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#### On court today...

- Novak Djokovic headlines the night session on Rod Laver Arena, with the 10-time Australian Open champion taking on Spain's Pedro Martinez. Just by competing here this year, Djokovic will claim another piece of tennis history. He will equal the all-time records for most appearances in the men's singles at both the Australian Open (tying Roger Federer) and the Grand Slams overall (alongside Federer and Feliciano Lopez). The 38-year-old has lost in the 1st round here twice before – but the most recent of those 2 defeats was 20 years ago. Martinez must record his first victory against a Top 5 player on his 9th attempt if he is to progress tonight.
- Australian No. 1 Alex de Minaur begins his campaign in the day session on RLA, facing lucky loser Mackenzie McDonald, who gained a spot in the main draw following the withdrawal of Matteo Berrettini on Saturday. De Minaur reached the quarterfinals here for the first time in 2025 – but having lost all 6 Grand Slam quarterfinals he has contested, he will hope that he can go one step further this year. McDonald is aiming to end an 8-match Grand Slam losing streak, having not won a main draw match at a major since reaching the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open.
- Three-time Australian Open finalist Daniil Medvedev began his 2026 season by winning his 22nd Tour-level title at Brisbane – and will hope to use that momentum to arrest some poor Grand Slam form. The former world No. 1 reached the 2nd round here last year and lost in the 1st round at the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments in 2025. Netherlands' Jesper de Jong will be hoping to hand Medvedev another early defeat when the pair meet in the opening match of the day on Margaret Court Arena. The Dutchman has recorded just one victory in 8 matches against Top 20 players.
- It is now 12 years since Stan Wawrinka broke through to win his first Grand Slam title at the 2014 Australian Open – and, having announced that 2026 will be his last season on Tour, the 40-year-old will hope that he can enjoy a strong run here in his final outing at Melbourne Park. Wawrinka plays against Serbia's Laslo Djere on Kia Arena today. Despite winning just 5 Tour-level matches since the beginning of last season, the Swiss will fancy his chances against Djere, who has recorded just one match-win in 7 previous Australian Open appearances.

## NO. 4 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v PEDRO MARTINEZ (ESP)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Djokovic has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 71 Martinez on 3 occasions – to No. 75 Marat Safin in the 2nd round at 2008 Wimbledon, to No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017 and to No. 72 Marco Cecchinato in the quarterfinals at 2018 Roland Garros.

DJOKOVIC	v	MARTINEZ
38	Age	28
4	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	71
101	Titles	1
397-55	Career Grand Slam Record	15-21
99-10	Australian Open Record	5-5
1163-233	Career Record	84-118
734-136	Career Record - Hard	30-51
0-0	2026 Record	0-0
0-0	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
40-11	Career Five-Set Record	3-2
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
348-185	Career Tiebreak Record	32-36
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 19th time.
- 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.
- Djokovic is making his 21st Australian Open appearance and his 81st Grand Slam appearance overall – equalling the **all-time record for both most Australian Open men's singles appearances and most Grand Slam men's singles appearances**. He has equalled Roger Federer's record for most men's singles appearances at the Australian Open, and equalled Federer and Feliciano Lopez at the top of the list for most men's singles appearances at the Grand Slams.
- The Australian Open is **the only Grand Slam event where Djokovic has lost in the 1st round**. He fell in the 1st round on his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier here in 2005 (l. Marat Safin) and again in 2006 (l. Paul Goldstein).
- **Last year here**, Djokovic reached the semifinals, where he retired due to a left leg injury against Alexander Zverev. He also reached the semifinals here in 2024 (l. Jannik Sinner). Prior to those defeats, he had won all 10 Australian Open semifinal matches he had contested.
- Djokovic **reached the semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2025**. In addition to his semifinal finish here, he also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Sinner), Wimbledon (l. Sinner) and the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- 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 to win his 7th title here in 2019 – before adding title-victories here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here 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).

- At 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 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Ken Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles after turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays.
- Djokovic won his **100th and 101st Tour-level singles titles in 2025** – at Geneva (d. Hubert Hurkacz) in May and Athens (d. Lorenzo Musetti) in November. 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's **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Miami-1000 (l. Jakub Mensik), reaching the semifinals at Shanghai-1000 (l. Valentin Vacherot) and the quarterfinals at Brisbane (l. Reilly Opelka). He is contesting his first match of the season today, having withdrawn from Adelaide.
- 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, up until the end of Roland Garros. He plays here at No. 4.
- 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 Spain's 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 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 Chile in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st round in February.
- Djokovic has no permanent coach at present.
- **MARTINEZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Martinez reached the 2nd round. He defeated Luciano Darderi, who retired due to joint pain, in the 1st round before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- Martinez's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions – including at the 2021 Australian Open, when he defeated Yoshihito Nishioka and Emil Ruusuvuori before falling to Dusan Lajovic. He also reached the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Sebastian Korda) and at Wimbledon in 2021 (l. Cristian Garin) and 2025 (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Martinez fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Denis Shapovalov) and the US Open (l. Leandro Riedi).
- Martinez's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was a semifinal finish at Buenos Aires (l. Francisco Cerundolo). He also reached the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and Bucharest, where he retired due to a right hip injury against Damir Dzumhur.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Martinez won his **8th Challenger title** at the Bengaluru Challenger (IND) (d. Timofei Skatov). He is contesting his first Tour-level match of the season today.
- Martinez is bidding to end a **5-match Tour-level losing streak on hard courts**. He has not recorded a Tour-level match-win on a hard court since reaching the 2nd round at Winston-Salem last year (d. David Goffin, l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard).
- Martinez is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time on his 9th attempt**. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 8 Casper Ruud in the semifinals at 2024 Estoril. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 17 Gael Monfils in the 2nd round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- Martinez lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Garin in the 2nd round here in 2022. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Martinez reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 36 in February last year. He plays here at No. 71.
- Martinez was a **good junior**. He achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 16 in January 2015. He fell in the 1st round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2014 (l. Marc Polmans). He was also a member of the Spanish team that won the 2013 Junior Davis Cup in San Luis Potosi. Spain defeated Germany 2-0 in the final.
- Martinez was a member of the **Spanish team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time since 2019** in 2025, winning all 6 matches he played during the season across singles and doubles as Spain finished as runners-up to Italy. He has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition since making his debut in 2022. As 2025 finalists, Spain advance directly to the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September where they will face the winner of the Qualifiers 1st Round tie between Chile and Serbia.
- Martinez is coached by Albert Ramos-Vinolas and Thiago Leivas.

## NO. 6 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v (LL) MACKENZIE MCDONALD (USA)

### Tour-level head-to-head: De Minaur leads 2-0

2017	Drummondville Challenger (CAN)	Hard (I)	R16	De Minaur	64 61
2018	Shenzhen	Hard (O)	R16	De Minaur	16 76(1) 60
2022	Rotterdam	Hard (I)	R16	De Minaur	76(6) 16 64

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for De Minaur and McDonald – but their first at a Grand Slam. De Minaur has won both of the pair's previous Tour-level meetings and also won when they met below at Challenger-level in 2017.

De Minaur has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 113 McDonald. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated De Minaur at a Grand Slam is No. 110 Marco Cecchinato in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated De Minaur at the Australian Open is No. 32 Sam Querrey in the 2nd round in 2017.

De Minaur won the only match he has previously contested against a lucky loser at the Grand Slams – against James Duckworth in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon. He is bidding to extend a 12-match winning streak against lucky losers at Tour-level, having not lost to a lucky loser since falling to Alexei Popyrin in the 1st round at 2021 Paris-1000. He has a 14-2 win-loss record against lucky losers at Tour-level overall.

McDonald is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the first time. He lost the only previous match he has contested against an Australian player in Australia, falling to Alex Bolt in the 2nd round at 2021 Melbourne 2. He has a 6-7 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

