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On court today...

- Carlos Alcaraz made a winning return to the Australian Open on Tuesday, defeating French veteran Richard Gasquet in straight sets. He faces Lorenzo Sonego in the day session on Rod Laver Arena today and another victory will see the world No. 2 through to the 3rd round here for the 2nd time. Sonego has won the pair's only previous meeting, at 2021 Cincinnati-1000 – but at that time Alcaraz was still ranked outside the world's Top 50, while Sonego was nearing his own career-high ranking. Now a 2-time Grand Slam champion, Alcaraz will be optimistic of another win today.
- Both Holger Rune and Alejandro Davidovich Fokina can notch up a milestone victory when they contest their 2nd round matches today – both are looking to record their 100th Tour-level match-win, with Rune facing French wild card Arthur Cazaux on Margaret Court Arena and Davidovich Fokina up against Nuno Borges on Court 3. Rune reached the round of 16 here last year and will hope for another victory today as he looks to continue his progress towards the latter stages of the tournament. Davidovich Fokina, meanwhile, is aiming to reach the 3rd round here for the first time on his 4th appearance here.
- Thanasi Kokkinakis has been a fan-favourite at Melbourne Park for many years and delighted the home fans once again with a 5-set victory against Sebastian Ofner on Tuesday. His prize for doing so is a 2nd round clash against Grigor Dimitrov on John Cain Arena today – and if the Aussie fans can cheer on Kokkinakis to another win today, he will secure a place in the 3rd round here for the first time. Dimitrov, however, is experienced in dealing with a partisan crowd – he has won all 3 of his matches against Australian players at the Australian Open and defeated 2 Aussies en route to the title at Brisbane earlier this month.
- Four teenagers are in action in the men's singles draw today, with Arthur Fils, Jakub Mensik, Alex Michelsen and Shang Juncheng all bidding to join 19-year-old Luca van Assche in the 3rd round here this year. Should at least one of the quartet win today, it will be the first time that multiple teenagers have reached the men's singles 3rd round here since 2019. If all 4 teenagers win, it will be the most teenagers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open since 1984, and the most teenagers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam since 2005 Wimbledon.

NO. 2 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP) v LORENZO SONEGO (ITA)

Head-to-head: Sonogo leads 1-0

2021 Cincinnati-1000 Hard (O) R64 Sonogo 63 76(6)

A 2nd meeting for Alcaraz and Sonogo. At the time of their only previous meeting – which Sonogo won in the 1st round at 2021 Cincinnati-1000 – Sonogo was ranked at No. 27 and Alcaraz was ranked at No. 55.

Alcaraz has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 46 Sonogo once before, when he fell to No. 95 Mikael Ymer in the 2nd round on his Grand Slam debut here in 2021.

ALCARAZ	v	SONEGO
20	Age	28
2	ATP Ranking	46
13	Titles	3
42-9	Career Grand Slam Record	22-21
4-2	Australian Open Record	6-5
156-43	Career Record	124-129
76-27	Career Record - Hard	57-69
1-0	2024 Record	2-3
1-0	2024 Record - Hard	2-3
9-1	Career Five-Set Record	4-4
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
56-34	Career Tiebreak Record	73-66
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **ALCARAZ** is contesting his 200th Tour-level match today.
- Alcaraz is bidding to **reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time** and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- Alcaraz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Richard Gasquet 76(5) 61 62 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Alcaraz **missed the 2023 Australian Open** due to a right leg injury. On his most-recent appearance here, in 2022, he recorded his best Australian Open result by reaching the 3rd round (l. Matteo Berrettini). He lost in the 2nd round on his only other appearance here – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2021 (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, l. Mikael Ymer).
- Alcaraz won his **2nd Grand Slam title** at 2023 Wimbledon, defeating Novak Djokovic in 5 sets in the final. Aged 20 years 72 days, he became the 3rd-youngest player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's singles title and the 5th man in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21. He won his first Grand Slam title at the 2022 US Open (d. Casper Ruud) – aged 19 years 129 days, he became the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Rafael Nadal (19 years 2 days) at 2005 Roland Garros and youngest US Open men's singles champion since Pete Sampras (19 years 28 days) in 1990.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Alcaraz reached the semifinals at both Roland Garros (l. Djokovic) and the US Open (l. Medvedev).
- At 20 years 268 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2011 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Alcaraz is also bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win 3 Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21** – after Mats Wilander (who won 4 Grand Slam titles prior to turning 21) and Bjorn Borg (3).
- Alcaraz **won 6 titles in 2023** and finished 2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles last season – behind Djokovic, who won 7 titles. In addition to his Wimbledon title, he also won the title at Buenos Aires (d. Cameron Norrie), Indian Wells-1000 (d. Medvedev), Barcelona (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas), Madrid-1000 (d. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Queen's (d. Alex de Minaur).

- Alcaraz's **other highlights in 2023** were finishing runner-up at Rio de Janeiro (l. Norrie) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Djokovic), reached the semifinals at Miami-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner), Beijing (l. Sinner) and the ATP Finals (l. Djokovic), and reached the quarterfinals at Canada-1000 in Toronto (l. Tommy Paul). He is contesting his first match of the 2024 season today.
- Alcaraz has won 9 of the 10 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against Berrettini in the 3rd round here in 2022 – the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open.
- Aged 19 years 130 days, Alcaraz became the **youngest world No. 1 in history** after winning the title at the 2022 US Open and has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 since then. He plays here at No. 2 and is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, alongside Djokovic and Medvedev.
- Alcaraz has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has won 2 of the 3 matches he has contested in the competition. Spain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Alcaraz **led Spain to victory at the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Finals** in Budapest, defeating France in the title match. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Martin Damm) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 22 in January 2020. He never contested the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Alcaraz is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, whose best result here was reaching the semifinals in 2004.
- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- Sonogo advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Daniel Evans 46 76(8) 62 76(4) in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Sonogo is one of 6 Italian men to reach the 2nd round here – the **most Italian men to reach the 2nd round at the Australian Open in the Open Era**. The highest number of Italians to reach the 3rd round here is 3 – in 2019 and 2022.
- **Last year here**, Sonogo defeated Nuno Borges before falling to Hubert Hurkacz in the 2nd round.
- Sonogo's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022. He defeated Sam Querrey and Oscar Otte before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic.
- Sonogo's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Diego Schwartzman), 2021 Wimbledon (l. Roger Federer), and 2023 Roland Garros (l. Karen Khachanov).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Sonogo reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Nicolas Moreno de Alboran, l. Jannik Sinner) but fell to Matteo Berrettini in the 1st round at Wimbledon.
- Sonogo's **best result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Umag (l. Stan Wawrinka). He also reached the quarterfinals at Montpellier (l. Sinner), Dubai (l. Alexander Zverev) and Metz (l. Fabio Fognini).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sonogo represented Italy at the United Cup, but lost both singles matches he played, falling to France's Adrian Mannarino and Germany's Zverev. He also reached the 2nd round at Adelaide (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Sebastian Korda).
- Sonogo is bidding to end a **6-match losing streak against Top 5 players at Tour-level**. He has not defeated a Top 5 player since defeating No. 4 Dominic Thiem in the 3rd round at Rome-1000 in 2021. His only other victory against a Top 5 player at Tour-level came against No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals at 2020 Vienna. He has a 2-9 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.
- Sonogo is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost both of his previous matches against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams – to No. 3 Federer in the 1st round at 2019 Roland Garros and to No. 4 Rafael Nadal in the 3rd round at 2022 Wimbledon. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 7 Andrey Rublev in the 3rd round at Roland Garros last year, and the highest-ranked player he has defeated here is No. 38 Evans in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Sonogo has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Feliciano Lopez in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2021, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and falling to Hurkacz in the 2nd round last year. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Sonogo reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October 2021. He plays here at No. 46.
- Sonogo was a member of the **Italian team that won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**. He won 3 of the 4 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Finals Group Stage in Bologna, before winning both doubles matches he contested alongside Jannik Sinner in the quarterfinals and semifinals at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals and has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. As defending champions, Italy have automatically qualified for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Sonogo is coached by Gipo Arbino.

NO. 3 DANIIL MEDVEDEV v EMIL RUUSUVUORI (FIN)

Head-to-head: Medvedev leads 2-0

2022	Astana	Hard (I)	R16	Medvedev	63 62
2023	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Medvedev	64 62

A 3rd meeting for Medvedev and Ruusuvuori, their 2nd on a hard court but their first at a Grand Slam. Medvedev won both of their previous meetings in straight sets.

