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A look at the last 16...

Player (Nation)	Age	Ranking	Tour-level titles won	Best Aus Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	22	1	24	Quarterfinals 2024-26	Won 6 titles
No. 2 Jannik Sinner (ITA)	24	2	24	Won title 2024, 2025	Won 4 titles
No. 3 Alexander Zverev (GER)	28	3	24	Final 2025	RU 3 times
No. 4 Novak Djokovic (SRB)	38	4	101	Won 10 titles	Won 24 titles
No. 5 Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	23	5	2	Round of 16 2026	SF 2 times
No. 6 Alex de Minaur (AUS)	26	6	10	Quarterfinals 2025	QF 6 times
No. 8 Ben Shelton (USA)	23	7	3	Semifinals 2025	SF 2 times
No. 9 Taylor Fritz (USA)	28	9	10	Quarterfinals 2024	Final 2024 US Open
No. 10 Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	28	10	9	Round of 16 2026	QF 2025 Roland Garros
No. 11 Daniil Medvedev	29	12	22	Final 2021, 2022, 2024	Won 2021 US Open
No. 12 Casper Ruud (NOR)	27	13	14	Round of 16 2021, 2026	RU 3 times
No. 16 Jakub Mensik (CZE)*	29	17	2	Round of 16 2026	R16 2026 Australian Open
No. 18 Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	27	21	3	Round of 16 2026	R16 3 times
No. 19 Tommy Paul (USA)	28	20	4	Semifinals 2023	SF 2023 Australian Open
No. 22 Luciano Darderi (ITA)	23	25	4	Round of 16 2026	R16 2026 Australian Open
No. 25 Learner Tien (USA)	20	29	1	Quarterfinals 2026	QF 2026 Australian Open

*Jakub Mensik, who was due to play Djokovic in the round of 16 on Monday, gave a walkover due to an abdominal injury.

On court today...

- Jannik Sinner was forced to dig deep in his battle against Eliot Spizzirri on Saturday. His reward for coming through that clash is a round of 16 match-up with fellow Italian Luciano Darderi on Margaret Court Arena this evening. Sinner and Darderi have never previously played a match – but the world No. 2 owns a perfect record when facing his countrymen. He has won all 17 matches he has contested against compatriots at Tour-level, including all 5 of his previous matches against Italian players at the Grand Slams. By contrast, Darderi has lost all 5 Tour-level matches he has played against Italian players, including his only previous match against a compatriot at a major.

- Lorenzo Musetti faces Taylor Fritz on Rod Laver Arena this afternoon in the 2nd meeting of Top 10 players in the men's singles draw here this year. Should Musetti win today and join the winner of Sinner's match against Darderi in the quarterfinals here, it will mark 5 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments at which 2 Italian men have reached the last 8. Fritz is also hoping to join a compatriot in the last 8 here, with Learner Tien having reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal – and Ben Shelton could make it 3 Americans in the quarterfinals here if Fritz wins and Shelton defeats Casper Ruud in the final match of the day on RLA.

NO. 2 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v NO. 22 LUCIANO DARDERI (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

This is the 4th all-Italian men's singles match at the Australian Open in the Open Era – and the 2nd this year, after Lorenzo Musetti defeated Lorenzo Sonego in the 2nd round. The 2 other all-Italian men's singles matches here in the Open Era were 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. This is the 31st all-Italian men's singles match at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Sinner has won all 17 Tour-level matches he has contested against fellow Italian players – including all 5 of his previous matches against Italian players at the Grand Slams. (NB he gave a walkover to Musetti in the quarterfinals at 2023 Barcelona).

Darderi is bidding to defeat a fellow Italian player at Tour-level for the first time. He has lost all 5 Tour-level matches he has contested against Italian players, including his only previous match against an Italian player at a Grand Slam – against Musetti in the 2nd round at 2024 Wimbledon.

Sinner is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 4th time. He is the only Italian man in history to have reached the quarterfinals here on multiple occasions. Darderi is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time and become the 7th Italian player in history to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open. (NB Musetti is also bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time today)

Italian men to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances	Years
Jannik Sinner	3	2022, 2024-25
Matteo Berrettini	1	2022
Cristiano Caratti	1	1991
Giorgio de Stefani	1	1935
Nicola Pietrangeli	1	1957
Lorenzo Sonego	1	2025

Sinner is bidding to reach his 14th Grand Slam quarterfinal and extend his all-time record for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Nicola Pietrangeli, by reaching his 11th Grand Slam quarterfinal at Roland Garros last year.

