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On court today...

- Two-time defending champion Jannik Sinner faces Australian wild card James Duckworth on Rod Laver Arena this evening, with Sinner aiming to maintain his perfect record against Aussies at the Australian Open. Sinner has won all 4 matches he has contested against Australian players here and has won his last 26 matches against Australian players at Tour-level. But Duckworth can take heart from the fact that he was the last Australian player to defeat Sinner, having recorded a straight-sets victory when they met in the 2nd round at 2021 Toronto-1000. Another victory for Duckworth this evening would see him advance to the 3rd round at his home Grand Slam for the first time.
- Novak Djokovic brought up a century of Australian Open victories in his 1st round win against Pedro Martinez on Monday, and he will aim for more success against Italian qualifier Francesco Maestrelli in the day session on RLA today. Djokovic has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 141 Maestrelli – and he will hope that his vastly superior experience proves too much for the Italian, who is making his Grand Slam debut here this year. A win for Djokovic today will also be his 399th Grand Slam match-win, putting him within touching distance of becoming the first player in history to record 400 match-wins at the majors.
- 2014 Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka rolled back the years with victory over Laslo Djere in the 1st round on Monday, and he will create more Grand Slam history should he defeat Arthur Gea on Kia Arena today. Wawrinka will become the first player aged 40 or over to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam since Ken Rosewall at the 1978 Australian Open if he can get past Gea this afternoon. He will also equal Pete Sampras in 9th place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins. But Gea, who is another man making his Grand Slam debut here, will be a dangerous opponent – he comes into this encounter with momentum from an impressive victory over No. 17 seed Jiri Lehecka in the 1st round.
- Nine qualifiers have reached the men's singles 2nd round at Melbourne Park this year – the highest number of qualifiers in the 2nd round here since 2009, when there were also 9. Three of those 9 qualifiers lost on Wednesday, but the remaining 6 qualifiers here can still make history today. The highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round here is 4 (in 1998) and the highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam is 6 (at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011).

NO. 2 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v (WC) JAMES DUCKWORTH (AUS)

Head-to-head: Sinner leads 2-1

2020	Cologne	Hard (O)	R32	Sinner	61 62
2021	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Duckworth	63 64
2021	Sofia	Hard (I)	QF	Sinner	76(4) 64

A 4th Tour-level meeting for Sinner and Duckworth – but their first at a Grand Slam and first for more than 4 years. Their 3 previous meetings came between October 2020 and October 2021.

Sinner has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 88 Duckworth. 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 Duckworth on 7 occasions – most recently at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, when he fell to No. 98 Mikael Ymer.

Sinner has won all 6 matches he has played against wild cards at the Grand Slams – including his only previous match against a wild card at the Australian Open, defeating Tristan Schoolkate in the 2nd round here last year. He has won the last 11 Tour-level matches he has contested against wild cards, having not lost to a wild card since falling to Andy Murray in the 2nd round at 2021 Stockholm. He has a 20-4 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

Sinner has won all 8 matches he has contested against Australian players at the Grand Slams – including all 4 matches he has contested against Australian players at the Australian Open. He defeated Max Purcell in the 1st round in 2020, Alex de Minaur in the round of 16 in 2022 and defeated both Schoolkate in the 2nd round and De Minaur in the quarterfinals last year.

Sinner has won his last 26 matches against Australian players at Tour-level. He has not lost a Tour-level match to an Australian player since falling to Duckworth in the 2nd round at 2021 Montreal-1000. (He has given walkovers to Australian players on 2 occasions in that time.) He has a 30-3 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Sinner has won all 18 matches he has contested against players at their home Grand Slam tournaments. In addition to winning all 4 matches he has contested against Australian players here, he has won all 7 matches he has contested against French players at Roland Garros and all 7 matches he has contested against American players at the US Open. He has never played a British player at Wimbledon.

SINNER	v	DUCKWORTH
24	Age	34*
2	ATP Ranking	88
24	Titles	0
88-20	Career Grand Slam Record	12-38
23-4	Australian Open Record	6-12
322-86	Career Record	74-122
228-52	Career Record - Hard	58-89
1-0	2026 Record	1-2
1-0	2026 Record - Hard	1-2
6-10	Career Five-Set Record	5-9
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
103-57	Career Tiebreak Record	56-58
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	2-1

*Turned 34 on Tuesday 21 January

- Two-time defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 5th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Hugo Gaston in the 1st round on Tuesday. He was leading 62 61 0-0 when Gaston retired due to an abdominal injury.
- 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 Grand Slam title men's singles 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. Leander 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 finished runner-up 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 **17th consecutive Tour-level match-win**. He has not lost a match since falling to Griekspoor in the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 last year and is currently on the 3rd-longest Tour-level winning streak of his career. 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.
- Sinner has **won his last 11 matches without dropping a set**. He has 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 before 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 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.
- **DUCKWORTH** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 39th Grand Slam overall.
- Duckworth advanced to the 2nd round after defeating lucky loser Dino Prizmic 76(4) 36 16 75 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Duckworth has **equalled his best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round here on 5 other 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, I. Janko Tipsarevic) and in 2013 (d. Mitchell, I. Kavcic), 2015 (d. Kavcic, I. Richard Gasquet) and 2021 (d. Damir Dzumhur, I. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- By winning his opening match here, Duckworth has ended a **4-match Grand Slam main draw losing streak**. Following his 2nd round finish here last year, he lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Alexander Bublik), Wimbledon (I. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and as a lucky loser at the US Open (I. Tristan Boyer).
- 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's **best Tour-level results in 2025** were reaching the semifinals as a qualifier at Almaty (I. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Los Cabos (I. 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) (I. Dmitry Popko) and the Taipei Challenger (TPE) (I. Yoshihito Nishioka) and reached the semifinals at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (I. Dane Sweeny).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Brisbane (I. Alex Michelsen) and as a wild card at Adelaide (I. Tomas Machac).
- Duckworth is one of **5 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 11 who began 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 is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time**. He has lost all 7 of his previous matches against Top 5 players, including all 3 matches he has played against a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams – to No. 4 Marin Cilic in the 1st round at 2018 Roland Garros, No. 3 Alexander Zverev in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon and No. 2 Rafael Nadal in the 1st round here in 2019. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 13 David Goffin in the 2nd round at 2021 Miami-1000. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 54 Querrey in the 2nd round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- Duckworth has won 3 of the **7 five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against Prizmic in the 1st round this year. His 2 other victories in 5-set matches here came against Benjamin Mitchell in the 1st round in 2013 and Blaz Kavcic in the 1st round in 2015. He has a 5-9 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 (I. Agustin Velotti). His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2010 (I. Gianni Mina).
- Duckworth is coached by Wayne Arthurs.

NO. 4 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v (Q) FRANCESCO MAESTRELLI (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Djokovic has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 141 Maestrelli. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Djokovic at a Grand Slam is No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017.

Djokovic has won all 31 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams, including all 7 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Australian Open. He has a 100-8 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

DJOKOVIC	v	MAESTRELLI
38	Age	23
4	ATP Ranking	141
101	Titles	0
398-55	Career Grand Slam Record	1-0
100-10	Australian Open Record	1-0
1164-233	Career Record	1-1
735-136	Career Record - Hard	1-1
1-0	2026 Record	1-0
1-0	2026 Record - Hard	1-0
40-11	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
348-185	Career Tiebreak Record	0-1
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 18th time.
- Djokovic is bidding to record his **101st Australian Open match-win** and close the gap on Roger Federer at the top of the all-time list for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins. Federer is the only player in history, man or woman, to have recorded more match-wins at the Australian Open.

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

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	102-15
2.	Novak Djokovic	100-10
3.	Rafael Nadal	77-16
4.	Stefan Edberg	56-10
5.	Andy Murray	51-15

- Djokovic is also bidding to record his **399th Grand Slam match-win** and extend his all-time record for most Grand Slam singles match-wins, among men and women.
- Djokovic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Pedro Martinez 63 62 62 for his **100th Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Djokovic reached the semifinals, where he retired due to a left leg injury against Alexander Zverev. He also reached the semifinals here in 2024 (l. Jannik Sinner). Prior to those defeats, he had won all 10 Australian Open semifinal matches he had contested.
- Djokovic **reached the semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2025**. In addition to his semifinal finish here, he also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Sinner), Wimbledon (l. Sinner) and the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal to win his 7th title here in 2019 – before adding title-victories here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).

- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women’s singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women’s singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He is also bidding to extend his record for most Grand Slam men’s singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- At 38 years 255 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men’s singles title** – and the 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Ken Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles after turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays.
- Djokovic is making his 21st Australian Open appearance and his 81st Grand Slam appearance overall – equalling the **all-time record for both most Australian Open men’s singles appearances and most Grand Slam men’s singles appearances**. He has equalled Roger Federer’s record for most men’s singles appearances at the Australian Open, and equalled Federer and Feliciano Lopez at the top of the list for most men’s singles appearances at the Grand Slams.
- Djokovic won his **100th and 101st Tour-level singles titles in 2025** – at Geneva (d. Hubert Hurkacz) in May and Athens (d. Lorenzo Musetti) in November. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level men’s singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic’s **other highlights in 2025** were finishing runner-up at Miami-1000 (l. Jakub Mensik), reaching the semifinals at Shanghai-1000 (l. Valentin Vacherot) and the quarterfinals at Brisbane (l. Reilly Opelka).
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having been ranked No. 1 for a total of 428 weeks, most recently in June 2024, up until the end of Roland Garros. He plays here at No. 4.
- Djokovic became the **5th player to complete the career ‘Golden Slam’ in singles** by winning Olympic singles gold for Serbia at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Spain’s Alcaraz in the final. He joined Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Nadal and Serena Williams as the only players to have achieved the feat. He also won Olympic singles bronze at Beijing 2008 and is the only player to have won a medal for Serbia in the Olympic Tennis Event.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004 and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation’s first Davis Cup title. He has a 41-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 46-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. Serbia play away against Chile in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st round in February.
- Djokovic has no permanent coach at present.
- Qualifier **MAESTRELLI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here on his Grand Slam debut.
- Maestrelli is one of 9 qualifiers to reach the men’s singles 2nd round here this year – the **highest number of qualifiers in the men’s singles 2nd round at the Australian Open since 2009**, when there were also 9. After 3 qualifiers lost their 2nd round matches on Wednesday, 6 qualifiers are competing in the 2nd round today. The record for most qualifiers in the men’s singles 3rd round at the Australian Open is 4 in 1998.

Qualifiers in men’s singles 3rd round at the Australian Open

No. of qualifiers in R32	Most-recent occasion (players)
≥1	2025 (Tien)
≥2	2022 (Albot, Daniel)
≥3	2006 (Benneteau, Gremelmayr, Simon)
≥4	1998 (Campbell, Golmard, Ilie, Lareau)
≥5	-

- If all 6 qualifiers competing in the men's singles 2nd round win today, it will equal the **Open Era record for highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. Six qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 previous occasions in the Open Era – at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011.
- If 5 qualifiers reach the men's singles 3rd round here, it will be the **2nd consecutive Grand Slam event where 5 qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round** – after Ugo Blanchet, Jerome Kym, Leandro Riedi, Jan-Lennard Struff and Coleman Wong all reached the 3rd round as qualifiers at the 2025 US Open.
- Maestrelli advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Terence Atmane 64 36 67(4) 61 61 for his **first Tour-level match-win** in the 1st round on Monday. It was the first 5-set match of his career.
- As No. 24 seed in **qualifying here last week**, Maestrelli defeated Lorenzo Giustino (ITA) 76(4) 61, Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) 76(2) 64 and No. 13 seed Dusan Lajovic (SRB) 46 64 63. It is the first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 10th attempt.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2025**, Maestrelli fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both Wimbledon (l. Cristian Garin) and the US Open (l. James McCabe). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open or Roland Garros. He fell in the 1st round of qualifying here in 2023 (l. Adrian Andreev) and 2024 (l. Luca Nardi).
- Maestrelli is **contesting his 2nd Tour-level here**. His only previous Tour-level appearance came as a wild card at 2022 Florence when he fell to JJ Wolf in the 1st round.
- Maestrelli **won his 2nd, 3rd and 4th Challenger titles in 2025** – as a wild card at the Francavilla Challenger (ITA) (d. Valentin Vacherot) and as a direct acceptance at the Brasov Challenger (ROU) (d. Luka Pavlovic) and the Bergamo Challenger (ITA) (d. Marko Topo). He also finished runner-up at the Porto 1 Challenger (POR) (l. Moez Echargui) and reached the quarterfinals at 8 other Challenger events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Maestrelli fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Hong Kong (l. Zhou Yi).
- Maestrelli is **facing a Top 50 player for the first time at any level**. The highest-ranked player he has faced is No. 56 Nuno Borges, to whom he lost in the 1st round at the 2024 Cagliari Challenger (ITA). The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 64 Atmane in the 1st round here.
- Maestrelli reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 137 earlier this month and plays here at No. 141.
- Maestrelli reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 50 in January 2020. He fell in the 1st round of the boys' singles here in 2020 (l. Martin Krumich) in the only Grand Slam junior event he contested. His best result at J1-level was a runner-up finish at 2019 J1 Offenbach (GER) (l. Harold Mayot).
- Maestrelli is coached by Giovanni Galuppo and Gabrio Castrichella.

NO. 5 LORENZO MUSETTI (ITA) v LORENZO SONEGO (ITA)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2024	Vienna	Hard (I)	R32	Musetti	63 62
2025	Paris-1000	Hard (I)	R32	Sonego	36 63 61

A 3rd meeting Musetti and Sonego, but their first at a Grand Slam. They split their 2 previous meetings, both of which came on indoor hard courts.

Musetti and Sonego are 2 of the 9 Italian players to start the men's singles main draw here – the 4th-most of any nation behind USA (21), France (14) and Australia (11). Five Italian players have reached the men's singles 2nd round here. The record for most Italian players in the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open is 3 – in 2019, 2022 and 2025.

This is the 3rd all-Italian men's singles match at the Australian Open in the Open Era – after Fabio Fognini's victory against Salvatore Caruso in the 2nd round here in 2021 and Musetti's victory against Matteo Arnaldi in the 1st round last year. It is the 30th all-Italian men's singles match at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Musetti has won 4 of the 5 matches he has played against fellow Italian players at the Grand Slams – including his only previous match against an Italian player at the Australian Open, defeating Arnaldi in the 1st round here last year. He has a 14-6 win-loss record against fellow Italian players at Tour-level overall.

Sonego has lost both matches he has contested against fellow Italian players at the Grand Slams – falling to Matteo Berrettini in the 1st round at 2023 Wimbledon and to Jannik Sinner in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open. He has a 7-12 win-loss record against fellow Italian players at Tour-level. His victory against Musetti in the 2nd round at Paris-1000 last year ended a 7-match Tour-level losing streak against fellow Italian players. He had not won a Tour-level match against a fellow Italian player since defeating Marco Cecchinato in the 2nd round at 2023 Umag.

Musetti and Sonego are both 2-time Davis Cup champions. Both were in the Italian team which won the Davis Cup title for a 2nd time (and first time since 1976) in 2023, with Musetti also in the title-winning squad in 2024 and Sonego in the title-winning squad in 2025. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card for the 2026 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna in November.

MUSETTI	v	SONEGO
23	Age	30
5	ATP Ranking	40
2	Titles	4
33-19	Career Grand Slam Record	32-29
4-4	Australian Open Record	11-7
181-134	Career Record	169-185
86-83	Career Record - Hard	89-106
4-1	2026 Record	2-1
4-1	2026 Record - Hard	2-1
5-6	Career Five-Set Record	6-6
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
69-55	Career Tiebreak Record	98-95
1-3	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **MUSETTI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Musetti advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Raphael Collignon in the 1st round on Tuesday. He was leading 46 76(3) 75 3-2 when Collignon retired due to cramping.
- 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.
- 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 Lloyd Harris in the 1st round in 2023 and against Luca 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 2 former junior Australian Open singles champions** to reach the 2nd round of the 6 that began this year's men's singles main draw. 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. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.
- 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.
- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- Sonego advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Carlos Taberner 64 60 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Sonego recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals, defeating Stan Wawrinka, Joao Fonseca, Fabian Marozsan and Learner Tien before falling to Ben Shelton in the last 8. He became the 6th Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open – after Giorgio de Stefani (1935), Nicola Pietrangeli (1957), Cristiano Caratti (1991), Berrettini (2022) and Sinner (2022, 2024 and 2025).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Sonego reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Shelton) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Shelton) and the US Open (l. Tristan Schoolkate).
- Sonego's **best result in 2025** was reaching the semifinals at Metz (l. Cameron Norrie). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marseille and Stockholm, losing to Ugo Humbert at both events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Sonego reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Rei Sakamoto, l. Shang Juncheng).