MEDVEDEV	v	RUUSUVUORI
27	Age	24
3	ATP Ranking	53
21	Titles	0
71-25	Career Grand Slam Record	8-13
22-7	Australian Open Record	3-3
336-136	Career Record	100-90
263-90	Career Record - Hard	75-57
1-0	2024 Record	5-1
1-0	2024 Record - Hard	5-1
4-10	Career Five-Set Record	4-2
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
99-74	Career Tiebreak Record	38-32
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-1

- Two-time Australian Open runner-up **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 6th consecutive year. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- Medvedev advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Terence Atmane in the 1st round on Monday. He was leading 57 62 64 1-0 when Atmane retired due to cramping.
- **Last year here**, Medvedev reached the 3rd round (l. Sebastian Korda). It was his earliest defeat at the Australian Open since 2018, when he fell to Chung Hyeon in the 2nd round.
- Medvedev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching back-to-back finals in 2021, when he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets, and 2022, when he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Medvedev won his first **Grand Slam title** at the 2021 US Open, defeating Djokovic in straight sets. He has a 1-4 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals, having also finished runner-up at the US Open in 2019 (l. Nadal) and last year (l. Djokovic) in addition to his 2 runner-up finishes here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Medvedev reached the semifinals at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- If Medvedev wins his 2nd Grand Slam title here on his 8th Grand Slam appearance since winning his first, he will go **joint-5th on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title**, alongside Yevgeny Kafelnikov – behind Marat Safin (14 attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam title), Djokovic and Gustavo Kuerten (both 12) and Pete Sampras (9).
- Medvedev is bidding become the **13th man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final on 3 or more occasions** – and the 4th active player to do so, after Djokovic (10 Australian Open finals), Nadal (6) and Andy Murray (5).
- Medvedev's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Rotterdam (d. Jannik Sinner), Doha (d. Andy Murray), Dubai (d. Andrey Rublev), Miami-1000 (d. Sinner) and Rome-1000 (d. Holger Rune). He also finished runner-up at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz), Beijing (l. Sinner) and Vienna (l. Sinner). With a 66-18 win-loss record last season, he led the Tour for most matches won in 2023. He did not contest a Tour-level event prior to the Australian Open this year.
- Medvedev has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – he won 5-set matches against Filip Krajinovic in the 3rd round in 2021 and Felix Auger-Aliassime in the quarterfinals in 2022, but lost in 5 sets to Stan Wawrinka in the round of 16 in 2020 and to Nadal in the final in 2022. He has a 4-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Medvedev **became world No. 1** on 28 February 2022, becoming the first player other than the 'Big 4' (comprising Djokovic, Nadal, Roger Federer and Murray) to hold the top ranking since Andy Roddick in February 2004. He held the No. 1 ranking for 16 weeks during 2022 but is yet to return to the No. 1 ranking. He plays here at No. 3 and is one of 3 players in contention for the post-Australian Open No. 1 ranking, along with Alcaraz and Djokovic.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, l. Nikola Milojevic).
- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.
- **RUUSUVUORI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Ruusuvuori is bidding to become the **6th Finnish man in history to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam** – after Jarkko Nieminen (14 appearances in the 3rd round at the Grand Slams), Reino Nyysönen (2), and Veli Paloheimo, Aki Rahunen and Pekka Saila (all one).
- Ruusuvuori is also bidding to become the **4th Finnish player in history, man or woman, to reach the 3rd round at the Australian Open** – after Nieminen (2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2015), Nanne Dahlman (1993, 1996) and Paloheimo (1990).
- Ruusuvuori advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Patrick Kypson 46 63 64 76(4) for his **100th Tour-level match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Ruusuvuori has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He has reached the 2nd round at a Grand Slam on 7 previous occasions – including twice at the Australian Open. He reached the 2nd round on his debut here in 2021 (d. Gael Monfils, l. Pedro Martinez) and again last year (d. Max Purcell, l. Andrey Rublev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Ruusuvuori reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Gregoire Barrere, l. Grigor Dimitrov) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Stan Wawrinka). He withdrew from the US Open due to illness.
- Ruusuvuori's **best results in 2023** were reaching the semifinals at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Tallon Griekspoor) and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Ruusuvuori reached his **2nd Tour-level final** at Hong Kong (l. Rublev). His only previous appearance in a Tour-level final came at 2022 Pune (l. Joao Sousa).
- Ruusuvuori is bidding to end a **6-match losing streak against Top 5 players**. He has a 1-6 win-loss record against Top 5 players – he won the first match he contested against a Top 5 player, defeating No. 5 Dominic Thiem during Finland's 2019 Davis Cup Europe/Africa Group I defeat to Austria, but has lost his 6 subsequent matches.
- Ruusuvuori is **facing a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced at a Grand Slam is No. 6 Rublev in the 2nd round here last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 11 Gael Monfils in the 1st round here in 2021.
- Ruusuvuori broke the Top 50 for the first time in June 2022 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 37 in April 2023. He plays here at No. 53.
- Ruusuvuori was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in November 2017. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 US Open (l. Wu Yibing) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 Australian Open (l. Corentin Moutet). He also defeated Wu to win the title at the 2017 ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu.
- Ruusuvuori was a member of the **Finnish team which reached the Davis Cup semifinals for the first time in 2023**, winning 5 of the 7 matches he contested in the competition last season. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2017 and has a 16-8 overall win-loss record in the competition. Finland will play at home against Portugal in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Ruusuvuori is coached by Federico Ricci.

NO. 6 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v (Q) LUKAS KLEIN (SVK)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Zverev is facing a qualifier at the Australian Open for the 4th time. He has won his 3 previous matches against qualifiers here – against Frances Tiafoe in the 2nd round in 2017, Maxime Cressy in the 2nd round in 2021 and Radu Albot in the 3rd round in 2022. He is bidding to extend a 9-match winning streak against qualifiers at the Grand Slams, having not lost to a qualifier since falling to Jiri Vesely in the 1st round at 2019 Wimbledon. He has a 13-2 win-loss record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams overall.

Zverev is also bidding to extend a 16-match winning streak against qualifiers at Tour-level. He has not lost to a qualifier since falling to Ilya Ivashka in the quarterfinals 2021 Munich. He has a 43-10 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

