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On court today...

- In the women's wheelchair singles final, Diede de Groot meets Yui Kamiji for the 2nd time this year, with De Groot aiming to continue her 134-match winning streak. Kamiji came within a point of ending that streak in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week, holding a match point at 5-3 in the final set before De Groot recovered to win the match in a final-set tiebreak. Should De Groot claim victory today, she will win her 13th consecutive Grand Slam title and set the record for longest streak of Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles, surpassing Shingo Kunieda's streak of 12 major titles in 2007-11. For Kamiji, who has defeated De Groot 15 times in the past but lost their 25 most-recent meetings, victory today would see her claim her 9th Grand Slam singles title and her first since 2020 Roland Garros.
- Guy Sasson produced one of the most stunning upsets of the tournament in the semifinals on Thursday, defeating No. 1 seed Niels Vink in 3 sets. The result sent to Israeli No. 4 seed through to a final against Vink's countryman Sam Schroder, who is the 2-time defending champion in the quad wheelchair singles category at Melbourne Park. Sasson would become just the 3rd Israeli man to win a Grand Slam title in any category, after Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, if he can defeat Schroder today. But overcoming Schroder will be a formidable challenge – the Dutchman is already a 5-time Grand Slam singles champion and will equal Peter Norfolk and David Wagner in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles if he wins today.
- The men's wheelchair singles final is a re-match of last year's title match, with Great Britain's Alfie Hewett taking on Japan's Tokito Oda. Hewett recorded a comfortable victory against Oda in the final here in 2023 to claim his first Australian Open title – but Oda made his major breakthrough at Roland Garros, defeating Hewett to win his first Grand Slam title, before backing that performance up with another title-victory at Wimbledon. Hewett won the final Grand Slam title of the 2023 season at the US Open and regained the No. 1 ranking from Oda in November – but Oda won the pair's most-recent meeting, claiming victory in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week. Hewett will become the first player to successfully defend the Australian Open men's wheelchair singles title since Shingo Kunieda won 3 titles in-a-row here in 2013-15 if he wins today, while Oda is hoping to become the 2nd Japanese man, after Kunieda, to win the men's wheelchair singles title here.

NO. 1 DIEDE DE GROOT (NED) v NO. 2 YUI KAMIJI (JPN)

Head-to-head: De Groot leads 43-15

A 59th meeting between De Groot and Kamiji, and their 18th meeting at the Grand Slams. De Groot leads both their overall head-to-head (43-15) and their head-to-head at the Grand Slams (15-2) – Kamiji's 2 Grand Slam victories against De Groot came in the finals at the 2017 US Open and at 2018 Roland Garros.

All 17 of the pair's meetings at the Grand Slams have come in finals – including in the final here in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023, with De Groot winning on each occasion. The pair also met in 2 other Grand Slam finals in 2023, with De Groot winning at both Roland Garros and the US Open.

This is the pair's 2nd meeting in 2024. De Groot won the pair's meeting in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week, saving a match point with Kamiji leading at 5-3 in the final set before recording a 61 36 76(0) victory.

De Groot is bidding to extend a 25-match winning streak against Kamiji, having not lost to her since the final of the 2021 Melbourne Wheelchair Open. That victory was Kamiji's only win against De Groot in the pair's last 33 matches.

Between them, De Groot and Kamiji have won 26 of the last 27 Grand Slam singles titles – the only other player to have won a major title in that time was Aniek van Koot at 2019 Wimbledon.

De Groot is bidding to win her 6th Australian Open title. She claimed sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles by winning her 5th title here last year. Kamiji is bidding to win her 3rd title here and equal David Hall and David Wagner in 6th place on the list. (NB Sam Schroder is also bidding to win his 3rd singles title here today)

Most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles (all categories)

Player	Roland Garros singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	11
Esther Vergeer	9
Dylan Alcott	7
Diede de Groot	5
Peter Norfolk	4
David Hall	3
David Wagner	3
Gustavo Fernandez	2
Jiske Griffioen	2
Sam Schroder	2
Yui Kamiji	2

De Groot and Kamiji are, respectively, in 2nd and 3rd place on the list for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles, behind Esther Vergeer. De Groot will equal Vergeer's record for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair titles if she wins today.