Darderi is bidding to become the 21st Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam. He would become the 7th active Italian man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam – after Sinner (13 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances prior to this tournament), Berrettini (6), Musetti (3) and Marco Cecchinato, Flavio Cobolli and Sonego (all one).

If Musetti wins today and joins the winner of this match in the quarterfinals, it will be the 3rd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open – after 2022 (when Berrettini and Sinner both reached the quarterfinals here) and 2025 (Sinner and Sonego).

If Musetti wins today and joins the winner of this match in the quarterfinals, it will be the 5th consecutive Grand Slam tournament where multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals. In 2025, Sinner and Sonego reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, Sinner and Musetti reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, Sinner and Cobolli reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, and Sinner and Musetti reached the quarterfinals at the US Open. It would be the 12th time overall that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.

With 3 Italian men through to the round of 16 here, this year is the first time in history that 3 Italian players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open. There have been 2 Italian men in the round of 16 here on 4 occasions – in 2018 (when Fognini and Andreas Seppi both reached the round of 16 here), 2021 (Berrettini and Fognini), 2022 (Sinner and Berrettini) and 2025 (Sinner and Sonego).

With Sinner, Darderi and Musetti all reaching the round of 16 here, this tournament is the 8th time in history that 3 Italian players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam – and the 3rd time in the Open Era, after 2021 Roland Garros (when Sinner, Berrettini and Musetti all reached the round of 16) and 2025 Wimbledon (Sinner, Cobolli and Sonego).

Darderi is bidding to defeat a Top 5 player for the first time. He has lost all 3 of his previous matches against Top 5 players – including his only previous match against a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam, when he fell to No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the 3rd round at the US Open last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 18 Karen Khachanov in the 3rd round here this year.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Shelton	Ruud
Sinner	8-1	4-0
Darderi	0-1	0-0

Road to the round of 16

SINNER	Time		Time	DARDERI
d. Hugo Gaston 62 61 0-0 ret.	1:08	1st round	2:55	d. Cristian Garin 76(5) 75 76(3)
d. (WC) James Duckworth 61 64 62	1:49	2nd round	2:28	d. Sebastian Baez 63 16 64 63
d. Eliot Spizzirri 46 63 64 64	3:45	3rd round	3:23	d. No. 15 Karen Khachanov 76(5) 36 63 64
total time on court	6:42	(Infosys time)	8:46	total time on court

SINNER	v	DARDERI
24	Age	23
2	ATP Ranking	25
24	Titles	4
90-20	Career Grand Slam Record	9-7
25-4	Australian Open Record	3-1
324-86	Career Record	58-56
230-52	Career Record - Hard	12-29
3-0	2026 Record	4-1
3-0	2026 Record - Hard	4-1
6-10	Career Five-Set Record	2-1
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
103-57	Career Tiebreak Record	33-20
0-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	3-0

- **SINNER** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner is bidding to reach his **4th Australian Open quarterfinal** and equal Grigor Dimitrov, Kei Nishikori and Stefanos Tsitsipas in 4th place on the list for most Australian Open men’s singles quarterfinal appearances among active players.

Most Australian Open men’s singles quarterfinal appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	16??
Stan Wawrinka	5
Alexander Zverev	5
Grigor Dimitrov	4
Kei Nishikori	4
Jannik Sinner	4??
Stefanos Tsitsipas	4
Carlos Alcaraz	3
Daniil Medvedev	3
Andrey Rublev	3
Ben Shelton	3??