- Sonego has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. His only victory in a 5-set match here came against Fonseca in the 2nd round last year. He had previously fallen to Feliciano Lopez in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2021, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and to Hubert Hurkacz in the 2nd round in 2023. He has a 6-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sonego has won **4 Tour-level singles titles**. He won the title on grass at 2019 Antalya (d. Miomir Kecmanovic), on clay at 2021 Sardinia (d. Laslo Djere) and on hard courts at 2022 Metz (d. Alexander Bublik) and 2024 Winston-Salem (d. Alex Michelsen).
- Sonego is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams for the first time**. He has lost all 3 matches he has played against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams – to No. 3 Roger Federer in the 1st round at 2019 Roland Garros, No. 4 Rafael Nadal in the 3rd round at 2022 Wimbledon and No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the 2nd round here in 2024. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 7 Andrey Rublev in the 3rd round at 2023 Roland Garros. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 38 Daniel Evans in the 1st round in 2024.
- Sonego is bidding to **end a 14-match losing streak against Top 5 players**. He has not defeated a Top 5 player since defeating No. 4 Dominic Thiem in the round of 16 at 2021 Rome-1000. He has a 2-17 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall. His only other win against a Top 5 player came against No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals at 2020 Vienna.
- Sonego reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October 2021. He plays here at No. 40.
- Sonego is a **2-time Davis Cup champion**, having been a member of the squad for Italy's Davis Cup titles in 2023 and 2025. He won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup matches he played in 2023. He has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have been awarded a wild card for the 2026 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna in November.
- Sonego is coached by Vincenzo Santopadre.

NO. 8 BEN SHELTON (USA) v (Q) DANE SWEENEY (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Shelton has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 182 Sweeney. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Shelton at a Grand Slam is No. 104 Nuno Borges in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Shelton at the Australian Open is No. 35 Tommy Paul in the quarterfinals in 2023.

Shelton has lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 182 Sweeney on 2 occasions – to No. 289 Paul Jubb in the quarterfinals at 2024 Mallorca and to No. 182 Coleman Wong in the 2nd round at 2025 Miami-1000.

Shelton has won 6 of the 7 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including the only match he has played against a qualifier at the Australian Open, defeating Nicolas Jarry in the 2nd round in 2023. His only defeat to a qualifier at the Grand Slams came against Borges in the 1st round at the 2022 US Open.

Shelton is bidding to extend a 10-match winning streak against qualifiers at Tour-level. He has not lost to a qualifier since falling to Shang Juncheng in the 2nd round at 2024 Atlanta. He has a 17-7 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

This is the 4th match between American and Australian players here this year. In the 1st round, Frances Tiafoe defeated Jason Kubler, Nishesh Basavareddy defeated Christopher O'Connell and Alex de Minaur defeated Mackenzie McDonald. USA has the most players in the men's singles at the Australian Open this year with 21 players, while Australia has the 3rd-most players of any nation here (11), behind USA and France (14).

Shelton has won all 4 matches he has played against Australian players at the Grand Slams, including both matches he has played against Australian players at the Australian Open – defeating Alexei Popyrin in the 3rd round in 2023 and Christopher O'Connell in the 2nd round in 2024. He has a 9-3 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Sweeney lost the only Tour-level match he has played against an American player, falling to Reilly Opelka in the 1st round at Brisbane earlier this month.

SHELTON	v	SWEENEY
23	Age	24
7	ATP Ranking	182
3	Titles	0
33-13	Career Grand Slam Record	1-1
12-3	Australian Open Record	1-1
113-78	Career Record	3-5
84-51	Career Record - Hard	3-5
2-1	2026 Record	1-1
2-1	2026 Record - Hard	1-1
7-3	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
74-68	Career Tiebreak Record	1-1
2-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **SHELTON** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 3rd round here. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Ugo Humbert 63 76(2) 76(5) in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- Last year here, Shelton equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the semifinals, defeating Brandon Nakashima, Pablo Carreno Busta, Lorenzo Musetti, Gael Monfils and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to 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 (I. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Shelton reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (I. Sinner), the round of 16 at Roland Garros (I. 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 is one of **6 lefthanders** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Nadal, who won the title here in 2009 and 2022, is the last lefthander to win the title here.
- 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.
- Qualifier **SWEENY** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time.
- Sweeny is one of 9 qualifiers to reach the men's singles 2nd round here this year – the **highest number of qualifiers in the men's singles 2nd round at the Australian Open since 2009**, when there were also 9. After 3 qualifiers lost their 2nd round matches on Wednesday, 6 qualifiers are competing in the 2nd round today. The record for most qualifiers in the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open is 4 in 1998.

Qualifiers in men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open

No. of qualifiers in R32	Most-recent occasion (players)
≥1	2025 (Tien)
≥2	2022 (Albot, Daniel)
≥3	2006 (Benneteau, Gremelmayr, Simon)
≥4	1998 (Campbell, Golmard, Ilie, Lareau)
≥5	-

- If all 6 qualifiers competing in the men's singles 2nd round win today, it will equal the **Open Era record for highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. Six qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 previous occasions in the Open Era – at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011.
- If 5 qualifiers reach the men's singles 3rd round here, it will be the **2nd consecutive Grand Slam event where 5 qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round** – after Ugo Blanchet, Jerome Kym, Leandro Riedi, Jan-Lennard Struff and Coleman Wong all reached the 3rd round as qualifiers at the 2025 US Open.
- Sweeny advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Gael Monfils 67(3) 75 64 75 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.

- 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, leading the ITF World Tennis Tour for most men's singles titles in 2025.
- **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 **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 21 Cerundolo in the 1st round here in 2024. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 87 Duckworth in the semifinals at the 2025 Playford Challenger (AUS).
- Sweeny is bidding to record his **4th Tour-level match-win**. He has contested 5 Tour-level events prior to this tournament, reaching the 2nd round as a wild card at 2021 Melbourne 1 (d. Nam Jisung, l. Aljaz Bedene) and as a qualifier at 2023 Shanghai-1000 (d. Taro Daniel, l. Sebastian Baez) and falling in the 1st round as a qualifier at 2023 Zhuhai (l. Marc Polmans), the 2024 Australian Open and 2026 Brisbane.
- Sweeny is one of **5 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 11 who began 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.

NO. 9 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA) v VIT KOPRIVA (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Fritz has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 101 on 4 occasions – including once at the Australian Open. He fell to No. 113 Alexei Popyrin in the 2nd round here in 2023.

FRITZ	v	KOPRIVA
28	Age	28
9	ATP Ranking	101
10	Titles	0
65-37	Career Grand Slam Record	2-5
17-9	Australian Open Record	1-1
339-216	Career Record	16-24
238-150	Career Record - Hard	5-9
2-3	2026 Record	1-0
2-3	2026 Record - Hard	1-0
14-11	Career Five-Set Record	2-2
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
176-138	Career Tiebreak Record	0-6
3-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 7th time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 38th Grand Slam overall.
- Fritz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Valentin Royer 76(5) 57 61 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **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 is of the **21 American players in the men's singles draw this year**, the most of any nation – 11 of the American players to start the men's singles draw here have reached the 2nd round. 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.
- 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.
- **KOPRIVA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- Kopriva advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Jan-Lennard Struff 46 62 26 63 61 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Kopriva has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round at 2025 Roland Garros (d. Thiago Monteiro, l. Daniel Altmaier).
- **Last year here**, Kopriva reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Constant Lestienne, l. Borna Gojo). He made his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier at the 2024 Australian Open, falling to Sebastian Korda in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Kopriva fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Jordan Thompson) and the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner).
- Kopriva's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Luciano Darderi). He also reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Rome-1000 (l. Jack Draper). He recorded a career-best 10 Tour-level match-wins in 2025, having recorded just 6 victories at Tour-level prior to last year.
- Kopriva won his **6th Challenger title** in 2025 – at the Naples Challenger (ITA) (d. Darderi). He also finished runner-up at the Nonthaburi 3 Challenger (THA) (l. Brandon Holt) and the Bad Waltersdorf Challenger (AUT) (l. Jan Choinski) and reached the semifinals at the New Delhi Challenger (IND) (l. Kyrian Jacquet).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Kopriva reached the quarterfinals at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Alexander Blockx). He also attempted to qualify at Auckland but fell in the final round of qualifying (d. Pablo Carreno Busta, l. Hugo Gaston).
- Kopriva is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-3 win-loss record against Top 10 players, with his only victory coming against No. 10 Denis Shapovalov in the 2nd round at 2021 Gstaad. He has lost both of his previous matches against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams – to No. 2 Novak Djokovic at 2024 Wimbledon and to No. 1 Sinner in the 1st round at the US Open last year.
- Kopriva broke the Top 100 for the first time in April 2025 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 78 in June. He plays here at No. 101.
- Kopriva made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia in 2022. He has a 1-1 win-loss record in the competition but is yet to contest a live match. Czechia play at home against Sweden in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Kopriva is coached by Jaroslav Pospisil.

