



2023 WIMBLEDON BOYS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Saturday 15 July

No. 4 Cooper Williams (USA) v Henry Searle (GBR)

No. 5 Yaroslav Demin v No. 9 Darwin Blanch (USA)

On court today...

- Henry Searle carries the hopes of a nation on his back today as he looks to move one step closer to becoming the first British player to win the Wimbledon boys' singles title since Stanley Matthews in 1962. In his way in this afternoon's semifinal is No. 4 seed Cooper Williams, who is one of 2 American boys in action today and who has reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 6th appearance. If he defeats Williams, Searle will become the 12th British player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final – and just the 4th in the last half-century, after Miles Kasiri (2004), Liam Broady (2011) and Jack Draper (2018). The Brit is yet to drop a set at SW19 this week.
- In the day's other semifinal, No. 5 seed Yaroslav Demin bids to reach the final at a Grand Slam for the first time – but he is up against 15-year-old phenom Darwin Blanch, who is through to the semifinals at consecutive Grand Slam events, having fallen to eventual champion Dino Prizmic in the last 4 at Roland Garros last month. Demin won when the pair met in the 2nd round at the US Open last year, but Blanch won their subsequent meeting at J300 Porto Alegre this season. Should Blanch and Williams both win today, it would be the 4th time in history that the Wimbledon boys' singles final has been contested by 2 American players – and the 2nd time in 3 years, after Samir Banerjee defeated Victor Lilov in the final here in 2021.

NO. 4 COOPER WILLIAMS (USA) v HENRY SEARLE (GBR)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Road to the Semifinals

WILLIAMS	Time		Time	SEARLE
d. (WC) Luca Pow 75 61	1:18	1st round	1:36	d. No. 1 Juan Carlos Prado Angelo 76(6) 63
d. Sebastian Eriksson 61 36 64	1:35	2nd round	1:23	d. (Q) Manas Dhamne 61 64
d. No. 16 Alejandro Melero Kretzer 64 64	1:00	3rd round	1:06	d. Arthur Gea 64 62
d. No. 6 Iliyan Radulov 76(4) 63	1:32	Quarterfinals	1:12	d. No. 8 Joao Fonseca 76(3) 63
total time on court	5:25	IBM time	5:17	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Demin	Blanch
Williams	0-1	0-1
Searle	2-0	2-0

WILLIAMS	v	SEARLE
18	Age	17
6	ITF Junior Ranking	27
998	ATP Ranking	1583
9-5	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	7-2
4-1	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-1
93-49	Career Record (Junior)	84-39
18-5	2023 Record (Junior)	24-8

- **WILLIAMS** is bidding to become the 22nd American player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final. Fellow American Darwin Blanch is also bidding to reach the final here today.
- If Williams and Blanch both reach the final here, it will be the **4th time that two Americans have faced each other in the boys' singles final at Wimbledon** – after Van Winitsky defeated Eliot. Teltscher in 1977, Noah Rubin defeated Stefan Kozlov in 2014 and Samir Banerjee defeated Victor Lilov in 2021.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Williams has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros this year (l. Blanch).
- Williams is making his **2nd Wimbledon appearance and his 6th Grand Slam appearance overall**. On his only previous Wimbledon appearance, in 2022, he fell to Ignacio Buse in the 1st round. In addition to his quarterfinal finish at Roland Garros this year, he also reached the 3rd round at the Australian Open (l. Zhou Yi).
- Williams' **best results at junior-level in 2023** are reaching the final at J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez) and the semifinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Federico Cina).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Williams fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Filippo Romani)
- Williams has contested **8 professional events in 2023**. His best result on the ITF World Tennis Tour is reaching the 2nd round at M15 Weston, FL (USA) (d. Juan Carlos Aguilar, l. Buse) and he has also competed in qualifying at 2 ATP Challenger Tour events, reaching the 2nd round of qualifying at both the Tallahassee Challenger (USA) and Savannah Challenger (USA) in April.
- Williams reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 5 last month and plays here one place lower at No 6. He also reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 965 last month and is currently ranked at No. 998.
- Williams entered the **boys' doubles here** as No. 1 seed alongside Yaroslav Demin. The pair fell to No. 7 seeds Blanch/Roy Horovitz in the quarterfinals.
- Williams is coached by Brian Baker, who reached the men's singles round of 16 here in 2012.