DE MINAUR	v	MCDONALD
26	Age	30
6	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	113
10	Titles	0
61-32	Career Grand Slam Record	18-28
18-8	Australian Open Record	8-7
307-180	Career Record	116-142
233-124	Career Record - Hard	88-100
2-1	2026 Record	0-0
2-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
3-7	Career Five-Set Record	2-10
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
103-77	Career Tiebreak Record	47-59
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- De Minaur has **lost in the 1st round at the Australian Open once before** – on his 2nd main draw appearance here, as a wild card in 2018 (l. Tomas Berdych).
- Last year here, De Minaur recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Jannik Sinner). He became the 35th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals – but just the 3rd in 20 years, after Lleyton Hewitt in 2005 and Nick Kyrgios in 2015. He also became the 8th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, De Minaur reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime), the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros, where he fell to Alexander Bublik in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- De Minaur's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 6 occasions. In addition to his quarterfinal finishes at the Australian Open and the US Open last year, he also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2020 (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2024 (l. Jack Draper), at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and at 2024 Wimbledon, where he gave a walkover to Djokovic due to a right hip injury.
- De Minaur's best result in 2025 was winning his **10th Tour-level title** at Washington (d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina). He also finished runner-up at Rotterdam (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and reached the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Lorenzo Musetti) and Beijing, Vienna and the ATP Finals, falling to Sinner at all 3 events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, De Minaur represented Australia at the United Cup, winning 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested – he fell to Norway’s Casper Ruud before defeating Czechia’s Jakub Mensik and Poland’s Hubert Hurkacz.
- De Minaur is the highest-ranked of the **11 Australian men** to begin the men’s singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men’s singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- De Minaur has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Gerald Melzer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2017 and Henri Laaksonen in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2019, but fallen to Andrey Rublev in 5 sets in the round of 16 in 2024. He has a 3-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- De Minaur broke the Top 10 for the first time in January 2024 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in July 2024, becoming the highest-ranked Australian man since Hewitt was last ranked No. 6 in January 2006. He plays here at No. 6.
- De Minaur reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 2** in February 2016. He reached the semifinals of the boys’ singles at the 2016 Australian Open (l. Jurabek Karimov) and won the doubles event alongside Blake Ellis. He also finished runner-up in the boys’ singles event at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- De Minaur led Australia to **back-to-back Davis Cup finals in 2022-23**, the team’s first appearances in the Davis Cup final since 2003. The team finished as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. De Minaur won 10 out of 13 Davis Cup matches he contested in 2022-23, with his only defeats coming against Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 2022 final, against Daniel Evans in the 2023 Finals Group Stage and against Sinner in the 2023 final. He has a 17-11 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Ecuador in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- De Minaur is coached by Adolfo Gutierrez.
- **McDONALD** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- As No. 6 seed **in qualifying last week**, McDonald defeated Dmitry Popko (KAZ) 67(4) 64 75 and Hugo Grenier (FRA) 76(4) 61 before falling to No. 20 seed Liam Draxl (CAN) 36 76(2) 62. He gained entry to the main draw as a lucky loser when Matteo Berrettini withdrew on Saturday.
- **Last year here**, McDonald also reached the final round of qualifying. He defeated Alex Bolt and Brandon Holt before falling to Gauthier Onclin. It was his first appearance in the qualifying draw at a Grand Slam since 2021, when he successfully qualified at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon. It also ended a streak of 7 consecutive Australian Open main draw appearances (from 2018 to 2024) and a streak of 19 consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearances.
- McDonald’s best **Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – including once at the Australian Open. He reached the last 16 here in 2021, when he defeated Marco Cecchinato, Borna Coric and Lloyd Harris before falling to Daniil Medvedev. At No. 192 he became the lowest-ranked man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since No. 248 Guillermo Canas in 2004. He also reached the round of 16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Milos Raonic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, McDonald fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Novak Djokovic), Wimbledon (l. Karen Khachanov) and the US Open (l. Jan-Lennard Struff).
- McDonald is bidding to end an **8-match Grand Slam main draw losing streak**. He has not recorded a main draw match-win at the Grand Slams since reaching the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, l. Borna Gojo).
- McDonald recorded **10 Tour-level match-wins in 2025**. He won one match during USA’s Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round victory against Chinese Taipei and reached the 2nd round at 9 Tour-level events. He is contesting his first event of the 2026 season here.
- McDonald’s **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were finishing runner-up at the San Diego Challenger (USA) (l. Eliot Spizzirri) and the Jinan Challenger (CHN) (l. Arthur Cazaux) and reaching the semifinals at the Oeiras 2 Challenger (POR) (l. Zsombor Piros) and the Jingshan Challenger (CHN) (l. Bolt).

- McDonald has won one of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He defeated Brandon Nakashima in 5 sets in the 1st round here in 2023, but lost in 5 sets to Grigor Dimitrov in the 2nd round in 2018, to Daniel Evans in the 1st round in 2020 and to Shang Juncheng in the 1st round in 2024. He has a 2-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- McDonald is of the **21 American players in the men's singles draw this year**, the most of any nation. 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.
- McDonald reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 37 in October 2023. He plays here at No. 113.
- McDonald played **college tennis** at UCLA in 2014-16, winning the 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles before turning professional.
- McDonald had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 in April 2012 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles here as a qualifier in 2012 (l. Filip Peliwo).
- McDonald is coached by Calin Mateas.

## NO. 7 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v NUNO BORGES (POR)

### Head-to-head: Auger-Aliassime leads 1-0

2025 Dubai Hard (O) R16 Auger-Aliassime 46 63 75

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Auger-Aliassime and Borges. Auger-Aliassime won their only previous meeting in the 2nd round at Dubai last year en route to a runner-up finish.

AUGER-ALIASSIME	v	BORGES
25	Age	28
8	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	46
8	Titles	1
40-26	Career Grand Slam Record	15-15
13-6	Australian Open Record	5-3
266-172	Career Record	73-83
186-111	Career Record - Hard	44-48
1-1	2026 Record	3-2
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	3-2
7-6	Career Five-Set Record	4-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
144-97	Career Tiebreak Record	50-46
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th consecutive year. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Auger-Aliassime reached the 2nd round. As No. 29 seed, he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff in the 1st round before falling to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in 5 sets, despite holding a 2-0 lead. It was his earliest defeat at the Australian Open since he fell in the 1st round on his main draw debut here in 2020 (l. Ernests Gulbis).
- Auger-Aliassime's best **Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022, when he defeated Emil Ruusuvuori, Davidovich Fokina, Daniel Evans and Marin Cilic before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Auger-Aliassime's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the US Open in 2021 (l. Medvedev) and last year (l. Jannik Sinner). By reaching the semifinals at the US Open last year, he became the 2nd Canadian man to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals – after Milos Raonic, who made 4 Grand Slam semifinal appearances.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Auger-Aliassime reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. James Duckworth, l. Struff) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Matteo Arnaldi).
- Auger-Aliassime **won his 6th, 7th and 8th Tour-level titles in 2025** – at Adelaide (d. Sebastian Koda), Montpellier (d. Aleksandar Kovacevic) and Brussels (l. Jiri Lehecka). All 8 of his Tour-level titles have come on hard courts.
- Auger-Aliassime's **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Dubai (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Paris-1000 (l. Sinner) and reaching the semifinals at Doha (l. Andrey Rublev), Hamburg (l. Rublev), Stuttgart (l. Taylor Fritz), Mallorca (l. Tallon Griekspoor) and the ATP Finals (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Auger-Aliassime represented Canada at the United Cup, winning one of the 2 singles matches he contested – he defeated China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen but fell to Belgium's Zizou Bergs.
- Auger-Aliassime has won 3 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 7-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Auger-Aliassime **broke the Top 5 for the first time** in November last year, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 5. He plays here at No. 8.

- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.
- Auger-Aliassime was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (l. Spain) and has a 13-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Canada play at home against Brazil in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang.
- **BORGES** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Borges reached the 3rd round, defeating Alexandre Muller and Jordan Thompson before falling to Carlos Alcaraz.
- Borges' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – including at the 2024 Australian Open, when he defeated Maximilian Marterer, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Daniil Medvedev. He also reached the round of 16 at the 2024 US Open (l. Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Borges reached the 3rd round at both Roland Garros (l. Alexei Popyrin) and Wimbledon (l. Karen Khachanov) and the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Tommy Paul).
- Borges' **best result in 2025** was reaching the semifinals at Auckland (l. Zizou Bergs). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Roberto Carballes Baena), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Ugo Humbert) and Athens (l. Novak Djokovic).
- Borges **contested 2 events at Challenger-level in 2025**, reaching the semifinals at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Alexander Bublik) and the quarterfinals at the Estoril Challenger (POR) (l. Miomir Kecmanovic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Borges reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong, defeating Damir Dzumhur and Marin Cilic before falling to Andrey Rublev. He also reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, l. Eliot Spizzirri).
- Borges is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-16 win-loss record against Top 10 players, with his only victory coming against No. 8 Casper Ruud in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year. He lost the 3 other matches he has contested against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams – falling to No. 3 Medvedev in the round of 16 here in 2024, No. 5 Medvedev in the round of 16 at the 2024 US Open and No. 3 Alcaraz in the 3rd round here last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 13 Dimitrov in the 3rd round in 2024.
- Borges won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he contested in 2025. He successfully recovered from 0-2 down for the first time in his career to defeat Kyrian Jacquet in 5 sets in the 1st round at Roland Garros but fell in 5 sets to both Khachanov in the 3rd round at Wimbledon and Paul in the 2nd round at the US Open. He has a 4-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall but has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Borges reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in September 2024. He plays here at No.46.
- Borges **played college tennis**. He represented Mississippi State University in 2016-19, reaching the 2019 NCAA singles final.
- Borges made his **Davis Cup** debut for Portugal in 2021 and has a 9-9 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal play away against China, P.R. in the 2026 World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Borges is coached by Rui Machado and Hugo Anao.

## NO. 11 DANIIL MEDVEDEV v JESPER DE JONG (NED)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Medvedev has lost Australian Open matches to players ranked as low as No. 73 De Jong twice before – to No. 131 Ernesto Escobedo in the 1st round in 2017 and to No. 121 Learner Tien in the 2nd round last year.