ZVEREV	v	KLEIN
26	Age	25
6	ATP Ranking	163
21	Titles	0
84-31	Career Grand Slam Record	1-1
21-8	Australian Open Record	1-0
399-178	Career Record	4-9
238-111	Career Record - Hard	2-5
5-1	2024 Record	2-1
5-1	2024 Record - Hard	2-1
19-10	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
153-107	Career Tiebreak Record	5-3
2-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 7th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 32nd Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev advanced to the 2nd round here after defeating Dominik Koepfer 46 63 76(3) 63 in the 1st round here on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, on his first Grand Slam appearance since retiring due to an ankle injury in his semifinal match against Rafael Nadal at 2022 Roland Garros, Zverev reached the 2nd round. He defeated lucky loser Juan Pablo Varillas in 5 sets before falling to lucky loser Michael Mmoh in 4 sets.
- Zverev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2020, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets. It was the first time he had reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- Zverev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the final at the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Zverev reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Casper Ruud), the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Matteo Berrettini).
- Zverev's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Hamburg (d. Laslo Djere) and Chengdu (d. Roman Safiullin). He also reached the semifinals at Dubai (l. Andrey Rublev), Geneva (l. Nicolas Jarry), Halle (l. Alexander Bublik), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic) and Beijing (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Zverev was a **member of the German team which won the United Cup**. He won 4 of the 5 singles matches he contested, defeating Italy's Lorenzo Sonego, France's Adrian Mannarino, Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz, but falling to Australia's Alex de Minaur.
- Zverev has won the last 3 **five-set matches** he has contested, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Sebastian Baez in 5 sets in the 2nd round at 2022 Roland Garros last year, before recording 5-set victories against Varillas in the 1st round here last year and against Jannik Sinner in the round of 16 at the US Open last year. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 19-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in June 2022 after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros. He returned to the Top 10 for the first time since November 2022 in September last year after reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open. He plays here at No. 6.
- Zverev **won Olympic singles gold for Germany** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event in 2021, defeating Russian Olympic Committee's Karen Khachanov in the final. It was Germany's 3rd Olympic gold medal in tennis – after Steffi Graf in women's singles at Seoul 1988 and Boris Becker/Michael Stich in men's doubles at Barcelona 1992.
- Zverev is **one of 6 former junior Australian Open singles champions** who started this year's men's main draw. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (l. Christian Garin) and was named 2013 ITF Junior World Champion. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.
- Zverev has played **Davis Cup** for Germany since 2016 and has a 9-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Germany play away against Hungary in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Zverev is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.
- Qualifier **KLEIN** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Klein is bidding to become the **8th Slovakian man in the Open Era to reach the 3rd round at the Australian Open** – and the first since 2017, when Lukas Lacko reached the 3rd round here for the 2nd time.
- Klein advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Kwon Soonwoo 76(0) 46 76(3) 63 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- In qualifying last week, Klein defeated Marco Trungelliti (ARG) 63 36 63, Denis Kudla (USA) 63 67(2) 64 and Stefano Napolitano (ITA) 76(2) 76(3). It was the **2nd time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 6th attempt.
- **Last year here**, Klein fell to Marc Polmans in the 1st round of qualifying. It was his only previous appearance in qualifying at the Australian Open.
- Klein **fell in qualifying at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2023**. He reached the final round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Hugo Gaston) but fell in the 2nd round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (l. Flavio Cobolli) and Wimbledon (l. Shintaro Mochizuki).
- Klein's **only previous Grand Slam main draw appearance** came at 2022 Wimbledon. He qualified for the main draw at a Grand Slam for the first time on his first attempt but fell to Liam Broady in 5 sets in the 1st round of the main draw. It is the only 5-set match he has contested.
- Klein made **3 Tour-level appearances in 2023**. He fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Marseille (l. David Goffin) and lost both Davis Cup singles matches he contested for Slovakia, falling to Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor in the Qualifiers in February and to Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas in World Group I in September.
- Klein won his **3rd career Challenger title** in 2023 – at the Ortisei Challenger (ITA) (d. Maks Kasnikowski). He also finished runner-up at the Istanbul Challenger (TUR) (l. Damir Dzumhur) and reached the semifinals at the Prague Challenger (CZE) (l. Sebastian Ofner), the Prostejov Challenger (CZE) (l. Dalibor Svrčina) and the Ismaning Challenger (GER) (l. Maximilian Marterer).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Klein reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Brisbane (d. Sebastian Baez, l. Matteo Arnaldi).
- Klein is bidding to record his **5th Tour-level match-win**. Prior to his victory against Kwon in the 1st round here, he had recorded 3 victories at Tour-level – in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at 2021 Buenos Aires (d. Andrej Martin, l. Diego Schwartzman), 2021 Mallorca (d. Dusan Lajovic, l. Jordan Thompson) and at Brisbane this year.
- Klein is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the first time**. He has lost both matches he has previously contested against Top 10 players, falling to No. 9 Schwartzman in the 2nd round at 2021 Buenos Aires and retiring against No. 5 Tsitsipas during Slovakia's 2023 Davis Cup World Group I victory against Greece. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 28 Baez in the 1st round at Brisbane this year.

- Klein reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 133 in May 2023. He plays here at No. 163.
- Klein reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 23 in February 2016. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016 (l. Oliver Anderson).
- Klein made his **Davis Cup** debut for Slovakia in 2022 and has a 2-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Slovakia will play away against Serbia in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Klein is coached by Karol Kucera, who reached the semifinals here in 1998.

NO. 8 HOLGER RUNE (DEN) v (WC) ARTHUR CAZAUX (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Rune is facing a wild card at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. He won the only previous match he has contested against a wild card at the Grand Slams, defeating George Loffhagen in the 1st round at 2023 Wimbledon. He has a 6-5 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

RUNE	v	CAZAUX
20	Age	21
8	ATP Ranking	122
4	Titles	0
16-9	Career Grand Slam Record	1-3
4-2	Australian Open Record	1-0
99-63	Career Record	2-5
53-35	Career Record - Hard	1-2
5-1	2024 Record	1-0
5-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
2-2	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
46-29	Career Tiebreak Record	0-4
3-1	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **RUNE** is bidding to record his 100th Tour-level match-win today.
- Rune is bidding to **reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd straight year**. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Rune advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Yoshihito Nishioka 62 46 76(3) 64 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Rune recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16. He defeated Filip Krajinovic, Maxime Cressy and Ugo Humbert for his first Australian Open match-wins before falling to Andrey Rublev in 5 sets.
- Rune's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2022 and 2023, falling to Casper Ruud on both occasions, and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz). He became the first Danish man to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal since Jan Leschly at the 1967 US Championships.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Rune fell to Roberto Carballes Baena in the 1st round at the US Open.
- At 20 years 274 days, Rune is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Novak Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Rune's best result in 2023 was winning his **4th Tour-level title** at Munich (d. Botic van de Zandschulp). He also finished runner-up at Monte-Carlo-1000 (l. Rublev) and Rome-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev), and reached the semifinals at Montpellier (l. Maxime Cressy), Acapulco (l. Alex de Minaur), Queen's (l. De Minaur) and Basel (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Rune finished runner-up at Brisbane, falling to Grigor Dimitrov in the final.
- Rune has lost both of the **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – falling in 5 sets to Kwon in the 1st round in 2022 and to Rublev in the round of 16 in 2023. He has won the 2 other 5-set matches he has contested, against Francisco Cerundolo in the round of 16 at 2023 Roland Garros and against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in the 3rd round at 2023 Wimbledon.
- Rune **broke the Top 5 for the first time in August 2023**, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 4 the same month. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 8.
- Rune is a **former junior world No. 1**. He won the boys' singles title at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Toby Kodat) and reached the top ranking in October that year. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (d. Dominic Stricker, l. Bu Yunchaokete).

- Rune has played **Davis Cup** for Denmark since 2018 and has a 7-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. Denmark will play away against Mexico in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Rune is coached by Boris Becker, who won the title here in 1991 and 1996, and Severin Luthi.
- Wild card **CAZAUX** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- Cazaux advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Laslo Djere 62 67(3) 62 36 62 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday. It was also the first 5-set match he has contested.
- Cazaux **lost in the 1st round on his 3 previous Grand Slam appearances** – as a wild card at Roland Garros in 2021 (l. Kamil Majchrzak) and 2023 (l. Corentin Moutet) and as a lucky loser at the 2023 US Open (l. Andrey Rublev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Cazaux fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Giulio Zeppieri) but was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open.
- Cazaux is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win**. Prior to his victory against Djere in the 1st round here, his only previous victory at Tour-level came in a 2nd round finish as a wild card at 2021 Geneva (d. Adrian Mannarino, l. Pablo Cuevas).
- Cazaux **played mainly at Challenger-level in 2023**. His best result was winning his 2nd Challenger title as a qualifier at Nonthaburi 2 (THA) (d. Lloyd Harris). He finished runner-up at 3 Challenger events – as a qualifier at both Nonthaburi 3 (THA) (l. Sho Shimabukuro) and Nottingham (GBR) (l. Andy Murray) and as a direct acceptance at Lexington (l. Steve Johnson) – and reached the semifinals at 3 other Challenger events.
- Prior to the Australian Open, Cazaux **won his 3rd Challenger title** at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (d. Enzo Coucaud).
- Cazaux is **facing a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 8 Rublev in the 1st round at the US Open last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 33 Djere in the 1st round here on Tuesday.
- Cazaux reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 108 last week. He plays here at No. 122.
- Cazaux was a **successful junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of world No. 4 in February 2020 after finishing as runner-up on his only appearance in the boys' singles here (l. Harold Mayot).
- Cazaux player is coached by Stephane Huet.

NO. 9 HUBERT HURKACZ (POL) v (Q) JAKUB MENSİK (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Hurkacz has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 142 Mensik twice before – to No. 184 Bernard Tomic in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon and to No. 154 Botić van de Zandschulp in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Hurkacz at the Australian Open is No. 95 Mikael Ymer in the 1st round in 2021.

Hurkacz is facing a qualifier for the 2nd consecutive match. He has won 4 of his 5 previous matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open, against Dennis Novak in the 1st round in 2020 and against Omar Jasika in the 1st round this year. His only defeat to a qualifier at the Grand Slams came against Van de Zandschulp in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros.