NO. 12 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v JAUME MUNAR (ESP)

Tour-level head-to-head: Ruud leads 5-1

2016	Santiago Challenger (CHI)	Clay (O)	R32	Ruud	62 62
2018	Bastad	Clay (O)	R32	Ruud	67(7) 64 60
2022	Gstaad	Clay (O)	QF	Ruud	76(3) 76(4)
2022	Tokyo	Hard (O)	R32	Munar	63 63
2025	Australian Open	Hard (O)	R128	Ruud	63 16 75 26 61
2025	Dallas	Hard (I)	SF	Ruud	62 26 76(4)
2025	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R16	Ruud	63 64

A 7th Tour-level meeting for Ruud and Munar and their 2nd at the Australian Open in consecutive years. Ruud has won 5 of the pair's 6 meetings at Tour-level, including a 5-set victory in the 1st round here last year. They also met once at Challenger-level, with Ruud winning in straight sets at the Santiago Challenger (CHI) in 2016.

Ruud and Munar were contemporaries at junior-level. They contested one match as juniors, with Ruud winning 16 75 62 in the 2nd round of the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros.

RUUD	v	MUNAR
27	Age	28
13	ATP Ranking	39
14	Titles	0
50-27	Career Grand Slam Record	17-28
9-6	Australian Open Record	3-7
302-158	Career Record	124-164
129-94	Career Record - Hard	46-72
2-2	2026 Record	3-3
2-2	2026 Record - Hard	3-3
10-7	Career Five-Set Record	4-7
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
98-77	Career Tiebreak Record	51-63
0-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-3

- **RUUD** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- Ruud advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Mattia Bellucci 61 62 64 for his **50th Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Ruud reached the 2nd round (d. Munar, l. Jakub Mensik).
- Ruud's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2021. He retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev.
- Ruud has reached **3 Grand Slam finals**, finishing as runner-up at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal), the 2022 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and 2023 Roland Garros (l. Novak Djokovic). He is the only Norwegian player in history to have contested a Grand Slam singles final at professional level.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Ruud reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, l. Nuno Borges) and the US Open (d. Sebastian Ofner, l. Raphael Collignon). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a knee injury.
- Ruud's best result in 2025 was winning his **first Masters-1000 title** at Madrid-1000 (d. Jack Draper). He also won the title at Stockholm (d. Ugo Humbert), finished runner-up at Dallas (l. Denis Shapovalov) and reached the semifinals at Tokyo (l. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Ruud represented Norway at the United Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he contested, defeating Australia's Alex de Minaur but falling to Czechia's Jakub Mensik. He also competed at Auckland, where he received a bye in the 1st round and fell to Fabian Marozsan in the 2nd round.

- Ruud has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He recorded 5-set victories against Quentin Halys in the 1st round in 2018, against Max Purcell in the 2nd round in 2024 and against Munar in the 1st round last year but fell to Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 10-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open in September 2022. He plays here at No. 13.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.
- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 29-11 overall win-loss record in the competition. Norway play at home against Great Britain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997, and Pedro Clar.
- **MUNAR** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and 29th Grand Slam overall.
- Munar advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Dalibor Svrčina 36 62 67(5) 75 63 in the 1st round on Monday. He had previously lost all 3 five-set matches he had contested at the Australian Open – to Aslan Karatsev in the 1st round in 2022, to Adrian Mannarino in the 2nd round in 2024 and to Ruud in the 1st round last year. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Munar has **equalled his best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here in 2020 (d. Hugo Gaston, I. Alexei Popyrin) and 2024 (d. Alexander Shevchenko, I. Adrian Mannarino). Last year here, he fell to Ruud in the 1st round.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025, Munar recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the round of 16 at the US Open. He defeated Jaime Faria, Gabriel Diallo and Zizou Bergs before falling to Lorenzo Musetti. He also reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon (I. Marin Cilic) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (I. Arthur Fils).
- Munar's **best results in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at Hong Kong (I. Alexandre Muller), Dallas (I. Ruud) and Basel (I. Joao Fonseca). He also reached the quarterfinals at Winston-Salem (I. Marton Fucsovics).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Munar reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide, defeating Daniel Altmaier and Francisco Cerundolo before falling to Tomas Machac. He also represented Spain at the United Cup, losing both singles matches he contested – to Argentina's Sebastian Baez and USA's Taylor Fritz.
- Munar is bidding to defeat a **Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 14 matches he has played against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, including all 4 matches he has played against Top 20 players at the Australian Open. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 31 Alexander Bublik in the 1st round at 2025 Wimbledon and the highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 48 Alexander Shevchenko in the 1st round in 2024. He has a 17-45 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Munar broke the Top 50 for the first time in July last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 33 in December. He plays here at No. 39.
- Munar **was part of the Spanish team that won the 2013 Junior Davis Cup Finals** in San Luis Potosi, defeating Korea, Rep. in the final. He achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in January 2015, and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2014 Roland Garros (I. Andrey Rublev). He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here (d. Filippo Baldi, I. Harry Bourchier).
- Munar made his **Davis Cup** debut for Spain in 2017 and has a 3-4 win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 4 matches he contested in the competition in 2025 as Spain finished as runners-up to Italy. 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.
- Munar is coached by Javier Fernandez and Miguel Sanchez.

NO. 15 KAREN KHACHANOV v (Q) NISHESH BASAVAREDDY (USA)

Head-to-head: Khachanov leads 1-0

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A 2nd meeting for Khachanov and Basavareddy – and their 2nd at consecutive Grand Slam events, with Khachanov having recorded a 4-set victory when they met in the 1st round at the US Open last year.

Khachanov is facing an American opponent for the 2nd consecutive match, having defeated Alex Michelsen in the 1st round here. He has a 5-2 win-loss record against American players at the Australian Open, a 13-5 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams and a 35-16 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

Khachanov has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 242 Basavareddy. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Khachanov at a Grand Slam is No. 220 Quentin Halys in the 2nd round at 2024 Wimbledon. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Khachanov at the Australian Open is No. 42 Michelsen in the 3rd round last year.

Khachanov has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as Basavareddy twice before. He fell to No. 287 Matthew Ebden in the quarterfinals at 2021 Marseille and to No. 285 Michael Mmoh in the 2nd round at Hong Kong earlier this month.

Khachanov has won 9 of the 10 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open. The only qualifier to have defeated Khachanov at a Grand Slam is Halys in the 2nd round at 2024 Wimbledon. He has a 43-13 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

KHACHANOV	v	BASAVAREDDY
29	Age	20
18	ATP Ranking	242
7	Titles	0
72-34	Career Grand Slam Record	1-3
21-9	Australian Open Record	1-1
314-227	Career Record	11-17
205-153	Career Record - Hard	11-13
1-1	2026 Record	1-0
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	1-0
13-13	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
151-143	Career Tiebreak Record	4-4
0-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **KHACHANOV** is bidding reach the 3rd round here for the 8th consecutive year. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 39th Grand Slam overall.
- Khachanov advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Alex Michelsen 46 64 63 57 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **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 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against Michelsen in the 1st round this year. The other 2 five-set matches he contested here both 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 13-13 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.
- Qualifier **BASAVAREDDY** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 4th Grand Slam overall.
- Basavareddy is one of 9 qualifiers to reach the men’s singles 2nd round here this year – the **highest number of qualifiers in the men’s singles 2nd round at the Australian Open since 2009**, when there were also 9. After 3 qualifiers lost their 2nd round matches on Wednesday, 6 qualifiers are competing in the 2nd round today. The record for most qualifiers in the men’s singles 3rd round at the Australian Open is 4 in 1998.

