLENGERS TO DJOKOVIC

No. 2 seed Alcaraz will make his 3rd Australian Open appearance this year, having reached the 2nd round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2021 and reached the 3rd round as No. 31 seed in 2022, but missed the tournament in 2023 due to a right leg injury.

Alcaraz is bidding to win his 3rd major title here and become the 3rd Spanish man to win 3 or more Grand Slam singles titles, after Nadal and Manuel Santana. He would become the 2nd Spanish man to win the Australian Open title after 2009 and 2022 champion Nadal.


## THE YOUNG PRETENDER

Aged 20 years 268 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the 4th-youngest player in the Open Era to win the Australian Open men's singles title - after Mats Wilander (who won his first 2 Australian Open titles aged 19 years 111 days in 1983 and aged 20 years 109 days in 1983), Stefan Edberg (who won his first title here aged 19 years 323 days in 1985) and Djokovic (who won his first title here aged 20 years 250 days in 2008). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Players aged under 21 in Australian Open men's singles finals (Open Era)

| Player | Age |  | Year | Result in final |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Novak Djokovic | 20 years 250 days | 2008 | Defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 46 64 63 76(2) |  |
| Marcos Baghdatis | 20 years 226 days | 2006 | Lost to Roger Federer 57 756062 |  |
| Carlos Moya | 20 years 152 days | 1997 | Lost to Pete Sampras 62 6363 |  |
| Mats Wilander | 20 years 109 days | $\mathbf{1 9 8 4}$ | Defeated Kevin Curren 67(5) 64 76(3) 62 |  |
| Stefan Edberg | 19 years 323 days | $\mathbf{1 9 8 5}$ | Defeated Mats Wilander 646363 |  |
| Mats Wilander | 19 years 111 days | $\mathbf{1 9 8 3}$ | Defeated Ivan Lendl 616464 |  |

Alcaraz is also bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win 3 or more Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21, after Wilander and Bjorn Borg.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles won by players aged under 21 (Open Era)

| Player | Grand Slam titles |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mats Wilander | 4 |
| Bjorn Borg | 3 |
| Carlos Alcaraz | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Boris Becker | 2 |
| Rafael Nadal | 2 |

## MEDVEDEV AIMS FOR SECOND GRAND SLAM TITLE

No. 3 seed Medvedev, a runner-up here in 2021 and 2022, is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam title, having won his first by defeating Djokovic in the final at the 2021 US Open. If he wins his 2nd title here on his 8th Grand Slam appearance since winning his first, he will go joint-5th on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title, alongside Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Most attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title (Open Era)
Player 1st Grand Slam title 2nd Grand Slam title Attempts before winning

| Marat Safin | 2000 US Open | 2005 Australian Open | 2nd Grand Slam title |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | 2008 Australian Open | 2011 Australian Open | 14 |
| Gustavo Kuerten | 1997 Roland Garros | 2000 Roland Garros | 12 |
| Pete Sampras | 1990 US Open | 1993 Wimbledon | 9 |
| Yevgeny Kafelnikov | 1996 Roland Garros | 1999 Australian Open | 8 |
| Daniil Medvedev?? | 2021 US Open | 2024 Australian Open?? | $\mathbf{8 ? ?}$ |
| Andre Agassi | 1992 Wimbledon | 1994 US Open | 6 |
| Ivan Lendl | 1984 Roland Garros | 1985 US Open | 6 |
| Mats Wilander | 1982 Roland Garros | 1983 Australian Open | 6 |
| Stan Wawrinka | 2014 Australian Open | 2015 Roland Garros | 5 |

Medvedev would also become the 13th man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final on 3 or more occasions should he reach the final here again this year - and the 4th active player to do so, after Djokovic (10 Australian Open finals), Nadal (6) and Murray (5).

## SINNER AIMS TO MAKE MORE HISTORY FOR ITALY

After leading Italy to their first Davis Cup title since 1976 at the end of 2023, No. 4 seed Sinner is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam final and become the 5th Italian man in history to reach a Grand Slam singles final.

Italian men in Grand Slam finals (all-time)

| Player | Grand Slam finals reached |
| :---: | :--- |
| Nicola Pietrangeli | 4 (1959-61, 1964 Roland Garros) |
| Matteo Berrettini | 1 (2021 Wimbledon) |
| Giorgio de Stefani | 1 (1934 Roland Garros) |
| Adriano Panatta | 1 (1976 Roland Garros) |

Sinner would also become the first Italian player in history, man or woman, to reach an Australian Open singles final - at least one Italian player has reached a singles final at the other 3 Grand Slam tournaments.

## SO NEAR YET SO FAR

Eight active players have reached at least one Grand Slam final during their careers but are still bidding for their first major titles - of whom 4 are competing at the Australian Open this year.

Active players to have reached Grand Slam men's singles finals without winning a title

| Player | Grand Slam finals reached | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kevin Anderson | 2017 US Open 2018 Wimbledon | Lost to Rafael Nadal 636364 Lost to Novak Djokovic 6262 76(3) |
| Matteo Berrettini | 2021 Wimbledon | Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(4) 646463 |
| Nick Kyrgios | 2022 Wimbledon | Lost to Novak Djokovic 466364 76(3) |
| Kei Nishikori | 2014 US Open | Lost to Marin Cilic 636363 |
| Milos Raonic | 2016 Wimbledon | Lost to Andy Murray 64 76(3) 76(2) |
| Casper Ruud | 2022 Roland Garros 2022 US Open 2023 Roland Garros | Lost to Rafael Nadal 636360 <br> Lost to Carlos Alcaraz 6426 76(1) 63 <br> Lost to Novak Djokovic 76(1) 6375 |
| Stefanos Tsitsipas | 2021 Roland Garros 2023 Australian Open | Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(6) 26636264 Lost to Novak Djokovic 63 76(4) 76(5) |
| Alexander Zverev | 2020 US Open | Lost to Dominic Thiem 26466463 76(6) |

## YOUNGEST CHAMPION IN MORE THAN A DECADE?

With 8 of the Top 10 seeds in the men's singles draw here this year aged 26 or younger, a victory for any of them would see them become the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since at least 2013.

