



# 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



## Junior Tournament Preview

In 1922, the first boys’ singles event was held at the Australian Championships, with Alan Yeldham winning the title. The first girls’ singles event was held 8 years later in 1930, with Emily Hood winning the tournament. This is the 99th edition of the boys’ singles tournament and the 91st edition of the girls’ singles tournament here.

The Australian Championships (which became the Australian Open in 1969) was the first of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments to host a junior event – ahead of Roland Garros and Wimbledon, both of which hosted a junior event for the first time in 1947, and the US Open, which hosted its inaugural junior event in 1973.

The 2026 Australian Open is the 114th edition of the event overall and is being played at Melbourne Park for the 39th time, having first been played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

### 2025 – THE JUNIOR TOUR IN REVIEW

The junior Grand Slam singles events in 2025 saw 7 different champions, all of whom will now look to use that success at junior-level as a springboard towards successful professional careers.

In the boys’ singles events, Switzerland’s Henry Bernet defeated USA’s Benjamin Willwerth to win the Australian Open, becoming the first Swiss player to win the junior boys title here and the first Swiss Grand Slam boys’ singles champion since Dominic Stricker at 2020 Roland Garros. Niels McDonald won an all-German final at Roland Garros, defeating Max Schoenhaus, before Bulgaria’s Ivan Ivanov won became the first player to win back-to-back Grand Slam boys’ singles titles since 2018. Ivanov defeated USA’s Ronit Karki in the final at Wimbledon and beat compatriot Alexander Vasiliev in the final at the US Open.

In the girls’ singles events, Wakana Sonobe became the first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam girls’ singles title with her triumph over USA’s Kristina Penickova in the final at the Australian Open. At Roland Garros, Austria’s Lilli Tagger defeated Great Britain’s Hannah Klugman, before Mia Pohankova made it back-to-back girls’ singles titles for Slovakia at Wimbledon, defeating USA’s Julieta Pareja to emulate Renata Jamrichova’s title-victory from the previous year. Belgium’s Jeline Vandromme was victorious at the US Open, with Sweden’s Lea Nilsson finishing as runner-up.

### NEW GRAND SLAM SINGLES CHAMPIONS GUARANTEED

With no junior Grand Slam singles champions in either draw, new major singles champions are guaranteed in the junior events at the 2026 Australian Open.

Five players competing here have reached junior Grand Slam doubles finals, and will looking to use that experience to help their singles performances. None of the 128 players in the juniors singles draws have ever reached an Australian Open junior final in either singles or doubles.

Player	Result
Thea Frodin	Runner-up in girls’ doubles at 2025 Wimbledon.
Keaton Hance	Winner in boys’ doubles at the 2025 US Open
Alena Kovackova	Runner-up in girls’ doubles at 2025 Roland Garros and the 2025 US Open
Jana Kovackova	Runner-up in girls’ doubles at 2025 Roland Garros and the 2025 US Open
Flynn Thomas (SUI)	Runner-up in boys’ doubles at the 2024 US Open

## **SIBLING RIVALRY**

The top 2 seeds in the girls' singles draw are 2 of the latest female stars to emerge from Czechia – and, in this case, both come from the same family. 17-year-old Alena Kovackova is the top seed, with her 15-year-old sister Jana seeded at No. 2. The sisters share a birthday (13 June) but were born in 2008 and 2010, respectively. They have combined in doubles to good effect at the junior Grand Slam events, recording runner-up finishes at both Roland Garros and the US Open last year.

Alena's best Grand Slam singles results are 3rd round finishes at both the Australian Open and Roland Garros last year – she also won the biggest singles title of her at J500 Merida (MEX) in late 2025. Jana's best Grand Slam singles results are also 3rd round finishes, at both the Australian Open and US Open last year.

The Kovackova sisters are among the 5 Czech players in the girls' singles draw here – the last Czech player to win the Australian Open girls' singles title was Karolina Pliskova in 2010.

