2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN
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1st Round

Featured matches

On court today…

- Last year's runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas returns to Rod Laver Arena today, with the No. 7 seed up against lucky loser Zizou Bergs, who gained entry to the main draw following the withdrawal of 2021 Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini on Sunday. Tsitsipas has lost in the 1st round here once before, on his Australian Open debut in 2018 – but the Greek can be vulnerable in the early stages of a Grand Slam tournament, as world No. 128 Dominic Stricker proved in the 1st round at the US Open last year. For Bergs, who is ranked one place lower now than Stricker was then, an upset victory this afternoon would be his first Grand Slam match-win.

- Two-time runner-up Daniil Medvedev also begins his Australian Open campaign today, with the 27-year-old facing Grand Slam debutant Terence Atmane in the first match on Margaret Court Arena. Medvedev bounced back from a 3rd round exit here last year by going on a 19-match winning streak and winning 3 consecutive titles, reached his 5th Grand Slam final at the US Open later in the season and finished the year with a Tour-leading 66 match-wins. Another run to the Australian Open final this year would see him become the 13th man in the Open Era to reach 3 finals here. Atmane has won just one Tour-level match prior to this clash and is facing a Top 10 player for the first time.

- Home favourite Alex de Minaur opens the night session on RLA against 2016 Wimbledon finalist and former world No. 3 Milos Raonic, as the Canadian returns to the Australian Open for the first time since 2021. De Minaur comes into the event in good form having defeated 3 Top 10 players (Taylor Fritz, Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev) at the United Cup. De Minaur is one of 15 Australian men to start the men's singles draw here this year, the most since 1998 when 17 Aussie men competed here. He is vying to become the first home player to win the men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Seven other Australian men are in action at Melbourne Park today – and at least 2 are guaranteed to reach the 2nd round, with 2 all-Australian match-ups taking place. Alexei Popyrin faces Marc Polmans on John Cain Arena, while Aleksandar Vukic takes on Jordan Thompson on Court 3. These all-Aussie clashes are the first men's singles matches to be contested by 2 Australian players here since 2016, when Bernard Tomic defeated John Millman in the 3rd round and Lleyton Hewitt defeated James Duckworth in the 1st round.

NO. 3 DANIIL MEDVEDEV v (Q) TERENCE ATMANE (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Medvedev has won 2 of his 3 matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open – he fell to Ernesto Escobedo in the 1st round here in 2017, but defeated Lloyd Harris in the 1st round in 2019 and Pedro Martinez in the 2nd round in 2020. He lost his most recent Grand Slam match against a qualifier, falling to Thiago Seyboth Wild in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros. He has a 6-4 win-loss record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and a 33-12 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Medvedev has lost a Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 144 Atmane twice before – when he retired due to cramping against No. 266 Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros and when he fell to No. 176 Seyboth Wild in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Medvedev at the Australian Open is No. 131 Escobedo in the 1st round in 2017.

MEDVEDEV	v	ATMANE
27	**Age**	22
3	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	144
21	**Titles**	0
70-25	**Career Grand Slam Record**	0-0
21-7	**Australian Open Record**	0-0
335-136	**Career Record**	1-3
262-90	**Career Record - Hard**	1-3
0-0	**2024 Record**	0-0
0-0	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
4-9	**Career Five-Set Record**	0-0
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
99-74	**Career Tiebreak Record**	0-1
0-0	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- Two-time Australian Open runner-up **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th consecutive year. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.

- Medvedev has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Grand Slam debut in 2017, when he fell to Ernesto Escobedo in 4 sets. He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 6 other occasions – at Roland Garros in 2017 (l. Benjamin Bonzi), 2018 (l. Lucas Pouille), 2019 (l. Pierre-Hugues Herbert), 2020 (l. Marton Fucsovics) and 2023 (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and at the 2017 US Open (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- **Last year here**, Medvedev reached the 3rd round (l. Sebastian Korda). It was his earliest defeat at the Australian Open since 2018, when he fell to Chung Hyeon in the 2nd round.

- Medvedev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching back-to-back finals in 2021, when he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets, and 2022, when he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.

- Medvedev won his first **Grand Slam title** at the 2021 US Open, defeating Djokovic in straight sets. He has a 1-4 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals, having also finished runner-up at the US Open in 2019 (l. Nadal) and last year (l. Djokovic) in addition to his 2 runner-up finishes here.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Medvedev reached the semifinals at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- Medvedev's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Rotterdam (d. Jannik Sinner), Doha (d. Andy Murray), Dubai (d. Andrey Rublev), Miami-1000 (d. Sinner) and Rome-1000 (d. Holger Rune). He also finished runner-up at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz), Beijing (l. Sinner) and Vienna (l. Sinner). With a 66-18 win-loss record last season, he led the Tour for most matches won in 2023.

- Medvedev is contesting his **first match of the 2024 season today**.

- Medvedev has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – he won 5-set matches against Filip Krajinovic in the 3rd round in 2021 and Felix Auger-Aliassime in the quarterfinals in 2022, but lost in 5 sets to Stan Wawrinka in the round of 16 in 2020 and to Nadal in the final in 2022. He has a 4-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Medvedev **became world No. 1** on 28 February 2022, becoming the first player other than the 'Big 4' (comprising Djokovic, Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray) to hold the top ranking since Andy Roddick in February 2004. He held the No. 1 ranking for 16 weeks during 2022 but is yet to return to the No. 1 ranking. He plays here at No. 3 and is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, along with Alcaraz and Djokovic.

- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, l. Nikola Milojevic).

- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.

- Qualifier **ATMANE** is making his Grand Slam debut today.

- Atmane defeated No. 15 seed Juan Manuel Cerundolo (ARG) 46 64 61, Nerman Fatic (BIH) 63 36 75 and Emilio Nava (USA) 76(5) 76(3)in the 3 rounds of qualifying here. It is the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 3rd attempt.

- **At the Grand Slams in 2023**, Atmane fell in the 1st round of qualifying as a wild card at Roland Garros (l. Zdenek Kolar). He reached the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (d. Mate Valkusz, l. James Duckworth) but was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

- Atmane is bidding to record his **2nd Tour-level match-win**. His only previous Tour-level match-win came in a 2nd round finish as a qualifier at 2023 Shanghai-1000 (d. Jordan Thompson, l. Nicolas Jarry). He lost in the 1st round at the 2 other Tour-level events he has contested – at 2023 Zhuhai (l. Yoshihito Nishioka) and as a qualifier at 2023 Sofia (l. Marton Fucsovics).

- Atmane **won his first 2 Challenger titles in 2023** – at the Zhangjiagang Challenger (CHN) (d. Mikalai Haliak) and the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (d. Marc Polmans). He also reached the semifinals at the Pozoblanco Challenger (ESP) (l. Juan Pablo Ficovich) and the Segovia Challenger (ESP) (l. Antoine Escoffier).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Atmane attempted to qualify at Hong Kong. He defeated Wong Hong Kit in the 1st round of qualifying before falling to Vitaliy Sachko in the final round of qualifying.

- Atmane is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 22 Jarry in the 2nd round at Shanghai-1000 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 53 Christopher O'Connell in the quarterfinal at the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) last year.

- Atmane reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 132 in October last year. He plays here at No. 144.

- Atmane reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 20 in January 2020. He lost in the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2020 (l. Egor Agafonov).

- Atmane is coached by Robin Boule.

NO. 7 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v (LL) ZIZOU BERGS (BEL)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2017	Antwerp Qualifying Draw	Hard (I)	R16	Tsitsipas	60 63

A first Tour-level meeting for Tsitsipas and Bergs. Their only previous meeting, at any level, came in qualifying at 2017 Antwerp, with Tsitsipas winning in straight sets.

Tsitsipas has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 129 Bergs. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Tsitsipas at a Grand Slam is No. 128 Dominic Stricker in the 2nd round at the US Open last year. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Tsitsipas at the Australian Open is No. 50 Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2018.

Tsitsipas is facing a lucky loser at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 7-3 win-loss record against lucky losers at Tour-level overall but lost his only match against a lucky loser in 2023, falling to Jan-Lennard Struff in the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000.