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

- Sinner is bidding to reach his **14th Grand Slam quarterfinal** and equal Carlos Alcaraz and Marin Cilic in 4th place on the list for most Grand Slam men’s singles quarterfinal appearances among active players. Alcaraz reached his 14th Grand Slam quarterfinal after defeating Tommy Paul in the round of 16 here on Sunday. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	65??
Stan Wawrinka	18
Alexander Zverev	16
Carlos Alcaraz	14
Marin Cilic	14
Jannik Sinner	14??
Kei Nishikori	12
Daniil Medvedev	11

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

- Sinner is bidding to reach his 9th consecutive Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **8th player in the Open Era to record a streak of 9 consecutive Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances.**

Longest streaks of Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances (Open Era)

Player	Consecutive QF apps	Grand Slam tournaments
Roger Federer	36	2004 Wimbledon-2013 Roland Garros
Novak Djokovic	28	2009 Wimbledon-2016 Roland Garros
Ivan Lendl	14	1985 US Open-1989 Australian Open
Rafael Nadal	11	2009 US Open-2012 Roland Garros
David Ferrer	10	2012 Australian Open-2014 Roland Garros
Rafael Nadal	10	2017 US Open-2020 Australian Open
Pete Sampras	10	1992 Roland Garros-1994 Wimbledon
Andy Murray	9	2011 Australian Open-2013 Australian Open
Andy Murray	9	2013 Wimbledon-2015 Wimbledon
Jannik Sinner??	9??	2024 Australian Open-2026 Australian Open??

- Sinner is bidding to record his **19th consecutive Tour-level match-win** and equal the 2nd-longest Tour-level winning streak of his career. He has not lost a match since falling to Griekspoor in the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 last year. He recorded a 26 match-winning streak from 2024 Shanghai-1000 through the semifinals at 2025 Rome-1000 and a 19-match winning streak from the 2023 Davis Cup Final 8 through the quarterfinals at 2024 Indian Wells-1000.
- Sinner is bidding to record his 91st Grand Slam match-win. He is in **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles matches won by an Italian player**, behind Nicola Pietrangeli (94 Grand Slam match-wins).
- The Australian Open is Sinner's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and joint-2nd most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached, after Wimbledon.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	2	25-4	4??
Roland Garros	0	22-6	3
Wimbledon	1	20-4	4
US Open	1	23-6	3

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 5th time, Sinner has become the **first Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on 5 occasions.** Last year, he became the 3rd Italian man to reach the round of 16 here on 4 occasions, after Fabio Fognini (who reached the last 16 here in 2014, 2018, 2020 and 2021) and Andreas Seppi (2013, 2015, 2017 and 2018).
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 19th time, Sinner has extended his **all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles round of 16 appearances by an Italian player.** He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Nicola Pietrangeli, at Wimbledon last year, when he reached the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 17th time.
- 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. 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 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.
- 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.
- **DARDERI** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- Darderi is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time and become the **7th Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Sinner (3 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances) and Matteo Berrettini, Cristiano Caratti, Giorgio de Stefani, Nicola Pietrangeli and Lorenzo Sonego (all one). (NB Lorenzo Musetti is also bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time today)
- Darderi is bidding to become the **21st Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. He would become the 7th active Italian man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam – after Sinner (13 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Berrettini (6), Musetti (3) and Marco Cecchinato, Flavio Cobolli and Sonego (all one). (NB Musetti is bidding to reach his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal today)

- Darderi is bidding to record his **10th Grand Slam match-win**. The Australian Open is his joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of matches won.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	3-1	1??
Roland Garros	0	1-2	0
Wimbledon	0	3-2	0
US Open	0	2-2	0