## **FUTURE FRENCH STARS**

The No. 1 seed in the boys' singles draw and No. 3 seed in the girls' singles draw both hail from France, with Yannick Theodor Alexandrescou (who previously represented Romania) and Ksenia Efremova both among the title contenders here.

Alexandrescou reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros in 2025, and also won 4 titles at J300-level to steer him towards the summit of the junior rankings. Efremova is a 2-time junior Grand Slam singles quarterfinalist – she has reached the last 8 at both the 2024 Australian Open and the 2025 US Open. She also won 4 titles last season, including the prestigious J500 Osaka (JPN).

Victory for Alexandrescou would see him become the first Australian Open junior champion since Harold Mayot won the boys' singles title here in 2020, while a title-win for Efremova would make her the first French girls' singles champion since Virginie Razzano in 1998.

## **BRAZILIAN CONTENDERS**

Boys' singles No. 2 seed Luis Guto Miguel and girls' singles No. 4 seed Victoria Luiza Barros continue a fine recent tradition of strong junior players from Brazil. Barros would become the first Brazilian player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title if she triumphs here, while Miguel would become the first Brazilian boys' singles winner at a major since Joao Fonseca at the 2023 US Open – a victory which was an early step on the path to joining the game's elite. 2010 boys' singles champion Tiago Fernandes is the only Brazilian player to have won a junior singles title at the Australian Open.

Miguel displayed great potential in a semifinal finish at the US Open last year – and he continued that strong form with a title at J300 Traralgon (AUS) earlier this week. The last 2 boys' singles champions at Traralgon (Rei Sakamoto and Henry Bernet) have gone on to win the boys' singles title here.

Barros' best Grand Slam singles results to date are 3rd round finishes at the Australian Open and Roland Garros last year. She also finished the 2025 season strongly, finishing runner-up at J500 Merida (MEX) and reaching the semifinals at J500 Fort Lauderdale (USA).

## **ANOTHER JAPANESE CHAMPION?**

Japan has enjoyed great success at the Australian Open junior events in recent years, with Rei Sakamoto winning the boys' singles title here in 2024 and Wakana Sonobe claiming the girls' singles title here last year. The highest-ranked Japanese player in either draw this year is Ryo Tabata, who is the No. 3 seed in the boys' singles draw. Tabata has lost in the 1st round on both of his previous appearances in the junior event here – but a semifinal finish at Roland Garros last year proved he is capable of contending at the majors.

## **AMERICAN STRENGTH IN DEPTH**

No American player won a junior Grand Slam singles title in 2025 – but 4 American juniors reached a major singles final last year. Boys' singles No. 3 seed Keaton Hance is the highest-ranked American across the 2 singles draws here this year. Hance is the only player competing in the junior events here to have previously tasted Grand Slam success – he partnered Jack Kennedy to win the boys' doubles title at the US Open last year.

Hance's best Grand Slam singles result is a 3rd round finish at Wimbledon last year – and he will aim to improve on that as he looks to become the first American player to win the boys' singles title here since Bruno Kuzuhara in 2022. Taylor Townsend, the 2012 champion, is the last American player to win the girls' singles title here.

## AT THE DOUBLE

In 2022, Bruno Kuzuhara became the first player to win both boys' singles and boys' doubles titles at the Australian Open since 2011, when Jiri Vesely who won the singles title and partnered Filip Horansky to the doubles title. The last player to win both girls' singles and doubles titles at the Australian Open in the same year was Chinese Taipei's Liang En-Shuo, who won the girls' singles title and girls' doubles title (alongside Wang Xinyu) in 2018.

## HOME CHAMPIONS

In 2016, Oliver Anderson became the 5th Australian player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title in the last decade – following Brydan Klein (2007), Bernard Tomic (2008), Luke Saville (2012) and Nick Kyrgios (2013).

The Australian Open has seen the longest wait for a home player to win the girls' singles title of the 4 Grand Slams – Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995) is the last Australian player to have won the girls' tournament here.

