



2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN JUNIOR SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 27 January

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On court today...

- In the boys' singles final, Rei Sakamoto is bidding to create history for Japan when he takes on Czechia's Jan Kumstat. Victory for Sakamoto, the No. 4 seed, would see him become the first Japanese player to win an Australian Open junior singles title – and just the 2nd Japanese player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title, after 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion Shintaro Mochizuki. Sakamoto is bidding to take his winning streak to 12 matches, having warmed up for the junior tournament here by winning the title at J300 Traralgon last week. Kumstat, by contrast, won just one match at Traralgon before falling in the 2nd round, but the Czech has been in superb form in Melbourne, defeating 3 seeded players en route to the final. Another win for the world No. 42 today would see him become the 2nd Czech player to win the boys' singles title here, after Jiri Vesely in 2011, and the 6th Czech player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title.
- For the first time in 16 years, home fans at Melbourne Park will have an Aussie to root for in the girls' singles final, with Emerson Jones up against No. 1 seed Renata Jamrichova. Like Sakamoto, Jones won the title at Traralgon last week and is aiming to maintain her perfect record in 2024. Should she do so, she will become the first Australian Open girls' singles champion since Siobhan Drake-Brockman in 1995, ending the longest wait for a home champion in girls' singles across the 4 Grand Slam tournaments. She would also become the first Australian player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title since Ashleigh Barty at 2011 Wimbledon. For Jamrichova, who has broken through to her first final at the Grand Slams after semifinal finishes at both Wimbledon and the US Open last year, a win today will see her become the 2nd Slovakian player to win the girls' singles title here, after Tereza Mihalikova in 2015, and the 4th Slovakian player, boy or girl, to win a Grand Slam junior singles title.

NO. 4 REI SAKAMOTO (JPN) v JAN KUMSTAT (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Sakamoto and Kumstat faced each other in the boys' doubles quarterfinals here on Wednesday. Sakamoto and Federico Cina defeated Kumstat and Nicolai Budkov Kjaer 63 62.

Road to the final

SAKAMOTO	Time		Time	KUMSTAT
d. Alexander Vasilev 76(3) 63	1:26	1st round	1:09	d. No. 12 Zhang Tianhui 64 63
d. Lorenzo Angelini 64 62	1:07	2nd round	2:12	d. Charlie Robertson 67(4) 76(1) 63
d. No. 13 Pavle Marinkov 46 60 61	1:33	3rd round	1:19	d. No. 6 Alexander Razeghi 76(4) 62
d. Cooper Woestendick 75 63	1:20	Quarterfinals	2:39	d. No. 16 Hayden Jones 67(2) 63 75
d. No. 2 Nicolai Budkov Kjaer 62 64	1:14	Semifinals	1:06	d. Mees Rottgering 61 64
total time on court	6:40	(Infosys time)	8:25	total time on court

SAKAMOTO

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KUMSTAT

17	Age	17
7	ITF Junior Ranking	42
949	ATP Ranking	-
12-4	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	5-0
7-1	Australian Open Record (Junior)	5-0
82-29	Career Record (Junior)	45-25
11-0	2023 Record (Junior)	6-1

