



2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



Men's Tournament Preview

This is the 114th edition of the Australian Championships, which began in 1905. It is the 57th Australian Open and the 231st Grand Slam tournament of the Open Era. Melbourne Park hosts the tournament for the 39th year. It was first played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Total prize money for the men's singles main draw at the 2026 Australian Open is \$37,684,000 (AUD), a 14% increase on 2025. Individual prize money and ATP ranking points are:

	Prize Money (AUD)	ATP Ranking Points
Champion	4,150,000	2000
Runner-up	2,150,000	1300
Semifinals	1,250,000	800
Quarterfinals	750,000	400
Round of 16	480,000	200
3rd Round	327,750	100
2nd Round	225,000	50
1st Round	150,000	10

2025 – A REVIEW

Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner continued their dominance of the Grand Slam tournaments in 2025 – as they had done so the previous year, Alcaraz and Sinner each won 2 Grand Slam titles last season.

Sinner claimed his 3rd major title by successfully defending his title at the Australian Open, defeating Alexander Zverev in the final, before he and Alcaraz contested the finals at the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments in 2025. Alcaraz retained his Roland Garros title in a final lasting 5 hours 29 minutes that is widely considered to be among the greatest matches of all time. Alcaraz recovered from 0-2 down to win in a final-set tiebreak, saving 3 championship points in the 4th set. Sinner hit back at Wimbledon, defeating Alcaraz in 4 sets for his first non-hard court major title, before Alcaraz defeated Sinner in 4 sets to win his 2nd US Open title in New York in September.

Alcaraz and Sinner became the first pair of players in the Open Era to contest 3 Grand Slam finals in a calendar year since 1964, when Roy Emerson faced Fred Stolle in the final at the Australian Championships, Wimbledon and the US Championships. Sinner became the 4th man in the Open Era to reach the final at all 4 Grand Slams in a single season (after Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rod Laver), while Alcaraz became the 4th man in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam men's singles titles on all 3 surfaces by winning his 2nd titles at Roland Garros and the US Open (after Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Mats Wilander).

Elsewhere, Alcaraz won 3 titles at Masters-1000 level (Monte Carlo, Rome and Cincinnati), while the other 6 Masters-1000 titles were split between 6 players: Jack Draper (Indian Wells), Jakub Mensik (Miami), Casper Ruud (Madrid), Ben Shelton (Toronto), Valentin Vacherot (Shanghai) and Sinner (Paris). Sinner ended his season by successfully defending his ATP Finals title by defeating Alcaraz in the final. As in 2024, he won the tournament without dropping a set, becoming the 2nd player to do so on multiple occasions, after Ivan Lendl in 1982 and 1986.

At the Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna, hosts Italy won their 4th title (after 1976, 2023 and 2024) and 3rd consecutively by defeating Spain in the final, led by Flavio Cobolli and Matteo Berrettini. By winning a 3rd consecutive title Italy became the first nation to win 3 straight Davis Cup titles since the Challenge Round was abolished in 1972.

SINNER SEEKS MELBOURNE THREE-PEAT

If Sinner wins a 3rd consecutive title here this year, he will become the 4th player in history to win 3 consecutive men's singles titles at the Australian Open – and the 2nd in the Open Era after Djokovic, who has achieved the feat twice.

Most consecutive Australian Open men's singles titles (all-time)

Player	Consecutive titles	Years
Roy Emerson	5	1963-67
Jack Crawford	3	1931-33
Novak Djokovic	3	2011-13
Novak Djokovic	3	2019-21
Jannik Sinner??	3??	2024-26??

Sinner is also bidding become the 5th player in the Open Era to win 3 or more men's singles titles at the Australian Open.

Most Australian Open men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	Australian Open titles	Years
Novak Djokovic	10	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023
Roger Federer	6	2004, 2006-07, 2010, 2017-18
Andre Agassi	4	1995, 2000-01, 2003
Jannik Sinner??	3??	2024-26??
Mats Wilander	3	1983-84, 1988

Aged 24 years 169 days, Sinner is bidding become the 2nd-youngest player to win 3 men's singles titles at the Australian Open – after Mats Wilander, who won his 3rd Australian Open title in 1988 aged 23 years 155 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Youngest players to win 3 or more Australian Open men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	Age when won 3rd title	Year of 3rd title
Mats Wilander	23 years 155 days	1988
Jannik Sinner??	24 years 169 days	2026??
Novak Djokovic	24 years 252 days	2012
Roger Federer	25 years 173 days	2007
Andre Agassi	30 years 274 days	2001

THE DOUBLE DEFENDING CHAMPION

By successfully defending his title here last year, Sinner became the first player to successfully defend his first Grand Slam men's singles title since Nadal won his first 2 Grand Slam titles at Roland Garros in 2005 and 2006. He also became the 3rd player to achieve the feat at the Australian Open, after Johan Kriek (1981-82) and Stefan Edberg, who won his first major title at the Australian Open in December 1985 before successfully defending his title at the next edition held in January 1987.

If Sinner wins his 3rd consecutive title here, he will become just the 4th player in the Open Era to successfully defend his first men's singles Grand Slam title multiple times, and the first to do so at the Australian Open.

Multiple successful defences of first Grand Slam men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	First Grand Slam title and defence(s)
John McEnroe	1979-1981 US Open (2 defences)
Roger Federer	2003-07 Wimbledon (4 defences)
Rafael Nadal	2005-08 Roland Garros (3 defences)
Jannik Sinner??	2024-26 Australian Open?? (2 defences??)

GRAND SLAM LEADERBOARD

Alcaraz is bidding to win his 7th Grand Slam title here and equal John McEnroe and Wilander in 9th place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles. If Sinner wins his 5th major title here, he will equal Rod Laver and John Newcombe in 14th place on the Open Era list. (NB Laver and Newcombe also won pre-Open Era Grand Slam titles; see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam titles
1.	Novak Djokovic	24
2.	Rafael Nadal	22
3.	Roger Federer	20
4.	Pete Sampras	14
5.	Bjorn Borg	11
6=	Andre Agassi	8
	Jimmy Connors	8
	Ivan Lendl	8
9=	John McEnroe	7
	Mats Wilander	7
11=	Carlos Alcaraz	6
	Boris Becker	6
	Stefan Edberg	6
14=	Rod Laver*	5
	John Newcombe*	5

*Laver and Newcombe also won pre-Open Era Grand Slam titles

ALCARAZ AIMS FOR CAREER GRAND SLAM

Having won 2 titles at each of the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments, Alcaraz is bidding to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles at the Australian Open this year. Aged 22 years 272 days, he will become the youngest man to complete the career Grand Slam if he wins the title here. (NB ages calculated at end of tournament)

Players to achieve the career Grand Slam in men's singles (all-time)

Player	Age	Title won to complete career Grand Slam
Carlos Alcaraz??	22 years 272 days	2026 Australian Open??
Don Budge	22 years 363 days	1938 French Championships
Rod Laver	24 years 32 days	1962 US National Championships
Rafael Nadal	24 years 102 days	2010 US Open
Fred Perry	26 years 15 days	1935 French Championships
Roy Emerson	27 years 244 days	1964 Wimbledon Championships
Roger Federer	27 years 303 days	2009 Roland Garros
Novak Djokovic	29 years 15 days	2016 Roland Garros
Andre Agassi	29 years 68 days	1999 Roland Garros

Alcaraz is making his 20th Grand Slam appearance at the Australian Open this year. If he wins the title here and completes the career Grand Slam, he will set the Open Era record for fewest Grand Slam appearances before completing the career Grand Slam in men's singles.

Fewest Grand Slam appearances before completing the career Grand Slam in men's singles (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Carlos Alcaraz	20??
Rafael Nadal	25
Andre Agassi	36
Roger Federer	40
Novak Djokovic	46

NB excludes Laver, whose Grand Slam appearances spanned the Amateur Era and Open Era

Alcaraz is also making his 12th Grand Slam appearance since winning his first Grand Slam title at the 2022 US Open. If he wins the title here and completes the career Grand Slam, he will also set the Open Era record for shortest gap between winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title and achieving the career Grand Slam.

Shortest gap between winning first Grand Slam title and completing the career Grand Slam in men's singles (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Carlos Alcaraz	12??
Rafael Nadal	20
Andre Agassi	21
Roger Federer	23
Novak Djokovic	33

NB excludes Laver, whose Grand Slam appearances spanned the Amateur Era and Open Era

ALCARAZ BIDS TO BE YOUNGEST MAN TO WIN SEVEN SLAM TITLES

Alcaraz is bidding to become the youngest player of all-time to win 7 Grand Slam men's singles titles – ahead of Bjorn Borg, who won his 7th major title at 1979 Roland Garros aged 23 years 4 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Players to win 7 Grand Slam men's singles titles before turning 25 (all-time)

Player	Age	7th Grand Slam title
Carlos Alcaraz??	22 years 272 days	2026 Australian Open??
Bjorn Borg	23 years 4 days	1979 Roland Garros
Rafael Nadal	24 years 3 days	2010 Roland Garros
Mats Wilander	24 years 21 days	1988 US Open
Pete Sampras	24 years 29 days	1995 US Open
Roger Federer	24 years 174 days	2006 Australian Open
Rene Lacoste	24 years 336 days	1929 French Championships

Alcaraz is also bidding to claim sole ownership of the Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won aged 22 or under, ahead of Borg and Nadal – by winning his 6th major title at the 2025 US Open.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles won by players aged 22 or under (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam titles
Carlos Alcaraz	???
Bjorn Borg	6
Rafael Nadal	6
Pete Sampras	5
Boris Becker	4
Jim Courier	4
John McEnroe	4
Mats Wilander	4

THE NEW YORK-MELBOURNE DOUBLE

Alcaraz is bidding to become only the 7th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open after winning the US Open in the previous season. Sinner is the most-recent player to achieve the feat, having done so last year. (NB Guillermo Vilas won the 1977 US Open and the 1978 Australian Open but the latter was held in December 1978 due to a scheduling change that meant there were 2 Australian Opens in 1977.)