MEDVEDEV	v	DE JONG
29	Age	25
12	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	73
22	Titles	0
89-33	Career Grand Slam Record	4-5
28-9	Australian Open Record	1-1
427-180	Career Record	19-23
331-120	Career Record - Hard	7-10
5-0	2026 Record	0-1
5-0	2026 Record - Hard	0-1
9-13	Career Five-Set Record	3-1
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
135-99	Career Tiebreak Record	12-13
1-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- Three-time Australian Open runner-up **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 9th consecutive year. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 35th Grand Slam overall.
- Medvedev has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Grand Slam debut in 2017, when he fell to Ernesto Escobedo in 4 sets. He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 9 other occasions, including 3 times last year – he fell to Cameron Norrie in the 1st round at Roland Garros and to Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round at both Wimbledon and the US Open.
- **Last year here**, Medvedev reached the 2nd round, defeating Kasidit Samrej in 5 sets before falling to qualifier Learner Tien in 5 sets.
- Medvedev is a **3-time Australian Open finalist**. He reached back-to-back finals in 2021, when he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets, and 2022, when he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He finished runner-up again in 2024 when he fell to Jannik Sinner in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He is the only player in the Open Era to lose 2 Grand Slam men's singles finals from 2-0 up.
- Medvedev won his **first Grand Slam title** at the 2021 US Open, defeating Djokovic in straight sets. He has a 1-5 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals, having also finished runner-up at the US Open in 2019 (l. Nadal) and 2023 (l. Djokovic) in addition to his 3 runner-up finishes here.
- If Medvedev wins his 2nd major title 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, who won his 2nd Grand Slam title at the 2005 Australian Open on his 14th appearance since he won his first Grand Slam title at the 2000 US Open.
- Medvedev's best result in 2025 was winning his **21st Tour-level title** at Almaty (d. Corentin Moutet). It was his first title-victory since he won the title at 2023 Rome-1000 (d. Holger Rune).
- Medvedev's **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Halle (l. Alexander Bublik) and reaching the semifinals at Marseille (l. Hamad Medjedovic), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Rune), Beijing, where he retired due to cramping against Tien, and Shanghai-1000 (l. Arthur Rinderknech).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Medvedev won his **22nd Tour-level title** as Brisbane (d. Brandon Nakashima). His 22 Tour-level titles have all come at different events.
- Medvedev has won 6 of the 10 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. In 2024, he recorded 5-set victories against Emil Ruusuvuori, Hubert Hurkacz and Alexander Zverev before falling to Sinner in 5 sets in the final. He became the first player to contest 4 five-set matches at the same Grand Slam tournament since Dominik Hrbaty at the 2006 Australian Open. He has a 9-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Medvedev has recorded **4 successful comebacks from 0-2 down** – including against both Ruusuvuori and Zverev at the 2024 Australian Open. He became the 3rd player in the Open Era to record 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down en route to a Grand Slam final – after 1981 Australian Open runner-up Steve Denton and 1995 Australian Open runner-up Pete Sampras.
- Medvedev **became world No. 1** on 28 February 2022, becoming the first player other than the ‘Big 4’ (comprising Djokovic, Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray) to hold the top ranking since Andy Roddick in February 2004. He held the No. 1 ranking for 16 weeks during 2022 but is yet to return to the No. 1 ranking. He dropped to No. 18 in September last year – his lowest ranking since January 2019 – but plays here at No. 12.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys’ singles here was reaching the 3rd round in 2014 (l. Chung Hyeon).
- Medvedev is coached by 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson.
- **DE JONG** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, De Jong fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Aziz Dougaz). On his only previous appearance in the main draw here, as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2024, he reached the 2nd round (d. Pedro Cachin, l. Jannik Sinner).
- De Jong’s **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 4 occasions. In addition to his 2nd round finish here in 2024, he also reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros as a qualifier in 2024 (d. Jack Draper, l. Carlos Alcaraz) and as a direct acceptance in 2025 (d. Francesco Passaro, l. Alexander Zverev), and as a direct acceptance at 2025 Wimbledon (d. Christopher Eubanks, l. Miomir Kecmanovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, De Jong successfully qualified at the US Open but fell to Brandon Nakashima in 5 sets in the 1st round of the main draw.
- De Jong’s best result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Bastad, falling to Luciano Darderi in the final. He also reached the semifinals at Montpellier (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the quarterfinals at Umag (l. Carlos Taberner).
- De Jong **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were finishing runner-up at the Murcia Challenger (ESP) (l. Taberner) and reaching the semifinals at the Girona Challenger (ESP) (l. Marin Cilic) and the quarterfinals at the Cancun Challenger (MEX) (l. Dalibor Svrčina).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, De Jong fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Gabriel Diallo). He also attempted to qualify at Adelaide but fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante).
- De Jong is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 3 of his previous matches against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams – to No. 4 Sinner in the 2nd round here in 2024, to No. 3 Alcaraz in the 2nd round at 2024 Roland Garros and to No. 3 Zverev in the 2nd round at 2025 Roland Garros. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 39 Jack Draper in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros.
- De Jong is **bidding to defeat a Top 20 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-7 win-loss record against Top 20 players overall, with his only victory against a Top 20 player coming against No. 16 Jakub Mensik in the 2nd round at 2025 Shanghai-1000.
- De Jong broke the Top 100 for the first time in March last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 71 earlier this month. He plays here at No. 73.
- De Jong reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 38 in May 2018. He reached the 2nd round on both his appearances in the boys’ singles here – as a qualifier in both 2017 (l. Shinji Hazawa) and 2018 (l. Drew Baird).
- De Jong made his **Davis Cup** debut for Netherlands in 2025, winning one of the 2 matches he contested during the team’s defeat to Argentina in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. He was a member of the Dutch team which finished as runners-up in 2024 but did not contest a match. Netherlands play away against India in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- De Jong is coached by Bas Van Bentum.

## NO. 12 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v MATTIA BELLUCCI (ITA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Ruud has won one of the 2 previous matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open, both of which came in 2024 – he defeated Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round but fell to Cameron Norrie in the 3rd round. He has a 7-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 41-22 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

RUUD	v	BELLUCCI
27	Age	24
13	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	76
14	Titles	0
49-27	Career Grand Slam Record	4-7
8-6	Australian Open Record	0-1
301-158	Career Record	18-26
128-94	Career Record - Hard	13-17
1-2	2026 Record	0-0
1-2	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
10-7	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
98-77	Career Tiebreak Record	9-11
0-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **RUUD** is bidding to record his 50th Grand Slam match-win.
- Ruud is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Ruud reached the 2nd round (d. Jaume Munar, I. Jakub Mensik). He has lost in the 1st round here once before – in 2020, when he fell to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets.
- Ruud's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2021. He retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev.
- Ruud has reached **3 Grand Slam finals**, finishing as runner-up at 2022 Roland Garros (I. Rafael Nadal), the 2022 US Open (I. Carlos Alcaraz), and 2023 Roland Garros (I. Novak Djokovic). He is the only Norwegian player in history to have contested a Grand Slam singles final at professional level.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Ruud reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, I. Nuno Borges) and the US Open (d. Sebastian Ofner, I. Raphael Collignon). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a knee injury.
- Ruud's best result in 2025 was winning his **first Masters-1000 title** at Madrid-1000 (d. Jack Draper). He also won the title at Stockholm (d. Ugo Humbert), finished runner-up at Dallas (I. Denis Shapovalov) and reached the semifinals at Tokyo (I. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Ruud represented Norway at the United Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he contested, defeating Australia's Alex de Minaur but falling to Czechia's Jakub Mensik. He also competed at Auckland, where he received a bye in the 1st round and fell to Fabian Marozsan in the 2nd round.
- Ruud has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He recorded 5-set victories against Quentin Halys in the 1st round in 2018, against Max Purcell in the 2nd round in 2024 and against Munar in the 1st round last year but fell to Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 10-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open in September 2022. He plays here at No. 13.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.

- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 29-11 overall win-loss record in the competition. Norway play at home against Great Britain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997, and Pedro Clar.
- **BELLUCCI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Bellucci reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Pavle Marinkov, l. Terence Atmane). He also reached the 2nd round of qualifying here in 2024 (d. Jozef Kovalik, l. Emilio Nava). He made his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier here in 2023, falling to Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round of the main draw.
- Bellucci's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at Wimbledon last year. He defeated Oliver Crawford and Jiri Lehecka before falling to Cameron Norrie.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Bellucci reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Shang Juncheng, l. Carlos Alcaraz) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jack Draper).
- Bellucci's best result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level semifinal** – as a qualifier at Rotterdam (l. Alex de Minaur). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Tallon Griekspoor).
- Bellucci also won his **4th Challenger title** in 2025 – at the Sumter Challenger (USA) (d. Alexander Shevchenko). He fell in the 1st round at the 5 other Challenger-level events he contested last season.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Bellucci attempted to qualify at both Brisbane and Auckland. He reached the final round of qualifying at Auckland (d. Geoffrey Blancaneaux, l. Hamad Medjedovic) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Pablo Carreno Busta).
- Bellucci is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the 3rd time**. He has a 2-6 win-loss record against Top 20 players, with both of his victories coming en route to the semifinals at Rotterdam last year – he defeated No. 7 Daniil Medvedev in the 2nd round and No. 12 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the quarterfinals before falling to No. 8 Alex de Minaur in the semifinals.
- Bellucci has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested – falling to Frances Tiafoe in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros and to Ben Shelton in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon.
- Bellucci reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 63 in July last year. He plays here at No. 76.
- Bellucci is coached by Fabio Chiappini and Paolo Moretti.

## NO. 13 ANDREY RUBLEV v MATTEO ARNALDI (ITA)

### Head-to-head: tied 2-2

2023	Vienna	Hard (I)	R16	Rublev	75 63
<b>2024</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>Clay (O)</b>	<b>R32</b>	<b>Arnaldi</b>	<b>76(6) 62 64</b>
2024	Montreal-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Rublev	64 62
2025	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Arnaldi	64 75

A 5th meeting for Rublev and Arnaldi and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. The pair have split their previous 4 meetings, but Arnaldi won their only previous Grand Slam meeting in the 3rd round at 2024 Roland Garros.

Rublev has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 65 Arnaldi on 4 occasions – including twice at the Australian Open, when he fell to No. 81 Mackenzie McDonald in the 1st round in 2019 and to No. 112 Joao Fonseca in the 1st round last year.

