



## 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Friday 24 January

No. 1 Jannik Sinner (ITA) v No. 21 Ben Shelton (USA)  
No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER) v No. 7 Novak Djokovic (AUS)

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### A look at the semifinalists...

Player	Age	Ranking	Tour-level titles won	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Jannik Sinner (ITA)	23	1	18	Won title 2024	Won 2024 Australian Open, 2024 US Open
No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER)	27	2	23	Semifinals 2020, 2024-25	RU 2020 US Open, 2024 Roland Garros
No. 7 Novak Djokovic (SRB)	37	7	99	Won 10 titles	Won 24 titles
No. 21 Ben Shelton (USA)	22	20	2	Semifinals 2025	SF 2023 US Open, 2025 Australian Open

### On court today...

- Novak Djokovic will aim to bring up a century of Australian Open match-wins when he faces Alexander Zverev in the first of today's men's singles semifinals. Victory will see him become just the 2nd player to record 100 singles wins at the Australian Open, after Roger Federer – and it will also take him through to a record-extending 11th Australian Open final and 38th Grand Slam final, and see him become oldest man in the Open Era to reach an Australian Open final. Zverev is bidding to breakthrough to his first final here and his 3rd Grand Slam final overall. A win for him today would be his first victory against Djokovic at a Grand Slam and would see him become the 3rd German man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final.
- In the 2nd second semifinal, defending champion 23-year-old Jannik Sinner faces 22-year-old Ben Shelton, with both aiming to set age-related records today. Sinner will become the youngest man to reach multiple Australian Open finals since Jim Courier in 1992-93 if he advances to his 2nd straight final here. An upset win for Shelton would make him the youngest man through to the final here since 20-year-old Djokovic in 2008 and the 3rd-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final – after 21-year-old Jimmy Connors in 1974 and 21-year-old Courier in 1992. Sinner has won 4 of the pair's previous 5 meetings – including their only previous Grand Slam meeting, a straight sets victory in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year.
- Sinner and Zverev are both bidding to reach their 3rd Grand Slam finals today – an achievement which would see them equal Marin Cilic and Casper Ruud in 5th place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances among active players. Djokovic (37 Grand Slam final appearances prior to this event) is at top of the list, followed by Daniil Medvedev (6 Grand Slam final appearances) and Carlos Alcaraz and Stan Wawrinka (both 4). Shelton is aiming to become the 15th active player to reach a Grand Slam men's singles final.
- Zverev and Shelton are both bidding to reach their first Australian Open finals today. Just 6 active players have reached the Australian Open men's singles final – Djokovic (10 Australian Open final appearances prior to this year), Medvedev (3) and Cilic, Sinner, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Wawrinka (all one). If Zverev and Shelton both win today, the men's singles final here will be contested between 2 first-time Australian Open finalists for the 13th time in the Open Era – and for the first time since 2008, when Djokovic defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

## NO. 1 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v NO. 21 BEN SHELTON (USA)

### Head-to-head: Sinner leads 4-1

2023	Shanghai-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Shelton	26 63 76(5)
2023	Vienna	Hard (I)	R32	Sinner	76(2) 75
2024	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Sinner	76(4) 61
<b>2024</b>	<b>Wimbledon</b>	<b>Grass (O)</b>	<b>R16</b>	<b>Sinner</b>	<b>62 64 76(9)</b>
2024	Shanghai-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Sinner	64 76(1)

A 6th meeting for Sinner and Shelton – and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Shelton won the pair's first meeting at 2023 Shanghai-1000, but Sinner has won all 4 of their meetings since then in straight sets, including their only previous Grand Slam meeting in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year.

This is the 5th men's singles match between an Italian player and an American player at the Australian Open this year – after Sinner's victory against Marcos Giron and Shelton's victory against Lorenzo Musetti in the 3rd round, Lorenzo Sonego's victory against Learner Tien in the round of 16 and Shelton's victory against Sonego in the quarterfinals.

This is the 54th Australian Open men's singles match between an Italian player and an American player in the Open Era (Americans lead 31-22 in the 53 previous meetings). It is the 290th Grand Slam men's singles match between an Italian player and an American player in the Open Era (Americans lead 167-122 in the 289 previous meetings).

Sinner has won all 14 of his previous Grand Slam matches against American players at the Grand Slams – including both matches he has contested against American player at the Australian Open, against Steve Johnson in the 2nd round in 2022 and against Giron in the 3rd round this year. He has a 37-6 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level and is bidding to extend a 17-match Tour-level winning streak against American players, having not lost to an American player since falling to Shelton in the round of 16 at 2023 Shanghai-1000.