Grand Slam	Most-recent home boys' singles champion	Most-recent home girls' singles champion
<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>Oliver Anderson (2016)</b>	<b>Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995)</b>
Roland Garros	Gabriel Debru (2022)	Elsa Jacquemot (2020)
Wimbledon	Henry Searle (2023)	Laura Robson (2008)
US Open	Taylor Fritz (2015)	Katherine Hui (2023)

## GRAND SLAM PREPARATION

Prior to the Australian Open, the majority of the field competed at J300 Traralgon. Luis Guto Miguel defeated Chen Kuan-Shou in the boys' singles final, while Sun Xinran overcame Ksenia Efremova in the girls' singles final. Efremova also reached the final in 2025, falling to Jeline Vandromme.

The boys' singles champion at Traralgon has gone on to win the title here in the last 2 years – Rei Sakamoto achieved the feat in 2024 before Henry Bernet did likewise in 2025. Clara Tauson was the last girl to achieve the feat, winning both titles in 2019.

## FUTURE GREATNESS

11 men and 8 women have won both the junior title and the men's or women's singles titles at the Australian Open – most recently Stefan Edberg, who won the boys' title in 1983 and went on to win the men's title here in 1985 and 1987, and Victoria Azarenka, who won the girls' title in 2005 and won the women's singles title here in 2012 and 2013.

Australian Open boys' singles champions to win men's singles title		
Player	Junior champion	Men's champion
Jack Crawford	1926-29	1931-33, 1935
Vivian McGrath	1932	1937
Adrian Quist	1933	1936, 1940, 1948
John Bromwich	1935-37	1939, 1946
Dinny Pails	1940	1947
Frank Sedgman	1946	1949-50
Ken McGregor	1948	1952
Ken Rosewall	1950, 1952	1953, 1955, 1971-72
Lew Hoad	1951	1956
Rod Laver	1957	1960, 1962, 1969
John Newcombe	1961-63	1973, 1975
Stefan Edberg	1983	1985, 1987

Two other Australian Open boys' singles champions have gone on to win Grand Slam men's singles titles: 1964 champion Tony Roche (1966 Roland Garros) and 2000 champion Andy Roddick (2003 US Open).

**Australian Open girls' singles champions to win women's singles title**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Junior champion</b>	<b>Women's champion</b>
Emily Hood Westacott	1930	1939
Joan Hartigan	1931	1933-34, 1936
Thelma Coyne Long	1935-36	1952-54
Beryl Penrose	1948	1955
Mary Carter Reitano	1951-52	1956, 1959
Kerry Melville Reid	1965	1977 (Jan)
Evonne Goolagong Cawley	1970	1974-76, 1977 (Dec)
Chris O'Neill	1973	1978
Victoria Azarenka	2005	2012-13

Two other Australian Open girls' singles champions have gone on to win other Grand Slam women's singles titles: 1960 champion Lesley Turner Bowrey (1963, 1965 Roland Garros) and 1975 champion Sue Barker (1976 Roland Garros).

A total of 12 former junior singles champions competed in the men's and women's singles main draws at the Australian Open this year: 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions (Alexander Blockx, Sebastian Korda, Gael Monfils, Lorenzo Musetti, Rei Sakamoto and Alexander Zverev) and 6 former girls' singles champions (Marta Kostyuk, Petra Marcinko, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Karolina Pliskova, Taylor Townsend and Clara Tauson).

In total, 25 former Grand Slam boys' singles champions began the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year, while 21 former Grand Slam girls' singles champions began the women's main draw here.

**WILD CARDS**

Australian players received 7 of the 8 available wild cards in the boys' singles draw: Ethan Domingo, Ymerali Ibraimi, Lachlan, King, Cooper Kose, Raphael Savelli, Har Abir Sekhon and Taiki Takizawa. The other wild card went to Japan's Ren Matsumura.

Home players received 6 of the 7 wild card entries in the girls' singles draw: Ava Beck, Emilie Chen, Ellen Hirschi, Sarah Mildren, Tori Russell and Jizelle Sibai. The other wild card went to Japan's Ran Wakana.