Hurkacz is bidding to extend a 14-match winning streak against qualifiers at Tour-level, having not lost to a qualifier since falling to Van de Zandschulp at 2021 Roland Garros. He has a 23-5 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

HURKACZ	v	MENSİK
26	Age	18
9	ATP Ranking	142
7	Titles	0
27-22	Career Grand Slam Record	3-1
6-5	Australian Open Record	1-0
178-126	Career Record	4-1
132-86	Career Record - Hard	4-1
4-2	2024 Record	1-0
4-2	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
8-7	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
98-100	Career Tiebreak Record	2-0
2-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **HURKACZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Hurkacz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Omar Jasika 76(4) 64 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- Last year here, Hurkacz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16, defeating Pedro Martinez in the 1st round and recording 5-set victories against Denis Shapovalov and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to Sebastian Korda, also in 5 sets.
- Hurkacz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Roger Federer in the quarterfinals before falling to Matteo Berrettini in the last 4. He became the 2nd Polish man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal after Jerzy Janowicz at 2013 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Hurkacz reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic), the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Juan Pablo Varillas) and the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Jack Draper).
- Hurkacz's **best results in 2023** were winning the titles at Marseille (d. Benjamin Bonzi) and Shanghai-1000 (d. Andrey Rublev). He also finished runner-up at Basel (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Jan-Lennard Struff) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Hurkacz represented Poland at United Cup, winning 3 of the 5 singles matches he contested as the team finished as runners-up to Germany. He defeated Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild, China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen and France's Adrian Mannarino but fell to Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Germany's Alexander Zverev.
- Hurkacz has a 3-2 win-loss record in **5-set matches at the Australian Open**. In addition to the 3 five-set matches he contested here last year, he also defeated Dennis Novak in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020 but lost to Mikael Ymer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2021. He has a 7-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Hurkacz **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in October 2021 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 9 the following month. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Hurkacz has played **Davis Cup** for Poland since 2016 and has a 9-9 win-loss record in the competition. Poland will play away against Uzbekistan in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Hurkacz is coached by Craig Boynton.
- Qualifier **MENSIK** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Aged 18 years 149 days, Mensik was the **youngest man to begin the 2024 Australian Open men's singles draw**. He is one of 5 teenagers to reach the 2nd round here from the 6 who began the men's singles here this year, alongside Arthur Fils, Alex Michelsen, Shang Juncheng and Luca van Assche. Van Assche defeated Lorenzo Musetti on Wednesday to reach the 3rd round. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- If at least one of Mensik, Fils, Michelsen or Shang win today and join Van Assche in the 3rd round, it will be the **first time that multiple teenagers have reached the 3rd round of the men's singles here since 2019**. If all 4 players win today and join Van Assche in the 3rd round, it will be the most teenagers in the 3rd round of the men's singles at the Australian Open since 1984.

Multiple teenagers in men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open and the Grand Slams

No. of teenagers in R32	Most-recent occasion at Australian Open (players)	Most-recent occasion at a Grand Slam (players)
≥2	2019 (De Minaur, Shapovalov, Popyrin)	2022 US Open (Alcaraz, Rune)
≥3	2019 (De Minaur, Shapovalov, Popyrin)	2021 Roland Garros (Alcaraz, Musetti, Sinner)
≥4	2001 (Federer, Hewitt, Vinciguerra, Youzhny)	2005 US Open (Berdych, Djokovic, Gasquet, Nadal)
≥5	1984 (Becker, Benhabiles, Cash, Edberg, Forget, Frawley)	2005 Wimbledon (Berdych, Djokovic, Gasquet, Monfils, Murray)

- Mensik advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Denis Shapovalov 63 75 75 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- **In qualifying last week**, Mensik defeated No. 25 seed Brandon Nakashima (USA) 64 76(4), Federico Gaio 64 36 63 and Harold Mayot (FRA) 63 76(2). It was his first appearance in qualifying here.
- Mensik **reached the 3rd round on his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open**. He qualified for the main draw on his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam, before defeating Gregoire Barrere and Titouan Droguet for his first Grand Slam match-wins. He fell to Taylor Fritz in straight sets in the 3rd round.
- Mensik is bidding to record his **5th Tour-level match-win**. Apart from his appearances at the US Open last year and in the main draw here this year, his only other Tour-level appearance came at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, when he defeated Serbia's Dusan Lajovic in the only match he contested.
- Mensik **won his first Challenger title** in 2023 – at the Prague Challenger (CZE) (d. Dominik Koepfer). He reached the quarterfinals a 6 other Challenger-level events last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Mensik finished runner-up at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Koepfer).
- Mensik is **facing a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. He lost his only previous match against a Top 10 player, falling to No. 9 Fritz in the 3rd round at the US Open last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 52 Lajovic at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage.
- Mensik broke the Top 400, Top 300 and Top 200 during the 2023 season, ending the year at No. 166. He plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 142.
- Mensik **reached the 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final**, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara in 3 sets. He became the 2nd Czech player to reach the boys' singles final here after 2011 junior champion Jiri Vesely. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in April 2022.

- Mensik made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia at the 2023 Finals Group Stage, defeating Lajovic in singles and winning both doubles matches he contested. He did not compete in Czechia's quarterfinal defeat to Australia at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga. Czechia will play at home against Israel in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Mensik is coached by Tomas Josefus.

NO. 11 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v MAX PURCELL (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: Purcell leads 1-0

2018	US Open Qualifying Draw	Hard (O)	R64	Ruud	76(5) 75
2023	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Purcell	64 36 64

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Ruud and Purcell. Purcell won their only previous Tour-level meeting, in the 2nd round at 2023 Cincinnati-1000. Ruud won when they met below Tour-level, in qualifying at the 2018 US Open.

Ruud is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. He won only previous match against an Australian player here, defeating Jordan Thompson in the 1st round in 2021. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams, with all 3 matches coming against Thompson, with Ruud defeating him on his Roland Garros debut in the 1st round in 2018, but falling to him in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon.

Ruud has lost 3 of his last 4 Tour-level matches against Australian players, with his only victory in that time coming against Thanasi Kokkinakis in the quarterfinals at 2022 Geneva. He has a 5-3 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Ruud has a 6-1 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams – with his only defeat coming against Liam Broady in the 2nd round at Wimbledon last year. He has a 1-0 win-loss record against Australian players here, a 2-0 win-loss record against French players at Roland Garros, an 0-1 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 3-0 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

RUUD	v	PURCELL
25	Age	25
11	ATP Ranking	45
10	Titles	0
37-20	Career Grand Slam Record	2-7
6-4	Australian Open Record	1-2
214-115	Career Record	20-35
80-64	Career Record - Hard	14-24
4-0	2024 Record	2-2
4-0	2024 Record - Hard	2-2
7-6	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
70-61	Career Tiebreak Record	6-16
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **RUUD** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Ruud advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Albert Ramos-Vinolas 61 63 61 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Ruud reached the 2nd round (d. Tomas Machac, l. Jenson Brooksby).
- Ruud's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2021. He retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev.
- Ruud reached his **3rd Grand Slam final last year**, finishing runner-up to Novak Djokovic at Roland Garros. He reached his first 2 Grand Slam finals in 2022, finishing runner-up at both Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal) and the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz). He is the only Norwegian player in history to have contested a Grand Slam singles final.
- At 25 years 37 days, Ruud is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2012 aged 24 years 252 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Ruud reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Laurent Lokoli, l. Liam Broady) and the US Open (d. Emilio Nava, l. Zhang Zhizhen).
- Ruud's **best result in 2023** was winning the title at Estoril (d. Miomir Kecmanovic). He also finished runner-up at Bastad (l. Rublev), reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Holger Rune) and reached the quarterfinals at Geneva (l. Nicolas Jarry), Hamburg (l. Arthur Fils) and Beijing (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Ruud represented Norway at the United Cup, winning all 3 singles matches he contested as Norway reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor, Croatia's Borna Coric and France's Adrian Mannarino in straight sets.
- Ruud has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Quentin Halys in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2018 but falling to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 6-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open in September. He dropped outside the Top 10 for the first time since August 2021 in November last year and plays here at No. 11.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.
- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 23-9 overall win-loss record in the competition. Norway will play against Latvia in the 2024 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997.
- **PURCELL** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- Purcell advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Mate Valkusz 36 76(2) 64 75 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Purcell qualified for the main draw before falling to Emil Ruusuvuori in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round on his only other main draw appearance here – as a qualifier in 2020 (l. Jannik Sinner).
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Purcell has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year (d. Jordan Thompson, l. Yoshihito Nishioka)
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Purcell fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Andrey Rublev) and the US Open (l. Christopher O'Connell), before defeating Valkusz in the 1st round here on Tuesday. He lost in the 1st round on 6 of his previous 7 Grand Slam main draw appearances.
- Purcell's **best Tour-level results in 2023** were reaching the quarterfinals at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and Winston-Salem (l. Jiri Lehecka).
- **At Challenger-level in 2023**, Purcell won titles at 3 consecutive Challenger events in February-March – at Chennai (IND) (d. Nicolas Moreno de Alboran), Bengaluru (IND) (d. James Duckworth) and Pune (d. Luca Nardi). He also finished runner-up at the Lille Challenger (FRA) (l. Otto Virtanen), the Gwangju Challenger (KOR) (l. Thompson) and the Busan Challenger (KOR) (l. Aleksandar Vukic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Purcell reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Kiranpal Pannu, l. Taro Daniel) but lost in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Holger Rune).
- Purcell is bidding to end a **4-match Tour-level losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 7 Ruud in the 2nd round at Cincinnati-1000 last year. He has a 4-8 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall but has lost both matches he has played against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams – falling to No. 16 Jannik Sinner in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open and against No. 7 Rublev in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year.
- Purcell is one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Purcell lost the only **5-set match** he has contested to date, falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon.

