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### On court today...

- Eight-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic begins his title defence in the 2nd night match on Rod Laver Arena today, with the world No. 1 up against France's Jeremy Chardy. The pair know each other well, having met on 13 previous occasions – but all of those matches were won by Djokovic in straight sets. Chardy has played well in 2021 so far, reaching the semifinals at both Antalya in January and at the Murray River Open last week, but he will need to be at his very best if he is to prevent Djokovic from reaching the 2nd round here for the 15th straight year.
- Last year's runner-up, Dominic Thiem, is also in action today, with the No. 3 seed to play Mikhail Kukushkin in the 3rd match on RLA. After the disappointment of defeat to Djokovic in the 2020 Australian Open final, Thiem won his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Alexander Zverev in the final. The Austrian is aiming to become the 6th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open title after winning the US Open in the previous season – and he will be confident of a good start today. Kukushkin has lost his opening match at Melbourne Park on 11 of his previous 12 appearances here.
- The 2nd night match on Margaret Court Arena sees 2 of the game's best young prospects go head-to-head, with 21-year-old Denis Shapovalov facing 19-year-old Jannik Sinner. Shapovalov is the higher ranked of the 2 men but will be wary of the threat posed by Sinner. The Italian has already recorded 5 victories against Top 20 opponents and is in good form, having won his 2nd Tour-level title at the Great Ocean Road Open in Melbourne on Sunday.
- Six Australian men get their campaigns underway today, including Nick Kyrgios, who plays qualifier Frederico Ferreira Silva on John Cain Arena. Kyrgios and Ferreira Silva were contemporaries on the junior circuit in the early 2010s, but their careers have diverged since then, with Kyrgios reaching multiple Grand Slam quarterfinals while Ferreira Silva is making his first appearance in the main draw at a major today. Should the Portuguese qualifier upset Kyrgios today, it will be just his 6th victory at Tour-level.

## NO. 1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v JEREMY CHARDY (FRA)

### Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 13-0

|             |                        |                  |             |                 |                 |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>2009</b> | <b>Australian Open</b> | <b>Hard (O)</b>  | <b>R64</b>  | <b>Djokovic</b> | <b>75 61 63</b> |
| 2009        | Marseille              | Hard (I)         | R32         | Djokovic        | 76(4) 64        |
| 2009        | Cincinnati-1000        | Hard (O)         | R16         | Djokovic        | 75 63           |
| 2010        | Rome-1000              | Clay (O)         | R32         | Djokovic        | 61 61           |
| 2010        | Toronto-1000           | Hard (O)         | QF          | Djokovic        | 62 63           |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>Wimbledon</b>       | <b>Grass (O)</b> | <b>R128</b> | <b>Djokovic</b> | <b>64 61 61</b> |
| <b>2013</b> | <b>Wimbledon</b>       | <b>Grass (O)</b> | <b>R32</b>  | <b>Djokovic</b> | <b>63 62 62</b> |
| 2014        | Miami-1000             | Hard (O)         | R64         | Djokovic        | 64 63           |
| <b>2014</b> | <b>Roland Garros</b>   | <b>Clay (O)</b>  | <b>R64</b>  | <b>Djokovic</b> | <b>61 64 62</b> |
| 2015        | Montreal-1000          | Hard (O)         | SF          | Djokovic        | 64 64           |
| 2018        | Queen's                | Grass (O)        | SF          | Djokovic        | 76(5) 64        |
| 2018        | Shanghai-1000          | Hard (O)         | R32         | Djokovic        | 63 75           |
| 2019        | Madrid-1000            | Clay (O)         | R16         | Djokovic        | 61 76(2)        |

A 14th match-up for 2 players who first met in the 2nd round here 12 years ago. It is the pair's 5th meeting at the Grand Slams and their 8th meeting on a hard court.

Djokovic is bidding to maintain his perfect record against Chardy – he was won all 13 matches he has played against Chardy in straight sets.