TSITSIPAS	v	BERGS
25	**Age**	24
7	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	129
11	**Titles**	0
57-25	**Career Grand Slam Record**	0-2
21-6	**Australian Open Record**	0-1
300-143	**Career Record**	6-17
180-98	**Career Record - Hard**	3-12
0-0	**2024 Record**	0-0
0-0	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
12-8	**Career Five-Set Record**	0-0
3	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
136-101	**Career Tiebreak Record**	5-7
0-0	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th straight year. This is his 7th Australian Open and his 26th Grand Slam overall.

- Tsitsipas has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Australian Open debut in 2018, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in straight sets. He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on a total of 7 occasions, most recently at the 2022 US Open (l. Daniel Elahi Galan).

- Last year here, Tsitsipas reached his **2nd Grand Slam final** (l. Novak Djokovic). He also finished runner-up to Djokovic at 2021 Roland Garros. He is the only Greek player in history to have reached a Grand Slam final.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Tsitsipas reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Christopher Eubanks) but fell in the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Dominic Stricker).

- At 25 years 169 days, Tsitsipas is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2012 aged 24 years 252 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament).

- Tsitsipas' **best result in 2023** was winning the title at Los Cabos (d. Alex de Minaur). He also finished runner-up at Barcelona (l. Alcaraz) and reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev), Antwerp (l. Arthur Fils), Vienna (l. Medvedev) and Paris-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Tsitsipas represented Greece at the United Cup, winning one of the 2 singles matches he contested. He defeated Canada's Steven Diez but fell to Germany's Alexander Zverev.

- Tsitsipas has won all 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against both Thanasi Kokkinakis and Rafael Nadal in 2021, against Taylor Fritz in the round of 16 in 2022, and against Jannik Sinner in the round of 16 last year. His victory against Nadal in the 2021 quarterfinals, in which he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets, saw him become the 3rd player to record a successful comeback from 0-2 down against Nadal after Roger Federer and Fabio Fognini. He has an 11-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Tsitsipas reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in August in 2021. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 7.

- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. De Minaur). His best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Shapovalov) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).

- Tsitsipas made his **Davis Cup** debut in September 2019 and has won 11 of the 12 singles matches he has contested in the competition since then. Greece will play at home to Romania in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.

- Tsitsipas is coached by his father, Apostolos Tsitsipas.

- Lucky loser **BERGS** is bidding to record his first Grand Slam match-win. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 3rd Grand Slam overall.

- **As No. 22 seed in qualifying**, Bergs defeated Zdenek Kolar (CZE) 62 62 and Joris de Loore (BEL) 76(2) 60 before retiring due to cramping while trailing wild card Dane Sweeny (AUS) 75 57 0-2 in the final round of qualifying. He gained entry to the main draw as a lucky loser following the withdrawal of Matteo Berrettini on Sunday.

- **Last year here**, Bergs qualified for the main draw to make his Australian Open debut, falling to Laslo Djere in 4 sets in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round on his only other Grand Slam main draw appearance – as a wild card at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Jack Draper).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Bergs reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros (d. Steve Johnson, l. Frederico Ferreira Silva) and Wimbledon (d. Brandon Holt, l. Kimmer Coppejans) but lost in the 1st round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Arthur Cazaux).

- Bergs' **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Gstaad, where he defeated Laslo Djere and Jurij Rodionov before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic. His only other Tour-level victory in 2023 came when he defeated Soonwoo Kwon during Belgium's Davis Cup Qualifiers defeat to Korea, Rep.

- Bergs is bidding to record his **7th Tour-level match-win**. In addition to his 3 Tour-level victories in 2023, his only other match-wins at Tour-level came in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at 2020 Antwerp (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, l. Karen Khachanov) and as a qualifier at 2021 Gstaad (d. Oscar Otte, l. Djere), and when he defeated Otto Virtanen during Belgium's 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers victory against Finland.

- Bergs **won 3 titles at Challenger-level in 2023** – at Tallahassee (USA) (d. Wu Tung-Lin), Drummondville (CAN) (d. James Duckworth) and Yokkaichi (JPN) (d. Michael Mmoh). He also reached the semifinals at the Surbiton Challenger (GBR) (l. Rodionov) and the quarterfinals at the Savannah Challenger (USA) (l. Calvin Hemery), the Zug Challenger (SUI) (l. Rodionov) and the Calgary Challenger (l. Dominik Koepfer).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Bergs attempted to qualify at Hong Kong, but fell to Jan Choinski in the 1st round of qualifying.

- Bergs is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has faced, at any level, is No. 17 Khachanov in the 2nd round at 2020 Antwerp. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 45 Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round at 2020 Antwerp.

- Bergs reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 112 in February last year. He plays here at No. 129.

- Bergs had a **successful junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 in June 2017 but lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open (l. Vlad Andrei Dancu).

- Bergs made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2021 and has a 2-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Belgium will play away against Croatia in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Bergs is coached by Ruben Bemelmans.

NO. 9 HUBERT HURKACZ (POL) v (Q) OMAR JASIKA (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Hurkacz has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 342 Jasika once before – when he fell to No. 418 Tomislav Brkic while competing for Poland in a 2017 Davis Cup Europe/Africa Group I tie against Bosnia and Herzegovina. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Hurkacz at the Grand Slams is No. 184 Bernard Tomic in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Hurkacz at the Australian Open is No. 95 Mikael Ymer in the 1st round in 2021.

Hurkacz has won 3 of his 4 previous matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including his only previous match against a qualifier at the Australian Open, when he recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Dennis Novak in the 1st round in 2020. His only defeat to a qualifier at the Grand Slams came against Botic van de Zandschulp in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros.

Hurkacz is also bidding to extend a 13-match winning streak against qualifiers at Tour-level, having not lost to a qualifier since falling to Van de Zandschulp at 2021 Roland Garros. He has a 22-5 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Hurkacz is facing an Australian player here once before – when he lost to John Millman in the 2nd round in 2020. He is bidding to extend a 12-match winning streak against Australian players at Tour-level, having not lost to an Australian player since falling to Millman in the 1st round at 2021 Madrid-1000. He has a 14-4 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

HURKACZ	v	JASIKA
26	**Age**	26
9	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	342
7	**Titles**	0
26-22	**Career Grand Slam Record**	1-2
5-5	**Australian Open Record**	1-2
177-126	**Career Record**	1-3
131-86	**Career Record - Hard**	1-3
3-2	**2024 Record**	0-0
3-2	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
7-7	**Career Five-Set Record**	0-0
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
97-100	**Career Tiebreak Record**	0-0
1-2	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **HURKACZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Hurkacz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16, defeating Pedro Martinez in the 1st round and recording 5-set victories against Denis Shapovalov and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to Sebastian Korda, also in 5 sets.

- Hurkacz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Roger Federer in the quarterfinals before falling to Matteo Berrettini in the last 4. He became the 2nd Polish man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal after Jerzy Janowicz at 2013 Wimbledon.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Hurkacz reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic), the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Juan Pablo Varillas) and the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Jack Draper).

- Hurkacz's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Marseille (d. Benjamin Bonzi) and Shanghai-1000 (d. Andrey Rublev). He also finished runner-up at Basel (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Hurkacz represented Poland at United Cup, winning 3 of the 5 singles matches he contested as the team finished as runners-up to Germany. He defeated Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild, China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen and France's Adrian Mannarino but fell to Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Germany's Alexander Zverev.

- Hurkacz has a 3-2 win-loss record in **5-set matches at the Australian Open**. In addition to the 3 five-set matches he contested here last year, he also defeated Dennis Novak in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020 but lost to Mikael Ymer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2021. He has a 7-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Hurkacz **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in October 2021 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 9 the following month. He plays here at the same ranking.

- Hurkacz has played **Davis Cup** for Poland since 2016 and has a 9-9 win-loss record in the competition. Poland will play away against Uzbekistan in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.

- Hurkacz is coached by Craig Boynton.

- Qualifier **JASIKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Grand Slam overall, with both of his previous appearances at the Grand Slams coming at the Australian Open.

- As a wild card in qualifying, Jasika defeated Dalibor Svrcina (CZE) 63 16 62, No. 32 seed Zachary Svajda (USA) 75 46 62 and Abdullah Shelbayh (JOR) 26 61 62. It is the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 4th attempt.

- **Last year here**, Jasika fell to Denis Kudla in the 1st round of qualifying. He also fell in qualifying here in 2015 and 2018.

- Jasika's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round here as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2016 (d. Illya Marchenko, l. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga). On his only other main draw appearance here, as a wild card in 2017, he fell to David Ferrer in the 1st round.

