



## 2023 WIMBLEDON MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 15 July

**NO. 1 WESLEY KOOLHOF (NED)/NEAL SKUPSKI (GBR)**

v

**NO. 15 MARCEL GRANOLLERS (ESP)/HORACIO ZEBALLOS (ARG)**

### Head-to-head: Granollers/Zeballos lead 2-0

2022	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	QF	Granollers/Zeballos	36 63 64
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A 3rd meeting for Koolhof/Skupski and Granollers/Zeballos – but their first on grass. The teams have met in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros for the last 2 years, with Granollers/Zeballos winning on both occasions.

The winners of today's final will become Grand Slam men's doubles champions for the first time. Koolhof/Skupski are contesting their 2nd Grand Slam final, having finished runners-up at the 2022 US Open, while Granollers/Zeballos are contesting their 3rd Grand Slam final, having finished runners-up at both the 2019 US Open and 2021 Wimbledon. Koolhof also finished runner-up alongside Nikola Mektic at the 2020 US Open, while Granollers finished runner-up alongside Marc Lopez at 2014 Roland Garros and the 2014 US Open.

Granollers and Zeballos would become the first Spanish and Argentinian players, respectively, to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title if they win today. Koolhof is bidding to become the 4th Dutch player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title (and the first since Jean-Julien Rojer in 2015), while Skupski is bidding to become the 2nd British player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title, after Jonathan Murray in 2012.

If Granollers wins his first Grand Slam men's doubles title on his 64th 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 15th appearance in the men's doubles draw at Wimbledon and will also go top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a Wimbledon men's doubles title if he wins today.

Skupski won the mixed doubles title here in 2021 and 2022. If he wins the men's doubles final today, he will become the first British man to win both the Wimbledon men's and mixed doubles titles since Leslie Godfree, who won the men's doubles title with Randolph Lycett in 1923 and the mixed doubles title with Kitty Godfree in 1926.

This year is the first time that all Wimbledon men's doubles matches are played as best-of-3 sets. Prior to 2023, Wimbledon men's doubles matches were played as best-of-5 sets.

### Road to the Final

KOOLHOF/SKUPSKI	Time		Time	GRANOLLERS/ZEBALLOS
d. Altmaier/Karatsev 63 75	1:12	1st round	2:56	d. Cabal/Farah 67(6) 76(2) 76(9)
d. Hijikata/Kubler 76(3) 62	1:20	2nd round	2:22	d. Fils/Van Assche 76(1) 67(6) 64
d. Purcell/Thompson 63 76(3)	1:36	3rd round	1:46	d. Galloway/Harris 76(5) 76(6)
d. Behar/Pavlascek 46 62 63	1:44	Quarterfinals	1:24	d. Lammons/Withrow 64 75
d. No. 6 Bopanna/Ebden 75 64	1:26	Semifinals	1:09	d. No. 10 Krawietz/Puetz 64 63
total time on court	7:18	IBM time	9:37	total time on court

- **KOOLHOF/SKUPSKI** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam men's doubles title – as a team or as individuals.
- Koolhof is bidding to become the **4th Dutch player to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title in the Open Era** – after Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, who won the title here together in 1998, and Jean-Julien Rojer, who won the title here alongside Horia Tecau in 2015. By reaching the final here, he has become the 5th Dutch player to reach the Wimbledon men's doubles final in the Open Era – after Haarhuis (4 Wimbledon men's doubles final appearances), Eltingh (2) and Rojer and Tom Okker (both one).
- Skupski is bidding to become the **5th Dutch player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – and the 2nd active player to do so, after Rojer.

#### Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by Dutch players (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Jacco Eltingh	6
Paul Haarhuis	6
Jean-Julien Rojer	3
Tom Okker	2
<b>Wesley Koolhof??</b>	<b>1??</b>

- Skupski is bidding to become the **2nd British player to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title in the Open Era** – after Jonathan Marray, who won the title here alongside Frederik Nielsen in 2012. By reaching the final here, he has become the 3rd British player to reach the Wimbledon men's doubles final in the Open Era – after Marray and Jamie Murray, who finished runner-up here alongside John Peers in 2015.
- Skupski is bidding to become the **5th British player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – and the 3rd active player to do so, after Murray and Salisbury.

#### Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by British players (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Joe Salisbury	3
Jamie Murray	2
Roger Taylor	2
Jonathan Marray	1
<b>Neal Skupski??</b>	<b>1??</b>

