



2023 WIMBLEDON THE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Wheelchair Tournament Preview

In 2016, the first wheelchair singles events were held at Wimbledon, with men’s and women’s singles tournaments both taking place for the first time. A men’s wheelchair doubles event had been held at Wimbledon since 2005, and a women’s wheelchair doubles event had been added in 2009. The quad singles and doubles tournaments began in 2019. This is the 7th edition of the Wimbledon men’s and women’s wheelchair singles events and the 4th edition of the Wimbledon quad wheelchair singles event. 2023 Wimbledon is the 136th staging of the Championships overall.

This will be the 2nd edition of the Championships to feature a tiebreak to 10 points when the score reaches 6-6 in the final set. Prior to 2022, the wheelchair singles events here had been played as best-of-3-tiebreak sets, with a tiebreak to 7 points in the final set.

The wheelchair tournament had been expanded by an extra day for 2023, with the opening round of singles matches taking place on Wednesday 12 July.

DE GROOT BIDS FOR 11TH STRAIGHT SLAM TITLE

Diede de Groot is bidding to win her 11th consecutive Grand Slam title, and equal Esther Vergeer’s longest streak of Grand Slam victories. De Groot recorded 2 consecutive Grand Slam-winning seasons in 2021 and 2022 (becoming the first tennis player, in any discipline, to win the Grand Slam in back-to-back years) and has won her 9th and 10th major titles in-a-row at the Australian Open at Roland Garros this year.

De Groot’s last defeat at a Grand Slam came in the semifinals at 2020 Roland Garros, when she fell to Momoko Ohtani in straight sets.

Longest Grand Slam wheelchair singles title-winning streaks

Player	Length of streak	Years
Shingo Kunieda	12	2007-11
Diede de Groot	11??	2021-23
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.

109 CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES FOR DE GROOT?

De Groot enters Wimbledon on a 108-match winning streak – the joint-2nd longest winning streak in the sport’s history, alongside Shingo Kunieda’s 108-match winning streak in 2007-10 – and will claim sole ownership of that record if she defeats Kgothatso Montjane in the 1st round here on Wednesday.

Vergeer holds the record for the longest winning streak in wheelchair tennis history, having ended her career in 2013 on a 470-match winning streak.

DE GROOT LEADS THE WAY AT WIMBLEDON

Ten players have won a Wimbledon wheelchair singles title, with De Groot leading the way with 4 previous victories here. De Groot is also the only active player to have won multiple Wimbledon titles, following the retirements of Dylan Alcott and Stefan Olsson.

Gustavo Fernandez, Joachim Gerard, Jiske Griffioen, Gordon Reid and Aniek van Koot are all bidding to become 2-time Wimbledon singles champions this year.

Most Wimbledon wheelchair singles titles (all categories)

Player	Wimbledon singles titles
Diede de Groot	4
Dylan Alcott	2
Stefan Olsson	2
Gustavo Fernandez	1
Joachim Gerard	1
Jiske Griffioen	1
Shingo Kunieda	1
Gordon Reid	1
Sam Schroder	1
Aniek van Koot	1

HEWETT AND KAMIJI AIM FOR CAREER SLAM

Both the men's and women's world No. 2 players, Alfie Hewett and Yui Kamiji, reached their first Wimbledon singles finals in 2022 – and both will bid to go one better here this year. Should either of them do so, they would join Alcott, De Groot and Kunieda as the only players to have completed the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles.

Players to have won the Grand Slam in wheelchair singles

Player	Australian Open titles	Roland Garros titles	Wimbledon titles	US Open titles
Dylan Alcott	7	3	2	3
Diede de Groot	5	3	4	5
Alfie Hewett??	1	3	1??	3
Yui Kamiji??	2	4	1??	2
Shingo Kunieda	11	8	1	8

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ODA BIDS FOR PARIS-LONDON DOUBLE

17-year-old Tokito Oda made history at Roland Garros by becoming the youngest player to win a Grand Slam singles title in any category (excluding juniors). He became the 4th Japanese player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title – after Kunieda (28 Grand Slam singles titles), Kamiji (8) and Mie Yaosa (one). The victory also saw him become the youngest world No. 1 in wheelchair tennis history.

