



## 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 27 January

**NO. 2 ROHAN BOPANNA (IND)/MATTHEW EBDEN (AUS)**  
v  
**SIMONE BOLELLI (ITA)/ANDREA VAVASSORI (ITA)**

### Head-to-head: first meeting

A first meeting for the 2 teams – with 2 of the 4 players bidding to win their first Grand Slam men's doubles title.

Ebden won the men's doubles title at 2022 Wimbledon alongside compatriot Max Purcell, becoming the first all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde in 2000. He is contesting his 4th Grand Slam men's doubles final, after finishing as runner-up alongside Purcell here in 2022 (l. Nick Kyrgios/Thanasi Kokkinakis) and alongside Bopanna at the US Open last year (l. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury).

Bolelli won the men's doubles title here in 2015 alongside compatriot Fabio Fognini, the pair becoming the first Italian men to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the Open Era. He is contesting his 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles final, and first since winning the title here.

Bopanna is contesting his 3rd Grand Slam men's doubles final, more than 13 years after his first. He has finished as runner-up at the US Open on 2 occasions – in 2010 alongside Aisam Qureshi (l. Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan), and last year alongside Ebden (l. Ram/Salisbury).

Vavassori is contesting his first Grand Slam men's doubles final in his 12th Grand Slam men's doubles event. His previous best performance was reaching the 3rd round alongside Lorenzo Sonogo at the 2022 US Open (l. Marcelo Demoliner/Joao Sousa).

On Monday, Bopanna will become the doubles world No. 1 for the first time in his career. Aged 43 years 331 days, he will become the oldest man ever to be doubles world No. 1. The previous oldest man to be world No. 1, in singles or doubles, was Mike Bryan, whose last stint as world No. 1 ended on 14 July 2019 when he was aged 41 years 76 days. Ebden will have the same number of ranking points as Bopanna on Monday, but has played more tournaments than Bopanna in the past year. Therefore, since Bopanna reached the same number of points by playing fewer tournaments, he individually becomes the doubles world No. 1.

Aged 43 years 329 days today, if Bopanna wins the title, he will become the oldest man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam doubles title – and he will be the oldest by more than 3 years. The oldest man to win a Grand Slam doubles title in the Open Era is Jean-Julien Rojer, who won 2022 Roland Garros men's doubles title alongside Marcelo Arevalo aged 40 years 284 days. The oldest man to win the doubles title here in the Open Era is Bopanna's compatriot Leander Paes, who won the title here in 2012 alongside Radek Stepanek aged 38 years 226 days.

Aged 38 years 111 days, if Bolelli wins the title alongside Vavassori, he will become the 3rd oldest man to win the men's doubles title at the Australian Open, after Paes and Sherwood Stewart, who won the title here in 1984 alongside Mark Edmondson aged 38 years 186 days.

If Bolelli/Vavassori win the title, they will be the 6th unseeded team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title in the Open Era – after Stefan Edberg/Petr Korda (1996), Leander Paes/Radek Stepanek (2012), Bolelli/Fabio Fognini (2015), Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios (2022), and Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler (2023).

If Bopanna wins his first Grand Slam men's doubles title on his 61st appearance in the men's doubles draw at a Grand Slam, he will go top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a Grand Slam men's doubles title. He is making his 17th appearance in the men's doubles draw at the Australian Open and will also go joint-top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning an Australian Open men's doubles title if he wins today, alongside Paes, who won the title here in 2012 on his 17th attempt.

#### Road to the final

<b>BOPANNA/EBDEN</b>	<b>Time</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>BOLELLI/VAVASSORI</b>
d. (WC) Duckworth/Polmans 76(5) 46 76(2)	2:09	1st round	2:19	d. Arneodo/Weissborn 36 63 76(7)
d. (WC) Millman/Winter 62 64	1:07	2nd round	2:35	d. No. 13 Mahut/Roger-Vasselin 76(5) 57 63
d. No. 14 Koolhof/Mektic 76(8) 76(4)	1:43	3rd round	0:54	d. Cacic/Molchanov 62 62
d. No. 6 Gonzalez/Molteni 64 76(5)	1:46	Quarterfinals	1:31	d. No. 8 Krawietz/Puetz 75 64
d. Machac/Zhang 63 36 76(7)	2:02	Semifinals	2:09	d. Hanfmann/Koepfer 63 36 76(5)
total time on court	8:47	(Infosys time)	9:28	total time on court

- **BOPANNA/EBDEN** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam doubles title as a team in their 5th Grand Slam event as a team.
- Bopanna is contesting his **61st Grand Slam doubles event with his 19th different partner**. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance with his 12th different partner.
- If he wins the title here on his 61st Grand Slam men's doubles appearance, Bopanna will **go top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's doubles title**.