- Purcell **broke the Top 50 for the first time** in August last year after reaching his first Masters-1000 quarterfinal at Cincinnati-1000. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 40 in October and plays here at No. 45.
- Purcell made his **Davis Cup** debut for Australia in 2022 and has been a member of the team as they have finished runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. He has a 7-3 overall win-loss record in the competition overall but has lost both Davis Cup singles matches he has played. As runners-up last year, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Purcell is a **Grand Slam men's doubles champion**. He won the men's doubles title at 2022 Wimbledon last year alongside Matthew Ebden, defeating Nikola Pietrangeli/Mate Pavic in the final. They became the 6th all-Australian pair to win the men's doubles title at Wimbledon in the Open Era and the first since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde in 2000. He also reached the 2022 Australian Open men's doubles alongside Ebden (I. Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios).
- Purcell is coached by Cole Smith.

NO. 13 GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL) v THANASI KOKKINAKIS (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Dimitrov is facing an Australian player here for the 4th time. He has won all 3 of his previous matches against Australian players at the Australian Open – against Christopher O’Connell in the 1st round in 2017, Nick Kyrgios in the round of 16 in 2018 and Alex Bolt in the 2nd round in 2021.

Dimitrov is bidding to extend a 5-match winning streak against Australian players at Tour-level. He has not lost to an Australian player since Indian Wells-1000 last year, when he retired due to a right knee injury during his 2nd round match against Jason Kubler. He defeated 2 Australian players en route to the title at Brisbane earlier this month – winning against Rinky Hijikata in the quarterfinals and Jordan Thompson in the semifinals. He has a 23-8 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Dimitrov has an 11-3 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams. In addition to his 3-0 win-loss record against Australian players at the Australian Open, he has a 3-2 win-loss record against French players at Roland Garros, a 1-0 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 4-1 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

DIMITROV	v	KOKKINAKIS
32	Age	27
13	ATP Ranking	80
9	Titles	1
85-52	Career Grand Slam Record	11-18
32-13	Australian Open Record	5-7
427-273	Career Record	63-82
281-177	Career Record - Hard	52-63
6-0	2024 Record	1-2
6-0	2024 Record - Hard	1-2
11-9	Career Five-Set Record	5-5
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
175-166	Career Tiebreak Record	49-53
2-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-2

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 9th time. This is his 14th Australian Open appearance and his 53rd Grand Slam overall.
- Dimitrov advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Marton Fucsovics 46 63 76(1) 62 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Dimitrov reached the 3rd round, defeating Aslan Karatsev and Laslo Djere before falling to Novak Djokovic. He has lost in the 1st round here once before – in 2013, when he fell to Julien Benneteau in straight sets.
- Dimitrov’s **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – including once at the Australian Open, in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the semifinals at 2014 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) and the 2019 US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Dimitrov reached the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (l. Holger Rune), and the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Zverev).
- Dimitrov holds the **longest active streak of consecutive Grand Slam men’s singles appearances**. He is making his 52nd consecutive Grand Slam appearance, having contested every Grand Slam tournament since the 2011 Australian Open. It is the joint-7th longest streak of Grand Slam men’s singles appearances in the Open Era.
- Dimitrov’s **best results in 2023** were finishing runner-up at Geneva (l. Nicolas Jarry) and Paris-1000 (l. Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Medvedev), Washington (l. Daniel Evans), Chengdu (l. Zverev) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Dimitrov won his **first Tour-level title for more than 6 years** at Brisbane (d. Rune). It was his 8th Tour-level title and his first since defeating David Goffin to win the 2017 ATP Finals. Of his 8 Tour-level titles, 7 have come on hard courts.

- The Australian Open is Dimitrov's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He has a 32-13 win-loss record here, compared to a 19-13 win-loss record at Wimbledon and 17-13 at both Roland Garros and the US Open.
- Dimitrov has won 2 of the last 5 **five-set matches** he has contested. His only victories in 5-set matches in that time came against Roger Federer in the quarterfinals at the 2019 US Open and against Alex Molcan in the 1st round at the US Open last year, when he recovered from 0-2 to win for the first time in his career. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and an 11-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Dimitrov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title at the 2017 ATP Finals. He plays here at No. 13 – his highest-ranking since November 2018 when he was ranked at No. 10.
- Dimitrov is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking in September 2008 after winning the boys' singles titles at both Wimbledon (d. Henri Kontinen) and the US Open (d. Devin Britton) that season. He never contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open.
- Dimitrov is coached by Daniel Vallverdu and Jamie Delgado.
- **KOKKINAKIS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Kokkinakis advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Sebastian Ofner 76(1) 26 67(4) 61 76(8) in the 1st round on Tuesday. The victory improved his win-loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open to 2-3. He has a 5-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- **Last year here**, Kokkinakis reached the 2nd round. He defeated Fabio Fognini in the 1st round but fell to Andy Murray in 5 sets in the 2nd round despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Kokkinakis has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round here on 4 previous occasions – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2014 (d. Igor Sijsling, l. Rafael Nadal), as a wild card in 2015 (d. Ernests Gulbis, l. Sam Groth), as a wild card in 2021 (d. Soonwoo Kwon, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and as a direct acceptance last year.
- Kokkinakis' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros on 2 occasions – as a wild card in 2015 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2023 (l. Karen Khachanov).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Kokkinakis fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Hsu Yu Hsiou) but failed to qualify at Wimbledon, losing in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Leandro Riedi).
- Kokkinakis' **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the semifinals as a wild card at Adelaide 2 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut). Apart from his 3rd round finish at Roland Garros, he failed to advance beyond the 2nd round at any other Tour-level event last season.
- Also in 2023, Kokkinakis **won his 5th Challenger title** at the Manama Challenger (BRN) (d. Abdullah Shelbayh). He also reached the semifinals at the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (l. Marc Polmans) and the Cagliari Challenger (ITA) (l. Laslo Djere).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kokkinakis fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Rinky Hijikata) and as a wild card at Adelaide (l. Dusan Lajovic).
- Kokkinakis is one of **6 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round here. A total of 15 Australian players began the men's singles draw here this year – the most Australian men to compete at the Australian Open since 1998, when there were 17. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kokkinakis reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 65 in November last year. He plays here at No. 80.
- Kokkinakis **won the 2022 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Kyrgios. The pair defeated Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell in the first all-Australian Grand Slam men's doubles final since the 1980 Australian Open. They became the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde at 2000 Wimbledon.

- Kokkinakis is a **former Australian Open boys' singles finalist**, falling to Kyrgios in 2013. He also reached the boys' singles final at the 2013 US Open (l. Borna Coric) and won the boys' doubles title at 2013 Wimbledon with Kyrgios.
- Kokkinakis was a member of the **Australian team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first since 2003** in 2022. He was also a member of the team at the Finals Group Stage last year, but missed the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga, where the team also finished as runners-up, due to an ankle injury. He has a 5-7 win-loss record in the competition. As runners-up in 2023, Australia have qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals Group Stage in September.
- Kokkinakis is coached by Todd Langman and Todd Ley.

NO. 14 TOMMY PAUL (USA) v JACK DRAPER (GBR)

Head-to-head: Draper leads 2-0

2023	Adelaide 2	Hard (O)	R16	Draper	64 64
2024	Adelaide	Hard (O)	QF	Draper	61 64

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for Paul and Draper. Both of their previous meetings have come in Adelaide the week prior to the Australian Open in 2023 and 2024, with Draper winning in straight sets on both occasions.