Oda made his Wimbledon debut as a wild card in 2022, falling to the defending champion, Joachim Gerard, in straight sets. This year, he is bidding to become the 3rd player to win the men's wheelchair singles titles at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same year – after Fernandez in 2019 and Kunieda in 2022.

DUTCH DOMINANCE IN QUAD DIVISION

The rivalry between Vink and Schroder has dominated the quad division since Alcott's retirement at the 2022 Australian Open, with the pair contesting all 5 Grand Slam finals since then. Vink now leads Schroder 3-2 in Grand Slam finals since then, having won the title at Roland Garros in 2022 and 2023 and at the 2022 US Open. Schroder won the title here in 2022 and also won the title at the Australian Open in January this year.

Schroder will bid to become the 2nd player to retain a Wimbledon quad wheelchair singles title – after Alcott, who won the titles at the first 2 quad singles events here in 2019 and 2021. Should Vink (or any other player in the quad singles draw) win the title here this year, they will become the 3rd quad player to win a Wimbledon singles title.

HEWETT AND FERNANDEZ LEAD ACTIVE PLAYERS

Kunieda enjoys a healthy lead at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles (in any category), having retired with 28 Grand Slam titles to his name – including victories at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2022.

Hewett claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles by winning his 6th major title at the US Open last year and extended his lead over Fernandez with victory at the Australian Open in January. Should 2-time Grand Slam champions Gerard or Reid win the title here this year, they will 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	7
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Stephane Houdet	4
Robin Ammerlaan	3
David Hall	3

Players competing at 2023 Wimbledon in **bold**

DE GROOT BIDS TO CLOSE GAP ON VERGEER

De Groot's streak of 10 consecutive Grand Slam singles titles has seen her move well clear of Kamiji in 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles – she is closing in on Vergeer at the top of the list, and aims for her 19th Grand Slam singles title here this week.

Kamiji is in 2nd place on the list, while the 2 other former Wimbledon champions in the draw, Jiske Griffioen and Van Koot, are in 4th and 5th place on the list, respectively, for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles.

Most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles	
Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Esther Vergeer	21
Diede de Groot	18
Yui Kamiji	8
Jiske Griffioen	4
Aniek van Koot	3

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THE RACE TO CATCH ALCOTT

Alcott retired having won a total of 15 Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles – comfortably ahead of Peter Norfolk and David Wagner's tallies of 6 major titles each.

Wagner will bid to win a 7th Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list here. Schroder aims for his 5th Grand Slam title, while a title-victory here for Vink would see him equal Schroder in 4th place on the list.

Most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles	
Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Dylan Alcott	15
Peter Norfolk	6
David Wagner	6
Sam Schroder	4
Niels Vink	3

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HOME FAVOURITES

Just one British player has won a Wimbledon singles title – Reid won the inaugural Wimbledon men’s wheelchair singles title in 2016. Wimbledon has had the 3rd-longest wait for a home wheelchair singles champion among the 4 Grand Slam tournaments.

Most-recent home wheelchair singles champions	
Grand Slam	Most-recent home wheelchair’ singles champion
Australian Open	Dylan Alcott (2021)
Roland Garros	Stephane Houdet (2013)
Wimbledon	Gordon Reid (2016)
US Open	David Wagner (2017)

There are 5 British players competing in the wheelchair tournament here this year – Hewett and Reid in the men’s singles, Lucy Shuker in the women’s singles, and Andy Lapthorne and Gregory Slade in the quad singles.

GRAND SLAM PREPARATION

Many of the field competing at Wimbledon this week played at the British Grass Court Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, with the men’s tournament played in London, the women’s tournament played in Eastbourne and the quad tournament played in Birmingham across a two-week period.

