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On court today...

- Two-time defending champion Jannik Sinner returns to Rod Laver Arena this evening, with the world No. 2 up against France's Hugo Gaston. Sinner is aiming to become the 4th player in history to win 3 consecutive men's singles titles here – and he will be confident of victory against Hugo Gaston tonight. Sinner won both of the pair's previous matches in straight sets and has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 93 Gaston. The Frenchman is aiming to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd straight year – but he will have to record his first victory against a Top 5 player if he is to do so.

- Shelton begins his Australian Open campaign in the day session on RLA today, with the No. 8 seed taking on fellow lefthander Ugo Humbert. It is a tough draw for both players – Shelton will hope to display the form that took him to the semifinals here last year, while Humbert has enjoyed an excellent start to the 2026 season, finishing runner-up at Adelaide last week. Humbert is unbeaten against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, while Shelton has a 5-2 win-loss record against fellow lefties – with another lefthanded Frenchman, Adrian Mannarino, responsible for both of those defeats.

- Gael Monfils plays Australian qualifier Dane Sweeny in the 3rd match on Kia Arena today and the 39-year-old Monfils will hope that he can make his experience count against Sweeny, who is contesting the main draw at a major for just the 2nd time. Monfils is making his 69th Grand Slam appearance and is competing at Melbourne Park for the 20th (and final) time – like fellow veteran Stan Wawrinka, he has announced that 2026 will be his last season on Tour. That gives him one final chance to claim sole ownership of the record for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins by a French player, ahead of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

- The final match of the day on Kia Arena sees former world No. 3 Grigor Dimitrov play Adelaide champion Tomas Machac. The 2025 Grand Slam season could have been very different had Dimitrov not suffered a pectoral injury while leading Sinner in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year. That injury caused his streak of 58 consecutive Grand Slam appearances to end after he withdrew from the US Open – and he has been dealt a tricky draw on his Grand Slam return, with Machac having begun the season in impressive form by winning the title at Adelaide last week. The Czech has already won 5 matches this month and will be keen to add another victory today.

NO. 2 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v HUGO GASTON (FRA)

Head-to-head: Sinner leads 2-0

2021	Marseille	Hard (I)	R16	Sinner	64 61
2021	Miami-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Sinner	62 62

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for Sinner and Gaston – but their first at a Grand Slam. Their 2 previous meetings came within a 2-month period in 2021, with Sinner winning in straight sets at both Marseille in February and Miami-1000 in March.

Sinner has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 93 Gaston. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Sinner at a Grand Slam is No. 79 Daniel Altmaier in the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Sinner at the Australian Open is No. 67 Marton Fucsovics in the 2nd round on his Australian Open debut in 2020.

Sinner has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as Gaston on 7 occasions – most recently at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, when he fell to No. 98 Mikael Ymer.

Sinner lost the first 3 Grand Slam matches he played against lefthanded players – falling to Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros in 2020 and in the round of 16 at Roland Garros in 2021, and to Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round here in 2021. He has won all 7 Grand Slam matches he has played against lefthanded players since then.

Sinner is bidding to extend a 16-match Tour-level winning streak against lefthanded players. He has not lost a Tour-level match to a lefthanded player since falling to Ben Shelton in the round of 16 at 2023 Shanghai-1000. He has a 29-7 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

SINNER	v	GASTON
24	Age	25
2	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	93
24	Titles	0
87-20	Career Grand Slam Record	10-16
22-4	Australian Open Record	2-4
321-86	Career Record	48-75
227-52	Career Record - Hard	22-42
0-0	2026 Record	0-1
0-0	2026 Record - Hard	0-1
6-10	Career Five-Set Record	4-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
103-57	Career Tiebreak Record	24-18
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- Two-time defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions** – including once at the Australian Open, in 2021, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in 5 sets. He also lost in the 1st round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at the 2019 US Open (l. Stan Wawrinka) and as a direct acceptance at the 2020 US Open (l. Karen Khachanov) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics).
- Sinner is a **2-time Australian Open champion**. He defeated Daniil Medvedev to win his first title here in 2024 and successfully defended the title last year, defeating Alexander Zverev in the final. He became the first player to successfully defend his first men's singles Grand Slam title since 2005-06, when Rafael Nadal won his first Grand Slam title at 2005 Roland Garros and retained the title in 2006.
- Sinner is bidding to become the **5th player in the Open Era to win 3 Australian Open men's singles titles** – after Novak Djokovic (10 Australian Open titles), Roger Federer (6), Andre Agassi (4) and Mats Wilander (3).
- Sinner is also bidding to become the **4th player in history to win 3 consecutive men's singles titles at the Australian Open** – after Jack Crawford (who won 3 consecutive titles 1931-33), Roy Emerson (who won 5 consecutive titles in 1963-67) and Djokovic (who won 3 consecutive titles in 2011-13 and again in 2019-21).

- Sinner is a **4-time Grand Slam champion**. In addition to his titles here in 2024-25, he also won the title at the 2024 US Open (d. Taylor Fritz) and 2025 Wimbledon (d. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Sinner finished runner-up at both Roland Garros and the US Open, falling to Alcaraz in both finals. By reaching all 4 the finals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments last year, he became the 4th player in the Open Era to reach all 4 Grand Slam men's singles finals in a season – after Rod Laver (1969), Federer (2006, 2007 and 2009) and Djokovic (2015, 2021 and 2023).
- Sinner is bidding to reach his 6th consecutive Grand Slam final here and become the **3rd player in the Open Era to record a streak of 6 or more Grand Slam men's singles final appearances** – after Federer (who recorded a streak of 10 Grand Slam final appearances from 2005 Wimbledon to the 2007 US Open and a streak of 8 Grand Slam final appearances from 2008 Roland Garros to the 2010 Australian Open) and Djokovic (who recorded a streak of 6 Grand Slam final appearances from the 2015 Australian Open to 2016 Roland Garros).
- Sinner **won 6 Tour-level titles in 2025**. In addition to his titles at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, he also won the titles at Beijing (d. Leaner Tien), Vienna (d. Zverev), Paris-1000 (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the ATP Finals (d. Alcaraz).
- Sinner **won 58 of the 64 matches he contested in 2025**. In addition to his defeats at Roland Garros and the US Open, he also reached the final at Rome-1000 (l. Alcaraz) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Alcaraz). His only other defeats came in the 2nd round at Halle (l. Alexander Bublik) and the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 (l. Tallon Griekspoor)
- Sinner is bidding to record his **16th consecutive Tour-level match-win** and record his 3rd-longest Tour-level winning streak. He has not lost a match since falling to Griekspoor in the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 last year. He recorded a 26 match-winning streak from 2024 Shanghai-1000 through the semifinals at 2025 Rome-1000 and a 19-match winning streak from the 2023 Davis Cup Final 8 through the quarterfinals at 2024 Indian Wells-1000. He is contesting his first match of the 2026 season today.
- Sinner has **won his last 10 matches in straight sets**, having not dropped a set since his 3-set victory against Zverev in the final at Vienna last year.
- Sinner has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. Both of his victories in 5-set matches here were comebacks from 0-2 down, the only successful comebacks from 0-2 down of his career to date – against Marton Fucsovics in the 3rd round in 2023 and Medvedev in the final in 2024. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall but has won just one of the last 7 five-set matches he has contested, his final victory against Medvedev here in 2024.
- Sinner became **world No. 1** for the first time following 2024 Roland Garros and remained there for 65 consecutive weeks, until dropping to No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open last year. He returned to No. 1 for one week in October before dropping to No. 2 again and he plays here at the same ranking.
- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys' singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).
- Sinner **led Italy to Davis Cup title in 2023 and 2024**. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 15-4 overall win-loss record in the competition but did not compete in Davis Cup in 2025 as Italy won their 3rd consecutive title. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card to the 2026 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna in November.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- Lefthander **GASTON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd straight year and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Gaston reached the 2nd round. He defeated Omar Jasika before retiring against Jiri Lehecka due to an abdominal injury. He also reached the 2nd round here in 2024 (d. Roberto Carballes Baena, l. Taylor Frtiz). He fell in the 1st round on his 2 other main draw appearances here – as a wild card in 2020 (l. Jaume Munar) and as a direct acceptance in 2022 (l. Christopher O'Connell).

- Gaston's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card on his Roland Garros debut in 2020, when he defeated Maxime Janvier, Yoshihito Nishioka and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Dominic Thiem. Ranked No. 239, he became the lowest-ranked man to reach the round of 16 at Roland Garros since No. 283 Arnaud di Pasquale in 2002, and the lowest-ranked man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since No. 248 Guillermo Canas at the 2004 Australian Open.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Gaston reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Ugo Blanchet before giving a walkover to Ben Shelton due to an abdominal injury, but fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Jakub Mensik) and the US Open (l. Shintaro Mochizuki).
- Gaston recorded **8 Tour-level match-wins in 2025**. He reached the 2nd round at 8 Tour-level events and fell in the 1st round at 11 Tour-level events.
- Gaston won his **5th and 6th Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Rennes Challenger (FRA) (d. Wawrinka) and the Brest Challenger (FRA) (d. Eliot Spizzirri). He also finished runner-up at the Roanne Challenger (FRA) (l. Otto Virtanen).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Gaston defeated Issac Becroft and Vit Kopriva to qualify at Auckland before falling to Cameron Norrie in the 1st round of the main draw. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Matteo Arnaldi).
- Gaston is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time**. He has lost all 4 of his previous matches against Top 5 players, including his only previous match against a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams – when he fell to No. 4 Thiem in the round of 16 at 2020 Roland Garros. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 9 Alex de Minaur in the quarterfinals at 2024 Antwerp. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 17 Wawrinka in the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros.
- Gaston has won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level, with his only defeat in a 5-set match coming against Thiem in the round of 16 at 2020 Roland Garros. He has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Gaston reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 58 in July 2022. He plays here at No. 93.
- Gaston was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in October 2018. He won the gold medal in boys' singles at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, defeating Facundo Diaz Acosta in the final. He reached the quarterfinals on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Marko Miladinovic).
- Gaston is coached by Tristan Lamasine.

