



2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES

Saturday 31 January

NO. 6 CHRISTIAN HARRISON (USA)/NEAL SKUPSKI (GBR)

v

(WC) JASON KUBLER (AUS)/MARC POLMANS (AUS)

One member of each pair in today's final has won a Grand Slam men's doubles title before – Skupski won the title at 2023 Wimbledon alongside Nikola Pietrangeli, while Kubler won the title at the 2023 Australian Open alongside Rinky Hijikata. Harrison and Polmans are both bidding to win their first Grand Slam men's doubles titles.

Harrison is bidding to become the 15th American player to win the men's doubles title here – and the 5th since 2000, after Rick Leach, Bob Bryan, Mike Bryan and Rajeev Ram. Skupski is bidding to become the 4th British player in the Open Era to win the men's doubles title here – after Jamie Murray, Joe Salisbury and Henry Patten. Together they are bidding to become the 2nd American-British pair to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title – after Ram/Salisbury, who won 4 Grand Slam doubles titles together.

Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the 3rd all-Australian men's doubles champions here in the last 5 years – Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios in 2022 and Kubler/Hijikata in 2023. Prior to 2022, the last all-Australian men's doubles champions here were Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde, who won the title here together in 1992 and 1997.

Kubler is also bidding to become the first player to win the men's doubles title here on multiple occasions since Bob and Mike Bryan won 6 titles here between 2006 and 2013. He is also bidding to become the first Australian player to win multiple men's doubles titles here since Woodbridge, who won a 3rd title here alongside Jonas Bjorkman in 2001 in addition to his 2 titles alongside Woodforde.

Head-to-head: first meeting

Harrison is facing Kubler for the 2nd time in men's doubles at any level. He partnered William Blumberg in defeat to Rinky Hijikata/Kubler in the 1st round at 2023 Houston. He is facing Polmans for the first time in doubles at any level.

Skupski has won 4 of the 5 men's doubles matches he has played against Kubler at all levels, with all 5 meetings coming at Tour-level while partnering Wesley Koolhof. Koolhof/Skupski fell to Hijikata/Kubler in the quarterfinals here in 2023 before Koolhof/Skupski won their next 4 meetings with Kubler – defeating Hijikata/Kubler in the 1st round at 2023 Miami-1000, Alex de Minaur/Kubler in the quarterfinals at 2023 Rome-1000 and Hijikata/Kubler in both the 2nd round at 2023 Wimbledon and in the group stage at the 2023 ATP Finals.

Skupski is facing Polmans for the 2nd time in men's doubles at any level. He partnered Luke Bambridge to defeat Polmans/Max Purcell in the final at the 2018 Vancouver Challenger (CAN). He has also faced Polmans in mixed doubles once before, partnering Desirae Krawczyk to defeat Olivia Gadecki/Polmans in the semifinals here in 2024.

Skupski and Kubler both defeated each other en route to their first Grand Slam men's doubles titles. Skupski won the title at 2023 Wimbledon alongside Koolhof after defeating Kubler/Hijikata in the 2nd round. Kubler won the title here in 2023 alongside Hijikata after defeating Koolhof/Skupski in the quarterfinals.

Road to the final

HARRISON/SKUPSKI		Time	Time	KUBLER/POLMANS	
d. Schnaitter/Wallner 46 64 63	1:54	1st round	2:47	d. (WC) Kokkinakis/Kyrgios 64 46 76(4)	
d. Martinez/Munar 63 62	1:09	2nd round	2:28	d. Paul/Willis 57 75 64	
d. Griekspoor/Van de Zandschulp 5-0 ret.	0:19	3rd round	1:28	d. (WC) McCabe/Tu 64 64	
d. Nouza/Riki 62 63	1:04	Quarterfinals	1:43	d. No. 12 Doubmbia/Reboul 64 76(3)	
d. No. 3 Granollers/Zeballos 63 76(7)	1:37	Semifinals	1:54	d. Johnson/Zielinski 62 36 63	
total time on court	6:03	(Infosys time)	10:20	total time on court	