Potential 2024 Australian Open men's singles champions aged 26 or under

| Player (age) | Would become youngest Australian Open champion since... |
| :---: | :---: |
| Hubert Hurkacz (26 years 351 days) | 2013 - Novak Djokovic (25 years 250 days) |
| Alexander Zverev (26 years 283 days) |  |
| Andrey Rublev (26 years 100 days) |  |
| Taylor Fritz (26 years 92 days) |  |
| Stefanos Tsitsipas (25 years 169 days) | 2012 - Novak Djokovic (24 years 252 days) |
| Jannik Sinner (22 years 165 days) | 2008 - Novak Djokovic (20 years 250 days) |
| Holger Rune (20 years 274 days) |  |
| Carlos Alcaraz (20 years 268 days) |  |

## DE MINAUR LEADS AUSTRALIAN CONTENDERS

Alex de Minaur leads the Australian men competing at this year's Australian Open and is bidding to become the first Australian men's singles champion here since Mark Edmondson in 1976. Edmondson is also the only recorded unseeded player to win here. Of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open has gone longest without a home champion.

With 15 Australian men in the main draw this year, it is the highest number of Australians to begin the men's singles here since 1998, when there were 17 Australian men in the draw.

Most-recent home men's singles champion at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments

| Event | Last home champion |
| :---: | :---: |
| Australian Open | Mark Edmondson (1976) |
| Roland Garros | Yannick Noah (1983) |
| Wimbledon | Andy Murray (2016) |
| US Open | Andy Roddick (2003) |

In 2005, Lleyton Hewitt became the first Australian to reach the men's final here since Pat Cash reached back-toback finals in 1987-88. An Australian man has reached the final at a Grand Slam event only 11 times in the 142 Grand Slam tournaments since Cash's 1988 final appearance, and only once at the Australian Open. Hewitt's 2002 Wimbledon title marked the last time an Australian man won a Grand Slam title.

| Player | Grand Slam finals reached | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nick Kyrgios | 2022 Wimbledon | Lost to Novak Djokovic 466364 76(3) |
| Lleyton Hewitt | 2001 US Open 2002 Wimbledon 2004 US Open 2005 Australian Open | Defeated Pete Sampras 76(4) 6161 Defeated David Nalbandian 616362 Lost to Roger Federer 60 76(3) 60 Lost to Marat Safin 16636464 |
| Mark Philippoussis | 1998 US Open 2003 Wimbledon | Lost to Patrick Rafter 63366260 Lost to Roger Federer 76(5) 62 76(3) |
| Patrick Rafter | 1997 US Open 1998 US Open 2000 Wimbledon 2001 Wimbledon | Defeated Greg Rusedski 63624675 Defeated Mark Philippoussis 63366260 Lost to Pete Sampras 67(10) 76(5) 6462 Lost to Goran Ivanisevic 6336632697 |

## BEST OF THE REST

Outside the Top 8 seeds, contenders include both defeated semifinalists at the 2023 Australian Open, Karen Khachanov and Tommy Paul. All of the Top 16 seeds have reached at least one Grand Slam quarterfinal and all except Alcaraz have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open at least once before. (see table overleaf)

Top 16 seeds' best Australian Open and Grand Slam results

| Seed | Player | Best Aus Open result | Won 24 titles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Novak Djokovic | Won 10 titles | Won 2022 US Open, 2023 Wimbledon |
| 2 | Carlos Alcaraz | 3rd round 2022 | Won 2021 US Open |
| 3 | Daniil Medvedev | Final 2021, 2022 | Semifinals 2023 Wimbledon |
| 4 | Jannik Sinner | Quarterfinals 2022 | Quarterfinals 9 times |
| 5 | Andrey Rublev | Quarterfinals 2021, 2023 | Final 2020 US Open |
| 6 | Alexander Zverev | Semifinals 2020 | Final 2021 Roland Garros, 2023 Australian Open |
| 7 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | Final 2023 | Quarterfinals 2022-23 Roland Garros, 2023 Wimbledon |
| 8 | Holger Rune | Round of 16 2023 | Semifinals 2021 Wimbledon |
| 9 | Hubert Hurkacz | Round of 16 2023 | Quarterfinals 2020 US Open |
| 10 | Alex de Minaur | Round of 16 2022, 2023 | Final 2022-23 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open |
| 11 | Casper Ruud | Round of 16 2021 | Quarterfinals 2022 Wimbledon, 2023 US Open |
| 12 | Taylor Fritz | Round of 16 2022 | Semifinals 2014 Wimbledon, 2017 Australian Open, 2019 US Open |
| 13 | Grigor Dimitrov | Semifinals 2017 | Semifinals 2023 Australian Open |
| 14 | Tommy Paul | Semifinals 2023 | Semifinals 2022 US Open, 2023 Australian Open |
| 15 | Karen Khachanov | Semifinals 2023 | Semifinals 2023 US Open |
| 16 | Ben Shelton | Quarterfinals 2023 |  |

## CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM

Medvedev topped the list for most Tour-level match-wins in 2023 with 66 victories. Alcaraz and Sinner were the only other players to reach 60 victories last season, while Djokovic had the best win percentage of the Top 10, having won $89 \%$ of the matches he played.