- **SAKAMOTO** is bidding to become the 2nd Japanese player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title – after 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion Shintaro Mochizuki.
- By reaching the final here, Sakamoto has become the **first Japanese player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final**.
- By reaching the final here, Sakamoto has become the **4th Japanese player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final** – after Yuka Yoshida (1993 US Open girls' singles runner-up), Sachie Ishizu (2010 Wimbledon girls' singles runner-up) and Mochizuki (2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion).
- By reaching the final here, Sakamoto has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performances at the Grand Slams were reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions, including at the Australian Open last year. He is making his 6th appearance at a junior Grand Slam event.
- **Last year here**, on his only previous appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open, Sakamoto reached the 3rd round (l. Joao Fonseca).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Fonseca) and the US Open (l. Zhou Yi) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (l. Jan Hrazdil).
- Sakamoto's **best junior results in 2023** were reaching the semifinals at J500 Criciuma (BRA) (l. Fonseca), J300 Beaulieu-sur-Mer (FRA) (l. Oliver Ojakaar) and J500 Osaka (JPN) (l. Schwaerzler). He also reached the quarterfinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Kyle Kang) and J300 College Park (USA) (l. Alexander Razeghi).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sakamoto won the title at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Nicolai Budkov Kjaer).
- Sakamoto **made his professional debut** at 2022 M15 Antalya (TUR) and has contested 13 events on the ITF World Tennis Tour and 2 events at Challenger-level – as a wild card at the 2023 Yokohama Challenger (JPN) (l. Li Tu) and at the 2023 Yokkaichi Challenger, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Jurij Rodionov, l. Coleman Wong).
- Sakamoto reached a **new career-high junior ranking** of No. 7 this week. He also reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 939 in December last year and is currently ranked at No. 949.

- Sakamoto entered the **boys' doubles here** as No. 1 seed with Federico Cina. The pair fell to Maxwell Exsted/Cooper Woestendick in the semifinals on Friday.
- **KUMSTAT** is bidding to become the 2nd Czech player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title – after Jiri Vesely, who won the boys' singles title here in 2011.
- Kumstat is bidding to become the **4th Czech player to win an Australian Open junior singles title** – after Barbora Strycova (who won back-to-back girls' singles titles here in 2002-03), Karolina Pliskova (2010 girls' singles champion) and Vesely.
- Kumstat bidding to become **6th Czech player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title** – after Ivan Lendl (who won the boys' titles at 1978 Roland Garros and 1978 Wimbledon), David Skoch (1992 Wimbledon), Dusan Lojda (2006 US Open), Vesely (2011 Australian Open) and Jonas Forejtek (2019 US Open).
- By reaching the final here, Kumstat has become the **3rd Czech player to reach the Australian Open boys' singles final** – after 2011 champion Vesely and Jakub Mensik, who finished runner-up here in 2022.
- By reaching the final here, Kumstat become the **7th Czech player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final**. In addition to Vesely and Mensik's appearances in the boys' singles final here, 4 Czech players have reached the girls' singles final here – Barbora Strycova (who won back-to-back girls' singles titles here in 2002-03), Nicole Vaidisova (2004 girls' singles runner-up), Karolina Pliskova (2010 girls' singles champion) and Katerina Siniakova (2013 girls' singles runner-up).
- Kumstat is making his **Grand Slam boys' singles debut** at the Australian Open this year.
- Kumstat's **best junior results in 2023** were runner-up finishes at J200 Piestany (SVK) (l. Jan Hrazdil) and J200 Rakovnik (CZE) (l. Adrien Berrut). He also reached the semifinals at J200 Bratislava (SVK) (l. Petr Brunclik), J200 Siauliai (LTU) (l. Thijs Boogaard), and J300 Beijing (CHN) (l. Benjamin Gusic Wan), and the quarterfinals at J300 Prague (CZE) (l. Jakub Filip).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kumstat reached the 2nd round at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Jagger Leach, l. Pavle Marinkov).
- Kumstat made his **professional debut in May 2022**, in the qualifying draw at the Prostejov Challenger (CZE). He fell to Louis Wessels in the 1st round of qualifying. He also entered M15 Prostejov (CZE) as a wild card, losing to Tomas Jirousek in the 1st round, lost in the 1st round of qualifying as a wild card at the 2022 Bratislava Challenger (l. Hamad Medjedovic) and the 2023 Prostejov Challenger (l. Mate Valkusz).
- Kumstat reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 37 earlier this month. He plays here 5 places lower at No. 42. He does not currently have an ATP ranking.
- Kumstat was part of the **Czech team that won the 2023 Junior Davis Cup**. In singles, he defeated Mark Ceban in Czechia's 2-0 win over Great Britain in the quarterfinals, but fell to Andres Santamarta Roig in Czechia's 2-1 win over Spain in the semifinals and Andrea de Marchi in Czechia's 2-1 win over Italy in the final. He partnered Maxim Mrva to win the deciding doubles in both the semifinals against Spain and the final against Italy.
- Kumstat entered the **boys' doubles here** with Nicolai Budkov Kjaer. As No. 8 seeds, the pair fell to No. 1 seeds Federico Cina/Sakamoto in the quarterfinals.

