



## 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



### Junior Tournament Preview

In 1922, the first boys' singles event was held at the Australian Championships, with Alan Yeldham winning the title. The first girls' singles event was held 8 years later in 1930, with Emily Hood winning the tournament. This is the 97th edition of the boys' singles tournament and the 89th edition of the girls' singles tournament here.

The Australian Championships (which became the Australian Open in 1969) was the first of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments to host a junior event – ahead of Roland Garros and Wimbledon, both of which hosted a junior event for the first time in 1947, and the US Open, which hosted its inaugural junior event in 1973.

The 2024 Australian Open is the 112th edition of the event overall and is being played at Melbourne Park for the 37th time, having first been played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

#### 2023 – THE JUNIOR TOUR IN REVIEW

At the 2023 Australian Open, Alina Korneeva defeated Mirra Andreeva to win the girls' singles title aged just 15 years 219 days. In the boys' draw, Belgium's Alexander Blockx defeated USA's Learner Tien in the singles final, a 3-set epic that ended with an 11-9 tiebreak. With the title, Blockx became the first Belgian to win a Grand Slam junior singles' title since Kimmer Coppejans won the boys' title at 2012 Roland Garros.

At Roland Garros, Korneeva, still aged 15, once again triumphed by defeating Peru's Lucciana Perez Alarcon, becoming the first player to win 2 Grand Slam girls' singles titles since 2013, when Ana Konjuh (Australian Open and US Open) and Belinda Bencic (Roland Garros and Wimbledon) each won 2 junior Grand Slam titles. Korneeva also became the first girl to win the opening 2 junior Grand Slam titles of the season since Magdalena Maleeva won the Australian Open and Roland Garros titles (as well as the US Open title later in the year) in 1990.

Meanwhile, runner-up Perez Alarcon made history of her own by becoming the first Peruvian player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final, and the first Peruvian player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final since Luis Horna finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 1997 Roland Garros.

Elsewhere in Grand Slam girls' singles events, USA's Clervie Ngounoue claimed the title at Wimbledon after compatriot Liv Hovde won in 2022, before another American in Katherine Hui won her home Grand Slam at the US Open. All 4 girls' singles Grand Slam champions from last season are currently focussing on their professional careers.

In boys' singles events, Dino Prizmic won at Roland Garros to become the first Croatian player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title since Borna Coric won at the 2013 US Open. At Wimbledon, home talent Henry Searle became the first British boys' singles champion at SW19 since all the way back in 1962, when Stanley Matthews won the title, end a 61-year drought for a home champion, by far the longest drought in the boys' or girls' singles at any of the 4 Grand Slams.

Brazil's Joao Fonseca won the title at the US Open, becoming the 2nd Brazilian layer to win the boys' singles title at the US Open, after Thiago Seyboth Wild in 2018. Blockx and Prizmic are currently focussing on their professional careers, while Searle and Fonseca, both still aged 17, remain eligible continue their junior careers in 2024.

## NEW GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS GUARANTEED

With no junior Grand Slam champions in either the boys' or girls' singles draw, new junior Grand Slam singles champions are guaranteed at this year's event. Seven players competing here have experience of a Grand Slam final in either singles or doubles:

Player	Result
Renata Jamrichova (SVK)	Won girls' doubles at 2023 Australian Open
Laura Samsonova (CZE)	Won girls' doubles at 2023 Wimbledon
Sara Saito (JPN)	Runner-up in girls' doubles at 2023 Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
Hannah Klugman (GBR)	Runner-up in girls' doubles at 2023 Wimbledon
Tereza Valentova (CZE)	Runner-up in girls' singles at 2023 US Open
Alena Kovackova (CZE)	Won girls' doubles at 2023 Wimbledon
Tyra Caterina Grant (USA)	Won girls' doubles at 2023 Roland Garros

## AT THE DOUBLE

In 2022, Kuzuhara became the first player to win both boys' singles and boys' doubles titles at the Australian Open since 2011, when Jiri Vesely who won the singles title and partnered Filip Horansky to the doubles title. The last player to win both girls' singles and doubles titles at the Australian Open in the same year was Chinese Taipei's Liang En-Shuo, who won the girls' singles title and girls' doubles title (alongside Wang Xinyu) in 2018.

## HOME CHAMPIONS

In 2016, Oliver Anderson became the 5th Australian player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title in the last decade – following Brydan Klein (2007), Bernard Tomic (2008), Luke Saville (2012) and Nick Kyrgios (2013).