2023 Tour-level win-loss

| Rank |  | Player |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 2022 win-loss |  |  |
| 1. | Daniil Medvedev | $66-18$ |
| 2. | Carlos Alcaraz | $65-12$ |
| 3. | Jannik Sinner | $64-15$ |
| $4=$ | Novak Djokovic | $56-7$ |
|  | Andrey Rublev | $56-26$ |
| 6. | Alexander Zverev | $55-27$ |
| 7. | Taylor Fritz | $54-23$ |
| 8. | Stefanos Tsitsipas | $51-24$ |
| $9=$ | Alex de Minaur | $46-26$ |
|  | Hubert Hurkacz | $46-24$ |

Medvedev was also the 2023 match-win leader on hard courts, ahead of Sinner and Taylor Fritz. Again, Djokovic had the best win percentage of the Top 10, having won $95 \%$ of the matches he played on hard courts.

2023 Tour-level hard court win-loss

| Rank | Player | 2022 win-loss (hard) |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Daniil Medvedev | $49-12$ |
| 2. | Jannik Sinner | $45-9$ |
| 3. | Taylor Fritz | $40-13$ |
| 4. | Novak Djokovic | $37-2$ |
| 5. | Hubert Hurkacz | $35-16$ |
| 6. | Alex de Minaur | $34-17$ |
| 7. | Tommy Paul | $32-18$ |
| $8=$ | Adrian Mannarino | $30-16$ |
|  | Alexander Zverev | $30-18$ |
| $10=$ | Ugo Humbert | $29-14$ |
|  | Andrey Rublev | $29-19$ |

Djokovic led the Tour for most titles won in 2023, winning 7 titles. A total of 35 players won Tour-level singles titles last season, with 14 of those players winning multiple titles.

Players to have won most Tour-level titles in 2023

| Player | Tittes won |
| :--- | :--- |
| Novak Djokovic | 7 (Adelaide 1, Australian Open, Roland Garros, Cincinnati-1000, US Open, Paris-1000, ATP Finals) |
| Carlos Alcaraz | 6 (Buenos Aires, Indian Wells-1000, Barcelona, Madrid-1000, Queen's, Wimbledon) |
| Daniil Medvedev | 5 (Rotterdam, Doha, Dubai, Miami-1000, Rome-1000) |
| Jannik Sinner | 4 (Montpellier, Toronto-1000, Beijijg, Vienna) |
| Sebastian Baez | 3 (Cordoba, Kitzbuhel, Winston-Salem) |

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN MATCH-WINS

Djokovic will bid to record his 90th match-win in the 1st round here this year and is looking to close the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Australian Open match-wins. Murray is bidding to close the gap on Stefan Edberg in 4th place on the list while Wawrinka will equal Pete Sampras in 9th place if he wins his opening 2 matches here this year.
Most Australian Open men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

| Rank | Player | Australian Open win-loss |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Roger Federer | $102-15$ |
| $\mathbf{2 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $89-8$ |
| 3. | Rafael Nadal | $77-16$ |
| 4. | Stefan Edberg | $56-10$ |
| $\mathbf{5 .}$ | Andy Murray | $51-15$ |
| $6=$ | Andre Agassi | $48-5$ |
|  | Ivan Lendl | $48-10$ |
| 8. | Tomas Berdych | $47-16$ |
| 9. | Pete Sampras | $45-9$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 .}$ | Stan Wawrinka | $\mathbf{4 3 - 1 6}$ |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold

## MOST GRAND SLAM MATCH-WINS

Djokovic is looking to close the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles matchwins. Murray will equal Sampras in 7th place on the list if he reaches the round of 16.

Most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

| Rank | Player | Grand Slam win-loss |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Roger Federer | $369-60$ |
| 2. | Novak Djokovic | $361-48$ |
| 3. | Rafael Nadal | $314-43$ |
| 4. | Jimmy Connors | $233-49$ |
| 5. | Andre Agassi | $224-53$ |
| 6. | Ivan Lendl | $222-49$ |
| 7. | Pete Sampras | $203-38$ |
| 8. | Andy Murray | $200-55$ |
| 9. | Stefan Edberg | $178-47$ |
| 10. | John McEnroe | $167-38$ |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold
Djokovic is one of the 5 players, men or women, to have recorded 300 or more Grand Slam singles match-wins. He will equal Williams in 2nd place on the list if he reaches the final here.

Most Grand Slam singles match-wins (Open Era)

| Rank | Player | Grand Slam win-loss |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1. | Roger Federer | $369-60$ |
| 2. | Serena Williams | $367-56$ |
| 3. | Novak Djokovic | $361-48$ |
| 4. | Rafael Nadal | $314-43$ |
| 5. | Martina Navratilova | $306-49$ |

Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Williams are the only 4 players to have recorded 50 match-wins at all 4 Grand Slam events. Djokovic became the first player (man or woman) to record 80 match-wins at each Grand Slam tournament at 2022 Wimbledon.