NO. 1 RENATA JAMRICOVA (SVK) v NO. 6 EMERSON JONES (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Road to the final

JAMRICOVA	Time		Time	JONES
d. Francesca Gandolfi 60 62	0:54	1st round	1:51	d. (Q) Daria Egorova 76(5) 64
d. Yoana Konstantinova 62 61	0:59	2nd round	2:09	d. Mika Buchnik 46 63 64
d. Maya Joint 64 63	1:21	3rd round	1:36	d. No. 9 Tyra Caterina Grant 75 63
d. (WC) Ksenia Efremova 62 61	0:51	Quarterfinals	1:53	d. No. 2 Sara Saito 36 61 61
d. No. 10 Ena Koike 64 26 63	1:42	Semifinals	1:00	d. No. 16 Iva Ivanova 64 61
total time on court	5:47	(Infosys time)	8:29	total time on court

JAMRICOVA

v

JONES

16	Age	15
3	ITF Junior Ranking	8
783	WTA Ranking	797
18-6	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	10-4
8-1	Australian Open Record (Junior)	6-1
70-27	Career Record (Junior)	72-29
5-0	2023 Record (Junior)	11-0

- Lefthander **JAMRICOVA** is bidding to become the 2nd Slovakian player to win an Australian Open junior singles title – after Tereza Mihalikova, who won the girls' singles title here in 2015.
- Jamrichova is bidding to become the **4th Slovakian player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title** – after Martin Klizan (2006 Roland Garros boys' singles champion), Kristina Kucova (2007 US Open girls' singles champion) and Mihalikova (2015 Australian Open girls' singles champion).
- By reaching the final here, Jamrichova has become the **3rd Slovakian player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final** – after Katarina Basternakova (1999 girls' singles runner-up) and Mihalikova (2015 girls' singles champion and 2016 runner-up).
- By reaching the final here, Jamrichova has become the **10th Slovakian player to reach a junior Grand Slam singles final** – and the first since Viktoria Kuzmova finished runner-up in the girls' singles at the 2016 US Open.
- By reaching the final here, Jamrichova has recorded her **best Australian Open performance**. She reached the quarterfinals in her only previous appearance here last year (l. Mirra Andreeva).
- By reaching the final here, Jamrichova has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. Her previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the semifinals at both 2023 Wimbledon (l. Clervie Ngounoue) and the 2023 US Open (l. Tereza Valentova). This is her 7th appearance at the junior Grand Slam events.
- Jamrichova's **best junior result in 2023** was winning the title at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (d. Valentova). She also finished runner-up at J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Kailin Quevedo) and J300 Santa Croc Sull'Arno (ITA) (l. Tyra Caterina Grant). In addition to her semifinal finishes at Wimbledon and the US Open, she recorded a semifinal finish at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Andreeva).
- Jamrichova made **her professional debut in October 2022**. As a wild card into the qualifying draw at W60 Trnava (SVK), she came through both round of qualifying and reached the quarterfinals of the main draw (d. Radka Zelnickova and Rebeccas Sramkova, l. Wang Xinyu). She has since reached the semifinals at W60 Bratislava (SVK) twice as a wild card - in 2022 (l. Ana Konjuh) and 2023 (l. Sofya Lansere).
- Jamrichova made her **Tour-level debut in November 2023**, defeating Nadia Podoroska in Slovakia's 3-1 win over Argentina in the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs.