Players winning US Open-Australian Open men's singles back-to-back (Open Era)

Player	Years
Ken Rosewall	1970-71
Pete Sampras	1993-94, 1996-97
Andre Agassi	1994-95, 1999-2000
Roger Federer	2005-06, 2006-07
Novak Djokovic	2011-12, 2015-16, 2018-19
Jannik Sinner	2024-25
Carlos Alcaraz??	2025-26??

THE ALCARAZ-SINNER DUOPOLY

Since the start of the 2024 season, Alcaraz and Sinner have each won 4 Grand Slam titles, and have met in the finals at the last 3 Grand Slam tournaments. Four other players have reached Grand Slam finals in that time – Zverev with 2 runner-up finishes and Djokovic, Daniil Medvedev and Taylor Fritz with one runner-up finish each.

Grand Slam men's singles finals (2024-present)

Year	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open
2024	Sinner d. Medvedev	Alcaraz d. Zverev	Alcaraz d. Djokovic	Sinner d. Fritz
2025	Sinner d. Zverev	Alcaraz d. Sinner	Sinner d. Alcaraz	Alcaraz d. Sinner
2026	???	???	???	???

With Alcaraz and Sinner having won the last 8 Grand Slam titles between them, it is the 5th time* that 2 players have recorded a combined streak of 8 or more Grand Slam men's singles titles. Should one of the pair win the title here, it will be just the 3rd time in history that 2 players have recorded a combined streak of 9 Grand Slam men's singles titles. (see table overleaf)

Longest streaks of Grand Slam men's singles titles won by a pair of players (1925*-present)

Players	Length of pair's Grand Slam title-winning streak (events)	Grand Slam titles won by each player during streak	Grand Slam final meetings between pair during streak	Player to end pair's Grand Slam title-winning streak
Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal	11 (2005 Roland Garros-2007 US Open)	Federer: 8 titles Nadal: 3 titles	4 (tied 2-2)	Novak Djokovic (2008 Australian Open)
Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal	9 (2010 Roland Garros-2012 Roland Garros)	Nadal: 5 titles Djokovic: 4 titles	5 (Djokovic led 3-2)	Roger Federer (2012 Wimbledon)
Roy Emerson and Rod Laver	8 (1961 Wimbledon-1963 Roland Garros)	Laver: 5 titles Emerson: 3 titles	4 (Laver led 3-1)	Chuck McKinley (1963 Wimbledon)
Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal	8 (2018 Roland Garros-2020 Australian Open)	Djokovic: 5 titles Nadal: 3 titles	1 (Djokovic led 1-0)	Dominic Thiem (2020 US Open)
Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner	8 (2024 Australian Open-2025 US Open)	Alcaraz: 4 titles Sinner: 4 titles	3 (Alcaraz leads 2-1)	??

*since Roland Garros became an international championship

CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWDOWNS

By meeting in the finals at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open, Alcaraz and Sinner became the first pair of players in the Open Era to contest 3 Grand Slam finals in a calendar year – and the first since 1964, when Roy Emerson faced Fred Stolle in the final at the Australian Championships, Wimbledon and the US Championships.

They also became the 4th pair of players to contest 3 consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals since Roland Garros became an international tournament in 1925. If they contest the final here, they will become the 2nd pair of players to contest 4 consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals – after Djokovic and Nadal, who contested 4 consecutive Grand Slam finals from 2011 Wimbledon to 2012 Roland Garros.

Pairs of players contesting 3 or more consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals (1925*-present)

Players	Consecutive Grand Slam finals contested
Novak Djokovic v Rafael Nadal	4 (2011 Wimbledon-2012 Roland Garros)
Roy Emerson v Rod Laver	3 (1961 US Championships-1962 Roland Garros)
Roy Emerson v Fred Stolle	3 (1964 Wimbledon-1965 Australian Championships)
Carlos Alcaraz v Jannik Sinner	3 (2025 Roland Garros-2025 US Open)

*since Roland Garros became an international championship

COMPLETING THE SET OF GRAND SLAM FINAL MEETINGS

If Alcaraz and Sinner meet in the final here, they will become the 3rd pair of players to meet each other in the men's singles final at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments – after Djokovic and Nadal, and Djokovic and Andy Murray.

Players to meet in the men's singles final at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments (all-time)

Players	Australian Open finals	Roland Garros finals	Wimbledon finals	US Open finals
Novak Djokovic v Rafael Nadal	2012, 2019	2012, 2014, 2020	2011	2010, 2013
Novak Djokovic v Andy Murray	2011, 2013, 2015, 2016	2016	2013	2012
Carlos Alcaraz v Jannik Sinner??	2026??	2025	2025	2025

ALCARAZ AND SINNER LOOK TO CONTINUE SLAM FINAL STREAKS

Starting at the 2024 US Open, Sinner has reached the final at the last 5 Grand Slam tournaments, while Alcaraz made it 3 major finals in a row by reaching the final at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open last year.

Sinner is bidding to become the 3rd player in the Open Era to reach 6 consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals, after Federer and Djokovic, while Alcaraz is bidding to become the 7th player in the Open Era to reach 4 consecutive finals.

Sinner is one of 4 players in the Open Era to reach 5 or more consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals, alongside Federer, Nadal and Djokovic. (see table overleaf)

Players to reach 4 or more consecutive Grand Slam men's singles finals (Open Era)

Player	Consecutive finals reached	Grand Slam tournaments
Roger Federer	10	2005 Wimbledon-2007 US Open
Roger Federer	8	2008 Roland Garros-2010 Australian Open
Novak Djokovic	6	2015 Australian Open-2016 Roland Garros
Jannik Sinner??	6??	2024 US Open-2026 Australian Open??
Novak Djokovic	5	2020 Roland Garros-2021 US Open
Rafael Nadal	5	2011 Roland Garros-2012 Roland Garros
Andre Agassi	4	1999 Roland Garros-2000 Australian Open
Carlos Alcaraz??	4??	2025 Roland Garros-2026 Australian Open??
Novak Djokovic	4	2011 Wimbledon-2012 Roland Garros
Novak Djokovic	4	2023 Australian Open-2023 US Open
Rod Laver	4	1969 Australian Open-1969 US Open

ALCARAZ LOOKS TO COMPLETE SET OF GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

Having reached the final at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open all multiple times, Alcaraz is bidding to reach his first Australian Open final and become the 12th player in the Open Era to reach the men's singles final at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments. He would become the 3rd player in the Open Era to achieve the feat at the Australian Open, after Ken Rosewall and Andre Agassi, with Rosewall also having completed the set of Grand Slam men's singles finals before the Open Era.

Players to reach the final at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments (Open Era)

Player	First Australian Open final	First Roland Garros final	First Wimbledon final	First US Open final
Rod Laver*	1969	1969	1968	1969
Ken Rosewall*	1971	1968	1970	1970
Ivan Lendl	1983	1981	1986	1982
Stefan Edberg	1985	1988	1989	1991
Jim Courier	1992	1991	1993	1991
Andre Agassi	1995	1990	1992	1990
Roger Federer	2004	2006	2003	2004
Rafael Nadal	2009	2005	2006	2010
Novak Djokovic	2008	2012	2011	2007
Andy Murray	2010	2016	2012	2008
Jannik Sinner	2024	2025	2025	2024
Carlos Alcaraz	2026??	2024	2023	2022

Event where player completed the set in **bold**

*Also completed the set of Grand Slam final appearances pre-Open Era

Alcaraz is making his 20th Grand Slam appearance at the Australian Open this year. If he reaches the final here and completes the set of Grand Slam final appearances, he will go 2nd on the Open Era list for fewest Grand Slam appearances before reaching the men's singles final at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments – behind Courier, who completed the set of Grand Slam final appearances on his 19th Grand Slam appearance.

Fewest Grand Slam appearances before reaching men's singles finals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Jim Courier	19
Carlos Alcaraz	20??
Andre Agassi	22
Jannik Sinner	23
Rafael Nadal	26
Ivan Lendl	27
Roger Federer	28
Novak Djokovic	30
Stefan Edberg	34
Andy Murray	41

NB excludes Laver and Rosewall, whose Grand Slam appearances spanned the Amateur Era and Open Era

Alcaraz is also making his 12th Grand Slam appearance since reaching his first Grand Slam final at the 2022 US Open. If he reaches the final here and completes the set of Grand Slam final appearances, he will go 4th on the Open Era list for shortest gap between reaching a first Grand Slam final and completing the set of Grand Slam final appearances. (see table overleaf)

Shortest gap between reaching first Grand Slam final and completing the set of Grand Slam men's singles final appearances (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Jannik Sinner	6
Jim Courier	9
Roger Federer	11
Carlos Alcaraz	12??
Andre Agassi	13
Novak Djokovic	18
Ivan Lendl	18
Rafael Nadal	20
Stefan Edberg	26
Andy Murray	29

NB excludes Laver and Rosewall, whose Grand Slam appearances spanned the Amateur Era and Open Era

DOMINATING THE TOUR

Since the start of 2024, Alcaraz and Sinner have combined to win the title 18 of the 19 Tour-level events where both have competed – the only tournament where both competed and neither won the title in that time was 2024 Madrid-1000, when Sinner withdrew ahead of his quarterfinal match and Alcaraz fell in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Andrey Rublev.