- Jasika is bidding to record his **2nd Tour-level match-win**. His only previous Tour-level match-win came in his 2nd round finish here in 2016. His only other Tour-level appearances came as a wild card at 2014 Kuala Lumpur, when he fell to Rajeev Ram in the 1st round, and as a wild card here in 2017.

- Jasika **played mainly at Challenger-level and on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2023**. His best results at Challenger-level were reaching the quarterfinals at the Bloomfield Hills Challenger (USA) (l. Tristan Schoolkate), the Salinas Challenger (ECU) (l. Matija Pecotic) and the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (l. Evgeny Donskoy). He won 2 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour – at M15 Jakarta (INA) (d. Justin Barki) and M25 Cairns (AUS) (d. Jake Delaney).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Jasika attempted to qualify at Brisbane. As a wild card, he fell to Giulio Zeppieri in the 1st round of qualifying.

- Jasika is **facing a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. He lost his only previous match against a Top 10 player, falling to No. 10 Tsonga in the 2nd round here in 2016 Australian Open. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 76 Marchenko in the 1st round here in 2016.

- Jasika reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 223 in January 2023. He plays here at No. 342.

- Jasika had a **successful junior career**. He won both the boys' singles and boys' doubles titles at the 2014 US Open, defeating Quentin Halys in the singles final and partnering Naoki Nakagawa to defeat Rafael Matos/Joao Menezes in the doubles final. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 6, and reached the 3rd round on both his appearances in the boys' singles here – in 2013 (l. Nick Kyrgios) and 2014 (l.Petros Chrysochos).

- Jasika is coached by his father, Admir Jasika.

NO. 10 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v MILOS RAONIC (CAN)

Head-to-head: De Minaur leads 1-0

| 2018 | Brisbane | Hard (O) | R16 | De Minaur | 64 64 |

A 2nd meeting for De Minaur and Raonic – with their only previous meeting also taking place in Australia, in the 2nd round at Brisbane 6 years ago.

De Minaur has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 319 Raonic once before – when he fell to No. 374 Yoshihito Nishioka in the 1st round at 2018 Miami-1000. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated De Minaur at the Grand Slams is No. 110 Marco Cecchinato in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated De Minaur at the Australian Open is No. 32 Sam Querrey in the 2nd round in 2017.

Raonic is facing an Australian player here for the 3rd time. He lost his first match against an Australian player here, against Lleyton Hewitt in the 3rd round in 2012, before defeating Nick Kyrgios in the 1st round in 2019. He has a 19-9 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Raonic has a 7-4 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams – in addition to his 1-1 win-loss record against Australian players here, he has a 3-0 win-loss record against French players at Roland Garros, a 1-1 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 2-2 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

DE MINAUR	v	RAONIC
24	**Age**	33
10	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	319
7	**Titles**	8
35-25	**Career Grand Slam Record**	92-36
11-6	**Australian Open Record**	34-11
205-135	**Career Record**	377-179
158-90	**Career Record - Hard**	260-119
3-1	**2024 Record**	0-0
3-1	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
4-5	**Career Five-Set Record**	9-8
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	1
78-62	**Career Tiebreak Record**	234-151
0-1	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, De Minaur equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 (l. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the round of 16 here in 2022 (l. Jannik Sinner).

- De Minaur's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 US Open, where he fell to eventual champion Dominic Thiem in straight sets.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, De Minaur reached the round of 16 at US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev) but fell in the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Ilya Ivashka, l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Wimbledon (d. Kimmer Coppejans, l. Matteo Berrettini).

- De Minaur's best result in 2023 was winning his **7th Tour-level title** at Acapulco (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished runner-up at Queen's (l. Carlos Alcaraz), Los Cabos (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Toronto-1000 (l. Sinner).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, De Minaur represented Australia at the United Cup, winning 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as the team reached the semifinals. He fell to Great Britain's Cameron Norrie in his first match before defeating USA's Taylor Fritz, Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Germany's Alexander Zverev. His victory against Djokovic was his first victory against a world No. 1 and ended Djokovic's 43-match winning streak in Australia.

- De Minaur is the highest-ranked of the **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.

- De Minaur has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Gerald Melzer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2017 and Henri Laaksonen in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2019. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- De Minaur reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 last week, becoming the first Australian man to be ranked in the Top 10 since Lleyton Hewitt in July 2006. He plays here at the same ranking.

- De Minaur reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 2** in February 2016. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2016 Australian Open (l. Jurabek Karimov) and won the doubles event alongside Blake Ellis. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles event at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- De Minaur has led Australia to **back-to-back Davis Cup finals in 2022-23**, the team's first appearances in the Davis Cup final since 2003. The team finished as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. De Minaur won 10 out of 13 Davis Cup matches he contested in 2022-23, with his only defeats coming against Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 2022 final, against Daniel Evans in the 2023 Finals Group Stage and against Sinner in the 2023 final. He has a 15-8 win-loss record in the competition overall. As runners-up in 2023, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals Group Stage in September.

- De Minaur is coached by Adolfo Gutierrez.

- **RAONIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 11th time. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 37th Grand Slam overall.

- Raonic is making his **first Australian Open appearance since 2021** after being inactive for nearly 2 years, from July 2021 to June 2023. On his last appearance here, in 2021, he reached the round of 16 (l. Novak Djokovic).

- Raonic has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – in 2018 when, as No. 22 seed, he fell to Lukas Lacko in 4 sets. He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions in his 36 previous appearances at the majors.

- Raonic's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2016 (l. Andy Murray). He was the first Canadian man – and only the 2nd Canadian player after Eugenie Bouchard, who reached the semifinals of the women's singles here in 2014 – in history to reach the semifinals here.

- Raonic recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at 2016 Wimbledon when, as No. 6 seed, he became the first Canadian man to reach a Grand Slam final, falling to Murray in straight sets.

- Raonic **returned to Grand Slam action in 2023** after missing 9 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments after his round of 16 finish here in 2021. He reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Dennis Novak, l. Tommy Paul) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).

- Raonic **contested just 5 Tour-level events in 2023**. In addition to his appearances at Wimbledon and the US Open, he reached the 3rd round at Toronto-1000, defeating Frances Tiafoe and Taro Daniel before falling to Mackenzie McDonald, reached the 2nd round at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Jordan Thompson), and represented Canada at the Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage, defeating Finland's Patrick Kaukovalta in the quarterfinals. He is contesting his first match of 2024 today.

- Raonic is contesting his **100th career match against a Top 10 player**. He has a 31-68 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level and a 5-15 win loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with 4 of his 5 victories coming at the Australian Open.

- Raonic has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Feliciano Lopez in round of 16 in 2015 and Stan Wawrinka in the round of 16 in 2016, before losing to Murray in the semifinals in 2016. He has a 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Raonic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in November 2016. He plays here at No. 319 but entered the draw using a protected ranking of No. 33.

- Raonic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Canada in 2010 and returned to the team for the first time since 2018 at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in November last year. He has a 19-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Canada will play at home against Korea, Rep. in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Raonic is coached by Mario Tudor.

NO. 15 KAREN KHACHANOV v DANIEL ALTMAIER (GER)

Head-to-head: first meeting

KHACHANOV	v	ALTMAIER
27	Age	25
15	ATP Ranking (15 Jan)	50
5	Titles	0
57-26	Career Grand Slam Record	6-9
15-7	Australian Open Record	0-2
244-181	Career Record	34-61
161-123	Career Record - Hard	9-29
0-1	2024 Record	3-2
0-1	2024 Record - Hard	3-2
9-8	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
116-115	Career Tiebreak Record	20-27
0-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **KHACHANOV** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Khachanov equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the semifinals. He defeated Bernabe Zapata Miralles, Jason Kubler, Frances Tiafoe, Yoshihito Nishioka and Sebastian Korda before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last 4. Khachanov also reached the semifinals at the 2022 US Open (l. Casper Ruud).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Khachanov reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Novak Djokovic) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Michael Mmoh). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a stress fracture injury.

- Khachanov's best result in 2023 was winning his **5th Tour-level title** – and first since 2018 Paris-1000 – at Zhuhai (d. Yoshihito Nishioka). He also reached the semifinals at Miami-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at a total of 7 other Tour-level events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Khachanov competed at Hong Kong but lost his opening match to Emil Ruusuvuori.