Most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Esther Vergeer	21
Diede de Groot	20
Yui Kamiji	8
Jiske Griffioen	4
Aniek van Koot	3

De Groot and Kamiji met in the doubles final here on Friday, with No. 2 seeds De Groot and Jiske Griffioen defeating No. 1 seeds Kamiji and Kgothatso Montjane 63 76(2).

Road to the final

DE GROOT	Time		Time	KAMIJI
d. Lucy Shuker 63 61	0:58	1st round	0:41	d. Lizzy De Greef 60 61
d. Aniek van Koot 36 61 60	1:44	Quarterfinals	0:53	d. Dana Matthewson 61 60
d. No. 3 Jiske Griffioen 61 62	0:54	Semifinals	1:21	d. Kgothatso Montjane 61 64
total time on court	3:36	(Infosys time)	2:55	total time on court

DE GROOT	v	KAMIJI
27	Age	29
1	Ranking	2
20	Grand Slam Singles Titles	8
83	Singles Titles	96
74-7	Grand Slam Record	75-31
19-2	Australian Open Record	23-9
430-67	Career Record	570-111
7-0	2024 Record	10-1

- **DE GROOT** is bidding to win her 6th Australian Open title. She defeated Kamiji to win the title here in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023, and defeated Aniek van Koot to win the title here in 2022.
- De Groot is bidding to win her **21st Grand Slam singles title**. In addition to her 5 titles here, she has won 6 titles at the US Open, 5 titles at Wimbledon and 4 titles at Roland Garros. Last year, she defeated Kamiji in the finals at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and the US Open and defeated Jiske Griffioen in the final at Wimbledon.
- De Groot is bidding to **equal Esther Vergeer's record for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles**. Vergeer won 21 Grand Slam titles between 2002 and 2012.
- De Groot is bidding to win her 13th consecutive Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of the **record for most consecutive Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles**. Her current streak of Grand Slam title victories is the joint-longest Grand Slam singles title winning streak, alongside Shingo Kunieda's streak of 12 titles.

Longest Grand Slam wheelchair singles title-winning streaks

Player	Length of streak	Years
Diede de Groot	13??	2021-24??
Shingo Kunieda	12	2007-11
Esther Vergeer	11	2005-10
Esther Vergeer	7	2010-12
Shingo Kunieda	6	2014-15
Dylan Alcott	5	2018-19
Dylan Alcott	5	2020-21
Peter Norfolk	5	2007-10

Note: 2017 was the first season when all four Grand Slam tournaments held men's and women's wheelchair singles events. The quad wheelchair singles events have been held at all four Grand Slam tournaments since 2019.

- De Groot is contesting to her **24th Grand Slam final**. In addition to her 20 Grand Slam titles, she also finished runner-up at the 2017 US Open (l. Kamiji), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Kamiji) and 2019 Wimbledon (l. Van Koot).
- De Groot is bidding to extend a **43-match Grand Slam winning streak**. She has not lost a Grand Slam match since falling to Momoko Ohtani in the semifinals at 2020 Roland Garros. She is making her 8th appearance at the Australian Open and is contesting her 28th Grand Slam overall.
- De Groot is also bidding to extend a **134-match Tour-level winning streak**. She has not lost a match since falling to Kamiji in the final at the 2021 Melbourne Wheelchair Open.
- De Groot **won the Golden Slam in 2021, and the Grand Slam in 2022 and 2023** – in addition to winning the singles title at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments for the last 3 years, she also won Paralympic singles gold,

defeating Kamiji in the final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event in 2021. She and Van Koot also won the gold medal together in the women's doubles event, defeating Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley in the final.