Chardy is one of 4 players whom Djokovic has defeated on 10 or more occasions without defeat. He also has a perfect record against Gael Monfils (17-0), Andreas Seppi (12-0) and Milos Raonic (11-0).

| DJOKOVIC | v                        | CHARDY  |
|----------|--------------------------|---------|
| 33       | Age                      | 33*     |
| 1        | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 66      |
| 81       | Titles                   | 1       |
| 296-45   | Career Grand Slam Record | 52-50   |
| 75-8     | Australian Open Record   | 11-12   |
| 936-192  | Career Record            | 284-287 |
| 606-114  | Career Record - Hard     | 153-163 |
| 2-0      | 2021 Record              | 6-2     |
| 2-0      | 2021 Record - Hard       | 6-2     |
| 32-10    | Career Five-Set Record   | 13-7    |
| 4        | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 1       |
| 262-141  | Career Tiebreak Record   | 141-158 |
| 0-1      | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 4-1     |

\*celebrates his 34th birthday on Friday 12 February

- Eight-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 15th consecutive year. This is his 17th appearance at the Australian Open and his 64th Grand Slam overall.
- The Australian Open is **the only Grand Slam event where Djokovic has lost in the 1st round**. He fell in the 1st round on his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier here in 2005 (l. Marat Safin) and again in 2006 (l. Paul Goldstein).
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **9th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian men's singles titles. He defeated Dominic Thiem in 5 sets in the final here last year to win his 8th Australian Open title. He claimed sole ownership of the all-time record for most Australian titles, ahead of Roy Emerson and Roger Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019. 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 also bidding to win his **18th Grand Slam title** and close the gap on Federer and Nadal (both 20 Grand Slam titles) at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles. In addition to his 9 titles here, he has also won 5 titles at Wimbledon (2011, 2014-15 and 2018-19), 3 titles at the US Open (2011, 2015 and 2018) and one title at Roland Garros (2016). He is one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.

- Djokovic is bidding to become the **2nd man in history to win at least 9 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who has won 13 titles at Roland Garros. Federer, who has won 8 titles at Wimbledon, is the only other player to have won at least 8 titles at a single Grand Slam event. (see Preview page 2)
- At 33 years 275 days, Djokovic is aiming to become the **first man in the Open Era to win 3 Australian Open titles after turning 30**. Having won the title here in 2019 aged 31 years 250 days and last year aged 32 years 256 days, Djokovic became the 4th man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles after turning 30 – after Federer, Andre Agassi and Ken Rosewall. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is also bidding to win his **6th Grand Slam title since turning 30** and equal Nadal's Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won after the age of 30. Since celebrating his 30th birthday on 22 May 2017, Djokovic has won 5 major titles – at Wimbledon in 2018 and 2019, the 2018 US Open and here in 2019 and 2020. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding to record his **297th Grand Slam match-win**. He will become the 2nd player to record 300 Grand Slam men's singles match-wins if he wins 4 matches here this year. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins in the Open Era, behind Federer.

#### Most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

| Rank | Player                | Grand Slam win-loss |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1.   | Roger Federer         | 362-59              |
| 2.   | <b>Novak Djokovic</b> | <b>296-45</b>       |
| 3.   | <b>Rafael Nadal</b>   | <b>282-39</b>       |
| 4.   | Jimmy Connors         | 233-49              |
| 5.   | Andre Agassi          | 224-53              |

- **Elsewhere at Grand Slams in 2020**, Djokovic reached his 5th final at Roland Garros, but fell to Nadal 60 62 75. It was the first time that Djokovic had lost a set 60 in a Grand Slam final. He reached the round of 16 at the US Open but was defaulted during the first set of his match against Pablo Carreno Busta.
- **Also in 2020**, Djokovic won the titles at Dubai (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Milos Raonic) and Rome-1000 (d. Diego Schwartzman). By winning the title at Cincinnati, he became the first player to win Masters-1000 events in 3 different decades and the first player to win all 9 Masters-1000 events on at least 2 occasions. He also reached the semifinals at the ATP Finals (l. Thiem) and the quarterfinals at Vienna (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Djokovic represented Serbia at the ATP Cup. He won both singles matches he contested, defeating Canada's Denis Shapovalov and Germany's Alexander Zverev.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **82nd Tour-level title** here. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles), Federer (103), Ivan Lendl (95) and Nadal (86) have won more Tour-level titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic is **guaranteed to remain at No. 1 when the new rankings are published on Monday 22 February**. He has been ranked at No. 1 since winning the title here last year.
- Djokovic is also **guaranteed to equal Federer's record for most weeks as world No. 1 (310) on Monday 1 March**. He became the 2nd player, after Federer, to spend 300 weeks at No. 1 on 21 December 2020.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004. He won all 3 of the singles matches he contested as Serbia reached the quarterfinals at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid, improving to a 34-7 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches. Serbia were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been postponed to 2021.
- Djokovic is coached by Marian Vajda and Goran Ivanisevic, who reached the quarterfinals here in 1989, 1994 and 1997.