**YOUNGEST AND OLDEST**

The youngest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are Australia's Raphael Savelli (15 years 53 days) and Ukraine's Sofiia Bielinska (14 years 235 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

The oldest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are Romania's Matei Todoran (18 years 29 days) and New Zealand's Aishi Das and Czechia's Denisa Zoldakova (who are both 18 years 31 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

In the boys' draw there are 4 fifteen-year-olds, 15 sixteen-year-olds, 33 seventeen-year-olds and 12 eighteen-year-olds. In the girls' draw there is one fourteen-year-olds, 9 fifteen-year-olds, 25 sixteen-year-olds, 23 seventeen-year-olds and 6 eighteen-year-olds.

## COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 41 nations are represented in the junior singles draws at the 2026 Australian Open, with Australia having the most players competing in both the boys' singles and girls' singles draws here. (NB 12 players are competing without a nationality at this year's event)

Nation	Boys' singles	Girls' singles	Total
Australia	9	9	18
USA	8	6	14
Japan	4	5	9
China, P.R.	1	7	8
Czechia		5	5
France	4	1	5
Ukraine	1	3	4
Brazil	2	1	3
Germany	2	1	3
Kazakhstan	3		3
Poland	2	1	3
South Africa	2	1	3
Chinese Taipei	1	1	2
Great Britain	1	1	2
India	1	1	2
Italy	2		2
Romania	1	1	2
Serbia		2	2
Slovakia	1	1	2
Spain	2		2
Turkiye	2		2
Argentina		1	1
Austria	1		1
Botswana	1		1
Bulgaria	1		1
Canada		1	1
Colombia	1		1
Ecuador	1		1
Greece	1		1
Hong Kong, China	1		1
Jamaica		1	1
Korea, Rep.		1	1
Latvia	1		1
Netherlands		1	1
New Zealand		1	1
Puerto Rico	1		1
Slovenia	1		1
Sweden		1	1
Switzerland	1		1
Thailand	1		1
Venezuela		1	1
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## AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOUR ROLL

There have been 86 Australian Open boys' singles champions since the competition was first held in 1922, with 8 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions. There have been 74 girls' singles champions here, with 13 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions.

Honour roll		
Year	Boys' singles champion	Girls' singles champion
1922	Alan Yeldham (AUS)	not played
1923	Leonard Cryle (AUS)	not played
1924	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1925	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1926	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1927	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1928	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1929	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1930	Don Turnbull (AUS)	Emily Hood (AUS)
1931	Bruce Moore (AUS)	Joan Hartigan (AUS)
1932	Vivian McGrath (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1933	Adrian Quist (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1934	Neil Ennis (AUS)	May Blick (AUS)
1935	John Bromwich (AUS)	Thelma Coyne (AUS)
1936	John Bromwich (AUS)	Thelma Coyne (AUS)
1937	John Bromwich (AUS)	Margaret Wilson (AUS)
1938	Max Newcombe (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1939	William Sidwell (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1940	Dinny Pails (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1941-45	not played	not played
1946	Frank Sedgman (AUS)	S. Grant (AUS)
1947	Don Candy (AUS)	Joan Tuckfield (AUS)
1948	Ken McGregor (AUS)	Beryl Penrose (AUS)
1949	Clive Wilderspin (AUS)	Joan Warnock (AUS)
1950	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Barbara McIntyre (AUS)
1951	Lew Hoad (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1952	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1953	William Gilmour (AUS)	Jenny Staley (AUS)
1954	William Knight (GBR)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1955	Gerry Moss (USA)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1956	Bob Mark (AUS)	Lorraine Coghlan (AUS)
1957	Rod Laver (AUS)	Margot Rayson (AUS)
1958	Martin Mulligan (AUS)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1959	Butch Buchholz (USA)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1960	Will Coghlan (AUS)	Lesley Turner (AUS)
1961	John Newcombe (AUS)	Robyn Ebbern (AUS)
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1963	John Newcombe (AUS)	Robyn Ebbern (AUS)
1964	Tony Roche (AUS)	Kaye Denning (AUS)
1965	Georges Goven (FRA)	Kerry Melville (AUS)
1966	Karl Coombes (AUS)	Karen Krantzcke (AUS)
1967	Brian Fairlie (NZL)	Lexie Kenny (AUS)
1968	Phil Dent (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1969	Allan McDonald (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1970	John Alexander (AUS)	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)
1971	Cliff Letcher (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1972	Paul Kronk (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1973	Paul McNamee (AUS)	Chris O'Neill (AUS)
1974	Harry Brittain (AUS)	Jennifer Walker (AUS)
1975	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Sue Barker (GBR)
1976	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Sue Saliba (AUS)
1977 Jan	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Pamela Bailey (AUS)
1977 Dec	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Amanda Tobin (AUS)
1978	Pat Serrett (AUS)	Elizabeth Little (AUS)
1979	Greg Whitecross (AUS)	Anne Minter (AUS)
1980	Craig Miller (AUS)	Anne Minter (AUS)