Shelton is facing an Italian player here for the 3rd time, with both of his previous meetings against Italian players at the Australian Open coming this year – against Musetti in the 3rd round and Sonego in the quarterfinals. He has a 3-2 win-loss record against Italian players at the Grand Slams and a 7-10 win-loss record against Italian players at Tour-level overall.

Sinner lost his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open, falling to Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round here in 2021. He lost his first 3 matches against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams before winning his 4 subsequent matches against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, with his most-recent victory coming against Jack Draper in the semifinals at the US Open last year.

Sinner has won 11 of the 12 matches he has contested against lefthanded players since the beginning of the 2023 season. His only defeat to a lefthanded player in that time came against Shelton in the round of 16 at 2023 Shanghai-1000. He has 20-8 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Shelton is bidding to defeat a world No. 1 for the first time. He has lost all 3 of his previous matches against No. 1-ranked players, including his only previous match against a world No. 1 at a Grand Slam – against Sinner in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 4 Sinner in the round of 16 at 2023 Shanghai-1000. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 10 Frances Tiafoe in the quarterfinals at the 2023 US Open.

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Zverev	Djokovic
Sinner	2-4	4-4
Shelton	0-1	0-1

### Road to the semifinals

SINNER	Time		Time	SHELTON
d. Nicolas Jarry 76(2) 76(5) 61	2:40	1st round	2:40	d. Brandon Nakashima 76(3) 75 75
d. (WC) Tristan Schoolkate 46 64 61 63	2:46	2nd round	2:36	d. Pablo Carreno Busta 63 63 67(4) 64
d. Marcos Giron 63 64 62	2:01	3rd round	2:52	d. No. 16 Lorenzo Musetti 63 36 64 76(5)
d. No. 13 Holger Rune 63 36 63 62	3:13	Round of 16	2:57	d. Gael Monfils 76(3) 67(3) 76(2) 1-0 ret.
d. No. 8 Alex de Minaur 63 62 61	1:48	Quarterfinals	3:50	d. Lorenzo Sonego 64 75 46 76(4)
total time on court	12:28	(Infosys time)	14:55	total time on court

SINNER	v	SHELTON
23	Age	22
1.91m/6'3"	Height	1.93m/6'4"
1	ATP Ranking	20
\$37,238,688	Career Prize Money (USD)	\$5,509,617
18	Titles	2
66-18	Career Grand Slam Record	24-9
Won 2 titles	Best Grand Slam Result	SF 2023 US Open, 2025 Aus Open
20-4	Australian Open Record	11-2
Won title 2024	Best Australian Open Result	Semifinals 2025
268-80	Career Record	76-54
184-49	Career Record - Hard	60-35
5-0	2025 Record	5-1
5-0	2025 Record - Hard	5-1
6-9	Career Five-Set Record	6-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
89-54	Career Tiebreak Record	50-50
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	5-3

- Defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach his 2nd Australian Open final. He is the only Italian player in history, man or woman, to have reached an Australian Open singles final. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam final and claim sole ownership of **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam singles finals reached by an Italian player**, man or woman – ahead of Jasmine Paolini and Francesca Schiavone.

#### Most Grand Slam singles final appearances by an Italian player (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Nicola Pietrangeli	4
<b>Jannik Sinner</b>	<b>3??</b>
Jasmine Paolini	2
Francesca Schiavone	2
Matteo Berrettini	1
Giorgio de Stefani	1
Sara Errani	1
Adriano Panatta	1
Flavia Pennetta	1
Roberta Vinci	1

- Aged 23 years 163 days, Sinner is bidding to become the **youngest man to reach multiple Australian Open finals since Jim Courier** – who reached his first final here aged 21 years 162 days in 1992 and his 2nd final here aged 22 years 167 days in 1993.
- Sinner is contesting his **5th Grand Slam semifinal** – and his 2nd at the Australian Open. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in Grand Slam semifinal matches overall. He is the only Italian man to have reached the semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.

#### Sinner's Grand Slam semifinal appearances

Grand Slam	Opponent	Result	Result in final
2023 Wimbledon	Novak Djokovic	Lost 63 64 76(4)	n/a
<b>2024 Australian Open</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>Won 61 62 67(6) 63</b>	<b>d. Daniil Medvedev 36 36 64 64 63</b>
2024 Roland Garros	Carlos Alcaraz	Lost 26 63 36 64 63	n/a
2024 US Open	Jack Draper	Won 75 76(3) 62	d. Taylor Fritz 63 64 75
<b>2025 Australian Open</b>	<b>Ben Shelton</b>	<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>

- Sinner is bidding to record his 20th consecutive Tour-level match-win and **record a streak of 20 consecutive Tour-level match-wins for the first time in his career**. He has not lost a match since falling to Carlos Alcaraz in the final at Beijing last year and, by winning his opening 5 matches here, has equalled his longest Tour-level winning streak. He also recorded a 19-match Tour-level winning streak from the 2023 Davis Cup Final 8 through the quarterfinals

at 2024 Indian Wells-1000. He would become the first player to record a streak of 20 Tour-level match-wins since Novak Djokovic won 20 consecutive matches from the 2022 ATP Finals through the quarterfinals at 2023 Dubai.