- Khachanov has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, both of which came in 2020 – he defeated Mikael Ymer in the 2nd round before falling to Kyrgios in the 3rd round. He has a 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Khachanov **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in June 2019 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 the following month. He plays here at No. 15.

- Khachanov **won the men's singles silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event** in 2021, falling to Alexander Zverev in the gold medal match. Along with Andrey Rublev, who won mixed doubles gold, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.

- Khachanov won the **boys' doubles silver medal** alongside Rublev at the 2014 Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing, China. The pair fell to Orlando Luz/Marcelo Zormann in the gold medal match. He fell to Nishioka in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013.

- Khachanov is coached by Jose Clavet and Vedran Martic.

- **ALTMAIER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Altmaier fell to Frances Tiafoe in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round on his only other appearance here in 2022 (l. Alexander Zverev).

- Altmaier's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the last 16 as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at 2020 Roland Garros, where he defeated Feliciano Lopez, Jan-Lennard Struff and Matteo Berrettini before losing to Pablo Carreno Busta. He became the 4th man to reach the round of 16 on his Grand Slam debut since 2000.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Altmaier ended a 6-match Grand Slam losing streak and recorded his first Grand Slam match-win since 2020 by reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Marc-Andrea Huesler and Jannik Sinner in 5 sets before falling to Grigor Dimitrov. He also reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Constant Lestienne, l. Zverev) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Aleksandar Vukic).

- Altmaier's **best results in 2023** were reaching the quarterfinals as a lucky loser at Madrid-1000 (l. Borna Coric) and as a direct acceptance at Hamburg (l. Zhang Zhizhen).

- **Also in 2023**, Altmaier won the title at the Sarasota Challenger (USA) (d. Daniel Elahi Galan) and reached the quarterfinals at the Monterrey Challenger (MEX) (l. Nuno Borges), the Puerta Vallarta Challenger (MEX) (l. Yuta Shimizu) and the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (l. Franco Agamenone).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Altmaier reached the quarterfinals at Auckland, where he defeated Marcos Giron and Felix Auger-Aliassime before falling to Arthur Fils. He also reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Li Tu, l. Dimitrov).

- Altmaier is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the 4th time**. He has a 3-11 win-loss record against Top 20 players, with his 3 victories coming against No. 8 Berrettini in the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros, against No. 9 Sinner in the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros and against No. 7 Andrey Rublev in the 2nd round at 2023 Hamburg.

- Altmaier has contested 2 **five-set matches** to date, both of which have come against Sinner – he fell to Sinner in 5 sets in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open but recorded his first 5-set victory in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.

- Altmaier **broke the Top 50 for the first time** in September 2023 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 47 the following month. He plays here at No. 50.

- Altmaier made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2023, falling to Stan Wawrinka in the decisive 5th match of Germany's defeat to Switzerland in the Qualifiers in February. He recorded his first victory in the competition during Germany's World Group I win against Bosnia and Herzegovina in September, defeating Nerman Fatic in the opening match of the tie. Germany will play away against Hungary in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Altmaier is coached by Alberto Mancini.

NO. 16 BEN SHELTON (USA) v ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT (ESP)

Head-to-head: first meeting

SHELTON	v	BAUTISTA AGUT
21	**Age**	35
16	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	72
1	**Titles**	11
10-5	**Career Grand Slam Record**	74-40
4-1	**Australian Open Record**	22-12
31-29	**Career Record**	394-248
27-19	**Career Record - Hard**	256-159
2-2	**2024 Record**	2-2
2-2	**2024 Record - Hard**	2-2
3-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	13-12
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	2
22-21	**Career Tiebreak Record**	137-131
1-1	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 2nd Australian Open and 6th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Shelton reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Zhang Zhizhen, Nicolas Jarry, Alexei Popyrin and JJ Wolf before falling to Tommy Paul in the last 8. By reaching the quarterfinals aged 20 years 112 days, became the youngest American man to reach the last 8 at the Australian Open since Sammy Gimmalva Jr in 1982 (aged 19 years 172 days) and the youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Andy Roddick at the 2002 US Open (aged 20 years 9 days).

- Shelton's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic). Aged 20 years 336 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Michael Chang (20 years 204 days) in 1992.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Shelton reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Taro Daniel, l. Laslo Djere) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Lorenzo Sonego).

- Shelton's **best result in 2023** was winning his first Tour-level title at Tokyo (d. Aslan Karatsev). He also reached the quarterfinals at Shanghai-1000 (l. Sebastian Korda).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Shelton reached the semifinals at Auckland (l. Daniel). He also competed in Brisbane but fell to Roman Safiullin in the 1st round.

- Shelton 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.

- Shelton has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat coming on his Grand Slam debut, when he fell to Nuno Borges in 5 sets in the 1st round. He won both 5-set matches he contested at the Australian Open last year, against Zhang in the 1st round and Wolf in the round of 16.

- Shelton reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 15 in October 2023 after winning his first Tour-level title at Tokyo. He plays here one place lower at No. 16 and is seeded at a Grand Slam for the first time.

- Shelton **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Florida for 2 seasons, compiling a 65-10 win-loss record in singles and winning the 2021 NCAA team title and the 2022 NCAA singles title.

- Shelton **contested just 4 tournaments as a junior player**, all of which came in his home country. His best result was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card at 2020 JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl), falling to Jack Pinnington Jones.

- Shelton's father, Bryan Shelton, reached a career-high ranking of No. 55 in March 1992. He made 6 appearances at the Australian Open, reaching the 2nd round on his debut in 1991.

- Shelton is coached by his father, Bryan Shelton, and Dean Goldfine.

- **BAUTISTA AGUT** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 10th time. This is his 13th Australian Open and his 42nd Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Bautista Agut reached the round of 16, defeating Joao Sousa, Brandon Holt and Andy Murray before falling to Tommy Paul in the last 16.

- Bautista Agut's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2019, defeating Murray, John Millman, Karen Khachanov and Marin Cilic before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last 8.

- Bautista Agut's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2019 Wimbledon, when he defeated Peter Gojowczyk, Steve Darcis, Khachanov, Benoit Paire and Guido Pella, before falling to eventual champion Novak Djokovic in the last 4.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Bautista Agut reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Wu Yibing, l. Juan Pablo Varillas), but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon to Roman Safiullin. He did not compete at the US Open due to injury.

- Bautista Agut's **best result in 2023** was finishing runner-up at Adelaide 2 (l. Soonwoo Kwon). He also reached the semifinals at Halle (l. Andrey Rublev).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Bautista Agut reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong, defeating Fabian Marozsan and Francisco Cerundolo before falling to Sebastian Ofner. He fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Roberto Carballes Baena).

- Bautista Agut has **won one of his last 7 meetings against Top 20 players**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 3 Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfinals at 2023 Halle. He has a 39-95 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

- Bautista Agut has **won one of his last 7 matches against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams**. His only victory against a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam in that time came against No. 9 Khachanov in the 3rd round at 2019 Wimbledon. He has a 7-19 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams overall.

- Of the 25 **five-set matches** that Bautista Agut has contested, 12 have come at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against Holt in the 2nd round last year. He has an 8-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 13-12 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Bautista Agut reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 9 in November 2019. He dropped out of the Top 50 for the first time since March 2014 in October last year, and plays here at No. 72, his lowest ranking since January 2014.

- Bautista Agut has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2014 and has a 13-7 win-loss record in the competition. He was a member of the Spanish team which won the Davis Cup title for the 6th time in 2019, winning 2 of the 3 matches he contested at the Finals in Madrid. Spain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.

- Bautista Agut is coached by Daniel Gimeno-Traver and Jose Luis Vendrell Bru.

NO. 20 ADRIAN MANNARINO (FRA) v STAN WAWRINKA (SUI)

Head-to-head: Mannarino leads 2-0

| 2015 | Miami-1000 | Hard (O) | R32 | Mannarino | 76(4) 76(5) |
| 2022 | Astana | Hard (I) | R32 | Mannarino | 16 62 63 |

A 3rd meeting for Mannarino and Wawrinka, with Mannarino bidding to maintain his perfect record against Wawrinka.