- Lefthander **SEARLE** is bidding to become the 12th British player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final – and just the 4th to do so in the last 50 years, after Miles Kasiri (who finished runner-up in 2004), Liam Broady (who finished runner-up in 2011) and Jack Draper (who finished runner-up in 2018).
- Searle is also bidding to become the **first British player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final since 2018**, when Draper finished runner-up in the boys' singles here.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Searle has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros this year (l. Dino Prizmic).
- Searle is making his **2nd Wimbledon appearance and 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall**. On his only previous appearance here, as a wild card in 2022, he fell to Jakub Mensik in the 1st round.
- Searle's **best result at junior-level in 2023** is winning the title at J200 Aldershot (GBR) (d. Charlie Robertson). He also reached the semifinals at J300 San Jose (CRC) (l. Roy Horovitz) and the quarterfinals at J300 Barranquilla (COL) (l. Lasse Poertner).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Searle reached the 3rd round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Thijs Boogard).
- Searle has contested **4 professional events on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2023**. His best results are reaching the 2nd round at M25 Loughborough (GBR) (d. Damian Rodriguez, l. Patrick Brady) and M15 Monastir (TUN) (d. Jasz Szajrych, l. Nicolas Tepmahc).
- Searle reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 last week and plays here 2 places lower at No. 27. He reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1486 in April this year and is currently ranked at No. 1583.
- Searle entered the **boys' doubles here** as No. 8 seed alongside Tomas Berkieta. The pair fell to No. 2 seeds Joao Fonseca/Juan Carlos Prado Angelo in the quarterfinals on Thursday.
- Searle is coached by Morgan Phillips.

NO. 5 YAROSLAV DEMIN v NO. 9 DARWIN BLANCH (USA)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2022	US Open	Hard (O)	R32	Demin	64 36 75
2023	J300 Porto Alegre (BRA)	Clay (O)	R16	Blanch	64 63

A 3rd meeting for Demin and Blanch, and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Demin won when the pair met in the 2nd round at the US Open last year, but Blanch won their most-recent meeting, in the 3rd round at J300 Porto Alegre (BRA) earlier this year.

Blanch defeated Demin in the boys' doubles quarterfinals here on Thursday – No. 7 seeds Blanch and Roy Horovitz defeated No. 1 seeds Demin and Cooper Williams 63 75 to reach the last 4.

Road to the Semifinals

DEMIN	Time		Time	BLANCH
d. Hayato Matsuoka 63 63	1:05	1st round	1:07	d. (Q) Petr Brunclik 76(2) 61
d. (WC) Freddy Blaydes 63 60	1:11	2nd round	1:55	d. (WC) Viktor Frydrych 67(6) 63 63
d. Antoine Ghibaud 63 36 61	1:52	3rd round	1:37	d. Lorenzo Sciahbasi 76(6) 63
d. No. 15 Tomas Berkiet 76(5) 76(6)	1:56	Quarterfinals	1:23	d. Kaylan Bigun 76(3) 63
total time on court	6:04	IBM time	6:02	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Williams	Searle
Demin	1-0	0-2
Blanch	1-0	0-2

DEMIN	v	BLANCH
17	Age	15
7	ITF Junior Ranking	11
1278	ATP Ranking	1182
11-4	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	9-2
4-0	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-0
98-49	Career Record (Junior)	64-32
14-5	2023 Record (Junior)	24-10

- **DEMIN** is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam final.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Demin has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the 2022 Australian Open (l. Jakub Mensik).
- Blanch is making his **Wimbledon debut and his 5th Grand Slam appearance overall**. He did not compete at the 2023 Australian Open and reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Patrick Schoen, l. Henry Searle).
- Demin's **best result at junior-level in 2023** is winning the title at J500 Criciuma (BRA) (d. Joao Fonseca).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Demin fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Henry Searle).
- Demin has contested **10 professional events in 2023**. His best result is reaching the semifinals at M15 Telde (ESP) (l. Diego Augusto Barreto Sanchez).
- Demin made his **ATP Challenger Tour debut** in January this year and has competed in 4 Challenger-level events, falling in the 1st round on each occasion – at Tenerife II (ESP) (l. Francesco Passaro), Tenerife III (ESP) (l. Raul Brancaccio), Prague I (l. Sebastian Ofner) and Prague II (l. Lukas Klein).
- Demin reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 6 in January this year and plays here one place lower at No. 7. He reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1240 in April this year and is currently ranked at No. 1278.

- Demin entered the **boys' doubles here** as No. 1 seed alongside Cooper Williams. The pair fell to No. 7 seeds Blanch/Roy Horovitz in the quarterfinals.
- Demin is coached by James Allenby.
- Lefthander **BLANCH** is bidding to become the 22nd American player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final. Fellow American Cooper Williams is also bidding to reach the final here today.
- If Blanch and Williams both reach the final here, it will be the **4th time that two Americans have faced each other in the boys' singles final at Wimbledon** – after Van Winitsky defeated Eliot. Teltscher in 1977, Noah Rubin defeated Stefan Kozlov in 2014 and Samir Banerjee defeated Victor Lilov in 2021.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Blanch has equalled his **best Grand Slam performance**. He also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros this year (l. Dino Prizmic).
- Blanch is making his **Wimbledon debut and his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall**. In addition to his semifinal finish at Roland Garros, his only other 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, l. 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 Meler Kretzer).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Blanch fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Alejo Sanchez Quilez).
- Blanch has contested **3 professional events on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2023**. His best result is reaching the semifinals at M15 Telde (ESP) (l. Alejandro Manzanera Pertusa).
- Blanch reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 11 last week and plays here at the same ranking. He reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1160 last month and is currently ranked at No. 1182.
- Blanch entered the **boys' doubles here** as No. 7 seed alongside Roy Horovitz. The pair face No. 6 seeds Branko Djuric/Arthur Gea in the semifinals later today.
- Blanch is coached by Francisco Penalva.