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### On court today...

- Two-time Grand Slam champion Carlos Alcaraz will close the day session on Rod Laver Arena today and in his 201st Tour-level match, the 20-year-old world No. 2 is finally facing a player younger than he is. His opponent is 18-year-old wild card Shang Juncheng, who made his debut here last year and has been in impressive form in the opening 2 rounds this week. While Alcaraz looks to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and complete the set of round of 16 appearances at the Grand Slams, Shang is bidding to do something altogether more historic. If he pulls off an upset against Alcaraz, he will become the first Chinese man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era, and the first since Kho Sin-Khie did so more than 85 years ago at 1938 Wimbledon.
- Two-time Australian Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev faces Felix Auger-Aliassime in the opening night session match on Margaret Court Arena. It will be a familiar occasion for the two men, as they meet for the 7th time on Tour and for the 2nd time at Melbourne Park. The pair's previous meeting here came in the quarterfinals in 2022 with Auger-Aliassime coming within a set of recording his first victory against Medvedev, before Medvedev stormed back from 0-2 down to win. The No. 3 seed also recorded a successful comeback from 0-2 down against Emil Ruusuvuori late on Thursday night, and will be keen to continue the momentum from that victory, overcome his Canadian opponent and return to the last 16 after falling in the 3rd round here last year.
- The final match of the day on RLA sees No. 6 seed Alexander Zverev take on another teenager, USA's Alex Michelsen. The American is making his Australian Open debut this year and contesting just his 2nd Grand Slam event, having burst on to the scene in the latter half of 2023 and made his Grand Slam debut at the US Open. The young American comes into this match off the back of the biggest win of his career after defeating world No. 23 and last year's quarterfinalist Jiri Lehecka in the 2nd round. On the other side of the match-up, Zverev has come through two tough encounters to reach the 3rd round, defeating compatriot Dominik Koepfer and narrowly overcoming qualifier Lukas Klein in 5 sets.
- On Court 3, No. 28 seed Tallon Griekspoor faces French wild card Arthur Cazaux. The 21-year-old was a boys' singles runner-up here in 2020, and has taken his first winning steps at senior Grand Slam level here this year. He recorded his first Grand Slam match-win by defeating Laslo Djere in the 1st round, before producing arguably the upset of the men's singles draw so far by downing No. 8 seed Holger Rune in 4 sets. The winner of this match will reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time and should it be Griekspoor, it will be the first time that Netherlands has had a representative in the last 16 here in 20 years, since Sjeng Schalken reached this stage in 2004.

# NO. 2 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP) v (WC) SHANG JUNCHENG (CHN)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

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Alcaraz has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 140 Shang once before – when he fell to No. 337 Alexander Erler in the 1st round at 2021 Kitzbuhel. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Alcaraz at a Grand Slam is No. 95 Mikael Ymer in the 2nd round at the 2021 Australian Open.

Alcaraz is facing a wild card at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 6-2 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level, with his 2 defeats coming in his first 2 meetings with wild cards – against Erler in the 1st round at 2021 Kitzbuhel and against Andy Murray in the 2nd round at 2021 Indian Wells-1000.

At 18 years 360 days, Shang is the the youngest man to reach the 3rd round since Alcaraz reached the 3rd round here in 2022 aged 18 years 270 days. Alcaraz is contesting a Tour-level match against a player who is younger than him for the first time in his career.

Alcaraz has won all 5 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams – including his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open, against Alejandro Tabilo in the 1st round here in 2022. He is bidding to extend a 6-match Tour-level winning streak against lefthanded players, having not lost to a lefthanded player since falling to Cameron Norrie in the final at Rio de Janeiro last year. He has a 23-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

ALCARAZ	v	SHANG
20	Age	18
2	ATP Ranking	140
13	Titles	0
43-9	Career Grand Slam Record	3-2
5-2	Australian Open Record	3-1
157-43	Career Record	9-12
77-27	Career Record - Hard	9-10
2-0	2024 Record	5-1
2-0	2024 Record - Hard	5-1
9-1	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
57-35	Career Tiebreak Record	5-5
2-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-2

- ALCARAZ is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- Alcaraz is bidding to **complete the set of round of 16 appearances at the Grand Slam tournaments**. He would become the 22nd active player to have reached the men's singles round of 16 at all 4 Grand Slam events.
- Alcaraz is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 8th time and become the 16th Spanish man in the Open Era to reach the last 16 at the Grand Slams on 8 or more occasions. He would become the 4th active Spanish man to record at least 8 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances – after Rafael Nadal (54 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances), Roberto Bautista Agut (13) and Pablo Carreno Busta (9).
- Alcaraz advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Richard Gasquet 76(5) 61 62 and Lorenzo Sonego 64 67(3) 63 76(3) in the opening 2 rounds. His 2nd round match against Sonego was his 200th Tour-level match.
- Alcaraz missed the 2023 Australian Open due to a right leg injury. On his most-recent appearance here, in 2022, he recorded his best Australian Open result by reaching the 3rd round (I. Matteo Berrettini). He lost in the 2nd round on his only other appearance here as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2021 (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, I. Mikael Ymer).
- Alcaraz won his 2nd Grand Slam title at 2023 Wimbledon, defeating Novak Djokovic in 5 sets in the final. Aged 20 years 72 days, he became the 3rd-youngest player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's singles title and the 5th man in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21. He won his first Grand Slam title at the 2022 US Open (d. Casper Ruud) aged 19 years 129 days, he became the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Rafael Nadal (19 years 2 days) at 2005 Roland Garros and youngest US Open men's singles champion since Pete Sampras (19 years 28 days) in 1990.