RUBLEV	v	ARNALDI
28	<b>Age</b>	24
15	<b>ATP Ranking (19 Jan)</b>	65
17	<b>Titles</b>	0
73-32	<b>Career Grand Slam Record</b>	11-11
20-9	<b>Australian Open Record</b>	1-2
371-210	<b>Career Record</b>	68-68
262-152	<b>Career Record - Hard</b>	42-42
2-1	<b>2026 Record</b>	0-0
2-1	<b>2026 Record - Hard</b>	0-0
11-9	<b>Career Five-Set Record</b>	2-2
2	<b>Comebacks from 0-2 Down</b>	1
127-128	<b>Career Tiebreak Record</b>	39-25
1-0	<b>2026 Tiebreak Record</b>	0-0

- **RUBLEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 10th Australian Open and his 33rd Grand Slam overall.
- Rublev has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 7 occasions**, including twice at the Australian Open – in 2019 (l. Mackenzie McDonald) and last year (l. Joao Fonseca).
- Rublev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – in 2021 (l. Daniil Medvedev), 2023 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2024 (l. Jannik Sinner).
- Rublev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 10 occasions. In addition to his 3 quarterfinal finishes here, he also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal), 2020 (l. Medvedev), 2022 (l. Frances Tiafoe) and 2023 (l. Medvedev), and at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2022 (l. Marin Cilic), and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic). He is the only man in the Open Era to have lost the first 8 (or more) Grand Slam quarterfinal matches he has reached.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Rublev reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Sinner), Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Rublev's best result in 2025 was winning his **17th Tour-level title** at Doha (d. Jack Draper). He also finished runner-up at Hamburg (l. Flavio Cobolli), reached the semifinals at Montpellier (l. Akesandar Kovacevic) and Los Cabos (l. Kovacevic) and the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Hubert Hurkacz), Toronto-1000 (l. Taylor Fritz) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Rublev reached the semifinals at Hong Kong. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Wu Yibing and Nuno Borges before falling to Lorenzo Musetti.
- Rublev has won all 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against David Ferrer in the 1st round in 2018, against Holger Rune in the round of 16 in 2023 and against both Thiago Seyboth Wild in the 1st round and Alex de Minaur in the round of 16 in 2024. He has an 11-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has won 5 of the last 6 five-set matches he has contested.

- Rublev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in September 2021. He dropped out of the Top 10 for the first time since September 2022 in May last year and ended 2025 ranked at No. 16, his lowest year-end ranking since ending 2019 ranked at No. 23. He plays here at No. 15
- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at 2014 Roland Garros (d. Jaume Munar). He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2014. (l. Stefan Kozlov). He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente and former world No. 1 Marat Safin, who won title here in 2005.
- **ARNALDI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Arnaldi fell in the 1st round to Lorenzo Musetti. On his only other appearance in the main draw here, in 2024, he reached the 2nd round (d. Adam Walton, l. Alex de Minaur).
- Arnaldi's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at the 2023 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Arnaldi reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, l. Flavio Cobolli) but fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Botic van de Zandschulp) and the US Open (l. Francisco Cerundolo).
- Arnaldi's **best result in 2025** was reaching the semifinals at Delray Beach (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina). He also reached the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. Jaume Munar), Madrid-1000 (l. Jack Draper) and Geneva (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Arnaldi attempted to qualify at Brisbane. He defeated Hugo Gaston in the 1st round of qualifying before giving a walkover to Rinky Hijikata in the final round of qualifying due to a left ankle injury.
- Arnaldi is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time**. He has a 2-5 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, defeating No. 16 Cameron Norrie in the 3rd round at the 2023 US Open and No. 6 Rublev in the 3rd round at 2024 Roland Garros.
- Arnaldi is **bidding to end a 7-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has lost all 7 matches he has played against Top 20 players since defeating No. 17 Frances Tiafoe in the round of 16 at 2025 Madrid-1000. He has a 10-26 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Arnaldi won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he contested in 2025. He successfully recovered from 0-2 down for the first time in his career to defeat Felix Auger-Aliassime in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2025 Roland Garros but fell to Francisco Cerundolo in 5 sets in the 1st round at the 2025 US Open, despite holding a 2-0 lead. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall but has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Arnaldi broke the Top 50 for the first time after reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in September 2023 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in August 2024. He plays here at No. 65.
- Arnaldi reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 22 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (l. Filip Cristian Jianu).
- Arnaldi was a member of the **Italian team which won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**. He made his debut in the competition in 2023 and won 3 of the 4 Davis Cup singles matches he contested that year, including a victory against Australia's Alexei Popyrin in the opening match of the final. His most-recent appearance in the competition came at the 2024 Finals Group Stage. He has a 4-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy automatically qualify for the 2026 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna in November.
- Arnaldi is coached by Marcel Du Coudray and Matteo Civarolo.

## NO. 14 ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP) v FILIP MISOLIC (AUT)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Davidovich Fokina has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 84 Misolic twice before – to No. 114 Denis Kudla in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon and to No. 198 Marco Tringelliti in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Davidovich Fokina is No. 69 Nuno Borges in the 2nd round in 2024.

DAVIDOVICH FOKINA	v	MISOLIC
26	<b>Age</b>	24
14	<b>ATP Ranking (19 Jan)</b>	84
0	<b>Titles</b>	0
30-22	<b>Career Grand Slam Record</b>	3-3
7-5	<b>Australian Open Record</b>	0-0
160-146	<b>Career Record</b>	18-19
99-90	<b>Career Record - Hard</b>	2-8
2-1	<b>2026 Record</b>	0-0
2-1	<b>2026 Record - Hard</b>	0-0
9-8	<b>Career Five-Set Record</b>	2-0
2	<b>Comebacks from 0-2 Down</b>	1
69-82	<b>Career Tiebreak Record</b>	14-6
1-1	<b>2026 Tiebreak Record</b>	0-0

- **DAVIDOVICH FOKINA** is bidding to record his 100th Tour-level hard court match-win today.
- Davidovich Fokina has never lost in the 1st round here. His earliest Australian Open defeats were 2nd round finishes in 2020 and in 2022-24. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Davidovich Fokina recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16. He defeated Shang Juncheng in the 1st round and successfully recovering from 0-2 down to defeat both Felix Auger-Aliassime and Jakub Mensik in 5 sets, before falling to Tommy Paul.
- Davidovich Fokina's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2021 Roland Garros, where he defeated Mikhail Kukushkin, Botic van de Zandschulp, Casper Ruud and Federico Delbonis before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Davidovich Fokina reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, where he defeated Brandon Holt and Botic van de Zandschulp before falling to Taylor Fritz, and the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Pablo Llamas Ruiz, l. Jiri Lehecka) and the US Open (d. Alexander Shevchenko, l. Arthur Rinderknech).
- Davidovich Fokina reached **4 Tour-level finals in 2025**, finishing runner-up at Delray Beach (l. Miomir Kecmanovic), Acapulco (l. Tomas Machac), Washington (l. Alex de Minaur) and Basel (l. Joao Fonseca). He is the only player currently ranked inside the Top 20 that has not won a Tour-level title.
- Davidovich Fokina's **other highlights in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and Eastbourne (l. Fritz) and the quarterfinals at Barcelona (l. Karen Khachanov) and Brussels (l. Raphael Collignon).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Davidovich Fokina reached the semifinals at Adelaide, where he received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Rinky Hijikata and Valentin Vacherot before falling to Ugo Humbert. He fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Brandon Nakashima).
- Davidovich Fokina has won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victories against Auger-Aliassime and Mensik here last year, which were his only successful comebacks from 0-2 down to date. He also recorded 5-set victories against Norbert Gombos in the 1st round in 2020 and Alexander Bublik in the 1st round in 2023 but fell to Paul in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2023. He has an 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Davidovich Fokina broke the Top 20 for the first time in July last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 14 in November. He plays here at the same ranking.

- In 2017, Davidovich Fokina became the **first Spanish junior champion at Wimbledon** since Manuel Orantes in 1967, defeating Axel Geller in the title match. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in July that year. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Davidovich Fokina made his **Davis Cup** debut for Spain in 2022 and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. As 2025 runners-up, Spain received a bye to the 2026 Qualifiers 2nd Round in September where they will face the winner of the Qualifiers 1st Round tie between Chile and Serbia.
- Davidovich Fokina is coached by Mariano Puerta.
- **MISOLIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Misolic has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam once before** – as a qualifier on his Wimbledon debut last year (l. Jan-Lennard Struff)
- Misolic was **not ranked high enough to compete in Australian Open qualifying last year**. He has competed in qualifying here twice before, falling in the 1st round of qualifying in both 2023 (l. Gianluca Mager) and 2024 (l. Marc-Andrea Huesler).
- Misolic's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros last year. He defeated Bu Yunchaokete and Denis Shapovalov before falling to Novak Djokovic.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Misolic fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Jan-Lennard Struff). He did not compete at the US Open.
- Misolic's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at both Bucharest (l. Flavio Cobolli) and Bastad (l. Camilo Ugo Carabelli). His career-best Tour-level result is a runner-up finish at 2022 Kitzbuhel (l. Roberto Bautista Agut).
- Misolic won his **3rd and 4th Challenger-level titles in 2025** – at the Prague Challenger (CZE) (d. Guy Den Ouden) and the Poznan Challenger (POL) (d. Dalibor Svrčina). He also finished runner-up at the Tenerife 2 Challenger (ESP) (l. Pablo Carreno Busta) and reached the semifinals at the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (l. Mariano Navone).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Misolic attempted to qualify at Brisbane and Adelaide. He reached the final round of qualifying at Adelaide (d. Daniel Jovanovski, l. Alexander Shevchenko) but fell in the 1st round qualifying at Brisbane (l. Rinky Hijikata).
- Misolic is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win on a hard court**. His only previous Tour-level victories on hard courts came in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at 2023 Stockholm (d. Daniel Evans, l. Gael Monfils) and as a wild card at Vienna last year (d. Ugo Carabelli, l. Alex de Minaur).
- Misolic has **won one of the last 7 matches he has contested at all levels**. His victory against Jovanovski in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide ended a 5-match losing streak at all levels, having previously not recorded a victory since reaching the 2nd round at Vienna in October
- Misolic is **bidding to defeat a Top 20 player for the first time**. He has lost all 5 of his previous matches against Top 20 players, including the only match he has played against a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam – against No. 6 Djokovic in the 3rd round at 2025 Roland Garros. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 31 Shapovalov in the 2nd round at 2025 Roland Garros.
- Misolic has won both **5-set matches** he has contested – against Otto Virtanen in the 1st round 2024 Roland Garros and against Shapovalov in the 2nd round at 2025 Roland Garros.
- Misolic broke the Top 100 for the first time in July 2025 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 79 in November. He plays here at No. 84.
- Misolic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Austria in 2022 and has a 2-1 win-loss record in the competition. He fell to Flavio Cobolli during Austria's defeat to Italy in the quarterfinals last year. Austria play away against Japan in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Misolic has no permanent coach at present.