- **CHARDY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 13th Australian Open appearance and his 51st Grand Slam overall.
- Chardy has **lost in the 1st round here on 5 occasions** – including last year, when he fell to David Goffin in straight sets. He also fell in the 1st round here in 2010 (l. Lleyton Hewitt), 2011 (l. Bernard Tomic), 2012 (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and 2018 (l. Tennys Sandgren).
- Chardy is bidding to end a **4-match losing streak at the Grand Slams**. He has not recorded a Grand Slam match-win since the 2019 US Open, when he reached the 2nd round (d. Hubert Hurkacz, l. Stan Wawrinka). In addition to his 1st round defeat here last year, he also fell in the 1st round at both the US Open (l. Andrey Rublev) and Roland Garros (l. Jurij Rodionov) in 2020.
- Chardy's best **Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals here in 2013. He defeated Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Marcel Granollers, Juan Martin del Potro and Andreas Seppi, before falling to Andy Murray in straight sets.
- Chardy's **contested just 5 Tour-level events in 2020**, recording just 2 match-wins at Tour-level – in 2nd round finishes at Doha (d. Gregoire Barrere, l. Wawrinka) and Adelaide (d. Gilles Simon, l. Pablo Carreno Busta). His only other Tour-level appearances in 2020 were his 1st round defeats at the 3 Grand Slam events played last year. He fell in qualifying at both Cincinnati-1000 and Rome-1000.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Chardy competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the semifinals (l. Daniel Evans). He also reached the semifinals at Antalya last month (l. Alexander Bublik).
- Chardy is bidding to **defeat a world No. 1 for the first time** on his 6th attempt. He has lost all 5 of his previous meetings with No. 1-ranked players in straight sets. The highest-ranked players he has defeated are No. 4 Murray at 2012 Cincinnati-1000, No. 4 Roger Federer at 2014 Rome-1000, No. 4 Grigor Dimitrov at 2018 Miami-1000 and No. 4 Daniil Medvedev at 2019 Paris-1000. The highest-ranked players he has defeated at the Grand Slams are No. 7 David Nalbandian at 2008 Roland Garros, No. 7 Del Potro here in 2013 and No. 7 David Ferrer at the 2015 US Open.
- Chardy has won one of the last 4 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only victory in a 5-set match in that time coming against Hurkacz in the 1st round at the 2019 US Open. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 13-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Chardy reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 25 in January 2013. He is ranked at No. 66 as of 1 February 2021.
- Chardy was a **successful junior**. He finished the 2005 season as junior world No. 4 after winning the boys' singles title at Wimbledon and finishing runner-up in boys' singles at the US Open (l. Ryan Sweeting). He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2005 (d. Martin Sayer, l. Marin Cilic).
- Chardy has played **Davis Cup** since 2009 and has a 5-2 win-loss record in the competition. France were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Chardy is coached by James Davidson and Cedric Pioline, who reached the round of 16 here in 1998.

## NO. 3 DOMINIC THIEM (AUT) v MIKHAIL KUKUSHKIN (KAZ)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Thiem has lost Australian Open matches to players ranked as low as No. 90 Kukushkin on 2 previous occasions – in 2018, when he fell to No. 97 Tennys Sandgren in the round of 16, and 2019, when he retired due to illness while trailing No. 149 Alexei Popyrin in the 3rd round.

| THIEM   | v                        | KUKUSHKIN |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 27      | Age                      | 33        |
| 3       | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 90        |
| 17      | Titles                   | 1         |
| 71-26   | Career Grand Slam Record | 28-37     |
| 16-7    | Australian Open Record   | 3-10      |
| 301-158 | Career Record            | 167-209   |
| 144-96  | Career Record - Hard     | 115-126   |
| 1-1     | 2021 Record              | 1-1       |
| 1-1     | 2021 Record - Hard       | 1-1       |
| 10-8    | Career Five-Set Record   | 10-9      |
| 3       | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 1         |
| 118-101 | Career Tiebreak Record   | 77-87     |
| 0-0     | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-0       |

