



## 2023 ROLAND GARROS BOYS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Friday 9 June

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### On court today...

- Croatia's Dino Prizmic returns to the boys' singles semifinals here for the 2nd straight year to take on unseeded American lefthander Darwin Blanch on Court 14 today. No. 3 Prizmic seed will be hoping he can go one better this time, having lost to eventual champion Gabriel Debru in the last 4 in 2022. Since then, Prizmic has focused mainly on his professional career, with some impressive results seeing him reach the ATP Top 300. And while the Croatian will start as favourite against Blanch, Prizmic will not underestimate his 15-year-old opponent. Blanch has defeated 3 seeded players already this week, including No. 1 seed Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez, and has exhibited good form at junior-level this season, having won the title on the clay courts at Porto Alegre earlier this year.
- No. 8 seed Juan Carlos Prado Angelo is bidding to become the first Bolivian player to reach a Grand Slam singles final in any category today – but to do so he must defeat a player with Grand Slam final experience. Learner Tien was runner-up at the Australian Open in January and will be confident that he can reach his second major final today. Should either Tien or fellow American lefthander Blanch reach the final here, they would become the first American to do so since Toby Kodat in 2019. And if both make it through their semifinal matches today, it would be the 2nd time in history that 2 Americans have contested the Roland Garros boys' singles final – after 2015, when Tommy Paul defeated Taylor Fritz.

# NO. 3 DINO PRIZMIC (CRO) v DARWIN BLANCH (USA)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

### Road to the semifinals

PRIZMIC	Time		Time	BLANCH
d. Kim Jang-jun 61 62	0:54	1st round	1:20	d. No. 1 Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez 62 75
d. Hayato Matsuoka 61 63	1:30	2nd round	1:05	d. Antoine Ghibaud 63 63
d. Maxim Mrva 46 61 60	2:09	3rd round	1:57	d. No. 14 Adriano Panatta 63 67(4) 63
d. Henry Searle 76(3) 63	1:53	Quarterfinals	2:09	d. No. 9 Cooper Williams 76(5) 26 63
total time on court	6:26	(Infosys time)	6:31	total time on court

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Prado Angelo	Tien
Prizmic	0-0	0-0
Blanch	0-1	0-0

PRIZMIC	v	BLANCH
17	Age	15
338	ITF Junior Ranking	34
293	ATP Ranking	1176
11-3	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	5-1
8-1	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	4-0
89-27	Career Record (Junior)	60-30
4-0	2023 Record (Junior)	20-8

- **PRIZMIC** is bidding to become the 2nd Croatian player to reach a Roland Garros junior singles final – after Marin Cilic, who won the boys' singles title here in 2005.
- Prizmic is also bidding to become the **6th Croatian player to reach a Grand Slam boys' singles final** – after Ljubicic (1996 Wimbledon runner-up), Ancic (2000 Australian Open runner-up and 2000 Wimbledon runner-up), Marin Cilic (2005 Roland Garros champion), Borna Coric (2013 US Open champion) and Mili Poljicak (2022 Wimbledon champion).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Prizmic has equalled his **best Grand Slam performance**. He also reached the boys' singles semifinals here in 2022 (l. Gabriel Debru).
- Prizmic is making his **4th junior Grand Slam appearance** – and his first of 2023. In addition to his semifinal finish here last year, he reached the 3rd round at the 2022 Australian Open (l. Daniel Vallejo) and the 2nd round at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Coleman Wong).
- Prizmic is contesting his **first junior event of 2023**. He has not competed at junior level since July 2022, when he finished runner-up at JB1 Klosters (SUI) (European Championships) (l. Gilles Arnaud Bailly).
- Prizmic's **best results at junior-level** are winning the titles at 2021 J1 Bytom (POL) (d. Alejandro Manzanera Pertusa) and J1 Vrsar (CRO) (d. Tiago Pires).
- Prizmic has **won 5 titles as a professional** on the ITF World Tennis Tour – including one in 2023, at M15 Porec (CRO) (d. Mirko Martinez).
- Prizmic **made his Tour-level debut** at the ATP event in Banja Luka in April this year. As a wild card in qualifying, he defeated Mattia Bellucci and Liam Broady to qualify for the main draw, falling to Richard Gasquet in the 1st round.
- Prizmic has also **reached the quarterfinals at 5 Challenger-level events in 2023** – at Oeiras I (POR) (l. Joris de Loore), Oeiras II (POR) (l. Ricardas Berankis), Zadar (CRO) (l. Arthur Cazaux), Split (CRO) (l. Christopher O'Connell) and Malthausen (AUT) (l. Dominic Thiem). Prior to Roland Garros, he reached the 2nd round at the Skopje Challenger (MKD) (d. Kalin Ivanovski, l. Evgeny Donskoy).