## NO. 17 JIRI LEHECKA (CZE) v (Q) ARTHUR GEA (FRA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Lehecka won the only previous match he has contested against a qualifier at the Grand Slams – he successfully recovered from 0-2 down for the only time in his career to date to defeat Mitchell Krueger in 5 sets in the 2nd round at the 2024 US Open.

Lehecka has won 12 of the last 13 matches he has contested against qualifiers at Tour-level. His only defeat to a qualifier in that time came against Denis Shapovalov in the semifinals at 2024 Belgrade. He has a 17-4 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Lehecka has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 197 Gea once before – when he fell to No. 334 Alexander Lazarov in the 1st round at 2022 Sofia. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Lehecka at a Grand Slam is No. 91 Alex Michelsen in the 2nd round here in 2024.

LEHECKA	v	GEA
24	Age	21
19	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	198
2	Titles	0
21-14	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
8-4	Australian Open Record	0-0
119-90	Career Record	0-1
86-62	Career Record - Hard	0-1
1-1	2026 Record	0-0
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
4-1	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
45-37	Career Tiebreak Record	0-0
0-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **LEHECKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th consecutive year. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Lehecka reached the round of 16. He defeated Li Tu, Hugo Gaston and Benjamin Bonzi before falling to Novak Djokovic.
- Lehecka's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions – including at the 2023 Australian Open, when he recorded victories against Borna Coric, Christopher Eubanks, Cameron Norrie and Felix Auger-Aliassime before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas. He also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open last year (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Lehecka reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Mattia Bellucci).
- Lehecka's best result in 2025 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** at Brisbane, defeating Reilly Opelka in the final after Opelka retired due to a back injury. Both of his Tour-level title-victories have come in Australia – he also won the title at 2024 Adelaide (d. Jack Draper)
- Lehecka's **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Queen's (l. Alcaraz) and Brussels (l. Auger-Aliassime) and reaching the semifinals at Doha (l. Draper).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Lehecka reached the 2nd round at Brisbane. He defeated Tomas Machac before retiring due to a right ankle against Sebastian Korda.
- Lehecka has won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat coming in the first 5-set match he contested – against Filip Krajinovic in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon. He won the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open – against Cameron Norrie in the 3rd round here in 2023.
- Lehecka broke the Top 20 for the first time in September 2025, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 16 the same month. He plays here at No. 19.

- Lehecka had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 10 in March 2019 and reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at both the Australian Open and US Open in 2019, falling to Emilio Nava on both occasions. He also won the boys' doubles title at 2019 Wimbledon alongside Jonas Forejtek.
- Lehecka made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia in 2019 and has an 11-12 overall win-loss record in the competition. Czechia play at home against Sweden in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Lehecka is coached by Michal Navratil.
- Qualifier **GEA** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- Gea defeated Zdenek Kolar (CZE) 62 63, No. 2 seed Roman Andres Burruchaga (ARG) 63 63 and No. 30 seed Daniel Vallejo (PAR) 62 62 in the **3 rounds of qualifying last week**. It was his first appearance in Australian Open qualifying and his 4th appearance in qualifying at the Grand Slams.
- Gea was **ranked to low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open in 2025**. His only previous appearances in qualifying at the Grand Slams have come as a wild card at Roland Garros in 2023-25. He reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros last year (d. Alexander Blockx, l. Titouan Droguet) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying in both 2023 (l. Liam Broady) and 2024 (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Gea is making his **2nd Tour-level appearance**. His only previous appearance at Tour-level came as a qualifier at 2025 Marseille, where he fell to Hugo Grenier in the 1st round.
- Gea's **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at the Monastir Challenger (TUN) (l. Petr Brunclik) and the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Lille Challenger (FRA) (l. Valentin Royer) and as a direct acceptance at the Milan Challenger (ITA) (l. Rafael Jodar).
- Gea **won 4 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2025** – at M15 Bressuire (FRA) (d. Mae Malige), M25 Bali 2 (INA) (d. Yanki Erel), M25 Bali 3 (INA) (d. Philip Sekulic) and M25 Monastir (TUN) (d. Jurij Rodionov). He also finished runner-up at M25 Hazebrouck (FRA) (l. Joris de Loore) and M25 Santa Margherita di Pula (ITA) (l. Jay Clarke).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Gea won his **first Challenger title** at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (d. Jurij Rodionov). He has won all 8 matches he has contested this season, with his last defeat, at any level, coming in the 1st round at the Lyon 2 Challenger (FRA) in November (l. Vit Kopriwa).
- Gea is **facing a Top 20 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced, at any level, is No. 45 Pedro Martinez – to whom he lost in the 2nd round at the 2024 Valencia Challenger (ESP). The highest-ranked players he has defeated, at any level, are No. 103 Fabio Fognini in the 2nd round at the 2024 Naples Challenger (ITA) and No. 103 Burruchaga in the 2nd round of qualifying here last week.
- Gea **broke the Top 200 for the first time** after winning the title at the Noumea Challenger this month. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 197 last week and plays here one place lower at No. 198.
- Gea had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in January 2023, reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2023 US Open (l. Learner Tien) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the 2023 Australian Open (l. Tomasz Berkieta).
- Gea is coached by Tarik Benhabiles.

## NO. 19 TOMMY PAUL (USA) v ALEKSANDAR KOVACEVIC (USA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Paul and Kovacevic are 2 of the 21 American players in the men's singles draw this year, the most of any nation. 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.

This is one of 3 all-American matches in the men's singles 1st round here this year – alongside Michael Zheng's match against Sebastian Korda on Sunday and Learner Tien's match against Marcos Giron, which is also being played today.

Paul has won 3 of the 4 Grand Slam matches he has contested against fellow American players at the Grand Slams, with his only defeat to a compatriot at a major coming against Ben Shelton in the round of 16 at the 2023 US Open. He won 6 of the 7 matches he contested against fellow American players in 2025, with his only defeat to a compatriot last year coming against Jenson Brooksby in the semifinals at Houston. He has a 32-22 win-loss record against fellow Americans at Tour-level overall.

Kovacevic lost his only previous match against a fellow American player at the Grand Slams, falling to Frances Tiafoe in the 1st round at the 2024 US Open. He is bidding to end a 9-match losing streak against fellow American players at Tour-level, having not defeated a compatriot since defeating Brandon Holt in the 1st round at 2024 Los Cabos. He has a 3-12 win-loss record against fellow Americans at Tour-level overall.

PAUL	v	KOVACEVIC
28	Age	27
20	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	56
4	Titles	0
44-25	Career Grand Slam Record	1-8
15-6	Australian Open Record	1-1
206-139	Career Record	32-57
143-94	Career Record - Hard	27-40
1-1	2026 Record	3-2
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	3-2
11-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
75-83	Career Tiebreak Record	16-28
0-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	2-2

- **PAUL** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Paul reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Christopher O'Connell, Kei Nishikori, Roberto Carballes Baena and Alejandro Davidovich Fokina before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- Paul's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals here in 2023. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Ben Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Andy Roddick in 2009.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz), the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Alexander Bublik) and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Sebastian Ofner).
- Paul's **best results in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Adelaide (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime), Dallas (l. Denis Shapovalov), Houston (l. Jenson Brooksby) and Rome-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Paul reached the semifinals at Adelaide, where he received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Reilly Opelka and Aleksandar Vukic before falling to Tomas Machac. He fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard).

- Paul has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – recording 5-set victories against Grigor Dimitrov in the 2nd round in 2020, Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023 and O’Connell in the 1st round last year, but falling to Miomir Kecmanovic in the 3rd round in 2024. He has an 11-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has won 5 of the last 6 five-set matches he has contested.
- Paul broke the Top 10 for the first time in January last year after reaching the quarterfinals here. He reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 8 in June and plays here at No. 20.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys’ singles title (d. Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys’ singles at the 2015 US Open (l. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. USA play away against Hungary in the 2026 Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Paul is coached by Brad Stine and Hugo Armando.
- **KOVACEVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Kovacevic reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Andrea Collarini, l. Gauthier Onclin).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Kovacevic fell in the 1st round of the main draw at Roland Garros (l. Federico Agustin Gomez), Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics) and the US Open (l. Coleman Wong).
- Kovacevic recorded his **only Grand Slam match-win to date** on his only previous main draw appearance at the Australian Open. He reached the 2nd round as a qualifier on his debut here in 2024 (d. Alejandro Tabilo, l. Karen Khachanov). He has lost in the 1st round on his other 7 appearances in the main draw at the Grand Slams.
- Kovacevic’s best Tour-level results in 2025 were reaching his **first 2 Tour-level finals** – he finished runner-up as a qualifier at Montpellier (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and as No. 7 seed at Los Cabos (l. Denis Shapovalov). He also reached the quarterfinals at Houston (l. Jenson Brooksby).
- Kovacevic won his **5th and 6th Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Oeiras 2 Challenger (POR) (d. Zsombor Piros) and the Cap Cana Challenger (DOM) (d. Damir Dzumhur).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Kovacevic reached the semifinals at Brisbane, where he defeated Nick Kyrgios, Cameron Norrie and Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard before falling to Brandon Nakashima. He fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Hamad Medjedovic).
- Kovacevic is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the 4th time**. He has a 3-10 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level, with his 3 victories coming against No. 13 Norrie in the 2nd round at 2023 Los Cabos and against No. 10 Andrey Rublev in the semifinals at both 2025 Montpellier and 2025 Los Cabos.
- Kovacevic reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 54 last week. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 56.
- Kovacevic **played college tennis** for the University of Illinois between 2016 and 2021, compiling a 102-36 win-loss record in singles and a 62-53 win-loss record in doubles. He earned all-American honours in singles in 2019 and 2021.
- Kovacevic is coached by Damion Jackson.