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the first time, Darderi has become **one of 13 Italian men in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – alongside Sinner (5 Australian Open round of 16 appearances), Fabio Fognini and Andreas Seppi (both 4), Matteo Berrettini (2) and Omar Camporese, Cristiano Caratti, Giorgio de Stefani, Renzo Furlan, Fausto Gardini, Lorenzo Musetti, Nicola Pietrangeli and Lorenzo Sonego (all one).
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time, Darderi has become the **37th Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam**. He has become the 8th active Italian man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam – after Sinner (19 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances), Berrettini (10), Musetti (6), Sonego (5), Matteo Arnaldi (2) and Marco Cecchinato and Flavio Cobolli (both one).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Darderi has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best results at the Grand Slams were reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – at both Wimbledon (l. Jordan Thompson) and the US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) last year.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open main draw debut, Darderi retired due to joint pain while trailing Pedro Martinez 36 1-4 in the 1st round. He fell in qualifying here in both 2023 and 2024
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Darderi fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Sebastian Korda).
- Darderi's best results in 2025 were winning his **2nd, 3rd and 4th Tour-level titles** – at Marrakech (d. Tallon Griekspoor), Bastad (d. Jesper de Jong) and Umag (d. Carlos Taberner). He also reached the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Ben Shelton) and Hamburg (l. Andrey Rublev).
- Darderi contested 4 Challenger-level events in 2025. His best result was winning his **4th Challenger title** at the Genoa Challenger (ITA) (d. Andrea Pellegrino). He also finished runner-up at the Naples Challenger (ITA) (l. Vit Kopriva).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Darderi reached the quarterfinals at Auckland. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Alejandro Tabilo in the 2nd round before falling to Marcos Giron.
- Darderi has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested – all of which have come at Wimbledon. He defeated Jan Choinski in 5 sets before falling to Lorenzo Musetti in 5 sets in 2024 and recorded another 5-set victory against Roman Safiullin in the 1st round last year.
- Darderi reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 24 earlier this month. He plays here one place lower at No. 25.
- Darderi had a **good junior career**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in February 2020. His best results in the boys' singles at the Grand Slams were reaching the 2nd round at both the 2019 Australian Open (d. Thantub Suksumrarn, l. Emilio Nava) and 2020 Roland Garros (d. Shunsuke Mitsui, l. Arthur Fils).
- Darderi is coached by his father, Luciano Enrique Darderi.

NO. 5 LORENZO MUSETTI (ITA) v NO. 9 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA)

Head-to-head: tied 3-3

2022	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	R128	Fritz	64 64 63
2022	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	QF	Fritz	76(8) 63
2024	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Musetti	64 64
2024	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	QF	Musetti	36 76(5) 62 36 61
2024	Paris 2024 Olympics	Clay (O)	R16	Musetti	64 75
2025	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Fritz	63 64

A 7th Tour-level meeting for Musetti and Fritz – and their 3rd at a Grand Slam. Their 2 previous meetings at the Grand Slams both came at Wimbledon, with Fritz winning in the 1st round in 2022 and Musetti winning in the quarterfinals in 2024 to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal.

Musetti and Fritz have played 2 matches on hard courts, 2 matches on clay courts and 2 matches on grass courts. They split their 2 previous matches on grass, while Fritz has won both of their previous meetings on hard courts and Musetti has won both their previous meetings on clay courts.

This is the 2nd meeting between a pair of Top 10 players at the Australian Open this year, after No. 6 Alex de Minaur defeated No. 10 Alexander Bublik in the round of 16 on Sunday.

Musetti is facing a Top 10 player at the Australian Open for the first time. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced here is No. 20 Ben Shelton, to whom he lost in the 3rd round last year, and the highest-ranked player he has defeated here is No. 24 Tomas Machac in the 3rd round this year.

Musetti is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. He has a 1-7 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 10 Holger Rune in the round of 16 at 2025 Roland Garros.

Musetti has won one of the last 7 matches he has contested against Top 10 players. His only victory in that time came against No. 7 Alex de Minaur in the group stage at the ATP Finals last year. He has a 14-34 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Fritz is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. He has a 1-5 win-loss record against Top 10 players here, with his only victory coming against No. 7 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2024. He has a 4-16 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams and a 34-49 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Musetti broke the Top 5 for the first time this month and plays here at a career-high ranking of No. 5. Fritz has lost all 5 matches he has played against Top 5 players at the Australian Open, has a 2-11 win-loss record against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams and has a 13-29 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.

Quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Djokovic
Musetti	1-9
Fritz	0-11

Road to the round of 16

MUSETTI	Time		Time	FRITZ
d. Raphael Collignon 46 76(3) 75 3-2 ret.	3:05	1st round	3:02	d. Valentin Royer 76(5) 57 61 63
d. Lorenzo Sonego 63 63 64	2:51	2nd round	1:58	d. Vit Kopriva 61 64 76(4)
d. Tomas Machac 57 64 62 57 62	4:27	3rd round	2:46	d. (WC) Stan Wawrinka 76(5) 26 64 64
total time on court	10:23	(Infosys time)	7:46	total time on court