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- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Alcaraz reached the semifinals at both Roland Garros (I. Djokovic) and the US Open (I. Medvedev).
- At 20 years 268 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2011 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Alcaraz is also bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win 3 Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21 after Mats Wilander (who won 4 Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21) and Bjorn Borg (3).
- Alcaraz won 6 titles in 2023 and finished 2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles last season behind Djokovic, who won 7 titles. In addition to his Wimbledon title, he also won the title at Buenos Aires (d. Cameron Norrie), Indian Wells-1000 (d. Medvedev), Barcelona (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas), Madrid-1000 (d. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Queen's (d. Alex de Minaur).
- Alcaraz's other highlights in 2023 were finishing runner-up at Rio de Janeiro (I. Norrie) and Cincinnati-1000 (I. Djokovic), reached the semifinals at Miami-1000 (I. Jannik Sinner), Beijing (I. Sinner) and the ATP Finals (I. Djokovic), and reached the quarterfinals at Canada-1000 in Toronto (I. Tommy Paul). He is contesting his first match of the 2024 season today.
- Alcaraz has won 9 of the 10 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against Berrettini in the 3rd round here in 2022 the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open.
- Aged 19 years 130 days, Alcaraz became the **youngest world No. 1 in history** after winning the title at the 2022 US Open and has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 since then. He plays here at No. 2 and is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, alongside Djokovic and Medvedev.
- Alcaraz has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has won 2 of the 3 matches he has contested in the competition. Spain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Alcaraz led Spain to victory at the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Finals in Budapest, defeating France in the title match. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2019 Wimbledon (I. Martin Damm) and reached a careerhigh junior ranking of No. 22 in January 2020. He never contested the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Alcaraz is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, whose best result here was reaching the semifinals in 2004.
- Wild card **SHANG** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 3rd Grand Slam overall.
- At 18 years 360 days, Shang is bidding to become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2005, when Rafael Nadal reached the round of 16 here aged 18 years 241 days. He would also become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Alcaraz reached the round of 16 at the 2021 US Open aged 18 years 130 days. (NB all ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- If Shang and Alex Michelsen (19 years 156 days) both reach the round of 16 here, it will be the first time that
  multiple teenagers have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2007 when
  Novak Djokovic (19 years 251 days) and Andy Murray (19 years 258 days) both reached the last 16 here. It would
  be the first time that multiple teenagers have reached the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam since 2022
  Roland Garros when Alcaraz (19 years 31 days) and Holger Rune (19 years 37 days) both reached the last 16.
- Shang is bidding to become the 8th wild card to reach the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era – after Pat du Pre (1981), Tomas Smid (1983), Jason Stoltenberg (1988), Simon Youl (1990), Mats Wilander (1994), Lleyton Hewitt (2012) and Denis Istomin (2017). (NB fellow wild card Arthur Cazaux is also bidding to reach the round of 16 here today)
- Shang is bidding to become the 40th wild card to reach the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era. Since Istomin reached the round of 16 here in 2017, 4 wild cards have reached the round of 16 at the Grand Slams Hugo Gaston (2020 Roland Garros), Jenson Brooksby (2021 US Open), Tim van Rijthoven (2022 Wimbledon) and Rinky Hijikata (2023 US Open).
- If Shang and Cazaux both win today, it will be the **4th time in the Open Era that multiple wild cards have reached the round of 16 of the men's singles at the Grand Slams** after 1990 Wimbledon (when Pat Cash and Mark

Woodforde reached the last 16), 1991 Roland Garros (Arnaud Boetsch and Alberto Mancini) and 2002 Roland Garros (Arnaud di Pasquale and Paul-Henri Mathieu).

- Shang is bidding to become the 3rd Chinese man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam after Lum Pao-Hua, who reached the last 16 at the 1927 Australian Championships, and Kho Sin-Khie, who reached the last 16 at both 1936 Roland Garros and 1938 Wimbledon. (NB Lum also represented Australia during his career)
- Shang advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Mackenzie McDonald 63 16 36 64 62 and qualifier Sumit Nagal 26 63 75 64 in the opening 2 rounds here.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Shang has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut here last year, when he defeated Oscar Otte for his first Tour-level match-win before falling to Frances Tiafoe. Aged 17 years 361 days, he became the youngest Asian man to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam in the Open Era.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Shang qualified for the main draw at Roland Garros but fell to Juan Pablo Varillas in 5 sets in the 1st round despite holding a 2-0 lead. This was the only 5-set match he contested before his 1st round win over McDonald here this year. He fell in the final round of qualifying at the US Open (I. Otto Virtanen) and fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (I. Matteo Arnaldi).
- Shang's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Washington, where he defeated Emilio Gomez and Ben Shelton before falling to Tiafoe. He reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at both the Australian Open and Atlanta (d. Shelton, I. Kei Nishikori), but fell in the 1st round at the 5 other Tour-level events he contested.
- Shang's best Challenger-level results in 2023 were reaching the semifinals at the Chicago Challenger (USA) (I. Alex Michelsen) and the Shanghai Challenger (CHN) (I. Yosuke Watanuki) and reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at the Ilkley Challenger (GBR) (I. Jason Kubler).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Shang reached his **first Tour-level semifinal** as a wild card at Hong Kong, where he defeated Laslo Djere, Botic van de Zandschulp and Tiafoe before falling to Andrey Rublev.
- Shang is one of **5 lefthanders** through to the 3rd round here. from the 18 who started in the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era, most recently Nadal in 2009 and 2022.
- Shang plays here at a new career-high ranking of No. 140.
- Shang is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking in July 2021 and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2021 US Open (I. Daniel Rincon). He was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2021. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Shang is coached by Martin Alund.

## NO. 3 DANIIL MEDVEDEV v NO. 27 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN)

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2018	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Medvedev	36 64 76(7)
2021	US Open	Hard (O)	SF	Medvedev	64 75 62
2022	ATP Cup	Hard (O)	R2	Medvedev	60 64
2022	Australian Open	Hard (O)	QF	Medvedev	67(3) 36 76(2) 75 64
2023	Rotterdam	Hard (I)	QF	Medvedev	62 64
2023	Doha	Hard (O)	SF	Medvedev	64 76(7)

A 7th meeting between Medvedev and Auger-Aliassime, their 3rd at a Grand Slam and 2nd at the Australian Open. All 6 previous meetings have come on hard courts.

The pair met at consecutive Grand Slams in 2021-22 – Medvedev won in straight sets in the semifinals at the 2021 US Open before recovering from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets in the quarterfinals here in 2022.

MEDVEDEV	v	AUGER-ALIASSIME
27	Age	23
3	ATP Ranking	30
21	Titles	5
72-25	Career Grand Slam Record	30-18
23-7	Australian Open Record	12-4
337-136	Career Record	185-123
264-90	Career Record - Hard	131-81
2-0	2024 Record	2-1
2-0	2024 Record - Hard	2-1
5-9	Career Five-Set Record	6-3
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
100-75	Career Tiebreak Record	102-72
1-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 5th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- Medvedev is also bidding to reach the **round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 14th time**. He has reached the round of 16 or better at all 4 Grand Slam events.
- Medvedev advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Terence Atmane, after leading 57 62 64 1-0 when Atmane retired due to cramping, and Emil Ruusuvuori 36 67(1) 64 76(1) 60 in the opening 2 rounds.
- Medvedev's victory against Ruusuvuori was his **3rd successful comeback from 0-2 down**. He also recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Marin Cilic in the 3rd round at 2021 Wimbledon and to defeat Auger-Aliassime in the quarterfinals here in 2022. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 5-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Last year here, Medvedev reached the 3rd round (I. Sebastian Korda). It was his earliest defeat at the Australian Open since 2018, when he fell to Chung Hyeon in the 2nd round.
- Medvedev is a 2-time Australian Open finalist. He reached back-to-back finals here 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 (I. Nadal) and 2023 (I. 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 (I. Carlos Alcaraz) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Thiago Seyboth Wild).
- If Medvedev wins his 2nd Grand Slam title here on his 8th Grand Slam appearance since winning his first, he will go
  joint-5th on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title,
  alongside Yevgeny Kafelnikov behind Marat Safin (14 attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam title), Djokovic
  and Gustavo Kuerten (both 12) and Pete Sampras (9).