Wawrinka has a 5-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Australian Open, with his only defeats to lefthanded players here coming against Rafael Nadal in the 3rd round in 2007 and to Alex Molcan in the 1st round last year. He has a 28-11 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 71-50 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

MANNARINO	v	WAWRINKA
35	**Age**	38
19	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	56
5	**Titles**	16
42-54	**Career Grand Slam Record**	156-65
11-14	**Australian Open Record**	43-16
289-315	**Career Record**	568-347
203-212	**Career Record - Hard**	331-200
1-3	**2024 Record**	0-0
1-3	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
11-3	**Career Five-Set Record**	30-26
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	6
119-140	**Career Tiebreak Record**	253-231
0-0	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- Lefthander **MANNARINO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 15th Australian Open appearance his 55th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Mannarino reached the 2nd round (d. John Isner, l. Alex de Minaur). He has lost in the 1st round on 7 of his previous 14 appearances here.

- Mannarino's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 4 occasions, including at the 2022 Australian Open (l. Rafael Nadal). He has also reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon on 3 occasions – in 2013 (l. Lukasz Kubot), 2017 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2018 (l. Roger Federer).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Mannarino reached the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Frances Tiafoe) and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Daniil Medvedev), but fell to Ugo Humbert in the 1st round at Roland Garros.

- Mannarino's best results in 2023 were **winning his 3rd, 4th and 5th Tour-level titles** – at Newport (d. Alex Michelsen), Astana (d. Sebastian Korda) and Sofia (d. Jack Draper). He also finished as runner-up at Mallorca (l. Christopher Eubanks) and reached the quarterfinals at 6 other Tour-level events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Mannarino represented France at the United Cup, winning one of the 4 singles matches he contested. He defeated Italy's Lorenzo Sonego but fell to Germany's Alexander Zverev, Norway's Casper Ruud and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

- Mannarino 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.

- Mannarino has won the last 8 **five-set matches** he has contested. He has not lost a 5-set match since falling to Andy Murray in the 2nd round at the 2015 US Open. He has won both of the 2 five-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open – against Steve Johnson in the 1st round in 2014 and James Duckworth in the 1st round in 2022. He has an 11-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Mannarino **broke the Top 20, at No. 20, for the first time** last week and plays here at a new career-high ranking of No. 19.

- Mannarino made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018 and has a 7-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. France will play away to Chinese Taipei in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Mannarino is coached by Erwann Tortuyaux.

- 2014 Australian Open champion **WAWRINKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 17th time. This is his 18th Australian Open appearance and his 69th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Wawrinka fell to Alex Molcan in 5 sets in the 1st round. It was the first time he had lost in the 1st round in 17 Australian Open appearances.

- Wawrinka's **best Australian Open result** is winning the title in his first Grand Slam final in 2014 (d. Rafael Nadal). Having also defeated Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals, he became the first player to defeat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to a Grand Slam title since Sergi Bruguera won 1993 Roland Garros.

- Wawrinka has won **3 Grand Slam titles at 3 different majors**. He also won the titles at 2015 Roland Garros and the 2016 US Open, defeating Djokovic in both finals. He is one of 7 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Wawrinka reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, defeating Albert Ramos-Vinolas in 5 sets before falling to Thanasi Kokkinakis, also in 5 sets. His victory against Ramos-Vinolas was his first victory at the Grand Slams since reaching the 2nd round here in 2021 (d. Pedro Sousa, l. Marton Fucsovics) and ended a 5-match losing streak at the Grand Slams. He subsequently reached the 3rd round at both Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) and the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner).

- Wawrinka's **best result in 2023** was finishing runner-up at Umag (l. Alexei Popyrin). It was his first appearance in a Tour-level final since he finished runner-up to Andy Murray at 2019 Antwerp. He also reached the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Sinner) and Marseille (l. Arthur Fils). He is contesting his first match of the 2024 season today.

- Wawrinka is bidding to end a **4-match losing streak against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams since defeating No. 4 Daniil Medvedev in the round of 16 here in 2020. He has a 34-36 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams and a 114-155 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

- Wawrinka has won 4 of the 10 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 30-26 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Wawrinka reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title here in 2014. He dropped outside the Top 300 in 2022 following a year of inactivity between March 2021 and March 2022 due to a left foot injury. He re-entered the Top 50 in July last year for the first time since October 2021. He plays here at No. 56.

- Wawrinka was the 2003 **Roland Garros junior champion** (d. Brian Baker) – the only junior Grand Slam event he contested.

- Wawrinka played **Davis Cup** for Switzerland for the first time since 2015 in the 2023 Qualifiers against Germany, winning one of the 3 matches he contested, before winning one of the 4 matches he contested at the Finals group stage in September 2023. He has a 28-30 win-loss record in the competition overall, and was part of the title-winning 2014 team alongside Roger Federer, including winning both matches he contested in Switzerland's 3-1 victory over France in the final. Switzerland will play away against Netherlands in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Wawrinka is coached by Magnus Norman, who reached the semifinals here in 2000.

NO. 24 JAN-LENNARD STRUFF (GER) v RINKY HIJIKATA (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting
2023   Phoenix Challenger Qualifying Draw (USA)   Hard (O)   R16   Struff   76(5) 61

A first Tour-level meeting for Struff and Hijikata. Struff won on their only previous meeting below Tour-level, in qualifying at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) last year.

Struff is facing an Australian player here for the 3rd time – he lost both of his previous matches against Australian players at the Australian Open, falling to Matthew Ebden in the 1st round in 2019 and to Christopher O'Connell in the 1st round in 2021. He has an 8-14 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Struff has a 3-8 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slam. In addition to his 0-2 win-loss record against Australian players here, he has a 1-2 win-loss record against French players at Roland Garros, a 0-1 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 2-3 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

STRUFF	v	HIJIKATA
33	**Age**	22
25	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	71
0	**Titles**	0
21-36	**Career Grand Slam Record**	4-3
1-9	**Australian Open Record**	1-1
193-222	**Career Record**	14-16
107-125	**Career Record - Hard**	10-14
1-1	**2024 Record**	2-2
1-1	**2024 Record - Hard**	2-2
9-8	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-0
3	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	1
101-127	**Career Tiebreak Record**	4-4
3-2	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	2-0

- **STRUFF** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 37th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Struff qualified for the main draw, before falling to Tommy Paul in straight sets in the 1st round.

- Struff's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round in 2018 (d. Soonwoo Kwon, l. Roger Federer). He has lost in the 1st round on his 8 other appearances here.

- Mannarino's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at Roland Garros, in 2019 (l. Novak Djokovic), and 2021 (l. Diego Schwartzman).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Struff fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jiri Lehecka). He did not compete at Wimbledon or the US Open due to a hip injury.

- Struff's **best result in 2023** was reaching his first Masters-1000 final as a lucky loser at Madrid-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz). He became the first lucky loser in history to reach a Masters-1000 final. He also finished runner-up at Stuttgart (l. Frances Tiafoe), and reached the semifinals at Sofia (l. Jack Draper) and the quarterfinals at Monte-Carlo-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Zhuhai (l. Yoshihito Nishioka).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Struff reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong, (d. Marin Cilic, l. Sebastian Ofner).

- Struff has lost only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, against Dudi Sela in the 1st round in 2015. He has lost the last 3 five-set matches he has contested and has a 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Struff reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in June 2023. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 25.

- Struff made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2015 and has a 17-8 overall win-loss record in the competition. Germany will play away to Hungary in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Struff is coached by Carsten Arriens

- **HIJIKATA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time in consecutive years. This is his 2nd Australian Open and 4th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, as a wild card on his Australian Open debut, Hijikata defeated Yannick Hanfmann for his first Grand Slam match-win before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 2nd round.

- Hijikata's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card at the 2023 US Open, when he defeated Pavel Kotov, Marton Fucsovics and Zhizhen Zhang before falling to Frances Tiafoe.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Hijikata reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Wimbledon (d. Alex Bolt, l. Tomas Barrios Vera) but lost in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante).

- Hijikata's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals as a lucky loser at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Jordan Thompson).

- Also in 2023, Kubler won his **2nd career Challenger title** at Burnie (AUS) (d. James Duckworth) and finished as runner-up at the Cary Challenger (AUS) (l. Zachary Svajda).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Hijikata reached the quarterfinals as a wild card at Brisbane, defeating Thanasi Kokkinakis and Tomas Machac before falling to Grigor Dimitrov. He also competed as a wild card at Adelaide, falling to Daniel Evans in the 1st round.

- Hijikata 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.

- Hijikata has won the only **five-set match** he has contested at Tour-level, against Hanfmann in the 1st round here last year.