Alcaraz and Sinner have met in the final at 7 of those 19 events, including at 6 of the last 7 events where they have both played.

Tour-level events with both Alcaraz and Sinner in the draw (2024-25)

Event	Champion	Runner-up
2024 Australian Open	Jannik Sinner	Daniil Medvedev
2024 Indian Wells-1000	Carlos Alcaraz	Daniil Medvedev
2024 Miami-1000	Jannik Sinner	Grigor Dimitrov
2024 Madrid-1000	Andrey Rublev	Felix Auger-Aliassime
2024 Roland Garros	Carlos Alcaraz	Alexander Zverev
2024 Wimbledon	Carlos Alcaraz	Novak Djokovic
2024 Cincinnati-1000	Jannik Sinner	Frances Tiafoe
2024 US Open	Jannik Sinner	Taylor Fritz
2024 Beijing	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
2024 Shanghai-1000	Jannik Sinner	Novak Djokovic
2024 ATP Finals	Jannik Sinner	Taylor Fritz
2025 Australian Open	Jannik Sinner	Alexander Zverev
2025 Rome-1000	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
2025 Roland Garros	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
2025 Wimbledon	Jannik Sinner	Carlos Alcaraz
2025 Cincinnati-1000	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
2025 US Open	Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
2025 Paris-1000	Jannik Sinner	Felix Auger-Aliassime
2025 ATP Finals	Jannik Sinner	Carlos Alcaraz

SINNER v ALCARAZ

Sinner has a 131-12 Tour-level win-loss record since the start of the 2024 season. Of his 12 defeats, 7 have come against Alcaraz, with one defeat against each of Alexander Bublik, Tallon Griekspoor, Medvedev, Rublev and Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Alcaraz is the only player to defeat Sinner in a final since the start of 2024, with 5 victories against Sinner in finals in that time. Sinner's defeat to Alcaraz in the final at 2025 Rome-1000 was his first straight-sets loss since he fell to Djokovic 63 63 in the final at the 2023 ATP Finals, ending a streak of 94 matches in which he had won at least one set.

ALCARAZ v SINNER

Alcaraz has a 125-22 Tour-level win-loss record since the start of the 2024 season. Four players have defeated Alcaraz on multiple occasions in that time – Djokovic, Draper, Sinner and Zverev, each with 2 wins against Alcaraz in 2024-25. Sinner was the only player to record 2 victories against Alcaraz in 2025.

Djokovic, Holger Rune and Sinner are the only players to defeat Alcaraz in a final since the start of 2024, with Sinner being the only player to achieve the feat twice, defeating Alcaraz in the final at 2025 Wimbledon and the 2025 ATP Finals.

NO. 1 RANKING UPDATE

Alcaraz will remain as world No. 1 when the new rankings are published on Monday 2 February, regardless of results at the Australian Open.

DJOKOVIC BIDS FOR NEW GRAND SLAM RECORD

Ten-time Australian Open champion Djokovic is bidding to win his 25th Grand Slam singles title – and claim sole ownership of the all-time record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Margaret Court.

Most Grand Slam singles titles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam titles
1=	Margaret Court Novak Djokovic	24 24
3.	Serena Williams	23
5=	Steffi Graf Rafael Nadal	22 22
6.	Roger Federer	20
7.	Helen Wills Moody	19
8=	Chris Evert Martina Navratilova	18 18
10.	Pete Sampras	14

Djokovic is also bidding to extend his all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, having claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Nadal, by winning the title at 2023 Roland Garros.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam titles
1.	Novak Djokovic	24
2.	Rafael Nadal	22
3.	Roger Federer	20
4.	Pete Sampras	14
5.	Roy Emerson	12

DJOKOVIC AIMS FOR ELEVENTH AUSSIE CROWN

Djokovic is bidding to win his 11th Australian Open title and extend his lead at the top of the list for most Australian Championships/Open men's singles titles.

Most Australian Championships/Open men's singles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Titles won	Years
1.	Novak Djokovic	10	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023
2=	Roy Emerson Roger Federer	6 6	1961, 1963-67 2004, 2006-07, 2010, 2017-18
4=	Andre Agassi Jack Crawford Ken Rosewall	4 4 4	1995, 2000-01, 2003 1931-33, 1935 1953, 1955, 1971-72

By winning the title here in 2023, Djokovic also became the 2nd man in history to win at least 10 titles at any Grand Slam event. Nadal is the only other man to have won at least 10 titles at a single Grand Slam event, having won the title at Roland Garros on 14 occasions.

Most men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam	Titles won	Years
Rafael Nadal	Roland Garros	14	2005-08, 2010-2014, 2017-20, 2022
Novak Djokovic	Australian Open	10	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023
Roger Federer	Wimbledon	8	2003-07, 2009, 2012, 2017
Novak Djokovic	Wimbledon	7	2011, 2014-15, 2018-22*
Bill Larned	US Championships	7	1901-02, 1907-11**
William Renshaw	Wimbledon	7	1881-86, 1889**
Pete Sampras	Wimbledon	7	1993-95, 1997-2000
Richard Sears	US Championships	7	1881-87**
Bill Tilden	US Championships	7	1920-25, 1929

*No tournament at Wimbledon in 2020. **Challenge round played through 1911 at US Championships and through 1921 at Wimbledon.

Victory for Djokovic would also see him become the 3rd player, man or woman, to win 11 titles at one Grand Slam event – after Nadal at Roland Garros and Court, who won 11 women’s singles titles at the Australian Championships/Open.

Most singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (men and women)

Player	Grand Slam	Titles won	Years
Rafael Nadal	Roland Garros	14	2005-08, 2010-2014, 2017-20, 2022
Margaret Court	Australian Open*	11	1960-66, 1969-71, 1973
Novak Djokovic	Australian Open	10	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023
Martina Navratilova	Wimbledon	9	1978-79, 1982-87, 1990

*Known as Australian Championships before 1969.

DJOKOVIC LOOKS TO BECOME OLDEST GRAND SLAM CHAMPION

Aged 38 years 255 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men’s singles title – and the first man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 38 or older. Ken Rosewall is the only man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, at the 1972 Australian Open. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Should he reach the final here, Djokovic will become the 2nd man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam finals after turning 37 – after Rosewall, who contested 3 Grand Slam finals after his 37th birthday. He would also become the 2nd man in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam final after turning 38, after Rosewall, who contested 2 Grand Slam finals aged 39.

Players aged 37+ in the Grand Slam men’s singles finals (Open Era)

Player	Age	Tournament	Result in final
Ken Rosewall	39 years 310 days	1974 US Open	Lost to Jimmy Connors 61 60 61
Ken Rosewall	39 years 246 days	1974 Wimbledon	Lost to Jimmy Connors 61 61 64
Novak Djokovic??	38 years 255 days	2026 Australian Open	???
Roger Federer	37 years 340 days	2019 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 76(5) 16 76(4) 46 13-12(3)
Ken Rosewall	37 years 62 days	1972 Australian Open	Defeated Mal Anderson 76 63 75
Novak Djokovic	37 years 53 days	2024 Wimbledon	Lost to Carlos Alcaraz 62 62 76(4)

Djokovic is bidding to win his 5th Grand Slam title since turning 35 and extend his Open Era record for most Grand Slam singles titles won aged 35 or older.

Grand Slam singles titles won aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam titles
Novak Djokovic	4
Roger Federer	3
Ken Rosewall	3
Rafael Nadal	2
Serena Williams	1

Djokovic is also bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open on multiple occasions after turning 35 – after Federer and Rosewall.

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

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

Djokovic is also bidding to win his 13th Grand Slam title since turning 30 and extend his record for most Grand Slam singles titles won after the age of 30 in the Open Era. He claimed sole ownership of the record by winning his 11th Grand Slam title since turning 30 at 2023 Roland Garros, moving ahead of Serena Williams.

Djokovic is bidding to win his 5th Australian Open title since turning 30. He is the only man in the Open Era to have won 3 or more Australian Open titles after turning 30 and one of just 4 men in the Open Era (alongside Federer, Rosewall and Andre Agassi) to have won multiple Australian Open titles after turning 30. In the Open Era, the Australian Open men’s singles title has been won by players aged 30 or over on 14 occasions.

DECADES APART

Djokovic is bidding to win the title here 18 years after winning his first Grand Slam title here in 2008 and claim the Open Era record for longest gap between first and most-recent Grand Slam singles titles. Among men and women, he is in 3rd place on the Open Era list for largest gap between first and most-recent Grand Slam titles – behind Serena Williams and Nadal.

Largest gap between first and most recent Grand Slam singles titles (Open Era)

Player	First Grand Slam title	Most-recent Grand Slam title	Time between first and most-recent Grand Slam titles
Serena Williams	1999 US Open	2017 Australian Open	17 years, 5 months
Rafael Nadal	2005 Roland Garros	2022 Roland Garros	17 years
Novak Djokovic	2008 Australian Open	2023 US Open	15 years, 7 months
Roger Federer	2003 Wimbledon	2018 Australian Open	14 years, 7 months
Chris Evert	1974 Roland Garros	1986 Roland Garros	12 years
Steffi Graf	1987 Roland Garros	1999 Roland Garros	12 years
Martina Navratilova	1978 Wimbledon	1990 Wimbledon	12 years
Pete Sampras	1990 US Open	2002 US Open	12 years
Andre Agassi	1992 Wimbledon	2003 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months
Boris Becker	1985 Wimbledon	1996 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months

Djokovic is one of 4 players (men or women) to have won Grand Slam titles in 3 different decades in the Open Era – alongside Nadal (who also won at least one major title in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s), Williams (1990s, 2000s and 2010s) and Martina Navratilova (1970s, 1980s and 1990s).

MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINAL APPEARANCES

Djokovic surpassed Federer at the top of the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances by reaching his 8th final here in 2020 – and extended the record by reaching a 9th final in 2021 and 10th final in 2023.

Most Australian Open men's singles final appearances (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Finals reached
1.	Novak Djokovic	10
2.	Roger Federer	7
3.	Rafael Nadal	6
4=	Stefan Edberg	5
	Andy Murray	5

MOST GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

Djokovic holds the all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances, having moved ahead of Federer by contesting his 32nd Grand Slam final at 2022 Wimbledon.

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

Rank	Player	Finals reached
1.	Novak Djokovic	37
2.	Roger Federer	31
3.	Rafael Nadal	30
4.	Ivan Lendl	19
5.	Pete Sampras	18

Djokovic also holds the all-time record for most Grand Slam singles final appearances, having moved ahead of Chris Evert by contesting his 35th Grand Slam final at 2023 Wimbledon.

Most Grand Slam singles final appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Finals reached
1.	Novak Djokovic	37
2.	Chris Evert	34
3.	Serena Williams	33
4.	Martina Navratilova	32
5=	Roger Federer	31
	Steffi Graf	31

SIX GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS IN THE DRAW

Six Grand Slam champions are appearing in the 2026 Australian Open men's singles main draw, with 3 of the 6 (Djokovic, Sinner and Stan Wawrinka) having won the title here.

Grand Slam champions in the men's singles at 2026 Australian Open

Player	Grand Slam titles won
Novak Djokovic	24 (2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023 Australian Open ; 2011, 2014-15, 2018-22* Wimbledon; 2011, 2015, 2018, 2023 US Open; 2016, 2021, 2023 Roland Garros)
Carlos Alcaraz	6 (2022, 2025 US Open; 2023-24 Wimbledon; 2024-25 Roland Garros)
Jannik Sinner	4 (2024-25 Australian Open ; 2024 US Open; 2025 Wimbledon)
Stan Wawrinka	3 (2014 Australian Open ; 2015 Roland Garros; 2016 US Open)
Marin Cilic	1 (2014 US Open)
Daniil Medvedev	1 (2021 US Open)

*No tournament at Wimbledon in 2020

A NEW NAME ON THE TROPHY?

Just 3 active players (Djokovic, Sinner and Wawrinka) have won an Australian Open title – together with Federer and Nadal, they have won the last 19 Australian Open men's singles titles between them.

Six active male players have reached the Australian Open final. In addition to Djokovic, Sinner and Wawrinka, 3 active male players have finished as runner-up here – Marin Cilic (2018), Medvedev (2021-22, 2024) and Tsitsipas (2023).

By comparison, 6 active players have reached the men's singles final at Roland Garros (3 active champions), 6 active players have reached the men's singles final at Wimbledon (3 active champions) and 10 active players have reached the men's singles final at the US Open (6 active champions).

THE LAST DANCE

2014 Australian Open champion Wawrinka announced in December that 2026 will be his final year on Tour – emulating 2-time Australian Open quarterfinalist Gael Monfils, who had announced that this would be his final season in October.

Milos Raonic, a semifinalist here in 2016, announced his retirement from professional tennis on Monday. Raonic last competed at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event.

MEDVEDEV AIMS FOR SECOND GRAND SLAM TITLE

No. 11 seed Medvedev, a 3-time finalist here, is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam title, having won his first by defeating Djokovic in the final at the 2021 US Open. If he wins his 2nd title here on his 16th Grand Slam appearance since winning his first, he will set the Open Era record for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title, ahead of Marat Safin.

Most attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title (Open Era)

Player	1st Grand Slam title	2nd Grand Slam title	Attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam title
Daniil Medvedev??	2021 US Open	2026 Australian Open??	16??
Marat Safin	2000 US Open	2005 Australian Open	14
Novak Djokovic	2008 Australian Open	2011 Australian Open	12
Gustavo Kuerten	1997 Roland Garros	2000 Roland Garros	12
Pete Sampras	1990 US Open	1993 Wimbledon	9
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1996 Roland Garros	1999 Australian Open	8
Andre Agassi	1992 Wimbledon	1994 US Open	6
Ivan Lendl	1984 Roland Garros	1985 US Open	6
Mats Wilander	1982 Roland Garros	1983 Australian Open	6
Stan Wawrinka	2014 Australian Open	2015 Roland Garros	5

Medvedev would also become the 9th man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final on 4 or more occasions should he reach the final here again this year – and the 2nd active player to do so, after Djokovic (10 Australian Open finals).

ZVEREV LEADS GROUP SEEKING MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

No. 3 seed Zverev, No. 9 seed Fritz and No. 12 seed Casper Ruud have all reached at least one Grand Slam final – with Zverev reaching the final here last year – but all 3 are still seeking a first Grand Slam title.

Zverev became the 3rd German player to reach the men’s singles final here in 2025 – after Boris Becker won the title in 1991 and 1996 and Rainer Schuettler finished runner-up in 2003 – but fell to Sinner in straight sets. He is bidding to become the first German man to win a Grand Slam title since Boris Becker at the 1996 Australian Open.

Fritz reached his first Grand Slam final at the 2024 US Open, falling to Sinner in straight sets. He became the first American man to reach a Grand Slam final since Andy Roddick finished runner-up at 2009 Wimbledon. If he reaches the final here, he will become the first American man to reach the final at the Australian Open since Andre Agassi won the title here in 2003.

Ruud did not reach a Grand Slam final in 2024 or 2025 – but, having finished runner-up at 3 Grand Slam tournaments, is the active player to have reached the joint-most Grand Slam finals without winning a title, alongside Zverev. He finished runner-up at Roland Garros in 2022 and 2023 and at the 2023 US Open and is the only Norwegian player in history, man or woman, to have reached a Grand Slam singles final.

Should any of Zverev, Fritz or Ruud win the title here, they will enter the Top 5 on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men’s singles title. Zverev or Fritz would be in 2nd place on the list, while Ruud would be in joint-5th place alongside Murray.

Most attempts before winning first Grand Slam men’s singles title (Open Era)

Player	No. of attempts	First Grand Slam title won
Goran Ivanisevic	48	2001 Wimbledon
Alexander Zverev??	40??	2026 Australian Open??
Taylor Fritz??	38??	2026 Australian Open??
Stan Wawrinka	36	2014 Australian Open
Petr Korda	34	1998 Australian Open
Marin Cilic	29	2014 US Open
Andy Murray	28	2012 US Open
Casper Ruud??	28??	2026 Australian Open??

SO NEAR YET SO FAR

Zverev, Fritz and Ruud are 3 of the 7 active players have reached at least one Grand Slam final during their careers but are still bidding for their first major titles – 4 of whom are competing at the Australian Open this year, with Matteo Berrettini, Nick Kyrgios and Kei Nishikori missing out.

Active players to have reached Grand Slam men’s singles finals without winning a title

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
Matteo Berrettini	2021 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(4) 64 64 63
Taylor Fritz	2024 US Open	Lost to Jannik Sinner 63 64 75
Nick Kyrgios	2022 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 46 63 64 76(3)
Kei Nishikori	2014 US Open	Lost to Marin Cilic 63 63 63
Casper Ruud	2022 Roland Garros 2022 US Open 2023 Roland Garros	Lost to Rafael Nadal 63 63 60 Lost to Carlos Alcaraz 64 26 76(1) 63 Lost to Novak Djokovic 76(1) 63 75
Stefanos Tsitsipas	2021 Roland Garros 2023 Australian Open	Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(6) 26 63 62 64 Lost to Novak Djokovic 63 76(4) 76(5)
Alexander Zverev	2020 US Open 2024 Roland Garros 2025 Australian Open	Lost to Dominic Thiem 26 46 64 63 76(6) Lost to Carlos Alcaraz 63 26 57 61 62 Lost to Jannik Sinner 63 76(4) 63

GRAND SLAM SEMIFINALISTS READY TO MAKE NEXT STEP?

No. 5 seed Lorenzo Musetti, No. 7 seed Felix Auger-Aliassime and No. 8 seed Ben Shelton are all 2-time Grand Slam semifinalists – and all reached a major semifinal in 2025.

Musetti’s Grand Slam semifinal appearances came at 2024 Wimbledon and 2025 Roland Garros, where he fell to Djokovic and Alcaraz respectively. Auger-Aliassime has reached the semifinals at the US Open on 2 occasions – in 2021, where he fell to Medvedev and last year, where he fell to Sinner. Shelton has lost to the eventual champion on both of his Grand Slam semifinal appearances – he fell to Djokovic at the 2023 US Open and to Sinner here last year.

DE MINAUR LEADS AUSTRALIAN CONTENDERS

No. 6 seed De Minaur leads the Australian men competing at this year's Australian Open. De Minaur reached the quarterfinals here last year, completing the set of quarterfinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments. He has lost all 6 Grand Slam quarterfinal matches he has contested.

The 11 Australians in the draw are all bidding to become the first Australian men's singles champion here since Edmondson in 1976. Edmondson is also the only recorded unseeded player to win here. Of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open has gone longest without a home champion.

Most-recent home men's singles champion at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments

Event	Last home champion
Australian Open	Mark Edmondson (1976)
Roland Garros	Yannick Noah (1983)
Wimbledon	Andy Murray (2016)
US Open	Andy Roddick (2003)

In 2005, Hewitt became the first Australian to reach the men's singles final here since Pat Cash reached back-to-back finals in 1987-88. An Australian man has reached the final at a Grand Slam event only 11 times in the 150 Grand Slam tournaments since Cash's 1988 final appearance, and only once at the Australian Open. Hewitt's 2002 Wimbledon title marked the last time an Australian man won a Grand Slam title.