- US Open champion **THIEM** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th consecutive year and the 7th time overall. This is his 8th straight Australian Open and his 28th consecutive Grand Slam.
- Thiem has **lost in 1st round at the Australian Open on one previous occasion** – in 2015, when he fell to Roberto Bautista Agut in 4 sets.
- Last year here, Thiem became the **first Austrian player to reach an Australian Open singles final**. He defeated world No. 1 Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals and No. 7 Alexander Zverev in the semifinals but fell to Novak Djokovic 64 46 26 63 64 in the title match. It was his 3rd appearance in a Grand Slam final, having also finished runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros in both 2018 and 2019.
- Thiem **won his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year**, becoming the 2nd Austrian player to win a Grand Slam singles title after 1995 Roland Garros champion Thomas Muster. He defeated Zverev 26 46 64 63 76(6) in the final, becoming the first man to win the US Open final from 0-2 down since Pancho Gonzales recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Ted Schroeder in 1949. He became the first new Grand Slam men's singles champion since Cilic won the title at the 2014 US Open and the first man born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title. He is one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- Thiem is bidding to become the **7th man in the Open Era – and the 14th in history – to win a 2nd Grand Slam title on his 2nd Grand Slam appearance after winning his first major title**. No player has won a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title on their next Grand Slam appearance in the Open Era. (see Preview page 4)
- Thiem is bidding to become the **6th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open after winning the US Open in the previous season**. Djokovic is the most-recent player to achieve the feat, having done so for the 3rd time in 2018-19. (see Preview page 4)
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Thiem reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros, falling to Diego Schwartzman in 5 sets. He was the only player to reach the quarterfinals or better at all 3 Grand Slam events that were contested last season.
- **Also in 2020**, Thiem reached the title match at the ATP Finals for the 2nd consecutive season, but fell to Daniil Medvedev. He also reached the quarterfinals at Rio de Janeiro (l. Gianluca Mager) and Vienna (l. Andrey Rublev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Thiem represented Austria at the ATP Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he contested, defeating France's Benoit Paire but falling to Italy's Matteo Berrettini.

- Thiem reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in March last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Thiem is a **former junior world No. 2**. He reached the boys' singles final at 2011 Junior Roland Garros as No. 14 seed, losing to Bjorn Fratangelo 36 63 86. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2011 (d. Dennis Novikov, l. Luke Saville).
- Thiem has played **Davis Cup** for Austria since 2014 and has a 9-4 win-loss record in singles matches and a 10-6 win-loss record in the competition overall. Austria defeated Uruguay in the Qualifiers last year to secure a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Thiem joined the Austrian military as part of the country's mandatory national service for 6 months from November 2014-April 2015, but continued to play on Tour during that time.
- Thiem is coached by Nicolas Massu, who reached the 2nd round on one of his 8 appearances here.
- **KUKUSHKIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 11th consecutive appearance at the Australian Open and his 39th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Kukushkin lost to Marc Polmans in 5 sets in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round on 9 of his previous 10 appearances at the Australian Open.
- Kukushkin's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – including at the Australian Open in 2012, when he became the first man from Kazakhstan to reach the last 16 at a major. He defeated Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Viktor Troicki and Gael Monfils before retiring due to a left hip flexor injury in the round of 16 against Andy Murray. He also reached the round of 16 at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Kei Nishikori).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2020**, Kukushkin reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he defeated Attila Balazs and Cristian Garin before falling to Jordan Thompson, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Fabio Fognini, l. Pedro Martinez).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Kukushkin competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Juan Ignacio Londero, l. Stan Wawrinka).
- Kukushkin's **best result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals at Nur-Sultan, where he defeated Federico Delbonis and Benoit Paire before falling to Emil Ruusuvuori. In addition to his 3rd round finish at the US Open and 2nd round finish at Roland Garros, he also reached the 2nd round at Doha (d. Malek Jaziri, l. Andrey Rublev), but fell in the 1st round at the 5 other Tour-level events he contested.
- Kukushkin is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the 2nd time** on his 20th attempt. He has a 1-18 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level, with his only victory against a Top 5 player coming against No. 4 Wawrinka in the 1st round at 2014 Basel.
- Kukushkin is also bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 7th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 10 Roberto Bautista Agut in the 1st round at 2019 US Open.
- Kukushkin has won 3 of his last 4 **five-set matches**, with his only defeat in a 5-set match in that time coming against Polmans in the 1st round here last year. He has a 2-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 10-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Kukushkin reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 39 in February 2019. He plays here at No. 90.
- Kukushkin has played **Davis Cup** for Kazakhstan since 2008 and has a 26-15 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles. He lost the only match he contested in Kazakhstan's 3-1 victory over Netherlands in the Qualifiers last year, falling to Robin Haase. Kazakhstan's victory secured their place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Kukushkin is currently without a coach.