- De Groot's **other highlights in 2023** were winning the titles at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Kamiji), Rotterdam (d. Kamiji), the Cajun Classic (d. Ohtani), the Japan Open (d. Kamiji), the Barcelona Open (d. Kamiji), the French Riviera Open (d. Kamiji)
- by walkover), the British Grass Court Wheelchair Tournament (d. Griffioen), the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships (d. Zhu Zhenzhen), the European Para Championships (d. Van Koot) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (d. Kamiji).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, De Groot won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, defeating Kamiji in the final.
- De Groot is bidding to win her **84th singles title**. She has also won 69 doubles titles – including 18 at the Grand Slams. She won her 5th Australian Open title on Friday, partnering Griffioen to defeat Kamiji/Kgothatso Montjane in the final.
- De Groot is a **3-time Paralympic medallist**. In addition to her 2 gold medals at Tokyo 2020, she also won the silver medal in women's doubles at Rio 2016, alongside Marjolein Buis, falling to Jiske Griffioen/Van Koot in the gold medal match. She also lost to Griffioen in the semifinals of the singles at Rio 2016 and fell to Kamiji in the bronze medal match.
- De Groot first reached the **world No. 1 ranking** in March 2018. She has been ranked at No. 1 continuously since June 2018.
- De Groot is coached by Amanda Hopmans.
- **KAMIJI** is bidding to win her 3rd Australian Open title. She won the title here in both 2017 (d. Jiske Griffioen) and 2021 (d. Aniek van Koot).
- Kamiji is bidding to win her **9th Grand Slam singles title**. In addition to her 2 titles here, she also won the titles at Roland Garros in 2014 (d. Van Koot), 2017 (d. Sabine Ellerbrook), 2018 (d. Diede de Groot) and 2020 (d. Momoko Ohtani), and the titles at the US Open in 2014 (d. Van Koot) and 2017 (d. De Groot),
- Kamiji is contesting her **27th Grand Slam final**. She has a 2-6 win-loss record in finals at the Australian Open – compared to a 4-4 win-loss record in finals at Roland Garros, a 2-7 win-loss record in US Open finals and lost the only final she has contested at Wimbledon.
- Kamiji is making her **12th appearance at the Australian Open** and her 40th Grand Slam appearance overall. Last year here, she fell to De Groot in the final.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Kamiji reached the final at Roland Garros and the US Open, falling to De Groot on both occasions, and reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Griffioen).
- Kamiji's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. Griffioen), Kobe (d. Shiori Funamizu), Seoul (d. Zhu Zhenzhen), Royan (d. Zhu), the Kinoshita Group Japan Open (d. Manami Tanaka) and the Asian Para Games (d. Zhu). In addition to her runner-up finishes at Roland Garros and the US Open, she also finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. De Groot), Rotterdam (l. De Groot), the Japan Open (l. De Groot), Barcelona (l. De Groot), the French Riviera Open (l. De Groot) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (l. de Groot).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kamiji won the title at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. Van Koot) and finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. De Groot).
- Kamiji is bidding to win her **97th singles title**. She has also won 90 doubles titles – including 20 at the Grand Slams. Of her 20 doubles titles at the majors, 5 have come at the Australian Open – alongside Jordanne Whiley in 2014, 2015 and 2020, and alongside Marjolein Buis in 2016 and 2018. She and Kgothatso Montjane reached the doubles final here this year, falling to De Groot/Griffioen on Friday.

- Kamiji is a **3-time Paralympic medallist**. She won silver in the women's singles at Tokyo 2020 in 2021, falling to De Groot in the final – she became the first non-Dutch player to contest a Paralympic women's singles final. She also won bronze in women's doubles alongside Ohtani at Tokyo 2020 and won bronze in women's singles at Rio 2016.
- Kamiji reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in May 2014 and last held the No. 1 ranking in June 2018. She has been ranked at No. 2 since September 2019.
- Kamiji is coached by Masayoshi Ono.

NO. 2 SAM SCHRODER (NED) v NO. 4 GUY SASSON (ISR)

Head-to-head: Schroder leads 2-1

Sasson won their first meeting in the quarterfinals at the 2023 French Riviera Open last year, while Schroder has won their 2 most-recent meetings – in the quarterfinals at the 2023 US Open and in the semifinals at the 2023 Wheelchair Singles Masters.