- Hijikata reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 70 in October 2023. He plays here one place lower at No. 71.

- Hijikata **won the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Jason Kubler 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.

- Hijikata **played college tennis**. He represented the University of North Carolina in 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore.

- Hijikata was a **good junior**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles as a wild card here in 2018 (l. Aidan McHugh) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 9 in December 2018.

- Hijikata is coached by Mark Draper.

NO. 27 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v DOMINIC THIEM (AUT)

Head-to-head: Thiem leads 1-0
2020   US Open   Hard (O)   R16   Thiem   76(4) 61 61

A 2nd meeting for Auger-Aliassime and Thiem. Their only previous meeting also came at a Grand Slam, with Thiem winning their round of 16 match at the 2020 US Open in straight sets and going on to win the title.

AUGER-ALIASSIME	v	THIEM
23	**Age**	30
30	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	92
5	**Titles**	17
28-18	**Career Grand Slam Record**	75-34
10-4	**Australian Open Record**	19-9
183-123	**Career Record**	346-207
129-81	**Career Record - Hard**	165-118
0-1	**2024 Record**	0-1
0-1	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-1
5-3	**Career Five-Set Record**	11-11
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	4
102-71	**Career Tiebreak Record**	148-122
0-1	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 19th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Auger-Aliassime reached the round of 16, defeating Vasek Pospisil, Alex Molcan and Francisco Cerundolo before falling to Jiri Lehecka.

- Auger-Aliassime has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Australian Open debut in 2020 when, as No. 20 seed, he fell to Ernests Gulbis in 4 sets.

- Auger-Aliassime's best **Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022, when he defeated Emil Ruusuvuori, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Daniel Evans and Marin Cilic before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets.

- Auger-Aliassime's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2021 US Open (l. Medvedev). He became the 3rd Canadian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam after Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov.

- Auger-Aliassime is bidding to end a **4-match Grand Slam losing streak**. After falling to Lehecka in the round of 16 here last year, he lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Fabio Fognini), Wimbledon (l. Michael Mmoh) and the US Open (l. Mackenzie McDonald).

- Auger-Aliassime's best result in 2023 was winning his **5th Tour-level title** at Basel (d. Hubert Hurkacz). He also reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Medvedev), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz), Lyon, where he gave a walkover to Arthur Fils due to a right shoulder injury, and Tokyo (l. Marcos Giron). He ended the 2023 season with a 23-19 win-loss record – compared to 60-27 in 2022.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Auger-Aliassime competed at Auckland but lost his opening match to Daniel Altmaier.

- Auger-Aliassime has 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He recorded 5-set victories here against Ruusuvuori in the 1st round in 2022 and against Molcan in the 2nd round last year, but has fallen in 5 sets to Aslan Karatsev in 5 sets in the round of 16 here in 2021 and to Medvedev in the quarterfinals here in 2022. He has a 5-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Auger-Aliassime reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in November 2022. He ended the 2023 season at No. 29 and plays here one place lower at No. 30 – his lowest ranking since May 2019, when he was also ranked No. 30.

- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.

- Auger-Aliassime was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup singles matches he contested in 2022, including all 3 of his singles matches at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga. He was named in Canada's team for the Final 8 Knockout Stage in 2023 but did not contest a match as Canada fell to Finland in the quarterfinals. He has a 9-4 overall win-loss record in the competition and was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (l. Spain). Canada will play at home against Korea, Rep. in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang and Toni Nadal.

- **THIEM** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 36th Grand Slam overall.

- Thiem has **lost in the 1st round at the Australian Open on 2 previous occasions** – in 2015 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and as a wild card last year (l. Andrey Rublev).

- In 2020, Thiem became the **first Austrian player to reach an Australian Open singles final**. He defeated world No. 1 Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals and No. 7 Alexander Zverev in the semifinals but fell to Novak Djokovic 64 46 26 63 64 in the title match. It was his 3rd appearance in a Grand Slam final, having also finished runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros in both 2018 and 2019.

- Thiem **won his first Grand Slam title at the 2020 US Open**, becoming the 2nd Austrian player to win a Grand Slam singles title after 1995 Roland Garros champion Thomas Muster. He defeated Zverev 26 46 64 63 76(6) in the final, becoming the first man to win the US Open final from 0-2 down since Pancho Gonzales recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Ted Schroeder in 1949. He became the first new Grand Slam men's singles champion since Cilic won the title at the 2014 US Open and the first man born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title. He is one of 7 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Thiem ended a 7-match Grand Slam losing streak by reaching the 2nd round at the US Open, where he defeated Alexander Bublik before retiring due to illness against Ben Shelton. He lost 5-set matches in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Pedro Cachin) and Wimbledon (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).

- Thiem's **best result in 2023** was a runner-up finish as a wild card at Kitzbuhel (l. Sebastian Baez). He also reached the quarterfinals at Estoril (l. Quentin Halys), Munich (l. Taylor Fritz) and Astana (l. Sebastian Ofner).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Thiem defeated James McCabe and Giulio Zeppieri to qualify at Brisbane before falling to Rafael Nadal in the 1st round of the main draw.

- Thiem has **won one of the last 12 matches he has played against Top 30 players**. His only victory against a Top 30 player in that time came against No. 27 Bublik in the 1st round at the US Open last year. He has a 106-96 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.

- Thiem has **won one of the last 6 Grand Slam matches he has played against Top 30 players**. His victory against No. 27 Bublik at the US Open ended a 5-match losing streak against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams. He had previously not defeated a Top 30 player at a Grand Slam since defeating No. 25 Casper Ruud in the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros. He has a 21-21 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams overall.

- Thiem has won 4 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including a victory against Nick Kyrgios in the 3rd round here in 2021, when he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets for the 4th time in his career. He has an 11-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Thiem reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in March 2020. He dropped to No. 352 in June 2022 – his lowest ranking since November 2012 – but ended the 2023 season at No. 98. He plays here at No. 92.

- Thiem is a **former junior world No. 2**. He reached the boys' singles final at 2011 Junior Roland Garros as No. 14 seed, losing to Bjorn Fratangelo 36 63 86. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2011 (d. Dennis Novikov, l. Luke Saville).

- Thiem has played **Davis Cup** for Austria since 2014 and has a 10-8 win-loss record in the competition overall. He returned to the competition for the first time since 2019 in Austria's defeat to Croatia in the 2023 Qualifiers, losing both singles matches he contested. Austria will play away against Ireland in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.

- Thiem is currently without a permanent coach.

NO. 30 TOMAS MARTIN ETCHEVERRY (ARG) v ANDY MURRAY (GBR)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2023	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R128	Murray	67(5) 61 64
2023	Basel	Hard (I)	R16	Etcheverry	67(5) 63 62

A 3rd meeting for Etcheverry and Murray. Both of their previous meetings came last season, with both matches going to a deciding set and the player who won the opening set losing on both occasions.

ETCHEVERRY	v	MURRAY
24	**Age**	36
32	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	44
0	**Titles**	46
7-8	**Career Grand Slam Record**	200-55
1-2	**Australian Open Record**	51-15
34-45	**Career Record**	733-251
11-21	**Career Record - Hard**	498-170
0-2	**2024 Record**	0-1
0-2	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-1
2-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	28-14
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	11
16-25	**Career Tiebreak Record**	231-153
1-2	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **ETCHEVERRY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open and his 9th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Etcheverry reached the 2nd round (d. Gregoire Barrere, l. Jannik Sinner). He lost in the 1st round on his only other previous appearance here – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2022 (l. Pablo Carreno Busta).

- Etcheverry recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year, where he defeated Jack Draper, Alex de Minaur, Borna Coric and Yoshihito Nishioka before falling to Alexander Zverev.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Etcheverry reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, l. Stan Wawrinka) and the US Open (d. Otto Virtanen, l. Wawrinka).

- Etcheverry's best results in 2023 were reaching his **first 2 Tour-level finals**, finishing runner-up at both Santiago (l. Nicolas Jarry) and Houston (l. Frances Tiafoe). He also reached the semifinals at Kitzbuhel (l. Sebastian Baez) and the quarterfinals at Buenos Aires (l. Cameron Norrie), Zhuhai (l. Sebastian Korda) and Basel (l. Holger Rune).