Qualifiers in men’s singles 3rd round at the Australian Open

No. of qualifiers in R32	Most-recent occasion (players)
≥1	2025 (Tien)
≥2	2022 (Albot, Daniel)
≥3	2006 (Benneteau, Gremelmayr, Simon)
≥4	1998 (Campbell, Golmard, Ilie, Lareau)
≥5	-

- If all 6 qualifiers competing in the men’s singles 2nd round win today, it will equal the **Open Era record for highest number of qualifiers to reach the men’s singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. Six qualifiers have reached the men’s singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 previous occasions in the Open Era – at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011.
- If 5 qualifiers reach the men’s singles 3rd round here, it will be the **2nd consecutive Grand Slam event where 5 qualifiers have reached the men’s singles 3rd round** – after Ugo Blanchet, Jerome Kym, Leandro Riedi, Jan-Lennard Struff and Coleman Wong all reached the 3rd round as qualifiers at the 2025 US Open.
- Basavareddy advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Christopher O’Connell 46 76(7) 67(3) 62 63 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday. It was the first 5-set match he has contested.
- Basavareddy defeated Alexis Galarnau (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 bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the first time**. He has lost all 4 matches he has contested against Top 20 players – including both matches he has contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, against No. 7 Djokovic in the 1st round here last year and against No. 9 Khachanov in the 1st round at the US Open last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 23 Alejandro Tabilo in the 2nd round at 2025 Auckland.
- Basavareddy is one of the **21 American players that began the men's singles draw this year**, the most of any nation – 11 of the American players to start the men's singles draw here have reached the 2nd round. 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.

NO. 16 JAKUB MENSİK (CZE) v (Q) RAFAEL JODAR (ESP)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Mensik is facing a Spanish player for the 2nd consecutive match, having defeated Pablo Carreno Busta in the 1st round here. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Spanish players at the Grand Slams and a 6-5 win-loss record against Spanish players at Tour-level overall.

Mensik won his only previous match against a qualifier at the Australian Open – against Nikoloz Basilashvili in the 1st round last year. He has a 2-2 win-loss record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and an 8-4 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Mensik has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as No. 150 Jodar on 4 occasions – he fell to No. 232 Gijs Brouwer in the 1st round at 2024 's-Hertogenbosch, to No. 210 Alex Bolt in the 1st round at 2024 Newport, to No. 200 Henrique Rocha in the 2nd round at 2025 Roland Garros and to No. 184 Ugo Blanchet in the 2nd round at the 2025 US Open.

At 19 years 137 days, Jodar was the youngest player to begin the men's singles main draw here this year. At 20 years 153 days, Mensik was the 6th-youngest player to begin the men's singles main draw – and is the 3rd-youngest player to reach the men's singles 2nd round here, after Jodar and Learner Tien (20 years 61 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

MENSİK	v	JODAR
20	Age	19
17	ATP Ranking	150
2	Titles	0
12-8	Career Grand Slam Record	1-0
4-2	Australian Open Record	1-0
67-43	Career Record	3-1
49-28	Career Record - Hard	3-1
6-2	2026 Record	1-0
6-2	2026 Record - Hard	1-0
2-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
42-24	Career Tiebreak Record	1-0
4-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **MENSİK** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Mensik advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Pablo Carreno Busta 75 46 6 76(1) 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday. It was his **2nd victory in a 5-set match** and improved his win-loss record in 5-set matches to 2-6. His only other 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.
- 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 (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard), Auckland (l. Nuno Borges), Madrid-1000 (l. Francisco Cerundolo), Eastbourne (l. 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 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.
- Qualifier **JODAR** is bidding to reach the 3rd round on his Grand Slam debut.
- At 19 years 137 days, Jodar is bidding to become the **4th Spanish teenager in the Open Era to reach the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open** – after Juan Carlos Ferrero (who reached the 3rd round here in 2000 aged 19 years 352 days), Rafael Nadal (who reached the 3rd round here in 2004 aged 17 years 243 days and in 2005 aged 18 years 241 days) and Carlos Alcaraz (who reached the 3rd round here in 2022 aged 18 years 270 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Jodar is also bidding to become the **youngest Spanish man to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam since the 2022 US Open**, when Alcaraz reached the 3rd round (and went on to win the title) aged 19 years 129 days.
- Jodar is one of 9 qualifiers to reach the men's singles 2nd round here this year – the **highest number of qualifiers in the men's singles 2nd round at the Australian Open since 2009**, when there were also 9. After 3 qualifiers lost their 2nd round matches on Wednesday, 6 qualifiers are competing in the 2nd round today. The record for most qualifiers in the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open is 4 in 1998.

Qualifiers in men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open

No. of qualifiers in R32	Most-recent occasion (players)
≥1	2025 (Tien)
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≥3	2006 (Benneteau, Gremelmayr, Simon)
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≥5	-

- If all 6 qualifiers competing in the men's singles 2nd round win today, it will equal the **Open Era record for highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. Six qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 previous occasions in the Open Era – at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011.
- If 5 qualifiers reach the men's singles 3rd round here, it will be the **2nd consecutive Grand Slam event where 5 qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round** – after Ugo Blanchet, Jerome Kym, Leandro Riedi, Jan-Lennard Struff and Coleman Wong all reached the 3rd round as qualifiers at the 2025 US Open.
- Jodar advanced to the 2nd round after defeating fellow qualifier Rei Sakamoto 76(6) 61 57 46 63 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday. It was also the first 5-set match he has contested at Tour-level.
- Jodar defeated wild card Li Tu (AUS) 62 61, Chris Rodesch (LUX) 76(10) 63 and Luca van Assche (FRA) 63 06 61 in the **3 rounds of qualifying here last week**. It was first appearance in the qualifying draw at the Grand Slams.
- Jodar is contesting his **2nd Tour-level event here**. His only previous appearance at Tour-level came at the 2025 Next Gen ATP Finals, where he won 2 of the 3 matches he contested in the group stage but did not advance to the semifinals.

- Jodar won his **first 3 Challenger titles** in 2025 – at the Hersonissos 3 Challenger (GRE) (d. Dan Added), the Lincoln Challenger (USA) (d. Martin Damm) and the Charlottesville Challenger (USA) (d. Damm). He also reached the semifinals at 5 other Challenger-level events last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Jodar finished runner-up as a qualifier at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Alexander Blockx).
- Jodar is **facing a Top 20 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced, at any level, is No. 28 Learner Tien, whom he defeated in the group stage at the 2025 Next Gen ATP Finals.
- Jodar **broke the Top 500, Top 400, Top 300 and Top 200 for the first time in 2025**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 150 last week and plays here at the same ranking.
- Jodar had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 after winning the boys' singles title at the 2024 US Open (d. Nicolai Budkov Kjaer). He also finished runner-up at the 2024 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals (l. Mees Rottgering). He never competed in the junior event here.
- Jodar **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Virginia for one season in 2024-25 and was named an ITA all-American in singles. He turned professional last month, forfeiting his college eligibility.
- Jodar is coached by his father, Rafael Sr., and Brian Rasmussen, who is the assistant coach at the University of Virginia.

NO. 21 DENIS SHAPOVALOV (CAN) v MARIN CILIC (CRO)

Head-to-head: Shapovalov leads 3-2

2018	Basel	Hard (I)	R32	Cilic	64 62
2019	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Shapovalov	64 62
2020	Marseille	Hard (I)	R16	Shapovalov	64 46 62
2020	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Shapovalov	63 63
2021	Stuttgart	Grass (O)	QF	Cilic	75 76(3)

A 6th Tour-level meeting for Shapovalov and Cilic – but their first at a Grand Slam and their first for more than 4 years. Cilic won the pair's first and most-recent meeting, but Shapovalov leads the overall head-to-head.