## NO. 6 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v MARCOS GIRON (USA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Zverev has never lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 73 Giron. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Zverev here is No. 58 Hyeon Chung in the 3rd round in 2018. He has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as Giron on 4 occasions – most recently against No. 75 Jannik Sinner in the round of 16 at Roland Garros last year.

| ZVEREV  | v                        | GIRON |
|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| 23      | Age                      | 27    |
| 7       | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 73    |
| 13      | Titles                   | 0     |
| 46-21   | Career Grand Slam Record | 2-6   |
| 12-5    | Australian Open Record   | 0-1   |
| 252-127 | Career Record            | 14-17 |
| 151-80  | Career Record - Hard     | 13-15 |
| 1-2     | 2021 Record              | 2-1   |
| 1-2     | 2021 Record - Hard       | 2-1   |
| 15-7    | Career Five-Set Record   | 2-0   |
| 1       | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0     |
| 95-69   | Career Tiebreak Record   | 5-9   |
| 2-1     | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-1   |

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th straight year. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 4 previous occasions** – including on his Australian Open debut in 2016 (l. Andy Murray). He also fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at the 2015 US Open (l. Philipp Kohlschreiber), as No. 9 seed at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Fernando Verdasco) and as No. 6 seed at Wimbledon last year (l. Jiri Vesely).
- Last year here Zverev recorded **his best Australian Open result** by reaching the semifinals, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in straight sets. It was the first time he had reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- Zverev reached his **first Grand Slam final at the 2020 US Open**, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. Aged 23 years 146 days, he became the youngest man to reach a major final since Djokovic finished runner-up at the 2010 US Open aged 23 years 113 days.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Zverev reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros, falling to Jannik Sinner in 4 sets.
- Zverev's **other highlights in 2020** were winning back-to-back titles at Cologne in October, where he defeated Felix Auger-Aliassime in the final at the first tournament and Diego Schwartzman in the final at the 2nd tournament. He also reached the final at Paris-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Zverev represented Germany at the ATP Cup, with the team reaching the semifinals before falling to Russia. He won one of the 3 singles matches he contested, defeating Canada's Denis Shapovalov but falling to Serbia's Djokovic and Russia's Medvedev.
- At 23 years 307 days, Zverev is looking to become the **youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2011 aged 23 years 253 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Zverev has won 7 of the last 8 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat in a 5-set match in that time coming against Thiem in the final at the US Open last year. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 15-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in November 2017, becoming the youngest player to break the Top 3 since Djokovic in 2007. He plays here at No. 7.

- Zverev is **one of 6 former junior Australian Open singles champions** in this year's men's main draw. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (l. Christian Garin) and was named 2013 ITF Junior World Champion. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.
- Zverev is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.
- **GIRON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and 7th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Giron fell to Philipp Kohlschreiber in straight sets in the 1st round. He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 of his previous 6 Grand Slam main draw appearances.
- Giron's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round at both the US Open and Roland Garros last year. At the US Open, he defeated Marc Polmans in 5 sets in the 1st round for his first Grand Slam match-win before falling to Filip Krajinovic in straight sets. At Roland Garros, he defeated Quentin Halys in 5 sets in the 1st round before falling to Thiago Monteiro in straight sets.
- Giron's **best Tour-level result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Antwerp, where he defeated Luca Nardi and David Goffin before falling to Alex de Minaur. He also reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Paris-1000 (l. Milos Raonic). Of his 14 Tour-level match-wins to date, 11 have come since the beginning of the 2020 season.
- **Also in 2020**, Giron reached the semifinals at the Bendigo Challenger (AUS) (l. Stefano Travaglia) and the quarterfinals at the Indian Wells Challenger (USA) (l. Brandon Nakashima).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Giron competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne. He reached the 3rd round, defeating Michael Mmoh and Adrian Mannarino before falling to Daniel Evans.
- Giron is bidding to record his **2nd victory against a Top 10 player** on his 4th attempt. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition, with his only victory against Top 10 player coming against No. 10 Matteo Berrettini in the 2nd round at Paris-1000 last year.
- Giron **broke the Top 100 for the first time** in August last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 70 in January. He is ranked at No 73 as of 1 February 2021.
- Giron played **college tennis**. He represented UCLA from 2012-14 and won the 2014 NCAA singles title before turning professional.
- Giron is coached by Robby Ginepri, who reached the round of 16 here in 2004, and Evan Lee.