- Medvedev is bidding become the 13th man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final on 3 or more occasions and the 4th active player to do so, after Djokovic (10 Australian Open finals), Nadal (6) and Andy Murray (5).
- 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 (I. Alcaraz), Beijing (I. Sinner) and Vienna (I. Sinner). With a 66-18 win-loss record last season, he led the Tour for most matches won in 2023. He did not contest a Tour-level event prior to the Australian Open this year.
- Medvedev became world No. 1 on 28 February 2022, becoming the first player other than the 'Big 4' (comprising Djokovic, Nadal, Roger Federer and 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, I. Nikola Milojevic).
- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.
- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 4th time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 19th Grand Slam overall.
- Auger-Aliassime is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 7th time. He is one of 4 Canadian players to have reached the round of 16 or better at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments alongside Carling Bassett-Seguso, Eugenie Bouchard and Milos Raonic. He is in 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Canadian man, behind Raonic (20 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances.
- Auger-Aliassime advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Dominic Thiem 63 75 67(5) 57 63 and qualifier Hugo Grenier 61 36 61 62 in the opening 2 rounds.
- 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's victory in the 1st round here **ended a 4-match Grand Slam losing streak**. Following his round of 16 finish here last year, he lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Fabio Fognini), Wimbledon (I. Michael Mmoh) and the US Open (I. Mackenzie McDonald).
- 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 Medvedev in 5 sets.
- Auger-Aliassime's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2021 US Open (I. Medvedev). He became the 3rd Canadian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam after Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov.
- 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 is bidding to defeat a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams for the first time. He has lost his previous 4 matches against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams, including his only previous match against a Top 5 player here, against No. 2 Medvedev in the quarterfinals here in 2022. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 6 Alxander Zverev in the round of 16 at 2021 Wimbledon.
- Auger-Aliassime lost both of his matches against Top 5 players in 2023 falling to No. 2 Alcaraz in the quarterfinals at Indian Wells-1000 and to No. 4 Holger Rune in the 1st round at Beijing. He has a 5-16 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.
- Auger-Aliassime has won 3 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open including his victory against Thiem in the 1st round this year. He has a 6-3 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 (I. 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 (I. 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.

# NO. 6 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v ALEX MICHELSEN (USA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Zverev has lost to a played ranked as low as No. 91 Michelsen at the Australian Open once before – against No. 107 lucky loser Michael Mmoh in the 2nd round here last year.

Zverev has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 91 Michelsen on 3 other occasions, all at Wimbledon – in 2015 against No. 105 Denis Kudla in the 2nd round on his Grand Slam debut, against No. 138 Ernests Gulbis in the 3rd round in 2018, and against No 124 Jiri Vesely in the 1st round in 2019.

ZVEREV	v	MICHELSEN
26	Age	19
6	ATP Ranking	91
21	Titles	0
85-31	Career Grand Slam Record	3-1
22-8	Australian Open Record	2-0
400-178	Career Record	9-10
239-111	Career Record - Hard	5-8
6-1	2024 Record	2-2
6-1	2024 Record - Hard	2-2
20-10	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
155-107	Career Tiebreak Record	4-3
4-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 5th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 32nd Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev is bidding to become the **2nd German man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on 5 or more occasions** – after Boris Becker, who made 6 appearances in the round of 16 here.
- Zverev is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 17th time and claim sole ownership of **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a German man**, ahead of Tommy Haas.

Player	No. of appearances
Boris Becker	31
Alexander Zverev	17??
Tommy Haas	16
Michael Stich	14
Philipp Kohlschreiber	11

#### Most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a German man (Open Era)

- Zverev advanced to the 3rd round here after defeating Dominik Koepfer 46 63 76(3) 63 and qualifier Lukas Klein 75 36 46 76(5) 76(7) in the opening 2 rounds.
- Last year here, on his first Grand Slam appearance since retiring due to an ankle injury in his semifinal match against Rafael Nadal at 2022 Roland Garros, Zverev reached the 2nd round. He defeated lucky loser Juan Pablo Varillas in 5 sets before falling to lucky loser Michael Mmoh in 4 sets.
- Zverev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2020, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets. It was the first time he had reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- Zverev's best Grand Slam result is reaching the final at the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Zverev reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (I. Casper Ruud), the quarterfinals at the US Open (I. Carlos Alcaraz) and the 3rd round at Wimbledon (I. Matteo Berrettini).