Paul is facing a lefthanded player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time, having defeated Ben Shelton in the quarterfinals here last year. He has a 5-7 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 20-11 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

PAUL	v	DRAPER
26	Age	22
14	ATP Ranking	55
1	Titles	0
23-17	Career Grand Slam Record	7-6
10-4	Australian Open Record	1-1
133-107	Career Record	45-30
103-74	Career Record - Hard	34-20
2-1	2024 Record	5-1
2-1	2024 Record - Hard	5-1
6-4	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
50-60	Career Tiebreak Record	17-14
0-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	3-0

- **PAUL** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.
- Paul advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Gregoire Barrere 62 63 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Paul recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the semifinals. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Ben Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Andy Roddick in 2009.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Paul reached the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Shelton), the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Jiri Lehecka) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (l. Nicolas Jarry)
- Paul's **best results in 2023** were runner-up finishes at Acapulco (l. Alex de Minaur) and Eastbourne (l. Francisco Cerundolo). He also reached the semifinals at Toronto-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the quarterfinals at Delray Beach (l. Radu Albot), Lyon (l. Brandon Nakashima), Newport (l. John Isner), Los Cabos (l. De Minaur) and Tokyo (l. Shelton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide. He received a bye through the 1st round and defeated Alex Bolt in the 2nd round before falling to Jack Draper in the quarterfinals.
- Paul has won both **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – recording 5-set victories against Grigor Dimitrov in the 2nd round in 2020 and Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023. He has a 6-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Paul reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 12 in October 2023. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 14.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Taylor Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2015 US Open (l. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 3 matches he contested in the competition in 2023 as USA fell in the Finals Group Stage. USA will play against Ukraine in Lithuania in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.

- Paul is coached by Brad Stine.
- Lefthander **DRAPER** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.
- Draper advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Marcos Giron 64 36 46 60 62 in the 1st round on Tuesday in the first **5-set match** of his career.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Draper fell to Rafael Nadal in the 1st round.
- Draper's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open last year, where he defeated Radu Albot, Hubert Hurkacz and Michael Mmoh before falling to Andrey Rublev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Draper fell in the 1st round on his Roland Garros debut (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a shoulder injury.
- Draper's best result in 2023 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Sofia (l. Adrian Mannarino). He also reached the semifinals at Adelaide 2 (l. Kwon Soonwoo), the quarterfinals at Lyon (l. Francisco Cerundolo) and the round of 16 at Indian Wells-1000, where he retired due to an abdominal injury against Carlos Alcaraz.
- Prior to the Australian Open, Draper reached his **2nd Tour-level final** at Adelaide (l. Jiri Lehecka).
- Draper is bidding record his **3rd match-win against a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams**. He has a 2-3 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with both his victories coming at the US Open – against No. 8 Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 2nd round in 2022, and against No. 17 Hubert Hurkacz in the 2nd round last year. He has an 8-12 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Draper reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 38 in January 2023. He plays here at No. 55.
- Draper had a **good junior career**. He finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Tseng Chun-Hsin) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in December 2018. He fell in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open, in 2018 (l. Dalibor Svrčina).
- Draper made his **Davis Cup** debut for Great Britain at the Finals Group Stage in September last year, defeating Thansi Kokkinakis in Great Britain's 2-1 victory over Australia. He lost the only match he played in the quarterfinals in Malaga, losing to Miomir Kecmanovic in Great Britain's 2-0 defeat to Serbia. Great Britain have been awarded a wild card to the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Draper is coached by James Trotman.

NO. 19 CAMERON NORRIE (GBR) v (Q) GIULIO ZEPPIERI (ITA)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2020 Rome-1000 Qualifying Draw Clay (O) R64 Zeppieri 63 61

A first Tour-level meeting for Norrie and Zeppieri. Zeppieri won their only previous meeting below Tour-level, in qualifying at 2020 Rome-1000.

Norrie won his only previous match against a qualifier at the Australian Open – against Roman Safiullin in the 2nd round in 2021. He lost his first 2 matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – to Eliot Benchetrit in the 1st round at 2019 Roland Garros and to Gregoire Barrere in the 1st round at the 2019 US Open – but has won all 6 matches he has played against qualifiers at the Grand Slams since then.

Norrie has also won his last 13 matches against qualifiers at Tour-level, having not lost to a qualifier since falling to Corentin Moutet in the 2nd round at 2022 Paris-1000. He has a 31-11 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Norrie and Zeppieri are 2 of the 8 lefthanded players who reached the men's singles 2nd round here, from the 18 who began the main draw this year. Norrie has a 1-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 26-17 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall, while Zeppieri is facing a lefthanded player at Tour-level for the first time.

NORRIE	v	ZEPPIERI
28	Age	22
22	ATP Ranking	133
5	Titles	0
30-24	Career Grand Slam Record	2-2
5-5	Australian Open Record	1-0
191-137	Career Record	5-9
116-89	Career Record - Hard	1-1
3-1	2024 Record	1-0
3-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
5-5	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
55-64	Career Tiebreak Record	1-3
1-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- Lefthander **NORRIE** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Norrie advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Juan Pablo Varillas 64 64 62 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Norrie equalled his **best Australian Open result**, defeating Luca van Assche and Constant Lestienne before falling to Jiri Lehecka in the 3rd round in five sets. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2021, defeating Daniel Evans and Roman Safiullin before falling to Rafael Nadal.
- Norrie's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2022 Wimbledon, defeating Pablo Andujar, Jaime Munar, Steve Johnson, Tommy Paul and David Goffin before falling to eventual champion Novak Djokovic. He became the 4th British man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon after Roger Taylor, Tim Henman and Andy Murray.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Norrie reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Lorenzo Musetti) and the US Open (l. Matteo Arnaldi) but fell in the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Christopher Eubanks).
- Norrie's best result in 2023 was winning his **5th Tour-level title**, at Rio de Janeiro (d. Carlos Alcaraz). He also finished runner-up at Auckland (l. Richard Gasquet) and Buenos Aires (l. Alcaraz), reached the semifinals at Lyon (l. Francisco Cerundolo) and reached the quarterfinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Frances Tiafoe), Queen's (l. Sebastian Korda) and Zhuhai (l. Aslan Karatsev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Norrie represented Great Britain at the United Cup, where he won one of the 2 singles matches he contested – defeating Australia's Alex de Minaur but falling to USA's Taylor Fritz. He also competed at

Auckland, defeating Van Assche in his opening match before giving a walkover to Alejandro Tabilo in the quarterfinals due to a wrist injury.

- Norrie has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Pierre-Hugues Herbert in the 1st round in 2020 and against Lehecka in the 3rd round last year. He has a 5-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Norrie **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in April 2022, becoming the 4th British man – after Greg Rusedski, Henman and Murray – to reach the Top 10. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 in August 2022. He plays here at No. 22.
- Norrie played **college tennis**. He represented Texas Christian University and finished his college career in 2017 as the NCAA's top-ranked male player. He compiled a 77-20 win-loss record in singles in college tennis from 2014 to 2017.
- Norrie was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 10 in March 2013. He reached the 2nd round on both of his appearances in the boys' singles here – in 2012 (d. Tudor Cristian Sulea, l. Trey Strobel) and 2013 (d. Liu Siyu, l. Nick Kyrgios).
- Norrie made his **Davis Cup** debut for Great Britain in 2018 and has a 7-8 win-loss record in the competition. He was part of the British team that reached the quarterfinals last year. Great Britain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Norrie is coached by Facundo Lugones.
- Qualifier **ZEPPIERI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam overall.
- Zeppieri advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Dusan Lajovic 63 36 63 76(3) for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **As No. 26 seed in qualifying last week**, Zeppieri defeated Pablo Cuevas (URU) 60 61, Damir Dzumhur (BIH) 63 62 and Alexander Ritschard (SUI) 63 63. It is the 3rd time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 8th attempt.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Zeppieri has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros last year (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Casper Ruud). He fell in the 1st round on his only other Grand Slam main draw appearance – as a qualifier at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Hubert Hurkacz).
- **Last year here**, Zeppieri reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Santiago Fa Rodriguez Taverna, l. Leandro Riedi). It was his only previous appearance in Australian Open qualifying.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Zeppieri reached the final round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Enzo Coucaud) but fell in the 2nd round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Lucas Pouille).
- Zeppieri is bidding to record his **6th Tour-level match-win**. Apart from his 2nd round finish at Roland Garros last year and his victory against Lajovic in the 1st round here, his only other Tour-level match-wins came in a semifinal finish as a qualifier at 2022 Umag, when he defeated Pedro Cachin, Daniel Elahi Galan and Bernabe Zapata Miralles before falling to Carlos Alcaraz.
- Zeppieri made **3 Tour-level appearances in 2023**. Apart from his 2nd round finish at Roland Garros, he fell in the 1st round on his other 2 Tour-level appearances last year – at Estoril (l. Joao Sousa) and as a wild card at Rome-1000 (l. Daniel Altmaier).
- Zeppieri **won his 2nd Challenger title** in 2023 – at the Cherbourg Challenger (FRA) (d. Titouan Droguet). He finished runner-up as a wild card at the Rovereto Challenger (ITA) (l. Dominic Stricker) and as a direct acceptance at the Karlsruhe Challenger (GER) (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and reached the semifinals at the Montechiarugolo Challenger (ITA) (l. Francesco Maestrelli).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Zeppieri attempted to qualify at Brisbane. He defeated Omar Jasika before falling to Dominic Thiem in the final round of qualifying.