- The Australian Open is Sinner's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of finals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20-4</b>	<b>2??</b>
Roland Garros	0	16-5	0
Wimbledon	0	13-4	0
US Open	1	17-5	1

- By reaching his 2nd Australian Open semifinal, Sinner has become the **first Italian player, man or woman, to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions**. Matteo Berrettini, who reached the semifinals here in 2022, is the only other Italian player to have reached the semifinals at the Australian Open.
- By reaching his 5th Grand Slam semifinal, Sinner has equalled Nicola Pietrangeli's **all-time record for most Grand Slam semifinal appearances by an Italian man**.
- Last year here, Sinner won his **first Grand Slam title** in his first Grand Slam final, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets. At 22 years 165 days, he became the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days.
- Sinner is a **2-time Grand Slam champion**. In addition to his title here last year, he also won the title at the 2024 US Open (d. Taylor Fritz). He became the first player to win his first two men's singles Grand Slam titles in the same season since Guillermo Vilas won the titles at both Roland Garros and the US Open in 1977.
- Sinner is bidding to become the **first Italian player to win 3 Grand Slam singles titles**. By winning his first 2 Grand Slam titles last season, he became the 2nd Italian player, man or woman, to win multiple Grand Slam titles – after Pietrangeli, who won the men's singles title at Roland Garros in 1959 and 1960.
- Sinner is bidding to become **the 5th player in the Open Era to win 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam men's singles titles** – after Roger Federer (who won 5 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2005-07), Djokovic (who won 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2011-12 and 2015-16) and Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe (who won 3 consecutive US Open titles in 1985-87 and 1979-81, respectively).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Sinner reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Alcaraz) and the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Medvedev).
- Sinner won 8 titles in 2024, becoming the **first player to win 8 or more men's singles titles** in a season since Andy Murray in 2016. In addition to his titles at the Australian Open and US Open, he also won the titles at Rotterdam (d. Alex de Minaur), Miami-1000 (d. Dimitrov), Halle (d. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Frances Tiafoe), Shanghai-1000 (d. Djokovic) and the ATP Finals (d. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals or better at all 15 tournaments he contested in 2024.
- Sinner **won 73 of the 79 matches he contested in 2024**. In addition to his defeats at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, he also reached the final at Beijing (l. Alcaraz), the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz) and Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000, where he gave a walkover to Felix Auger-Aliassime due to a right hip injury, and Montreal-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev). He withdrew from the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event due to tonsillitis. He did not contest a tournament prior to the Australian Open this season.
- Sinner has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. Both of his victories in 5-set matches here were comebacks from 0-2 down, the only successful comebacks from 0-2 down in his career to date – against Fucsovics in the 3rd round in 2023 and Medvedev in the final last year. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sinner became **world No. 1** for the first time following Roland Garros last year and has remained there since then. He began his 32nd week as world No. 1 on Monday. He will remain world No. 1 following the Australian Open regardless of results at the tournament.
- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys' singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).

- Sinner **led Italy to their 3rd Davis Cup title in 2024**, successfully defending their title from 2023. He won all 4 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 15-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card to the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in Bologna in November.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- Lefthander **SHELTON** is bidding to his first Grand Slam final. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **14th American man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final** – and the first since Andre Agassi won the title here in 2003.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **22nd American man in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam final** – and the 2nd active American male player to do so after Taylor Fritz, who finished runner-up at the US Open last year.
- If Shelton reaches the final here, it will be the **first time that American men have reached the final at back-to-back Grand Slam tournaments since 2005** – when Andy Roddick finished runner-up at Wimbledon and Agassi finished runner-up at the US Open.
- At 22 years 109 days, Shelton is bidding to become the **youngest man to reach the Australian Open final since 2008**, when Novak Djokovic won the title here aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Shelton is bidding to become the **3rd-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final** – after Jimmy Connors (who won the title here aged 21 years 121 days in 1974) and Jim Courier (who won the title here aged 21 years 162 days in 1992).
- Shelton is bidding to become the **youngest American man to reach a Grand Slam final since 2004 Wimbledon**, when Andy Roddick finished runner-up aged 21 years 309 days.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **8th lefthanded player in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open men's singles final** – after Rod Laver (1969), Connors (1974-75), Roscoe Tanner (1977), Guillermo Vilas (1977-79), Petr Korda (1998), Marcelo Rios (1998) and Rafael Nadal (2009, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2022).
- Shelton is bidding to become the **18th lefthanded player in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam men's singles final**. Apart from Nadal (who reached 30 Grand Slam finals between 2005 and 2022), the only lefthanded men to reach Grand Slam finals since 2000 are Goran Ivanisevic (who won the title at 2001 Wimbledon) and Mariano Puerta (who finished runner-up at 2005 Roland Garros).
- At No. 20, Shelton is bidding to become the **lowest-ranked player to reach the Australian Open men's singles final since 2008**, when Jo-Wilfried Tsonga finished runner-up here ranked at No. 38. He would become the lowest-ranked player to reach a Grand Slam men's singles final since 2022 Wimbledon, when Nick Kyrgios finished runner-up ranked at No. 40.
- Shelton is contesting his **2nd Grand Slam semifinal**. He also reached the semifinals at the 2023 US Open, where he fell to Djokovic in straight sets. Aged 20 years 336 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Michael Chang (20 years 204 days) in 1992.
- The Australian Open is Shelton's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>1??</b>
Roland Garros	0	2-2	0
Wimbledon	0	4-2	0
US Open	0	7-3	0