#### Most attempts before winning first Grand Slam men's doubles title (Open Era)

<b>Player</b>	<b>No. of attempts</b>
<b>Rohan Bopanna??</b>	<b>61??</b>
Rajeev Ram	58
Martin Damm	55
Nicolas Mahut	46
Cyril Suk	42
Julien Benneteau	41

- If Bopanna wins the title here on his 17th Australian Open men's doubles appearance, he will go **joint-top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Australian Open men's doubles title**, equalling compatriot Leander Paes, who won the title here alongside Radek Stepanek in 2012 to complete the Career Grand Slam in men's doubles. Ebden would go 3rd on the list behind Paes and Bopanna by winning the title here on his 15th appearance.

#### Most attempts before winning first Wimbledon men's doubles title (Open Era)

<b>Player</b>	<b>No. of attempts</b>
<b>Rohan Bopanna??</b>	<b>17??</b>
Leander Paes	17
<b>Matthew Ebden??</b>	<b>15??</b>
Rajeev Ram	14
Nicolas Mahut	13
Oliver Marach	12
Ivan Dodig	11
Kevin Ullyett	11
Laurie Warder	11

- Bopanna is bidding to become the **3rd Indian man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title**, after Leander Paes (8 Grand Slam men's doubles titles) and Mahesh Bhupathi (4). He would also become the 4th Indian player in the Open Era to win a men's or women's doubles title, after Paes, Bhupathi and Sania Mirza (3 Grand Slam women's doubles titles).

- Ebden is bidding to become the **28th Australian man in the Open Era to win an Australian Open men's doubles title**. He would become the 6th active Australian male player to win an Australian Open men's doubles title – after Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios (2022), Rinky Hijikata and Jason Kubler (2023), and John Peers (who won the doubles title here in 2017 alongside Finland's Henri Kontinen).
- Ebden is contesting his **34th Grand Slam doubles event** – and is making his 15th appearance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open. He has played alongside 24 different partners, including Bopanna. He has lost in the 1st round on 11 of his previous 14 appearances in the men's doubles here.
- By reaching the final here, Bopanna/Ebden have equalled their **best Grand Slam performance as a team**. They also reached the final at the US Open last year, falling to Ram/Salisbury. Ebden also reached the men's doubles final here alongside Purcell at the 2022 Australian Open (l. Kokkinakis/Kyrgios), and Bopanna also reached the men's doubles final at the 2010 US Open, alongside Qureshi (l. Bryan/Bryan).
- **Last year here**, Bopanna/Ebden fell in the 1st round in their 2nd event as a team, and first Grand Slam event as a team (l. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams**, Bopanna/Ebden reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Koolhof/Skupski). They fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Sadio Doumbia/Fabien Reboul).
- Bopanna/Ebden are contesting their **23rd event as a team**, at any level. They played their first event together at Adelaide 2 in January 2023, when they lost in their first match against Nicolas Mahut/Tim Puetz.
- Bopanna/Ebden's **best Tour-level results as a team in 2023** were winning Doha (d. Constant Lestienne/Botic van de Zandschulp) and Indian Wells-1000 (d. Koolhof/Skupski). They also finished as runners-up at Rotterdam (l. Ivan Dodig/Austin Krajicek), Madrid-1000 (l. Karen Khachanov/Andrey Rublev), Shanghai-1000 (l. Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos), and Paris-1000 (l. Santiago Gonzalez/Edouard Roger-Vasellin). They also reached the semifinals at Barcelona (l. Koolhof/Skupski), Stuttgart (l. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz), and the ATP Finals (l. Ram/Salisbury), and reached the quarterfinals at Queen's (l. Koolhof/Skupski) and Toronto-1000 (l. Granollers/Zeballos).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Bopanna/Ebden reached the final at Adelaide (l. Ram/Salisbury).
- Bopanna has won **24 Tour-level doubles titles with 14 different partners**. Prior to teaming up with Ebden, he had won 22 Tour-level doubles titles.
- Ebden has won **9 Tour-level doubles titles with 5 different partners** – with Ryan Harrison, Max Purcell and Bopanna (2 titles with each), and Alex Bogomolov Jr, Kevin Anderson, and Jamie Murray (one with each).
- Bopanna and Ebden are both **Grand Slam mixed doubles champions**. Bopanna won the mixed doubles title at 2017 Roland Garros alongside Gabriela Dabrowski (d. Anna-Lena Gronefeld/Robert Farah). Ebden won the mixed doubles here alongside compatriot Jarmila Gajdosova in 2013 (d. Lucie Hradecka/Frantisek Cermak).
- Ebden entered the **mixed doubles here** with compatriot Storm Hunter. As No. 1 seeds, the pair defeated Lyudmyla Kichenok/Mate Pavic in the 1st round before falling to wild cards and compatriots Jaimee Fourlis/Andrew Harris in the 2nd round. Bopanna entered the mixed doubles with Timea Babos but withdrew ahead of the tournament.
- Bopanna reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 3 for the first time in July 2013. He plays here at the same ranking. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 213 in July 2007 but is currently unranked.
- After doubles world No. 1 Austin Krajicek lost in the 2nd round here alongside partner Ivan Dodig, and Bopanna/Ebden reached the semifinals, Bopanna will become the doubles world No. 1 for the first time in his career on Monday. Aged 43 years 331 days, he will become the **oldest man ever to be doubles world No. 1**. The previous oldest man to be doubles world No. 1 was Mike Bryan, whose last stint as world No. 1 ended on 14 July 2019 when he was aged 41 years 76 days. Ebden will be ranked No. 2 on Monday.
- Ebden reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 4 in November last year. He plays here at the same ranking. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 39 in October 2018 but is currently unranked.