Cilic has won 6 of the 7 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open. The only lefthanded player to have defeated Cilic here is Rafael Nadal in the round of 16 in 2011. He has a 23-3 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams overall, with his 2 other defeats coming against Guido Pella in the 2nd round at 2018 Wimbledon and against Nadal in the round of 16 at the 2019 US Open. He has an 88-37 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

SHAPOVALOV	v	CILIC
26	Age	37
23	ATP Ranking	70
4	Titles	21
48-31	Career Grand Slam Record	142-60
13-8	Australian Open Record	36-15
234-195	Career Record	598-351
176-133	Career Record - Hard	371-221
1-1	2026 Record	2-1
1-1	2026 Record - Hard	2-1
12-10	Career Five-Set Record	34-20
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	8
103-117	Career Tiebreak Record	244-217
1-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- Lefthander **SHAPOVALOV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 5th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 32nd Grand Slam overall.
- Shapovalov advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Bu Yunchaokete 63 76(3) 61 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Shapovalov reached the 2nd round (d. Roberto Bautista Agut, I. Lorenzo Musetti).
- Shapovalov's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022. He defeated Laslo Djere, Kwon Soonwoo, Reilly Opelka and Alexander Zverev before falling to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets.
- Shapovalov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon (I. Novak Djokovic). He is one of 8 Canadian players in history, men or women, to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Shapovalov reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he defeated Marton Fucsovics and Valentin Royer before falling to Jannik Sinner, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Pedro Martinez, I. Filip Misolic) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (I. Mariano Navone).
- Shapovalov's best results in 2025 were winning his **3rd and 4th Tour-level titles** – at Dallas (d. Casper Ruud) and Los Cabos (d. Aleksandar Kovacevic). He also reached the semifinals at Acapulco (I. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and Stockholm (I. Ruud) and the quarterfinals at Basel, where he retired against Joao Fonseca due to a right knee injury.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shapovalov fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (I. Raphael Collignon).
- Shapovalov is one of **6 lefthanders** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Nadal, who won the title here in 2009 and 2022, is the last lefthander to win the title here.

- Shapovalov has won 2 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having recorded 5-set victories against Sinner in the 1st round in 2021 and Kwon in the 2nd round in 2022. He has a 12-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Shapovalov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 in September 2020 and is one of 3 Canadian men (alongside Felix Auger-Aliassime and Milos Raonic) to have been ranked inside the Top 10. He plays here at No. 23.
- Shapovalov was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Alex de Minaur) and was a member of the Canadian team that defeated Germany to win the 2015 Junior Davis Cup title. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2015 (d. Hurkacz, l. Marc Polmans).
- Shapovalov was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He won 2 of the 4 Davis Cup singles matches he contested in 2022, including a victory against Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final. He was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (l. Spain) and has an 18-11 overall win-loss record in the competition. Canada play at home against Brazil in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Shapovalov is coached by Mikael Tillstrom.
- **CILIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 11th time. This is his 16th Australian Open and his 63rd Grand Slam overall.
- Cilic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Daniel Altmaier 60 60 76(3) in the 1st round on Monday.
- Cilic **did not compete at the Australian Open last year**. On his last appearance here, in 2024, he fell to Fabian Marozsan in the 1st round.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2025**, Cilic reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon, where he defeated Raphael Collignon, Jack Draper and Jaume Munar before falling to Flavio Cobolli. He fell in the 1st round as a lucky loser at Roland Garros (l. Cobolli) and as a direct acceptance at the US Open (l. Alexander Bublik). His appearance in qualifying at Roland Garros last year was the first time he had contested the qualifying draw at a Grand Slam since the 2007 US Open.
- Cilic **missed 8 of the 12 Grand Slam tournaments in 2023-25** due to a knee injury for which he underwent surgery in January 2023. He contested just 14 events at any level between January 2023 and February 2025.
- Cilic is a **former Australian Open runner-up**. He reached the final here in 2018, when he defeated No. 1 seed Rafael Nadal in 5 sets in the quarterfinals but fell to No. 2 seed and defending champion Roger Federer in the final, also in 5 sets.
- Cilic **won his only Grand Slam title to date at the 2014 US Open**, defeating Kei Nishikori in the final. He was the first Croatian to win a Grand Slam title since Goran Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon. In addition to his appearance in the final here in 2018, he also reached the final at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Federer). He is one of the 6 Grand Slam champions to have started this year's men's main draw.
- Cilic's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals at Dubai (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime). He recorded just 10 Tour-level match-wins last year.
- Cilic **won 2 Challenger titles in 2025** – at the Girona Challenger (ESP) (d. Elmer Moller) and the Nottingham 2 Challenger (GBR) (d. Shintaro Mochizuki). They were his first titles at Challenger-level since 2007. He also finished runner-up at the Madrid Challenger (ESP) (l. Kamil Majchrzak).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Cilic reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Adrian Mannarino, l. Nuno Borges).
- Cilic has won 10 of the 14 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 28-15 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Grand Slams and a 34-20 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Having won 34 five-set matches at Tour-level, Cilic is in **4th place on the Open Era list for most 5-set matches won at Tour-level**. (see table overleaf)

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

Player	5-set match win-loss at Tour-level
Novak Djokovic	40-11
Ivan Lendl	36-22
Ilie Nastase	35-19
Marin Cilic	34-20
Pete Sampras	33-15

- Having contested 54 five-set matches at Tour-level, Cilic is in **joint-5th place on the Open Era list for most 5-set matches played at Tour-level**, alongside Ilie Nastase.

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

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

- Cilic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in January 2018 following his runner-up finish at the Australian Open. He dropped out of the rankings in January 2024 and re-entered the Top 200 in November that year and re-entered the Top 100 after winning the title at the Nottingham 2 Challenger in June last year. He plays here at No. 70.
- Cilic reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2005 Australian Open (l. Donald Young). He finished the year at **No. 2 in the ITF Junior Rankings** behind Donald after winning Junior Roland Garros (d. Antal van der Duim) and reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the US Open.
- Cilic became a **Davis Cup** champion after leading Croatia to the title in 2018. He won 6 of the 7 matches he contested during 2018 and defeated Lucas Pouille in the 4th match of the Final to seal Croatia's 2nd Davis Cup title. He was also a member of the Croatian team which finished as runners-up to the Russian Tennis Federation in 2021. He has a 43-25 win-loss record in the competition and holds the record for most Davis Cup match-wins by a player representing Croatia. Croatia will play at home against Denmark in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Cilic is coached by Vilim Visak.

NO. 30 VALENTIN VACHEROT (MON) v (WC) RINKY HIJIKATA (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2021 M15 Monastir (TUN) Hard (O) F Hijikata 63 61

A first Tour-level meeting for Vacherot and Hijikata. They met once below Tour-level – in the final at an ITF World Tennis Tour event in Monastir, Tunisia in July 2021. At the time of that meeting, Hijikata was ranked at No. 749 and Vacherot was ranked at No. 1427.

Vacherot is facing an Australian player at Tour-level for the first time. He was due to face Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round at Adelaide last week before Kokkinakis gave a walkover due to a right shoulder injury.

VACHEROT	v	HIJIKATA
27	Age	24
31	ATP Ranking	114
1	Titles	0
1-1	Career Grand Slam Record	7-11
1-0	Australian Open Record	2-3
26-13	Career Record	38-56
18-5	Career Record - Hard	29-37
2-2	2026 Record	3-2
2-2	2026 Record - Hard	3-2
0-0	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
5-11	Career Tiebreak Record	17-15
1-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **VACHEROT** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Vacherot is bidding to become the **3rd Monegasque player in history, man or woman, to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam** – after Vladimir Landau (who reached the men’s singles 3rd round at Roland Garros in 1929 and 1930) and Aleco Noghes (who reached the men’s singles 3rd round at Roland Garros in 1948).
- Vacherot advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Martin Damm 64 64 64 for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Vacherot has become the **first Monegasque player to record an Australian Open singles match-win**. He is the 3rd Monegasque player to compete in singles here – after Emmanuelle Gagliardi (who fell in the women’s singles 1st round here in 1997) and Jean-Rene Lisnard (who fell in the men’s singles 1st round here in 2006).
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Vacherot has become the **first Monegasque player to record a Grand Slam match-win since the 2011 US Open**, when Lisnard reached the men’s singles 2nd round.
- **Last year here**, Vacherot reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, I. Kimmer Coppejans). It was his only previous appearance here, in qualifying or the main draw.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Vacherot reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros (d. Carlos Taberner, I. Nikoloz Basilashvili) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Hamish Stewart). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the US Open.
- Vacherot’s **only previous Grand Slam main draw appearance** came as a qualifier at 2024 Roland Garros, where he fell to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in the 1st round.
- Vacherot’s best result in 2025 was **winning his first Tour-level title as a qualifier at Shanghai-1000**, defeating his cousin Arthur Rinderknech in the final. Ranked at No. 204, he became the lowest-ranked player to both reach a Masters-1000 final and win a Masters-1000 title. He also became the first Monegasque player to win a Tour-level singles title. It was the first Tour-level men’s singles to be contested by a pair of family members since 1991 Chicago, when John McEnroe defeated his brother Patrick McEnroe.