- Zverev's best results in 2023 were winning the titles at Hamburg (d. Laslo Djere) and Chengdu (d. Roman Safiullin). He also reached the semifinals at Dubai (I. Andrey Rublev), Geneva (I. Nicolas Jarry), Halle (I. Alexander Bublik), Cincinnati-1000 (I. Novak Djokovic) and Beijing (I. Daniil Medvedev).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Zverev was a **member of the German team which won the United Cup**. He won 4 of the 5 singles matches he contested, defeating Italy's Lorenzo Sonego, France's Adrian Mannarino, Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz, but falling to Australia's Alex de Minaur.
- Zverev has won the last 4 **five-set matches** he has contested including his victory against Klein in the 2nd round here this year. He has a 4-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 20-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in June 2022 after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros. He returned to the Top 10 for the first time since November 2022 in September last year after reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open. He plays here at No. 6.
- Zverev **won Olympic singles gold for Germany** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event in 2021, defeating Russian Olympic Committee's Karen Khachanov in the final. It was Germany's 3rd Olympic gold medal in tennis after Steffi Graf in women's singles at Seoul 1988 and Boris Becker/Michael Stich in men's doubles at Barcelona 1992.
- Zverev is **one of 2 former Australian Open boys' singles champions** through to the 3rd round here from the 6 who started this year's men's main draw. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (I. Christian Garin) and was named 2013 ITF Junior World Champion. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.
- Zverev has played **Davis Cup** for Germany since 2016 and has a 9-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Germany play away against Hungary in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Zverev is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.
- **MICHELSEN** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam overall.
- Aged 19 years 156 days, Michelsen could become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2012, when Bernard Tomic reached the round of 16 here aged 19 years 100 days. He would also become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Alcaraz reached the round of 16 at the 2022 US Open aged 18 years 129 days. (NB Shang Juncheng, aged 18 years 360 days, is also bidding to reach the 3rd round here today; all ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- If Michelsen and Shang both reach the round of 16 here, it will be the **first time that multiple teenagers have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2007** – when Novak Djokovic (19 years 251 days) and Andy Murray (19 years 258 days) both reached the last 16 here. It would be the first time that multiple teenagers have reached the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam since 2022 Roland Garros – when Alcaraz (19 years 31 days) and Holger Rune (19 years 37 days) both reached the last 16.
- Michelsen is bidding to become the 6th man to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut in the last 10 years – after Marton Fucsovics and Tennys Sandgren in (2018), Karatsev (2021) and Ben Shelton and JJ Wolf (2023). (NB fellow debutant Arthur Cazaux also contests his 3rd round match here today)
- Michelsen advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card James McCabe 76(5) 36 61 62 and No. 32 seed Jiri Lehecka 46 63 64 64 for his **first Australian Open match-wins** in the opening 2 rounds.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Michelsen has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best Grand Slam result was reaching the 2nd round as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut at the US Open last year (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, I. Nicolas Jarry). It was the only previous occasion he has competed at a Grand Slam, either in the main draw or qualifying.
- Michelsen's best result in 2023 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Newport in just his 2nd Tour-level event. He defeated Maxime Cressy, James Duckworth, Mackenzie McDonald and John Isner for his first Tour-level matchwins before falling to Adrian Mannarino in the final.

- Michelsen is bidding to record his **10th Tour-level match-win**. Other than his wins in the opening 2 rounds here, his 4 victories at Newport and his 2nd round finish at the US Open last year, his only other Tour-level match-wins came in a 3rd round finish as a wild card at Winston-Salem last year, when he defeated Juan Pablo Varillas and Sebastian Ofner before falling to Laslo Djere.
- Michelsen won his first 2 Challenger titles in 2023 at Chicago (USA) (I. Yuta Shimizu) and Knoxville (USA) (d. Denis Kudla). He also finished runner-up at the Rome Challenger (USA) (I. Jordan Thompson) and the Champaign Challenger (USA) (I. Patrick Kypson) and reached the semifinals at the Waco Challenger (USA) (I. Alexandre Muller) and the Cary Challenger (USA) (I. Zachary Svajda).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Michelsen qualified for the main draw at both Brisbane and Auckland but fell in the 1st round at both events losing to Ugo Humbert at Brisbane and to Nuno Borges at Auckland.
- Michelsen's victory against McCabe in the 1st round here ended a 6-match Tour-level losing streak. Since his 2nd round finish at the US Open last year, he had lost the 3 group stage matches he contested at the NextGen ATP Finals – where he fell to Hamad Medjedovic, Abdullah Shelbayh and Luca van Assche – and his 2 main draw matches at Brisbane and Auckland, before defeating McCabe here on Tuesday.
- Michelsen is facing a **Top 10 player for the first time.** The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 20 Ugo Humbert in the 1st round at Brisbane earlier this month. The highest-ranked player he has previously defeated is No. 23 Lehecka in the 2nd round here.
- Michelson rose from outside the Top 500 at the beginning of the 2023 season to **break the Top 100 for the first time** in November. He plays here at a new career-high ranking of No. 91.
- Michelsen reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 in July 2022. He won the boys' doubles title at 2022 Wimbledon alongside Sebastian Gorzny (d. Gabriel Debru/Paul Inchauspe) and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the 2022 Australian Open alongside Daniel Vallejo (I. Bruno Kuzuhara/Coleman Wong). He never played the boys' singles event here.
- Michelsen is coached by Jay Leavitt and Eric Diaz.

# NO. 9 HUBERT HURKACZ (POL) v NO. 21 UGO HUMBERT (FRA)

#### Head-to-head: Hurkacz leads 2-0

2022	Halle	Grass (O)	R16	Hurkacz	76(5) 63
2023	Basel	Hard (I)	SF	Hurkacz	64 36 76(5)

A 3rd meeting for Hurkacz and Humbert, but their first at a Grand Slam. Hurkacz is bidding to maintain his unbeaten record against Humbert.

Hurkacz is facing a lefthanded player here for the 2nd time this year, having defeated Omar Jasika in the 1st round on Monday. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Australian Open, a 5-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 27-7 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

HURKACZ	v	HUMBERT
26	Age	25
9	ATP Ranking	20
7	Titles	4
28-22	Career Grand Slam Record	13-20
7-5	Australian Open Record	5-5
179-126	Career Record	107-101
133-86	Career Record - Hard	78-63
5-2	2024 Record	3-0
5-2	2024 Record - Hard	3-0
8-7	Career Five-Set Record	2-8
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
98-101	Career Tiebreak Record	59-60
2-3	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **HURKACZ** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd straight year and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Hurkacz is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd time and become the first Polish man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions. Wojtek Fibak (1978\*) and Lukasz Kubot (2010) are the only other Polish men to have reached the round of 16 here. (\*The Australian Open men's singles used a 64-player draw prior to 1982)
- Hurkacz is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 5th time. He claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by Polish man, ahead of Kubot, by reaching the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year.

Player	No. of appearances
Wojtek Fibak	14
Hubert Hurkacz	5??
Lukasz Kubot	3
Wieslaw Gasiorek	1
Tadeuz Nowicki	1

Most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Polish man (all-time)