NO. 5 LORENZO MUSETTI (ITA) v RAPHAEL COLLIGNON (BEL)

Head-to-head: first meeting

MUSETTI	v	COLLIGNON
23	Age	24
5	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	72
2	Titles	0
32-19	Career Grand Slam Record	2-2
3-4	Australian Open Record	0-0
180-134	Career Record	11-15
85-83	Career Record - Hard	10-10
3-1	2026 Record	2-1
3-1	2026 Record - Hard	2-1
5-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
68-55	Career Tiebreak Record	5-6
0-3	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **MUSETTI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd consecutive year. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Musetti recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round, defeating Matteo Arnaldi and Denis Shapovalov before falling to Ben Shelton. He lost in the 1st round on his first 2 appearances here in 2022 (l. Alex de Minaur) and 2023 (l. Lloyd Harris) and reached the 2nd round here in 2024 (d. Benjamin Bonzi, l. Luca Van Assche).
- Musetti's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at 2024 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and at Roland Garros last year, where he retired with a left leg injury in the 4th set against Carlos Alcaraz. He became the 8th Italian man in history to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Musetti reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Nikoloz Basilashvili).
- Musetti reached **3 Tour-level finals in 2025** – including his first at Masters-1000 level, at Monte Carlo-1000, where he finished runner-up to Alcaraz. He also finished runner-up at Chengdu (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and Athens (l. Novak Djokovic). Both of his Tour-level titles came in 2022 – at Hamburg (d. Alcaraz) and Naples (d. Matteo Berrettini).
- Musetti's **other highlights in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Madrid-1000 (l. Jack Draper), Rome-1000 (l. Alcaraz), Roland Garros and Vienna (l. Alexander Zverev). He reached the quarterfinals at 5 more Tour-level events, including the US Open.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Musetti reached his **9th Tour-level final** at Hong Kong. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Coleman Wong and Andrey Rublev before falling to Alexander Bublik.
- Musetti lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Harris in the 1st round in 2023 and against Van Assche in the 2nd round in 2024. He has a 5-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Musetti reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 5 last week after his runner-up finish at Hong Kong and plays here at the same ranking. He is the 3rd Italian man in history to be ranked inside the singles Top 5, after Adriano Panatta and Sinner.
- Musetti is **one of the 5 former Australian Open boys' singles champions** who began the men's singles draw here this year. He defeated Emilio Nava to win the junior title here in 2019. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2018 US Open (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and reached the junior world No. 1 ranking in June 2019.
- Musetti **won the bronze medal in singles at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event**. He fell to Djokovic in the semifinals before defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime in the bronze medal match. He became the 2nd Italian player to win a medal in singles at the Olympic Tennis Event, after Uberto de Morpurgo, who won the bronze medal in men's singles at Paris 1924.

- Musetti is a **2-time Davis Cup champion**, having been a member of the squad for Italy's back-to-back Davis Cup titles in 2023-24. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has a 3-7 win-loss record in the competition overall but did not compete in Davis Cup in 2025 as Italy won their 3rd consecutive title. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card to the 2026 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna in November.
- Musetti is coached by Simone Tartarini and Jose Perlas.
- **COLLIGNON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Collignon fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Martin Landaluce). It is his only previous appearance in qualifying here.
- Collignon's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on his US Open debut last year, where he defeated Daniel Elahi Galan and Casper Ruud before falling to Jiri Lehecka. His 5-set victory against Ruud in the 2nd round is the only 5-set match he has contested to date.
- Collignon made his **Grand Slam debut** at Wimbledon last year, falling to Marin Cilic in the 1st round. He withdrew from Roland Garros due to a thumb injury.
- Collignon's best result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level semifinal** as a wild card at Brussels, where he defeated Zizou Bergs, Francisco Comesana and Alejandro Davidovich Fokina before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime. He recorded the first Tour-level match-win of his career in a 2nd round finish at 2025 Marrakech (d. Fabio Fognini, l. Nuno Borges) and ended the season with a 9-11 Tour-level win-loss record.
- Collignon won his **3rd and 4th Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Pau Challenger (FRA) (d. Patrick Zahraj) and the Monza Challenger (ITA) (d. Vitaliy Sachko). He also finished runner-up at the Lugano Challenger (SUI) (l. Borna Coric) and the Orleans Challenger (FRA) (l. Landaluce) and reached the semifinals at the Bonn Challenger (GER) (l. Timofei Skatov), the Mouilleron Le Captif Challenger (FRA) (l. Patrick Kypson) and the Bratislava 2 Challenger (SVK) (l. Alexander Blockx).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Collignon reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Brisbane. He defeated Alexander Shevchenko and Ethan Quinn in qualifying, then defeated Denis Shapovalov and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Brandon Nakashima in the main draw. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide (l. Andrea Vavassori).
- Collignon **won the only previous match he has contested against a Top 10 player**. He defeated No. 8 Alex de Minaur during Belgium's victory over Australia in the 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 2nd Round.
- Collignon broke the Top 100 for the first time in February 2025 and reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 72 last week. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Collignon reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 in March 2020. He contested the boys' singles at just one Grand Slam event, reaching the 2nd round at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Maks Kasnikowski, l. Lukas Neumayer).
- Collignon made his **Davis Cup** debut for Belgium in 2024 and was a member of the Belgian team which reached the semifinals in 2025. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in the competition. Belgium will play away against Bulgaria in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Collignon is coached by Steve Darcis, who reached the 3rd round here in 2017.

NO. 8 BEN SHELTON (USA) v UGO HUMBERT (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Shelton and Humbert are 2 of the 14 lefthanded players who began the men's singles main draw here. Just 6 lefthanded players have won the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era – most recently Rafael Nadal in 2009 and 2022.

Shelton has a 5-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams. Both of his defeats have come against Adrian Mannarino – in the 3rd round here in 2024 (his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open) and in the 3rd round at the US Open last year. He has a 9-9 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Humbert has won all 3 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams – including his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open, against Matteo Gigante in the 1st round here last year. He has a 15-17 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

SHELTON	v	HUMBERT
23	Age	27
7	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	33
3	Titles	7
32-13	Career Grand Slam Record	21-28
11-3	Australian Open Record	8-7
112-78	Career Record	172-147
83-51	Career Record - Hard	127-89
1-1	2026 Record	4-2
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	4-2
7-3	Career Five-Set Record	3-9
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
72-68	Career Tiebreak Record	82-84
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	3-1

- **SHELTON** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 2 occasions** – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut at the 2022 US Open (l. Nuno Borges) and as a direct acceptance on his Roland Garros debut in 2023 (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- Last year here, Shelton equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the semifinal, defeating Brandon Nakashima, Pablo Carreno Busta, Lorenzo Musetti, Gael Monfils and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to eventual champion Jannik Sinner. Aged 22 years 109 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open since Andy Roddick reached the semifinals here in 2003 aged 20 years 149 days. He also reached the semifinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Shelton reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Sinner), the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the 3rd round at the US Open, retiring with a shoulder injury at the end of the 4th set against Adrian Mannarino.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **10th American player to win the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era** – and the first since Andre Agassi in 2003. No American players have reached the men's singles final here since Agassi won the title in 2003.
- Shelton's best result in 2025 was winning **his first Masters-1000 title** at Toronto-1000 (d. Karen Khachanov). He also finished runner-up at Munich (l. Alexander Zverev) and reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Zverev) and Washington (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shelton reached the quarterfinals at Auckland. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Francisco Comesana in the 2nd round before falling to Sebastian Baez.

- Shelton has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He defeated both Zhang Zhizhen and JJ Wolf in 5 sets en route to the quarterfinals here in 2023 but fell to Mannarino in 5 sets in the 3rd round in 2024. He has a 7-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has won 4 of the last 5 five-set matches he has contested since falling to Mannarino here in 2024.
- Shelton reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in November last year. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 7.
- Shelton **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Florida for 2 seasons, compiling a 65-10 win-loss record in singles and winning the 2021 NCAA team title and the 2022 NCAA singles title.
- Shelton **contested just 4 tournaments as a junior player**, all of which came in his home country. His best result was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card at 2020 JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl), falling to Jack Pinnington Jones.
- Shelton's father, Bryan Shelton, reached a career-high ranking of No. 55 in March 1992. He made 6 appearances at the Australian Open, reaching the 2nd round on his debut in 1991.
- Shelton is coached by his father, Bryan Shelton, and Dean Goldfine.
- **HUMBERT** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- Humbert has **lost in the 1st round here on 3 occasions** – on his Australian Open debut in 2019, when he lost to Jeremy Chardy in 5 sets, and in 2020 (l. John Millman) and 2022 (l. Richard Gasquet). He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on a total of 16 occasions.
- Humbert's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – including at the Australian Open last year, when he defeated Matteo Gigante, Hady Habib and Arthur Fils before falling to Alexander Zverev. He has also reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon in 2019 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2024 (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Humbert reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Jacob Fearnley) but fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Gael Monfils) and the US Open (l. Adam Walton).
- Humbert's best result in 2025 was winning his **7th Tour-level title** at Marseille, where he defeated Hamad Medjedovic in the final to retain a Tour-level title for the first time, having also won the title at Marseille in 2024. He also finished runner-up at Stockholm (l. Casper Ruud) and reached the semifinals at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Gabriel Diallo), Eastbourne (l. Jenson Brooksby) and Basel, where he retired due to a lower back injury against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Humbert reached his **11th Tour-level final** at Adelaide. He defeated Terence Atmane, Tallon Griekspoor, Alexander Shevchenko and Davidovich Fokina before falling to Tomas Machac in the final. He fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Cameron Norrie).
- Humbert is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-6 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 6 Casper Ruud in the 2nd round at 2022 Wimbledon. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 21 Fils, who retired due to a foot injury with Humbert leading in the 4th set of their 3rd round match here last year. He has a 14-18 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.
- Humbert lost both of the **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – falling in 5 sets to both Chardy in the 1st round in 2019 and Nick Kyrgios in the 2nd round in 2021. He has a 3-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, with all 3 of his victories having come at Wimbledon.
- Humbert reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in April 2024. He plays here at No. 33.
- Humbert reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 18** in January 2016. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016 (d. Yunosuke Tanaka, l. Oliver Anderson).
- Humbert has played **Davis Cup** for France since 2023 and has a 6-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. France play at home against Slovakia in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Humbert is coached by Fabrice Martin.