The Australian Open has seen the longest wait for a home player to win the girls' singles title of the 4 Grand Slams – Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995) is the last Australian player to have won the girls' tournament here.

Grand Slam	Most-recent home boys' singles champion	Most-recent home girls' singles champion
Australian Open	Oliver Anderson (2016)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995)
Roland Garros	Gabriel Debru (2022)	Elsa Jacquemot (2020)
Wimbledon	Henry Searle (2023)	Laura Robson (2008)
US Open	Taylor Fritz (2015)	Katherine Hui (2023)

## 2023 CHAMPIONS CONTINUE PROGRESS ON PROFESSIONAL TOUR

The 2023 Australian Open junior champions, Korneeva and Blockx, have both enjoyed success at professional level since winning the girls' and boys' titles here last year. Korneeva qualified for the main draw here and reached the 2nd round, defeating Sara Sorribes Tormo before falling to Beatriz Haddad Maia. Blockx fell to Zachary Svajda in the 3 sets in the 1st round of men's singles qualifying.

Korneeva won a title at W60 Pretoria (RSA) in March last year, won the girls' singles at Roland Garros in June, then won her biggest senior title to date at W100 Figueira da Foz (POR) in July. In October, she made her WTA Tour debut as a qualifier at Hong Kong, reaching the 2nd round. The following week, Korneeva then finished her season by competing at the 2023 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals at Chengdu, winning the title as the No. 1 seed. She ended 2023 ranked inside the world's Top 200.

Blockx reached his first professional finals at M15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) in March and at M25 Falun (SWE) in October. Later in October, after receiving a wild card into qualifying at his home ATP event in Antwerp, reached the main draw to make his ATP Tour debut, losing in the first round to Yannick Hanfmann (GER). Blockx then won back-to-back M25 titles at Glasgow (GBR) and Sunderland (GBR), before coming through qualifying at the Danderyd Challenger (SWE) and reaching the semifinals. Blockx broke the Top 350 for the first time at the end of November 2023.

## **YOUNGEST AND OLDEST**

The youngest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are Australia's Cruz Hewitt (15 years 47 days) and Renee Alame (14 years 267 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

The oldest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are France's Theo Papamalamis (18 years 18 days) and Norway's Emily Sartz-Lunde (18 years 15 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

In the boys' draw there are 5 fifteen-year-olds, 20 sixteen-year-olds, 36 seventeen-year-olds and 3 eighteen-year-olds. In the girls' draw there are 4 fourteen-year-old, 13 fifteen-year-olds, 20 sixteen-year-olds, 26 seventeen-year-olds and one eighteen-year-old.

## **WILD CARDS**

Australian players received 6 of the 8 available wild cards in the boys' singles draw: Jerome Estephan, Hazratwala Cruz Hewitt, Ty Host, Daniel Jovanovski and Hugh Winter. The other 2 wild cards went to Bolivia's Diego Eduardo Munoz and Japan's Ryo Tabata.

Home players received 5 of the 8 wild card entries in the girls' singles draw: Renee Alame, Kimiko Cooper, Giselle Gullen, Tahlia Kokkinis and Koharu Nishikawa. The other 2 wild cards went to Brazil's Carolina Bohrer Martins, France's Ksenia Efremova and Japan's Riko Kikawada.

## **GRAND SLAM PREPARATION**

Prior to the Australian Open, the majority of the field competed at J300 Traralgon. Rei Sakamoto defeated Nicolai Budkov Kjaer in the boys' singles final, while Emerson Jones overcame Iva Jovic in the girls' singles final.

The last player to win the singles titles at both Traralgon and the Australian Open was Clara Tauson in 2019. Alexander Zverev was the last boy to achieve the feat, winning both titles in 2014.

## FUTURE GREATNESS

11 men and 8 women have won both the junior title and the men's or women's singles titles at the Australian Open – most recently Stefan Edberg, who won the boys' title in 1983 and went on to win the men's title here in 1985 and 1987, and Victoria Azarenka, who won the girls' title in 2005 and won the women's singles title here in 2012 and 2013.

