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On court today...

- After being kept on court for more than 4 hours in his 1st round victory over Dino Prizmic, defending champion Novak Djokovic returns to Rod Laver Arena this evening to take on Australia's Alexei Popyrin. The world No. 1 has won all 3 of his previous meetings with Australian players here, with 2 victories against Lleyton Hewitt and one against Alex de Minaur. Djokovic recorded a comfortable victory on his only previous meeting with Popyrin, at 2019 Tokyo, but the Australian will look to take heart from Prizmic's efforts on Sunday – an upset victory for Popyrin tonight would see him reach the 3rd round here for the 4th time and equal his best Grand Slam result.
- In the day session on RLA, Australian No. 1 Alex de Minaur faces Italy's Matteo Arnaldi for the first time. Along with Popyrin and Jannik Sinner (who takes on qualifier Jesper de Jong on Margaret Court Arena today), the duo were members of the teams which contested the 2023 Davis Cup final – on that occasion, Arnaldi overcame Popyrin and Sinner defeated De Minaur as Italy won their 2nd title, and first since 1976. This fortnight, however, the players will be focused on individual glory. The Aussies are aiming to end a 38-year wait for a home champion in the men's singles here, while no Italian player has ever reached an Australian Open final.
- 2023 Australian Open semifinalist Karen Khachanov began his campaign with a 4-set victory against Daniel Altmaier on Monday – and his prize for that victory is a 2nd round clash against qualifier Aleksandar Kovacevic on Court 3 this afternoon. Khachanov has reached the 3rd round (or better) here for the last 5 years, and will be confident of extending that streak today – he has won all 7 matches he has won against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and is bidding to extend a 15-match Tour-level winning streak against qualifiers. Kovacevic, who is making his Australian Open debut this year, will aim to continue his momentum from Monday, when he defeated Auckland champion Alejandro Tabilo in 5 sets for his first Grand Slam match-win.
- In the 2nd men's match on Court 3, Tomas Martin Etcheverry will bid to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time – and having dispatched 36-year-old Andy Murray in the 1st round on Monday, he now takes on 37-year-old Gael Monfils today. The Frenchman missed last year's event due to a right foot injury, but he reached the quarterfinals on his last appearance here in 2022. Monfils' 1st round victory against Yannick Hanfmann was his 121st Grand Slam match-win and saw him equal Jo-Wilfried Tsonga's all-time record for most Grand Slam match-wins by a Frenchman – and another win for Monfils today will see him claim sole ownership of the record.

NO. 1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v ALEXEI POPYRIN (AUS)

Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 1-0

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A 2nd meeting for Djokovic and Popyrin – but their first in over 4 years. Djokovic won their only previous meeting in the 1st round at 2019 Tokyo.

Djokovic is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 4th time. He has won his 3 previous matches against an Australian player here – against Lleyton Hewitt in the round of 16 in both 2008 and 2012, and against Alex de Minaur in the round of 16 last year. He has a 13-1 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams with his only defeat coming in his first Grand Slam match against an Australian player, when he fell to Hewitt in the 3rd round at the 2006 US Open.

Djokovic's 9-match Tour-level winning streak against Australian players ended with a defeat to De Minaur at the United Cup earlier this month. He had previously not lost to an Australian player at Tour-level since suffering back-to-back defeats against Nick Kyrgios in the quarterfinals at 2017 Acapulco and the round of 16 at 2017 Indian Wells-1000. He has a 26-4 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Djokovic has won 29 of the 30 matches he has contested against players at their home Grand Slam tournaments – with his only defeat coming against Andy Murray in the final at 2013 Wimbledon. In addition to his 3-0 win-loss record against Australian players here, he has a 9-0 win-loss record against French players at Roland Garros, a 4-1 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 13-0 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

DJOKOVIC	v	POPYRIN
36	Age	24
1	ATP Ranking	43
98	Titles	2
362-48	Career Grand Slam Record	15-19
90-8	Australian Open Record	8-6
1090-214	Career Record	67-91
691-124	Career Record - Hard	47-62
3-1	2024 Record	2-1
3-1	2024 Record - Hard	2-1
38-11	Career Five-Set Record	3-6
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
324-168	Career Tiebreak Record	66-53
0-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-2

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 16th time. This is his 19th Australian Open appearance and his 73rd Grand Slam overall.
- Djokovic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Dino Prizmic 62 67(5) 63 64 in the 1st round on Sunday. At 4 hours 1 minute, it was the **longest 1st round match that Djokovic has played at a Grand Slam**.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Roger Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 before winning the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem) and 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who has won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic has **won his last 29 Australian Open matches**. He has not lost an Australian Open match since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and last year. He did not compete here in 2022.

- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He would also extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- At 36 years 251 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Ken Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is also bidding to win his **5th Grand Slam title since turning 35 and his 13th Grand Slam title since turning 30**, extending his Open Era records for both feats.
- Djokovic **won 3 Grand Slam titles in 2023**. In addition to his title here, he also won the titles at Roland Garros (d. Casper Ruud) and the US Open (d. Medvedev). He finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- Djokovic's **other highlights in 2023** were winning the titles at Adelaide 1 (d. Sebastian Korda), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Alcaraz), Paris-1000 (d. Grigor Dimitrov) and the ATP Finals (d. Jannik Sinner). With a total of 7 titles, he led the Tour for most titles won in 2023.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Djokovic represented Serbia at the United Cup, where the team reached the quarterfinals before falling to Australia. He won singles matches against China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen and Czechia's Jiri Lehecka but fell to Australia's Alex de Minaur. His defeat to De Minaur ended a 43-match winning streak in Australia, having previously not lost in Australia since falling to Chung in the round of 16 here in 2018.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **99th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having begun his 408th week as world No. 1 on Monday. He returned to No. 1 after winning the US Open in September and has remained at No. 1 since then. He is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, alongside Alcaraz and Medvedev.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004, and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation's first Davis Cup title. He has a 40-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 44-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. His 21-match Davis Cup singles winning streak ended during Serbia's semifinal defeat to Italy in November last year, when he fell to Sinner in 3 sets.
- Djokovic is coached by Goran Ivanisevic, who reached the quarterfinals here in 1989, 1994 and 1997.
- **POPYRIN** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 4th time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Popyrin advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Marc Polmans 63 76(3) 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- 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).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Popyrin 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 is **facing a world No. 1 for the 2nd time** – his only previous match against a world No. 1 was his defeat to Djokovic in the 1st round at 2019 Tokyo. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level, with his only victory coming against No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas, who retired due to a right elbow injury during their 2nd round match at 2021 Paris-1000. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 8 Dominic Thiem, who retired due to illness in their 2nd round match here in 2019.