Players to have won 50 or more singles matches at all 4 Grand Slams

| Player | Grand Slam <br> win-loss | Australian <br> Open win-loss | Roland Garros <br> win-loss |  | Wimbledon <br> win-loss |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Roger Federer | $369-60$ | $102-15$ | $73-17$ | $105-14$ | US Open <br> win-loss |
| Serena Williams | $367-56$ | $92-13$ | $69-14$ | $98-14$ | $108-14$ |
| Novak Djokovic | $361-48$ | $89-8$ | $92-16$ | $92-11$ | $88-13$ |
| Rafael Nadal | $314-43$ | $77-16$ | $112-3$ | $58-12$ | $67-12$ |

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN APPEARANCES

Djokovic is making his 19th Australian Open appearance this year, claiming sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Australian Open men's singles appearances. Wawrinka and Gael Monfils are both making their 18th appearances here this year, equalling Nadal and Fabrice Santoro in 5th place on the list, while Richard Gasquet is making his 17th appearance here and enters the Top 10 on the list.

| Australian Open men's singles appearances (all-time) |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Rank | Player | Australian Opens played |
| 1. | Roger Federer | 21 |
| $2=$ | Lleyton Hewitt | 20 |
|  | Feliciano Lopez | 20 |
| $\mathbf{4 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | 19 |
| $\mathbf{5 =}$ | Gael Monfils | 18 |
|  | Rafael Nadal | 18 |
|  | Fabrice Santoro | 18 |
|  | Stan Wawrinka | 18 |
| $\mathbf{9 =}$ | Richard Gasquet | 17 |
|  | Ivo Karlovic | 17 |
|  | Andreas Seppi | 17 |
|  | Fernando Verdasco | 17 |
|  | Mikhail Youzhny | 17 |
| Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold (totals include this event) |  |  |

Fabio Fognini previously held the longest active streak of Australian Open men's singles appearances, having competed here every year from 2008 to 2023 - but did not enter qualifying here this year. Grigor Dimitrov and Adrian Mannarino, who are both competing here for the 14th consecutive year, now jointly hold the longest active streaks of consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances.

Most consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances (active streaks only)

| Rank | Player | Australian Opens played |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $1=$ | Grigor Dimitrov | 14 |
|  | Adrian Mannarino | 14 |
| $3=$ | Roberto Bautista Agut | 13 |
|  | Albert Ramos-Vinolas | 13 |
| $5=$ | Dusan Lajovic | 11 |
|  | Jordan Thompson | 11 |
| All 6 players competing at the 2024 Australian Open (totals include this event) |  |  |

## MOST GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Djokovic and Gasquet are both contesting their 73rd Grand Slam events here, and are closing the gap on Federer and Feliciano Lopez at the top the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Wawrinka is contesting his 69th Grand Slam event here, equalling Mikhail Youzhny in 7th place on the list.

Grand Slam men's singles appearances (all-time)

| Rank | Player | Grand Slam appearances |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $1=$ | Roger Federer | 81 |
|  | Feliciano Lopez | 81 |
| $3=$ | Novak Djokovic | 73 |
|  | Richard Gasquet | 73 |
| 5. | Fernando Verdasco | 71 |
| 6. | Fabrice Santoro | 70 |
| $7=$ | Stan Wawrinka | 69 |
|  | Mikhail Youzhny | 69 |
| 9. | Philipp Kohlschreiber | 68 |
| $10=$ | Rafael Nadal | 67 |
|  | Andreas Seppi | 67 |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold (totals include this event)

## MOST CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Three players competing at the Australian Open this year have recorded streaks of 50 Grand Slam men's singles main draw appearances including Dimitrov, who is contesting his 52nd consecutive Grand Slam event here. Djokovic and Wawrinka have also previously recorded streaks of 50 consecutive Grand Slam appearances. (see table overleaf)

| Most consecutive Grand Slam men's singles appearances (all-time) |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Rank | Player | Consecutive Grand Slam events played |
| 1. | Feliciano Lopez | 79 (2002 Roland Garros-2022 Australian Open) |
| 2. | Fernando Verdasco | 68 (2003 Wimbledon-2020 Australian Open) |
| 3. | Andreas Seppi | 66 (2005 Wimbledon-2022 Australian Open) |
| 4. | Roger Federer | 65 (2000 Australian Open-2016 Australian Open) |
| 5. | Wayne Ferreira | 56 (1991 Australian Open-2004 US Open) |
| 6. | Stefan Edberg | 54 (1983 Wimbledon-1996 US Open) |
| $\mathbf{7 =}$ | Tomas Berdych | 52 (2003 US Open-2016 Wimbledon) |
|  | Grigor Dimitrov* | $\mathbf{5 2}$ (2011 Australian Open-2024 Australian Open) |
| $\mathbf{9 .}$ | Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{5 1}$ (2005 Australian Open-2017 Wimbledon) |
| $\mathbf{1 0 =}$ | David Ferrer | 50 (2003 Australian Open-2015 Roland Garros) |
|  | Guillermo Garcia-Lopez | 50 (2005 Australian Open-2017 Roland Garros) |
|  | Stan Wawrinka | $\mathbf{5 0}$ (2005 Roland Garros-2017 Wimbledon) |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold. *Denotes active streak
After Dimitrov, Mannarino and Albert Ramos-Vinolas own the longest active streaks of Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Diego Schwartzman's streak of consecutive appearances at the Grand Slams has ended at 36 after he fell to Denis Kudla in the 1st round of qualifying here.