- Hurkacz advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifiers Omar Jasika 76(4) 64 62 and Jakub Mensik 67(9) 61 57 61 63 in the opening 2 rounds. He has won 4 of the 6 five-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open and has an 8-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level 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 (I. Novak Djokovic), the 3rd round at Roland Garros (I. Juan Pablo Varillas) and the 2nd round at the US Open (I. 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 (I. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (I. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Cincinnati-1000 (I. 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 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.
- **HUMBERT** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 6th Australian Open and 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Humbert and Arthur Cazaux (who plays Tallon Griekspoor in the 3rd round today) are bidding to become the 29th and 30th French players in the Open Era to reach the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open. Humbert is also bidding to become the 31st French player in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 in the men's singles at the Grand Slams on multiple occasions.
- If Humbert and Cazaux both win today and join Adrian Mannarino in the round of 16 here, it will be the first time that 3 French players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2016, when Gael Monfils, Gilles Simon and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga all reached the last 16 here. The last time 2 Frenchmen reached the last 16 here was 2022, when Monfils and Mannarino both reached the round of 16.
- Humbert advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier David Goffin 62 75 57 63 and Zhang Zhizhen 62 57 61 76(3) in the opening 2 rounds.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Humbert has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here last year, defeating Richard Gasquet and Denis Kudla before falling to Holger Rune.
- Humbert's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on his Wimbledon debut in 2019, where he defeated Gael Monfils, Marcel Granollers and Felix Auger-Aliassime before falling to Novak Djokovic.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Humbert reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Adrian Mannarino, I. Lorenzo Sonego), but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (I. Jason Kubler) and the US Open (I. Matteo Berrettini).
- Humbert won his 4th Tour-level title in 2023 at Metz (d. Alexander Shevchenko). He also reached the semifinals at Newport (I. Mannarino), Atlanta (I. Aleksandar Vukic) and Basel (I. Hurkacz), and the quarterfinals at Washington, where he withdrew with a leg injury ahead of his match with Grigor Dimitrov, at Beijing (I. Daniiil Medvedev) and at Shanghai-1000 (I. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the 3rd round at Indian Wells-1000 (I. Rublev
- Also in 2023, Humbert won his 8th and 9th Challenger titles at Cagliari (ITA) (d. Laslo Djere) and Bordeaux (FRA) (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry). He also finished runner-up at the Pau Challenger (FRA) (I. Luca van Assche).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Humbert reached the 2nd round at Brisbane, defeating Alex Michelsen before giving a walkover to Jordan Thompson due to illness.
- Humbert is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-3 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 6 Casper Ruud in the 2nd round at 2022 Wimbledon. He has and a 9-11 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.
- Humbert has lost both 5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open falling to Jeremy Chardy in the 1st round in 2019 and to Nick Kyrgios in the 2nd round in 2021. He has a 2-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Humbert reached a career-high ranking of No. 20 in November last year and plays here at the same ranking.
- Humbert reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 18** in January 2016. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016 (I. Oliver Anderson).
- Humbert made his **Davis Cup** debut in France's victory over Hungary in the 2023 Qualifiers, winning both singles matches he contested. He then won 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested at the 2023 Finals Group Stage in September. France will play away to Chinese Taipei in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Humbert is coached by Jeremy Chardy, who reached the quarterfinals here in 2013 and the men's doubles semifinals here last year.

### NO. 11 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v NO. 19 CAMERON NORRIE (GBR)

#### Head-to-head: Ruud leads 3-0

2021	San Diego	Hard (O)	FR	Ruud	60 62
2021	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Ruud	16 63 64
2022	Miami-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Ruud	63 64

A 4th meeting for Ruud and Norrie, but their first at a Grand Slam. Ruud has won all 3 of their previous meetings, dropping just one set to Norrie across those matches.

Ruud is facing a lefthanded player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time – his only previous match against a lefthanded player here came in the 1st round against Albert Ramos-Vinolas. He has a 4-5 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 30-18 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

RUUD	V	NORRIE
25	Age	28
11	ATP Ranking	22
10	Titles	5
38-20	Career Grand Slam Record	31-24
7-4	Australian Open Record	6-5
215-115	Career Record	192-137
81-64	Career Record - Hard	117-89
5-0	2024 Record	4-1
5-0	2024 Record - Hard	4-1
7-6	Career Five-Set Record	6-5
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	3
71-62	Career Tiebreak Record	55-65
1-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-3

- **RUUD** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Ruud is bidding to become the first Norwegian player to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions. He is one of 2 Norwegian players, men or women, to have reached the round of 16 here alongside his father, Christian Ruud, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997.
- Rublev is bidding to **reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slams for the 5th time**. He has reached the round of 16 or better at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and the US Open, but his best performances at Wimbledon are 2nd round finishes in 2022-23.
- Ruud advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Albert Ramos-Vinolas 61 63 61 and Max Purcell 63 67(5) 63 36 76(7) in the opening 2 rounds.
- Ruud has won 2 of the 3 five-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open including his victory against Purcell in the 2nd round here this year. He also defeated Quentin Halys in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2018 but fell to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 7-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Ruud's best Australian Open result is reaching the round of 16 in 2021. He retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev. Last year here, he reached the 2nd round (d. Tomas Machac, I. Jenson Brooksby).
- Ruud reached his **3rd Grand Slam final last year**, finishing runner-up to Novak Djokovic at Roland Garros. He reached his first 2 Grand Slam finals in 2022, finishing runner-up at both Roland Garros (I. Rafael Nadal) and the US Open (I. Carlos Alcaraz). He is the only Norwegian player in history to have contested a Grand Slam singles final.
- At 25 years 37 days, Ruud 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)
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Ruud reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Laurent Lokoli, I. Liam Broady) and the US Open (d. Emilio Nava, I. Zhang Zhizhen).