- Popyrin is one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began 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.
- 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 Pietrangeli) 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.

NO. 4 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v (Q) JESPER DE JONG (NED)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Sinner has won all 5 of his previous Grand Slam matches against qualifiers, including both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open – against Max Purcell in the 1st round in 2020 and Taro Daniel in the 3rd round in 2022. He has a 15-7 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Sinner has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 161 De Jong. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Sinner at the Grand Slams is No. 79 Daniel Altmaier in the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Sinner at the Australian Open is No. 67 Marton Fucsovics in the 2nd round in 2020.

Sinner is facing a Dutch player for the 2nd consecutive match, having defeated Botic van de Zandschulp in the 1st round on Sunday. He has won all 3 matches he has contested against Dutch players at Tour-level.

SINNER	v	DE JONG
22	Age	23
4	ATP Ranking	161
11	Titles	0
39-16	Career Grand Slam Record	1-0
9-4	Australian Open Record	1-0
191-74	Career Record	1-3
130-46	Career Record - Hard	1-1
1-0	2024 Record	1-0
1-0	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
5-7	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
62-46	Career Tiebreak Record	0-1
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Botic van de Zandschulp 64 75 63 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- **Last year here**, Sinner reached the round of 16. He defeated Kyle Edmund, Tomas Martin Etcheverry and Marton Fucsovics before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas.
- Sinner's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022 (l. Tsitsipas).
- Sinner's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon last year (l. Novak Djokovic). He has reached at least the quarterfinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments and is one of only 2 Italian men, alongside Matteo Berrettini to have achieved the feat. In addition to his quarterfinal finish here in 2022, he also reached the quarterfinals at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal), 2022 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) and the 2022 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Sinner reached the round of 16 at the US Open, where he defeated Yannick Hanfmann, Lorenzo Sonego and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Alexander Zverev, but fell in the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Alexandre Muller, l. Daniel Altmaier).
- At 22 years 165 days, Sinner is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Sinner's **best result in 2023** was winning his first Masters-1000 level title at Toronto-1000 (d. Alex de Minaur) in his 3rd Masters-1000 final. He also won the titles at Montpellier (d. Maxime Cressy), Beijing (d. Medvedev) and Vienna (d. Medvedev) and finished runner-up at Rotterdam (l. Medvedev), Miami-1000 (l. Medvedev) and the ATP Finals (l. Djokovic).

- Sinner has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – his only victory in a 5-set match here came against Fucsovics in the 3rd round last year, when he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets for the only time in his career to date. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Tsitsipas in the round of 16 last year. He has a 5-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sinner reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 after winning the title at Beijing in October last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys' singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).
- Sinner **led Italy to their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**, winning all 5 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 11-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. As defending champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- Qualifier **DE JONG** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here on his Grand Slam debut.
- De Jong advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Pedro Cachin 46 62 63 64 for his **first Tour-level match win** in the 1st round on Sunday.
- In qualifying last week, De Jong defeated Raul Brancaccio (ITA) 61 62, Felipe Meligeni Alves (BRA) 76(5) 61 and No. 31 seed Camilo Ugo Carabelli (ARG) 76(3) 36 76(7). It is the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 9th attempt. It was his 2nd appearance in qualifying at the Australian Open, having reached the final round of qualifying here in 2022 (l. Tomas Machac).
- **At the Grand Slams in 2023**, De Jong fell in the final round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Hamad Medjedovic) and in the 2nd round of qualifying at both Wimbledon (l. Aleksandar Kovacevic) and the US Open (l. Liam Broady). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open.
- De Jong is contesting his **4th Tour-level event** here. He lost in the 1st round on all 3 of his previous Tour-level appearances – as a wild card at 2022 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Jenson Brooksby) and as a qualifier at both 2022 Antwerp (l. Constant Lestienne) and 2023 Umag (l. Matteo Arnaldi).
- De Jong won his **2nd career Challenger title in 2023** – at the Grodzisk Mazowiecki Challenger (POL) (d. Benjamin Hassan). He also finished as runner-up at the Tigre Challenger (ARG) (d. Juan Manuel Cerundolo) and the Rome Challenger (ITA) (d. Sumit Nagal) and reached the semifinals at 3 other Challenger-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, De Jong reached the quarterfinals at the Noumea Challenger (CAL), where he defeated Jesse Delaney and Titouan Droguet before falling to Harold Mayot.
- De Jong is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 34 Brooksby in the 1st round at 2022 's-Hertogenbosch. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 63 Cachin in the quarterfinals at the 2023 Girona Challenger (ESP).
- De Jong reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 135 in September last year. He plays here at No. 161.
- De Jong reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 38 in May 2018. He lost in the 2nd round on both his appearances in the boys' singles here – as a qualifier in both 2017 (l. Shinji Hazawa) and 2018 (l. Drew Baird).
- De Jong is coached by Jeroen Benard.