MUSETTI	v	FRITZ
23	Age	28
5	ATP Ranking	9
2	Titles	10
35-19	Career Grand Slam Record	67-37
6-4	Australian Open Record	19-9
183-134	Career Record	341-216
88-83	Career Record - Hard	240-150
6-1	2026 Record	4-3
6-1	2026 Record - Hard	4-3
6-6	Career Five-Set Record	14-11
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	4
69-55	Career Tiebreak Record	178-138
1-3	2026 Tiebreak Record	5-2

- **MUSETTI** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Musetti is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time and become the **7th Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Jannik Sinner (3 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances prior to this tournament) and Matteo Berrettini, Cristiano Caratti, Giorgio de Stefani, Nicola Pietrangeli and Lorenzo Sonego (all one). (NB Sinner plays Luciano Darderi in the round of 16 today, with Sinner bidding to reach his 4th quarterfinal here and Darderi bidding to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the first time)
- Musetti is bidding to reach his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal and equal De Stefani in **5th place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man**.

Most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Jannik Sinner	14??
Nicola Pietrangeli	10
Matteo Berrettini	6
Adriano Panatta	6
Giorgio de Stefani	4
Lorenzo Musetti	4??
Corrado Barazzutti	3
Giovanni Cucelli	3
Uberto de Morpurgo	3
Giuseppe Merlo	3

- If Musetti wins today and joins the winner of the match between Darderi and Sinner in the quarterfinals, it will be the **3rd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2022 (when Berrettini and Sinner both reached the quarterfinals here) and 2025 (Sinner and Sonego).
- If Musetti wins today and joins the winner of the match between Darderi and Sinner in the quarterfinals, it will be the **5th consecutive Grand Slam tournament where multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals**. In 2025, Sinner and Sonego reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, Musetti and Sinner reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, Flavio Cobolli and Sinner reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, and Musetti and Sinner reached the quarterfinals at the US Open. It would be the 12th time in history overall that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- Having made one quarterfinal appearance at the 3 other Grand Slam tournaments, Musetti is bidding to become the **56th player in the Open Era to reach the men’s singles quarterfinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments**. He would become the 3rd Italian male player to achieve the feat (after Berrettini and Sinner) and the 12th active male player to do so.
- The Australian Open is Musetti’s **least successful Grand Slam** event in terms of matches won and the only Grand Slam event where he is yet to reach the quarterfinals. (see table overleaf)

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	6-4	1?
Roland Garros	0	13-5	1
Wimbledon	0	7-5	1
US Open	0	9-5	1

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the first time, Musetti has become **one of 13 Italian men in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – alongside Sinner (5 Australian Open round of 16 appearances), Fabio Fognini and Andreas Seppi (both 4), Berrettini (2) and Omar Camporese, Cristiano Caratti, Darderi, De Stefani, Renzo Furlan, Fausto Gardini, Nicola Pietrangeli and Sonogo (all one).
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 6th time, Musetti has become the **10th Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 6 or more occasions** – after Sinner (19 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances), Pietrangeli (16), Berrettini (10), Giuseppe Merlo (9), Fognini and Adriano Panatta (both 8), De Stefani (7) and Giovanni Cucelli and Seppi (both 6).
- By reaching the round of 16 here for the first time, Musetti has become the **3rd Italian man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments** – after Sinner and Berrettini. He has also become the 23rd active player to achieve the feat.
- With Musetti, Darderi and Sinner all reaching the round of 16 here, this year is the **first time in history that 3 Italian players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at the Australian Open**. There have been 2 Italian men in the round of 16 here on 4 occasions – in 2018 (when Fognini and Andreas Seppi both reached the round of 16 here), 2021 (Berrettini and Fognini), 2022 (Berrettini and Sinner) and 2025 (Sinner and Sonogo).
- With Musetti, Darderi and Sinner all reaching the round of 16 here, this tournament is the **8th time in history that 3 Italian players have reached the men's singles round of 16 at a Grand Slam** – and the 3rd time in the Open Era, after 2021 Roland Garros (when Musetti, Berrettini and Sinner all reached the round of 16) and 2025 Wimbledon (Cobolli, Sinner and Sonogo).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Musetti has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the 3rd round last year, when he defeated 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. 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. 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's 5-set victory against Tomas Machac in the 3rd round here was his **first victory in a 5-set match at the Australian Open**. He has lost both of the other five-set matches he has contested here – against Lloyd Harris in the 1st round in 2023 and against Luca van Assche in the 2nd round in 2024. He has a 6-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has won the last 4 five-set matches he has contested.
- Musetti reached a **new career-high ranking** of No. 5 after his runner-up finish at Hong Kong earlier this month 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 round of 16 from the 6 who 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.
- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach quarterfinals here for the 2nd time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 38th Grand Slam overall.
- Fritz is bidding to become the **20th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions**. He would become the 3rd active American male player to reach the quarterfinals here on multiple occasions – after Tommy Paul, who has made 2 quarterfinal appearances here, and Ben Shelton, who is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 3rd time today.
- Fritz is bidding to reach his 8th Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **15th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 8 or more occasions**. He is in first place on the list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances among active American male players.

Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances (active American players)

Player	No. of appearances
Taylor Fritz	8??
Ben Shelton	5??
Frances Tiafoe	5
Tommy Paul	4
Sebastian Korda	1
Learner Tien	1

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

- If Fritz and Shelton both win today and join Learner Tien in the quarterfinals, it will be the **first time that 3 American men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 2023**, when Sebastian Korda, Paul and Shelton all reached the quarterfinals. It will be the first time that 3 American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 2023 US Open, when Fritz, Shelton and Frances Tiafoe all reached the quarterfinals.
- The Australian Open is Fritz's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam** event in terms of matches won and 3rd-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	19-9	2?
Roland Garros	0	10-9	0
Wimbledon	0	18-9	3
US Open	0	20-10	3

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 3rd time, Fritz has become **one of 22 American men in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on 3 or more occasions**. He is one of 3 active American male players to do so, alongside Paul and Shelton, who both reached the round of 16 for the 3rd time here this year.
- Fritz is **through to the round of 16 at a Grand slam for the 10th time**. He is at the top of the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances among active American male players, ahead of Paul and Frances Tiafoe, who have both reached the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 8 occasions.

- **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 was one of the **21 American players that began the men's singles draw this year**, the most of any nation. Excluding US Opens, it is the highest number of American men to compete at a Grand Slam tournament since 1995 Wimbledon, when there were also 21 Americans competing in the men's singles draw.
- 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. 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.

NO. 8 BEN SHELTON (USA) v NO. 12 CASPER RUUD (NOR)

Head-to-head: Ruud leads 2-1

2022	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Shelton	63 63
2023	Barcelona	Clay (O)	R32	Ruud	62 76(1)
2024	Acapulco	Hard (O)	QF	Ruud	67(7) 64 64

A 4th Tour-level meeting for Shelton and Ruud – but their first at a Grand Slam and their first for nearly 2 years, with their most-recent meeting having come at Acapulco in March 2024. At the time of their first meeting at 2022 Cincinnati-1000, Shelton was making his 2nd career Tour-level appearance and recorded his 3rd career Tour-level match-win by defeating Ruud. Shelton was a wild card ranked at No. 229, while Ruud was ranked at No. 5.

Shelton has won one of the last 8 matches he has contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams. He won the first 2 matches he contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams – against No. 14 Tommy Paul in the round of 16 and No. 10 Frances Tiafoe in the quarterfinals at the 2023 US Open – but his only victory since then came against No. 15 Lorenzo Musetti in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 3-7 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams.

Shelton has won one of the last 6 matches he has contested against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall. His only victory in that time came against No. 17 Andrey Rublev in the round of 16 at Paris-1000 last year. He has a 15-30 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Ruud is facing a Top 10 player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. He lost his only previous match against a Top 10 player here – against No. 8 Andrey Rublev in the round of 16 in 2021, when Ruud retired due to an abdominal injury. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 39 Jaume Munar in the 2nd round this year.