- Zeppieri is bidding to **defeat a Top 30 player for the first time** on his 5th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 47 Alex Molcan in qualifying at 2022 Rome-1000.
- Zeppieri won the only **5-set match** he has contested – against Bublik in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.
- Zeppieri reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 115 in February last year. He plays here at No. 133.
- Zeppieri **reached the Australian Open boys' singles semifinals in 2019**, falling to Lorenzo Musetti. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 in March 2019.
- Zeppieri is coached by Massimo Sartori, Nicola Ceragioli and Tommaso Castagnola

NO. 23 ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP) v NUNO BORGES (POR)

Head-to-head: first meeting

This is the 5th Australian Open men's singles match between a Spanish player and a Portuguese player in the Open Era – and the 2nd in consecutive years, after Roberto Bautista Agut defeated Joao Sousa in the 1st round here last year. It is the 18th Grand Slam men's singles match between a Spanish player and a Portuguese player in the Open Era. Spanish players lead Portuguese players 3-1 at the Australian Open and 13-4 at the Grand Slams overall.

Davidovich Fokina has won both Tour-level matches he has played against Portuguese players, while Borges has a 2-1 win-loss record against Spanish players at Tour-level.

DAVIDOVICH FOKINA	v	BORGES
24	Age	26
24	ATP Ranking	69
0	Titles	0
22-15	Career Grand Slam Record	3-7
4-3	Australian Open Record	1-1
99-97	Career Record	18-27
54-55	Career Record - Hard	12-15
3-0	2024 Record	2-2
3-0	2024 Record - Hard	2-2
7-6	Career Five-Set Record	2-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
42-46	Career Tiebreak Record	16-13
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **DAVIDOVICH FOKINA** is bidding to record his 100th Tour-level match-win today.
- Davidovich Fokina is bidding to **reach the 3rd round here for the first time**. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Davidovich Fokina advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Constant Lestienne 64 64 76(5) in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Davidovich Fokina has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round on all 3 of his previous appearances here – in 2020 (d. Norbert Gombos, l. Diego Schwartzman), 2022 (d. Alex Bolt, l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and 2023 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Tommy Paul).
- Davidovich Fokina's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2021 Roland Garros, where he defeated Mikhail Kukushkin, Botic van de Zandschulp, Casper Ruud and Federico Delbonis before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Davidovich Fokina reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Novak Djokovic), Wimbledon (l. Holger Rune) and the US Open (l. Paul).
- Davidovich Fokina's **best results in 2023** was reaching the semifinals at Toronto-1000 (l. Alex de Minaur). He also reached 5 quarterfinals – at Adelaide 2 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut), Doha (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev), Estoril (l. Marco Cecchinato) and Barcelona (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Davidovich Fokina represented Spain at the United Cup. He won both singles matches he contested, defeating Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Davidovich Fokina has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Gombos in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020 and Bublik in 5 sets in the 1st round last year, but falling to Paul in 5 sets in the 2nd round last year. He has a 7-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Davidovich Fokina reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in August last year. He plays here 3 players lower at No. 24.

- In 2017, Davidovich Fokina became the **first Spanish junior champion at Wimbledon** since Manuel Orantes in 1967, defeating Axel Geller in the title match. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in July that year. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Davidovich Fokina made his **Davis Cup** debut for Spain in 2022 and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Spain have been awarded a wild card for the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.
- Davidovich Fokina is coached by Jorge Aguirre.
- **BORGES** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- Borges advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Maximilian Marterer 75 76(3) 62 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Borges has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at the 2022 US Open (d. Ben Shelton, l. Wu Yibing) and as a direct acceptance at 2023 Roland Garros (d. John Isner, l. Diego Schwartzman).
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Borges fell to Lorenzo Sonego in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Borges fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Francisco Cerundolo) and the US Open (l. Sebastian Ofner).
- **At Tour-level in 2023**, Borges reached the 2nd round at 7 Tour-level events and won 2 of the 3 Davis Cup matches he contested.
- Borges **won 3 Challenger titles in 2023** – at Monterrey (MEX) (d. Borna Gojo), Phoenix (USA) (d. Alexander Shevchenko) and Maia (POR) (d. Benoit Paire). He also finished runner-up at the Shenzhen Challenger (CHN) (l. Aleksandar Kovacevic) and reached the semifinals at the Nottingham Challenger (GBR) (l. Andy Murray).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Borges reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Alex Michelsen, l. Arthur Fils) but fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Pavel Kotov).
- Borges has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He defeated Shelton in 5 sets before losing to Wu in 5 sets at the 2022 US Open, and defeated Isner in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros.
- Borges reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 63 in April 2023. He plays here 6 places lower at No. 69.
- Borges **played college tennis**. He represented Mississippi State University in 2016-19, reaching the 2019 NCAA singles final.
- Borges made his **Davis Cup** debut for Portugal in 2021 and has a 6-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal will play away against Finland in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Borges is coached by Rui Machado and Hugo Anao.

NO. 27 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v (Q) HUGO GRENIER (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Auger-Aliassime has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 178 Grenier once before – when he lost to No. 256 Ernests Gulbis in the 1st round here in 2020.

Auger-Aliassime has lost both of the previous matches he has played against qualifiers at the Australian Open – to Gulbis in the 1st round in 2020 and to Aslan Karatsev in the round of 16 in 2021, despite holding a 2-0 lead. He has won all 5 of the other Grand Slam matches he has played against qualifier and a 24-11 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

AUGER-ALIASSIME	v	GRENIER
23	Age	27
30	ATP Ranking	178
5	Titles	0
29-18	Career Grand Slam Record	3-3
11-4	Australian Open Record	1-0
184-123	Career Record	6-10
130-81	Career Record - Hard	3-4
1-1	2024 Record	1-0
1-1	2024 Record - Hard	1-0
6-3	Career Five-Set Record	2-0
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
102-72	Career Tiebreak Record	6-5
0-2	2024 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 4th time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 19th Grand Slam overall.
- Auger-Aliassime advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Dominic Thiem 63 75 67(5) 57 63 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Auger-Aliassime reached the round of 16, defeating Vasek Pospisil, Alex Molcan and Francisco Cerundolo before falling to Jiri Lehecka.
- Auger-Aliassime's victory in the 1st round here **ended a 4-match Grand Slam losing streak**. Following his round of 16 finish here last year, he lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Fabio Fognini), Wimbledon (l. Michael Mmoh) and the US Open (l. Mackenzie McDonald). His
- Auger-Aliassime's best **Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022, when he defeated Emil Ruusuvuori, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Daniel Evans and Marin Cilic before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets.
- Auger-Aliassime's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2021 US Open (l. Medvedev). He became the 3rd Canadian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam after Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov.
- Auger-Aliassime's best result in 2023 was winning his **5th Tour-level title** at Basel (d. Hubert Hurkacz). He also reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Medvedev), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz), Lyon, where he gave a walkover to Arthur Fils due to a right shoulder injury, and Tokyo (l. Marcos Giron). He ended the 2023 season with a 23-19 win-loss record – compared to 60-27 in 2022.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Auger-Aliassime competed at Auckland but lost his opening match to Daniel Altmaier.
- Auger-Aliassime has won 3 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his victory against Thiem in the 1st round this year. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Auger-Aliassime reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in November 2022. He ended the 2023 season at No. 29 and plays here one place lower at No. 30 – his lowest ranking since May 2019, when he was also ranked No. 30.
- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight

sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.