NO. 5 ANDREY RUBLEV v CHRISTOPHER EUBANKS (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

RUBLEV	v	EUBANKS
26	Age	27
5	ATP Ranking	35
16	Titles	1
57-24	Career Grand Slam Record	8-10
17-7	Australian Open Record	2-3
297-158	Career Record	31-44
207-115	Career Record - Hard	19-37
5-0	2024 Record	1-1
5-0	2024 Record - Hard	1-1
8-8	Career Five-Set Record	2-2
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
95-95	Career Tiebreak Record	29-29
2-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **RUBLEV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 6th time. This is his 8th Australian Open and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Rublev advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Thiago Seyboth Wild 75 64 36 46 76(6) in the 1st round on Sunday. He has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – in addition to his victory against Seyboth Wild on Sunday, he also recorded 5-set victories here against David Ferrer in the 1st round in 2018 and against Rune in the round of 16 last year. He has an 8-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Last year here, Rublev equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the quarterfinals here in 2021 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- Rublev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 9 occasions. In addition to his 2 quarterfinal finishes here, he also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal), 2020 (l. Medvedev), 2022 (l. Cilic) and 2023 (l. Medvedev), and at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2022 (l. Frances Tiafoe), and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic). He is the only man in the Open Era to have lost the first 8 (or more) Grand Slam quarterfinal matches he has reached.
- Rublev's **best result in 2023** was winning his first Masters-1000 title at Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Holger Rune). He also won the title at Bastad (d. Casper Ruud) and finished runner-up at Dubai (l. Medvedev), Banja Luka (l. Dusan Lajovic), Halle (l. Alexander Bublik) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Rublev won his **15th Tour-level title** at Hong Kong (d. Emil Ruusuvuori).
- Rublev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in September 2021. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1** having topped the boys' rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at 2014 Roland Garros. He reached the quarterfinals at the 2014 Junior Australian Open (l. Stefan Kozlov) and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles with Kozlov at 2014 Wimbledon. He also won two medals at the Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing later that year, winning boys' singles bronze and boys' doubles silver with Karen Khachanov. He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Rublev **won Olympic gold in mixed doubles** alongside Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova at Tokyo 2020, with the pair defeating Karatsev/Elena Vesnina in the final. Along with Khachanov, who won men's singles silver, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.
- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente.
- **EUBANKS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Eubanks advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Taro Daniel 64 62 63 in the 1st round on Monday.

- **Last year here**, Eubanks reached the 2nd round as a wild card – he defeated Kwon Soonwoo in 5 sets for his first Australian Open match-win before falling to Jiri Lehecka. He lost in the 1st round on his 2 other appearances here – as a qualifier in both 2019 (l. Nikoloz Basilashvili) and 2020 (l. Peter Gojowczyk).
- Eubanks recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals on his Wimbledon debut last year. He defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets in the round of 16 before falling to Daniil Medvedev, also in 5 sets, in the quarterfinals.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Eubanks reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Kwon, l. Benjamin Bonzi) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Holger Rune).
- Eubanks' best result in 2023 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Mallorca. He also reached his first quarterfinal at Masters-1000-level as a qualifier at Miami-1000 (l. Medvedev) and reached a further quarterfinal at Atlanta (l. Aleksandar Vukic).
- **At Challenger-level in 2023**, Eubanks reached the semifinals at the Gwangju Challenger (KOR) (l. Jordan Thompson) and the quarterfinals at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) (l. Aleksandar Vukic) and the Busan Challenger (KOR) (l. Vukic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Eubanks fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Daniel).
- Eubanks is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against Top 5 players, with his only victory having come against No. 5 Tsitsipas in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year. Both of his defeats to Top 5 players have come against Medvedev – in the quarterfinals at both Miami-1000 and Wimbledon last year.
- Eubanks won the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, against Kwon in the 1st round last year. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Eubanks broke the Top 100 for the first time in April 2023 and broke the Top 50 in June. He reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 29 in July and plays here at No. 35.
- Eubanks **played college tennis**. He represented Georgia Tech in 2014-17 and was named a 2-time all-American and awarded ACC Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017.
- Eubanks is coached by Ruan Roelofse.

NO. 7 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS)

Head-to-head: Tsitsipas leads 2-1

2019	Washington	Hard (O)	R16	Tsitsipas	63 76(4)
2022	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	R64	Tsitsipas	62 63 75
2023	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Thompson	76(0) 46 76(5)

A 4th Tour-level meeting for Tsitsipas and Thompson, their 3rd on a hard court and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Tsitsipas leads the overall head-to-head and won their only previous Grand Slam meeting but Thompson won their most recent meeting in the 2nd round at Indian Wells-1000 last year.

Tsitsipas is playing against an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 3rd time. He has won both of his previous matches against Australian players here, defeating Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round in 2021 and Rinky Hijikata in the 2nd round. He has an 18-6 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Tsitsipas has also won all 5 matches he has played against players at their home Grand Slams, having also defeated Maxime Cressy in the 2nd round at the 2020 US Open, Jeremy Chardy in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and Andy Murray in the 2nd round at 2023 Wimbledon.

TSITSIPAS	v	THOMPSON
25	Age	29
7	ATP Ranking	47
11	Titles	0
58-25	Career Grand Slam Record	18-33
22-6	Australian Open Record	4-10
306-144	Career Record	109-137
186-99	Career Record - Hard	70-85
2-1	2024 Record	4-2
2-1	2024 Record - Hard	4-2
11-8	Career Five-Set Record	7-11
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	3
138-102	Career Tiebreak Record	55-61
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 6th straight year. This is his 7th Australian Open and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- Tsitsipas advanced to the 2nd round after defeating lucky loser Zizou Bergs 57 61 61 63 in the 1st round on Monday.
- 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.
- **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- Thompson advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Aleksandar Vukic 36 76(3) 62 36 64 in the 1st round on Monday. It was his 2nd victory in a **5-set match** at the Australian Open – he also recorded a 5-set victory in the 1st round here in 2017, when he recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Joao Sousa. He has a 2-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 7-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Thompson has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here in 2017 (d. Sousa, l. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, l. Andreas Seppi) and 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Fabio Fognini).
- **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 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 is **bidding to defeat a Top 10 player for the 4th time**. He has a 3-16 win-loss record against Top 10 players, with his 3 victories coming against No. 1 Andy Murray in the 1st round at 2017 Queen's, against No. 3 Tsitsipas in the 2nd round at 2023 Indian Wells-1000 and against No. 9 Alexander Zverev in the 1st round at 2023 Tokyo.
- Thompson is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 5 matches he has played against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, including his only previous match against a Top 10 player at the Australian Open – against No. 8 Thiem in the 2nd round in 2017. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 14 Casper Ruud in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 37 Sousa in the 1st round in 2017.
- Thompson is one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began 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.
- 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.