Kyrgios is the only active Australian player to have reached a Grand Slam men's singles final. He has struggled with injuries in recent years and has contested just 7 singles matches since the beginning of the 2023 season. He will not compete in singles here but will contest the men's doubles event alongside Thanasi Kokkinakis, with whom he won the men's doubles title here in 2022.

Australian Grand Slam men's singles finalists since 1988

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
Nick Kyrgios	2022 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 46 63 64 76(3)
Lleyton Hewitt	2001 US Open 2002 Wimbledon 2004 US Open 2005 Australian Open	Defeated Pete Sampras 76(4) 61 61 Defeated David Nalbandian 61 63 62 Lost to Roger Federer 60 76(3) 60 Lost to Marat Safin 16 63 64 64
Mark Philippoussis	1998 US Open 2003 Wimbledon	Lost to Patrick Rafter 63 36 62 60 Lost to Roger Federer 76(5) 62 76(3)
Patrick Rafter	1997 US Open 1998 US Open 2000 Wimbledon 2001 Wimbledon	Defeated Greg Rusedski 63 62 46 75 Defeated Mark Philippoussis 63 36 62 60 Lost to Pete Sampras 67(10) 76(5) 64 62 Lost to Goran Ivanisevic 63 36 63 26 97

BEST OF THE REST

Of the Top 16 seeds, 12 have reached the quarterfinals or better at the Australian Open at least once before. All have reached at least one Grand Slam quarterfinal except Jakub Mensik.

Top 16 seeds' best Australian Open and Grand Slam results

Seed	Player	Best Aus Open result	Best Grand Slam result
1	Carlos Alcaraz	Quarterfinals 2024, 2025	Won 6 titles
2	Jannik Sinner	Won title 2024, 2025	Won 4 titles
3	Alexander Zverev	Final 2025	Final 2020 US Open, 2024 Roland Garros, 2025 Aus Open
4	Novak Djokovic	Won 10 titles	Won 24 titles
5	Lorenzo Musetti	3rd round 2025	Semifinals 2024 Wimbledon, 2025 Roland Garros
6	Alex de Minaur	Quarterfinals 2025	Quarterfinals 6 times
7	Felix Auger-Aliassime	Quarterfinals 2022	Semifinals 2021, 2025 US Open
8	Ben Shelton	Semifinals 2025	Semifinals 2023 US Open, 2025 Australian Open
9	Taylor Fritz	Quarterfinals 2024	Final 2024 US Open
10	Alexander Bublik	2nd round 2017, 2021, 2022	Quarterfinals 2025 Roland Garros
11	Daniil Medvedev	Final 2021, 2022, 2024	Won 2021 US Open
12	Casper Ruud	Round of 16 2021	Final 2022, 2023 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open
13	Andrey Rublev	Quarterfinals 2021, 2023, 2024	Quarterfinals 10 times
14	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	Round of 16 2021	Quarterfinals 2021 Roland Garros
15	Karen Khachanov	Semifinals 2023	Semifinals 2022 US Open, 2023 Australian Open
16	Jakub Mensik	3rd round 2025	3rd round 4 times

CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM

Alcaraz led the Tour for most match-wins in 2025 with 71 victories – no other player reached 60 victories last season. Sinner had the best win percentage of the Top 10, having won 90.63% of the matches he played, while Alcaraz won 88.75% of matches played.

2025 Tour-level win-loss

Rank	Player	2025 win-loss
1.	Carlos Alcaraz	71-9
2.	Jannik Sinner	58-6
3.	Alexander Zverev	57-25
4.	Alex de Minaur	56-24
5.	Taylor Fritz	53-23
6.	Felix Auger-Aliassime	50-24
7.	Lorenzo Musetti	45-22
8.	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	44-26
9=	Jiri Lehecka	41-23
	Daniil Medvedev	41-23

De Minaur led the Tour for most match-wins on hard courts in 2025, ahead of Felix Auger-Aliassime, Sinner and Alcaraz. Again, Sinner had the best win percentage of the Top 10 (92.86%) followed by Alcaraz (84.44%).

2025 Tour-level hard court win-loss

Rank	Player	2025 win-loss (hard)
1.	Alex de Minaur	43-17
2.	Felix Auger-Aliassime	41-15
3.	Jannik Sinner	39-3
4.	Carlos Alcaraz	38-7
5.	Taylor Fritz	37-17
6.	Alexander Zverev	33-15
7=	Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	30-18
	Daniil Medvedev	30-16
9.	Jiri Lehecka	29-15
10=	Ben Shelton	27-15
	Learner Tien	27-14

Alcaraz led the Tour for most titles won in 2025, winning 8 titles. A total of 30 players won Tour-level singles titles last season, with 11 of those players winning multiple titles.

Most Tour-level titles in 2024

Player	Titles won
Carlos Alcaraz	8 (Rotterdam, Monte Carlo-1000, Rome-1000, Roland Garros, Queen's, Cincinnati-1000, US Open, Tokyo)
Jannik Sinner	6 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, Beijing, Vienna, Paris-1000, ATP Finals)
Alexander Bublik	4 (Halle, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel, Hangzhou)
Felix Auger-Aliassime	3 (Adelaide, Montpellier, Brussels)
Luciano Darderi	3 (Marrakesh, Bastad, Umag)
Flavio Cobolli	2 (Bucharest, Hamburg)
Novak Djokovic	2 (Geneva, Athens)
Joao Fonseca	2 (Buenos Aires, Basel)
Taylor Fritz	2 (Stuttgart, Eastbourne)
Casper Ruud	2 (Madrid-1000, Stockholm)
Denis Shapovalov	2 (Dallas, Los Cabos)

2025 BREAKOUT STARS

Joao Fonseca and Learner Tien both recorded upset victories at the 2025 Australian Open, with Fonseca (the 2024 NextGen ATP Finals champion) defeating Andrey Rublev in the 1st round before Tien (who became the 2025 NextGen ATP Finals champion last month) defeated Daniil Medvedev in the 2nd round. Both are seeded at a Grand Slam tournament for the first time here – Tien at No. 25 and Fonseca at No. 28.

Also among the seeds here is Vacherot, the No. 30 seed, who produced one of the most remarkable stories of the 2025 season. Vacherot won his first Tour-level title at Shanghai-1000, defeating Djokovic in the semifinals and his first cousin Arthur Rinderknech in the final. Ranked No. 204, he came through qualifying to reach the main draw, becoming the lowest-ranked player to win a Masters-1000 event, the first unseeded player to win the title at Shanghai-1000 and the first Monegasque player to win a Tour-level title.

THE LEAD-UP

Since 2016, winners of pre-Australian Open tournaments have gone on to win the title here on 3 occasions – Djokovic in 2016 and 2023, and Nadal in 2022.

In the opening week of this season, Medvedev won the title at Brisbane, taking his tally of Tour-level titles to 22 – all of which have been won at different events. Bublik defeated Musetti in the final at Hong Kong to win his 5th title in the last 8 months (and his 9th overall) and has broken the Top 10 for the first time this week as a result.

Poland won the title at the United Cup, defeating Switzerland in the final. Hubert Hurkacz won 4 of the 5 matches he contested at the event, 3 of which were against Top 10 players – he defeated Fritz and Zverev but fell to De Minaur.

In the week before the Australian Open, the Czech duo of Tomas Machac and Jakub Mensik won the titles at Adelaide and Auckland, respectively. It was a 2nd Tour-level title for both players, with Machac defeating Ugo Humbert in the final at Adelaide and Mensik defeating Sebastian Baez to win at Auckland.

No player has won the Australian Open men's singles title having won a tournament the previous week since Pete Sampras won Sydney immediately before winning his first title here in 1994. In the last 10 years, no champion of a tournament the week before the Australian Open has reached the quarterfinals here.

Since 1998, when Patrick Rafter won back-to-back titles at Long Island and the US Open, the only player to win a Grand Slam title having won a tournament the previous week is Djokovic, who won back-to-back titles at Belgrade and Roland Garros in 2021.

Lead-up event champions and subsequent Australian Open result (2016-26)

Year	Doha	Chennai	Brisbane	Sydney	Auckland
2016	Novak Djokovic Champion	Stan Wawrinka Round of 16	Milos Raonic Semifinals	Viktor Troicki 3rd round	Roberto Bautista Agut Round of 16
2017	Novak Djokovic 2nd round	Roberto Bautista Agut Round of 16	Grigor Dimitrov Semifinals	Gilles Muller 2nd round	Jack Sock 3rd round
Year	Doha	Pune	Brisbane	Sydney	Auckland
2018	Gael Monfils 2nd round	Gilles Simon 2nd round	Nick Kyrgios Round of 16	Daniil Medvedev 2nd round	Roberto Bautista Agut 1st round
2019	Roberto Bautista Agut Quarterfinals	Kevin Anderson 2nd round	Kei Nishikori Quarterfinals	Alex de Minaur 3rd round	Tennys Sandgren 1st round
Year	Doha	Adelaide		Auckland	
2020	Andrey Rublev Round of 16	Andrey Rublev Round of 16		Ugo Humbert 1st round	
Year	Delray Beach*	Antalya*	Melbourne I	Melbourne II	
2021	Hubert Hurkacz 1st round	Alex de Minaur 3rd round	Jannik Sinner 1st round	Daniel Evans 1st round	
Year	Adelaide I	Melbourne	Adelaide II	Sydney	
2022	Gael Monfils Quarterfinals	Rafael Nadal Champion	Thanasi Kokkinakis 1st round	Aslan Karatsev 3rd round	
Year	Adelaide I	Pune	Adelaide II	Auckland	
2023	Novak Djokovic Champion	Tallon Griekspoor 3rd round	Soonwoo Kwon 1st round	Richard Gasquet 1st round	
Year	Brisbane	Hong Kong	Adelaide	Auckland	
2024	Grigor Dimitrov 3rd round	Andrey Rublev Quarterfinals	Jiri Lehecka 2nd round	Alejandro Tabilo 1st round	
2025	Jiri Lehecka Round of 16	Alexandre Muller 1st round	Felix Auger-Aliassime 2nd round	Gael Monfils Round of 16	
2026	Daniil Medvedev ???	Alexander Bublik ???	Tomas Machac ???	Jakub Mensik ???	