NO. 9 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA) v VALENTIN ROYER (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Fritz has lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 58 Royer once before – against No. 113 Alexei Popyrin in the 2nd round in 2023.

FRITZ	v	ROYER
28	Age	24
9	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	58
10	Titles	0
64-37	Career Grand Slam Record	2-3
16-9	Australian Open Record	0-0
338-216	Career Record	10-13
237-150	Career Record - Hard	9-11
1-3	2026 Record	0-2
1-3	2026 Record - Hard	0-2
14-11	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
175-138	Career Tiebreak Record	7-10
2-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th straight year. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 38th Grand Slam overall.
- Fritz has **lost in the 1st round here twice before** – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2016 (l. Jack Sock) and as a direct acceptance in 2017 (l. Gilles Muller).
- **Last year here**, Fritz reached the 3rd round. As No. 4 seed, he defeated Jenson Brooksby and Cristian Garin before falling to Gael Monfils in 4 sets.
- Fritz's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2024. He defeated Facundo Diaz Acosta, Hugo Gaston, Fabian Marozsan and Stefanos Tsitsipas before falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Fritz reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Djokovic) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Daniel Altmaier).
- Fritz reached his **first Grand Slam final** at the 2024 US Open, where he fell to Jannik Sinner in straight sets. He became the first American player to reach the US Open men's singles final since Andy Roddick finished runner-up in 2006 and the first American to reach a men's singles Grand Slam final since Roddick finished runner-up at 2009 Wimbledon.
- If Fritz wins the title here on his 38th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **2nd on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title** – behind Goran Ivanisevic, who won his only major title on his 48th Grand Slam appearance.
- If Fritz wins the title here on his 10th Australian Open appearance, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's singles title** – ahead of 1998 champion Petr Korda and 2014 champion Stan Wawrinka, who both won their first titles here on their 9th Australian Open appearances.
- Fritz is bidding to become the **10th American player to win the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era** – and the first since Andre Agassi in 2003. No American players have reached the men's singles final here since Agassi won the title in 2003.
- Fritz won his **9th and 10th Tour-level titles** in 2025 – on grass at both Stuttgart (d. Alexander Zverev) and Eastbourne (d. Brooksby). He also finished runner-up at Tokyo (l. Alcaraz) and reached the semifinals at Miami-1000 (l. Jakub Mensik) and Toronto-1000 (l. Ben Shelton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Fritz reached the semifinals with USA at the United Cup, winning one of the 4 singles matches he contested. He defeated Spain's Jaume Munar but fell to Argentina's Sebastian Baez, Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

- Fritz has won 6 of the last 7 **five-set matches** he has contested with his only defeat in a 5-set match in that time coming against Lorenzo Musetti in the quarterfinals at 2024 Wimbledon. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 14-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Fritz reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 in November 2024, becoming the highest-ranked American man since Roddick was last ranked at No. 4 in August 2007. He plays here at No. 9.
- Fritz is a **former junior world No. 1**. He was named 2015 ITF Junior World Champion after winning the boys' singles title at the 2015 US Open (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Paul). He contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open once, reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Hong Seong-chan).
- Fritz made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2019 Finals and has an 8-4 win-loss record in the competition overall. USA play away against Hungary in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Both of Fritz's parents were professional tennis players. His mother, Kathy, is a former Top 10 player.
- Fritz is coached by Michael Russell and Paul Annacone.
- **ROYER** 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.
- **Last year here**, Royer reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Marc Polmans, l. Thiago Monteiro). It was his first appearance in Australian Open qualifying.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Royer reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Wimbledon, (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas, l. Adrian Mannarino) and as a wild card at the US Open (d. Bu Yunchaokete, l. Denis Shapovalov). His victory against Tsitsipas at Wimbledon, in which Tsitsipas retired due to a back injury, was his first Tour-level match-win. He fell in the 1st round as a wild card at Roland Garros on his Tour-level debut (l. Daniel Elahi Galan).
- Royer's best result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** as a qualifier at Hangzhou, finishing runner-up to Alexander Bublik. Prior to that tournament he had recorded 3 Tour-level main draw matches in his career – in 2nd round finishes at Wimbledon, as a qualifier at Cincinnati-1000 (d. Sebastian Ofner, l. Karen Khachanov) and at the US Open last year.
- Royer won his **2nd and 3rd Challenger-level titles** in back-to-back events last year – at the Kigali 1 Challenger (RWA) (d. Andrej Martin) and the Kigali 2 Challenger (RWA) (d. Guy den Ouden). He also finished runner-up at the Zadar Challenger (CRO) (l. Borna Coric) and the Bratislava 1 Challenger (SVK) (l. Dino Prizmic) and reached the semifinals at the Lille Challenger (FRA) (l. Lucas Pouille), the Barletta Challenger (ITA) (l. Dalibor Svrčina) and the Madrid Challenger (ESP) (l. Marin Cilic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Royer fell in the 1st round at both Hong Kong (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Auckland (l. Francisco Comesana).
- Royer is bidding to end a **5-match Tour-level losing streak**. He has not recorded a Tour-level match-win since reaching the 2nd round at Basel in October (d. Raphael Collignon, l. Denis Shapovalov). In addition to his defeats at Hong Kong and Auckland this month, he also fell in the 1st round at Paris-1000 (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and Metz (l. Cameron Norrie) last year.
- Royer is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. He fell to No. 3 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at Shanghai-1000 last year in the only previous match he has played against a Top 10 player. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 14 Andrey Rublev in the 2nd round at Hangzhou last year.
- Royer reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 56 on 3 November last year. He plays here at No. 58.
- Royer had a **successful junior career**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in October 2019. He finished 3rd at the 2019 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in Chengdu, China, P.R. He never competed in the boys' singles event here.
- Royer is coached by Julien Gillet.

NO. 15 KAREN KHACHANOV v ALEX MICHELSEN (USA)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2025	Australian Open	Hard (O)	R32	Michelsen	63 76(5) 62
2025	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	QF	Khachanov	64 76(3)

A 3rd meeting for Khachanov and Michelsen – and their 2nd in consecutive years at the Australian Open. Michelsen won in straight sets when the pair met in the 3rd round here last year, but Khachanov won their only subsequent meeting in the quarterfinals at Toronto-1000 in August.

KHACHANOV	v	MICHELSEN
29	Age	21
18	ATP Ranking (12 Jan)	38
7	Titles	0
71-34	Career Grand Slam Record	7-9
20-9	Australian Open Record	5-2
313-227	Career Record	70-67
204-153	Career Record - Hard	51-45
0-1	2026 Record	4-2
0-1	2026 Record - Hard	4-2
12-13	Career Five-Set Record	0-2
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
151-143	Career Tiebreak Record	35-34
0-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	2-1

- **KHACHANOV** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 39th Grand Slam overall.
- Khachanov has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 5 occasions**, all at the US Open – in 2017 (l. Lu Yen-Hsun), 2019 (l. Vasek Pospisil), 2021 (l. Lloyd Harris), 2023 (l. Michael Mmoh) and 2024 (l. Daniel Evans).
- **Last year here**, Khachanov reached the 3rd round. He defeated Adrian Mannarino and Gabriel Diallo before falling to Michelsen.
- Khachanov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – including at the 2023 Australian Open, when he defeated Bernabe Zapata Miralles, Jason Kubler, Frances Tiafoe, Yoshihito Nishioka and Sebastian Korda before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas. He also reached the semifinals at the 2022 US Open (l. Casper Ruud).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Khachanov reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Taylor Fritz), the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Tommy Paul) and the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Kamil Majchrzak).
- Khachanov's **best result in 2025** was a runner-up finish at Toronto-1000 (l. Ben Shelton). He also reached the semifinals at Barcelona (l. Holger Rune) and Halle (l. Alexander Bublik) and the quarterfinals at Geneva (l. Sebastian Ofner), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Diallo).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Khachanov competed at Hong Kong. He received a bye in the 1st round and fell to Mmoh in the 2nd round.
- Khachanov has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, both of which came in 2020 – he defeated Mikael Ymer in 5 sets in the 2nd round before falling to Nick Kyrgios in 5 sets in the 3rd round. He has a 12-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Khachanov **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in June 2019 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 the following month. He plays here at No. 18.
- Khachanov **won the men's singles silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event** in 2021, falling to Alexander Zverev in the gold medal match. Along with Andrey Rublev, who won mixed doubles gold, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games. He did not compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event.