Ruud is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 6 Holger Rune in the quarterfinals at 2023 Roland Garros. He has a 20-31 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Ruud has won 2 of the 3 previous matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open – including his victory against Mattia Bellucci in the 1st round here this year. His 2 other matches against lefthanded players here both came in 2024 – he defeated Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round but fell to Cameron Norrie in the 3rd round. He has an 8-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 42-22 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Sinner	Darderi
Shelton	1-8	1-0
Ruud	0-4	0-0

Road to the round of 16

SHELTON	Time		Time	RUUD
d. Ugo Humbert 63 76(2) 76(5)	2:37	1st round	1:40	d. Mattia Bellucci 61 62 64
d. (Q) Dane Sweeny 63 62 62	1:42	2nd round	2:27	d. Jaume Munar 63 75 64
d. No. 30 Valentin Vacherot 64 64 76(5)	2:17	3rd round	3:04	d. Marin Cilic 64 64 36 75
total time on court	6:36	(Infosys time)	7:11	total time on court

SHELTON	v	RUUD
23	Age	27
7	ATP Ranking	13
3	Titles	14
35-13	Career Grand Slam Record	52-27
14-3	Australian Open Record	11-6
115-78	Career Record	304-158
86-51	Career Record - Hard	131-94
4-1	2026 Record	4-2
4-1	2026 Record - Hard	4-2
7-3	Career Five-Set Record	10-7
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
75-68	Career Tiebreak Record	98-77
3-0	2026 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 3rd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **11th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on 3 or more occasions** – after Andre Agassi (7 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances), Andy Roddick and Pete Sampras (both 6), Jim Courier and Johan Kriek (both 5), Arthur Ashe and John McEnroe (both 4), and Michael Chang, Todd Martin and Henry Pfister (all 3). (NB Johan Kriek reached an additional quarterfinal here while representing South Africa).
- Shelton is bidding to reach his 5th Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **21st American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 5 or more occasions** – and the 3rd active American man to do so, after Taylor Fritz, who is bidding to reach his 8th Grand Slam quarterfinal here this year, and Frances Tiafoe (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances).

Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances (active American players)

Player	No. of appearances
Taylor Fritz	8??
Ben Shelton	5??
Frances Tiafoe	5
Tommy Paul	4
Sebastian Korda	1
Learner Tien	1

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

- If Shelton and Fritz both win today and join Learner Tien in the quarterfinals, it will be the **first time that 3 American men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 2023**, when Shelton, Sebastian Korda and Paul all reached the quarterfinals. It will be the first time that 3 American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 2023 US Open, when Fritz, Shelton and Frances Tiafoe all reached the quarterfinals.
- The Australian Open is Shelton's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	14-3	3??
Roland Garros	0	4-3	0
Wimbledon	0	8-3	1
US Open	0	9-4	1

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 3rd time, Shelton has become **one of 22 American men in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on 3 or more occasions**. He is one of 3 active American male players to do so, alongside Fritz and Tommy Paul, who both reached the round of 16 for the 3rd time here this year.
- Shelton is **through to the round of 16 at a Grand slam for the 7th time**. He is in 4th place on the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances among active American male players – behind Fritz (10 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances) and Paul and Tiafoe (both 8).

- 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 (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Shelton reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Sinner), the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the 3rd round at the US Open, retiring with a shoulder injury at the end of the 4th set against Adrian Mannarino.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **10th American player to win the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era** – and the first since Andre Agassi in 2003. No American players have reached the men's singles final here since Agassi won the title in 2003.
- Shelton's best result in 2025 was winning **his first Masters-1000 title** at Toronto-1000 (d. Karen Khachanov). He also finished runner-up at Munich (l. Alexander Zverev) and reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Zverev) and Washington (l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shelton reached the quarterfinals at Auckland. He received a bye in the 1st round and defeated Francisco Comesana in the 2nd round before falling to Sebastian Baez.
- Shelton is one of **2 lefthanders** to reach the round of 16 from the 14 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Rafael 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.
- **RUUD** is bidding to reach quarterfinals here for the first time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- Ruud is bidding to reach his **5th Grand Slam quarterfinal**. He is the only Norwegian player, man or woman, to have reached the quarterfinals or better at a Grand Slam.
- The Australian Open is Ruud's **3rd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. It is one of 2 Grand Slam events where he is yet to reach the quarterfinals.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	11-6	1??
Roland Garros	0	24-8	3
Wimbledon	0	3-5	0
US Open	0	14-8	1

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 2nd time, Ruud has become the **first Norwegian player to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions**. He is one of 2 Norwegian players, men or women, to have reached the round of 16 here – alongside his father, Christian Ruud, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997.