NO. 10 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v MATTEO ARNALDI (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

De Minaur has never lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 41 Arnaldi. The lowest-ranked player to defeat De Minaur here is No. 32 Sam Querrey in the 2nd round in 2017.

Arnaldi is facing an Australian player here for the 2nd consecutive round, having defeated wild card Adam Walton in the 1st round here on Sunday. Across both qualifying and the main draw, he is contesting his 4th consecutive match against an Australian player here – in 2023, he defeated Alex Bolt in the 2nd round of qualifying before falling to Max Purcell in the final round of qualifying.

Arnaldi has a 4-1 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level – he fell to Alexei Popyrin in his first Tour-level match against an Australian player in the semifinals at Umag last year, but has won his 4 subsequent matches against Australian players.

De Minaur and Arnaldi were on opposing teams in the 2023 Davis Cup final in Malaga. Arnaldi defeated Popyrin in the opening match of the final before De Minaur fell to Sinner in the 2nd match, as Italy won their 2nd Davis Cup title and first since 1976.

DE MINAUR	v	ARNALDI
24	Age	22
10	ATP Ranking	41
7	Titles	0
36-25	Career Grand Slam Record	5-3
12-6	Australian Open Record	1-0
206-135	Career Record	24-21
159-90	Career Record - Hard	14-12
4-1	2024 Record	4-2
4-1	2024 Record - Hard	4-2
4-5	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
78-63	Career Tiebreak Record	14-8
0-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-3

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 5th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- De Minaur advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Milos Raonic in the 1st round on Monday. He was leading 67(6) 63 2-0 when Raonic retired due to a hip injury.
- Last year here, De Minaur equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 (I. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the round of 16 here in 2022 (I. 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 (I. Daniil Medvedev) but fell in the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Ilya Ivashka, I. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Wimbledon (d. Kimmer Coppejans, I. 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 (I. Carlos Alcaraz), Los Cabos (I. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Toronto-1000 (I. 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 one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began 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.
- **ARNALDI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- Arnaldi advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Adam Walton 76(5) 62 64 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Sunday.
- **Last year here**, Arnaldi reached the final round of qualifying. As No. 22 seed, he defeated Alexander Ritschard and Alex Bolt before falling to Max Purcell. It was his only appearance in Australian Open qualifying.
- Arnaldi's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open last year. He defeated Jason Kubler, Arthur Fils and Cameron Norrie before falling to Carlos Alcaraz.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Arnaldi reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Daniel Elahi Galan, l. Denis Shapovalov) but fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Roberto Carballes Baena).
- Arnaldi's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Umag (l. Alexei Popyrin). He also reached the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 (l. Jaume Munar) and Shanghai-1000 (l. JJ Wolf).
- Also in 2023, Arnaldi **won 3 Challenger titles** – at Tenerife (ESP) (d. Raul Brancaccio), Murcia (ESP) (d. Borna Gojo) and Heilbronn (GER) (d. Facundo Diaz Acosta)
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Arnaldi reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane. He defeated Marton Fucsovics and Lukas Klein before falling to Roman Safiullin. He then reached the 2nd round at Adelaide, defeating Bernabe Zapata Miralles before falling to Nicolas Jarry.
- Arnaldi is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-4 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level with his only victory coming against No. 4 Casper Ruud in the 2nd round at Madrid-1000 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 16 Norrie in the 3rd round at the US Open last year.
- Arnaldi won the only **5-set match** he has contested to date – against Fils in the 2nd round at the US Open last year.
- Arnaldi **broke the Top 50 for the first time** after reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in September last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 41 the following month. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Arnaldi reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 22 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (l. Filip Cristian Jianu).

- Arnaldi was a member of the **Italian team which won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**. He made his debut in the competition at the 2023 Finals Group Stage in September and has won 3 of the 4 Davis Cup singles matches he has contested, including a victory against Australia's Popyrin in the opening match of the final. As reigning champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Arnaldi is coached by Alessandro Petrone.

NO. 12 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA) v (LL) HUGO GASTON (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Fritz is facing a lefthanded player for the 2nd consecutive match, having defeated Facundo Diaz Acosta in the 1st round here on Sunday. He has won 4 of his previous 5 matches against lefthanded players at the Australian Open. He fell to Gilles Muller in the 1st round here in 2017 but has since defeated Cameron Norrie in the 1st round in 2018, Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round in 2021, Maximilian Marterer in the 1st round in 2022 and Diaz Acosta in the 1st round this year. He has an 8-5 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams.

Fritz has won 9 of his last 10 matches against lefthanded players at Tour-level with his only defeat in that time coming against Adrian Mannarino in the 2nd round at Queen's last year. He has a 38-31 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Fritz has won all 3 of his previous matches against lucky losers at Tour-level – including his only previous match against a lucky loser at a Grand Slam, defeating Lorenzo Sonego in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon.

FRITZ	v	GASTON
26	Age	23
12	ATP Ranking	97
6	Titles	0
37-29	Career Grand Slam Record	8-9
11-7	Australian Open Record	1-2
233-168	Career Record	28-40
173-117	Career Record - Hard	12-24
2-1	2024 Record	1-0
2-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
9-10	Career Five-Set Record	3-1
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
126-101	Career Tiebreak Record	14-12
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- Fritz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Facundo Diaz Acosta 46 63 36 62 64 in the 1st round on Sunday. He has won 4 of the 8 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open and has a 9-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- **Last year here**, Fritz reached the 2nd round. He defeated Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to Alexei Popyrin in 5 sets. It was his earliest defeat here since 2017, when he fell in the 1st round (l. Gilles Muller). He has lost in the 1st round here on one other occasion – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2016 (l. Jack Sock).
- Fritz's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2022, when he defeated Maximilian Marterer, Frances Tiafoe and Roberto Bautista Agut before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets.
- Fritz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions – at 2022 Wimbledon, where he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets, and at the US Open last year (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Fritz reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Michael Mmoh and Arthur Rinderknech before falling to Francisco Cerundolo, and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Mikael Ymer).
- Fritz's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Delray Beach (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and Atlanta (d. Aleksandar Vukic). He also reached the semifinals at Dallas (l. Wu Yibing), Acapulco (l. Tommy Paul), Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev), Munich (l. Botic van de Zandschulp), Geneva (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and Washington (l. Tallon Griekspoor).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Fritz represented USA at the United Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he played, defeating Great Britain's Cameron Norrie but falling to Australia's Alex de Minaur.