- Khachanov won the **boys' doubles silver medal** alongside Rublev at the 2014 Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing, China. The pair fell to Orlando Luz/Marcelo Zormann in the gold medal match. He fell to Nishioka in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013.
- Khachanov is coached by Vedran Martic and Evgeny Donskoy.
- **MICHELSEN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd consecutive year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Michelsen recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the round of 16. He defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas, James McCabe and Khachanov before falling to Alex de Minaur. He reached the 3rd round on his debut here in 2024 (l. Alexander Zverev).
- Michelsen **lost in the 1st round at the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments in 2025** – at Roland Garros (l. Juan Manuel Cerundolo), Wimbledon (l. Miomir Kecmanovic) and the US Open (l. Francisco Comesana).
- Michelsen's **best results in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Delray Beach (l. Kecmanovic), Mallorca (l. Corentin Moutet) and Almaty (l. Moutet). He also reached the quarterfinals at Auckland (l. Nishesh Basavareddy), Houston (l. Frances Tiafoe), Halle (l. Medvedev) and Toronto-1000 (l. Khachanov).
- Michelsen won his **3rd Challenger title** in 2025 – at the Estoril Challenger (POR) (d. Andrea Pellegrino). It was his only appearance at Challenger-level last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Michelsen reached the semifinals at Brisbane, where he defeated James Duckworth, Learner Tien and Sebastian Korda before falling to Daniil Medvedev. He also reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Mariano Navone, l. Marcos Giron).
- Michelsen is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time**. He has a 2-4 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with both of his victories coming here last year – he defeated No. 12 Tsitsipas in the 1st round and No. 19 Khachanov in the 3rd round before falling to No. 8 De Minaur in the round of 16. He also fell to No. 6 Zverev in the 3rd round here in 2024.
- Michelsen is bidding to end a **4-match losing streak against Top 20 players at Tour-level**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 10 Lorenzo Musetti in the 3rd round at Toronto-1000 last year. He has an 8-17 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Michelsen 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.
- Michelsen lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level – falling to Lloyd Harris in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and to Kecmanovic in the 1st round at 2025 Wimbledon.
- Michelsen reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in July last year. He plays here at No. 38.
- Michelsen was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 25 in July 2022. He won the boys' doubles at 2022 Wimbledon alongside Sebastian Gorzny and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the 2022 Australian Open alongside Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara/Coleman Wong in the final. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Michelsen made his **Davis Cup** debut for USA in 2025, winning the only match he has contested in the competition to date. USA play away against Hungary in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Michelsen is coached by Kristof Vliegen.

NO. 16 JAKUB MENSİK (CZE) v PABLO CARRENO BUSTA (ESP)

Head-to-head: Mensik leads 2-0

2025	Auckland	Hard (O)	R32	Mensik	62 46 75
2025	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	QF	Mensik	75 64

A 3rd meeting for Mensik and Carreno Busta – but their first at a Grand Slam. Mensik won both of their previous meetings, at the start of 2025 in Auckland and at the end of 2025 at the Davis Cup Finals.

MENSİK	v	CARRENO BUSTA
20	Age	34
17	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	94
2	Titles	7
11-8	Career Grand Slam Record	57-41
3-2	Australian Open Record	17-11
66-43	Career Record	285-236
48-28	Career Record - Hard	163-128
5-2	2026 Record	0-1
5-2	2026 Record - Hard	0-1
1-6	Career Five-Set Record	7-14
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
41-24	Career Tiebreak Record	123-113
3-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **MENSİK** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Mensik has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam once before** – on his Wimbledon debut in 2024, when he fell to Alexander Bublik in 5 sets.
- Last year here, Mensik recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Nikoloz Basilashvili and Casper Ruud before falling to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in 5 sets, despite holding a 2-0 lead. On his only other appearance in the main draw here, as a qualifier in 2024, he reached the 2nd round (d. Denis Shapovalov, I. Hubert Hurkacz).
- Mensik's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions. In addition to his 3rd round finish here last year, he also reached the 3rd round at the US Open as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2023 (I. Taylor Fritz) and as a direct acceptance in 2024 (I. Nuno Borges), and as No. 15 seed at Wimbledon last year (I. Flavio Cobolli).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Mensik reached the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Alexandre Muller, I. Henrique Rocha) and the US Open (d. Nicolas Jarry, I. Ugo Blanchet).
- Mensik's best result in 2025 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Miami-1000 (d. Novak Djokovic). He became the first Czech player to win a Masters-1000 title since Tomas Berdych at 2005 Paris-1000.
- Mensik's **other highlights in 2025** were reaching the quarterfinals at Brisbane (I. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard), Auckland (I. Nuno Borges), Madrid-1000 (I. Francisco Cerundolo), Eastbourne (I. Davidovich Fokina) and Beijing, where he retired against Alex de Minaur due to left knee injury.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Mensik won his **2nd Tour-level title** at Auckland (d. Sebastian Baez). He also represented Czechia at the United Cup, winning one of the 3 singles matches he contested – he defeated Norway's Ruud but fell to Australia's De Minaur and Belgium's Zizou Bergs.
- Mensik has lost 6 of the **7 five-set matches** he has contested – including both 5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open, against Hurkacz in the 2nd round in 2024 and against Davidovich Fokina in the 3rd round last year. His only victory in a 5-set match came against Tristan Schoolkate in the 2nd round at the 2024 US Open, when he successfully recovered from 0-2 down.

- Mensik broke the Top 20 for the first time in May 2025 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 16 in August. He plays here one place lower at No. 17
- Mensik **reached the 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final**, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara in 3 sets. He became the 2nd Czech player to reach the boys' singles final here after 2011 junior champion Jiri Vesely. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in April 2022.
- Mensik made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia in 2023 and has an 8-7 overall win-loss record in the competition. Czechia play at home against Sweden in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Mensik is coached by Tomas Josefus.
- **CARRENO BUSTA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 9th time. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 42nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Carreno Busta reached the 2nd round (d. Kamil Majchrzak, l. Ben Shelton). He has lost in the 1st round here on 3 occasions – on his first 3 Australian Open appearances in 2014 (l. Julien Benneteau), 2015 (l. Gilles Muller) and 2016 (l. Nick Kyrgios).
- Carreno Busta's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – in 2018 (l. Marin Cilic), 2019 (Kei Nishikori) and 2022 (l. Matteo Berrettini).
- Carreno Busta's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at the US Open in 2017 (l. Kevin Anderson) and 2020 (l. Alexander Zverev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Carreno Busta reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Francisco Comesana, l. Frances Tiafoe) and the US Open (d. Pablo Llamas Ruiz, l. Shelton). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to injury.
- Carreno Busta recorded **9 Tour-level match-wins in 2025**. He recorded one victory at the United Cup and 2 victories in Davis Cup and reached the 2nd round at 6 Tour-level events.
- Carreno Busta won his **11th, 12th and 13th Challenger titles in 2025** – his first titles at Challenger-level since 2015. He won the titles at the Tenerife 1 Challenger (ESP) (d. Alejandro Moro Canas), the Tenerife 2 Challenger (ESP) (d. Filip Misolic) and the Villena Challenger (ESP) (d. Hugo Grenier). He also finished runner-up at the Olbia Challenger (ITA) (l. Luca van Assche) and reached the quarterfinals at 5 other Challenger-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Carreno Busta fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Brisbane, defeating Mattia Bellucci and Arthur Cazaux in qualifying before falling to Grigor Dimitrov in the 1st round of the main draw. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Auckland (l. Vit Kopriwa).
- Carreno Busta is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-5 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Australian Open, with his only victory against a Top 20 player here coming against No. 13 Fabio Fognini in the 3rd round in 2019. He has an 8-19 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams overall.
- Carreno Busta is bidding to end a **9-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 15 Sebastian Korda in the 1st round at 2024 Cincinnati-1000. He has a 33-77 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Carreno Busta has won 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 Tallon Griekspoor in the 2nd round here in 2022. He has a 3-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 7-14 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Carreno Busta is a **former Top 10 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 10 in September 2017. He fell outside of the Top 1000 in January 2024 after struggling with a right elbow injury in 2023-24. He re-entered the Top 100 in April last year and plays here at No. 94.
- Carreno Busta won the **men's singles bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event** in 2020. He fell to Karen Khachanov in the semifinals before defeating Novak Djokovic in the bronze medal match.

- Carreno Busta made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2016 and has an 8-11 win-loss record the competition. He won 2 of the 5 singles matches he contested in the competition in 2025 as Spain finished as runners-up to Italy. He was also a member of the Spanish team that won the nation's 6th Davis Cup title in 2019. As runners-up last year, Spain received a bye in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round and will play either Chile or Serbia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September.
- Carreno Busta is coached by Victor Lopez Moron.

NO. 22 LUCIANO DARDERI (ITA) v CRISTIAN GARIN (CHI)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2023 Milan Challenger (ITA) Clay (O) R32 Darderi 63 75

A first Tour-level meeting for Darderi and Garin. Darderi won their only meeting below Tour-level, in the 1st round at the Milan Challenger in 2023.

DARDERI	v	GARIN
23	Age	29
25	ATP Ranking (12 Jan)	82
4	Titles	5
6-7	Career Grand Slam Record	24-21
0-1	Australian Open Record	4-6
55-56	Career Record	135-128
9-29	Career Record - Hard	35-56
1-1	2026 Record	0-0
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
2-1	Career Five-Set Record	8-5
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	4
30-20	Career Tiebreak Record	60-57
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **DARDERI** 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**, on his Australian Open main draw debut, Darderi retired due to joint pain while trailing Pedro Martinez 36 1-4 in the 1st round. He fell in qualifying here in both 2023 and 2024
- Darderi's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at both Wimbledon (l. Jordan Thompson) and the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) last year. Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025, he fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Sebastian Korda).
- Darderi's best results in 2025 were winning his **2nd, 3rd and 4th Tour-level titles** – at Marrakech (d. Tallon Griekspoor), Bastad (d. Jesper de Jong) and Umag (d. Carlos Taberner). He also reached the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Ben Shelton) and Hamburg (l. Andrey Rublev).
- Darderi contested 4 Challenger-level events in 2025. His best result was winning his **4th Challenger title** at the Genoa Challenger (ITA) (d. Andrea Pellegrino). He also finished runner-up at the Naples Challenger (ITA) (l. Vit Kopriva).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Darderi reached the quarterfinals at Auckland. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Alejandro Tabilo in the 2nd round before falling to Marcos Giron.
- Darderi has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested – all of which have come at Wimbledon. He defeated Jan Choinski in 5 sets before falling to Lorenzo Musetti in 5 sets in 2024, and recorded another 5-set victory against Roman Safiullin in the 1st round last year.
- Darderi reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 24 earlier this month. He plays here one place lower at No. 25.
- Darderi had a **good junior career**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in February 2020. His best results in the boys' singles at the Grand Slams were reaching the 2nd round at both the 2019 Australian Open (d. Thantub Suksumrarn, l. Emilio Nava) and 2020 Roland Garros (d. Shunsuke Mitsui, l. Arthur Fils).
- Darderi is coached by his father, Luciano Enrique Darderi.

