



2023 WIMBLEDON MEN'S WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES

Sunday 16 July

NO. 1 TOKITO ODA (JPN) v NO. 2 ALFIE HEWETT (GBR)

Head-to-head: Hewett leads 6-2

An 9th meeting for Hewett and Oda – and their 3rd at a Grand Slam. The pair are contesting the men's wheelchair singles final for the 3rd consecutive Grand Slam tournament – Hewett won 63 61 in the final at the Australian Open, but Oda won 61 64 in the final at Roland Garros to win his first Grand Slam title.

It is the pair's 6th meeting in a final at Tour-level overall. Hewett leads the pair's head-to-head in finals 3-2 – in addition to his victory in the final at the Australian Open, he also defeated Oda in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open in January and in the final at the Georgia Open in March. Oda's 2 victories against Hewett came in the final at the 2022 Wheelchair Singles Masters and in the final at Roland Garros this year.

For the 2nd consecutive Grand Slam tournament, the winner of the men's wheelchair singles final will become world No. 1 on Monday. Hewett first reached the world No. 1 ranking in January 2018 and had been ranked No. 1 following Shingo Kunieda's retirement in January until he ceded the No. 1 ranking to Oda after Roland Garros last month. Oda became the youngest player in history to hold a No. 1 ranking in any wheelchair singles category.

Oda and Hewett faced each other in the men's wheelchair doubles final here on Saturday. Hewett and Gordon Reid recovered from a set down to defeat Oda and Takuya Miki 36 60 63 to win their 18th Grand Slam doubles title and his 5th at Wimbledon overall.

The winner of today's match will claim his first Wimbledon title and become the 6th player to win the Wimbledon men's wheelchair singles title – after Gordon Reid (2016), Stefan Olsson (2017-18), Gustavo Fernandez (2019), Joachim Gerard (2021) and Shingo Kunieda (2022).

The winner of both today's men's wheelchair singles final and today's quad wheelchair singles final (between Niels Vink and Heath Davidson) will become the 11th and 12th players to win a Wimbledon wheelchair singles title.

Road to the final

ODA	Time		Time	HEWETT
d. Takuya Miki 75 64	1:52	1st round	1:37	d. Joachim Gerard 63 64
d. Gordon Reid 63 64	1:17	Semifinals	1:29	d. Martin de la Puente 63 62
total time on court	3:09	IBM time	3:06	total time on court

ODA	v	HEWETT
17	Age	25
1	Ranking	2
1	Grand Slam Singles Titles	7
20	Singles Titles	54
12-4	Grand Slam Record	45-19
2-1	Wimbledon Record	6-6
153-32	Career Record	450-144
36-5	2023 Record	29-5

- **ODA** is bidding to become the 2nd Japanese player to win a Wimbledon wheelchair singles title – after Shingo Kunieda, who won the men’s wheelchair singles title here last year.
- Oda is also bidding to win his **2nd Grand Slam title** and become the 3rd Japanese player win multiple Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles – after Kunieda (28 Grand Slam singles titles) and Yui Kamiji (8).
- At 17 years 69 days, Oda is bidding to become the **youngest player to win a Wimbledon singles title (in any discipline excluding juniors) since 1997**, when Martina Hingis won the women’s singles title aged 16 years 279 days. He would also become the youngest man in history to win a Wimbledon singles title in any discipline.
- At Roland Garros this year, Oda defeated Hewett in the final to win his **first Grand Slam title** and become the 4th Japanese player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title – after Kunieda, Kamiji and Mie Yaosa (who won the 2005 Australian Open women’s wheelchair singles title).
- Oda is through to his **3rd Grand Slam final**. In addition to his title-victory at Roland Garros last month, he also reached the final at the Australian Open this year, falling to Hewett in straight sets.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card on his Wimbledon debut, Oda fell to Joachim Gerard in the 1st round.
- Oda is making his **2nd appearance at Wimbledon** and his 6th Grand Slam appearance overall. He made his Grand Slam singles debut at 2022 Roland Garros.
- Oda is bidding to win his **21st singles title** – and his 5th of 2023. He won the titles at the Cajun Classic (d. Gustavo Fernandez), the Kobe Open (d. Mohamed Bin Yusuf), the Japan Open (d. Takashi Sanada) and Roland Garros this year.
- Oda has also **won 7 doubles titles** – including one in 2023, winning the Japan Open alongside Miki. He and Miki reached their first Grand Slam doubles final here on Saturday, falling to Hewett/Gordon Reid.
- Aged 17 years 35 days, Oda became the **youngest-ever wheelchair singles world No. 1** after winning the title at Roland Garros last month. He plays here at the same ranking but must win today to retain the No. 1 ranking on Monday.
- Oda is coached by Norihiro Maeda.
- **HEWETT** is bidding to win his first Wimbledon title and become the 2nd British player to win a wheelchair singles title here – after Gordon Reid, who won the men’s wheelchair singles title here in 2016.
- Hewett is bidding to win his **8th Grand Slam title**. He won the title at Roland Garros in 2017 (d. Gustavo Fernandez), 2020 (d. Joachim Gerard) and 2021 (d. Shingo Kunieda), won the title at the US Open in 2018 (d. Kunieda), 2019 (d. Stephane Houdet) and 2022 (d. Kunieda), and won his first Australian Open title this year, defeating Oda in the final. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	28
Alfie Hewett	8??
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Stephane Houdet	4
Robin Ammerlaan	3
David Hall	3

- Hewett is bidding to become the **4th wheelchair tennis player to complete the career Grand Slam in singles** – and the 2nd to do so at Wimbledon in consecutive years, after Kunieda completed the career Grand Slam by winning the singles title here last year.

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
Shingo Kunieda	11	8	1	8

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.

- Hewett is through to his **15th Grand Slam final** – and his 2nd at Wimbledon, having finished runner-up to Kunieda here last year. He also reached the final at the US Open in 2017 (l. Houdet), 2020 (l. Kunieda) and 2021 (l. Kunieda), at the Australian Open in 2021 (l. Gerard) and 2022 (l. Kunieda), and at Roland Garros this year (l. Oda).
- Hewett is making his **7th appearance at Wimbledon** and his 27th Grand Slam appearance overall. He made his Grand Slam singles debut here in 2016.
- Prior to Wimbledon**, Hewett competed at the British Grass Court Wheelchair Tennis Tournament at Queen's, falling to Gerard in the final.
- Hewett is bidding to win his **55th singles title** – and his 5th title of 2023. He won the titles at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Oda), the Australian Open, Rotterdam (d. Martin de la Puente) and the Georgia Open (d. Oda) this year.
- Hewett has also **won 74 doubles titles** – including 18 Grand Slam doubles titles. He has won 5 doubles titles at Wimbledon, alongside Reid in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021 and this year, with the pair having defeated Oda/Takuya Miki in the final here on Saturday.
- Hewett reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in January 2018. He has been ranked inside the Top 10 since September 2016 and plays here at No. 2, having lost the No. 1 ranking to Oda following his defeat in the final at Roland Garros. He will return to the No. 1 ranking on Monday if he wins today.
- Hewett is a **3-time Paralympic silver medallist**. He won silver medals at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Tennis Event – falling to Reid in the men's singles gold medal match, and partnering Reid in defeat to Houdet/Peifer in the men's doubles gold medal match. Hewett and Reid also fell to Houdet/Peifer in the men's doubles gold medal match at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event last year. In singles at Tokyo 2020, Hewett finished in 4th place, falling to Egberink in the semifinals and to Reid in the bronze medal match.
- Hewett is coached by Craig Allen and Ben Collingwood.