- **Also in 2023**, Etcheverry reached the final at the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Ugo Humbert). His only other appearance at Challenger-level this season came in a 2nd round finish at the Aix En Provence Challenger (FRA) (d. Hamad Medjedovic, l. Jurij Rodionov). Across 2021-22, Etcheverry had a 90-35 win-loss record at Challenger-level, winning more matches on the Challenger Tour than any other player in that time.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Etcheverry fell in the 1st round at both Brisbane (l. Tomas Machac) and Adelaide (l. Alexander Shevchenko).

- Etcheverry has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He fell to Humbert in 5 sets the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon, but recorded 5-set victories against Zapata Miralles in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year and against Virtanen in the 1st round at the US Open last year.

- Etcheverry reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in June last year. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 32.

- Etcheverry reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 12 in January 2017. His best result at Grade A-level tournaments was reaching the quarterfinals at the 2016 Abierto Juvenil Mexicano (l. Juan Pablo Grassi Mazzuchi). He never competed in the junior event at the Australian Open.

- Etcheverry made his **Davis Cup** debut during Argentina's World Group I victory over Lithuania in September last year, defeating Edas Butvilas in the dead 4th match of the tie. Argentina will play at home against Kazakhstan in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Etcheverry is coached by Walter Grinovero.

- **MURRAY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 13th time. This is his 16th Australian Open appearance and 59th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Murray reached the 3rd round. He defeated both Matteo Berrettini and Thanasi Kokkinakis in 5 sets before falling to Roberto Bautista Agut.

- Murray is a **5-time Australian Open runner-up**. He reached his first final here in 2010 (l. Roger Federer), before falling to Novak Djokovic in the final in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016. He is in joint-4th place on the list for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances in the Open Era, alongside Stefan Edberg. Djokovic (10 Australian Open final appearances), Federer (7) and Rafael Nadal (6) are the only men in the Open Era to have reached the final here more often than Murray.

- Murray is a **3-time Grand Slam champion**. He won the 2012 US Open title and became the first British man to win the Wimbledon singles title in 77 years in 2013, defeating Djokovic in the final on both occasions. He won a 2nd Wimbledon title in 2016 (d. Milos Raonic). He is one of 7 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Murray reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Ryan Peniston, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the US Open (d. Corentin Moutet, l. Grigor Dimitrov). He did not compete at Roland Garros to focus on the grass court season.

- By defeating Moutet at the 2023 US Open for his 200th Grand Slam match-win, Murray became the **8th man in the Open Era to record 200 Grand Slam match-wins** – after Federer, Djokovic, Nadal, Jimmy Connors, Andre Agassi, Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras. He is bidding to record his 201st Grand Slam match-win today and will equal Sampras in 7th place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins if he wins 3 matches here.

- Murray's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was finishing runner-up as a wild card at Doha (l. Daniil Medvedev). He also reached the 3rd round at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Jack Draper) and Toronto-1000, where he gave a walkover to Jannik Sinner due to an abdominal injury.

- Also in 2023, Murray **won 3 titles at Challenger-level** – at Aix En Provence (FRA) (d. Tommy Paul), Surbiton (GBR) (d. Jurij Rodionov) and Nottingham (GBR) (d. Arthur Cazaux). They were his first titles at Challenger-level since he won the 2005 Binghampton Challenger (USA) (d. Alejandro Falla).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Murray fell to Dimitrov in the 1st round at Brisbane.

- Murray has won 5 of the 9 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his victories against Berrettini and Kokkinakis here last year. He has a 28-14 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Murray holds the **all-time record for most successful comebacks from 0-2 down**. His 5-set victory against Kokkinakis in the 2nd round here last year was his 11th successful comeback from 0-2 down and saw him claim sole ownership of the record, ahead of Federer, Boris Becker, Francois Jauffret and Aaron Krickstein.

- Murray has won **46 Tour-level titles** – most recently at 2019 Antwerp (d. Stan Wawrinka). Of his 46 titles, 34 have come on hard courts.

- Murray is a **former world No. 1**. He became the 26th man, and first British man, to reach the No. 1 ranking in October 2016. He remained at No. 1 for 41 weeks, surrendering the top ranking in August 2017. He plays here at No. 42.

- Murray became the first player in history to successfully defend an **Olympic singles gold medal** after defeating Juan Martin del Potro in the final at the 2016 Rio Olympic Tennis Event. He defeated Federer in the final at the 2012 London Tennis Event. He also won a silver medal in mixed doubles at London alongside Laura Robson, falling to Victoria Azarenka/Max Mirnyi in the final.

- Murray has played **Davis Cup** since 2005 and has a 42-10 win-loss record in the competition. He led Great Britain to their first title since 1936 in 2015, defeating Belgium in the final, and was a member of the team which reached the quarterfinals in 2023. Great Britain have received a wild card to the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.

- Murray is coached by Mark Hilton and Jonny O'Mara.

ALEXEI POPYRIN (AUS) v (WC) MARC POLMANS (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting
2018   Tiburon Challenger (USA)   Hard (O)   R32   Popyrin   64 64

A first Tour-level meeting for Popyrin and Polmans. The pair have met once previously at Challenger-level, with Popyrin winning in straight sets on that occasion.

Popyrin and Polmans are 2 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. Both are looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

This is one of 2 men's singles matches between 2 Australian players in the 1st round here this year, alongside Aleksandar Vukic's match against Jordan Thompson, which also takes place today. They are the 305th and 306th all-Australian men's singles matches here in the Open Era – but the first since 2016, when Bernard Tomic defeated John Millman in the 3rd round and Lleyton Hewitt defeated James Duckworth in the 1st round.

Across both men's and women's singles matches at the Australian Open, today's 2 all-Australian matches are the 510th and 511th all-Australian matches here in the Open Era – and the first since 2021, when Ashleigh Barty defeated Daria Saville in the 2nd round and Samantha Stosur defeated Destinee Aiava in the 1st round.

At the Grand Slams overall, today's 2 all-Australian matches are the 495th and 496th all-Australian men's singles matches in the Open Era. Across both men's and women's singles matches at the Grand Slams, today's 2 all-Australian matches are the 785th and 786th all-Australian matches in the Open Era. There were 2 all-Australian singles matches at the Grand Slams in 2023 – Christopher O'Connell defeated Max Purcell in the 1st round at the US Open and Purcell defeated Thompson in the 1st round at Roland Garros.

Popyrin is facing an Australian player for the 2nd time this season, having defeated O'Connell in the 1st round at Brisbane earlier this month. He has a 5-9 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall but has never previously faced an Australian player at a Grand Slam.

Polmans is facing an Australian player at Tour-level for the 3rd time. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level – he fell to Harry Bourchier in the 1st round at the 2021 Murray River Open in Melbourne but defeated Dane Sweeny in the 1st round at 2023 Zhuhai.

Popyrin lost his only previous match against a wild card at the Grand Slams – against Tim Smyczek in the 1st round here in 2018. He has a 6-6 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

POPYRIN	v	POLMANS
24	**Age**	26
43	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	154
2	**Titles**	0
14-19	**Career Grand Slam Record**	3-6
7-6	**Australian Open Record**	1-3
66-91	**Career Record**	6-15
46-62	**Career Record - Hard**	3-11
1-1	**2024 Record**	0-0
1-1	**2024 Record - Hard**	0-0
3-6	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-3
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
65-53	**Career Tiebreak Record**	5-5
2-2	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **POPYRIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, as a wild card, Popyrin equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated both Tseng Chun-Hsin and Taylor Fritz in 5 sets before falling to Ben Shelton. He has also reached the 3rd round as a wild card here in 2019 (l. Lucas Pouille) and as a direct acceptance in 2020 (l. Daniil Medvedev), and reached the 3rd round as a direct acceptance at the US Open in both 2019 (l. Matteo Berrettini) and 2021 (l. Daniel Evans).

- Popyrin is bidding to end a **4-match Grand Slam losing streak**. Following his 3rd round defeat to Shelton here last year, he lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Aslan Karatsev), Wimbledon (l. Dominic Stricker) and the US Open (l. Stricker).

- Popyrin's best result in 2023 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** at Umag (d. Stan Wawrinka). He also reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Adelaide 1 (l. Yoshihito Nishioka), as a lucky loser at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and as a direct acceptance at Tokyo (l. Shintaro Mochizuki).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Popyrin reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Roman Safiullin).

- Popyrin **broke the Top 50 for the first time** after reaching the quarterfinals at Cincinnati-1000 in August last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 39 in October. He plays here at No. 43.