- Ruud's best result in 2023 was winning the title at Estoril (d. Miomir Kecmanovic). He also finished runner-up at Bastad (I. Rublev), reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (I. Holger Rune) and reached the quarterfinities at Geneva (I. Nicolas Jarry), Hamburg (I. Arthur Fils) and Beijing (I. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Ruud represented Norway at the United Cup, winning all 3 singles matches he contested as Norway reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor, Croatia's Borna Coric and France's Adrian Mannarino in straight sets.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open in September. He dropped outside the Top 10 for the first time since August 2021 in November last year and plays here at No. 11.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.
- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 23-9 overall win-loss record in the competition. Norway will play against Latvia in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian Ruud.
- **NORRIE** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Norrie is bidding to become the 12th British man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open after Andy Murray (10 round of 16 appearances here), Tim Henman and John Lloyd (both 3), Roger Taylor (2), and Gerald Battrick, Mark Cox, Robin Drysdale, Kyle Edmund, Daniel Evans, Richard Lewis and Greg Rusedski (all one).
- Norrie advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Juan Pablo Varillas 64 64 62 and qualifier Giulio Zeppieri 36 67(4) 62 64 64 in the opening 2 rounds.
- Norrie's victory against Zeppieri in the 2nd round here was his first victory in a 5-set match at the Australian Open. He had previously lost both 5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open against Pierre-Hugues Herbert in the 1st round in 2020 and against Lehecka in the 3rd round last year. He has a 6-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Norrie's victory against Zeppieri was also his 3rd successful comeback from 0-2 down. He also recorded comebacks from 0-2 down to defeat Roberto Bautista Agut during Great Britain's defeat to Spain in the 2018 Davis Cup World Group first round and to defeat Diego Schwartzman in the 1st round at the 2020 US Open.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Norrie has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2021 (I. Rafael Nadal) and 2023 (I. Jiri Lehecka).
- Norrie's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2022 Wimbledon, defeating Pablo Andujar, Jaume Munar, Steve Johnson, Tommy Paul and David Goffin before falling to Novak Djokovic. He became the 4th British man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon after Taylor, Henman and Murray.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Norrie reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (I. Lorenzo Musetti) and the US Open (I. Matteo Arnaldi) but fell in the 2nd round at Wimbledon (I. Christopher Eubanks).
- Norrie's best result in 2023 was winning his 5th Tour-level title at Rio de Janeiro (d. Carlos Alcaraz). He also finished runner-up at Auckland (I. Richard Gasquet) and Buenos Aires (I. Alcaraz), reached the semifinals at Lyon (I. Francisco Cerundolo) and reached the quarterfinals at Indian Wells-1000 (I. Frances Tiafoe), Queen's (I. Sebastian Korda) and Zhuhai (I. Aslan Karatsev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Norrie represented Great Britain at the United Cup, where he won one of the 2 singles matches he contested defeating Australia's Alex de Minaur but falling to USA's Taylor Fritz. He also competed at Auckland, defeating Van Assche in his opening match before giving a walkover to Alejandro Tabilo in the quarterfinals due to a wrist injury.
- Norrie has **won one of the last 11 matches he has contested against Top 20 players**, with his only victory against a Top 20 player in that time coming against No. 12 De Minaur at the 2024 United Cup. He has a 24-50 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

- Norrie has won one of the 11 matches he has contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory against a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam coming against No. 13 Schwartzman in the 1st round at the 2020 US Open. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 26 Daniel Evans in the 1st round in 2021.
- Norrie **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in April 2022, becoming the 4th British man after Rusedski, Henman and Murray to reach the Top 10. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 in September 2022. He plays here at No. 22.
- Norrie played **college tennis**. He represented Texas Christian University and finished his college career in 2017 as the NCAA's top-ranked male player. He compiled a 77-20 win-loss record in singles in college tennis from 2014 to 2017.
- Norrie was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 10 in March 2013. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here, in 2013 (d. Liu Siyu, I. Nick Kyrgios).
- Norrie made his **Davis Cup** debut for Great Britain in 2018 and has a 7-8 win-loss record in the competition. He was part of the British team that reached the quarterfinals last year. Great Britain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Norrie is coached by Facundo Lugones.

### NO. 13 GRIGROR DIMITROV (BUL) v NUNO BORGES (POR)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

DIMITROV	v	BORGES
32	Age	26
13	ATP Ranking	69
9	Titles	0
86-52	Career Grand Slam Record	4-7
33-13	Australian Open Record	2-1
428-273	Career Record	19-27
282-177	Career Record - Hard	13-15
7-0	2024 Record	3-2
7-0	2024 Record - Hard	3-2
11-9	Career Five-Set Record	2-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
175-166	Career Tiebreak Record	17-13
2-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-0

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 7th time. This is his 14th Australian Open appearance and his 53rd Grand Slam overall.
- Dimitrov is bidding to **reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 15th time**. He has reached the round of 16 or better at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.
- Dimitrov advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Marton Fucsovics 46 63 76(1) 62 and Thanasi Kokkinakis 63 62 46 64 in the opening 2 rounds.
- Last year here, Dimitrov reached the 3rd round, defeating Aslan Karatsev and Laslo Djere before falling to Novak Djokovic.
- Dimitrov's best Grand Slam result is reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions including once at the Australian Open, in 2017 (I. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the semifinals at 2014 Wimbledon (I. Djokovic) and the 2019 US Open (I. Daniil Medvedev).
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Dimitrov reached the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (I. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (I. Holger Rune) and reached the 3rd round at the US Open (I. Zverev).
- Dimitrov holds the **longest active streak of consecutive Grand Slam men's singles appearances**. He is making his 52nd consecutive Grand Slam appearance here, having contested every Grand Slam tournament since the 2011 Australian Open. It is the joint-7th longest streak of Grand Slam men's singles appearances in the Open Era.
- Dimitrov's best results in 2023 were finishing runner-up at Geneva (I. Nicolas Jarry) and Paris-1000 (I. Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (I. Medvedev), Washington (I. Daniel Evans), Chengdu (I. Zverev) and Shanghai-1000 (I. Andrey Rublev).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Dimitrov won his first Tour-level title for more than 6 years at Brisbane (d. Rune). It was his 8th Tour-level title and his first since defeating David Goffin to win the 2017 ATP Finals. Of his 8 Tour-level titles, 7 have come on hard courts.
- The Australian Open is Dimitrov's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He has a 33-13 win-loss record here, compared to a 19-13 win-loss record at Wimbledon and 17-13 at both Roland Garros and the US Open.
- Dimitrov has won 2 of the last 5 **five-set matches** he has contested. His only victories in 5-set matches in that time came against Roger Federer in the quarterfinals at the 2019 US Open and against Alex Molcan in the 1st round at the US Open last year, when he recovered from 0-2 to win for the first time in his career. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and an 11-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Dimitrov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title at the 2017 ATP Finals. He plays here at No. 13 his highest-ranking since November 2018 when he was ranked at No. 10.