Most Grand Slam men's singles consecutive appearances (active streaks only)
Most Grand Slam men's singles consecutive appearances (active streaks only)

| Rank | Player | Consecutive Grand Slam events played |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Grigor Dimitrov | $52(2011$ Australian Open-2024 Australian Open) |
| 2. | Adrian Mannarino | $44(2013$ Australian Open-2024 Australian Open) |
| 3. | Albert Ramos-Vinolas | $37(2014$ US Open-2024 Australian Open) |
| $5=$ | Dusan Lajovic | 32 (2016 Australian Open-2024 Australian Open) |
|  | Jordan Thompson | 32 (2016 Australian Open-2024 Australian Open) |
| All 5 players competing at the 2024 Australian Open (totals include this event) |  |  |

## DEFENDING THE TITLE

The Australian Open men's singles title has been successfully defended on 15 occasions in the Open Era. Historically, defending champions have had greater success at retaining the title at Wimbledon (22 successful title defences in the Open Era) and Roland Garros (19), with the Australian Open 3rd ahead of the US Open (12).

## Successful Grand Slam men's singles title defences (Open Era)

## Australian Open (15)

Ken Rosewall 1971-72
Guillermo Vilas 1978-79
Johan Kriek 1981-82
Mats Wilander 1983-84
Stefan Edberg 1985-87* (*not played in 1986)
Ivan Lendl 1989-90
Jim Courier 1992-93
Andre Agassi 2000-01
Roger Federer 2006-07
Novak Djokovic 2011-12-13 (2 successful defences)
Novak Djokovic 2015-16
Roger Federer 2017-18
Novak Djokovic 2019-20-21 (2 successful defences)

## Wimbledon (22)

Rod Laver 1968-69
John Newcombe 1970-71
Bjorn Borg 1976-77-78-79-80 (4 successful defences)
John McEnroe 1983-84
Boris Becker 1985-86
Pete Sampras 1993-94-95 (2 successful defences)
Pete Sampras 1997-98-99-2000 (3 successful defences)
Roger Federer 2003-04-05-06-07 (4 successful defences)
Novak Djokovic 2014-15
Novak Djokovic 2018-19-21-22-23 (4 successful defences)

## Roland Garros (19)

Jan Kodes 1970-71
Bjorn Borg 1974-75
Bjorn Borg 1978-79-80-81 (3 successful defences)
Ivan Lendl 1986-87
Jim Courier 1991-92
Sergi Bruguera 1993-94
Gustavo Kuerten 2000-01
Rafael Nadal 2005-06-07-08 (3 successful defences)
Rafael Nadal 2010-11-12-13-14 (4 successful defences)
Rafael Nadal 2017-18-19-20 (3 successful defences)

## US Open (12)

John McEnroe 1979-80-81 (2 successful defences) Jimmy Connors 1982-83
Ivan Lendl 1985-86-87 (2 successful defences) Stefan Edberg 1991-92
Pete Sampras 1995-96
Patrick Rafter 1997-98
Roger Federer 2004-05-06-07-08 (4 successful defences)

Among all 4 Grand Slam events, a defending champion has lost in the 1st round 4 times in the Open Era, including twice at the Australian Open.

Defending Grand Slam champions losing in 1st round (Open Era)

| Year and Grand Slam |  | Defending Champion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | 1st round result $16 \mathbf{~ I . ~ C h r i s ~ L e w i s ~ 3 6 6 3 6 2 1 6 6 4 ~}$

Since Boris Becker's 1st round defeat here in 1997, defending champions have lost in the 2nd round on 2 occasions - in 2017, when Djokovic fell to Denis Istomin, and last year, when Nadal fell to McDonald. Djokovic's defeat to Istomin in 2017 was also the only time to date that a defending Grand Slam men's singles champion has fallen to a wild card at a Grand Slam.

## Australian Open men's singles title defence attempts (Open Era)

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CHAMPION
Rod Laver
Arthur Ashe
Ken Rosewall
Ken Rosewall
John Newcombe
Jimmy Connors
John Newcombe
Mark Edmondson
Roscoe Tanner
Vitas Gerulaitis
Guillermo Vilas
Guillermo Vilas
Brian Teacher
Johan Kriek
Johan Kriek
Mats Wilander
Mats Wilander
Stefan Edberg
No tournament
Stefan Edberg
Mats Wilander
Ivan LendI
Ivan Lendl
Boris Becker
Jim Courier
Jim Courier
Pete Sampras
Andre Agassi
Boris Becker
Pete Sampras
Petr Korda
Yevgeny Kafelnikov
Andre Agassi
Andre Agassi
Thomas Johansson
Andre Agassi
Roger Federer
Marat Safin
Roger Federer
Roger Federer
Novak Djokovic
Rafael Nadal
Roger Federer
Novak Djokovic
Novak Djokovic
Novak Djokovic
Stan Wawrinka
Novak Djokovic

## SUBSEQUENT YEAR

Did not play
Lost final to Ken Rosewall
Won title
Lost 2nd round to Karl Meiler
Lost quarterfinals to Ross Case
Lost final to John Newcombe
Lost final to Mark Edmondson
Lost quarterfinals to Ken Rosewall
Lost 1st round to Chris Lewis
Did not play
Won title
Lost semifinals to Kim Warwick
Did not play
Won title
Lost quarterfinals to Mats Wilander
Won title
Lost final to Stefan Edberg
Won title (1987)
Lost semifinals to Mats Wilander
Lost 2nd round to Ramesh Krishnan
Won title
Lost final to Boris Becker
Lost 3rd round to John McEnroe
Won title
Lost semifinals to Pete Sampras
Lost final to Andre Agassi
Lost semifinals to Michael Chang
Lost 1st round to Carlos Moya
Lost quarterfinals to Karol Kucera
Lost 3rd round to Todd Martin
Lost final to Andre Agassi
Won title
Did not play
Did not play
Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
Did not play (left knee injury)
Won title
Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
Lost quarterfinals to Andy Roddick (retired)
Lost quarterfinals to Andy Murray (retired)
Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
Won title
Won title
Lost quarterfinals to Stan Wawrinka
Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
Won title

| 2016 | Novak Djokovic | Lost 2nd round to Denis Istomin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2017 | Roger Federer | Won title |
| 2018 | Roger Federer | Lost round of 16 to Stefanos Tsitsipas |
| 2019 | Novak Djokovic | Won title |
| 2020 | Novak Djokovic | Won title |
| 2021 | Novak Djokovic | Did not play |
| 2022 | Rafael Nadal | Lost 2nd round to Mackenzie McDonald |
| 2023 | Novak Djokovic | ??? |