Gerard received an early confidence boost as he bids to win his 2nd Wimbledon title this week, recording a 46 63 75 victory against Hewett in the final. De Groot was a straight-sets winner against Griffioen in the final of the women’s event, while Lapthorne finished ahead of Slade in the quad event, which was played as a round-robin tournament.

British Grass Court Wheelchair Tennis Tournament – final results

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Men’s singles	Joachim Gerard	Alfie Hewett
Women’s singles	Diede de Groot	Jiske Griffioen
Quad singles	Andy Lapthorne	Gregory Slade

2023 LEADERS

Kamiji has won more women’s singles matches than any other player on the 2023 UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, while world No. 1s Oda and Vink lead the men’s and quad lists, respectively.

2023 women’s wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2023 win-loss
1.	Yui Kamiji	37-7
2.	Diede de Groot	34-0
3.	Zhu Zhenzhen	29-14
4.	Jiske Griffioen	25-11
5.	Momoko Ohtani	23-8

2023 men’s wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2023 win-loss
1.	Tokito Oda	34-5
2=	Martin de la Puente	30-13
	Gordon Reid	30-12
4.	Alfie Hewett	27-5
5.	Ruben Spaargaren	26-10

2023 quad wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2023 win-loss
1.	Niels Vink	33-1
2.	Koji Sugeno*	24-12
3.	David Wagner	23-10
4=	Sam Schroder	22-6
	Ymanitu Silva*	22-18

*not competing at Wimbledon

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At 17 years 69 days, Oda is the youngest player to compete in the wheelchair event here this year – he is more than 32 years younger than the oldest player, Wagner (49 years 134 days).

Youngest and oldest players in Wimbledon wheelchair events

Event	Youngest player (age)	Oldest player (age)
Women's singles	Diede de Groot (26 years 209 days)	Lucy Shuker (43 years 49 days)
Men's singles	Tokito Oda (17 years 69 days)	Joachim Gerard (34 years 274 days)
Quad singles	Niels Vink (20 years 222 days)	David Wagner (49 years 134 days)

NB ages calculated on final day of the tournament

LEFTHANDERS

There are 7 lefthanders in the wheelchair singles draws at Wimbledon this year – 2 in the men's event (Oda and Reid), 3 in the women's event (Kamiji, Kgothatso Montjane and Van Koot) and 2 in the quad event (Lapthorne and Schroder). Reid and Van Koot are the only lefthanded players to have won a Wimbledon wheelchair singles title.

WILD CARDS

British players received all 3 of the available wild cards – Reid in the men's event, Shuker in the women's event and Slade in the quad event.

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 11 nations are represented in the wheelchair singles draws at 2023 Wimbledon, with Netherlands having the most players competing across the 3 events overall. Great Britain and Netherlands are the only nations with representatives in each of the men's, women's and quad wheelchair events here.

Nation	Women's singles	Men's singles	Quad singles	Total
Netherlands	3	1	2	6
Great Britain	1	2	2	5
Japan	2	2	0	4
South Africa	1	0	1	2
Argentina	0	1	0	1
Australia	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	1	0	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
China, P.R.	1	0	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
USA	0	0	1	1

WIMBLEDON HONOUR ROLL

There have been 5 Wimbledon men's wheelchair singles champions and 3 Wimbledon women's wheelchair singles champions since those tournaments were established in 2016. Alcott and Schroder are the only players to have won the quad wheelchair singles title here since the tournament's introduction in 2019. Of the 10 players to have won a wheelchair singles title here, 3 have won the title on multiple occasions.

Year	Honour roll		
	Men's singles champion	Women's singles champion	Quad singles champion
2016	Gordon Reid	Jiske Griffioen	no tournament
2017	Stefan Olsson	Diede de Groot	no tournament
2018	Stefan Olsson	Diede de Groot	no tournament
2019	Gustavo Fernandez	Aniek van Koot	Dylan Alcott
2020	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2021	Joachim Gerard	Diede de Groot	Dylan Alcott
2022	Shingo Kunieda	Diede de Groot	Sam Schroder
2023	???	???	???