*Held in January prior to the 2-week quarantine period in Australia

MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN MATCH-WINS

Djokovic will bid to record his 100th match-win in the 1st round here this year and is looking to close the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Australian Open match-wins. Wawrinka will equal Pete Sampras in 9th place if he wins his opening 2 matches here this year.

Most Australian Open men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	102-15
2.	Novak Djokovic	99-10
3.	Rafael Nadal	77-16
4.	Stefan Edberg	56-10
5.	Andy Murray	51-15
6=	Andre Agassi	48-5
	Ivan Lendl	48-10
8.	Tomas Berdych	47-16
9.	Pete Sampras	45-9
10.	Stan Wawrinka	43-16

Players at the 2026 Australian Open in **bold**

MOST GRAND SLAM MATCH-WINS

Djokovic is bidding to extend his lead at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins. He claimed sole ownership of the record by defeating Francisco Cerundolo in the round of 16 at 2024 Roland Garros to record his 370th Grand Slam singles win.

Most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Novak Djokovic	397-55
2.	Roger Federer	369-60
3.	Rafael Nadal	314-44
4.	Jimmy Connors	233-49
5.	Andre Agassi	224-53
6.	Ivan Lendl	222-49
7.	Pete Sampras	203-38
8.	Andy Murray	200-57
9.	Stefan Edberg	178-47
10.	John McEnroe	167-38

Djokovic also became the first player, man or woman, to record 370 Grand Slam singles match-wins with his win against Cerundolo at 2024 Roland Garros.

Most Grand Slam singles match-wins (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Novak Djokovic	397-55
2.	Roger Federer	369-60
3.	Serena Williams	365-54
4.	Rafael Nadal	314-44
5.	Martina Navratilova	306-49

Djokovic, Nadal, Federer and Williams are the only 4 players to have recorded 50 match-wins at all 4 Grand Slam events. By defeating Laslo Djere in the 2nd round at the 2024 US Open, Djokovic is the only player to record at least 80 match-wins at each Grand Slam tournament.

Players to have won 50 or more singles matches at all 4 Grand Slams

Player	Grand Slam win-loss	Australian Open win-loss	Roland Garros win-loss	Wimbledon win-loss	US Open win-loss
Roger Federer	369-60	102-15	73-17	105-14	89-14
Serena Williams	367-56	92-13	69-14	98-14	108-15
Novak Djokovic	397-55	99-10	101-17	102-13	95-15
Rafael Nadal	314-44	77-16	112-4	58-12	67-12

MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN APPEARANCES

Djokovic is making his 21st Australian Open appearance this year, equalling Federer's Open Era record for most Australian Open men's singles appearances. Wawrinka and Monfils are both making their 20th (and final) appearances here this year, equalling Hewitt and Feliciano Lopez in 3rd place on the list, while Adrian Mannarino enters the Top 10 by contesting his 17th Australian Open.

Australian Open men's singles appearances (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Aus Open appearances
1=	Novak Djokovic	21
	Roger Federer	21
3=	Lleyton Hewitt	20
	Feliciano Lopez	20
	Gael Monfils	20
	Stan Wawrinka	20
7=	Rafael Nadal	18
	Fabrice Santoro	18
9=	Richard Gasquet	17
	Ivo Karlovic	17
	Adrian Mannarino	17
	Andreas Seppi	17
	Fernando Verdasco	17
	Mikhail Youzhny	17

Players at the 2026 Australian Open in **bold** (totals include this event)

Mannarino and Grigor Dimitrov, are both competing here for the 16th consecutive year, jointly hold the longest active streaks of consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances.

Most consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances (active streaks only)

Rank	Player	Consecutive appearances
1=	Grigor Dimitrov	16
	Adrian Mannarino	16
3.	Roberto Bautista Agut	15
4.	Jordan Thompson	13
5.	Alexander Zverev	11

Totals include this event

MOST GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Djokovic is contesting his 81st Grand Slam event here, equalling Federer and Lopez at the top the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Wawrinka is contesting his 75th Grand Slam event here, equalling Richard Gasquet in 4th place on the list, while Monfils is contesting his 69th Grand Slam event here, equalling Mikhail Youzhny in 8th place on the list.

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

Rank	Player	Grand Slam appearances
1=	Novak Djokovic	81
	Roger Federer	81
	Feliciano Lopez	81
4=	Richard Gasquet	75
	Stan Wawrinka	75
6.	Fernando Verdasco	71
7.	Fabrice Santoro	70
8=	Gael Monfils	69
	Mikhail Youzhny	69
10=	Philipp Kohlschreiber	68
	Rafael Nadal	68

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MOST CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Dimitrov's streak of consecutive Grand Slam appearances ended when he withdrew from the 2025 US Open due to a pectoral injury that also forced him to retire while leading Sinner in the round of 16 at Wimbledon. His streak of 58 Grand Slam men's singles main draw appearances is the 5th longest in history.

Two other players competing at the Australian Open this year, Djokovic and Wawrinka, have previously recorded streaks of 50 Grand Slam men's singles main draw appearances.

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

Rank	Player	Consecutive Grand Slam events played
1.	Feliciano Lopez	79 (2002 Roland Garros-2022 Australian Open)
2.	Fernando Verdasco	68 (2003 Wimbledon-2020 Australian Open)
3.	Andreas Seppi	66 (2005 Wimbledon-2022 Australian Open)
4.	Roger Federer	65 (2000 Australian Open-2016 Australian Open)
5.	Grigor Dimitrov	58 (2011 Australian Open-2025 Wimbledon)
6.	Wayne Ferreira	56 (1991 Australian Open-2004 US Open)
7.	Stefan Edberg	54 (1983 Wimbledon-1996 US Open)
8.	Tomas Berdych	52 (2003 US Open-2016 Wimbledon)
9.	Novak Djokovic	51 (2005 Australian Open-2017 Wimbledon)
10=	David Ferrer Guillermo Garcia-Lopez Stan Wawrinka	50 (2003 Australian Open-2015 Roland Garros) 50 (2005 Australian Open-2017 Roland Garros) 50 (2005 Roland Garros-2017 Wimbledon)

Players at the 2026 Australian Open in **bold**.

Other notable streaks of consecutive Grand Slam appearances to end in 2025 were those of Adrian Mannarino (48 consecutive Grand Slam appearances, 2013 Australian Open-2025 Australian Open) and Dusan Lajovic (38 consecutive Grand Slam appearances, 2016 Australian Open-2025 Wimbledon).

Jordan Thompson now holds the longest active streak of consecutive Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Thompson, who is playing here this year as a wild card, is contesting the men's singles main draw at a 40th consecutive Grand Slam. Three other players (Frances Tiafoe, Tsitsipas and Fritz) have active streaks of at least 30 consecutive Grand Slam appearances.

Most Grand Slam men's singles consecutive appearances (active streaks only)

Rank	Player	Consecutive Grand Slam Events Played
1.	Jordan Thompson	40 (2016 Australian Open-2026 Australian Open)
2.	Frances Tiafoe	37 (2016 US Open-2026 Australian Open)
3.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	32 (2018 Australian Open-2026 Australian Open)
4.	Taylor Fritz	31 (2018 Roland Garros-2026 Australian Open)
5.	Ugo Humbert	29 (2018 US Open- 2026 Australian Open)

Totals include this event

DEFENDING THE TITLE

The Australian Open men's singles title has been successfully defended on 16 occasions in the Open Era. Historically, defending champions have had greater success at retaining the title at Wimbledon (22 successful title defences in the Open Era) and Roland Garros (20), with the Australian Open 3rd ahead of the US Open (12).

Successful Grand Slam men's singles title defences (Open Era)

Australian Open (15)

Ken Rosewall 1971-72
Guillermo Vilas 1978-79
Johan Kriek 1981-82
Mats Wilander 1983-84
Stefan Edberg 1985-87* (*not played in 1986)
Ivan Lendl 1989-90
Jim Courier 1992-93
Andre Agassi 2000-01
Roger Federer 2006-07
Novak Djokovic 2011-12-13 (2 successful defences)
Novak Djokovic 2015-16
Roger Federer 2017-18
Novak Djokovic 2019-20-21 (2 successful defences)
Jannik Sinner 2024-25

Roland Garros (20)

Jan Kodes 1970-71
Bjorn Borg 1974-75
Bjorn Borg 1978-79-80-81 (3 successful defences)
Ivan Lendl 1986-87
Jim Courier 1991-92
Sergi Bruguera 1993-94
Gustavo Kuerten 2000-01
Rafael Nadal 2005-06-07-08 (3 successful defences)
Rafael Nadal 2010-11-12-13-14 (4 successful defences)
Rafael Nadal 2017-18-19-20 (3 successful defences)
Carlos Alcaraz 2024-25

Wimbledon (22)

Rod Laver 1968-69
 John Newcombe 1970-71
 Bjorn Borg 1976-77-78-79-80 (4 successful defences)
 John McEnroe 1983-84
 Boris Becker 1985-86
 Pete Sampras 1993-94-95 (2 successful defences)
 Pete Sampras 1997-98-99-2000 (3 successful defences)
 Roger Federer 2003-04-05-06-07 (4 successful defences)
 Novak Djokovic 2014-15
 Novak Djokovic 2018-19-21-22 (3 successful defences)
 Carlos Alcaraz 2023-24

US Open (12)

John McEnroe 1979-80-81 (2 successful defences)
 Jimmy Connors 1982-83
 Ivan Lendl 1985-86-87 (2 successful defences)
 Stefan Edberg 1991-92
 Pete Sampras 1995-96
 Patrick Rafter 1997-98
 Roger Federer 2004-05-06-07-08 (4 successful defences)

Among all 4 Grand Slam events, a defending champion has lost in the 1st round 4 times in the Open Era, including twice at the Australian Open.