- **HARRISON/SKUPSKI** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title as a team in their first Grand Slam event as a team.
- Harrison/Skupski are contesting their **2nd event as a team at Tour-level**. They reached the semifinals at Adelaide earlier this month in their only other event together at Tour-level (l. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz in the last 4). Their only other event as a team at any level came as a wild card pairing at 2013 Great Britain F1 Futures, falling in the 1st round (l. Kevin Griekspoor/Antal van der Duim). At the time, Harrison was ranked at No. 173 in doubles and Skupski did not have a doubles ranking.
- Harrison is bidding to become the **5th American men's doubles champion at the Australian Open since 2000** after Rick Leach (who won the title here with South Africa's Ellis Ferreira in 2000), Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan (who won the title here as a team in 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013) and Rajeev Ram (who won the title here with Great Britain's Joe Salisbury in 2020). He would become the 15th American man to win the Australian Open men's doubles title in the Open Era and the 40th American man to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the Open Era.
- Skupski is bidding to become the **4th British player in the Open Era to win the Australian Open men's doubles title** – after Jamie Murray (who won the title alongside Bruno Soares in 2016), Joe Salisbury (who won the title alongside Ram in 2020) and Henry Patten (who won the title last year alongside Harri Heliövaara).
- Skupski is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles title become the **5th British player in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam men's doubles titles**. He won his first Grand Slam men's doubles title alongside Wesley Koolhof at 2023 Wimbledon.

Most Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by British players (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Joe Salisbury	4
Jamie Murray	2
Henry Patten	2
Neal Skupski	2??
Roger Taylor	2
Jonathan Marray	1

- Harrison/Salisbury are bidding to become the **2nd American-British team in history to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – after Ram/Salisbury, who won the title here in 2020 and won 3 consecutive titles at the US Open in 2021-23.
- Harrison is the younger brother of Ryan Harrison, who won the men's doubles title at 2017 Roland Garros alongside Michael Venus. If Harrison wins the title here, the Harrisons will become the **5th pair of American brothers to win Grand Slam men's doubles titles** – after Gene and Sandy Mayer, John and Patrick McEnroe, Luke and Murphy Jensen, and Bob and Mike Bryan.
- **Last year here**, Skupski reached the 2nd round alongside Salisbury (d. Sebastian Baez/Francisco Comesana, l. Andre Goransson/Sem Verbeek), while Harrison fell in the 1st round alongside David Pel (l. Victor Vlad Cornea/Mariano Navone).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Harrison competed alongside Evan King, reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Salisbury/Skupski) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Guido Andreozzi/Marcelo Demoliner) and the US Open (l. Anirudh Chandrasekar/Vijay Prashanth). Skupski and Salisbury finished runner-up at Roland Garros and the US Open and reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, falling to Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos on all 3 occasions.

- By reaching the final here, Harrison has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best Grand Slam performance was reaching the semifinals alongside King at Roland Garros last year.
- By reaching the final here, Skupski has recorded his **best Australian Open performance**. His previous best results here were quarterfinal finishes in 2022 (l. Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell) and 2023 (l. Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler), both alongside Wesley Koolhof.
- Harrison is contesting his **10th Grand Slam doubles event with his 6th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside his older brother Ryan as a wild card at the 2012 US Open, reaching the quarterfinals (l. Aisam Qureshi/Jean-Julien Rojer). This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance.
- Skupski is contesting his **39th Grand Slam doubles event with his 12th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Bradley Klahn as an alternate at 2014 Roland Garros, falling in the 1st round (l. Teymuraz Gabashvili/Mikhail Kukushkin). This is his 10th Australian Open appearance.
- Harrison's best results in 2025 were winning his **first 3 Tour-level titles**, all partnering King – at Dallas (d. Ariel Behar/Robert Galloway), Acapulco (d. Sadio Doumbia/Fabien Reboul) and Brussels (d. Hugo Nys/Edouard Roger-Vasselin). He also finished as runner-up alongside Rajeev Ram at Auckland (l. Nikola Mektic/Michael Venus) and alongside King at Delray Beach (l. Miomir Mecmanovic/Brandon Nakashima) and reached the semifinals at 4 other Tour-level events alongside King, including at Roland Garros.
- Skupski's best results in 2025 were **runner-up finishes at 6 Tour-level events**, all alongside Salisbury. In addition to their runner-up finishes at Roland Garros and the US Open, they also reached the final at Doha (l. Julian Cash/Lloyd Glasspool), Barcelona (l. Sander Arends/Luke Johnson), Toronto-1000 (l. Cash/Glasspool) and the ATP Finals (l. Heliovaara/Patten). He also reached the semifinals at 6 other Tour-level events, 5 alongside Salisbury and one alongside John-Patrick Smith at Washington (l. Simone Bolelli/Andrea Vavassori).
- Harrison is bidding to win his **4th Tour-level doubles title** after his 3 titles alongside King last year.
- Skupski is bidding to win his **18th Tour-level doubles title**. He won 9 titles with Koolhof, 3 titles with his older brother Ken, 2 titles with Salisbury, 2 titles with Venus and one title with Jamie Murray.
- Skupski is a **2-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion**. He and Desirae Krawczyk won the title at Wimbledon in 2021 (d. Harriet Dart/Salisbury) and 2022 (d. Sam Stosur/Matthew Ebden). He entered the mixed doubles here with Krawczyk, falling to wild cards Leylah Fernandez/Nick Kyrgios in the 1st round.
- Harrison entered the **mixed doubles here** with Irina Khromacheva, reaching the quarterfinals before falling to No. 4 seeds Taylor Townsend/Nikola Mektic.
- Harrison reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 15 in November and plays here at the same ranking. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 198 in July 2018 but has not played singles at any level since June 2024.
- Skupski is a **former doubles world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time in November 2022 and has spent a total of 35 weeks at world No. 1. He plays here at No. 9. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 932 in November 2010 but has not played singles at any level since November 2016.
- Skupski made his **Davis Cup debut from Great Britain** at the 2019 Finals. He has a 10-5 win-loss record in the competition and won the only match he contested in the competition in 2025, partnering Salisbury to defeat Yosuke Watanukji/Takeru Yuzuki in the doubles match of Great Britain's 2-3 defeat to Japan in the Qualifiers 1st Round. Great Britain play away against Norway in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Harrison is coached by his father, Pat Harrison. Skupski is coached by his older brother, Ken Skupski, and Louis Cayer.