Road to the final

SCHRODER	Time		Time	SASSON
d. Ymanitu Silva 61 60	0:45	1st round	1:02	d. Ali Ataman 60 61
d. Andy Lapthorne 61 60	0:40	Quarterfinals	1:39	d. Robert Shaw 64 62
d. Donald Ramphadi 61 61	0:58	Semifinals	2:06	d. No. 1 Niels Vink 46 63 61
total time on court	2:23	(Infosys time)	4:47	total time on court

SCHRODER

24
2
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31-10
11-1
254-84
7-0

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Age
Ranking
Grand Slam Singles Titles
Singles Titles
Grand Slam Record
Australian Open Record
Career Record
2024 Record

SASSON

43
4
0
9
4-1
3-0
163-94
8-1

- **SCHRODER** is bidding to win his 3rd consecutive Australian Open title. He became the first Dutch player to win the quad wheelchair singles title here in 2022, defeating Dylan Alcott in the final, before defending his title by defeating Niels Vink in the final last year.
- Schroder is bidding to win his 3rd title here and equal David Hall and David Wagner in **6th place on the list for most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles**. (NB Yui Kamiji is also bidding to win her 3rd Australian Open singles title today)

Most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles (all categories)

Player	Australian Open singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	11
Esther Vergeer	9
Dylan Alcott	7
Diede de Groot	5
Peter Norfolk	4
David Hall	3
David Wagner	3
Gustavo Fernandez	2
Jiske Griffioen	2
Yui Kamiji	2
Sam Schroder	2

- Schroder is bidding to win his **6th Grand Slam title**. In addition to his title victories here in 2022 and 2023, he also won the title at the US Open in 2020 (d. Alcott) and 2023 (d. Vink) and at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Vink).
- Schroder is bidding to win his 6th Grand Slam title and equal Peter Norfolk and David Wagner in **2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles**. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Dylan Alcott	15
Peter Norfolk	6
Sam Schroder	6??
David Wagner	6
Niels Vink	4
Andy Lapthorne	2

- Schroder is contesting his **12th Grand Slam final**. In addition to his 5 title victories, he has also finished runner-up at 6 other Grand Slam tournaments – including here in 2021, when he finished runner-up to Alcott.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2023**, in addition to his titles here and the US Open, Schroder finished runner-up at Roland Garros (l. Vink) and reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Heath Davidson). He is making his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Schroder's **other highlights in 2023** were runner-up finishes at 7 events – the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. Vink), the Cajun Classic (l. Vink), Seoul (l. Wagner), the Japan Open (l. Vink), the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships (l. Vink), the European Para Championships (l. Vink) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (l. Vink).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Schroder won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Vink).
- Schroder is bidding to win his **31st singles title**. He has also won 42 doubles titles – including 8 Grand Slam doubles titles. He and Vink won their first Australian Open last year, completing the career Grand Slam in quad wheelchair doubles together by defeating Donald Ramphadi/Ymanitu Silva in the final. They gave a walkover to Ramphadi/Sasson in the semifinals of the doubles event here this year.
- Schroder won the **silver medal in quad singles at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event** – marking the best result for a Dutch quad singles player in Paralympic history. He fell to Alcott in straight sets in the final. He and Vink won the gold medal in the quad doubles event, defeating Alcott/Heath Davidson in the final.
- Schroder reached **the world No. 1 ranking** in February 2022 and remained there for 4 weeks, before being overtaken by Vink in March 2022, before again reclaiming the No. 1 spot for one week, the week commencing 13 March 2023. He has remained as world No. 2 since the week commencing 20 March 2023.
- Schroder is coached by Joop Broens.
- **SASSON** is bidding to win his first Grand Slam title on his Australian Open debut.
- Sasson is bidding to become the **first Israeli player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title**. He would become the 2nd Israeli player, across senior, junior and wheelchair categories, to win a Grand Slam singles title – after Shahar Pe'er, who won the 2004 Australian Open girls' singles titles.
- Sasson is bidding to become the **3rd Israeli man to win a Grand Slam title in any discipline** – after Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, who won the 2008 Australian Open men's doubles title. Ram also won the mixed doubles titles at 2006 Wimbledon and 2007 Roland Garros.
- Sasson is bidding to become the **22nd player to win an Australian Open wheelchair singles title**. (NB Tokito Oda is also bidding to win his first wheelchair singles title here today)
- Sasson is contesting **his 2nd Grand Slam singles event**. He made his Grand Slam debut at the US Open last year, reaching the quarterfinals (d. Tomas Masaryk, l. Schroder).
- Sasson's **other highlights in 2023** were winning the titles at the Kros Medical Open (d. Ahmet Kaplan), the UH Cougar Open (d. Andrew Bogdanov), Barcelona (d. Leandro Pena), and the Swiss Open (d. Robert Shaw). He also finished runner-up at the French Riviera Open (l. Niels Vink) and the Catalonia Open (l. Vink) and reached the semifinals at the Wheelchair Singles Masters (l. Schroder).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sasson won the title at the Victorian Wheelchair Open, defeating Heath Davidson in the final. He also reached the quarterfinals at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. Vink).
- Sasson is bidding to win his **10th singles title**. He has also won 23 doubles titles – the biggest of which came at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open earlier last week, alongside Donald Ramphadi. The pair finished runner-up in the doubles final here on Friday (l. Andy Lapthorne/David Wagner).
- Sasson reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 4 in December last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Sasson is coached by Ofri Lankri.