Defending Grand Slam champions losing in 1st round (Open Era)

Year and Grand Slam	Defending Champion	1st round result
1977 (Dec) Australian Open	Roscoe Tanner	I. Chris Lewis 36 63 62 16 64
1997 Australian Open	Boris Becker	I. Carlos Moya 57 76 36 61 64
1999 US Open	Patrick Rafter	I. Cedric Pioline 46 46 75 63 1-0 ret. (shoulder)
2003 Wimbledon	Lleyton Hewitt	I. Ivo Karlovic 16 76 63 64

Since Boris Becker's 1st round defeat here in 1997, defending champions have lost in the 2nd round on 2 occasions – in 2017, when Djokovic fell to Denis Istomin, and 2023, when Nadal fell to Mackenzie McDonald. Djokovic's defeat to Istomin in 2017 was also the only time to date that a defending Grand Slam men's singles champion has fallen to a wild card at a Grand Slam.

Australian Open men's singles title defence attempts (Open Era)

YEAR	CHAMPION	SUBSEQUENT YEAR
1969	Rod Laver	Did not play
1970	Arthur Ashe	Lost final to Ken Rosewall
1971	Ken Rosewall	Won title
1972	Ken Rosewall	Lost 2nd round to Karl Meiler
1973	John Newcombe	Lost quarterfinals to Ross Case
1974	Jimmy Connors	Lost final to John Newcombe
1975	John Newcombe	Lost final to Mark Edmondson
1976	Mark Edmondson	Lost quarterfinals to Ken Rosewall
1977 (Jan)	Roscoe Tanner	Lost 1st round to Chris Lewis
1977 (Dec)	Vitas Gerulaitis	Did not play
1978	Guillermo Vilas	Won title
1979	Guillermo Vilas	Lost semifinals to Kim Warwick
1980	Brian Teacher	Did not play
1981	Johan Kriek	Won title
1982	Johan Kriek	Lost quarterfinals to Mats Wilander
1983	Mats Wilander	Won title
1984	Mats Wilander	Lost final to Stefan Edberg
1985	Stefan Edberg	Won title (1987)
1986	<i>No tournament</i>	
1987	Stefan Edberg	Lost semifinals to Mats Wilander
1988	Mats Wilander	Lost 2nd round to Ramesh Krishnan
1989	Ivan Lendl	Won title
1990	Ivan Lendl	Lost final to Boris Becker
1991	Boris Becker	Lost 3rd round to John McEnroe
1992	Jim Courier	Won title
1993	Jim Courier	Lost semifinals to Pete Sampras
1994	Pete Sampras	Lost final to Andre Agassi
1995	Andre Agassi	Lost semifinals to Michael Chang
1996	Boris Becker	Lost 1st round to Carlos Moya
1997	Pete Sampras	Lost quarterfinals to Karol Kucera
1998	Petr Korda	Lost 3rd round to Todd Martin
1999	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	Lost final to Andre Agassi

2000	Andre Agassi	Won title
2001	Andre Agassi	Did not play
2002	Thomas Johansson	Did not play
2003	Andre Agassi	Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
2004	Roger Federer	Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
2005	Marat Safin	Did not play (left knee injury)
2006	Roger Federer	Won title
2007	Roger Federer	Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
2008	Novak Djokovic	Lost quarterfinals to Andy Roddick (retired)
2009	Rafael Nadal	Lost quarterfinals to Andy Murray (retired)
2010	Roger Federer	Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
2011	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2012	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2013	Novak Djokovic	Lost quarterfinals to Stan Wawrinka
2014	Stan Wawrinka	Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
2015	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2016	Novak Djokovic	Lost 2nd round to Denis Istomin
2017	Roger Federer	Won title
2018	Roger Federer	Lost round of 16 to Stefanos Tsitsipas
2019	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2020	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2021	Novak Djokovic	Did not play
2022	Rafael Nadal	Lost 2nd round to Mackenzie McDonald
2023	Novak Djokovic	Lost semifinals to Jannik Sinner
2024	Jannik Sinner	Won title
2025	Jannik Sinner	???

TWENTY-SEVEN AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONS IN OPEN ERA

Of the 58 different Open Era Grand Slam champions, 27 have won the Australian Open at least once in their careers. Djokovic heads the list with 10 titles here.

Rod Laver*	1969	*also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles
Arthur Ashe	1970	
Ken Rosewall*	1971-72	*also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles
John Newcombe	1973, 1975	
Jimmy Connors	1974	
Mark Edmondson	1976	
Roscoe Tanner	1977 (Jan)	
Vitas Gerulaitis	1977 (Dec)	
Guillermo Vilas	1978-79	
Brian Teacher	1980	
Johan Kriek	1981-82	
Mats Wilander	1983-84, 1988	
Stefan Edberg	1985, 1987	
Ivan Lendl	1989-90	
Boris Becker	1991, 1996	
Jim Courier	1992-93	
Pete Sampras	1994, 1997	
Andre Agassi	1995, 2000-01, 2003	
Petr Korda	1998	
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1999	
Thomas Johansson	2002	
Roger Federer	2004, 2006-07, 2010, 2017-18	
Marat Safin	2005	
Novak Djokovic	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21, 2023	
Rafael Nadal	2009, 2022	
Stan Wawrinka	2014	
Jannik Sinner	2024-25	

FIRST-TIME WINNER

In the Open Era, 12 men have notched up their first major by winning the Australian Open, including 2024 champion Sinner, who became the first player to win his first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open since Wawrinka won his first major title here in 2014. (see table overleaf)

Venue of first Grand Slam title

Australian Open (12)

Jimmy Connors	1974
Mark Edmondson	1976
Roscoe Tanner	1977 (Jan)
Vitas Gerulaitis	1977 (Dec)
Brian Teacher	1980
Johan Kriek	1981
Stefan Edberg	1985
Petr Korda	1998
Thomas Johansson	2002
Novak Djokovic	2008
Stan Wawrinka	2014
Jannik Sinner	2024

Roland Garros (21)

Ken Rosewall	1968	Jim Courier	1991
Jan Kodes	1970	Sergi Bruguera	1993
Andres Gimeno	1972	Thomas Muster	1995
Bjorn Borg	1974	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1996
Adriano Panatta	1976	Gustavo Kuerten	1997
Guillermo Vilas	1977	Carlos Moya	1998
Mats Wilander	1982	Albert Costa	2002
Yannick Noah	1983	Juan Carlos Ferrero	2003
Ivan Lendl	1984	Gaston Gaudio	2004
Michael Chang	1989	Rafael Nadal	2005
Andres Gomez	1990		

Wimbledon (9)

Rod Laver	1968
John Newcombe	1970
Boris Becker	1985
Pat Cash	1987
Michael Stich	1991
Andre Agassi	1992
Richard Krajicek	1996
Goran Ivanisevic	2001
Roger Federer	2003

US Open (16)

Arthur Ashe	1968	Andy Roddick	2003
Stan Smith	1971	Juan Martin del Potro	2009
Ilie Nastase	1972	Andy Murray	2012
Manuel Orantes	1975	Marin Cilic	2014
John McEnroe	1979	Dominic Thiem	2020
Pete Sampras	1990	Daniil Medvedev	2021
Patrick Rafter	1997	Carlos Alcaraz	2022
Marat Safin	2000		
Lleyton Hewitt	2001		

TOP SEED PERFORMANCES

Of the 57 Australian Opens played since 1969, 21 top seeds have gone on to win the title. The top seed has won the title in 11 of the last 20 years. In 2002 Hewitt became the only Australian Open top seed in the Open Era to date to lose in the 1st round.