## NO. 8 DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN (ARG) v (Q) ELIAS YMER (SWE)

### Head-to-head: Schwartzman leads 1-0

2015 US Open Hard (O) R128 Schwartzman 63 62 62

Schwartzman is bidding to maintain his perfect record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams. He has won all 8 of his previous matches against qualifiers at the majors, including both of his matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open – defeating Casper Ruud in 2018 and Rudolf Molleker in 2019. He has a 26-10 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Schwartzman never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 204 Ymer. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Schwartzman at the majors is No. 142 Juan Martin del Potro in the 1st round at the 2016 US Open. He has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as Ymer on 3 occasions – falling to No. 241 Arthur de Greef in the 1st round at 2015 Casablanca, to No. 277 Ernesto Escobedo in the 1st round at 2016 Nottingham and to No. 248 Vasek Pospisil in the 1st round at 2019 Shanghai-1000.

| SCHWARTZMAN | v                        | YMER  |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 28          | Age                      | 24    |
| 9           | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 204   |
| 3           | Titles                   | 0     |
| 37-25       | Career Grand Slam Record | 1-6   |
| 9-6         | Australian Open Record   | 0-2   |
| 169-144     | Career Record            | 19-48 |
| 81-72       | Career Record - Hard     | 9-23  |
| 1-1         | 2021 Record              | 0-1   |
| 1-1         | 2021 Record - Hard       | 0-1   |
| 6-5         | Career Five-Set Record   | 2-3   |
| 1           | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0     |
| 47-57       | Career Tiebreak Record   | 12-15 |
| 0-1         | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-0   |

- **SCHWARTZMAN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th straight year. This is his 7th Australian Open and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- Schwartzman has **lost in the 1st round here on 2 occasions** – on his Australian Open debut in 2015 (l. Kevin Anderson) and in 2016, when he retired due to cramping in the 4th set of his match against John Millman.
- Schwartzman's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – in 2018 (l. Rafael Nadal) and last year (l. Novak Djokovic).
- Schwartzman's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros last year, where he fell to Nadal in straight sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Schwartzman fell to Cameron Norrie in the 1st round at the US Open despite holding a 2-0 lead. He has a 6-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches and has won both 5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open.
- Schwartzman's **best results in 2020** were finishing runner-up at Cordoba (l. Cristian Garin), Rome-1000 (l. Djokovic) and Cologne (l. Alexander Zverev). He also reached the semifinals at Buenos Aires, where he gave a walkover to Pedro Martinez due to a left leg injury, and Roland Garros, and the quarterfinals at Kitzbuhel (l. Laslo Djere) and Paris-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Schwartzman represented Argentina at the ATP Cup. He lost his first match to Russia's Medvedev before ending a 6-match Tour-level losing streak by defeating Japan's Kei Nishikori.
- Schwartzman **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in October last year after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 and plays here one place lower at No. 9.

- Schwartzman has played **Davis Cup** for Argentina since 2015 and has a 5-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 3 matches he contested as Argentina reached the quarterfinals at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid. Argentina will next play Belarus at home in a World Group I tie in September.
- Schwartzman is coached by former world No. 15 Juan Ignacio Chela, who reached the round of 16 here in 2006, and Leonardo Olguin.
- Qualifier **YMER** is bidding to record his first Australian Open match-win. This is 2nd Australian Open and his 7th Grand Slam overall.
- Ymer defeated Blake Mott (AUS) 64 63, No. 27 seed Marc-Andrea Huesler (SUI) 16 63 62 and No. 5 seed Taro Daniel (JPN) 61 62 in the 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. It was the first time he has successfully qualified for a Grand Slam since 2018 Roland Garros.
- Ymer **lost in the 1st round on both of his previous Australian Open appearances** – as a qualifier in both 2015 (l. Go Soeda) and 2018 (l. Mackenzie McDonald). He had previously not competed in Australian Open qualifying since 2018, withdrawing due to a right elbow injury in 2019 and due to a foot injury in 2020.
- Ymer's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Dudi Sela, l. Fabio Fognini). He lost in the 1st round on his other 5 previous Grand Slam appearances.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Ymer reached the 2nd round of qualifying at Roland Garros (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Sebastian Ofner).
- Ymer contested just **one Tour-level match in 2020**, falling to Alejandro Tabilo during Sweden's victory over Chile in the Davis Cup Qualifiers. He is bidding to record his first Tour-level match-win since reaching the 2nd round as a wild card at 2019 Bastad (d. Thiago Monteiro, l. Joao Sousa).
- Ymer **competed mainly at Challenger-level in 2020**. His best result was reaching the quarterfinals at the Prague Challenger (CZE) (l. Michael Vrbensky).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Ymer competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne but fell to Gilles Simon in straight sets in the 1st round.
- Ymer is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 opponent for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. He lost his only previous match against a Top 10 player, falling to No. 8 David Ferrer in the 3rd round at 2015 Barcelona. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 41 Nick Kyrgios in the 2nd round at 2015 Barcelona.
- Ymer reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 105 in June 2018. He is ranked at No. 204 as of 1 February 2021.
- Ymer's **younger brother, Mikael**, is also competing in the main draw here this year – he plays No. 26 seed Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round on Tuesday. It is the first time that the Ymer brothers have both competed in the main draw at a Grand Slam.
- Ymer has **won one Tour-level doubles title**. In 2016, he and brother Mikael won the title as a wild card team at Stockholm (d. Mate Pavic/Michael Venus), becoming the first Swedish pair to win the Stockholm title since Nicklas Kulti/Mikael Tillstrom in 1998.
- Ymer was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 5 in January 2013. He reached the final at the 2012 Orange Bowl (l. Laslo Djere) and the quarterfinals at the 2012 Trofeo Bonfiglio (l. Quentin Halys). He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Kang Ku Keon).
- Ymer has played **Davis Cup** for Sweden since 2013 and has an 8-12 win-loss record in the competition. Sweden defeated Chile in last year's Qualifiers to secure a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Ymer was a recipient of an International Player Grand Slam Grant, financed by the Grand Slam Development Fund, in May 2017. He received a further GSDF player grant in 2018.
- Ymer is coached by Christian Brydniak.