- Fritz reached a career-high ranking of No. 5 in February last year, becoming the **first American man to be ranked in the Top 5** since Andy Roddick in 2009. He plays here at No. 12.
- Fritz is a **former junior world No. 1**. He was named 2015 ITF Junior World Champion after winning the boys' singles title at the 2015 US Open (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Paul). He contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2015, reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Hong Seong-chan).
- Fritz made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2019 Finals and has a 5-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. USA play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Both of Fritz's parents were professional tennis players. His mother, Kathy, is a former Top 10 player.
- Fritz is coached by Michael Russell and Paul Annacone.
- Lucky loser **GASTON** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Gaston advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Roberto Carballes Baena 63 62 36 64 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- **As No. 4 seed in qualifying last week**, Gaston defeated Bu Yuchaokete (CHN) 75 60 and Beibit Zhukayev (KAZ) 76(3) 63 in the opening 2 rounds before falling to No. 30 seed Lloyd Harris (RSA) 60 62 in the final round. He gained entry to the main draw as a lucky loser following Borna Gojo's withdrawal on Saturday.
- **Last year here**, Gaston reached the 2nd round of qualifying, defeating Egor Gerasimov before retiring against Alexandre Muller. He has lost in the 1st round on both of his previous appearances in the main draw here – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2020 (l. Jaume Munar) and as a direct acceptance in 2022 (l. Christopher O'Connell).
- Gaston's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card on his Roland Garros debut in 2020, when he defeated Maxime Janvier, Yoshihito Nishioka and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Dominic Thiem. Ranked No. 239, he became the lowest-ranked man to reach the round of 16 at Roland Garros since No. 283 Arnaud di Pasquale in 2002, and the lowest-ranked man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since No. 248 Guillermo Canas at the 2004 Australian Open.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Gaston reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at the US Open (d. Sho Shimabukuro, l. Laslo Djere) but lost in the 1st round as a wild card at Roland Garros (l. Alex Molcan). He fell to Billy Harris in the 2nd round of qualifying at Wimbledon.
- Gaston's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals at Antwerp, where he defeated Arthur Rinderknech and Jan-Lennard Struff before falling to Maximilian Marterer. He recorded just 3 other Tour-level match-wins last season – in 2nd round finishes at Marrakech (d. Struff, l. Lorenzo Musetti), as a wild card at Madrid-1000 (d. Jeremy Chardy, l. Borna Coric) and as a qualifier at the US Open.
- Gaston won his **2nd and 3rd Challenger titles in 2023** – winning in consecutive weeks at Iasi (ROU) (d. Bernabe Zapata Miralles) and Trieste (ITA) (d. Francesco Passaro) in July. He also finished runner-up at the Vina del Mar Challenger (CHI) (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and reached the semifinals at the Seville Challenger (ESP) (l. Roberto Carballes Baena) and the Brest Challenger (FRA) (l. Benjamin Bonzi).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Gaston reached the quarterfinals at the Noumea Challenger (CAL), where he defeated Maxime Chazal and Kyrian Jacquet before falling to Enzo Coucaud.
- Gaston has **won one of the last 5 matches he has contested against Top 20 players**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 20 Alex de Minaur in the 1st round at 2022 Roland Garros. He has a 4-7 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Gaston is one of the **8 lefthanders** through to the 2nd round from the 18 who began this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era, most recently Rafael Nadal in 2009 and 2022.
- Gaston has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat in a 5-set match coming against Thiem in the round of 16 at 2020 Roland Garros.

- Gaston reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 58 in July 2022. He plays here at No. 97.
- Gaston was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in October 2018. He won the gold medal in boys' singles at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, defeating Facundo Diaz Acosta in the final. He reached the quarterfinals on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Marko Miladinovic).
- Gaston is coached by Younes El Aynaoui, who reached the quarterfinals here in 2000 and 2003.

NO. 15 KAREN KHACHANOV v (Q) ALEKSANDAR KOVACEVIC (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Khachanov has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 101 Kovacevic once before – when he fell to No. 216 Vasek Pospisil in the 1st round at the 2019 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Khachanov at the Australian Open is No. 26 Nick Kyrgios in the 3rd round in 2020.

Khachanov has won all 7 matches he has played against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including the only match he has played against a qualifier at the Australian Open, against Mario Vilella Martinez in the 1st round in 2020. He is bidding to extend a 15-match Tour-level winning streak against qualifiers, having not lost to a qualifier since falling to Peter Gojowczyk in the 2nd round at 2021 Metz. He has a 42-8 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