NO. 1 ALFIE HEWETT (GBR) v NO. 2 TOKITO ODA (JPN)

Head-to-head: Hewett leads 6-4

An 11th meeting for Hewett and Oda – and their 4th at a Grand Slam. Hewett leads the overall head-to-head 6-4 but Oda leads the head-to-head at the Grand Slams 2-1. All 3 of their meetings at the Grand Slams have come in finals – Hewett defeated Oda in the final here last year before Oda defeated Hewett in the finals at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

It is the pair's 8th meeting in a final. Oda leads 4-3 in finals, including winning their most-recent meeting, in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week.

Hewett is bidding to win his 9th Grand Slam title and close the gap on Shingo Kunieda at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles. Oda is bidding to win his 3rd Grand Slam title and equal Robin Ammerlaan and David Hall in 5th place on the list.

Most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	28
Alfie Hewett	8
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Stephane Houdet	4
Robin Ammerlaan	3
David Hall	3
Joachim Gerard	2
Tokito Oda	2
Stefan Olsson	2
Gordan Reid	2
Maikel Scheffers	2

Hewett and Oda met in the men's wheelchair doubles final here on Friday, with No. 1 seeds Hewett and Gordon Reid defeating Oda and Takuya Miki 63 62 in the final.

Road to the final

HEWETT	Time		Time	ODA
d. Takashi Sanada 61 75	1:22	1st round	1:13	d. Takuya Miki 63 61
d. Alexander Cataldo 60 62	0:51	Quarterfinals	1:08	d. Stephane Houdet 63 61
d. Joachim Gerard 64 61	1:19	Semifinals	1:58	d. No. 4 Gordon Reid 76(4) 75
total time on court	3:32	(Infosys time)	4:19	total time on court

HEWETT	v	ODA
26	Age	17
1	Ranking	2
8	Grand Slam Singles Titles	2
58	Singles Titles	24
52-20	Grand Slam Record	16-5
12-6	Australian Open Record	6-1
475-147	Career Record	175-34
11-1	2024 Record	8-0

- **HEWETT** is bidding to win his 2nd Australian Open title and become the 4th player to win multiple men's wheelchair singles titles here – after Shingo Kunieda (11 Australian Open titles), David Hall (3) and Gustavo Fernandez (2).
- Hewett is bidding to become the **first player to win back-to-back Australian Open men's wheelchair singles titles since 2015**, when Shingo Kunieda won a 3rd consecutive title here. He defeated Oda in the final here last year to win his first Australian Open title.