- By reaching the semifinals here, Shelton has become the **25th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – and the 2nd active American man to do so after Tommy Paul, who reached the semifinals here in 2023.

- By reaching his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal, Shelton has become the **26th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Grand Slams on multiple occasions** – and the 2nd active American man to do so after Frances Tiafoe, who reached the semifinals at the US Open in 2022 and 2024.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Shelton has become the **5th-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – after Roddick (20 years 149 days in 2003), Connors (21 years 121 days in 1974), Courier (21 years 162 days in 1992) and Pete Sampras (21 years 172 days in 1993). (NB ages calculated at end of tournament)
- By reaching his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal, Shelton has become the **8th American man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals aged 22 or under** – after Agassi, Courier and Sampras (who all made 8 Grand Slam semifinal appearances aged 22 or under), John McEnroe (7), Roddick (6), Connors (5) and Chang (3).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Shelton has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the quarterfinals on his Australian Open debut in 2023 (l. Paul).
- **Last year here**, Shelton reached the 3rd round, defeating Roberto Bautista Agut and Christopher O'Connell before falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Shelton reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the US Open (l. Tiafoe).
- Shelton's best Tour-level result in 2024 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** and first on clay at Houston (d. Tiafoe). He also finished runner-up at Basel (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and reached the semifinals at Auckland (l. Taro Daniel), Dallas (l. Paul) and Washington (l. Flavio Cobolli). He reached the quarterfinals at 4 other Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shelton competed at Auckland but lost his opening match to Jakub Mensik.
- Shelton has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He defeated both Zhang and Wolf in 5 sets en route to the quarterfinals here in 2023 but fell to Mannarino in 5 sets in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Shelton reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in August last year. He plays here at No. 20.
- Shelton **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Florida for 2 seasons, compiling a 65-10 win-loss record in singles and winning the 2021 NCAA team title and the 2022 NCAA singles title.
- Shelton **contested 4 tournaments as a junior player**, all of which came in his home country. His best result was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card at 2020 JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl), falling to Jack Pinnington Jones.
- Shelton made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2024 Finals Knockout Stage in November, losing both matches he played in USA's 1-2 defeat to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Shelton's father, Bryan Shelton, reached a career-high ranking of No. 55 in March 1992. He made 6 appearances at the Australian Open, reaching the 2nd round on his debut in 1991.
- Shelton is coached by his father, Bryan Shelton.

## NO. 2 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v NO. 7 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB)

### Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 8-4

2017	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	FR	Zverev	64 63
2018	Shanghai-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Djokovic	62 61
2018	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Djokovic	64 61
2018	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	FR	Zverev	64 63
<b>2019</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>Clay (O)</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>Djokovic</b>	<b>75 62 62</b>
2020	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Djokovic	63 76(4)
2021	ATP Cup	Hard (O)	RR	Djokovic	67(3) 62 75
<b>2021</b>	<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>Hard (O)</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>Djokovic</b>	<b>67(6) 62 64 76(6)</b>
2021	Tokyo 2020 Olympics	Hard (O)	SF	Zverev	16 63 61
<b>2021</b>	<b>US Open</b>	<b>Hard (O)</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Djokovic</b>	<b>46 62 64 46 62</b>
2021	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	SF	Zverev	76(4) 46 63
2023	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Djokovic	76(5) 75

A 13th meeting for Zverev and Djokovic, their 11th on a hard court, 4th at a Grand Slam and 2nd at the Australian Open. Djokovic leads their overall head-to-head 8-4 and their head-to-head on hard courts 7-3. He has won all 3 of their previous meetings at the Grand Slams, including a 4-set victory in the quarterfinals here in 2021.