1981	Jorgen Windahl (SWE)	Anne Minter (AUS)
1982	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1983	Stefan Edberg (SWE)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1984	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Annabel Croft (GBR)
1985	Shane Barr (AUS)	Jenny Byrne (AUS)
1986	not played	not played
1987	Jason Stoltenberg (AUS)	Michelle Jaggard (AUS)
1988	Jason Anderson (AUS)	Jo-Anne Faull (AUS)
1989	Nicklas Kulti (SWE)	Kim Kessaris (USA)
1990	Dirk Dier (GER)	Magdalena Maleeva (BUL)
1991	Thomas Enqvist (SWE)	Nicole Pratt (AUS)
1992	Grant Doyle (AUS)	Joanne Limmer (AUS)
1993	James Baily (GBR)	Heike Rusch (GER)
1994	Ben Ellwood (AUS)	Trudi Musgrave (AUS)
1995	Nicolas Kiefer (GER)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (AUS)
1996	Bjorn Rehnqvist (SWE)	Magdalena Grzybowska (POL)
1997	Daniel Elsner (GER)	Mirjana Lucic (CRO)
1998	Julien Jeanpierre (FRA)	Jelena Kostanic (CRO)
1999	Kristian Pless (DEN)	Virginie Razzano (FRA)
2000	Andy Roddick (USA)	Aniko Kapros (HUN)
2001	Janko Tipsarevic (YUG)	Jelena Jankovic (YUG)
2002	Clement Morel (FRA)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2003	Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2004	Gaël Monfils (FRA)	Shahar Peer (ISR)
2005	Donald Young (USA)	Viktoria Azarenka (BLR)
2006	Alexandre Sidorenko (FRA)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2007	Brydan Klein (AUS)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2008	Bernard Tomic (AUS)	Arantxa Rus (NED)
2009	Yuki Bhambri (IND)	Ksenia Pervak (RUS)
2010	Tiago Fernandes (BRA)	Karolina Pliskova (CZE)
2011	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)
2012	Luke Saville (AUS)	Taylor Townsend (USA)
2013	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	Ana Konjuh (CRO)
2014	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Elizaveta Kulichkova (RUS)
2015	Roman Safiullin (RUS)	Tereza Mihalikova (SVK)
2016	Oliver Anderson (AUS)	Vera Lapko (BLR)
2017	Zsombor Piros (HUN)	Marta Kostyuk (UKR)
2018	Sebastian Korda (USA)	Liang En-Shuo (TPE)
2019	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	Clara Tauson (DEN)
2020	Harold Mayot (FRA)	Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (AND)
2021	not played	not played
2022	Bruno Kuzuhara (USA)	Petra Marcinko (CRO)
2023	Alexander Blockx (BEL)	Alina Korneeva
2024	Rei Sakamoto (JPN)	Renata Jamrichova (SVK)
2025	Henry Bernet (SUI)	Wakana Sonobe (JPN)
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The junior honour rolls for Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open – along with other junior information, including boys' and girls' singles alpha lists – can be found on the [Grand Slam information page](#) on the ITF website.

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