- Prizmic reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 8 in January this year but is now ranked at No. 338. He is currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 293 and entered (and was seeded for) the junior event here based on his professional ranking.
- Prizmic is coached by Darko Klaic.
- Lefthander **BLANCH** is bidding to become the 14th American player to reach the Roland Garros boys' singles final – and the first since Toby Kodat, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles here in 2019. (NB fellow American Learner Tien is also bidding to reach the boys' singles final here today)
- If Blanch and Tien both win today and reach the final here, it would be the **2nd time that the Roland Garros boys' singles final has been contested by 2 American players** – after 2015, when Tommy Paul defeated Taylor Fritz.
- Blanch is making his **2nd junior Grand Slam appearance here**. His only previous appearance at a junior Grand Slam event came as a wild card at the US Open last year, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Pedro Rodenas, I. Yaroslav Demin).
- Blanch's **best result at junior-level in 2023** is winning the title at J300 Porto Alegre (BRA) (d. Emilien Demanet). He also reached the semifinals at J300 Salinas (ECU) (l. Alexander Razeghi) and J300 Villena (ESP) (l. Alejandro Melero Kretzer).
- **Prior to Roland Garros**, Blanch reached the 3rd round at J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Juan Carlos Prado Angelo).
- Blanch has **contested 11 events as a professional**. His best result as a professional on the ITF World Tennis Tour is reaching the semifinals at M15 Telde (ESP) (l. Alejandro Manzanera Pertusa) in April this year.
- Blanch reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 33 in March this year. He plays here one place lower at No. 34. He is currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1176.
- Blanch entered the **boys' doubles here** alongside Alexander Frusina. The pair fell to David Fix/Marc Majdandzic in the 2nd round.
- Blanch is coached by Francisco Penalva.

# NO. 8 JUAN CARLOS PRADO ANGELO (BOL) v LEARNER TIEN (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

## Road to the semifinals

PRADO ANGELO	Time		Time	TIEN
d. Kaylan Bigun 46 62 64	1:57	1st round	1:15	d. No. 13 Federico Bondioli 64 63
d. Thijs Boogard 62 63	1:07	2nd round	1:29	d. (WC) Andrea M'Chich 76(3) 63
d. Jan Hrazdil 64 64	1:22	3rd round	0:53	d. No. 2 Alexander Blockx 64 ret.
d. No. 15 Joel Schwaerzler 75 63	1:24	Quarterfinals	1:22	d. No. 10 Joao Fonseca 63 26 61
total time on court	5:50	(Infosys time)	4:59	total time on court

## Possible final head-to-heads

	Prizmic	Blanch
Prado Angelo	0-0	1-0
Tien	0-0	0-0

PRADO ANGELO	v	TIEN
18	Age	17
9	ITF Junior Ranking	21
799	ATP Ranking	838
5-3	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	12-3
5-1	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	4-0
121-45	Career Record (Junior)	71-22
16-2	2023 Record (Junior)	13-2