- Auger-Aliassime was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup singles matches he contested in 2022, including all 3 of his singles matches at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga. He was named in Canada's team for the Final 8 Knockout Stage in 2023 but did not contest a match as Canada fell to Finland in the quarterfinals. He has a 9-4 overall win-loss record in the competition and was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (I. Spain). Canada will play at home against Korea, Rep. in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang and Toni Nadal.
- Qualifier **GRENIER** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Grenier advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Alexandre Muller 26 76(3) 46 64 76(7) for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- In qualifying last week, Grenier defeated Mark Lajal (EST) 64 62, No. 19 seed Maxime Cressy (USA) 46 62 63 and Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) 57 64 76(4). It was the **first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam** on his 11th attempt.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Grenier has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a lucky loser at both 2022 Wimbledon (d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, I. Cristian Garin) and the 2022 US Open (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, I. Matteo Berrettini).
- **Last year here**, Grenier fell to Enzo Couacaud in the 1st round of qualifying. It was his 2nd appearance in qualifying at the Australian Open, having also fallen in the 1st round of qualifying in 2022 (I. Timofei Skatov).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Grenier made his Roland Garros debut as a wild card, falling to Marton Fucsovics in the 1st round. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both Wimbledon (I. Shintaro Mochizuki) and the US Open (I. Federico Gaio).
- Grenier's **best Tour-level result in 2023** was reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Madrid-1000, where he defeated Diego Schwartzman and Sebastian Korda before falling to Alexander Zverev. He lost in the 1st round on his 3 other Tour-level appearances – as a lucky loser at both Marrakech (I. Dimitar Kuzmanov) and Rome-1000 (I. JJ Wolf) and as a wild card at Roland Garros.
- Grenier **won his 4th and 5th career Challenger titles** in 2023 – at the Les Franqueses Del Valles Challenger (ESP) (d. Billy Harris) and the Pozoblanco Challenger (ESP) (d. Juan Pablo Ficovich). He also finished runner-up at the Alicante Challenger (ESP) (I. Constant Lestienne).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Grenier fell in the 1st round at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (I. Moerani Bouzige).
- Grenier is bidding to **defeat a Top 30 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against Top 30 players, defeating No. 28 Korda in the 2nd round at Madrid-1000 last year, but falling to No. 14 Berrettini in the 2nd round at the 2022 US Open and to No. 16 Zverev in the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 last year.
- Grenier has won both **5-set matches** he has contested – defeating Huesler in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon and defeating Muller in the 1st round here this year.
- Grenier reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 95 in September 2022. He plays here at No. 178.
- Grenier is coached by Gerard Solves.

NO. 32 JIRI LEHECKA (CZE) v ALEX MICHELSEN (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Lehecka has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 91 Michelsen. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Lehecka at a Grand Slam is No. 82 Cristian Garin in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open.

LEHECKA	v	MICHELSEN
22	Age	19
23	ATP Ranking	91
1	Titles	0
9-8	Career Grand Slam Record	2-1
5-2	Australian Open Record	1-0
53-49	Career Record	8-10
36-28	Career Record - Hard	4-8
6-2	2024 Record	1-2
6-2	2024 Record - Hard	1-2
3-1	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
19-16	Career Tiebreak Record	4-3
1-0	2024 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **LEHECKA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at the Australian Open for the 2nd straight year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Lehecka advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Bernabe Zapata Miralles 63 62 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Lehecka recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals. He recorded his first Grand Slam match-wins by defeating Borna Coric, Christopher Eubanks, Cameron Norrie and Felix Auger-Aliassime before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last 8.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2023**, Lehecka reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon, where he defeated Sebastian Ofner, Francisco Cerundolo and Tommy Paul before retiring due to a right foot injury against Daniil Medvedev, and reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Jan-Lennard Struff, l. Marcos Giron), but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Aslan Karatsev).
- Lehecka's best result in 2023 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Winston-Salem (l. Sebastian Baez). He also reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Andy Murray) and the quarterfinals at Banja Luka (l. Miomir Kecmanovic), Umag (l. Matteo Arnaldi) and Astana (l. Hamad Medjedovic).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Lehecka **won his first Tour-level title** at Adelaide (d. Jack Draper). He also represented Czechia at the United Cup, losing both of the singles matches he contested – falling to China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen and Serbia's Novak Djokovic.
- Lehecka has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested, including a 5-set victory against Norrie in the 3rd round here last year. His defeat in a 5-set match came against Filip Krajinovic in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon.
- Lehecka reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 23 this week after winning the title at Adelaide. He is seeded at a Grand Slam for the first time here.
- Lehecka had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 10 in March 2019 and reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at both the Australian Open and US Open in 2019, falling to Emilio Nava on both occasions. He also won the boys' doubles title at 2019 Wimbledon alongside Jonas Forejtek.
- Lehecka made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 and has a 7-9 win-loss record in the competition. Czechia play at home against Israel in the 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers in February.
- Lehecka is coached by Michal Navratil.
- **MICHELSEN** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam overall.

- Aged 19 years 156 days, Michelsen was the **4th-youngest man to begin the 2024 Australian Open men's singles draw**. He is one of 5 teenagers to reach the 2nd round here from the 6 who began the men's singles here this year, alongside Arthur Fils, Jakub Mensik, Shang Juncheng and Luca van Assche. Van Assche defeated Lorenzo Musetti on Wednesday to reach the 3rd round. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- If at least one of Michelsen, Fils, Mensik or Shang win today and join Van Assche in the 3rd round, it will be the **first time that multiple teenagers have reached the 3rd round of the men's singles here since 2019**. If all 4 players win today and join Van Assche in the 3rd round, it will be the most teenagers in the 3rd round of the men's singles at the Australian Open since 1984.

Multiple teenagers in men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open and the Grand Slams

No. of teenagers in R32	Most-recent occasion at Australian Open (players)	Most-recent occasion at a Grand Slam (players)
≥2	2019 (De Minaur, Shapovalov, Popyrin)	2022 US Open (Alcaraz, Rune)
≥3	2019 (De Minaur, Shapovalov, Popyrin)	2021 Roland Garros (Alcaraz, Musetti, Sinner)
≥4	2001 (Federer, Hewitt, Vinciguerra, Youzhny)	2005 US Open (Berdych, Djokovic, Gasquet, Nadal)
≥5	1984 (Becker, Benhabiles, Cash, Edberg, Forget, Frawley)	2005 Wimbledon (Berdych, Djokovic, Gasquet, Monfils, Murray)

- Michelsen advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card James McCabe 76(5) 36 61 62 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Michelsen has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut at the US Open last year (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, I. Nicolas Jarry). It was the only previous occasion he has competed at a Grand Slam, either in the main draw or qualifying.
- Michelsen's best result in 2023 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Newport in just his 2nd Tour-level event. He defeated Maxime Cressy, James Duckworth, Mackenzie McDonald and John Isner for his first Tour-level match-wins before falling to Adrian Mannarino in the final.
- Michelsen is bidding to record his **9th Tour-level match-win**. Other than his 1st round victory here, his 4 victories at Newport and his 2nd round finish at the US Open last year, his only other Tour-level match-wins came in a 3rd round finish as a wild card at Winston-Salem last year, when he defeated Juan Pablo Varillas and Sebastian Ofner before falling to Laslo Djere.
- Michelsen won his **first 2 Challenger titles in 2023** – at Chicago (USA) (I. Yuta Shimizu) and Knoxville (USA) (d. Denis Kudla). He also finished runner-up at the Rome Challenger (USA) (I. Jordan Thompson) and the Champaign Challenger (USA) (I. Patrick Kypson) and reached the semifinals at the Waco Challenger (USA) (I. Alexandre Muller) and the Cary Challenger (USA) (I. Zachary Svajda).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Michelsen qualified for the main draw at both Brisbane and Auckland, but fell in the 1st round at both events – losing to Ugo Humbert at Brisbane and to Nuno Borges at Auckland.
- Michelsen's victory against McCabe in the 1st round here **ended a 6-match Tour-level losing streak**. Since his 2nd round finish at the US Open last year, he had lost the 3 group stage matches he contested at the NextGen ATP Finals – where he fell to Hamad Medjedovic, Abdullah Shelbayh and Luca van Assche – and his 2 main draw matches at Brisbane and Auckland, before defeating McCabe here on Tuesday.
- Michelsen is bidding to defeat a **Top 50 player, at any level, for the first time** at the 5th attempt. The highest-ranked players he has defeated, at any level, are No. 59 McDonald in the quarterfinals at 2023 Newport and No. 59 Ofner in the 1st round at 2023 Winston-Salem.
- Michelson rose from outside the Top 500 at the beginning of the 2023 season to **break the Top 100 for the first time** in November. He plays here at a new career-high ranking of No. 91.
- Michelsen reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 in July 2022. He won the boys' doubles title at 2022 Wimbledon alongside Sebastian Gorzny (d. Gabriel Debru/Paul Inchauspe) and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the 2022 Australian Open alongside Daniel Vallejo (I. Bruno Kuzuhara/Coleman Wong). He never played the boys' singles event here.
- Michelsen is coached by Jay Leavitt and Eric Diaz.