- Dimitrov is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking in September 2008 after winning the boys' singles titles at both Wimbledon (d. Henri Kontinen) and the US Open (d. Devin Britton) that season. He never contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open.
- Dimitrov is coached by Daniel Vallverdu and Jamie Delgado.
- **BORGES** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- Borges is bidding to become the **2nd Portuguese player**, man or woman, to reach the round of **16** at a Grand **Slam** after Joao Sousa, who reached the round of **16** at both the 2018 US Open and 2019 Wimbledon.
- Borges advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Maximilian Marterer 75 76(3) 62 and No. 23 seed Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 76(7) 63 63 for his **first Australian Open match-wins** in the opening 2 rounds.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Borges has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best Grand Slam result was reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier at the 2022 US Open (d. Ben Shelton, I. Wu Yibing) and as a direct acceptance at 2023 Roland Garros (d. John Isner, I. Diego Schwartzman).
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Borges has recorded back-to-back match-wins at Tour-level for the first time. Of the 26 Tour-level events he has contested prior to the Australian Open this year (excluding Davis Cup ties), he has never advanced beyond the 2nd round.
- Last year here, on his Australian Open debut, Borges fell to Lorenzo Sonego in the 1st round.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Borges fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (I. Francisco Cerundolo) and the US Open (I. Sebastian Ofner).
- At Tour-level in 2023, Borges reached the 2nd round at 7 Tour-level events and won 2 of the 3 Davis Cup matches he contested.
- Borges won 3 Challenger titles in 2023 at Monterrey (MEX) (d. Borna Gojo), Phoenix (USA) (d. Alexander Shevchenko) and Maia (POR) (d. Benoit Paire). He also finished runner-up at the Shenzhen Challenger (CHN) (l. Aleksandar Kovacevic) and reached the semifinals at the Nottingham Challenger (GBR) (l. Andy Murray).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Borges reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Alex Michelsen, I. Arthur Fils) but fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (I. Pavel Kotov).
- Borges is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player for the first time. He has lost all 5 matches he has contested against Top 20 players, including his only previous match against a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam – to No. 19 Cerundolo in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 24 Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round here on Thursday.
- Borges has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He defeated Shelton in 5 sets before losing to Wu in 5 sets at the 2022 US Open, and defeated Isner in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros.
- Borges reached a career-high ranking of No. 63 in April 2023. He plays here 6 places lower at No. 69.
- Borges **played college tennis**. He represented Mississippi State University in 2016-19, reaching the 2019 NCAA singles final.
- Borges made his **Davis Cup** debut for Portugal in 2021 and has a 6-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal will play away against Finland in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Borges is coached by Rui Machado and Hugo Anao.

### NO. 14 TOMMY PAUL (USA) v MIOMIR KECMANOVIC (SRB)

#### Head-to-head: Kecmanovic leads 2-1

2020	New York	Hard (I)	R32	Kecmanovic	64 62
2022	Australian Open	Hard (O)	R64	Kecmanovic	76(7) 75 76(8)
2023	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Paul	75 76(2)

A 4th meeting for Paul and Kecmanovic and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Their only previous Grand Slam meeting came in the 2nd round here in 2022, with Kecmanovic winning in straight sets. Paul won their most-recent meeting, in the 1st round at Cincinnati-1000 last year.

PAUL	v	KECMANOVIC
26	Age	24
14	ATP Ranking	60
1	Titles	1
24-17	Career Grand Slam Record	17-19
11-4	Australian Open Record	6-5
134-107	Career Record	123-120
104-74	Career Record - Hard	77-76
3-1	2024 Record	3-2
3-1	2024 Record - Hard	3-2
6-4	Career Five-Set Record	3-5
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
50-60	Career Tiebreak Record	58-64
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-1

- **PAUL** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.
- Paul advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Gregoire Barrere 62 63 63 and Jack Draper 62 36 63 75 in the opening 2 rounds.
- Last year here, Paul recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the semifinals. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Ben Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Andy Roddick in 2009.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Paul reached the round of 16 at the US Open (I. Shelton), the 3rd round at Wimbledon (I. Jiri Lehecka) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (I. Nicolas Jarry)
- Paul's best results in 2023 were runner-up finishes at Acapulco (I. Alex de Minaur) and Eastbourne (I. Francisco Cerundolo). He also reached the semifinals at Toronto-1000 (I. Jannik Sinner) and the quarterfinals at Delray Beach (I. Radu Albot), Lyon (I. Brandon Nakashima), Newport (I. John Isner), Los Cabos (I. De Minaur) and Tokyo (I. Shelton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide. He received a bye through the 1st round and defeated Alex Bolt in the 2nd round before falling to Jack Draper in the quarterfinals.
- Paul has won both **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open recording 5-set victories against Grigor Dimitrov in the 2nd round in 2020 and Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023. He has a 6-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Paul reached a career-high ranking of No. 12 in October 2023. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 14.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Taylor Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2015 US Open (I. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 3 matches he contested in the competition in 2023 as USA fell in the Finals Group Stage. USA will play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Paul is coached by Brad Stine.
- **KECMANOVIC** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Kecmanovic is bidding to become the **2nd Serbian player to reach the Australian Open men's singles round of 16 on multiple occasions** – after Novak Djokovic, who has reached the round of 16 here for the 16th time this year.
- Kecmanovic advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Yosuke Watanuki 46 75 63 64 and No. 24 seed Jan-Lennard Struff 64 16 76(5) 16 76(9).
- Kecmanovic's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 here in 2022, when he defeated Salvatore Caruso, Paul and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to Gael Monfils.
- Kecmanovic's 2 victories here this week ended a 5-match Grand Slam losing streak. He reached the 2nd round at the 2022 US Open (d. Learner Tien, I. Richard Gasquet) before falling in the 1st round at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2023 falling to Nicolas Jarry at the Australian Open, to Andrea Vavassori at Roland Garros, Diego Schwartzman at Wimbledon and Juan Pablo Varillas at the US Open.
- Kecmanovic's best results in 2023 were runner-up finishes at Delray Beach (I. Taylor Fritz) and Estoril (I. Casper Ruud). He also reached the semifinals at Banja Luka (I. Dusan Lajovic), Gstaad (I. Albert Ramos-Vinolas) and Stockholm (I. Pavel Kotov)
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kecmanovic reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Taro Daniel, I. Frances Tiafoe) but fell in the 1st round at Adelaide (I. Mackenzie McDonald).
- Kecmanovic has **won one of the last 13 matches he has contested against Top 20 players**. The only Top 20 player he has defeated in that time is No. 6 Holger Rune in the 2nd round at 2023 Stockholm. He has an 8-39 winloss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Kecmanovic is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 6 matches he has contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, including his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open, against No. 20 Monfils in the round of 16 in 2022. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 25 Struff in the 2nd round here this year.
- Kecmanovic's 5-set victory against Struff in the 2nd round here was the **first 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open**. He had previously lost the last 4 five-set matches he had contested. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Kecmanovic has **won one Tour-level title** on clay at 2020 Kitzbuhel (d. Yannick Hanfmann).
- Kecmanovic reached a career-high ranking of No. 27 in January last year. He plays here at No. 60.
- Kecmanovic is a former junior world No. 1. He became the first player to win back-to-back titles at the Orange Bowl since Billy Martin in 1973-74, winning the title in both 2015 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2016 (d. Wu Yibing). He also reached the final at the 2016 US Open (I. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and was named ITF Junior World Champion that year. His best performance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was reaching the 3rd round in 2016 (I. Watanuki).
- Kecmanovic made his Davis Cup debut for Serbia at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals and was a member of the team
  which reached the semifinals in 2023 (I. Italy). He has a 7-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Serbia will
  play at home against Slovakia in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Kecmanovic is coached by Wayne Black and Ivan Cinkus.