This is the pair's 2nd meeting in a Grand Slam semifinal, with Djokovic having won their only previous Grand Slam semifinal match – a 5-set victory at the 2021 US Open. It is their 6th meeting in a semifinal of a tournament, with their last 4 meetings all having come in semifinals. Djokovic leads their head-to-head in semifinal matches 3-2.

This is the 3rd meeting between a pair of Top 10 players at the Australian Open this year, after No. 7 Djokovic defeated No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz and No. 1 Jannik Sinner defeated No. 8 Alex de Minaur in the quarterfinals.

Zverev is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. He has a 1-6 win-loss record against Top 10 players here, with his only victory coming against No. 2 Alcaraz in the quarterfinals last year. He has a 4-16 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams overall.

Zverev has won 3 of his last 4 matches against Top 10 players at Tour-level, having defeated No. 8 Andrey Rublev, No. 3 Alcaraz and No. 7 Casper Ruud in the round robin stage at the 2024 ATP Finals before falling to No. 5 Taylor Fritz in the semifinals. He has a 54-69 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Djokovic has won 15 of the last 16 matches he has contested against Top 10 players at the Australian Open, including his victory against No. 3 Alcaraz in the quarterfinals this year. His defeat to No. 4 Jannik Sinner in the semifinals here last year was his first defeat to a Top 10 player at the Australian Open since falling to No. 8 Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals in 2014, ending a 14-match winning streak against Top 10 players here. He has a 26-6 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Australian Open.

Djokovic's win against No. 3 Alcaraz in the quarterfinals here was his first win over a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam since the 2023 US Open final, when he defeated No. 3 Daniil Medvedev to win his 24th Grand Slam title. He lost both matches he contested against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams in 2024 – to No. 4 Sinner in the semifinals here and to No. 3 Alcaraz in the final at Wimbledon. He has a 70-33 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams and a 260-116 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Djokovic's defeat to No. 4 Sinner in the semifinals here last year also ended a 17-match winning streak against Top 5 players at the Australian Open. He lost his first 2 matches against Top 5 players here – to No. 4 Marat Safin in the 1st round in 2005 and to No. 1 Roger Federer in the round of 16 in 2007 – but has won 18 of his last 19 matches against Top 5 players here since then, including his victory against No. 3 Alcaraz in the quarterfinals this year. He has an 18-3 win-loss record against Top 5 players at the Australian Open and a 40-26 win-loss record against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams overall.

Djokovic contested his 200th Tour-level match against a Top 5 player against No. 4 Sinner in the semifinals here last year. He won one of the 4 matches he contested against Top 5 players at Tour-level in 2024, with his only victory coming against No. 3 Alcaraz in the gold medal match at the Paris 2024 Olympics. He has a 124-80 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Sinner	Shelton
Zverev	4-2	1-0
Djokovic	4-4	1-0

### Road to the semifinals

ZVEREV	Time		Time	DJOKOVIC
d. (WC) Lucas Pouille 64 64 64	2:21	1st round	2:59	d. (WC) Nishesh Basavareddy 46 63 64 62
d. Pedro Martinez 61 64 61	1:54	2nd round	3:00	d. (Q) Jaime Faria 61 67(4) 63 62
d. Jacob Fearnley 63 64 64	2:02	3rd round	2:22	d. No. 26 Tomas Machac 61 64 64
d. No. 14 Ugo Humbert 61 26 63 62	2:16	Round of 16	2:39	d. No. 24 Jiri Lehecka 63 64 76(4)
d. No. 12 Tommy Paul 76(1) 76(0) 26 61	3:28	Quarterfinals	3:37	d. No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz 46 64 63 63
total time on court	12:01	(Infosys time)	14:37	total time on court

ZVEREV	v	DJOKOVIC
27	Age	37
1.99m/6'6"	Height	1.88m/6'2"
2	ATP Ranking	7
\$50,548,001	Career Prize Money (USD)	\$185,541,164
23	Titles	99
106-35	Career Grand Slam Record	382-51
RU 2020 US Open, 2024 Roland Garros	Best Grand Slam Result	Won 24 titles
30-9	Australian Open Record	99-9
Semifinals 2020, 2024-25	Best Australian Open Result	Won 10 titles
470-198	Career Record	1131-223
280-123	Career Record - Hard	711-129
7-0	2025 Record	7-1
7-0	2025 Record - Hard	7-1
23-13	Career Five-Set Record	40-11
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	8
183-126	Career Tiebreak Record	338-174
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-2

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam final and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 36th Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev is bidding to become the **3rd German player in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open men's singles final** – after Boris Becker, who reached the final (and won the title) here in both 1991 and 1996, and Rainer Schuettler, who finished runner-up here in 2003.
- Zverev is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam final and equal Michael Stich in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam final appearances by a German man**.