YEAR	TOP SEED	RESULT
1969	Rod Laver	Won title
1970	Tony Roche	Lost quarterfinals to Roger Taylor
1971	Rod Laver	Lost 3rd round to Mark Cox
1972	John Newcombe	Lost quarterfinals to Mal Anderson
1973	Ken Rosewall	Lost 2nd round to Karl Meiler
1974	John Newcombe	Lost quarterfinals to Ross Case
1975	Jimmy Connors	Lost final to John Newcombe
1976	Ken Rosewall	Lost semifinals to Mark Edmondson
1977 (Jan)	Guillermo Vilas	Lost final to Roscoe Tanner
1977 (Dec)	Vitas Gerulaitis	Won title
1978	Guillermo Vilas	Won title
1979	Guillermo Vilas	Won title
1980	Guillermo Vilas	Lost quarterfinals to Kim Warwick
1981	Guillermo Vilas	Lost 3rd round to Hank Pfister
1982	Johan Kriek	Won title
1983	Ivan Lendl	Lost final to Mats Wilander
1984	Ivan Lendl	Lost round of 16 to Kevin Curren
1985	Ivan Lendl	Lost semifinals to Stefan Edberg
1986	<i>No tournament</i>	
1987	Ivan Lendl	Lost semifinals to Pat Cash
1988	Ivan Lendl	Lost semifinals to Pat Cash
1989	Mats Wilander	Lost 2nd round to Ramesh Krishnan
1990	Ivan Lendl	Won title
1991	Stefan Edberg	Lost semifinals to Ivan Lendl
1992	Stefan Edberg	Lost final to Jim Courier
1993	Jim Courier	Won title
1994	Pete Sampras	Won title
1995	Pete Sampras	Lost final to Andre Agassi
1996	Pete Sampras	Lost 3rd round to Mark Philippoussis
1997	Pete Sampras	Won title
1998	Pete Sampras	Lost quarterfinals to Karol Kucera
1999	Pete Sampras	Withdraw

2000	Andre Agassi	Won title
2001	Gustavo Kuerten	Lost 2nd round to Greg Rusedski
2002	Lleyton Hewitt	Lost 1st round to Alberto Martin
2003	Lleyton Hewitt	Lost round of 16 to Younes el Aynaoui
2004	Andy Roddick	Lost quarterfinals to Marat Safin
2005	Roger Federer	Lost semifinals to Marat Safin
2006	Roger Federer	Won title
2007	Roger Federer	Won title
2008	Roger Federer	Lost semifinals to Novak Djokovic
2009	Rafael Nadal	Won title
2010	Roger Federer	Won title
2011	Rafael Nadal	Lost quarterfinals to David Ferrer
2012	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2013	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2014	Rafael Nadal	Lost final to Stan Wawrinka
2015	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2016	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2017	Andy Murray	Lost round of 16 to Mischa Zverev
2018	Rafael Nadal	Lost quarterfinals to Marin Cilic
2019	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2020	Rafael Nadal	Lost quarterfinals to Dominic Thiem
2021	Novak Djokovic	Won title
2022	Novak Djokovic	Withdrew
2023	Rafael Nadal	Lost 2nd round to Mackenzie McDonald
2024	Novak Djokovic	Lost semifinals to Jannik Sinner
2025	Jannik Sinner	Won title
2026	Carlos Alcaraz	???

TOUR-LEVEL TITLES

Djokovic is bidding to win his 102nd Tour-level singles title and close the gap on Jimmy Connors and Federer at the top of the Open Era list for most Tour-level men's singles titles won.

Most Tour-level titles (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles
Jimmy Connors	109
Roger Federer	103
Novak Djokovic	101
Ivan Lendl	94
Rafael Nadal	92

Among active players, Alcaraz, Sinner and Zverev are all bidding to win their 25th Tour-level title here. Medvedev won his 22nd Tour-level title at Brisbane this month, claiming sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Tour-level titles among active players ahead of Cilic.

Most Tour-level titles (active players)

Player	Tour-level titles	Most-recent Tour-level title
Novak Djokovic	101	2025 Athens
Carlos Alcaraz	24	2025 Tokyo
Jannik Sinner	24	2025 ATP Finals
Alexander Zverev	24	2025 Munich
Daniil Medvedev	22	2026 Brisbane

HARD COURT HEROES

Djokovic claimed sole ownership of the Open Era record for most Tour-level titles on hard courts by winning the title at Athens in November last year, moving ahead of Federer. Sinner is bidding to claim sole ownership of 9th place on the list for most Tour-level hard court titles in the Open Era, ahead of Michael Chang and Andy Roddick. (see table overleaf)

Most Tour-level hard court titles (Open Era)

Player	Hard court titles
Novak Djokovic	72
Roger Federer	71
Andre Agassi	46
Pete Sampras	36
Andy Murray	34
Ivan Lendl	26
Rafael Nadal	25
Jimmy Connors	23
Michael Chang	21
Andy Roddick	21
Jannik Sinner	21

Sinner is 2nd to Djokovic for most Tour-level hard court titles among active players, while Medvedev, Cilic, and Zverev complete the Top 5.

Most Tour-level hard court titles (active players)

Player	Hard court titles	Most-recent hard court title
Novak Djokovic	72	2025 Athens
Jannik Sinner	21	2025 ATP Finals
Daniil Medvedev	20	2026 Brisbane
Marin Cilic	16	2024 Hangzhou
Alexander Zverev	15	2024 Paris-1000

FIRST-TIMERS

There are 21 men making their Australian Open debuts this year. Of the 21 debutants, 9 are direct acceptances (including one seed), 10 are qualifiers, one is a wild card and one is a lucky loser.

In the Open Era, 5 men have won the title on their Australian Open debut – Jimmy Connors (1973), Roscoe Tanner (January 1977), Vitas Gerulaitis (December 1977), Johan Kriek (1981) and Andre Agassi (1995). The last Grand Slam men's singles champion to win the title on his first appearance at that major was Nadal at 2005 Roland Garros.

There are 8 men making their Grand Slam debuts at this event: Alexander Blockx, Nicolai Budkov Kjaer, Liam Draxl, Arthur Gea, Rafael Jodar, Francesco Maestrelli, Rei Sakamoto and Michael Zheng.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At 40 years 310 days, Wawrinka is the oldest player to begin the main draw here this year. There are 23 players aged 30 or older competing in the Australian Open men's singles main draw this year. The record for the most players aged 30 or over in a Grand Slam men's singles draw is 51, which was set at 2016 Roland Garros.

At 19 years 137 days, Jodar is the youngest man to start the main draw here this year. He is one of 4 teenagers in the men's draw this year, alongside Budkov Kjaer (19 years 153 days), Fonseca (19 years 164 days) and Sakamoto (19 years 222 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

With Budkov Kjaer, Jodar and Sakamoto all successfully qualifying here, it is the 2nd consecutive year that 3 teenagers have qualified for the men's singles main draw at the Australian Open, after Fonseca, Martin Landaluce and Tien all qualified here as teenagers in 2025.

Five players in the main draw will celebrate their birthdays during the tournament: Bu Yunchaokete (turns 24 on Monday 19 January), James Duckworth (turns 34 on Wednesday 21 January), Alexandre Muller (turns 29 on Sunday 1 February), Frances Tiafoe (turns 28 on Tuesday 20 January) and Michael Zheng (turns 22 on Tuesday 27 January).

FROM BOYS TO MEN

There are 5 Australian Open junior singles champions playing in this year's main draw: Monfils (2004), Zverev (2014), Sebastian Korda (2018), Musetti (2019) and Sakamoto (2024).

Four other players in the men's draw this year have reached the boys' singles final here: Emilio Nava (2019), Arthur Cazaux (2020), Jakub Mensik (2022) and Learner Tien (2023).

Edberg is the only player to have won both the junior and senior title here in the Open Era. He won the boys' singles title in 1983, before winning the men's singles in 1985 and 1987.

WILD CARDS

Former champion Wawrinka received a wild card for the main draw, as did 4 Australian players: Thompson, James Duckworth, Rinky Hijikata and Christopher O'Connell. China's Bu Yunchaokete won the Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoff, while France's Kyrian Jacquet and USA's Patrick Kypson were granted wild cards as part of Tennis Australia's reciprocal wild card arrangements with the FFT and USTA.

MISSING OUT

Players who appeared on the original entry list but withdrew before qualifying began are: Draper (left arm), Arthur Fils (back), Rune (achilles) and Emil Ruusuvuori (ongoing injuries).

Kokkinakis, who had entered using a protected ranking of No. 84, withdrew from singles before the draw took place on Thursday and was replaced by a lucky loser. Kokkinakis will compete in men's doubles alongside Kyrgios. France's Arthur Cazaux and Italy's Berrettini withdrew on Saturday and were also replaced by lucky losers.

PR STRATEGY

Two players have entered the Australian Open men's singles main draw using protected rankings: Shang Juncheng (protected ranking of No. 54) and Zhang Zhizhen (No. 60).

LEFTHANDERS

There are 14 lefthanders competing in the men's singles here this year. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era.

Lefthanded Australian Open men's singles champions (Open Era)

Player	Years
Rod Laver	1969
Jimmy Connors	1974
Roscoe Tanner	1977
Guillermo Vilas	1978, 1979
Petr Korda	1998
Rafael Nadal	2009, 2022

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

There are 30 nations represented in the men's singles draw at the 2026 Australian Open. USA has the most players in the draw with 21 – excluding US Opens, it is the highest number of American men to compete at a Grand Slam tournament since 1995 Wimbledon, when there were also 21 Americans competing in the men's singles draw. (NB 3 players are competing without a nationality at this year's event)

USA	21	6 seeds	1 wild card	4 qualifiers	1 lucky loser
France	14	2 seeds	1 wild card	1 qualifier	
Australia	11	1 seed	4 wild cards	2 qualifiers	
Italy	9	4 seeds		1 qualifier	
Argentina	8	1 seed			
Spain	8	2 seeds		1 qualifier	
Czechia	5	2 seeds			
Canada	4	2 seeds		1 qualifier	
China, P.R.	4		1 wild card	1 qualifier	
Germany	4	1 seed			
Serbia	4	1 seed			
Belgium	3				1 lucky loser
Great Britain	3	1 seed		1 qualifier	
Netherlands	3	1 seed			
Chile	2				
Croatia	2				1 lucky loser
Hungary	2				
Japan	2			1 qualifier	
Kazakhstan	2	1 seed			
Norway	2	1 seed		1 qualifier	
Poland	2				
Portugal	2			1 qualifier	
Austria	1				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1				
Brazil	1	1 seed			
Bulgaria	1				
Greece	1	1 seed			
Monaco	1	1 seed			
Switzerland	1		1 wild card		
Sweden	1			1 qualifier	
---	3	3 seeds			