- Skupski is bidding to become the **first British man to win the Wimbledon men's and mixed doubles titles** since Leslie Godfree, who won the men's doubles title with Randolph Lycett in 1923 and the mixed doubles title with Kitty Godfree in 1926. Skupski won the mixed doubles title here alongside Desirae Krawczyk in 2021 and 2022.
- Koolhof/Skupski are contesting their **2nd Grand Slam men's doubles final as a team** – they finished as runners-up at the 2022 US Open (l. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury). Koolhof also finished runner-up alongside Nikola Mektic at the 2020 US Open (l. Mate Pavic/Bruno Soares).
- Koolhof/Skupski are contesting their **7th Grand Slam event as a team**, having first teamed up at the 2022 Australian Open. Last year here, they reached the 3rd round (l. Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell).
- **In Grand Slam play this year**, Koolhof/Skupski reached the quarterfinals at both the Australian Open (l. Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler) and Roland Garros (l. Granollers/Zeballos).
- Koolhof is contesting his **29th Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Matwe Middelkoop at 2016 Roland Garros and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Middelkoop in 2016. This is his 7th Wimbledon appearance.
- Skupski is contesting his **29th Grand Slam doubles event with his 7th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Bradley Klahn at 2014 Roland Garros and made his Wimbledon debut alongside older brother Ken Skupski in 2014. This is his 9th Wimbledon appearance.
- By reaching the final here, Koolhof and Skupski have both recorded their **best Wimbledon result**. Their previous best results here were quarterfinal finishes – Skupski reached the quarterfinals as a wild card alongside Ken Skupski in 2018 (l. Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo) and Koolhof reached the quarterfinals alongside Marcus Daniell in 2019 (l. Ivan Dodig/Filip Polasek).

- Prior to Wimbledon, Koolhof/Skupski **won their first title this season** at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Gonzalo Escobar/Alexandr Nedovyesov). They also reached the semifinals at Queen's (l. Taylor Fritz/Jiri Lehecka).
- Koolhof/Skupski's **other highlights in 2023** are finishing runner-up at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Rohan Bopanna/Ebden) and Barcelona (l. Maximo Gonzalez/Andres Molteni) and reaching the semifinals at Adelaide II (l. Dodig/Austin Krajicek), Acapulco (l. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler) and Rome-1000 (l. Robin Haase/Botic van de Zandschulp).
- Koolhof/Skupski are bidding to win their **9th title as a team**. In addition to their title-victory at 's-Hertogenbosch this year, they also won a Tour-leading 7 titles as a team in 2022.
- Koolhof has won **15 Tour-level doubles titles with 6 different partners**. His only previous grass court title came alongside Skupski at 's-Hertogenbosch this year.
- Skupski has won **14 Tour-level doubles titles with 4 different partners**. His only previous grass court title came alongside Koolhof at 's-Hertogenbosch this year.
- Koolhof and Skupski **jointly-held the doubles world No. 1 ranking for the first time in November last year**. They are currently ranked joint-2nd.
- Koolhof **won the 2022 Roland Garros mixed doubles title** alongside Ena Shibahara (d. Ulrikke Eikeri/Joran Vliegen). His best performance in the mixed doubles here is reaching the semifinals alongside Kveta Peschke in 2019 (l. Latisha Chan/Dodig). He entered the mixed doubles here this year as No. 4 seed with Leylah Fernandez but fell to Olivia Nicholls/Jonny O'Mara in the 2nd round.
- Skupski is a **2-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion**. He won the title here with Krawczyk in both 2021 (d. Harriet Dart/Salisbury) and 2022 (d. Samantha Stosur/Ebden). He entered the mixed doubles here this year as No. 2 seed with Krawczyk but fell to Xu Yifan/Vliegen in the 1st round.
- Koolhof has played **Davis Cup for Netherlands** since 2019 and has a 4-3 win-loss record in the competition. Netherlands will compete alongside Croatia, USA and Finland in Group D at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals.
- Skupski has played **Davis Cup for Great Britain** since 2019 and has a 5-3 win-loss record in the competition. Great Britain will compete in Manchester alongside Australia, France and Switzerland in Group B at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals.
- Koolhof is coached by Rob Morgan and Mariusz Fyrstenberg. Skupski is coached by Ken Skupski, Louis Cayer and Anthony Hardman.
- **GRANOLLERS/ZEBALLOS** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam doubles title – either as individuals or as a team.
- Granollers/Zeballos are bidding to become the **first Spanish and Argentinian players, respectively, to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title**.
- Granollers is bidding to become the **5th Spanish player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – and the first since Feliciano Lopez/Marc Lopez won the title at 2016 Roland Garros.

**Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by British players (Open Era)**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Grand Slam doubles titles won</b>
Emilio Sanchez	3
Sergio Casal	2
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>1??</b>
Feliciano Lopez	1
Marc Lopez	1

- Zeballos is bidding to become the **first Argentinian player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title**. He is one of 3 Argentinian men to have reached a Grand Slam doubles final – alongside Javier Frana (1991 Wimbledon) and Eduardo Schwank (2011 Roland Garros).