KHACHANOV	v	KOVACEVIC
27	Age	25
15	ATP Ranking	101
5	Titles	0
58-26	Career Grand Slam Record	1-1
16-7	Australian Open Record	1-0
245-181	Career Record	7-10
162-123	Career Record - Hard	7-7
1-1	2024 Record	1-0
1-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
9-8	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
118-115	Career Tiebreak Record	4-5
2-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **KHACHANOV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 6th straight year. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- Khachanov advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Daniel Altmaier 57 63 76(5) 76(3) in the 1st round on Monday.
- 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. He 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 Nick 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.
- Qualifier **KOVACEVIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Kovacevic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Alejandro Tabilo 67(2) 76(7) 16 61 63 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Monday. It was the first 5-set match of his career.
- As No. 7 seed in qualifying last week, Kovacevic defeated Gauthier Onclin (BEL) 63 67(9) 76(7), Vitaliy Sachko (UKR) 76(5) 76(4), and No. 27 seed Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN) 16 62 62. It is the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 6th attempt.
- **Last year here**, Kovacevic fell to Carlos Taberner in the 1st round of qualifying. It was his only previous appearance in qualifying at the Australian Open.
- Kovacevic **made his Grand Slam debut** at 2023 Roland Garros, falling to Novak Djokovic in the 1st round. Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year, he fell in the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Enzo Couacaud) and in the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Eliot Spizzirri).
- Kovacevic's best **Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals at Los Cabos, where he defeated Omni Kumar and Cameron Norrie before falling to Dominik Koepfer. He recorded just one other Tour-level match-win last season – in a 2nd round finish as a lucky loser at Miami-1000 (d. Jaume Munar, l. Francisco Cerundolo).
- Kovacevic is bidding to record his **8th Tour-level match-win**. In addition to his 3 Tour-level victories in 2023 and his 1st round victory here, his only other Tour-level match-wins came in a semifinal finish on his Tour-level debut at 2022 Seoul, when he defeated Miomir Kecmanovic, Tseng Chun-Hsin and Mackenzie McDonald before falling to Yoshihito Nishioka.
- Kovacevic **won his first 4 Challenger titles in 2023** – at Cleveland (USA) (d. Wu Yibing), as a wild card at Waco (USA) (d. Alexandre Muller), and as a direct acceptance at both Shenzhen (Longhua) (CHN) (d. Nuno Borges) and the Temuco (CHI) (d. Gilbert Klier Junior).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kovacevic attempted to qualify at Brisbane. He defeated Federico Gaio in the 1st round of qualifying before falling to Tomas Machac in the final round of qualifying.
- Kovacevic is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Top 20 players – falling to No. 3 Djokovic in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros, but defeating No. 13 Norrie in the 2nd round at 2023 Los Cabos.
- Kovacevic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 101 in April last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Kovacevic **played college tennis** for the University of Illinois between 2016 and 2021, compiling a 102-36 win-loss record in singles and a 62-53 win-loss record in doubles. He earned all-American honours in singles in 2019 and 2021.
- Kovacevic is coached by Dean Goldfine and Brian Garber.

NO. 16 BEN SHELTON (USA) v CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Shelton is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time, having defeated Alexei Popyrin in the 3rd round here last year. He has won both matches he has contested against Australian players at Tour-level overall, having also defeated Jordan Thompson in the 2nd round at Tokyo last year.

O'Connell has **won both of his previous matches against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams** – he defeated Hugo Gaston in the 1st round at the 2022 Australian Open and Jiri Vesely in the 2nd round at Wimbledon last year. He has a 6-3 Tour-level record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

SHELTON	v	O'CONNELL
21	Age	29
16	ATP Ranking	68
1	Titles	0
11-5	Career Grand Slam Record	8-13
5-1	Australian Open Record	4-5
32-29	Career Record	33-50
28-19	Career Record - Hard	20-33
3-2	2024 Record	3-2
3-2	2024 Record - Hard	3-2
3-1	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
23-21	Career Tiebreak Record	34-27
2-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- Lefthander **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 2nd Australian Open and 6th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Roberto Bautista Agut 62 76(2) 75 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **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. 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 **8 lefthanders** through to the 2nd round from the 18 who began this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era, most recently Rafael Nadal in 2009 and 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 at the 2022 US Open. 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.
- **O'CONNELL** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- O'Connell advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Cristian Garin 36 75 46 61 75 in the 1st round on Sunday. It was his **first victory in a 5-set match**. He lost both of 5-set previous matches he had previously contested – falling to Tommy Paul in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and to Gael Monfils in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- **Last year here**, O'Connell fell to Jenson Brooksby in the 1st round.
- O'Connell's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions, including at the 2022 Australian Open, when he defeated Hugo Gaston and Diego Schwartzman before falling to Maxime Cressy. He also reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon last year, defeating Hamad Medjedovic and Jiri Vesely before falling to Christopher Eubanks.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, O'Connell reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Max Purcell, l. Daniil Medvedev) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Taro Daniel).
- O'Connell's **best result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Munich (l. Holger Rune). He also reached the quarterfinals at Doha (l. Medvedev), Marrakech (l. Pavel Kotov), Geneva (l. Dimitrov), Stuttgart (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and Chengdu (l. Dimitrov).
- Also in 2023, O'Connell won his **5th career Challenger title** at the Shanghai Challenger (CHN) (d. Yosuke Watanuki). He also reached the semifinals at the Split Challenger (CRO) (l. Zsombor Piros) and the quarterfinals at the Guangzhou Challenger (CHN) (l. Terence Atmane).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, O'Connell reached the quarterfinals as a wild card at Adelaide, defeating Arthur Rinderknech and Alexander Shevchenko before falling to Sebastian Korda. He also competed at Brisbane, falling to Alexei Popyrin in the 1st round.
- O'Connell is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak against against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 16 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at 2023 Munich. He has a 2-12 win-loss record against Top 20 players, with his only other victory coming against No. 13 Schwartzman in the 2nd round here in 2022.
- O'Connell is one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- O'Connell reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 53 in September last year. He plays here at No. 68.
- O'Connell reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 501** in January 2010. He played in the boys' doubles event at the Australian Open as a wild card in 2011 and the boys' singles as a wild card in 2012, reaching the 2nd round on both occasions.
- O'Connell is coached by Marinko Matosevic, who contested the main draw here in 2010-15, reaching the 2nd round in 2015.

NO. 17 FRANCES TIAFOE (USA) v TOMAS MACHAC (CZE)

Head-to-head: Tiafoe leads 1-0

2023 United Cup Hard RR Tiafoe 63 2-4 ret. (right ankle)

A 2nd meeting between Tiafoe and Machac. Their previous meeting also took place in Australia – at the 2023 United Cup in Sydney.

Tiafoe has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 75 Machac once before – when he fell to No. 88 Steve Johnson in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Tiafoe at the Australian Open is No. 24 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round in 2017.