- **GARIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, as a qualifier, Garin reached the 2nd round (d. Borna Coric, l. Taylor Fritz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Garin reached the 2nd round as a lucky loser at Wimbledon (d. Chris Rodesch, l. Arthur Rinderknech) but fell in the 2nd round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (l. Ugo Blanchet) and the US Open (l. Marco Trungelliti). He is competing as a direct acceptance at a Grand Slam for the first time since the 2024 Australian Open.
- Garin's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022, when he defeated both Facundo Bagnis and Pedro Martinez in 5 sets before falling to Gael Monfils
- Garin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Nick Kyrgios). He became the first Chilean man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Fernando Gonzalez at the 2009 US Open.
- Garin recorded **6 Tour-level match-wins in 2025**. In addition to his 2nd round finishes here and at Wimbledon, he also reached the 2nd round as a wild card at both Santiago (d. Juan Pablo Ficovich, l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and Houston (d. Alexander Ritschard, l. Tommy Paul) and defeated both Belgium's Alexander Blockx and Luxembourg's Aaron Gil Garcia in Davis Cup.
- Garin **won 4 Challenger titles in 2025** – at the Mauthausen Challenger (AUT) (d. Tomas Barrios Vera), the Oeiras 5 Challenger (POR) (d. Mitchell Krueger), the Antofagasta Challenger (CHI) (d. Facundo Diaz Acosta) and the Montevideo Challenger (URU) (d. Ignacio Buse). They were his first Challenger-level titles since 2018 and took his total number of Challenger-level title-victories to 7. He also reached the semifinals at 4 other Challenger-level events last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Garin fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both Hong Kong (l. Michael Mmoh) and Auckland (l. Eliot Spizzirri).
- Garin has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He recorded 5-set victories against Facundo Bagnis and Pedro Martinez here in 2022 but fell to Christopher O'Connell in 5 sets in the 1st round here in 2024. He has an 8-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has also contested 2 five-set matches below Tour-level, in the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon in 2017 and 2025.
- Garin is a **former Top 20 player**. He broke the Top 20 for the first time in February 2020 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 17 in September 2021. He re-entered the Top 100 for the first time since May 2024 in November last year and plays here at No. 82.
- Garin had a **successful junior career**. He won the boys' singles title at 2013 Roland Garros (d. Alexander Zverev) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 4. He reached the 3rd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Filippo Baldi).
- Garin has played **Davis Cup** for Chile since 2012 and has an 18-18 overall win-loss record in the competition. Chile play at home against Serbia in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Garin is coached by Martin Rodriguez.

NO. 28 JOAO FONSECA (BRA) v ELIOT SPIZZIRRI (USA)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2024 US Open Qualifying Draw Hard (O) R32 Spizzirri 76(8) 67(5) 64

A first Tour-level meeting for Fonseca and Spizzirri. Spizzirri won their only previous meeting below Tour-level, in the final round of qualifying at the 2024 US Open. At the time of that meeting, both were ranked outside the Top 100 – Fonseca at No. 162 and Spizzirri at No. 343.

FONSECA	v	SPIZZIRRI
19	Age	24
32	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	85
3	Titles	0
6-4	Career Grand Slam Record	1-2
1-1	Australian Open Record	0-0
38-24	Career Record	8-7
22-10	Career Record - Hard	7-5
0-0	2026 Record	2-0
0-0	2026 Record - Hard	2-0
0-1	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
17-17	Career Tiebreak Record	5-4
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **FONSECA** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round at the Grand Slams. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Fonseca qualified for the main draw to make his Grand Slam debut. He defeated No. 9 seed Andrey Rublev in straight sets in the 1st round before falling to Lorenzo Sonego in 5 sets in the 2nd round. His defeat to Sonego is the only 5-set match he has contested at Tour-level to date.
- Fonseca's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – at both Roland Garros last year, where he defeated Hubert Hurkacz and Pierre-Hugues Herbert before falling to Jack Draper, and at Wimbledon last year, where he defeated Jacob Fearnley and Jenson Brooksby before falling to Nicolas Jarry.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Fonseca reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, I. Tomas Machac).
- Fonseca's best results in 2025 were winning his **first 2 Tour-level titles** at Buenos Aires (d. Francisco Cerundolo) and Basel (d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina). He failed to reach the quarterfinals at any other Tour-level events last season.
- Fonseca also won his **2nd and 3rd Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (d. Ethan Quinn) and at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (d. Alexander Bublik). He won first Challenger title in 2024 at the Lexington Challenger (USA) (d. Li Tu).
- Fonseca **won the title at the 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals**. At No. 145, he was the lowest-ranked player at the event, but won all 5 of his matches, defeating Learner Tien in the final.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Fonseca withdrew from Brisbane due to a lower back injury. He is contesting his first match of the 2026 season today.
- Fonseca broke the Top 100 for the first time in January last year, broke the Top 50 for the first time in July and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 24 in November. He plays here at No. 32.
- Fonseca is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' rankings for the first time in September 2023 after winning the boys' singles title at the 2023 US Open (d. Tien). He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2023 (l. Alexander Blockx).

- Fonseca made his **Davis Cup** debut for Brazil at the 2024 Finals Group Stage and has a 4-2 win-loss record in the competition, including winning 2 of the 3 Davis Cup matches he contested in 2025. Brazil play away against Canada in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Fonseca is coached by Guilherme Teixeira.
- **SPIZZIRRI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Spizzirri reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Alexander Blockx, l. Lukas Klein). It was his first appearance in qualifying here.
- Spizzirri's **2 previous Grand Slam main draw appearances** both came at the US Open. He fell in the 1st round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2024 (l. Alex Michelsen) and reached the 2nd round as a wild card in 2025 (d. Stefan Dostanic, l. Luciano Darderi).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Spizzirri reached the 2nd round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (d. Hugo Grenier, l. Giulio Zeppieri) and Wimbledon (d. Alejandro Moro Canas, l. Alex Bolt).
- Spizzirri's best Tour-level result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level quarterfinal** as a qualifier at Brussels, where he defeated Pedro Martinez and Botić van de Zandschulp before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime. He recorded 3 other Tour-level match-wins last year – in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at both Miami-1000 (d. Billy Harris, l. Sebastian Korda) and the US Open, and as a qualifier at Athens (d. Laslo Djere, l. Nuno Borges).
- Spizzirri won his **first 2 Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the San Diego Challenger (USA) (d. Mackenzie McDonald) and the Jingshan Challenger (CHN) (d. Bolt). He also finished runner-up at the Cleveland Challenger (USA) (l. Colton Smith) and the Brest Challenger (FRA) (l. Hugo Gaston) and reached the semifinals at 5 other Challenger-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Spizzirri reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Auckland. He defeated Cristian Garin and Juan Manuel Cerundolo in qualifying, and defeated Adrian Mannarino and Nuno Borges in the main draw before falling to Fabian Marozsan. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Quentin Halys).
- Spizzirri 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.
- Spizzirri broke the Top 200 for the first time in February last year and broke the Top 100 for the first time in October. He plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 85.
- Spizzirri reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 20 in September 2019. He won the boys' doubles title at the 2019 US Open alongside Tyler Zink. He reached the 2nd round of the boys' singles event here in 2019 (d. James Story, l. Lodewijk Weststrate) – his only singles match-win at the junior Grand Slam events.
- Spizzirri **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Texas from 2020 to 2024 and was named ITA National Player of the Year in both 2023 and 2024.
- Spizzirri is coached by Patrick Hirscht and Christopher Williams.

NO. 31 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v SHINTARO MOCHIZUKI (JPN)

Head-to-head: Tsitsipas leads 1-0

2026 United Cup Hard (O) RR Tsitsipas 63 64

A 2nd meeting for Tsitsipas and Mochizuki. Their only previous meeting came at the United Cup earlier this month, with Tsitsipas winning in straight sets to secure victory for Greece in their Group E tie against Japan. It was the first match of the season for both players.

Tsitsipas has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 112 Mochizuki on 3 occasions – to No. 128 Dominic Stricker in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open, to No. 167 Matteo Gigante in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year and against No. 113 Valentin Royer in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year, when he retired due to a back injury. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Tsitsipas at the Australian Open is No. 50 Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2018.