# NO. 28 TALLON GRIEKSPOOR (NED) v (WC) ARTHUR CAZAUX (FRA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Griekspoor is facing a wild card at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 3-3 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

Griekspoor has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 122 Cazaux. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Griekspoor at the Grand Slams is No. 78 Federico Coria in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Griekspoor at the Australian Open is No. 34 Taylor Fritz in the 1st round in 2020.

GRIEKSPOOR	v	CAZAUX
27	Age	21
31	ATP Ranking	122
2	Titles	0
9-11	Career Grand Slam Record	2-3
5-3	Australian Open Record	2-0
62-66	Career Record	3-5
40-43	Career Record - Hard	2-2
2-2	2024 Record	2-0
2-2	2024 Record - Hard	2-0
3-3	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
40-40	Career Tiebreak Record	1-4
1-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **GRIEKSPOOR** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- Griekspoor is bidding to become the 8th Dutchman to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era after Tom Okker (1970-71), Michiel Schapers (1985, 1988-89), Menno Oosting (1988), Richard Krajicek (1991-92), Jan Siemerink (1991), Jacco Eltingh (1995) and Sjeng Schalken (2004).
- Griekspoor advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Roman Safiullin 26 36 76(3) 64 75 and Arthur Fils 36 61 75 64 in the opening 2 rounds.
- By reaching the 3rd round here, Griekspoor has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 3rd round here last year, when he defeated Pavel Kotov and Botic van de Zandschulp before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Griekspoor reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Pedro Martinez, I. Hubert Hurkacz) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (I. Marton Fucsovics) and the US Open (I. Fils).
- Griekspoor's best results in 2023 were winning his **first 2 Tour-level titles** at Pune (d. Benjamin Bonzi) and 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Jordan Thompson). He also finished runner-up at Washington (I. Daniel Evans), reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (I. Jannik Sinner) and reached the quarterfinals at 5 other Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Griekspoor represented Netherlands at the United Cup, losing both singles matches he contested to Croatia's Borna Coric and Norway's Casper Ruud.
- Griekspoor's 5-set victory against Safiullin in the 1st round here was his **first successful comeback from 0-2 down in a Tour-level match**. He also recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Arthur Fery in 5 sets in the final round of qualifying at 2021 Wimbledon. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, but he lost the only other 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Pablo Carreno Busta in 5 sets in the 2nd round here in 2022.
- Griekspoor reached a career-high ranking of No. 21 in November last year. He plays here at No. 31.
- Griekspoor made his **Davis Cup** debut for Netherlands in 2019 and has led the team to quarterfinal finishes in both 2022 and 2023. He has a 7-8 overall win-loss record in the competition. Netherlands will play at home against Switzerland in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Griekspoor is coached by Kristof Vliegen.
- Wild card **CAZAUX** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- Cazaux is bidding to become the 8th wild card to reach the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era – after Pat du Pre (1981), Tomas Smid (1983), Jason Stoltenberg (1988), Simon Youl (1990), Mats Wilander (1994), Lleyton Hewitt (2012) and Denis Istomin (2017). (NB fellow wild card Shang Juncheng is also bidding to reach the round of 16 here today)
- Cazaux is bidding to become the 40th wild card to reach the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era. Since Istomin reached the round of 16 here in 2017, 4 wild cards have reached the round of 16 at the Grand Slams Hugo Gaston (2020 Roland Garros), Jenson Brooksby (2021 US Open), Tim van Rijthoven (2022 Wimbledon) and Rinky Hijikata (2023 US Open).
- If Cazaux and Shang both win today, it will be the 4th time in the Open Era that multiple wild cards have reached the round of 16 of the men's singles at the Grand Slams – after 1990 Wimbledon (when Pat Cash and Mark Woodforde reached the last 16), 1991 Roland Garros (Arnaud Boetsch and Alberto Mancini) and 2002 Roland Garros (Arnaud di Pasquale and Paul-Henri Mathieu).
- Cazaux is bidding to become the 6th man to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut in the last 10 years after Marton Fucsovics and Tennys Sandgren in (2018), Karatsev (2021) and Ben Shelton and JJ Wolf (2023). (NB fellow debutant Alex Michelsen also contests his 3rd round match here today)
- Cazaux and Ugo Humbert (who plays Hubert Hurkacz in the 3rd round today) are bidding to become the **29th and 30th French players in the Open Era to reach the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open**.
- If Cazaux and Humbert both win today and join Adrian Mannarino in the round of 16 here, it will be the first time that 3 French players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2016, when Gael Monfils, Gilles Simon and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga all reached the last 16 here. The last time 2 Frenchmen reached the last 16 here was 2022, when Monfils and Mannarino both reached the round of 16.
- Cazaux advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Laslo Djere 62 67(3) 62 36 62 and No. 8 seed Holger Rune 76(4) 64 46 63 for his **first Grand Slam match-wins** in the opening 2 rounds. His victory against Djere was the first 5-set match he has contested. His victory against Rune was his first match-win against a Top 10 player.
- Cazaux lost in the 1st round on his 3 previous Grand Slam appearances as a wild card at Roland Garros in 2021 (I. Kamil Majchrzak) and 2023 (I. Corentin Moutet) and as a lucky loser at the 2023 US Open (I. Andrey Rublev).
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023, Cazaux fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (I. Giulio Zeppieri) but was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open.
- Cazaux is bidding to record his **4th Tour-level match-win**. Prior to his victories against Djere and Rune in the opening 2 rounds here, his only previous victory at Tour-level came in a 2nd round finish as a wild card at 2021 Geneva (d. Adrian Mannarino, I. Pablo Cuevas).
- Cazaux **played mainly at Challenger-level in 2023**. His best result was winning his 2nd Challenger title as a qualifier at Nonthaburi 2 (THA) (d. Lloyd Harris). He finished runner-up at 3 Challenger events as a qualifier at both Nonthaburi 3 (THA) (l. Sho Shimabukuro) and Nottingham (GBR) (l. Andy Murray) and as a direct acceptance at Lexington (l. Steve Johnson) and reached the semifinals at 3 other Challenger events.
- Prior to the Australian Open, Cazaux **won his 3rd Challenger title** at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (d. Enzo Couacaud).
- Cazaux reached a career-high ranking of No. 108 last week. He plays here at No. 122.
- Cazaux was a **successful junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of world No. 4 in February 2020 after finishing as runner-up on his only appearance in the boys' singles here (I. Harold Mayot).
- Cazaux is coached by Stephane Huet.