## TWENTY-SIX AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONS IN OPEN ERA

Of the 57 different Open Era Grand Slam champions, 26 have won the Australian Open at least once in their careers. Djokovic heads the list with 9 titles here.

| Rod Laver* | 1969 | *also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arthur Ashe | 1970 |  |
| Ken Rosewall* | *also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles |  |
| John Newcombe | $1971-72$ |  |
| Jimmy Connors | 1973,1975 |  |
| Mark Edmondson | 1974 |  |
| Roscoe Tanner | 1976 |  |
| Vitas Gerulaitis | $1977($ Jan |  |
| Guillermo Vilas | 1977 (Dec) |  |
| Brian Teacher | $1978-79$ |  |
| Johan Kriek | 1980 | $1981-82$ |
| Mats Wilander | $1983-84,1988$ |  |
| Stefan Edberg | 1985,1987 |  |
| Ivan Lendl | $1989-90$ |  |
| Boris Becker | 1991,1996 |  |
| Jim Courier | $1992-93$ |  |
| Pete Sampras | 1994,1997 |  |
| Andre Agassi | $1995,2000-01,2003$ |  |
| Petr Korda | 1998 |  |
| Yevgeny Kafelnikov | 1999 |  |
| Thomas Johansson | 2002 |  |
| Roger Federer | $2004,2006-07,2010,2017-18$ |  |
| Marat Safin | 205 |  |
| Novak Djokovic | $2008,2011-13,2015-16,2019-21,2023$ |  |
| Rafael Nadal | 2009,2022 |  |
| Stan Wawrinka | 2014 |  |

## FIRST-TIME WINNER

In the Open Era, 11 men have notched up their first major by winning the Australian Open. 2014 champion Wawrinka is the most-recent player to have won his first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

## Venue of first Grand Slam title

| Australian Open (11) |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jimmy Connors | 1974 |
| Mark Edmondson | 1976 |
| Roscoe Tanner | 1977 (Jan) |
| Vitas Gerulaitis | 1977 (Dec) |
| Brian Teacher | 1980 |
| Johan Kriek | 1981 |
| Stefan Edberg | 1985 |
| Petr Korda | 1998 |
| Thomas Johansson | 2002 |
| Novak Djokovic | 2008 |
| Stan Wawrinka | 2014 |


| Roland Garros (21) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ken Rosewall | 1968 | Jim Courier | 1991 |
| Jan Kodes | 1970 | Sergi Bruguera | 1993 |
| Andres Gimeno | 1972 | Thomas Muster | 1995 |
| Bjorn Borg | 1974 | Yevgeny Kafelnikov | 1996 |
| Adriano Panatta | 1976 | Gustavo Kuerten | 1997 |
| Guillermo Vilas | 1977 | Carlos Moya | 1998 |
| Mats Wilander | 1982 | Albert Costa | 2002 |
| Yannick Noah | 1983 | Juan Carlos Ferrero | 2003 |
| Ivan Lendl | 1984 | Gaston Gaudio | 2004 |
| Michael Chang | 1989 | Rafael Nadal | 2005 |
| Andres Gomez | 1990 |  |  |


| Wimbledon (9) | US Open (16) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rod Laver | 1968 | Arthur Ashe | 1968 | Andy Roddick | 2003 |
| John Newcombe | 1970 | Stan Smith | 1971 | Juan Martin del Potro | 2009 |
| Boris Becker | 1985 | 1987 | llie Nastase | 1972 | Andy Murray |
| Pat Cash | Manuel Orantes | 1975 | Marin Cilic | 2012 |  |
| Michael Stich | 1991 | John McEnroe | 1979 | Dominic Thiem | 2014 |
| Andre Agassi | 1992 | Pete Sampras | 1990 | Daniil Medvedev | 2021 |
| Richard Krajicek | 1996 | Patrick Rafter | 1997 | Carlos Alcaraz | 2022 |
| Goran Ivanisevic | 2001 | Marat Safin | 2000 |  |  |
| Roger Federer | 2003 | Lleyton Hewitt | 2001 |  |  |

## TOP SEED PERFORMANCES

Of the 55 Australian Opens played since 1969, 20 top seeds have gone on to win the title. The top seed has won the title in 10 of the last 20 years. In 2002 Hewitt became the only Australian Open top seed in the Open Era to date to lose in the 1st round.