- Vacherot's **other Tour-level highlight in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at Paris-1000 (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime). He recorded 15 Tour-level match-wins in 2025 – prior to last season, he had recorded just 9 Tour-level match-wins, all of which came in Davis Cup ties.
- Vacherot's **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were finishing runner-up at the Francavilla Challenger (ITA) (l. Francesco Maestrelli) and reaching the semifinals at the Todi Challenger (ITA) (l. Timofei Skatov). He has won 4 titles at Challenger-level, most recently at the 2024 Pune Challenger (IND) (d. Adam Walton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Vacherot reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide, defeating Miomir Kecmanovic in the 1st round and receiving a walkover against Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round before falling to Davidovich Fokina. He fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Sebastian Korda).
- Vacherot **rose 164 places in the rankings** – from No. 204 to No. 40 – after winning the title at Shanghai-1000 last year. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 30 in November and plays here one place lower at No. 31.
- Vacherot **played college tennis**. He represented Texas A&M University from 2016 to 2020, playing alongside cousin Arthur Rinderknech for 2 seasons and reaching the semifinals of the NCAA Championships in 2018.
- Vacherot made his **Davis Cup** debut for Monaco in 2020 and has a 13-3 win-loss record in the competition. Monaco play away against Kazakhstan in the 2026 World Group I Play-offs in February.
- Vacherot is coached by his half-brother Benjamin Balleret.
- Wild card **HIJIKATA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- Hijikata advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Adrian Mannarino 63 63 61 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Hijikata has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a wild card on his Australian Open debut in 2023, when he defeated Yannick Hanfmann in 5 sets before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 2nd round.
- **Last year here**, Hijikata fell in the 1st round (l. Mitchell Krueger). He also fell to Jan-Lennard Struff in 5 sets in the 1st round here in 2024. His 1st round matches here in 2023 and 2024 are the only 5-set matches he has contested to date.
- Hijikata's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card at the 2023 US Open, when he defeated Pavel Kotov, Marton Fucsovics and Zhizhen Zhang before falling to Frances Tiafoe.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Hijikata reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. David Goffin, l. Ben Shelton) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Reilly Opelka) and the US Open (l. Luciano Darderi).
- Hijikata's **best Tour-level result in 2025** was reaching the quarterfinals as lucky loser at Adelaide, where he defeated Goffin and Brandon Nakashima before falling to Tommy Paul. It was the only occasion where he recorded back-to-back Tour-level match-wins in 2025. He reached the 2nd round at 5 other Tour-level events and fell in the 1st round at 11 Tour-level events last year.
- Hijikata won his **4th Challenger title** in 2025 – he successfully defended his title at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (d. Dane Sweeny). His other highlights at Challenger-level were reaching the semifinals at the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and the Birmingham Challenger (GBR) (l. Colton Smith).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Hijikata reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Brisbane (d. Adam Walton, l. Mpetshi Perricard) and as a wild card at Adelaide (d. Tristan Schoolkate, l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina).
- Hijikata reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 62 in August 2024. He plays here at No. 114.
- Hijikata **won the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Jason Kubler as a wild card team, defeating Hugo Nys/Jan Zielinski in the final. It was the pair's first event as a team at any level. They also became the 2nd all-Australian men's doubles champions at the Australian Open in consecutive years after Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios in 2022.

- Hijikata **played college tennis**. He represented the University of North Carolina in 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore.
- Hijikata was a **good junior**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles as a wild card here in 2018 (l. Aidan McHugh) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 9 in December 2018.
- Hijikata is coached by Mark Draper.

NO. 31 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v TOMAS MACHAC (CZE)

Head-to-head: Tsitsipas leads 1-0

2023 Vienna Hard (I) R16 Tsitsipas 63 46 75

A 2nd meeting for Tsitsipas and Machac. At the time of their only previous meeting, in the 2nd round at Vienna in October 2023, Tsitsipas was ranked at No. 7 and Machac was ranked at No. 74. Despite being unseeded, Machac is now ranked above Tsitsipas, having risen 11 places on Monday after winning the title at Adelaide last week.

TSITSIPAS	v	MACHAC
27	Age	25
35	ATP Ranking	24
13	Titles	2
68-33	Career Grand Slam Record	17-14
25-8	Australian Open Record	7-5
375-184	Career Record	78-60
223-124	Career Record - Hard	60-42
4-1	2026 Record	6-1
4-1	2026 Record - Hard	6-1
12-9	Career Five-Set Record	3-3
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
167-126	Career Tiebreak Record	33-29
1-2	2026 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 7th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- Tsitsipas advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Shintaro Mochizuki 46 63 62 62 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Tsitsipas fell to Alex Michelsen in the 1st round. It was the first time he had lost in the 1st round here since his Australian Open debut in 2018, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round.
- 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.
- **MACHAC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- Machac advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Grigor Dimitrov 64 64 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- 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 ETHAN QUINN (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

HURKACZ	v	QUINN
28	Age	21
55	ATP Ranking	80
8	Titles	0
37-28	Career Grand Slam Record	4-4
11-7	Australian Open Record	1-0
234-155	Career Record	15-25
161-105	Career Record - Hard	7-17
5-1	2026 Record	1-1
5-1	2026 Record - Hard	1-1
9-8	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
136-126	Career Tiebreak Record	6-11
4-1	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **HURKACZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- Hurkacz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Zizou Bergs 67(6) 76(6) 63 63 in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Hurkacz reached the 2nd round (d. Tallon Griekspoor, I. Miomir Kecmanovic).
- 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.

- **QUINN** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. He is making his Australian Open debut and is making his 5th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Quinn advanced to the 2nd round after defeating No. 23 seed Tallon Griekspoor 62 63 62 for his **first Australian Open match-win** in the 1st round on Tuesday.
- **Last year here**, Quinn reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Calvin Hemery, l. Dominik Koepfer). It is his only previous appearance in the men's event here, in qualifying or the main draw.
- Quinn's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros last year, where he defeated Grigor Dimitrov and Alexander Shevchenko for his first Grand Slam match-wins before falling to Griekspoor.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Quinn reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Henry Searle, l. Kamil Majchrzak) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Jerome Kym).
- Quinn is bidding to **record back-to-back Tour-level match-wins for the 2nd time**. His 3rd round finish at Roland Garros last year is the only occasion when he has previously recorded back-to-back match-wins at Tour-level. He reached the 2nd round at 10 other Tour-level events in 2025 and fell in the 1st round at 7 Tour-level events last year.
- Quinn **contested 4 events at Challenger-level in 2025**. His best results were finishing runner-up at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Joao Fonseca) and reaching the semifinals at the San Diego Challenger (USA) (l. Eliot Spizzirri).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Quinn fell in the 1st round at Adelaide (l. Marton Fucsovics). He also reached the final round of qualifying at Brisbane (d. Benjamin Bonzi, l. Raphael Collignon).
- Quinn has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested – both of which came at Roland Garros last year. He defeated Shevchenko in 5 sets in the 2nd round before falling to Griekspoor in 5 sets in the 3rd round.
- Quinn broke the Top 100 for the first time in June 2025 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 64 in November. He plays here at No. 80.
- Quinn had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 14 in January 2022 and finished runner-up at 2021 JB1 San Diego (the USTA National Championships). He never competed in the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Quinn **played college tennis** at the University of Georgia for 2 seasons in 2022 and 2023. He won the 2023 NCAA singles title and was named an all-American in singles and doubles in 2023.
- Quinn is coached by Brad Stine and Brian Garber.

(Q) ARTHUR GEA (FRA) v (WC) STAN WAWRINKA (SUI)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Wawrinka has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 198 Gea once before – when he fell to No. 239 Hugo Gaston in the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Wawrinka at the Australian Open is No. 97 Tennys Sandgren in the 2nd round in 2018.

Wawrinka has won 15 of the 17 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including his 5 previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open. The only qualifiers to have defeated Wawrinka at a Grand Slam are Thomas Fabbiano in the 2nd round at 2018 Wimbledon and Mattia Bellucci in the 1st round at the 2024 US Open. He has a 68-29 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

GEA	v	WAWRINKA
21	Age	40
198	ATP Ranking	139
0	Titles	16
1-0	Career Grand Slam Record	159-71
1-0	Australian Open Record	44-18
1-1	Career Record	584-381
1-1	Career Record - Hard	340-219
1-0	2026 Record	2-4
1-0	2026 Record - Hard	2-4
0-0	Career Five-Set Record	30-27
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	6
1-0	Career Tiebreak Record	269-248
1-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	5-1

- Qualifier **GEA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here on his Grand Slam debut.
- Gea is one of 9 qualifiers to reach the men's singles 2nd round here this year – the **highest number of qualifiers in the men's singles 2nd round at the Australian Open since 2009**, when there were also 9. After 3 qualifiers lost their 2nd round matches on Wednesday, 6 qualifiers are competing in the 2nd round today. The record for most qualifiers in the men's singles 3rd round is 4 in 1998.