- Jamrichova is **contesting her first event of the 2024 season here** – she did not contest a tournament at either junior- or professional-level prior to the Australian Open this year.
- Jamrichova reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 3 in July 2023, and she plays here at the same ranking. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 604 in April 2023 and is currently ranked at No. 783.
- Jamrichova entered the **girls' doubles here** with Isabelle Lacy. The pair lost to No. 6 seeds Maya Joint/Kristina Sidorova in the 2nd round.
- **JONES** is bidding to become the first Australian player to win the Australian Open girls' singles title since Siobhan Drake-Brockman in 1995. The Australian Open has seen the longest wait for a home player to win the girls' singles title of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments.

Grand Slam	Most-recent home boys' singles champion	Most-recent home girls' singles champion
Australian Open	Oliver Anderson (2016)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995)
Roland Garros	Gabriel Debru (2022)	Elsa Jacquemot (2020)
Wimbledon	Henry Searle (2023)	Laura Robson (2008)
US Open	Taylor Fritz (2015)	Katherine Hui (2023)

- Jones is bidding to become the **first Australian player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title since 2011**, when Ashleigh Barty won the girls' singles title at Wimbledon. Since Drake-Brockman won the title here in 1995, just 2 Australian players have won Grand Slam girls' singles titles – Jelena Dokic at the 1998 US Open and Barty at 2011 Wimbledon. (NB Daria Gavrilova represented Russia when she won the girls' singles title at the 2010 US Open).
- Jones is bidding to become the **first Australian player to win an Australian Open junior singles title since 2016**, when Oliver Anderson won the boys' singles title here. Since Drake-Brockman won the girls' singles title here in 1995, 5 Australian players have won the boys' singles title here – Brydan Klein (2007), Bernard Tomic (2008), Luke Saville (2012), Nick Kyrgios (2013) and Anderson (2016).
- Jones is bidding to become the **first Australian player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title since 2017**, when Alexei Popyrin won the boys' singles title at Roland Garros.
- By reaching the final here, Jones has become the **first Australian player to reach the Australian Open girls' singles final since 2008**, when Jessica Moore finished as runner-up to Arantxa Rus. She has also become the first Australian player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final since Anderson in 2016.
- By reaching the final here, Jones has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. In 2023, she reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Alina Korneeva) and Wimbledon (l. Mika Stojsavljevic), and the 2nd round at the Australian Open (l. Tereza Valentova). She lost in the 1st round at the 2023 US Open (l. Mingyu Xu). This is her 5th appearance at the junior Grand Slam events.
- Jones' **best junior results in 2023** were winning the title at J300 College Park (USA) (d. Aspen Schuman), J300 Wanju (KOR) (d. Kim Yujin), and J500 Osaka (JPN) (d. Kristiana Sidorova). She also finished runner-up at J300 Nonthaburi (THA) (l. Vlada Mincheva), and reached the quarterfinals at J300 Sarawak (MAS) (l. Zuzanna Pawlikowska) and J300 Repentigny (CAN) (l. Hannah Klugman).
- Jones made **her professional debut in January 2023**. As a wild card into the qualifying draw at Hobart, she fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Tereza Martincova). She has since contested the main draw at 7 professional events – 6 on the ITF World Tennis Tour, and one at the WTA 125 Canberra event earlier this month, when she entered the main draw as a wild card but fell in the 1st round (l. Wang Yafan). Her best result at professional level is reaching the final as a direct acceptance at W15 Caloundra (AUS) in August last year (l. Melisa Ercan).
- Jones received a wild card into the **Australian Open qualifying draw for the women's singles** this year. She lost in the 1st round of qualifying to Priscilla Hon.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Jones won the title at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Iva Jovic).

- Jones reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 8 this week. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 782 in December 2023 and is currently ranked at No. 797.
- Jones entered the **girls' doubles here** with Mika Stojsavljevic. As No. 7 seeds, the pair lost to Yoana Konstantinova/Teodora Kostovic in the 2nd round.