TSITSIPAS	v	MOCHIZUKI
27	Age	22
35	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	112
12	Titles	0
67-33	Career Grand Slam Record	2-5
24-8	Australian Open Record	0-1
374-184	Career Record	7-27
222-124	Career Record - Hard	6-22
3-1	2026 Record	0-2
3-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-2
11-9	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
167-126	Career Tiebreak Record	4-9
1-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- Tsitsipas has **lost in the 1st round here on 2 occasions** – including last year, when he fell to Alex Michelsen. He also fell in the 1st round on his Australian Open debut in 2018, losing to Denis Shapovalov in straight sets. He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on a total of 10 occasions.
- Tsitsipas is a **2-time Grand Slam finalist**. He finished runner-up at 2021 Roland Garros, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead, and the 2023 Australian Open, where he fell to Djokovic in straight sets. He is the only Greek player in history to have reached a Grand Slam final.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Tsitsipas reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry, l. Matteo Gigante) and the US Open (d. Alexandre Muller, l. Daniel Altmaier), but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon, retiring due to a back injury against Valetin Royer.
- Tsitsipas' best result in 2025 was winning his **12th Tour-level title** at Dubai (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime). He also reached the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Mattia Bellucci), Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Lorenzo Musetti) and Barcelona, where he retired due to a lower back injury against Arthur Fils, and the round of 16 at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Holger Rune).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Tsitsipas represented Greece at the United Cup, winning all 3 singles matches he contested as Greece reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Japan's Mochizuki, Great Britain's Billy Harris and USA's Taylor Fritz. He also competed at Adelaide, where he fell to Aleksandar Vukic in the 1st round.
- Tsitsipas has won all 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against both Thanasi Kokkinakis and Rafael Nadal in 2021, against Fritz in the round of 16 in 2022 and against Jannik Sinner in the round of 16 in 2023. He has an 11-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Tsitsipas reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in August in 2021. He plays here at No. 35 – his lowest ranking since July 2018.

- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. Alex de Minaur). His best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Shapovalov) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Tsitsipas made his **Davis Cup** debut in September 2019 and has won 13 of the 15 singles matches he has contested in the competition since then. Greece play at home against Mexico in the 2026 World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Tsitsipas is coached by his father, Apostolos Tsitsipas.
- **MOCHIZUKI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Mochizuki fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Alibek Kachmazov). On his only previous appearance in the main draw here, as a lucky loser in 2024, he fell to Tomas Machac in the 1st round.
- Mochizuki recorded his **first Grand Slam match-wins** by reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier at both Wimbledon (d. Giulio Zeppieri, l. Karen Khachanov) and the US Open (d. Hugo Gaston, l. Alex de Minaur) in 2025. Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year, he fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Alexander Shevchenko).
- Mochizuki's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals at Almaty, where he defeated Arthur Cazaux and Luciano Darder before falling to Alex Michelsen. His only other Tour-level match-wins last season came in his 2nd round finishes at Wimbledon and the US Open.
- Mochizuki won his **2nd Challenger title** in 2025 – at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (d. Moerani Bouzige). He also finished runner-up at the Bengaluru Challenger (IND) (l. Brandon Holt) and the Nottingham Challenger (GBR) (l. Marin Cilic) and reached the semifinals at the Ilkley Challenger (GBR) (l. Jack Pinnington Jones) and the Jinan Challenger (CHN) (l. Cazaux).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Mochizuki represented Japan at the United Cup, losing both matches he contested. He fell to both Greece's Tsitsipas and Great Britain's Billy Harris. He also attempted to qualify at Adelaide but fell to Juan Manuel Cerundolo in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Mochizuki has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He fell to Hubert Hurkacz in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros and contested 2 five-set matches at Wimbledon last year, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Zeppieri in 5 sets in the 1st round before falling to Khachanov in 5 sets in the 2nd round.
- Mochizuki broke the Top 100 for the first time in October last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 92 in November. He plays here at No. 112.
- Mochizuki is a **former junior world No. 1**. He won the boys' singles title at 2019 Wimbledon (d. Carlos Gimeno Valero) and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2019 Roland Garros (l. Toby Kodat). He never competed in the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Mochizuki made his **Davis Cup** debut for Japan in 2021 and has a 1-5 win-loss record overall in the competition. Japan play at home against Austria in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Mochizuki is currently without a permanent coach.

GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL) v TOMAS MACHAC (CZE)

Head-to-head: Machac leads 1-0

2024 Vienna Hard (I) R16 Machac 67(5) 64 63

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Dimitrov and Machac – but their first at a Grand Slam. Machac recovered from a set down to win their only previous meeting, a 2nd round match at 2024 Vienna.

DIMITROV	v	MACHAC
34	Age	25
45	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	24
9	Titles	2
100-59	Career Grand Slam Record	16-14
33-15	Australian Open Record	6-5
486-303	Career Record	77-60
320-196	Career Record - Hard	59-42
1-1	2026 Record	5-1
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	5-1
13-9	Career Five-Set Record	3-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
206-180	Career Tiebreak Record	33-29
0-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 14th time. This is his 16th consecutive Australian Open appearance and his 60th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Dimitrov fell in the 1st round, retiring due to a hip injury against Francesco Passaro. He has lost in the 1st round here on one other occasion – in 2013, when he fell to Julien Benneteau in straight sets.
- Dimitrov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – including at the 2017 Australian Open (l. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the semifinals at 2014 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and the 2019 US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Dimitrov reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon, retiring due to a pectoral injury while leading Jannik Sinner 63 75 2-2. He fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros, retiring due to a left thigh injury against Ethan Quinn.
- Dimitrov's **streak of 58 consecutive Grand Slam appearances** ended when he withdrew from the 2025 US Open due to the pectoral injury that he sustained at Wimbledon. It was the 5th-longest streak of Grand Slam men's singles main draw appearances in history. He is contesting his 16th consecutive Australian Open this year and jointly holds the longest active streak of consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances with Adrian Mannarino.
- Dimitrov's **best results in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Brisbane, where he retired with a left hip injury against Jiri Lehecka, and Miami-1000 (l. Djokovic), and the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Alex de Minaur).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Dimitrov reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Pablo Carreno Busta, l. Raphael Collignon). It was his 2nd event since returning from the injury that saw him retire at Wimbledon – he also competed at Paris-1000 last year, where he reached the 2nd round, defeating Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard before giving a walkover to Medvedev.
- The Australian Open is Dimitrov's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He has a 33-15 win-loss record here, compared to a 25-15 win-loss record at Wimbledon, a 21-15 record at Roland Garros and a 21-14 record at the US Open. He recorded his 100th Grand Slam match-win by defeating Sebastian Ofner in the 3rd round at Wimbledon last year.
- Dimitrov has won 4 of the last 6 **five-set matches** he has contested. His only 5-set defeats in that time both came in 2020 – against Tommy Paul in the 2nd round at the Australian Open and against Marton Fucsovics in the 2nd round at the US Open. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 13-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Dimitrov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title at the 2017 ATP Finals. He plays here at No. 45.

- Dimitrov is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking in September 2008 after winning the boys' singles titles at both Wimbledon (d. Henri Kontinen) and the US Open (d. Devin Britton) that season. He never contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open.
- Dimitrov is currently without a permanent coach.
- **MACHAC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Machac equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Sumit Nagal and Reilly Opelka before falling to Novak Djokovic. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2024, defeating Shintaro Mochizuki and Frances Tiafoe before falling to Karen Khachanov.
- Machac's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in both 2024 (l. Jack Draper) and 2025 (l. Taylor Fritz).
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025, Machac reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Damir Dzumhur, l. August Holmgren) but retired due to a lower back injury against Quentin Halys in the 1st round at Roland Garros.
- Machac's best result in 2025 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Acapulco (d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina). He also reached the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. Denis Shapovalov) and Halle (l. Alexander Bublik).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Machac won his **2nd Tour-level title** at Adelaide (d. Ugo Humbert). He fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Jiri Lehecka).
- Machac won the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Opelka in the 2nd round last year. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Machac reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 20 in March last year. He plays here at No. 24, having risen 11 places this week after winning the title at Adelaide on Saturday.
- Machac reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 16 in January 2018. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2018 (l. Rudolf Molleker).
- Machac **won the mixed doubles gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event**. He partnered Katerina Siniakova to victory over China, P.R.'s Wang Xinyu/Zhang Zhizhen in the final to win Czechia's 2nd gold medal at the Olympic Tennis Event (after Siniakova and Barbora Krejčíková won women's doubles gold at Tokyo 2020). He also reached the semifinals alongside Adam Pavlasek in men's doubles but fell to USA's Austin Krajicek/Rajeev Ram in the semifinals and to USA's Fritz/Tommy Paul in the bronze medal match.
- Machac made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals and has an 11-10 overall win-loss record in the competition. Czechia will play at home against Sweden in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Machac is coached by Daniel Vacek.

HUBERT HURKACZ (POL) v ZIZOU BERGS (BEL)

Head-to-head: first meeting

HURKACZ	v	BERGS
28	Age	26
55	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	43
8	Titles	0
36-28	Career Grand Slam Record	4-10
10-7	Australian Open Record	0-3
233-155	Career Record	57-65
160-105	Career Record - Hard	44-44
4-1	2026 Record	3-1
4-1	2026 Record - Hard	3-1
9-8	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
135-125	Career Tiebreak Record	32-31
3-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	2-2

- **HURKACZ** 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.
- **Last year here**, Hurkacz reached the 2nd round (d. Tallon Griekspoor, l. Miomir Kecmanovic). He has lost in the 1st round here twice before – on his debut in 2019 (l. Ivo Karlovic) and in 2021 (l. Mikael Ymer).
- Hurkacz's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2024. He defeated Omar Jasika, Jakub Mensik, Ugo Humbert and Arthur Cazaux before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets.
- Hurkacz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Roger Federer in the quarterfinals before falling to Matteo Berrettini in the last 4. He became the 2nd Polish man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal after Jerzy Janowicz at 2013 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Hurkacz fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Joao Fonseca). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a lower back injury, underwent right knee surgery in July and did not compete again in 2025. By missing Wimbledon last year, he ended a streak of 28 consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearances.
- Hurkacz's **best result in 2025** was finishing runner-up at Geneva (l. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Tommy Paul).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Hurkacz was **a member of the Poland team which won the United Cup**, defeating Switzerland in the final. He won 4 of the 5 singles matches he contested, defeating Germany's Alexander Zverev, Netherlands' Griekspoor, USA's Taylor Fritz and Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka but fell to Australia's Alex de Minaur. The United Cup was the first event he had played, at any level, since reaching the 2nd round at 's-Hertogenbosch in June last year, where he defeated Roberto Bautista Agut before giving a walkover to Mark Lajal.
- Hurkacz has won 4 of the 7 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Hurkacz reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in August 2024. He dropped to No. 83 earlier this month – his lowest ranking since January 2019. He plays here at No. 55.
- Hurkacz has played **Davis Cup** for Poland since 2016 and has an 11-9 win-loss record in the competition. Poland play away against Egypt in the 2026 World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Hurkacz is coached by former world No. 6 Nicolas Pietrangeli and Matt Terczynski.