### Most Grand Slam final appearances by a German man (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Boris Becker	10
Michael Stich	3
<b>Alexander Zverev</b>	<b>3??</b>
Rainer Schuettler	1

- If he reaches the final here on his 10th Australian Open appearance, Zverev will go **joint-top of the Open Era list for most attempts before reaching a first Australian Open men's singles final** – alongside Marin Cilic and Kim Warwick. (see table overleaf)



### Most attempts before reaching Australian Open men's singles final (Open Era)

Player	No. of attempts
Marin Cilic	10
Kim Warwick	10
<b>Alexander Zverev??</b>	<b>10??</b>
Lleyton Hewitt	9
Petr Korda	9
Stan Wawrinka	9

- Zverev is contesting his **9th Grand Slam semifinal** – and his 3rd at the Australian Open. He lost his 2 previous semifinal matches here and has a 2-6 win-loss record in Grand Slam semifinal matches overall.

### Zverev's Grand Slam semifinal appearances

Grand Slam	Opponent	Result	Result in final
<b>2020 Australian Open</b>	<b>Dominic Thiem</b>	<b>Lost 36 64 76(3) 76(4)</b>	<b>n/a</b>
2020 US Open	Pablo Carreno Busta	Won 36 26 63 64 63	Lost to Dominic Thiem 26 46 64 63 76(6)
2021 Roland Garros	Stefanos Tsitsipas	Lost 63 63 46 46 63	n/a
2021 US Open	Novak Djokovic	Lost 46 62 64 46 62	n/a
2022 Roland Garros	Rafael Nadal	Lost 76(8) 6-6 ret.	n/a
2023 Roland Garros	Casper Ruud	Lost 63 64 60	n/a
<b>2024 Australian Open</b>	<b>Daniil Medvedev</b>	<b>Lost 57 36 76(4) 76(5) 63</b>	<b>??</b>
2024 Roland Garros	Casper Ruud	Won 26 62 64 62	Lost to Carlos Alcaraz 63 26 57 61 62
<b>2025 Australian Open</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>??</b>	<b>??</b>

- Zverev is bidding to record his 31st Australian Open match-win and extend his **all-time record for most Australian Open match-wins by a German man**. By defeating Tommy Paul in the quarterfinals here, he claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Becker (29 Australian Open match-wins).
- Zverev is bidding to record his 107th Grand Slam match-win. By defeating Ugo Humbert in the round of 16 here, he claimed sole ownership of **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam match-wins by a German man**, ahead of Tommy Haas (105 Grand Slam match-wins). Becker (163 Grand Slam match-wins) is at the top of the list.
- The Australian Open is Zverev's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, behind Roland Garros.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30-9</b>	<b>1??</b>
Roland Garros	0	34-9	1
Wimbledon	0	16-8	0
US Open	0	26-9	1

- By reaching his 3rd Australian Open semifinal, Zverev has equalled Haas's **Open Era record for most Australian Open semifinal appearances by a German man**.
- Zverev has reached his 9th Grand Slam semifinal. He is in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a German man** – behind Becker (18 Grand Slam semifinals appearances).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Zverev has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the semifinals here in 2020 (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2024 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- Zverev is a **2-time Grand Slam finalist**. He finished runner-up at both the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead, and 2024 Roland Garros, falling to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Zverev reached the quarterfinals at the US Open and the round of 16 at Wimbledon, falling to Taylor Fritz on both occasions.
- If Zverev wins the title here on his 36th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **joint-2nd on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title** – alongside Wawrinka, who won his first major title on his 36th Grand Slam appearance at the 2014 Australian Open. Goran Ivanisevic, who won his only major title at 2001 Wimbledon on his 48th Grand Slam appearance, is at the top of the list.

- If Zverev wins the title here on his 10th Australian Open appearance, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's singles title** – ahead of 1998 champion Petr Korda and 2014 champion Wawrinka, who both won the title here on their 9th Australian Open appearances.
- Zverev's **best results in 2024** were winning the titles at Rome-1000 (d. Nicolas Jarry) and Paris-1000 (d. Humbert). He also won the United Cup with Team Germany, finished runner-up at Hamburg (l. Arthur Fils), and reached the semifinals at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Halle (l. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the ATP Finals (l. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals at 6 other Tour-level events – including on his defence of the gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Zverev represented Germany at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested – against Brazil's Thiago Monteiro and China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen.
- Zverev is bidding to win his **24th Tour-level singles title**. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Tour-level titles won among active players – behind Djokovic (99 titles).
- Zverev contested 3 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open last year, recording 5-set victories against Lukas Klein in the 2nd round and Cameron Norrie in the round of 16 before falling to Medvedev in 5 sets in the semifinals. He has a 5-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 23-13 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 plays here at the same ranking.
- 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 **the only former junior Australian Open singles champion** to reach the semifinals from the 6 who started in the men's singles 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. 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 is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.
- **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to record his 100th Australian Open match-win. Roger Federer, who recorded 102 Australian Open match-wins, is the only player in history, man or woman, to have recorded 100 match-wins at the Australian Open.
- bidding to reach his 11th Australian Open final and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles finals reached. This is his 20th Australian Open appearance.