## NO. 21 DENIS SHAPOVALOV (CAN) v (WC) BU YUNCHAOKETE (CHN)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Shapovalov has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 120 Bu on 3 occasions – when he fell to No. 141 Jerzy Janowicz in the 1st round at 2017 Wimbledon, to No. 142 Jakub Mensik in the 1st round at the 2024 Australian Open and to No. 153 Filip Misolic in the 2nd round at Roland Garros.

Shapovalov has won all 4 Grand Slam matches he has contested against wild cards – he defeated Sebastian Korda in the 1st round at the 2020 US Open, Andy Murray in the 3rd round at 2021 Wimbledon, Liam Broady in the 3rd round at 2023 Wimbledon and Valentin Royer in the 2nd round at the US Open last year. He has a 13-10 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

Bu is bidding to maintain his perfect record against lefthanded players at Tour-level, having won all 5 Tour-level matches he has contested against lefthanded players. He is facing a lefthanded player at a Grand Slam for the first time.

SHAPOVALOV	v	BU
26	Age	25*
23	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	120
4	Titles	0
47-31	Career Grand Slam Record	0-5
12-8	Australian Open Record	0-1
233-195	Career Record	23-35
175-133	Career Record - Hard	23-25
0-1	2026 Record	0-0
0-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
12-10	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
102-117	Career Tiebreak Record	10-25
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

\*Celebrates his 25th birthday today

- Lefthander **SHAPOVALOV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 32nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Shapovalov reached the 2nd round (d. Roberto Bautista Agut, l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- Shapovalov's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022. He defeated Laslo Djere, Kwon Soonwoo, Reilly Opelka and Alexander Zverev before falling to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets.
- Shapovalov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic). He is one of 8 Canadian players in history, men or women, to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Shapovalov reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he defeated Marton Fucsovics and Valentin Royer before falling to Jannik Sinner, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Pedro Martinez, l. Filip Misolic) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Mariano Navone).
- Shapovalov's best results in 2025 were winning his **3rd and 4th Tour-level titles** – at Dallas (d. Casper Ruud) and Los Cabos (d. Aleksandar Kovacevic). He also reached the semifinals at Acapulco (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and Stockholm (l. Ruud) and the quarterfinals at Basel, where he retired against Joao Fonseca due to a right knee injury.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shapovalov fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Raphael Collignon).
- Shapovalov has won 2 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having recorded 5-set victories against Sinner in the 1st round in 2021 and Kwon in the 2nd round in 2022. He has a 12-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Shapovalov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 in September 2020 and is one of 3 Canadian men (alongside Felix Auger-Aliassime and Milos Raonic) to have been ranked inside the Top 10. He plays here at No. 23.

- Shapovalov was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Alex de Minaur) and was a member of the Canadian team that defeated Germany to win the 2015 Junior Davis Cup title. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2015 (d. Hurkacz, l. Marc Polmans).
- Shapovalov was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He won 2 of the 4 Davis Cup singles matches he contested in 2022, including a victory against Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final. He was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (l. Spain) and has an 18-11 overall win-loss record in the competition. Canada play at home against Brazil in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Shapovalov is coached by Mikael Tillstrom.
- Wild card **BU** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Bu fell to Hady Habib in straight sets in the 1st round.
- Bu has **lost in the 1st round on his 5 previous Grand Slam main draw appearances**. He made his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier at the 2024 US Open, falling to Casper Ruud in the 1st round, before losing in the 1st round at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments last year. In addition to his 1st round defeat to Habib here, he also lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Filip Misolic), Wimbledon (l. Brandon Nakashima) and the US Open (l. Valentin Royer).
- Bu was granted a main draw wild card for the Australian Open this year after **winning the Australian Open Asia/Pacific Wild Card Play-off in November**. As No. 1 seed, he defeated Yang Zijiang (CHN) 61 60, Sumit Nagal (IND) 26 60 62, No. 7 seed Beibit Zhukayev (KAZ) 63 62 and Akira Santillan (JPN) 64 62.
- Bu's **best Tour-level results in 2025** were reaching the quarterfinals at both Montpellier (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and Winston-Salem (l. Botic van de Zandschulp).
- Bu **also contested 2 Challenger-level events in 2025**, finishing runner-up at the Turin Challenger (ITA) (l. Alexander Bublik) and reaching the quarterfinals at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) (l. Coleman Wong).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Bu attempted to qualify at Hong Kong. He fell to Nishesh Basavareddy in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Bu has **won one of the last 12 matches he has contested against Top 30 players**. His only victory against a Top 30 player in that time came against No. 28 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 2nd round at Winston-Salem last year. He has a 4-13 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.
- Bu reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 64 in April 2025. He plays here at No. 120.
- Bu had a **good junior career**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 5 in December 2018. He competed in the boys' singles here in both 2019 and 2020, reaching the 3rd round in 2019 (l. Emilio Nava) but falling in the 1st round in 2020 (l. Lilian Marmousez).
- Bu made his **Davis Cup** debut for China, P.R. in 2022 and has a 2-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. China, P.R. will play at home against Portugal in the 2026 World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Bu is coached by Ricardo Ojeda Lara and Yu Jinxing.

# THIAGO AGUSTIN TIRANTE (ARG) v ALEKSANDAR VUKIC (AUS)

## Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2023 Australian Open Qualifying Draw Hard (O) R64 Vukic 76(4) 63

A first Tour-level meeting for Tirante and Vukic – but their 2nd at any level, having met in the 2nd round of qualifying here in 2023, with Vukic winning in straight sets.

TIRANTE	v	VUKIC
24	<b>Age</b>	29
103	<b>ATP Ranking (19 Jan)</b>	78
0	<b>Titles</b>	0
1-3	<b>Career Grand Slam Record</b>	6-14
0-0	<b>Australian Open Record</b>	3-5
10-13	<b>Career Record</b>	58-84
2-4	<b>Career Record - Hard</b>	42-59
0-0	<b>2026 Record</b>	2-2
0-0	<b>2026 Record - Hard</b>	2-2
0-1	<b>Career Five-Set Record</b>	3-4
0	<b>Comebacks from 0-2 Down</b>	0
7-4	<b>Career Tiebreak Record</b>	47-38
0-0	<b>2026 Tiebreak Record</b>	3-0

- **TIRANTE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Tirante reached the final round of qualifying. He defeated Jurij Rodionov and Titouan Droguet before falling to Joao Fonseca. He also fell in qualifying here in 2022-24.
- Tirante's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at 2023 Roland Garros. He defeated Botic van de Zandschulp for his first Grand Slam match-win before falling to Zhang Zhizhen. He has lost in the 1st round on his 2 other Grand Slam main draw appearances, both at Roland Garros – in 2024 (l. Pedro Martinez) and as a lucky loser in 2025 (l. Damir Dzumhur).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Tirante reached the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (d. Jack Kennedy, l. Zsombor Piros) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Paul Jubb).
- Tirante recorded **2 Tour-level match-wins in 2025** – in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at Miami-1000 (d. Flavio Cobolli, l. Denis Shapovalov) and as a direct acceptance at Kitzbuhel (d. Jaime Faria, l. Alexander Bublik). He fell in the 1st round at the 2 other Tour-level events he contested last year – as a lucky loser at Roland Garros and as a qualifier at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Luca Nardi).
- Tirante won his **5th and 6th Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Cordoba Challenger (ARG) (d. Juan Pablo Ficovich) and the Szczecin Challenger (POL) (d. Pablo Llamas Ruiz). His other highlights at Challenger-level last year were finishing runner-up at the Trieste Challenger (ITA) (l. Matej Dodig) and the Cancun Challenger (MEX) (l. Dalibor Srvcina) and reaching the semifinals at the Poznan Challenger (POL) (l. Srvcina) and the San Marino Challenger (SMA) (l. Dino Prizmic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Tirante competed in qualifying at Adelaide. He fell in the final round of qualifying (d. Jesper de Jong, l. Andrea Vavassori).
- Tirante is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win on a hard court**. In addition to his 2nd round finish at Miami-1000 last year, his only Tour-level match-win on a hard court came in a 2nd round finish at 2023 Los Cabos (d. Gonzalo Lama, l. Alex de Minaur).
- Tirante reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 90 in April 2024. He plays here at No. 103.
- Tirante ended 2019 as **junior world No. 1**, winning 3 titles at the Yucatan Cup, Eddie Herr and the Orange Bowl. He also won the boys' doubles title at Roland Garros alongside Matheus Pucinelli de Almeida that season. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Sergey Fomin).
- Tirante player is coached by Miguel Pastura.