- **BERGS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Bergs has **lost in the 1st round on his 3 previous appearances in the main draw here** – as a qualifier in 2023 (l. Laslo Djere), as a lucky loser in 2024 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and as a direct acceptance in 2025 (l. Facundo Diaz Acosta).
- Bergs' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – as a qualifier at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and as a direct acceptance at the 2025 US Open (l. Jaume Munar).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Bergs fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and Wimbledon (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Bergs' best results in 2025 were reaching his **first 2 Tour-level finals**, finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Auckland (l. Gael Monfils) and as a direct acceptance at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Gabriel Diallo). He also reached the semifinals at Marseille (l. Ugo Humbert) and the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Fabian Marozsan) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Bergs represented Belgium at the United Cup. He won 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as Belgium reached the semifinals. He fell to China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen before defeating Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime, Czechia's Jakub Mensik and Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka.
- Bergs broke the Top 50 for the first time in March last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 39 in October. He plays here at No. 43.
- Bergs had a **successful junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 in June 2017 but lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2017 (l. Vlad Andrei Dancu).
- Bergs made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2021 and was a member of the Belgian team which reached the semifinals in 2025. He has a 10-8 overall win-loss record in the competition. Belgium will play away against Bulgaria in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Bergs is coached by Jan de Witt.

(Q) DANE SWEENEY (AUS) v GAEL MONFILS (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Monfils has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 182 Sweeny. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Monfils at a Grand Slam is No. 120 Ilya Marchenko, when Monfils retired due to a lower back injury in the 1st round at the 2015 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Monfils at the Australian Open is No. 92 Mikhail Kukushkin in the 3rd round in 2012.

Monfils has won 21 of the 23 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including all 6 of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open. His only defeats to qualifiers at the Grand Slams came against Lukasz Kubot in the 3rd round at 2011 Wimbledon and against Marchenko in the 1st round at the 2015 US Open. Since falling to Marchenko, he has won all 11 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams. He has an 82-28 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Monfils won both of his previous matches against Australian players at the Australian Open. He defeated Matthew Ebden in the 1st round in 2010 and Marinko Matosevic in the 1st round in 2012. He has a 3-1 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams and a 20-7 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Monfils has a 15-2 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams, with both of his defeats having come against American players at the US Open – to Mardy Fish in the round of 16 in 2008 and to John Isner in the 2nd round in 2013. In addition to his 2-0 win-loss record against Australian players here, he has a 7-0 win-loss record against fellow French players at Roland Garros, a 1-0 win-loss record against British players at Wimbledon and a 5-2 win-loss record against American players at the US Open.

SWEENEY	v	MONFILS
24	Age	39
182	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	110
0	Titles	13
0-1	Career Grand Slam Record	130-67
0-1	Australian Open Record	37-19
2-5	Career Record	583-354
2-5	Career Record - Hard	391-213
0-1	2026 Record	0-1
0-1	2026 Record - Hard	0-1
0-1	Career Five-Set Record	22-21
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	3
1-0	Career Tiebreak Record	241-176
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- Qualifier **SWEENEY** is bidding to record his first Grand Slam main draw match-win.
- Sweeny defeated No. 26 seed Andrea Pellegrino (ITA) 62 46 63, Jerome Kym (SUI) 64 64 and Stefano Travaglia 76(5) 76(3) in the **3 rounds of qualifying** here last week. It is the 2nd time he has successfully qualified at the Australian Open on his 6th attempt.
- Sweeny's **only previous Grand Slam main draw appearance** came at the 2024 Australian Open. As a wild card in qualifying, he defeated Matteo Gigante, Luca Nardi and Zizou Bergs to qualify for the main draw. He fell to Francisco Cerundolo in 5 sets in the 1st round – the only 5-set match he has contested to date.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card in qualifying, Sweeny reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, l. Jaime Faria).
- Sweeny was **ranked too low to enter qualifying at the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments in 2025**. He has appeared in qualifying at a total of 9 Grand Slam events.
- Sweeny's best result in 2025 was reaching his **2nd Challenger-level final**, finishing runner-up at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (l. Rinky Hijikata). He also reached the semifinals at the Brisbane 3 Challenger (AUS) (l. Alex Bolt) and the quarterfinals at the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (l. James Duckworth).
- Sweeny **competed mainly on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2025**. He contested 23 events at World Tennis Tour-level last season and won 8 titles.

- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Sweeny fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Brisbane. As a wild card in qualifying, he defeated Jacob Fearnley and Christopher O’Connell to qualify for the main draw and make his first Tour-level appearance since the 2024 Australian Open. He fell to Reilly Opelka in the 1st round of the main draw.
- Sweeny is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win**. He has contested 5 Tour-level events, reaching the 2nd round as a wild card at 2021 Melbourne 1 (d. Nam Jisung, I. Aljaz Bedene) and as a qualifier at 2023 Shanghai-1000 (d. Taro Daniel, I. Sebastian Baez) and falling in the 1st round as a qualifier at 2023 Zhuhai (I. Marc Polmans), the 2024 Australian Open and 2026 Brisbane.
- Sweeny 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.
- Sweeny reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 181 in December last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 182.
- Sweeny reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 21 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on all 3 of his appearances in the boys’ singles here in 2017-19.
- Sweeny is coached by his father, Clay Sweeny.
- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 18th time. He has lost in the 1st round here twice before – in 2006 (I. Luis Horna) and 2021 (I. Emil Ruusuvuori).
- Monfils is bidding to record his 38th Australian Open match-win and claim sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Australian Open men’s singles matches won by a French player**, ahead of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Most Australian Open men’s singles matches won by a French player (all-time)

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1=	Gael Monfils	37-19
	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	37-13
3=	Richard Gasquet	25-17
	Sebastian Grosjean	25-11
	Gilles Simon	25-15

- Monfils is bidding to record his 131st Grand Slam match-win and extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam men’s singles matches won by a French player** – ahead of Tsonga (121 Grand Slam match-wins) and Richard Gasquet (117).
- Monfils 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* and Roger Federer (21 Australian Open appearances), and Lleyton Hewitt, Feliciano Lopez and Stan Wawrinka* (20). (*NB totals include Djokovic and Wawrinka’s appearances here this year)
- Monfils is making his **69th Grand Slam appearance**. He is in joint-8th place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men’s singles appearances, alongside Mikhail Youzhny. Djokovic*, Federer and Lopez (81 Grand Slam appearances), Gasquet and Wawrinka* (75), Fernando Verdasco (71) and Fabrice Santoro (70) are the only players to have made more Grand Slam appearances than Monfils. (*NB totals include Djokovic and Wawrinka’s appearances here this year)
- At 39 years 153 days, Monfils is the **2nd-oldest man to begin this year’s Australian Open men’s singles main draw**, after Wawrinka (40 years 310 days), who defeated Laslo Djere in the 1st round on Monday. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Last year here**, Monfils reached the round of 16. He defeated Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, Daniel Altmaier and Taylor Fritz before retiring due to a back injury in the 4th set of his match against Ben Shelton.
- Monfils’ **best Australian Open result** is reaching quarterfinals on 2 occasions – on his 11th appearance here in 2016 (I. Milos Raonic) and in 2022 (I. Matteo Berrettini).
- Monfils’ **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at 2008 Roland Garros (I. Federer) and at the 2016 US Open (I. Djokovic).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Monfils reached the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Hugo Dellien, l. Jack Draper) and Wimbledon (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Marton Fucsovics) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Roman Safiullin).
- Monfils' best result in 2025 was winning his **13th Tour-level title** at Auckland (d. Zizou Bergs). Aged 38 years 132 days, became the oldest winner of a Tour-level men's singles title since Ken Rosewall won the title at 1977 Hong Kong aged 43.
- Monfils' **other highlights in 2025** were reaching the round of 16 at Miami-1000 (l. Sebastian Korda) and the 3rd round at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov). He recorded 17 Tour-level match-wins in 2025 – with 13 of those victories coming between January and March.
- Monfils is bidding to end a **6-match Tour-level losing streak** and record his first match-win at Tour-level since he reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon last year. He lost the only match he has contested in 2026, falling to Fabian Marozsan in the 1st round at Auckland.
- Monfils contested five **5-set matches** at the Grand Slams in 2025. He recorded 5-set victories against Mpetshi Perricard in the 1st round here, Dellien in the 1st round at Roland Garros and Humbert in the 1st round at Wimbledon but lost in 5 sets to both Fucsovics in the 2nd round at Wimbledon and Safiullin in the 1st round at the Australian Open. He has a 4-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 22-21 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Monfils is a **former Top 10 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 6 in November 2016. He dropped to No. 110 last week – his lowest ranking since October 2023 – and plays here at the same ranking.
- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion. He is one of 5 former Australian Open boys' singles champions in the main draw here.
- Monfils has no permanent coach at present.