### Australian Open boys' singles champions to win men's singles title

Player	Junior champion	Men's champion
Jack Crawford	1926-29	1931-33, 1935
Vivian McGrath	1932	1937
Adrian Quist	1933	1936, 1940, 1948
John Bromwich	1935-37	1939, 1946
Dinny Pails	1940	1947
Frank Sedgman	1946	1949-50
Ken McGregor	1948	1952
Ken Rosewall	1950, 1952	1953, 1955, 1971-72
Lew Hoad	1951	1956
Rod Laver	1957	1960, 1962, 1969
John Newcombe	1961-63	1973, 1975
Stefan Edberg	1983	1985, 1987

Two other Australian Open boys' singles champions have gone on to win Grand Slam men's singles titles: 1964 champion Tony Roche (1966 Roland Garros) and 2000 champion Andy Roddick (2003 US Open).

### Australian Open girls' singles champions to win women's singles title

Player	Junior champion	Women's champion
Emily Hood Westacott	1930	1939
Joan Hartigan	1931	1933-34, 1936
Thelma Coyne Long	1935-36	1952-54
Beryl Penrose	1948	1955
Mary Carter Reitano	1951-52	1956, 1959
Kerry Melville Reid	1965	1977 (Jan)
Evonne Goolagong Cawley	1970	1974-76, 1977 (Dec)
Chris O'Neill	1973	1978
Victoria Azarenka	2005	2012-13

Two other Australian Open girls' singles champions have gone on to win other Grand Slam women's singles titles: 1960 champion Lesley Turner Bowrey (1963, 1965 Roland Garros) and 1975 champion Sue Barker (1976 Roland Garros).

A total of 13 former junior singles champions competed in the men's and women's singles main draws at the Australian Open this year: 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions (Sebastian Korda, Gael Monfils, Lorenzo Musetti, Roman Safiullin, Jiri Vesely and Alexander Zverev) and 7 former girls' singles champions (Victoria Azarenka, Alina Korneeva, Marta Kostyuk, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Karolina Pliskova, Taylor Townsend and Clara Tauson).

In total, 28 former Grand Slam boys' singles champions began the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year, while 27 former Grand Slam girls' singles champions began the women's main draw here.

## COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 34 nations are represented in the junior singles draws at the 2024 Australian Open, with Australia having the most players competing in both the boys' singles and girls' singles draws here. (NB 7 players are competing without a nationality at this year's event)

Nation	Boys' singles	Girls' singles	Total
Australia	8	8	16
USA	7	7	14
Great Britain	4	5	9
Japan	2	6	8
Bulgaria	3	4	7
Czechia	3	4	7
Italy	4	3	7
Germany	5	1	6
Brazil	3	2	5
Korea, Rep.	4	1	5
France	3	1	4
Netherlands	2	2	4
Spain	2	1	3
Kazakhstan	1	1	2
Norway	1	1	2
Poland	1	1	2
Romania	1	1	2
Sweden	1	1	2
Argentina		1	1
Austria		1	1
Benin		1	1
Bolivia	1		1
Canada	1		1
Chile		1	1
China, P.R.	1		1
Denmark		1	1
Israel		1	1
Morocco		1	1
Peru	1		1
Serbia		1	1
Slovakia		1	1
Thailand	1		1
Turkiye	1		1
Ukraine		1	1
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## AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOUR ROLL

There have been 84 Australian Open boys' singles champions since the competition was first held in 1922, with 8 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions. There have been 72 girls' singles champions here, with 13 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions.