- Hewett is bidding to **successfully defend a Grand Slam title for the 4th time in his career**. He has won back-to-back Grand Slam titles at the US Open in both 2018-19 and 2022-23, and at Roland Garros in 2020-21.
- Hewett is bidding to win his **9th Grand Slam title**. In addition to his title here last year, he has won 4 titles at the US Open – in 2018 (d. Kunieda), 2019 (d. Stephane Houdet), 2022 (d. Kunieda), and 2023 (d. Gordon Reid) – and 3 titles at Roland Garros – in 2017 (d. Gustavo Fernandez), 2020 (d. Joachim Gerard) and 2021 (d. Kunieda).
- Hewett is contesting his **7th consecutive Grand Slam final and his 17th Grand Slam final overall**. In addition to his 8 title victories, he also reached the final at the US Open in 2017 (l. Houdet), 2020 (l. Kunieda) and 2021 (l. Kunieda), at the Australian Open in 2021 (l. Gerard) and 2022 (l. Kunieda), at Wimbledon in 2022 (l. Kunieda) and 2023 (l. Oda), and at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Oda).
- Hewett is making his **7th appearance at the Australian Open** and is contesting his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- In addition to his titles here and at the US Open, Hewett's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Oda), Rotterdam (d. Martin de la Puente), the Georgia Open (d. Oda), the British Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships (d. Joachim Gerard) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (d. Gustavo Fernandez). He also finished runner-up at Roland Garros, Wimbledon, the British Grass Court Wheelchair Tennis Tournament (l. Gerard), and the Catalonia Open (l. Fernandez).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Hewett won the title at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. De La Puente). He also competed at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, where he finished as runner-up (l. Oda).
- Hewett is a **3-time Paralympic silver medallist**. He won silver medals at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Tennis Event – falling to Reid in the men's singles gold medal match, and partnering Reid in defeat to Houdet/Nicolas Peifer in the men's doubles gold medal match. Hewett and Reid also fell to Houdet/Peifer in the men's doubles gold medal match at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event in 2021. In singles at Tokyo 2020, Hewett finished in 4th place, falling to Tom Egberink in the semifinals and to Reid in the bronze medal match.
- Hewett is bidding to win his **59th singles title**. He has also won 79 doubles titles – including 19 Grand Slam doubles titles. Hewett and Reid won the men's wheelchair doubles title at 10 consecutive Grand Slam events from the 2019 US Open through to 2022 Roland Garros, They won their 5th consecutive Australian Open doubles title on Friday, defeating Takuya Miki/Oda in the final.
- Hewett reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in January 2018. He was the youngest player in history to hold the men's No. 1 ranking until Oda became world No. 1 in June last year aged 17. Hewett has been ranked inside the Top 10 since September 2016. He regained the No. 1 ranking in November last year and has retained the No. 1 ranking since then.
- Hewett is coached by Craig Allen and Ben Collingwood.
- **ODA** is bidding to become the 2nd Japanese player to win the Australian Open men's wheelchair singles title – after 11-time Australian Open wheelchair singles champion Shingo Kunieda.
- Oda is also bidding to become the **3rd Japanese player to win 3 or more Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles** – after Kunieda (28 Grand Slam singles titles) and Yui Kamiji (8). Mie Yaosa is the only other Japanese player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title, winning the wheelchair women's singles here in 2005. (NB Kamiji is bidding to win her 9th Grand Slam title in the women's wheelchair singles final today)
- At 17 years 264 days, Oda is bidding to become the **youngest player to win a Grand Slam singles title (in any discipline excluding juniors) since the 1998 Australian Open**, when Martina Hingis won the women's singles title for a 2nd time, aged 17 years 124 days. He would also become the youngest man in history to win an Australian Open singles title in any discipline.
- Oda **won his first 2 Grand Slams in 2023**, defeating Hewett in the finals at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Aged 17 years 33 days at Roland Garros, he became the youngest player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title.

- By reaching the final here, Oda has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. On his debut here last year, he lost to Hewett in the final.
- Oda is making his **8th Grand Slam appearance overall**. Last year, in addition to his titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon and his runner-up finish here last year, he fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Stephane Houdet).
- Oda's **other highlights in 2023** were winning the titles at the Cajun Classic (d. Gustavo Fernandez), Kobe (d. Mohama Yushazwan bin Yusuf), the Japan Open (d. Takashi Sanada), the Swiss Open (d. Fernandez), the Kinoshita Group Japan Open (d. Sanada) and the Asian Para Games (d. Sanada). He also finished runner-up at the Australian Open, the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. Hewett), and the Georgia Open (l. Hewett).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Oda won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Hewett).
- Oda is bidding to win his **25th singles title**. He has also won 7 doubles titles. He has reached 3 Grand Slam doubles finals alongside Takuya Miki – falling to Hewett/Reid in the final at Wimbledon last year and the Australian Open this year, falling to Houdet/Sanada in the final at the US Open.
- Oda **became world No. 1 for the first time** after winning the title at Roland Garros in June last year. Aged 17 years 35 days, he became the youngest man in history to hold the No. 1 ranking in any senior tennis discipline. He dropped to No. 2 in November and plays here at the same ranking. Oda broke the Top 10 for the first time in December 2021 and has remained inside the Top 10 since then.
- Oda is coached by Hiroya Kumada.