(WC) CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL (AUS) v (Q) NISHESH BASAVAREDDY (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

This match is one of 3 meetings between Australian players and American players in the men's singles 1st round here this year – after Frances Tiafoe defeated Jason Kubler on Sunday and Alex de Minaur defeated Mackenzie McDonald on Monday.

O'Connell has lost to an American player at the Australian Open for the last 4 years – he fell to Maxime Cressy in the 3rd round in 2022, to Jenson Brooksby in the 1st round in 2023, to Ben Shelton in the 1st round in 2024 and to Tommy Paul in the 1st round in 2025. He has also lost the 3 other Grand Slam matches he has played against American players at the Grand Slams. He has a 6-18 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

Basavareddy is facing an Australian player at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall. He is also facing a wild card at a Grand Slam for the first time. He lost his only previous match against a wild card at Tour-level.

O'Connell is facing a qualifier at the Australian Open for the first time. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and an 11-11 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

O'CONNELL	v	BASAVAREDDY
31	Age	20
118	ATP Ranking (19 Jan)	242
0	Titles	0
10-20	Career Grand Slam Record	0-3
4-7	Australian Open Record	0-1
60-90	Career Record	10-17
44-60	Career Record - Hard	10-13
0-0	2026 Record	0-0
0-0	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
1-3	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
46-43	Career Tiebreak Record	3-3
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- Wild card **O'CONNELL** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, O'Connell fell to Tommy Paul in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- O'Connell's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – as a wild card here in 2022 (l. Maxime Cressy), and as a direct acceptance at both 2023 Wimbledon (l. Christopher Eubanks) and the 2024 US Open (l. Jannik Sinner).
- O'Connell is bidding to end a **5-match Grand Slam losing streak**. He has not recorded a Grand Slam match-win since his 3rd round finish at the 2024 US Open, where he defeated Nicolas Jarry and Mattia Bellucci before falling to Sinner. In addition to his 1st round defeat here last year, he also fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Ugo Humbert), Wimbledon (l. Adrian Mannarino) and the US Open (l. Alex de Minaur) in 2025.
- O'Connell's **best Tour-level results in 2025** were reaching the quarterfinals at Bucharest (l. Marton Fucsovics) and Chengdu (l. Alejandro Tabilo). He also reached the semifinals at the Guangzhou 2 Challenger (CHN) (l. Tabilo).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, O'Connell fell in qualifying at both Brisbane and Adelaide. He reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Brisbane (d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, l. Dane Sweeny) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide (l. Jacob Fearnley).
- O'Connell 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.

- O'Connell has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. In addition to his 5-set defeat to Paul in the 1st round here last year, he defeated Cristian Garin in the 1st round here in 2024. He lost the 2 other 5-set matches he has contested – to Paul in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and to Gael Monfils in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- O'Connell reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 53 in September 2023. He plays here at No. 118.
- O'Connell is coached by his father, Ian O'Connell.
- Qualifier **BASAVAREDDY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- Basavareddy defeated Alexis Galarneau (CAN) 64 62, No. 19 seed Sebastian Ofner (AUT) 46 64 76(11) and George Loffhagen (GBR) 57 64 64 in the **3 rounds of qualifying** last week. It is the first time he has qualified at a Grand Slam on his 3rd appearance in a qualifying draw at the majors.
- Basavareddy made his **Grand Slam debut here last year**. As a wild card, he fell to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Basavareddy fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Learner Tien) and as a wild card at the US Open (l. Karen Khachanov). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Andrea Collarini).
- Basavareddy's best result in 2025 was reaching his **first Tour-level semifinal** as a qualifier at Auckland (l. Gael Monfils). He also reached the semifinals at the Next Gen ATP Finals (l. Learner Tien).
- Basavareddy's **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were reaching the quarterfinals at the Aix En Provence Challenger (FRA) (l. Stan Wawrinka), the Lexington Challenger (USA) (l. Zachary Svajda) and the Guangzhou 2 Challenger (USA) (l. Alejandro Tabilo).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Basavareddy reached the final round of qualifying at Hong Kong (d. Bu Yunchaokete, l. Jan-Lennard Struff).
- Basavareddy 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.
- Basavareddy broke the Top 100 for the first time in March last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 99. He plays here at No. 242, having dropped more than 100 places since the start of November.
- Basavareddy **played college tennis**. He represented Stanford University in 2022-24, earning All-American honours in both his freshman and sophomore years. He turned professional in December 2024, forfeiting his NCAA eligibility.
- Basavareddy reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 3 in January 2023. His best results at junior-level were winning the titles at JA Criciuma (BRA) (d. Bor Artnak) and JA Milan (ITA) (d. Daniel Vallejo) in 2022. He never contested the boys' singles here.
- Basavareddy is coached by Gilles Cervara.

(WC) JAMES DUCKWORTH (AUS) v (LL) DINO PRIZMIC (CRO)

Head-to-head: first meeting

DUCKWORTH	v	PRIZMIC
33*	Age	20
88	ATP Ranking (12 Jan)	127
0	Titles	0
11-38	Career Grand Slam Record	0-2
5-12	Australian Open Record	0-1
73-122	Career Record	8-14
57-89	Career Record - Hard	4-9
0-2	2026 Record	0-0
0-2	2026 Record - Hard	0-0
4-9	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
55-58	Career Tiebreak Record	2-1
1-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

*Turns 34 on Tuesday 21 January

- **DUCKWORTH** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Australian Open for the 6th time. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 39th Grand Slam overall.
- Duckworth's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 5 occasions – including last year, when he defeated Dominic Stricker before falling to Roberto Carballes Baena. He also reached the 2nd round here on his Grand Slam debut in 2012 (d. Jurgen Zopp, l. Janko Tipsarevic) and in 2013 (d. Benjamin Mitchell, l. Blaz Kavcic), 2015 (d. Kavcic, l. Richard Gasquet) and 2021 (d. Damir Dzumhur, l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Duckworth's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Radu Albot and Sam Querrey before falling to Lorenzo Sonego.
- Duckworth is bidding to end a **4-match Grand Slam main draw losing streak**. Following his 2nd round finish here last year, he lost in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Bublik) and Wimbledon (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and as a lucky loser at the US Open (l. Tristan Boyer).
- Duckworth's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals as a qualifier at Almaty (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Los Cabos (l. Adam Walton).
- Duckworth **won his 16th and 17th Challenger titles in 2025** – at the San Luis Potosi Challenger (MEX) (d. Max Wiskandt) and the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (d. Hayato Matsuoka). He also finished runner-up at the Morelia Challenger (MEX) (l. Dmitry Popko) and the Taipei Challenger (TPE) (l. Yoshihito Nishioka) and reached the semifinals at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (l. Dane Sweeny).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Brisbane (l. Alex Michelsen) and as a wild card at Adelaide (l. Tomas Machac).
- Duckworth 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.
- Duckworth has a 2-4 win-loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open, with his 2 victories in 5-set matches here coming against Mitchell in the 1st round in 2013 and Kavcic in the 1st round in 2015. He has a 4-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Duckworth reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 46 in January 2022. He plays here at No. 88.
- Duckworth has **struggled with injuries during his career**. He underwent foot surgeries in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; shoulder surgeries in March 2017 and March 2020; right elbow surgery in late 2012, early 2014 and February 2018; and, most recently, hip surgery in January 2022.

- Duckworth was a **good junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in July 2010 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2010 Roland Garros (l. Agustin Velotti). His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2010 (l. Gianni Mina).
- Duckworth is coached by Wayne Arthurs.
- Lucky loser **PRIZMIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 3rd Grand Slam overall.
- As No. 14 seed **in qualifying last week**, Prizmic defeated Genaro Alberto Olivieri (ARG) 61 64 and Gustavo Heide (BRA) 75 62 before falling to Arthur Fery (GBR) 46 16. He gained entry to main draw as a lucky loser following the withdrawal of Thanasi Kokkinakis on Thursday. He is contesting his first event of the year at the Australian Open.
- Prizmic **made his Grand Slam debut** as a qualifier at the 2024 Australian Open, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in the 1st round. His only other Grand Slam main draw appearance came as a qualifier at the 2025 US Open, where he fell to Andrey Rublev in the 1st round.
- Prizmic was **ranked too low to enter qualifying here last year**. He was also ranked too low to enter qualifying at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2025. He dropped as low as No. 394 – his lowest ranking since March 2023 – in February last year before re-entering the Top 200 in June.
- Prizmic's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at Umag, where he defeated Elmer Moller and Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to Luciano Darderi. He recorded 3 other Tour-level match-wins last year – defeating Jozef Kovalik in Croatia's Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round victory over Slovakia, reaching the 2nd round at Chengdu (d. Terence Atmane, l. Lorenzo Musetti) and defeating Justin Engel in the group stage at the Next Gen ATP Finals.
- Prizmic won his **2nd and 3rd Challenger titles** in 2025 – as a wild card at the Zagreb Challenger (CRO) (d. Luca van Assche) and as a direct acceptance at the Bratislava 1 Challenger (SVK) (d. Valentin Royer). He also finished runner-up at the Milan Challenger (ITA) (l. Marco Cecchinato), the San Marino Challenger (SMA) (l. Lukas Klein) and the Grodzisk Mazowiecki Challenger (POL) (l. Kamil Majchrzak) and reached the semifinals as a qualifier at the Lugano Challenger (SUI) (l. Borna Coric).
- Prizmic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 115 in September last year. He plays here at No. 127.
- Prizmic **won the boys' singles at 2023 Roland Garros** (d. Juan Carlos Prado Angelo). He reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 in January 2023. He competed in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2022, reaching the 3rd round (l. Daniel Vallejo).
- Prizmic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Croatia in 2023 and has a 1-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Croatia play at home against Denmark in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Prizmic is coached by Luka Kutanjac.