#### Most Australian Championships/Open finals (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>11??</b>
John Bromwich	7
Jack Crawford	7
Roy Emerson	7
Roger Federer	7

- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 38th Grand Slam final and extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles finals reached**. This is his 77th Grand Slam appearance.

#### Most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>38??</b>
Roger Federer	31
Rafael Nadal	30
Ivan Lendl	19
Pete Sampras	18

- Djokovic is bidding to extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam singles finals reached**. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Chris Evert, by reaching his 35th Grand Slam final at 2023 Wimbledon.

#### Most Grand Slam singles final appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>37??</b>
Chris Evert	34
Serena Williams	33
Martina Navratilova	32
Roger Federer	31
Steffi Graf	31

- At 37 years 249 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final**. Ken Rosewall is the only player to reach a men's singles final at the Australian Open after turning 37, having reached the final here in 1972 aged 37 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam final since turning 37 and become the **2nd man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam finals aged 37 or older** – after Rosewall, who reached 3 Grand Slam finals after turning 37. Federer, who reached the final at 2019 Wimbledon aged 37 years 240 days, is the only other man in the Open Era to have reached a Grand Slam final aged 37 or older.
- Djokovic is bidding reach his 2nd Australian Open final since turning 35 and become the **3rd player in the Open Era to reach multiple Australian Open men's singles finals aged 35 or older** – after Federer and Rosewall.

#### Players aged 35+ in the Australian Open men's singles final (Open Era)

Player	Age	Year	Result in final
<b>Novak Djokovic??</b>	<b>37 years 249 days</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>??</b>
Ken Rosewall	37 years 62 days	1972	d. Mal Anderson 76 63 75
Mal Anderson	36 years 306 days	1972	l. Ken Rosewall 76 63 75
Roger Federer	36 years 173 days	2018	d. Marin Cilic 62 67(5) 63 36 61
Ken Rosewall	36 years 73 days	1971	d. Arthur Ashe 61 75 63
Novak Djokovic	35 years 252 days	2023	d. Stefanos Tsitsipas 63 76(4) 76(5)
Rafael Nadal	35 years 241 days	2022	d. Daniil Medvedev 26 67(5) 64 64 75
Roger Federer	35 years 174 days	2017	d. Rafael Nadal 64 36 61 36 63

- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 7th Grand Slam final since turning 35 and claim sole ownership of the **Open Era record for most Grand Slam final appearances after turning 35**, ahead of Rosewall.

#### Grand Slam men's singles final appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>7??</b>
Ken Rosewall	6
Roger Federer	4
Rafael Nadal	2
Andre Agassi	1
Mal Anderson	1

- Djokovic is bidding to reach a Grand Slam final in a 17th different season, extending his **Open Era record for most seasons with a Grand Slam final appearance**. He claimed sole ownership of the record by reaching a final in a 16th different season at Wimbledon last year.

#### Most seasons with one or more Grand Slam final appearance (Open Era)

Player	No. of seasons	Seasons
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>17??</b>	<b>2007-8, 2010-16, 2018-25??</b>
Roger Federer	15	2003-12, 2014-15, 2017-19
Rafael Nadal	15	2005-14, 2017-20, 2022
Pete Sampras	12	1990, 1992-2002
Andre Agassi	11	1990-91, 1994-95, 1999-2003, 2005
Ivan Lendl	11	1981-91

- Djokovic has a **10-1 win-loss record in Australian Open semifinal matches**. His only defeat in a semifinal here came against Jannik Sinner last year.

#### Djokovic's Australian Open semifinal appearances

Year	Opponent	Result	Result in final
2008	Roger Federer	Won 75 63 76(5)	d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 46 64 63 76(2)
2011	Roger Federer	Won 76(3) 75 64	d. Andy Murray 64 62 63
2012	Andy Murray	Won 63 36 67(4) 61 75	d. Rafael Nadal 57 64 62 67(5) 75
2013	David Ferrer	Won 62 62 61	d. Andy Murray 67(2) 76(3) 63 62
2015	Stan Wawrinka	Won 76(1) 36 64 46 60	d. Andy Murray 76(5) 67(4) 63 60
2016	Roger Federer	Won 61 62 36 63	d. Andy Murray 61 75 76(3)
2019	Lucas Pouille	Won 60 62 62	d. Rafael Nadal 63 62 63
2020	Roger Federer	Won 76(1) 64 63	d. Dominic Thiem 64 46 26 63 64
2021	Aslan Karatsev	Won 63 64 62	d. Daniil Medvedev 75 62 62
2023	Tommy Paul	Won 75 61 62	d. Stefanos Tsitsipas 63 76(4) 76(5)
2024	Jannik Sinner	Lost 61 62 67(6) 63	n/a
2025	Alexander Zverev	??	??