- **PRADO ANGELO** is bidding to become the first Bolivian player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final.
- Prado Angelo is bidding to become the **2nd Bolivian player in history to reach a Grand Slam final in any event** – after Juan Carlos Aguilar, who won the 2016 US Open boys' doubles title alongside Brazil's Felipe Meligeni Rodrigues Alves. (NB Aguilar represented Bolivia in 2015-19 and now represents Canada)
- Prado Angelo is also bidding to become the **first South American player to reach the boys' singles final here since 2018**, when Argentina's Sebastian Baez finished runner-up. If he wins the title here, he will become the first South American player to win the Roland Garros boys' singles title since Argentina's Agustin Velotti in 2010.
- Prado Angelo is making his **3rd junior Grand Slam appearance**. His only previous appearances at junior Grand Slam events came at 2022 Roland Garros, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Jules Leroux, l. Martyn Pawelski), and 2022 Wimbledon, where he fell to Martin Landaluce in the 1st round.
- Prado Angelo's **best result at junior-level in 2023** is winning the title at J300 Santa Cruz (BOL) (South American Regional Championships) (d. Fernando Cavallo).
- Prado Angelo is contesting his **4th junior event of 2023**. In addition to his title victory at J300 Santa Cruz, he also reached the semifinals at J500 Criciuma (BRA) (l. Yaroslav Demin) and the quarterfinals at J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Zhou Yi).
- Prado Angelo made his **professional debut in September 2021** and has contested 17 events as a professional. He won his first professional title at M15 Cochabamba (BOL) (d. Davide Pontoglio). His best professional result in 2023 is reaching the quarterfinals at M15 Mogi das Cruzes (BRA) (l. Nicolas Zanellato).
- Prado Angelo reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 8 in April this year and plays here one place lower at No. 9. He reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 799 in January this year and is currently ranked at No. 799.

- Prado Angelo made his **Davis Cup debut for Bolivia** in February. He lost both matches he contested during the team's World Group II Play-off defeat to Georgia, falling to both Aleksandre Bakshi and Saba Purtseladze.
- Prado Angelo is coached by Hermann Ritter.
- Lefthander **TIEN** is bidding to become the 14th American player to reach the Roland Garros boys' singles final – and the first since Toby Kodat, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles here in 2019. (NB fellow American Darwin Blanch is also bidding to reach the boys' singles final here today)
- If Tien and Blanch both win today and reach the final here, it would be the **2nd time that the Roland Garros boys' singles final has been contested by 2 American players** – after 2015, when Tommy Paul defeated Taylor Fritz.
- Tien is bidding to reach his **2nd junior Grand Slam final**. He finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the Australian Open this year (l. Alexander Blockx).
- Tien is bidding to become the **first player to reach the boys' singles final at both the Australian Open and Roland Garros in the same season since 2018**, when Tseng Chun-Hsin finished runner-up at the Australian Open and won the title at Roland Garros.
- Tien is making his **4th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to his runner-up finish at the Australian Open this year, he also reached the quarterfinals at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Martin Landaluce) and fell in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open (l. Lautaro Midon).
- Tien is contesting his **3rd junior event of 2023**. In addition to his runner-up finish at the Australian Open and his appearance at Roland Garros, his only other appearance at junior-level this year came in a semifinal finish at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Kyle Kang).
- Tien's **other highlights at junior-level** are winning the titles at 2022 J1 San Diego (USA) (d. Kang) and at the 2022 USTA Boys National Championships (d. Ethan Quinn). His title-victory at the USTA Boys National Championships earned him a wild card for the US Open men's singles draw.
- Tien made his **Grand Slam men's singles debut** as a wild card at the 2022 US Open, falling to No. 32 seed Miomir Kecmanovic in 4 sets in the 1st round.
- Tien made his **professional debut in April 2022** and has contested 14 events as a professional. His best results are reaching the final at 2022 M15 Fayetteville (USA) (l. Toby Samuel) and the semifinals at 2023 M25 Malibu (USA) (l. Arthur Fery). His only other appearances at professional level in 2023 came as a wild card in qualifying at Indian Wells-1000, where he fell to Cristian Garin in the 1st round of qualifying, and Miami-1000, where he fell to Jan-Lennard Struff in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Tien reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 4 in February this year. He plays here at No. 21. He is reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 770 and is currently ranked at No. 838.
- Tien **won the boys' doubles title at the Australian Open this year** alongside Cooper Williams. The pair defeated Blockx/Joao Fonseca in the final.
- Tien entered the **boys' doubles here** alongside Williams. The pair fell to Yaroslav Demin/Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez in the quarterfinals.
- Tien is coached by Brian Baker, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles here to Stan Wawrinka in 2003.