- **VUKIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Vukic recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round. He recorded 5-set victories against both Damir Dzumhur and Sebastian Korda before falling to Jack Draper, also in 5 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Vukic reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Tseng Chun-Hsin, l. Jannik Sinner) but fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Karen Khachanov) and the US Open (l. Jenson Brooksby).
- Vukic's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Tokyo (l. Casper Ruud). He also reached the 3rd round at Toronto-1000 (l. Frances Tiafoe). He lost in the 1st round or 2nd round at 25 of the 28 Tour-level events he contested last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Vukic reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Adelaide, where he defeated Luca Nardi and Jacob Fearnley in qualifying and Stefanos Tsitsipas and Andrea Vavassori in the main draw before falling to Tommy Paul. He fell in the 1st round as a wild card at Brisbane (l. Frances Tiafoe).
- Vukic is one of **11 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Vukic has won 3 of the 7 **five-set matches** he has contested. In addition to his 2 five-set victories here last year, he also defeated Sebastian Ofner in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon.
- Vukic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 48 in August 2023. He plays here at No. 78.
- Vukic played **college tennis**. He represented the University of Illinois from 2015 to 2018 and was named a 3-time All-American and 2017 Big Ten Athlete of the Year.
- Vukic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Australia in 2025, defeating Sweden's Leo Borg in the Qualifiers 1st Round but falling to Belgium's Raphael Collignon in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. Australia play away against Ecuador in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Vukic is coached by Nuno Lencastre and Jay Gooding.

## ALEXEI POPYRIN (AUS) v ALEXANDRE MULLER (FRA)

### Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2020 Parma Challenger (ITA) Clay (O) R16 Popyrin 64 64

A first Tour-level meeting for Popyrin and Muller. Popyrin won their only meeting below Tour-level, at a clay court Challenger event in 2020.

POPYRIN	v	MULLER
26	Age	28*
50	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	52
3	Titles	1
24-27	Career Grand Slam Record	5-14
8-8	Australian Open Record	1-3
110-137	Career Record	52-68
74-91	Career Record - Hard	27-39
0-2	2026 Record	1-2
0-2	2026 Record - Hard	1-2
4-7	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
89-74	Career Tiebreak Record	32-34
0-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

\*Turns 29 on Sunday 1 February

- **POPYRIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, as No. 25 seed, Popyrin fell to Corentin Moutet in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round here on 2 other occasions – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2018 (l. Tim Smyczek) and as a direct acceptance in 2022 (l. Arthur Rinderknech).
- Popyrin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at the 2024 US Open (l. Frances Tiafoe) and at 2025 Roland Garros (l. Tommy Paul).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Popyrin reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Emil Ruusuvuori, l. Jannik Sinner) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Arthur Fery).
- Popyrin's **best results in 2025** were reaching the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina), Geneva (l. Cameron Norrie) and Toronto-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Popyrin fell in the 1st round at both Brisbane (l. Quentin Halys) and Adelaide (l. Reilly Opelka).
- Popyrin is one of **11 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Popyrin **broke the Top 20, at No. 19, for the first time** in August 2025. He remained in the Top 20 for one week before dropping to No. 37. He plays here at No. 50.
- Popyrin has won 3 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, but has won just one of the 5 other 5-set matches he has contested. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Popyrin has **won 3 Tour-level titles** – at 2021 Singapore (d. Alexander Bublik), 2023 Umag (d. Stan Wawrinka) and 2024 Montreal-1000 (d. Andrey Rublev). His victory at 2024 Montreal-1000 saw him become the first Australian player to win a title at Masters-1000 level since Lleyton Hewitt won the title at 2003 Indian Wells.
- Popyrin was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Nicola Pietrangeli) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. His best result in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was a 2nd round finish in 2017 (d. Ajeet Rai, l. Alexey Zakharov).

- Popyrin made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 and was a member of the Australian team which finished as runners-up to Italy in 2023. He has a 4-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Ecuador in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Popyrin is coached by Neville Godwin and former world No. 6 Wayne Ferreira, who reached the semifinals here in 1992 and 2003.
- **MULLER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Muller fell to Nuno Borges in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round here in 2024 (l. Hugo Grenier).
- Muller's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 5 occasions – including as a lucky loser on his Australian Open debut in 2021 (d. Juan Ignacio Londero, l. Diego Schwartzman). He also reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon in 2023 (d. Arthur Rinderknech, l. Carlos Alcaraz) and 2024 (d. Hugo Gaston, l. Daniil Medvedev), and as a wild card at both 2024 Roland Garros (d. Luca Nardi, l. Matteo Arnaldi) and the 2024 US Open (d. Adam Walton, l. Alexander Zverev).
- Muller is bidding to end a **5-match Grand Slam losing streak**. He has not recorded a victory at the Grand Slams since his 2nd round finish at the 2024 US Open. In addition to his 1st round defeat here last year, he also fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jakub Mensik), Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and the US Open (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- Muller's best Tour-level result in 2025 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Hong Kong (d. Kei Nishikori). By recovering from a set down in all 5 of his matches, he became the 3rd player in the Open Era to win a Tour-level men's singles title after winning all matches from a set down en route to the title, after Arthur Ashe at the 1975 WCT Finals (3 matches) and Alexander Bublik at 2024 Montpellier (4 matches). He became the first to achieve the feat across 5 matches at a tournament.
- Muller's **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Rio de Janeiro (l. Sebastian Baez) and reaching the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Kamil Majchrzak), Hamburg (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and Athens (l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Muller reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Marcos Giron) but fell in the 1st round at Adelaide (l. Giron).
- Muller has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested – to Thiago Monteiro in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros and to Grenier in the 1st round at the 2024 Australian Open.
- Muller **broke the Top 50 for the first time** in February 2025 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 38 in August. He plays here at No. 52.
- Muller is coached by Xavier Pujo.

# JUAN MANUEL CERUNDOLO (ARG) v (WC) JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Thompson has won 2 of the 3 previous matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open. He fell to Thomaz Bellucci in the 1st round here in 2016 but defeated Feliciano Lopez in the 1st round in 2019 and Dominik Koepfer in the 1st round last year. He has a 3-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 29-37 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

CERUNDOLO	v	THOMPSON
24	<b>Age</b>	31
87	<b>ATP Ranking (19 Jan)</b>	111
1	<b>Titles</b>	1
2-4	<b>Career Grand Slam Record</b>	27-41
0-1	<b>Australian Open Record</b>	5-12
25-33	<b>Career Record</b>	153-175
7-11	<b>Career Record - Hard</b>	101-110
0-0	<b>2026 Record</b>	0-0
0-0	<b>2026 Record - Hard</b>	0-0
1-0	<b>Career Five-Set Record</b>	10-11
1	<b>Comebacks from 0-2 Down</b>	5
11-5	<b>Career Tiebreak Record</b>	78-71
0-0	<b>2026 Tiebreak Record</b>	0-0

- **CERUNDOLO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Cerundolo fell to Yosuke Watanuki in the 1st round of qualifying. He also fell in the 1st round of qualifying here in 2024 (l. Terence Atmane). He made his Grand Slam main draw debut here in 2022, falling to Tomas Machac in the 1st round.
- Cerundolo's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions – at the 2023 US Open (d. Ilya Ivashka, l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and as a qualifier at 2025 Roland Garros (d. Alex Michelsen, l. Hamad Medjedovic). His victory over Ivashka at the 2023 US Open, in which he successfully recovered from 0-2 down, is the only 5-set match he has contested to date.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Cerundolo reached the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (d. Calvin Hemery, l. Yuta Shimizu) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Luca van Assche).
- Cerundolo's best result in 2025 was reaching his **2nd Tour-level final** at Gstaad (l. Alexander Bublik). He also reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Madrid-1000, defeating Aleksandar Kovacevic and Felix Auger-Aliassime before falling to Daniil Medvedev.
- Cerundolo won his **11th Challenger title** in 2025 – at the Guangzhou 2 Challenger (CHN) (d. Alejandro Tabilo). His other highlights at Challenger-level last season were finishing runner-up at the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (l. Mariano Navone) and reaching the semifinals at the Cordoba Challenger (ARG) (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Cerundolo attempted to qualify at Auckland. He fell in the final round of qualifying (d. Shintaro Mochizuki, l. Eliot Spizzirri).
- Cerundolo has **won one Tour-level title** – on his Tour-level debut as a qualifier at 2021 Cordoba (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas). He became the first player to win a title on his Tour-level debut since Santiago Ventura at 2004 Casablanca.
- Cerundolo reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 71 in September last year. He plays here at No. 87.
- Cerundolo had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 9 in March 2018 and won the title at the Grade 1-level Yucatan Cup in 2017. He fell in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Drew Baird).