- Djokovic has a **37-12 win-loss record in Grand Slam semifinal matches**. Since the beginning of the 2015 season, he has won 23 of the 25 Grand Slam semifinals he has contested, with his only defeats in Grand Slam semifinal matches in that time coming against Dominic Thiem at 2019 Roland Garros and against Sinner here last year

#### Djokovic's Grand Slam semifinal defeats

Year and Grand Slam	Result in semifinal
2007 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 75 64 62
2007 Wimbledon	l. Rafael Nadal 36 61 4-1 ret.
2008 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 64 62 76(3)
2008 US Open	l. Roger Federer 63 57 75 62
2009 US Open	l. Roger Federer 76(3) 75 75
2010 Wimbledon	l. Tomas Berdych 63 76(9) 63
2011 Roland Garros	l. Roger Federer 76(5) 63 36 76(5)
2012 Wimbledon	l. Roger Federer 63 36 64 63
2013 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 64 36 61 67(3) 97
2014 US Open	l. Kei Nishikori 64 16 76(4) 63
2019 Roland Garros	l. Dominic Thiem 62 36 75 57 75
2024 Australian Open	l. Jannik Sinner 61 62 67(6) 63

- The Australian Open is Djokovic's **most successful Grand Slam event in terms** of titles and matches won, and joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of finals reached, alongside Wimbledon and the US Open.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
Australian Open	10	99-9	11??
Roland Garros	3	96-16	7
Wimbledon	7	97-12	10
US Open	4	90-14	10

- By reaching the semifinals here for the 12th time, Djokovic has claimed sole ownership of **2nd place on the all-time list for most Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances**, ahead of Jack Crawford. Federer, who reached the semifinals here on 15 occasions, is the only man in history to have reached more Australian Open semifinals than Djokovic.
- By reaching his 50th Grand Slam semifinal, Djokovic has **extended his all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances** – ahead of Federer (46 Grand Slam semifinal appearances).
- At 37 years 249 days, Djokovic has become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open aged 37 or older** – after Rosewall (3 Australian Open semifinal appearances aged 37 or older) and Federer (who reached the semifinals here aged 38 years 178 days in 2020). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- By reaching his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal since turning 37, Djokovic has become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals after turning 37** – after Rosewall (6 Grand Slam semifinal appearances aged 37 or older) and Federer (3).

- Djokovic is contesting his 434th Grand Slam match today. By contesting his 430rd Grand Slam match in the 2nd round here, he claimed sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Grand Slam singles matches contested, among men and women** – ahead of Federer (429 Grand Slam singles matches played). Serena Williams (423) is the only other player in the Open Era to have contested 400 or more Grand Slam singles matches.
- **Last year here**, Djokovic reached the semifinals before falling to Jannik Sinner. Prior to that defeat, he had won his last 33 Australian Open matches since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and 2023. He did not compete here in 2022.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 to win his 7th Australian Open title – before going on to win the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). His first 6 titles here came in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He is also bidding to extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's singles title** – and the 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days.
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, who both won 2 titles here aged 35 or older.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Djokovic finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, where he gave a walkover to Casper Ruud due to a right knee injury, and the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Alexei Popyrin). It was the first season in which he failed to win a Grand Slam title since 2017.
- Djokovic became the **5th player to complete the career 'Golden Slam' in singles** by winning Olympic singles gold for Serbia at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Alcaraz in the final. He joined Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Nadal and Serena Williams as the only players to have achieved the feat. He also won Olympic singles bronze at Beijing 2008 and is the only player to have won a medal for Serbia in the Olympic Tennis Event.
- Djokovic's **other highlights in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Shanghai-1000 (l. Sinner) and reaching the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Ruud) and Geneva (l. Tomas Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Djokovic reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Reilly Opelka). At No. 293, Opelka was the 2nd lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic in a Tour-level match, after Djokovic's defeat by retirement to No. 310 Filip Krajinovic in the quarterfinals at 2010 Belgrade.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **100th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level men's singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having been ranked No. 1 for a total of 428 weeks, most recently in June 2024. He plays here at No. 7.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004 and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation's first Davis Cup title. He has a 41-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 46-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. Serbia play away against Denmark in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Djokovic is coached by former world No. 1 and 3-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray, who finished runner-up here in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016, falling to Djokovic in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016.