- Wild cards **KUBLER/POLMANS** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title as a team in their first event as a team at any level.
- Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the **3rd all-Australian men's doubles champions here in the last 5 years** – and the 15th all-Australian team to win the men's doubles here in the Open Era. At the 2022 Australian Open, Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios won the title to become the first all-Australian men's doubles champions here since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde won their 2nd Australian Open title in 1997. At the 2023 Australian Open, Kubler partnered Rinky Hijikata to become the 14th all-Australian team to win the men's doubles here in the Open Era.
- Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the **5th all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the last 5 years** – after Kokkinakis/Kyrgios here in 2022, Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell at 2022 Wimbledon, Hijikata/Kubler here in 2023 and Purcell/Jordan Thompson at the 2024 US Open.
- Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the **19th all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the Open Era**. Kokkinakis/Kyrgios, Ebden/Purcell, Hijikata/Kubler and Purcell/Thompson are the only all-Australian teams to win Grand Slam men's doubles titles since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde won their 11th major title as a team at 2000 Wimbledon.
- Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the **3rd wild card team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title in the Open Era** – after Kokkinakis/Kyrgios in 2022 and Hijikata/Kubler in 2023. They are the 4th wild card team to have reached the men's doubles finals here in the Open Era – after Kokkinakis/Kyrgios in 2022, Hijikata/Kubler in 2023 and Purcell/Luke Saville, who finished runners-up in 2020.
- Kubler/Polmans are bidding to become the **6th unseeded team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title in the Open Era** – after Stefan Edberg/Petr Korda (1996), Leander Paes/Radek Stepanek (2012), Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini (2015), Kokkinakis/Kyrgios (2022) and Hijikata/Kubler (2023).
- Kubler is bidding to become the **19th player in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles**, after winning the title alongside Hijikata here in 2023. He would also become the first player to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles since Bob and Mike Bryan, who won 6 titles here between 2006 and 2013, and the first Australian player to win multiple men's doubles titles here since Woodbridge, who won his 3rd doubles title here alongside Jonas Bjorkman in 2001.
- Kubler is bidding to become the **7th player in the Open Era to win his first 2 Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the Australian Open** – after John Alexander (who won his first 2 Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the Australian Open in 1975 and 1982), Mark Edmondson (1980 and 1981), Rick Leach and Jim Pugh (both 1988 and 1989), Bjorkman (1998 and 1999) and Michael Llodra (2003 and 2004).
- Kubler is bidding to become the **20th Australian player in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam men's doubles titles**. He would become the 3rd active Australian player to win multiple Grand Slam men's doubles title – after Ebden (2022 Wimbledon and 2024 Australian Open) and Purcell (2022 Wimbledon and 2024 US Open).
- Polmans is bidding to become the **36th Australian player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title**. He would become the 9th active Australian player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title – after Ebden, Hijikata, Kokkinakis, Kubler, Kyrgios, Purcell, John Peers (who won the doubles title here in 2017 alongside Finland's Henri Kontinen) and Thompson.
- **Last year here**, Kubler and Polmans both competed as wild cards with other partners. Kubler fell in the 1st round with Hijikata (l. Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic) and Polmans reached the 2nd round alongside Matthew Romios (d. Manuel Guinard/Arthur Rinderknech, l. Harri Heliovaara/Henry Patten). Polmans did not compete in doubles at another Grand Slam in 2025.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2025**, Kubler fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros alongside Thompson (l. Quentin Halys/Albano Olivetti). He did not compete in doubles at Wimbledon or the US Open.
- By reaching the final here, Polmans has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best Grand Slam performance was reaching the semifinals here in 2017 on his Tour-level doubles debut as a wild card alongside Andrew Whittington (l. Henri Kontinen/John Peers)
- Kubler is contesting his **9th Grand Slam doubles event with his 5th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Sam Groth as a wild card at the 2010 Australian Open, falling in the 1st round (l. Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic). This is his 6th Australian Open men's doubles appearance.