- Bopanna has **played Davis Cup for India** since 2002 and has a 23-27 win-loss record overall in the competition. India play Pakistan away in the World Group I Play-offs next week.
- Ebden has **played Davis Cup for Australia** since 2012 and has an 11-2 win-loss record overall in the competition. He was part of the Australia team that reached the Davis Cup final the last 2 seasons, finishing as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and Italy last year. As 2023 runners-up Australia automatically qualify for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals group stage
- Bopanna is coached by Scott Davidoff. Ebden is coached by Omar Hejleh.
- **BOLELLI/VAVASSORI** are bidding to win their first Tour-level title as a team in their 3rd Grand Slam event as a team, and 9th Tour-level event as a team overall.
- Bolelli is contesting his **43rd Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. This is his 14th Australian Open appearance with his 6th different partner.
- Bolelli is bidding to become the **19th man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles**, after winning the title alongside Fognini here in 2015. He would also become the first man to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles since Bob and Mike Bryan won their 2nd title here in 2007.
- Vavassori is contesting his **12th Grand Slam doubles event with his 6th different partner**. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance with his 4th different partner.
- Vavassori is bidding to become the **3rd Italian man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title**, after Bolelli and Fognini won the title here in 2015.
- **Last year here**, Vavassori fell in the 2nd round and Bolelli fell in the 1st round. Vavassori played alongside Marcelo Demoliner (d. Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen, I. Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos). Bolelli played alongside Fognini and fell to Doubbia/Reboul.
- Bolelli/Vavassori are contesting their **9th event as a team**, at any level. They played their first event together as part of Team Italy at the 2021 ATP Cup. They fell to France's Nicolas Mahut/Edouard Roger-Vasellin in the group stage and defeated Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta/Granollers in the semifinals. They did not play again as a team until 2023 's-Hertogenbosch, where they fell in the 1st round (I. Maxime Cressy/Fabrice Martin).
- Bolelli/Vavassori's **best Tour-level results as a team in 2023** were runners-up finishes at Halle (I. Marcelo Melo/John Peers) and Umag (I. Blaz Rola/Nino Serdarušic). They also reached the semifinals at Bastad (I. Gonzalo Escobar/Aleksandr Nedovyesov) and the quarterfinals at Kitzbuhel (I. Francisco Cabral/Rafael Matos).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Bolelli/Vavassori did not contest a Tour-level doubles event, together or with other partners. Vavassori played the Canberra Challenger (AUS) with Francesco Maestrelli earlier this month, falling in the 1st round (I. Patrick Harper/Edward Winter).
- Bolelli has won **10 Tour-level doubles titles with 4 different partners** – with Fognini (6 titles), Maximo Gonzalez (2), and Horacio Zeballos and Andreas Seppi (one title with each).
- Vavassori has won **3 Tour-level doubles titles**. He won 2021 Cagliari alongside Lorenzo Sonego (d. Bolelli/Andres Molteni), 2023 Santiago alongside Andrea Pellegrino (d. Matias Soto/Thiago Seyboth Wild), and 2023 Marrakech alongside Marcelo Demoliner (d. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler).
- Vavassori **attempted to qualify for the singles event here this year**. He reached the final round of qualifying, defeating Otto Virtanen and Kimmer Coppejans before falling to Mate Valkusz.
- Vavassori entered the **mixed doubles here** with Liumila Samsonova. The pair defeated Asia Daria Saville/Luke Saville in the 1st round before falling to No. 7 seeds Nicole Melichar-Martinez/Kevin Krawietz in the 2nd round. Bolelli did not contest the mixed doubles here.
- Bolelli reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 8 in August 2015. He plays here at No. 56. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 36 in February 2009 but is currently unranked.

- Vavassori reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 41 in July last year. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 45. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 128 in June last year and is currently ranked No. 153.
- Bolelli has **played Davis Cup for Italy** since 2007 and has a 23-20 win-loss record overall in the competition. He was part of the Italy squad that won their 2nd Davis Cup title last year, but did not contest a match in the Final 8 in Malaga. As defending champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals group stage.
- Bolelli is currently without a coach. Vavassori is coached by Davide Vavassori.