- Cerundolo's older brother, Francisco, is also a professional tennis player and is currently ranked at No. 21. He defeated Zhang Zhizhen in the 1st round here on Sunday and will play Damir Dzumhur in the 2nd round on Wednesday.
- Cerundolo is coached by Sebastian Prieto, Kevin Konfederak and Valentin Florez.
- Wild card **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 13th Australian Open appearance and his 42nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, as No. 27 seed, Thompson equalled his best Australian Open result by reaching the 2nd round (d. Dominik Koepfer, l. Nuno Borges). He has reached the 2nd round here on 4 other occasions – in 2017 (d. Joao Sousa, l. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, l. Andreas Seppi), 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Fabio Fognini) and 2024 (d. Aleksandar Vukic, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- Thompson's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – at the US Open in 2020 (l. Borna Coric) and 2024 (l. Alex de Minaur) and at Wimbledon last year, where he defeated Vit Kopriva, Benjamin Bonzi and Luciano Darder before retiring against Taylor Fritz due to a back injury.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Thompson reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Corentin Moutet, l. Adrian Mannarino) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jiri Lehecka).
- Thompson's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals at Brisbane, where he retired against Grigor Dimitrov due to a foot injury. He also reached the 3rd round at Miami-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev). He is contesting his first match of the 2026 season today.
- Thompson has won 2 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Sousa in the 1st round in 2017 and defeating Vukic in the 1st round in 2024. He has a 10-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Thompson is one of **11 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Thompson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 26 in November 2024. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since September 2022 in November last year and plays here at No. 111.
- Thompson won his **first Grand Slam men's doubles title** alongside Max Purcell at the 2024 US Open (d. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz). The pair also finished as runners-up in the men's doubles at 2024 Wimbledon (l. Harri Heliövaara/Henry Patten).
- Thompson played in the **boys' singles event at the Junior Australian Open** in 2011 and 2012, losing in the 1st round on both occasions. He finished as runner-up with Nick Kyrgios in the boys' doubles at the 2012 US Open. He also represented Australia in the 2008 World Junior Tennis Finals and the 2010 Junior Davis Cup Finals.
- Thompson was a member of the **Australian Davis Cup teams which finished as runners-up in 2022 and 2023**. He lost the only singles match he contested in the competition last year, falling to Belgium's Zizou Bergs in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. He has an 11-7 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Ecuador in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Thompson is coached by Peter Luczak and Stephen Thompson.

## LASLO DJERE (SRB) v (WC) STAN WAWRINKA (SUI)

### Tour-level head-to-head: tied 1-1

2022	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Wawrinka	76(8) 36 64
2022	Metz Qualifying	Draw Hard (I)	R16	Wawrinka	64 63
2024	Belgrade	Hard (I)	R32	Djere	64 64

A 3rd Tour-level meeting Djere and Wawrinka – but their first at a Grand Slam. The pair have split their 2 previous Tour-level meetings, and Wawrinka won their only meeting below Tour-level, in qualifying at 2022 Metz.

Djere has won one of the 2 matches he has contested against wild cards at the Grand Slams. He defeated Alexei Popyrin in the 2nd round at 2019 Roland Garros but fell to Arthur Cazaux in the 1st round here in 2024. He has a 21-7 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

DJERE	v	WAWRINKA
30	Age	40
92	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	139
3	Titles	16
14-30	Career Grand Slam Record	158-71
1-7	Australian Open Record	43-18
155-164	Career Record	583-381
44-74	Career Record - Hard	339-219
0-1	2026 Record	1-4
0-1	2026 Record - Hard	1-4
2-7	Career Five-Set Record	30-27
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	6
74-99	Career Tiebreak Record	268-248
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **DJERE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 31st Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Djere reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Gustavo Heide, I. Cristian Garin). It was the first time he had competed in qualifying here since 2017, having contested the main draw for 7 consecutive years from 2018 to 2024. It also ended a streak of 27 consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearances.
- Djere's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round in 2023 (d. Zizou Bergs, I. Grigor Dimitrov). He lost in the 1st round on his 6 other appearances here – including on his most recent appearance in the main draw, in 2024, when he fell to Arthur Cazaux in 5 sets.
- Djere's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2019 (I. Laslo Djere) and 2021 (I. Alexander Zverev), at 2023 Wimbledon (I. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and at the 2023 US Open (I. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Djere fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (I. Alex de Minaur) and Wimbledon (I. Andrey Rublev). He withdrew from the US Open due to a left shin injury.
- Djere's best result in 2025 was winning his **3rd Tour-level title** at Santiago (d. Sebastian Baez). He also reached the semifinals as a qualifier at Buenos Aires (I. Joao Fonseca).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Djere qualified at Hong Kong, defeating Elias Ymer and Emilio Nava in qualifying before falling to Marcos Giron in the 1st round of the main draw.
- Djere is bidding to end a **7-match Tour-level losing streak**. He has not recorded a Tour-level match-win since reaching the 2nd round at Mallorca last year (d. Bu Yunchaokete, I. Gabriel Diallo). Since then, he has lost in the 1st round at Wimbledon, Gstaad (I. Ignacio Buse), Shanghai-1000 (I. Valentin Vacherot), Almaty (I. Alexander Shevchenko) and Athens (I. Eliot Spizzirri) in 2025 and at Hong Kong this year.
- Djere has lost the only **5-set match** he has contested here – against Cazaux in the 1st round in 2024. He has a 2-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Djere reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 27 in June 2019. He plays here at No. 92.

- Djere was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in May 2013. He won the title at the 2012 Orange Bowl (d. Elias Ymer) and reached the final at the 2013 Trofeo Bonfiglio (l. Alexander Zverev). He fell in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Matej Maruscak).
- Djere made his **Davis Cup** debut for Serbia in 2017 and has a 5-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Serbia play away against Chile in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Djere is coached by Mario Tudor.
- Wild card **WAWRINKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 17th time – but the first time since 2021.
- Wawrinka is making his **20th Australian Open appearance**. He is one of 6 players in the Open Era to contest the men's singles here on 20 or more occasions – alongside Novak Djokovic (who is competing here for the 21st time this year), Roger Federer (21 Australian Open appearances), Lleyton Hewitt and Feliciano Lopez (20) and Gael Monfils (who is also competing here for the 20th time this year).
- Wawrinka is also making his **75th Grand Slam appearance overall**. He is in joint-4th place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances, alongside Richard Gasquet. Federer and Lopez (81 Grand Slam appearances) and Djokovic (who is making his 81st Grand Slam appearance here) are the only players to have made more Grand Slam men's singles appearances than Wawrinka.
- At 40 years 310 days, Wawrinka is the **oldest player to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw**. He is the 11th man in the Open Era to compete in the men's singles draw here after turning 40 – and only the 3rd since 2000, after Ivo Karlovic (who reached the 2nd round here in 2020 aged 40 years 339 days) and Feliciano Lopez (who fell in the 1st round in 2022 aged 40 years 132 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Last year here**, Wawrinka fell to Lorenzo Sonego in 4 sets in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round here in 2023 (l. Alex Molcan) and 2024 (l. Adrian Mannarino). He had previously not lost in the 1st round here in 16 consecutive Australian Open appearances from 2006 to 2021 and did not compete here in 2022 due to a left foot injury.
- Wawrinka **won the 2014 Australian Open title**, defeating No. 1 seed Rafael Nadal in the final. Having also defeated No. 2 seed Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals, he became the first player to defeat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to a Grand Slam title since Sergi Bruguera won 1993 Roland Garros.
- Wawrinka has won **3 Grand Slam titles at 3 different majors**. He also won the titles at 2015 Roland Garros and the 2016 US Open, defeating Djokovic in both finals. He is one of 6 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Wawrinka fell in the 1st round as a wild card at Roland Garros (l. Jacob Fearnley). He did not compete in qualifying or the main draw at Wimbledon or the US Open.
- Wawrinka recorded **4 Tour-level match-wins in 2025** – in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at Bucharest (d. Timofei Skatov, l. Pedro Martinez), as a direct acceptance at Umag (d. Alvaro Guillen Meza, l. Damir Dzumhur), and as a wild card at both Basel (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Casper Ruud) and Athens (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, l. Lorenzo Musetti). He fell in the 1st round at the 9 other Tour-level events he contested in 2025.
- Wawrinka contested **10 Challenger-level events in 2025**. His best results were runner-up finishes at the Aix-en-Provence Challenger (FRA) (l. Borna Coric) and Rennes Challenger (FRA) (l. Hugo Gaston). He also reached the semifinals at the Iasi Challenger (ROU) (l. Elmer Moller), the Cancun Challenger (MEX) (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante) and the Saint Tropez Challenger (FRA) (l. Dan Added).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Wawrinka represented Switzerland at the United Cup, winning one of the 5 singles matches he contested. He defeated France's Arthur Rinderknech before falling to Italy's Flavio Cobolli, Argentina's Sebastian Baez, Belgium's Zizou Bergs and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Wawrinka has won just one of the last 6 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only victory in a 5-set match in that time coming against Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and has a 30-27 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Having contested 48 five-set matches at the Grand Slams, Wawrinka holds the **Open Era record for most 5-set matches played at the Grand Slams**, ahead of Djokovic and Federer. (see table overleaf)

### Most 5-set matches played at the Grand Slams (Open Era)

Player	5-set matches played at the Grand Slams	5-set match win-loss at the Grand Slams
<b>Stan Wawrinka</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25-23</b>
Novak Djokovic	47	37-10
Roger Federer	47	30-17
Lleyton Hewitt	45	26-19
Fernando Verdasco	45	23-22

- Having contested 57 five-set matches at Tour-level, Wawrinka is in **joint-2nd place on the Open Era list for most 5-set matches played at Tour-level**, alongside Lleyton Hewitt and behind Ivan Lendl.

### Most 5-set matches played at Tour-level (Open Era)

Player	5-set matches played at Tour-level	5-set match win-loss at Tour-level
Ivan Lendl	58	36-22
Lleyton Hewitt	57	32-25
<b>Stan Wawrinka</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30-27</b>
Roger Federer	55	32-23
Marin Cilic	54	35-19
Ilie Nastase	54	34-20

- Wawrinka reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title here in 2014. He dropped outside the Top 200 in September 2024, before re-entering the following month. He plays here at No. 139.
- Wawrinka was the 2003 **Roland Garros boys' singles champion** (d. Brian Baker) – the only junior Grand Slam event he contested.
- Wawrinka was a member of the Switzerland team which defeated France to win the 2014 **Davis Cup** title. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2004 and has a 28-30 win-loss record in the competition. Switzerland play at home against Tunisia in the World Group I Play-offs tie in February.
- Wawrinka announced in December that 2026 will be his final season on Tour.
- Wawrinka is coached by Magnus Norman, who reached the semifinals here in 2000.