- Polmans is contesting his **13th Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Whittington as a wild card here in 2017, reaching the semifinals (l. Kontinen/Peers). This is his 10th Australian Open men's doubles appearance.
- Kubler is contesting his **4th Tour-level doubles final**. In addition to his title here in 2023, he finished runner-up in doubles at 2 events in 2022 – alongside Peers at Atlanta (l. Kokkinakis/Kyrgios) and alongside Saville at San Deigo (l. Nathaniel Lammons/Jackson Withrow). He is contesting his 25th Tour-level doubles event overall.
- Polmans is contesting his **first Tour-level doubles final**. His best Tour-level doubles result is reaching the semifinals as a wild card alongside Whittington here in 2017 on his Tour-level doubles debut. He is contesting his 22nd Tour-level doubles event overall.
- **In the men's singles event here this year**, Kubler successfully qualified at the Australian Open for the first time on his 5th attempt. He fell to No. 29 seed Frances Tiafoe in the 1st round of the main draw. Polmans entered qualifying as a wild card and fell in the 1st round of qualifying to No. 9 seed Elmer Moeller.
- Kubler's **best Grand Slam singles result** is reaching the round of 16 as a qualifier at 2022 Wimbledon. He defeated Daniel Evans, Dennis Novak and Jack Sock before falling to Taylor Fritz.
- Polmans' **best Grand Slam singles result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – as a wild card here in 2020 (d. Mikhail Kukushkin, l. Dusan Lajovic), as a lucky loser at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Cristian Garin) and as a qualifier at 2021 Wimbledon (d. Lu Yen-Hsun, l. Garin). His most recent Grand Slam singles main draw appearance came as a wild card here in 2024, when he fell in the 1st round to Alexei Popyrin.
- Kubler also **competed in mixed doubles here**, falling in the 1st round alongside Maddison Inglis (l. Tereza Mihalikova/Lloyd Glasspool). He is a former Grand Slam mixed doubles finalist, having finished runner-up as a wild card here alongside Jaimee Fourlis in 2022 (l. Kristina Mladenovic/Ivan Dodig).
- Polmans has made **8 Grand Slam mixed doubles appearances**, all as a wild card at the Australian Open, in 2016-18 and 2020-24. He has reached the mixed doubles semifinals here on 3 occasions – alongside Storm Sanders in 2021 (l. Rajeev Ram/Barbora Krejckikova) and alongside Olivia Gadecki in 2023 (l. Matos/Luisa Stefani) and 2024 (l. Skupski/Krawczyk).
- Kubler reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 63 in April 2023. He dropped as low as No. 841 in January 2025 but re-entered the Top 200 for the first time in over a year in June 2025 and is currently ranked at No. 194.
- Polmans reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 116 in October 2020. He is currently ranked at No. 384. He is currently ranked at No. 336 in doubles.
- Kubler reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 27 in May 2023. He dropped out of the doubles Top 1000 earlier this month and is currently ranked at No. 1432 in doubles.
- Kubler was a **successful junior**. He became junior world No. 1 in May 2010 and was a member of the Australian team which defeated Great Britain to win the 2009 Junior Davis Cup. He also reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2011 Wimbledon (l. Liam Broady). His best result in the boys' singles here was a 3rd round finish in 2010 (l. Sean Berman).
- Kubler has a **hereditary knee condition** that results in a weakened meniscus around the joints. He underwent multiple surgeries in his early teens. He played almost exclusively on clay between September 2012 and June 2015 to strengthen his knee.
- Kubler **struggled with a knee injury in 2024**. He missed 10 months on Tour after the Australian Open, returning at an ITF World Tennis Tour event in November. He competed almost exclusively at Challenger and ITF World Tennis Tour events in 2025. His appearances in singles qualifying here were his first matches of the 2026 season.
- Polmans was a **good junior**. He won the boys' doubles title here alongside Jake Delaney in 2015 (d. Hubert Hurkacz/Alex Molcan), reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Roman Safiullin) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 28 in February 2015. He was also a member of the Australian team which defeated Germany to finish 3rd in the 2013 Junior Davis Cup

- Kubler made his **Davis Cup debut for Australia** at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, winning one of the 2 matches he contested in the competition to date. Polmans is yet to make his Davis Cup debut. Australia play away against Ecuador in the 2026 Qualifiers 1st Round in February.
- Kubler is coached here by Andrew Harris. Polmans is coached by his brother, Greg Polmans.