TIAFOE	v	MACHAC
25*	Age	23
17	ATP Ranking	75
3	Titles	0
40-30	Career Grand Slam Record	3-6
10-7	Australian Open Record	3-3
179-166	Career Record	18-18
129-117	Career Record - Hard	12-14
2-1	2024 Record	2-1
2-1	2024 Record - Hard	2-1
4-12	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
113-94	Career Tiebreak Record	6-11
2-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-2

*Turns 26 on Saturday 20 January

- **TIAFOE** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 31st Grand Slam overall.
- Tiafoe advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Borna Coric 63 76(7) 26 63 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- **Last year here**, Tiafoe reached the 3rd round, defeating Daniel Altmaier and Shang Juncheng before falling to Karen Khachanov.
- Tiafoe's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2019. He defeated 2 seeded players – No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson and No. 20 seed Grigor Dimitrov – before falling to Rafael Nadal in the last 8.
- Tiafoe's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2022 US Open, where he defeated Nadal in the round of 16 and Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals before falling to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets in the last 4. He became the first American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Andy Roddick in 2006.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Tiafoe reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Ben Shelton) but fell in the 3rd round at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (l. Grigor Dimitrov).
- Tiafoe's best results in 2023 were winning his **2nd and 3rd Tour-level titles** at Houston (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Stuttgart (d. Jan-Lennard Struff). He also reached the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. JJ Wolf), Acapulco (l. Taylor Fritz), Washington (l. Daniel Evans) and Vienna (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Tiafoe reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong. He received a bye through the 1st round and defeated Miomir Kecmanovic in the 2nd round before falling to Shang in the quarterfinals.
- Tiafoe has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Andreas Seppi in the 3rd round in 2019 and against Marco Trungelliti in the 1st round in 2022. He has a 4-12 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Tiafoe **broke the Top 10, at No. 10, for the first time** after winning the title at Stuttgart in June last year. He remained in the Top 10 for 13 weeks until the end of the US Open. He plays here at No. 17.

- Tiafoe had a **successful junior career**. Aged just 15, he won the 2013 Orange Bowl (d. Stefan Kozlov), becoming the youngest boys' singles winner in the event's history. He also reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open (l. Quentin Halys) and achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Tiafoe made his **Davis Cup** debut in USA's 2018 semifinal defeat to Croatia and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition, with his only Davis Cup victory to date coming against Colombia's Nicolas Mejia at the 2021 Finals. USA will play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Tiafoe is coached by Diego Moyano.
- **MACHAC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.
- Machac advanced to the 2nd round after defeating lucky loser Shintaro Mochizuki 75 61 75 in the 1st round.
- **Last year here**, Machac fell to Casper Ruud in 4 sets in the 1st round.
- Machac's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier at the Australian Open in both 2021 (d. Mario Vilella Martinez, l. Matteo Berrettini) and 2022 (d. Juan Manuel Cerundolo, l. Maxime Cressy).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Machac lost in the 1st round as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Cameron Norrie). He fell in the final round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Borna Gojo) and in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Lucas Pouille).
- Machac's **best Tour-level results in 2023** were reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Houston (l. Yannick Hanfmann) and as a lucky loser at Stockholm (l. Laslo Djere).
- Machac **won back-to-back Challenger titles** in October 2023 – at Orleans (FRA) (d. Jack Draper) and Mouilleron Le Captif (FRA) (d. Arthur Fery). He also finished as runner-up at the Prostějov Challenger (CZE) (l. Dalibor Svrčina) and the Cassis Challenger (FRA) (l. Mattia Bellucci), and reached the semifinals at the Sarasota Challenger (USA) (l. Daniel Elahi Galan).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Machac reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Brisbane (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, l. Rinky Hijikata). He fell in the first round of qualifying at Adelaide (l. Alex Bolt).
- Machac is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the first time**. He has lost all 9 of his previous matches against Top 20 players – including both of his previous matches against Top 20 players at the Australian Open, against No. 10 Berrettini in the 2nd round in 2021 and No. 3 Ruud in the 1st round last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 25 Daniel Evans at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals.
- Machac has lost both of the **five-set matches** he has contested – against Taylor Fritz in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros and Botic van de Zandschulp in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open.
- Machac reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 64 in October last year. He plays here at No. 75.
- Machac reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 16 in January 2018. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2018 (l. Rudolf Molleker).
- Machac made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals and has an 8-6 win-loss record in the competition. Czechia will play at home against Israel in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Machac is coached by Daniel Vacek.

NO. 26 SEBASTIAN BAEZ (ARG) v DANIEL ELAHI GALAN (COL)

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

2020	Campinas Challenger (BRA)	Clay (O)	R16	Galan	63 36 76(5)
2021	Concepcion Challenger (CHI)	Clay (O)	R16	Baez	75 62
2023	Winston-Salem	Hard (O)	R32	Baez	36 64 64

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Baez and Galan, with Baez having defeated Galan in the 2nd round en route to his first Tour-level hard court title in August 2023. The pair split their 2 meetings at Challenger-level in 2020-21.