Qualifiers in men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open

No. of qualifiers in R32	Most-recent occasion (players)
≥1	2025 (Tien)
≥2	2022 (Albot, Daniel)
≥3	2006 (Benneteau, Gremelmayr, Simon)
≥4	1998 (Campbell, Golmard, Ilie, Lareau)
≥5	-

- If all 6 qualifiers competing in the men's singles 2nd round win today, it will equal the **Open Era record for highest number of qualifiers to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. Six qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 previous occasions in the Open Era – at Roland Garros in 1991 and 2011.
- If 5 qualifiers reach the men's singles 3rd round here, it will be the **2nd consecutive Grand Slam event where 5 qualifiers have reached the men's singles 3rd round** – after Ugo Blanchet, Jerome Kym, Leandro Riedi, Jan-Lennard Struff and Coleman Wong all reached the 3rd round as qualifiers at the 2025 US Open.
- Gea advanced to the 2nd round after defeating No. 17 seed Jiri Lehecka 75 76(1) 75 for his **first Tour-level match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- Gea defeated Zdenek Kolar (CZE) 62 63, No. 2 seed Roman Andres Burruchaga (ARG) 63 63 and No. 30 seed Daniel Vallejo (PAR) 62 62 in the **3 rounds of qualifying last week**. It was his first appearance in Australian Open qualifying and his 4th appearance in qualifying at the Grand Slams.

- Gea was **ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open in 2025**. His only previous appearances in qualifying at the Grand Slams have come as a wild card at Roland Garros in 2023-25. He reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros last year (d. Alexander Blockx, l. Titouan Droguet) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying in both 2023 (l. Liam Broady) and 2024 (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Gea is making his **2nd Tour-level appearance**. His only previous appearance at Tour-level came as a qualifier at 2025 Marseille, where he fell to Hugo Grenier in the 1st round.
- Gea's **best results at Challenger-level in 2025** were reaching the semifinals at the Monastir Challenger (TUN) (l. Petr Brunclik) and the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Lille Challenger (FRA) (l. Valentin Royer) and as a direct acceptance at the Milan Challenger (ITA) (l. Rafael Jodar).
- Gea **won 4 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2025** – at M15 Bressuire (FRA) (d. Mae Malige), M25 Bali 2 (INA) (d. Yanki Erel), M25 Bali 3 (INA) (d. Philip Sekulic) and M25 Monastir (TUN) (d. Jurij Rodionov). He also finished runner-up at M25 Hazebrouck (FRA) (l. Joris de Loore) and M25 Santa Margherita di Pula (ITA) (l. Jay Clarke).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Gea won his **first Challenger title** at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (d. Jurij Rodionov). He has won all 8 matches he has contested this season, with his last defeat, at any level, coming in the 1st round at the Lyon 2 Challenger (FRA) in November (l. Vit Koprivá).
- Gea **broke the Top 200 for the first time** after winning the title at the Noumea Challenger this month. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 197 last week and plays here one place lower at No. 198.
- Gea had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in January 2023, reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2023 US Open (l. Learner Tien) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the 2023 Australian Open (l. Tomasz Berkieta).
- Gea is coached by Tarik Benhabiles.
- Wild card **WAWRINKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 12th time – but for the first time since 2020.
- Wawrinka is bidding to record his 44th Australian Open match-win and equal Pete Sampras in **9th place on the Open Era list for most men's singles match-wins at the Australian Open**.

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

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	102-15
2.	Novak Djokovic	100-10
3.	Rafael Nadal	77-16
4.	Stefan Edberg	56-10
5.	Andy Murray	51-15
6=	Andre Agassi	48-5
	Ivan Lendl	48-10
8.	Tomas Berdych	47-16
9.	Pete Sampras	45-9
10.	Stan Wawrinka	43-16

- At 40 years 310 days, Wawrinka is bidding to become the **first player to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam aged 40 or older since the 1978 Australian Open**, when Ken Rosewall reached the 3rd round aged 44 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Wawrinka is bidding to become the **7th player in the Open Era to reach the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam aged 40 or older** – after Pancho Gonzales (8 Grand Slam 3rd round appearances aged 40 or older), Rosewall (6), Frank Sedgman and Torben Ulrich (both 2), and Mal Anderson and Pancho Segura (both one).
- Wawrinka advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Laslo Djere 57 63 64 76(4) in the 1st round on Monday. He has become the **2nd player to reach the men's singles 2nd round at the Australian Open aged 40 or older since Rosewall in 1978** – after Ivo Karlovic, who reached the 2nd round here in 2020 aged 40 years 339 days.
- Wawrinka is the **11th man in the Open Era to compete in the men's singles draw here after turning 40** – and only the 3rd since 2000, after Ivo Karlovic in 2020 and Feliciano Lopez, who fell in the 1st round in 2022 aged 40 years 132 days.

- Wawrinka is making his **20th Australian Open appearance**. He is one of 6 players in the Open Era to contest the men's singles here on 20 or more occasions – alongside Novak Djokovic (who is competing here for the 21st time this year), Roger Federer (21 Australian Open appearances), Lleyton Hewitt and Feliciano Lopez (20) and Gael Monfils (who is also competing here for the 20th time this year).
- Wawrinka is also making his **75th Grand Slam appearance overall**. He is in joint-4th place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances, alongside Richard Gasquet. Federer and Lopez (81 Grand Slam appearances) and Djokovic (who is making his 81st Grand Slam appearance here) are the only players to have made more Grand Slam men's singles appearances than Wawrinka.
- **Last year here**, Wawrinka fell to Lorenzo Sonego in 4 sets in the 1st round. He also lost in the 1st round here in 2023 (l. Alex Molcan) and 2024 (l. Adrian Mannarino). He had previously not lost in the 1st round here in 16 consecutive Australian Open appearances from 2006 to 2021 and did not compete here in 2022 due to a left foot injury.
- Wawrinka **won the 2014 Australian Open title**, defeating No. 1 seed Rafael Nadal in the final. Having also defeated No. 2 seed Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals, he became the first player to defeat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to a Grand Slam title since Sergi Bruguera won 1993 Roland Garros.
- Wawrinka has won **3 Grand Slam titles at 3 different majors**. He also won the titles at 2015 Roland Garros and the 2016 US Open, defeating Djokovic in both finals. He is one of 6 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Wawrinka fell in the 1st round as a wild card at Roland Garros (l. Jacob Fearnley). He did not compete in qualifying or the main draw at Wimbledon or the US Open.
- Wawrinka recorded **4 Tour-level match-wins in 2025** – in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at Bucharest (d. Timofei Skatov, l. Pedro Martinez), as a direct acceptance at Umag (d. Alvaro Guillen Meza, l. Damir Dzumhur), and as a wild card at both Basel (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Casper Ruud) and Athens (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, l. Lorenzo Musetti). He fell in the 1st round at the 9 other Tour-level events he contested in 2025.
- Wawrinka contested **10 Challenger-level events in 2025**. His best results were runner-up finishes at the Aix-en-Provence Challenger (FRA) (l. Borna Coric) and Rennes Challenger (FRA) (l. Hugo Gaston). He also reached the semifinals at the Iasi Challenger (ROU) (l. Elmer Moller), the Cancun Challenger (MEX) (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante) and the Saint Tropez Challenger (FRA) (l. Dan Added).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Wawrinka represented Switzerland at the United Cup, winning one of the 5 singles matches he contested. He defeated France's Arthur Rinderknech before falling to Italy's Flavio Cobolli, Argentina's Sebastian Baez, Belgium's Zizou Bergs and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Wawrinka has won just one of the last 6 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only victory in a 5-set match in that time coming against Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and has a 30-27 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Having contested 48 five-set matches at the Grand Slams, Wawrinka holds the **Open Era record for most 5-set matches played at the Grand Slams**, ahead of Djokovic and Federer.

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

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

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

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

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

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