| YEAR | TOP SEED |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1969 | Rod Laver |
| 1970 | Tony Roche |
| 1971 | Rod Laver |
| 1972 | John Newcombe |
| 1973 | Ken Rosewall |
| 1974 | John Newcombe |
| 1975 | Jimmy Connors |
| 1976 | Ken Rosewall |
| 1977 (Jan) | Guillermo Vilas |
| 1977 (Dec) | Vitas Gerulaitis |
| 1978 | Guillermo Vilas |
| 1979 | Guillermo Vilas |
| 1980 | Guillermo Vilas |
| 1981 | Guillermo Vilas |
| 1982 | Johan Kriek |
| 1983 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1984 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1985 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1986 | No tournament |
| 1987 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1988 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1989 | Mats Wilander |
| 1990 | Ivan Lendl |
| 1991 | Stefan Edberg |
| 1992 | Stefan Edberg |
| 1993 | Jim Courier |
| 1994 | Pete Sampras |
| 1995 | Pete Sampras |
| 1996 | Pete Sampras |
| 1997 | Pete Sampras |
| 1998 | Pete Sampras |
| 1999 | Pete Sampras |
| 2000 | Andre Agassi |
| 2001 | Gustavo Kuerten |
| 2002 | Lleyton Hewitt |
| 2003 | Lleyton Hewitt |
| 2004 | Andy Roddick |
| 2005 | Roger Federer |
| 2006 | Roger Federer |
| 2007 | Roger Federer |
| 2008 | Roger Federer |
| 2009 | Rafael Nadal |
| 2010 | Roger Federer |
| 2011 | Rafael Nadal |
| 2012 | Novak Djokovic |
| 2013 | Novak Djokovic |
| 2014 | Rafael Nadal |
| 2015 | Novak Djokovic |
| 2016 | Novak Djokovic |
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2018 Rafael Nadal
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Novak Djokovic
Rafael Nadal Novak Djokovic Novak Djokovic Rafael Nadal Novak Djokovic

Lost round of 16 to Mischa Zverev
Lost quarterfinals to Marin Cilic
Won title
Lost quarterfinals to Dominic Thiem
Won title
Withdrew
Lost 2nd round to Mackenzie McDonald ???

## TOUR-LEVEL TITLES

Djokovic is bidding to win his 99th Tour-level singles title and close the gap on Jimmy Connors and Federer at the top of the Open Era list for most Tour-level singles titles won.

| Most Tour-level titles (Open Era) <br> Player |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tour-level titles |  |
| Jimmy Connors | 109 |
| Roger Federer | 103 |
| Novak Djokovic | 98 |
| Ivan Lendl | 94 |
| Rafael Nadal | 92 |

Among active players, Nadal, Murray, Alexander Zverev, Cilic and Medvedev complete the Top 5 on the list behind Djokovic.

Most Tour-level titles (active players)

| Player | Tour-level titles | Last Tour-level title |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | 98 | 2023 ATP Finals |
| Rafael Nadal | 92 | 2022 Roland Garros |
| Andy Murray | 46 | 2019 Antwerp |
| Alexander Zverev | 21 | 2023 Chengdu |
| Marin Cilic | 20 | 2021 St Petersburg |
| Daniil Medvedev | 20 | 2023 Rome-1000 |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold

## HARD COURT HEROES

Djokovic is also bidding to win his 71st Tour-level hard court title and claim sole ownership of the Open Era record for most Tour-level hard court titles, ahead of Federer.

Most Tour-level hard court titles (Open Era)

| Player | Hard court titles |
| :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | $\mathbf{7 1}$ |
| Roger Federer | 71 |
| Andre Agassi | 46 |
| Pete Sampras | 36 |
| Andy Murray | $\mathbf{3 4}$ |

Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold
Among active players, Murray is 2nd to Djokovic for most Tour-level hard court titles among active players, while Nadal, Medvedev and Cilic complete the Top 5.

Most Tour-level hard court titles (active players)

| Player |  | Hard court titles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Novak Djokovic | 71 | Last hard court title |
| Andy Murray | 34 | 2023 ATP Finals |
| Rafael Nadal | 25 | 2019 Antwerp |
| Daniil Medvedev | 18 | 2023 Acapulco |
| Marin Cilic | 15 | 2021 St Petersburg |
| Players at the 2024 Australian Open in bold |  |  |

## THE LEAD UP

Since 2014, winners of pre-Australian Open tournaments have gone on to win the title here on 4 occasions Wawrinka in 2014, Djokovic in 2016 and 2023, and Nadal in 2022.

In the opening week of this season, Dimitrov defeated Holger Rune to win his first Tour-level title in more than 6 years at Brisbane, while Rublev overcame Emil Ruusuvuori to win his first title of the year in Hong Kong. The second edition of the United Cup was also played in the first week of the season, with Germany defeating Poland in the final which included a singles victory for Zverev over Hurkacz.

On Saturday, Alejandro Tabilo won the title as a qualifier at Auckland, defeating Taro Daniel in the final, while Jiri Lehecka recovered from a set down to defeat Jack Draper in the final at Adelaide. It was a first Tour-level title for both players.

No player has won a title the week before the Australian Open since Sampras won Sydney immediately before winning his first title here in 1994. In the last 10 years, no champion of a tournament the week before the Australian Open has reached the quarterfinals here.

Lead-up event champions and subsequent Australian Open result (2014-24)

*Held in January prior to the 2-week quarantine period in Australia

## FIRST-TIMERS

There are 25 men making their Australian Open debuts this year. Of the 25 debutants, 8 are direct acceptances, 12 are qualifiers, 4 are wild cards and one is a lucky loser.

In the Open Era, 5 men have won the title on their Australian Open debut - Jimmy Connors (1973), Roscoe Tanner (January 1977), Vitas Gerulaitis (December 1977), Johan Kriek (1981) and Andre Agassi (1995). The last Grand Slam men's singles champion to win the title on his first appearance at that major was Nadal at 2005 Roland Garros.