- Popyrin has won 3 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. In addition to his 5-set victories against Tseng and Fritz last year, he also defeated David Goffin in 5 sets in the 1st round here in 2021. He has lost the other 3 five-set matches he has contested.

- Popyrin was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Nicola Kuhn) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. His best result in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was a 2nd round finish in 2017 (d. Ajeet Rai, l. Alexey Zakharov).

- Popyrin made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 and has a 2-2 win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 2 matches he played as Australia finished as runners-up for the 2nd straight year in 2023, defeating Finland's Otto Virtanen in the semifinal but falling to Italy's Matteo Arnaldi in the final. As runners-up last year, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.

- Popyrin is coached by Neville Godwin and Xavier Malisse, who reached the 3rd round here in 2003 and 2011.

- Wild card **POLMANS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Polmans reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Lukas Klein, l. Marco Trungelliti). He also reached the 2nd round of qualifying here in 2022 (d. Geoffrey Blancaneaux, l. Joao Sousa). On his most-recent appearance in the main draw here, as a wild card in 2021, he fell to Marton Fucsovics in 5 sets in the 1st round.

- Polmans is bidding to record his **2nd Australian Open match-win**. His only previous match-win here came in a 2nd round finish in 2020 – as a wild card, he defeated Mikhail Kukushkin before falling to Dusan Lajovic.

- Polmans is bidding to **reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 4th time**. In addition to his 2nd round finish here in 2020, he also reached the 2nd round as a lucky loser at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Cristian Garin) and as a qualifier at 2021 Wimbledon (d. Lu Yen-Hsun, l. Garin).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Polmans reached the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Oscar Otte) and the US Open (l. Zachary Svajda) and the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Elias Ymer).

- Polmans contested **one Tour-level event in 2023** – he competed as a qualifier at Zhuhai, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Dane Sweeny, l. Cameron Norrie).

- Polmans is bidding to record his **7th Tour-level match-win**. In addition to his 3 Grand Slam match-wins and his 2nd round finish at Zhuhai last year, his only other victories at Tour-level have come in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at 2019 Washington (d. Malek Jaziri, l. Benoit Paire) and as a direct acceptance at 2021 Gstaad (d. Sandro Ehrat, l. Garin).

- Polmans' **best results at Challenger-level in 2023** were runner-up finishes at the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (l. Terence Atmane) and the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (l. Taro Daniel). He reached the semifinals at 4 other Challenger-level events last season.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Polmans fell in the 1st round at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (l. Enzo Couacaud).

- Polmans is bidding to **defeat a Top 50 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-7 win-loss record against Top 50 players, with his only victory coming against No. 38 Humbert in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros.

- Polmans has won one of 4 **five-set matches** he has contested – against Kukushkin in the 1st round here in 2020. He has also won a 5-set match below Tour-level, defeating Ramkumar Ramanathan in the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon last year.

- Polmans reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 116 in October 2020. He plays here at No. 154.

- Polmans reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 28 in February 2015. His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Roman Safiullin).

- Polmans is coached by Peter Luczak and John McCurdy.

ALEKSANDAR VUKIC (AUS) v JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS)

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

| 2018 | Traralgon Challenger (AUS) | Hard (O) | QF | Thompson | 62 63 |
| 2024 | Brisbane | Hard (O) | R32 | Thompson | 63 62 |

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Vukic and Thompson, with the pair also having played one match at Challenger-level in 2018. Their only previous Tour-level match came in the 1st round at Brisbane earlier this month, with Thompson winning in straight sets.

Vukic and Thompson are 2 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. Both are looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

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Vukic has lost all 4 of his previous matches against Australian players at Tour-level, with his most-recent defeat coming against Thompson at Brisbane earlier this month. He has never previously faced an Australian player at a Grand Slam.

Thompson is facing an Australian player at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time – in addition to his defeat to Purcell at 2023 Roland Garros, he also fell to Nick Kyrgios in the 1st round at 2019 Wimbledon. Since his defeat to Purcell at Roland Garros last year, he has won all 4 Tour-level matches he has contested against Australian players, including his victory against Vukic at Brisbane earlier this month. He has a 9-10 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

VUKIC	v	THOMPSON
27	**Age**	29
64	**ATP Ranking (15 Jan)**	47
0	**Titles**	0
2-6	**Career Grand Slam Record**	17-33
1-3	**Australian Open Record**	3-10
19-30	**Career Record**	108-137
17-24	**Career Record - Hard**	69-85
0-2	**2024 Record**	3-2
0-2	**2024 Record - Hard**	3-2
0-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	6-11
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	3
16-15	**Career Tiebreak Record**	54-61
0-0	**2024 Tiebreak Record**	1-0

- **VUKIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Vukic qualified for the main draw but lost to fellow qualifier Brandon Holt in the only 5-set match of his career to date in the 1st round.

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- Vukic is bidding to record his **3rd Grand Slam match-win**. His only previous victories at the Grand Slams came in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at the 2022 Australian Open (d. Lloyd Harris, l. Radu Albot) and as a direct acceptance at 2023 Wimbledon (d. Daniel Altmaier, l. Quentin Halys).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Vukic fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Alexander Zverev) and failed to qualify at Roland Garros, falling to Nicolas Moreno de Alboran in the 2nd round of qualifying.

- Vukic's best result in 2023 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Atlanta (l. Taylor Fritz). He also reached the 3rd round as a lucky loser at Toronto-1000 (l. Gael Monfils)

- Also in 2023, Vukic won his **2nd career Challenger title** at Busan (KOR) (d. Max Purcell). He also finished runner-up at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) (l. Bu Yunchaokete) and the Oeiras Challenger (POR) (l. Facundo Diaz Acosta).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Vukic fell in the 1st round at both Brisbane (l. Thompson) and Auckland (l. Taro Daniel).

- Vukic **broke the Top 100 and the Top 50 for the first time** in 2023, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 48 in August. He plays here at No. 64.

- Vukic played **college tennis**. He represented the University of Illinois from 2015 to 2018 and was named a 3-time All-American and 2017 Big Ten Athlete of the Year.

- Vukic is coached by Nuno Lencastre and Jay Gooding.

- **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Thompson fell to JJ Wolf in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round on 7 of his previous 10 appearances here.

- Thompson's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – in 2017 (d. Joao Sousa, l. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, l. Andreas Seppi) and 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Fabio Fognini).

- Thompson's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2020 US Open. He defeated Stefano Travaglia, Egor Gerasimov and Mikhail Kukushkin before falling to Borna Coric in straight sets.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Thompson reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Brandon Nakashima, l. Novak Djokovic), but fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Max Purcell) and the US Open (l. Botic van de Zandschulp).

- Thompson's best result in 2023 was reaching his **2nd Tour-level final** at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Tallon Griekspoor). He also reached the quarterfinals at Newport (l. Adrian Mannarino), Washington (l. Taylor Fritz) and Chengdu, where he retired due to a left calf injury against Roman Safiullin.

- **Also in 2023**, Thompson won 2 Challenger-level titles – at Rome (USA) (d. Alex Michelsen) and Gwangju (KOR) (d. Max Purcell). He also reached the semifinals at the Surbiton Challenger (GBR) (l. Andy Murray).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Thompson reached the semifinals at Brisbane, where he defeated Vukic, received a walkover against Ugo Humbert and defeated Rafael Nadal before falling to Grigor Dimitrov. He also reached the 2nd round at Adelaide (d. Facundo Diaz Acosta, l. Lorenzo Musetti).

- Thompson has won one of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, with his only victory in a 5-set match here coming in the 1st round in 2017, when he recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Sousa. He has a 6-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Thompson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 43 in July 2019. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 47.

- Thompson played in the **boys' singles event at the Junior Australian Open** in 2011 and 2012, losing in the 1st round on both occasions. He finished as runner-up with Nick Kyrgios in the boys' doubles at the 2012 US Open. He also represented Australia in the 2008 World Junior Tennis Finals and the 2010 Junior Davis Cup Finals.

- Thompson was a member of the **Australian Davis Cup teams which finished as runners-up in 2022 and 2023**. He won both Davis Cup matches he contested in 2022 but lost his only match in the competition in 2023, falling to

Czechia's Tomas Machac in the quarterfinals. He has a 9-5 win-loss record in the competition overall. As runners-up in 2023, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals Group Stage in September.

- Thompson is coached by Peter Luczak.