Honour roll		
Year	Boys' singles champion	Girls' singles champion
1922	Alan Yeldham (AUS)	not played
1923	Leonard Cryle (AUS)	not played
1924	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1925	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1926	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1927	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1928	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1929	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1930	Don Turnbull (AUS)	Emily Hood (AUS)
1931	Bruce Moore (AUS)	Joan Hartigan (AUS)
1932	Vivian McGrath (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1933	Adrian Quist (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1934	Neil Ennis (AUS)	May Blick (AUS)
1935	John Bromwich (AUS)	Thelma Coyne (AUS)
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1937	John Bromwich (AUS)	Margaret Wilson (AUS)
1938	Max Newcombe (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1939	William Sidwell (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1940	Dinny Pails (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1941-45	not played	not played
1946	Frank Sedgman (AUS)	S. Grant (AUS)
1947	Don Candy (AUS)	Joan Tuckfield (AUS)
1948	Ken McGregor (AUS)	Beryl Penrose (AUS)
1949	Clive Wilderspin (AUS)	Joan Warnock (AUS)
1950	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Barbara McIntyre (AUS)
1951	Lew Hoad (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1952	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1953	William Gilmour (AUS)	Jenny Staley (AUS)
1954	William Knight (GBR)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1955	Gerry Moss (USA)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1956	Bob Mark (AUS)	Lorraine Coghlan (AUS)
1957	Rod Laver (AUS)	Margot Rayson (AUS)
1958	Martin Mulligan (AUS)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1959	Butch Buchholz (USA)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1960	Will Coghlan (AUS)	Lesley Turner (AUS)
1961	John Newcombe (AUS)	Robyn Ebbern (AUS)
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1964	Tony Roche (AUS)	Kaye Denning (AUS)
1965	Georges Goven (FRA)	Kerry Melville (AUS)
1966	Karl Coombes (AUS)	Karen Krantzcke (AUS)
1967	Brian Fairlie (NZL)	Lexie Kenny (AUS)
1968	Phil Dent (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1969	Allan McDonald (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1970	John Alexander (AUS)	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)
1971	Cliff Letcher (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1972	Paul Kronk (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1973	Paul McNamee (AUS)	Chris O'Neill (AUS)
1974	Harry Brittain (AUS)	Jennifer Walker (AUS)
1975	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Sue Barker (GBR)
1976	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Sue Saliba (AUS)
1977 Jan	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Pamela Bailey (AUS)
1977 Dec	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Amanda Tobin (AUS)
1978	Pat Serrett (AUS)	Elizabeth Little (AUS)
1979	Greg Whitecross (AUS)	Anne Minter (AUS)
1980	Craig Miller (AUS)	Anne Minter (AUS)

1981	Jorgen Windahl (SWE)	Anne Minter (AUS)
1982	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1983	Stefan Edberg (SWE)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1984	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Annabel Croft (GBR)
1985	Shane Barr (AUS)	Jenny Byrne (AUS)
1986	not played	not played
1987	Jason Stoltenberg (AUS)	Michelle Jaggard (AUS)
1988	Jason Anderson (AUS)	Jo-Anne Faull (AUS)
1989	Nicklas Kulti (SWE)	Kim Kessaris (USA)
1990	Dirk Dier (GER)	Magdalena Maleeva (BUL)
1991	Thomas Enqvist (SWE)	Nicole Pratt (AUS)
1992	Grant Doyle (AUS)	Joanne Limmer (AUS)
1993	James Baily (GBR)	Heike Rusch (GER)
1994	Ben Ellwood (AUS)	Trudi Musgrave (AUS)
1995	Nicolas Kiefer (GER)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (AUS)
1996	Bjorn Rehnqvist (SWE)	Magdalena Grzybowska (POL)
1997	Daniel Elsner (GER)	Mirjana Lucic (CRO)
1998	Julien Jeanpierre (FRA)	Jelena Kostanic (CRO)
1999	Kristian Pless (DEN)	Virginie Razzano (FRA)
2000	Andy Roddick (USA)	Aniko Kapros (HUN)
2001	Janko Tipsarevic (YUG)	Jelena Jankovic (YUG)
2002	Clement Morel (FRA)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2003	Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2004	Gaël Monfils (FRA)	Shahar Peer (ISR)
2005	Donald Young (USA)	Viktoria Azarenka (BLR)
2006	Alexandre Sidorenko (FRA)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2007	Brydan Klein (AUS)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2008	Bernard Tomic (AUS)	Arantxa Rus (NED)
2009	Yuki Bhambri (IND)	Ksenia Pervak (RUS)
2010	Tiago Fernandes (BRA)	Karolina Pliskova (CZE)
2011	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)
2012	Luke Saville (AUS)	Taylor Townsend (USA)
2013	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	Ana Konjuh (CRO)
2014	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Elizaveta Kulichkova (RUS)
2015	Roman Safiullin (RUS)	Tereza Mihalikova (SVK)
2016	Oliver Anderson (AUS)	Vera Lapko (BLR)
2017	Zsombor Piros (HUN)	Marta Kostyuk (UKR)
2018	Sebastian Korda (USA)	Liang En-Shuo (TPE)
2019	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	Clara Tauson (DEN)
2020	Harold Mayot (FRA)	Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (AND)
2021	not played	not played
2022	Bruno Kuzuhara (USA)	Petra Marcinko (CRO)
2023	Alexander Blockx (BEL)	Alina Korneeva
2024	???	???

The junior honour rolls for Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open – along with other junior information, including boys' and girls' singles alpha lists – can be found on the [Grand Slam information page](#) on the ITF website.

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