Eight men are also making their Grand Slam debuts: Terence Atmane, Jesper de Jong, Vit Kopriva, James McCabe, Dino Prizmic, Dane Sweeny, Mate Valkusz and Adam Walton.

## YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At 38 years 306 days, Wawrinka is the oldest player to begin the main draw here this year. There are 26 players aged 30 or older competing in the Australian Open men's singles main draw this year. The record for the most players aged 30 or over in a Grand Slam men's singles draw is 51 , which was set at 2016 Roland Garros.

At 18 years 149 days, Jakub Mensik is the youngest man to start the main draw here this year. He is one of 6 teenagers in the men's draw this year, alongside Arthur Fils (19 years 230 days), Alex Michelsen (19 years 156 days), Prizmic (18 years 176 days), Shang Juncheng (18 years 360 days) and Luca van Assche (19 years 262 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Four players in the main draw will celebrate their birthdays during the tournament: Taro Daniel (turns 30 on Saturday 27 January), James Duckworth (turns 31 on Sunday 21 January), Albert Ramos-Vinolas (turns 36 on Wednesday 17 January) and Frances Tiafoe (turns 26 on Saturday 20 January).

## FROM BOYS TO MEN

There are 6 former Australian Open junior singles champions playing in this year's main draw: Gael Monfils (2004), Jiri Vesely (2011), Alexander Zverev (2014), Roman Safiullin (2015), Sebastian Korda (2018) and Lorenzo Musetti (2019).

Three other players in the men's draw this year have reached the boys' singles final here: Thanasi Kokkinakis (2013), Arthur Cazaux (2020) and Mensik (2022).

Edberg is the only player to have won both the junior and senior title here in the Open Era. He won the boys' singles title in 1983, before winning the men's singles in 1985 and 1987.

## WILD CARDS

Home players received 5 of the 8 wild cards: Duckworth, Jason Kubler, McCabe, Marc Polmans and Walton. China P.R.'s Shang was also awarded a wild card, while France's Cazaux and USA's Patrick Kypson were granted wild cards as part of Tennis Australia's reciprocal wild card arrangements with the FFT and USTA.

## MISSING OUT

Players who appeared on the original entry list but withdrew before qualifying began are: Nadal, Reilly Opelka and Dominic Stricker. Matteo Berrettini, Borna Gojo and Aslan Karatsev withdrew this week and have been replaced by lucky losers.

## LEFTHANDERS

There are 18 lefthanders starting in this year's men's singles. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era.

Lefthanded Australian Open men's singles champions (Open Era)

| Player | Years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Rod Laver | 1969 |
| Jimmy Connors | 1974 |
| Roscoe Tanner | 1977 |
| Guillermo Vilas | 1978,1979 |
| Petr Korda | 1998 |
| Rafael Nadal | 2009,2022 |

## COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

There are 35 nations represented in the men's singles draw at the 2024 Australian Open. France has the most players competing here and USA has the most seeded players in this year's draw. (NB 6 players are competing without a nationality at this year's event)

| France | 16 | 2 seeds | 1 wild card | 2 qualifiers | 1 lucky loser |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Australia | 15 | 1 seed | 5 wild cards | 2 qualifiers |  |
| USA | 12 | 5 seeds | 1 wild card | 1 qualifier |  |
| Spain | 7 | 2 seeds |  |  |  |
| Argentina | 6 | 3 seeds |  |  |  |
| Germany | 6 | 2 seeds |  |  |  |
| Italy | 6 | 2 seeds |  | 2 qualifiers |  |
| Czechia | 5 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Great Britain | 4 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Japan | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Serbia | 4 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Canada | 3 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Chile | 3 | 1 seed |  | 1 qualifier |  |
| Croatia | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Hungary | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Netherlands | 3 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Austria | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Belgium | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| China, P.R. | 2 |  | 1 wild card |  |  |
| Brazil | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Bulgaria | 1 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Colombia | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Denmark | 1 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Finland | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Greece | 1 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| India | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Kazakhstan | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Korea, Rep. | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Norway | 1 | 1 seed |  |  |  |
| Peru | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Poland | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Portugal | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Slovakia | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Switzerland | 6 | 3 seeds |  |  |  |
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[^0]:    RESULT
    Won title
    Lost quarterfinals to Roger Taylor
    Lost 3rd round to Mark Cox
    Lost quarterfinals to Mal Anderson
    Lost 2nd round to Karl Meiler
    Lost quarterfinals to Ross Case
    Lost final to John Newcombe
    Lost semifinals to Mark Edmondson
    Lost final to Roscoe Tanner
    Won title
    Won title
    Won title
    Lost quarterfinals to Kim Warwick
    Lost 3rd round to Hank Pfister
    Won title
    Lost final to Mats Wilander
    Lost round of 16 to Kevin Curren
    Lost semifinals to Stefan Edberg
    Lost semifinals to Pat Cash
    Lost semifinals to Pat Cash
    Lost 2nd round to Ramesh Krishnan
    Won title
    Lost semifinals to Ivan Lendl
    Lost final to Jim Courier
    Won title
    Won title
    Lost final to Andre Agassi
    Lost 3rd round to Mark Philippoussis
    Won title
    Lost quarterfinals to Karol Kucera
    Withdrew
    Won title
    Lost 2nd round to Greg Rusedski
    Lost 1st round to Alberto Martin
    Lost round of 16 to Younes el Aynaoui
    Lost quarterfinals to Marat Safin
    Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
    Won title
    Won title
    Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
    Won title
    Won title
    Lost quarterfinals to David Ferrer
    Won title
    Won title
    Lost final to Stan Wawrinka
    Won title
    Won title