- Ruud is **through to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 7th time**. He has reached the round of 16 or better at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and the US Open, but his best performances at Wimbledon are 2nd round finishes in 2022-24.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Ruud has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached 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.
- **Last year here**, Ruud reached the 2nd round (d. Munar, l. Jakub Mensik).
- **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.

NO. 4 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) – QUARTERFINAL INFORMATION

Quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Musetti	Fritz
Djokovic	9-1	11-0

Road to the quarterfinals

Round	DJOKOVIC	Time
1st round	d. Pedro Martinez 63 62 62	2:00
2nd round	d. (Q) Francesco Maestrelli 63 62 62	2:15
3rd round	d. Botic van de Zandschulp 63 64 76(4)	2:44
Round of 16	d. No. 16 Jakub Mensik w/o	0:00
	total time on court	6:59

- **DJOKOVIC** is through to the quarterfinals here for the 16th time and has claimed sole ownership of the all-time record for most quarterfinal appearances at the Australian Open, ahead of Roger Federer.

Most Australian Open men's singles quarterfinal appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	16
Roger Federer	15
Rafael Nadal	14
John Newcombe	14
Jack Crawford	13
Adrian Quist	13

- Djokovic is through to the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the 65th time and extends his **all-time record for the most quarterfinal appearances at the Grand Slams**. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Federer, by reaching his 59th Grand Slam quarterfinal at 2024 Roland Garros.

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

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	65
Roger Federer	58
Rafael Nadal	47
Jimmy Connors	41
Roy Emerson	37

- At 38 years 255 days, Djokovic has become the **2nd-oldest man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Ken Rosewall, who made 3 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances in his 40s. Federer, who reached the quarterfinals here in 2020 aged 38 years 178 days, is the only other man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals here aged 38 or older. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- By reaching his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal since turning 38, Djokovic has become the **2nd man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 4 or more occasions after turning 38** – after Rosewall, who made 6 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances after turning 38. Federer (3 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Pancho Gonzales (2) are the only other men in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on multiple occasions after turning 38.
- By reaching his 4th Australian Open quarterfinal since turning 35, Djokovic has claimed sole ownership of **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35 or older**, ahead of Federer. (see table overleaf)

Australian Open men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Ken Rosewall	5
Novak Djokovic	4
Roger Federer	3
Mal Anderson	1
Arthur Ashe	1
Colin Dibley	1
Gael Monfils	1
Rafael Nadal	1

- By reaching his 14th Grand Slam quarterfinal since turning 35, Djokovic has extended his **Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35 or older**. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Rosewall, by reaching his 12th Grand Slam quarterfinal since turning 35 at Wimbledon last year.

Most Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	14
Ken Rosewall	11
Roger Federer	10
Jimmy Connors	4
Rafael Nadal	4

- In the quarterfinals, Djokovic will bid to record his 103rd Australian Open match-win and claim sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Australian Open singles match-wins**, ahead of Federer. Federer is the only other player in history, man or woman, to have recorded at least 100 singles match-wins at the Australian Open.

Most Australian Open singles match-wins (all-time)

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1=	Novak Djokovic	102-10
	Roger Federer	102-15
3.	Serena Williams	92-13
4.	Rafael Nadal	77-16
5.	Margaret Court	60-3

- In the quarterfinals, Djokovic will bid to record his 401st Grand Slam match-win and extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam singles match-wins**, among men and women.

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

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Novak Djokovic	400-55
2.	Roger Federer	369-60
3.	Serena Williams	367-56
4.	Rafael Nadal	314-44
5.	Martina Navratilova	306-49

- Djokovic will contest his **1,400th Tour-level match in the quarterfinals**. He is in 3rd place on the all-time list for most Tour-level matches played – after Federer (1,526 Tour-level matches) and Jimmy Connors (1,428).
- The Australian Open is Djokovic's **most successful Grand Slam event in terms** of titles won, joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of matches won alongside Wimbledon, and his 3rd-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	10	102-10	16??
Roland Garros	3	101-17	19
Wimbledon	7	102-13	16
US Open	4	95-15	14

- **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).
- 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 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 Federer's record for most men's singles appearances at the Australian Open, and equalled Federer and 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.