BAEZ	v	GALAN
23	Age	27
29	ATP Ranking	87
4	Titles	0
6-8	Career Grand Slam Record	10-10
2-2	Australian Open Record	1-2
61-61	Career Record	46-57
16-32	Career Record - Hard	19-28
1-2	2024 Record	1-0
1-2	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
1-2	Career Five-Set Record	4-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
14-28	Career Tiebreak Record	21-15
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **BAEZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Baez advanced to the 2nd round after defeating JJ Wolf in the 1st round on Sunday. He was leading 36 62 63 3-0 when Wolf retired due to injury.
- **Last year here**, Baez fell to Jason Kubler in straight sets in the 1st round.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Baez has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here on his Grand Slam debut in 2022 (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, I. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- Baez recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round at the US Open last year, where he defeated Borna Coric and Felipe Meligeni Rodrigues Alves before falling to Daniil Medvedev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Baez fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (I. Gael Monfils) and Wimbledon (I. Tomas Barrios Vera).
- Baez **won 3 Tour-level titles in 2023** – at Cordoba (d. Federico Coria), Kitzbuhel (d. Dominic Thiem) and Winston-Salem (d. Jiri Lehecka). He was one of 5 players to win 3 or more Tour-level titles last season – alongside Novak Djokovic (7 titles), Carlos Alcaraz (6), Medvedev (5) and Jannik Sinner (4).
- Baez's **other highlights in 2023** were reaching the semifinals at Santiago (I. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and the quarterfinals at Rio de Janeiro (I. Nicolas Jarry), Estoril (I. Casper Ruud) and Lyon (I. Cameron Norrie).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Baez lost in the 1st round at both Brisbane (I. Lukas Klein) and Adelaide (I. Jack Draper).
- Baez won the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round in 2022. He has lost the other 2 five-set matches he has contested at Tour-level.
- Baez reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 26 last week but plays here 3 places lower at No. 29.
- Baez is a **former junior world No. 1**, having reached the top ranking in March 2018. His best result in the junior events at the Grand Slams was reaching the final at 2018 Roland Garros (I. Tseng Chun Hsin). He also won boys' doubles gold alongside Facundo Diaz Acosta at the 2018 Youth Olympic Tennis Event in his hometown of Buenos Aires. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2018 (d. Admir Kalender, I. Ray Ho).

- Baez made his **Davis Cup** debut during Argentina's 2022 Qualifiers victory over Czechia and has a 2-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Argentina will play at home against Kazakhstan in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Baez is coached by Sebastian Gutierrez.
- **GALAN** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 5th time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Galan is bidding to become the **3rd Colombian man in history to reach the 3rd round at the Australian Open** – after Mauricio Hadad (1996) and Alejandro Falla (2010, 2012). He would also become the 4th Colombian player, man or woman, to reach the 3rd round here – after Hadad, Falla and Fabiola Zuluaga, who reached the women's singles semifinals here in 2004.
- Galan advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Jason Kubler 26 63 76(3) 46 76(8) for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Galan fell to Jeremy Chardy in the 1st round. On his only other main draw appearance here, in 2020, he fell to Alejandro Tabilo in the 1st round.
- Galan's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at 2023 Wimbledon, when he defeated Yoshihito Nishioka, Oscar Otte and Mikael Ymer before falling to Jannik Sinner.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Galan fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Matteo Arnaldi) and the US Open (l. Daniel Evans).
- Galan's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the quarterfinals at Kitzbuhel (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry). He lost in the 1st round at 16 of the 21 Tour-level events he contested in 2023.
- **At Challenger-level in 2023**, Galan finished runner-up at Sarasota (USA) (l. Daniel Altmaier) and Guayaquil (ECU) (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and reached the semifinals at Cagliari (ITA) (l. Ugo Humbert) and Turin (ITA) (l. Dominik Koepfer).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Galan attempted to qualify at Brisbane, defeating Andrey Kuznetsov before falling to Tu Li in the final round of qualifying.
- Galan has won the last 4 **five-set matches** he has contested – including his 5-set victory against Kubler in the 1st round here. He lost the only other 5-set match he has played at the Australian Open, falling to Tabilo in 5 sets the 1st round in 2020. He has a 4-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Galan reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 56 after reaching the round of 16 at Wimbledon in July 2023. He plays here at No. 87.
- Galan made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018 and has a 9-5 win-loss record in the competition overall. Colombia will play at home to Luxembourg in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Galan is coached by his father, Santos Galan.

NO. 30 TOMAS MARTIN ETCHEVERRY (ARG) v GAEL MONFILS (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

ETCHEVERRY	v	MONFILS
24	Age	37
32	ATP Ranking	76
0	Titles	12
8-8	Career Grand Slam Record	121-59
2-2	Australian Open Record	34-17
35-45	Career Record	541-318
12-21	Career Record - Hard	361-191
1-2	2024 Record	1-1
1-2	2024 Record - Hard	1-1
2-1	Career Five-Set Record	19-19
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
16-25	Career Tiebreak Record	215-158
1-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **ETCHEVERRY** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Etcheverry advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Andy Murray 64 62 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Etcheverry has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here last year (d. Gregoire Barrere, I. 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. It is the only occasion he has advanced beyond the 2nd round on his 8 previous Grand Slam appearances.
- **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.

- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 12th time. This is his 18th Australian Open appearance and his 61st Grand Slam overall.
- Monfils is bidding to record his 122nd Grand Slam match-win and claim sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins by a French player**, ahead of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. He is also bidding to record his 35th Australian Open match-win – Tsonga (37 Australian Open match-wins) is the only Frenchman to have recorded more match-wins here than Monfils.
- Monfils advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Yannick Hanfmann 64 63 75 in the 1st round on Monday.
- Monfils withdrew from the 2023 Australian Open due to a right foot injury. On his most-recent appearance here, in 2022, he equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Matteo Berrettini). He also reached the quarterfinals here on his 11th attempt in 2016 (l. Milos Raonic).
- Monfils' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Roger Federer) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Monfils reached the 2nd round at both Roland Garros, where he defeated Sebastian Baez before giving a walkover to Holger Rune due to a wrist injury, and the US Open (d. Taro Daniel, l. Andrey Rublev). He missed Wimbledon due to the wrist injury.
- Monfils' best result in 2023 was winning his **12th Tour-level title** at Stockholm (d. Pavel Kotov). He also reached the quarterfinals at Toronto-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Washington (l. Tallon Griekspoor) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Djokovic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Monfils fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Fabian Marozsan).
- At 37 years 149 days, Monfils was the **3rd-oldest man to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw** – after Stan Wawrinka (38 years 306 days) and Richard Gasquet (37 years 224 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Monfils has lost his the last 2 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open – to Emil Ruusuvuori in the 1st round in 2021 and to Berrettini in the quarterfinals in 2022. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 19-19 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Monfils is a **former Top 10 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 6 in November 2016 but plays here at No. 76.
- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion. He is one of 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions in the main draw here.
- Monfils is coached by Peter Lucassen and Mikael Tillstrom.