- Granollers/Zeballos are contesting their **2nd Wimbledon men's doubles final**. The pair also reached the final here in 2021, finishing as runners-up to Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic.
- By reaching their 2nd final here, Granollers/Zeballos have become the **first Spanish and Argentinian players, respectively, to reach the Wimbledon men's doubles final on multiple occasions**. The only other Spanish players to reach the men's doubles final here are Sergio Casal/Emilio Sanchez, who finished runners-up in 1987. The only other Argentinian player to reach the men's doubles final here is Frana, who finished runner-up alongside Leonardo Lavalle in 1991.
- Granollers/Zeballos are contesting their **3rd Grand Slam men's doubles final**. In addition to their runner-up finish here in 2021, they also reached the final at the 2019 US Open (l. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah).
- Granollers is through to his **5th Grand Slam men's doubles final**. In addition to his runner-up finishes alongside Zeballos at the 2019 US Open and at 2021 Wimbledon, he also reached 2 Grand Slam men's doubles finals in 2014 alongside Marc Lopez – falling to Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin at Roland Garros and to Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan at the US Open. Zeballos' only previous Grand Slam final appearances came alongside Granollers at the 2019 US Open and at 2021 Wimbledon.
- Granollers/Zeballos are contesting their **14th Grand Slam event as a team**, having first teamed up at the 2019 US Open. Their only previous appearance at Wimbledon as a team was their runner-up finish here in 2021. Neither Granollers nor Zeballos competed here last year.
- Granollers/Zeballos are **competing at Wimbledon as a team for the 2nd time**. The pair did not compete at Wimbledon last year. This is their 14th Grand Slam appearance as a team.
- Granollers is contesting his **64th Grand Slam doubles event with his 11th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Feliciano Lopez at 2007 Roland Garros and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Tommy Robredo in 2007. This is his 15th Wimbledon appearance.
- Zeballos is contesting his **46th Grand Slam doubles event with his 16th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Marin Draganja at the 2014 Australian Open and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Andre Sa in 2014. This is his 8th Wimbledon appearance.
- If they win the title here on their 64th and 46th Grand Slam men's doubles appearances, respectively, Granollers/Zeballos will both **enter the Top 5 on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's doubles title**. Granollers will go to top of the list, with Zeballos in joint-4th place on the list alongside Nicolas Mahut.

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

Player	No. of attempts
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>64??</b>
Rajeev Ram	58
Martin Damm	55
Nicolas Mahut	46
<b>Horacio Zeballos??</b>	<b>46??</b>
Cyril Suk	42
Julien Benneteau	41

- If Granollers wins the title here on his 15th Wimbledon men's doubles appearance, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Wimbledon men's doubles title**, ahead of Daniel Nestor.

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

Player	No. of attempts
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>15??</b>
Daniel Nestor	14
Lukasz Kubot	12
Nicolas Mahut	12
Jonathan Marray	11
Marcelo Melo	11

- Granollers/Zeballos are bidding to win their **8th title as a team – and their first in 2023**. Since teaming up for the first time at 2019 Montreal-1000 (where they defeated Robin Haase/Koolhof to win the title), they have won 7 titles – including one on grass at 2022 Halle, defeating Tim Puetz/Michael Venus in the final. Their victory at Halle last year is their most-recent title.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Granollers/Zeballos reached the semifinals at both the Australian Open (l. Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler) and Roland Garros (l. Ivan Dodig/Austin Krajicek).
- Granollers/Zeballos' **other highlights in 2023** are finishing as runners-up at Geneva (l. Jamie Murray/Michael Venus) and reaching the semifinals at Auckland (l. Nathaniel Lammons/Jackson Withrow) and Rome-1000 (l. Hugo Nys/Jan Zielinski)
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Granollers/Zeballos reached the quarterfinals at Mallorca (d. Marcelo Demoliner/Fabrice Martin, l. Yuki Bhambri/Lloyd Harris) but fell in the 1st round at Halle (l. Albano Olivetti/David Vega Hernandez).
- Granollers has won **24 Tour-level doubles titles with 12 different partners**, including 2 on grass – one alongside Sergiy Stakhovsky, at 2019 Newport (d. Marcelo Arevalo/Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela), and one alongside Zeballos at 2022 Halle.
- Zeballos has won **19 Tour-level doubles titles with 7 different partners** – including one on grass at 2022 Halle alongside Granollers.
- Granollers reached a **career-high ranking doubles of No. 4** in February 2013. He plays here at No. 28.
- Zeballos reached a **career-high ranking doubles of No. 3** in September 2019. He plays here at No. 26.
- Granollers and Zeballos are both **former Top 50 singles players**, having reached career-high singles rankings of No. 19 and No. 39, respectively. Granollers' best Grand Slam singles result was reaching the round of 16 on 4 occasions, while Zeballos' best Grand Slam singles result is reaching the round of 16 at 2017 Roland Garros. Granollers has won 4 Tour-level singles titles, while Zeballos has won one Tour-level singles title – at 2013 Vina del Mar, where he defeated Rafael Nadal in the final.
- Granollers has played **Davis Cup for Spain** since 2010 and has an 11-8 win-loss record in the competition. He was a member of the Spanish team which won the title in 2019 and finished runner-up in 2012. Spain will compete in Valencia alongside Serbia, Czechia and Korea, Rep. in Group C at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals.
- Zeballos has played **Davis Cup for Argentina** since 2010 and has an 11-7 win-loss record in the competition. Argentina will host Lithuania in a World Group I tie in September.
- Granollers and Zeballos are both coached by Victor Carceller.