## NO. 10 GAEL MONFILS (FRA) v EMIL RUUSUVUORI (FIN)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Monfils has lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 86 Ruusuvuori on one occasion – when he fell to No. 92 Mikhail Kukushkin in the 3rd round here in 2012.

| MONFILS | v                        | RUUSUVUORI |
|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| 34      | Age                      | 21         |
| 11      | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 86         |
| 10      | Titles                   | 0          |
| 110-53  | Career Grand Slam Record | 1-2        |
| 29-15   | Australian Open Record   | 0-0        |
| 493-282 | Career Record            | 13-15      |
| 318-165 | Career Record - Hard     | 10-11      |
| 0-1     | 2021 Record              | 2-2        |
| 0-1     | 2021 Record - Hard       | 2-2        |
| 17-16   | Career Five-Set Record   | 1-0        |
| 2       | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0          |
| 196-145 | Career Tiebreak Record   | 5-5        |
| 0-0     | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 1-1        |

- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 15th time. This is his 16th appearance at the Australian Open and his 54th Grand Slam overall.
- Monfils has **lost in the 1st round here on one occasion** – in 2006 when, as No. 22 seed, he fell to Luis Horna in straight sets.
- **Last year here**, as No. 10 seed, Monfils reached the round of 16. He defeated Yen-Hsun Lu, Ivo Karlovic and Ernests Gulbis before falling to Dominic Thiem in straight sets.
- Monfils' **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2016 on his 11th attempt (l. Milos Raonic), moving him into joint-2nd place with Mark Woodforde on the list for the most attempts before reaching the last 8 here in the Open Era.
- Monfils' **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the semifinals at 2008 Roland Garros ranked No. 59 (l. Roger Federer), and at the 2016 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2020**, Monfils fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Alexander Bublik). He did not compete at the US Open.
- Monfils' **best results in 2020** were winning back-to-back titles at Montpellier (d. Vasek Pospisil) and Rotterdam (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime). It was the first time in his career that Monfils has won multiple Tour-level titles in a season. Of Monfils' 10 Tour-level titles, 9 have come on hard courts. He also reached the semifinals at Dubai (l. Djokovic).
- Monfils is bidding to end a **6-match Tour-level losing streak**, having not recorded a match-win at Tour-level since defeating Richard Gasquet in the quarterfinals at Dubai in February. He lost his opening match at the 4 events he contested following the resumption of play in August last year, and lost the only match he contested while representing France at the ATP Cup last week, falling to Italy's Matteo Berrettini in straight sets
- Monfils has won one of his last 4 **five-set matches**. His only victory in a 5-set match during that time came against Denis Shapovalov in the 3rd round at the US Open in 2019. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 17-16 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Monfils reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in November 2016. He re-entered the Top 10 for the first time since February 2017 in November 2019 and remained in the Top 10 until October last year. He plays here at No. 11.

- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion. He is one of 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions in the main draw here.
- Monfils returned to the French **Davis Cup** team at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid, having previously not played for the team since 2016. He lost the only match he contested at the Finals, falling to Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka in straight sets. He has a 12-3 Davis Cup win-loss record overall. France were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Monfils is coached by Gunter Bresnik and Richard Ruckelshausen.
- **RUUSUVUORI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 3rd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, as No. 4 seed, Ruusuvuori reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Facundo Mena, l. Elliot Benchetrit). It is the only time he has competed in qualifying at a Grand Slam.
- Ruusuvuori recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 2nd round on his Grand Slam debut at the US Open last year. He defeated Aljaz Bedene in 5 sets – the only 5-set match of his career to date – before retiring due to a right leg injury while trailing Casper Ruud 64 63 3-2 in the 2nd round. On his only other Grand Slam main draw appearance he fell to Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.
- Ruusuvuori is the **4th Finnish player to compete in the men's singles main draw at the Australian Open** – after Veli Paloheimo (1989-90), Aki Rahunen (1990-92) and Jarkko Nieminen (2002-15).
- Ruusuvuori's **best result in 2020** was reaching his first Tour-level semifinal at Nur-Sultan (l. Adrian Mannarino). He also finished runner-up at the Bendigo Challenger (AUS) (l. Philipp Kohlschreiber) and reached the quarterfinals at the Bratislava Challenger (SVK) (l. Lukas Klein).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Ruusuvuori competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Viktor Troicki, l. Borna Coric). He also competed at Antalya last month, reaching the 2nd round (d. Jiri Vesely, l. Stefano Travaglia).
- Ruusuvuori is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the 2nd time** on his 3rd attempt. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition, having defeated No. 5 Dominic Thiem during Finland's 2019 David Cup Europe/Africa Group I defeat to Austria but fallen to No. 8 Matteo Berrettini in the 2nd round at Cincinnati-1000 last year.
- Ruusuvuori reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 84 in November last year. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 86.
- Ruusuvuori was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in November 2017. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 US Open (l. Wu Yibing) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 Australian Open (l. Corentin Moutet). He also defeated Wu to win the title at the 2017 ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu.
- Ruusuvuori has played **Davis Cup** for Finland since 2017 and has a 5-4 win-loss record in the competition. Finland will next play at home to India in a World Group I tie in September.
- Ruusuvuori is coached by Federico Ricci.

# NO. 11 DENIS SHAPOVALOV (CAN) v JANNIK SINNER (ITA)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Shapovalov (21 years 312 days) and Sinner (19 years 189 days) are 2 of the 9 players aged 21 or younger to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Shapovalov is bidding to become the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Novak Djokovic (20 years 250 days) in 2008. He is also bidding to become the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Juan Martin del Potro (20 years 355 days) won the title at the 2009 US Open.

Sinner is bidding to become the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Mats Wilander (19 years 111 days) in 1983 – Wilander is the only teenager to win the men's title here in the Open Era. He is also bidding to become the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Rafael Nadal (19 years 2 days) won the title at 2005 Roland Garros.

| SHAPOVALOV | v                        | SINNER |
|------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 21         | Age                      | 19     |
| 12         | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 36     |
| 1          | Titles                   | 2      |
| 17-13      | Career Grand Slam Record | 5-4    |
| 3-3        | Australian Open Record   | 1-1    |
| 103-87     | Career Record            | 31-20  |
| 83-64      | Career Record - Hard     | 21-12  |
| 0-2        | 2021 Record              | 4-0    |
| 0-2        | 2021 Record - Hard       | 4-0    |
| 4-5        | Career Five-Set Record   | 0-1    |
| 1          | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0      |
| 49-52      | Career Tiebreak Record   | 11-12  |
| 1-1        | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 5-0    |

- Lefthander **SHAPOVALOV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 4th appearance at the Australian Open and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, as No. 13 seed, Shapovalov fell to Marton Fucsovics in the 1st round – one of 4 occasions where he has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam.
- Shapovalov's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the 3rd round in 2019. As No. 25 seed, he defeated Pablo Andujar and Taro Daniel before falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets.
- Shapovalov recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open last year. He defeated Sebastian Korda, Soonwoo Kwon, Taylor Fritz and David Goffin, before falling to Pablo Carreno Busta in 5 sets in the last 8. Shapovalov was the first Canadian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at the US Open.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Shapovalov reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Gilles Simon before falling to Roberto Carballes Baena in 5 sets.
- Shapovalov's **best results in 2020** were reaching the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and St. Petersburg (l. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the quarterfinals at Auckland (l. Ugo Humbert), Marseille (l. Alexander Bublik) and the US Open.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Shapovalov represented Canada at the ATP Cup. He lost both singles matches he contested – to Serbia's Djokovic and Germany's Alexander Zverev – as Canada finished in 3rd place in Group A.
- Shapovalov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 in September 2020. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 12.

- Shapovalov has lost 3 of his last 4 **five-set matches**, with his only victory in a 5-set match in that time coming against Fritz in the 3rd round at the US Open last year. He lost the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open and has a 4-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Shapovalov is one of **17 lefthanders** to start in the men's main draw at this year's Australian Open. The last lefthander to win the title here was Rafael Nadal in 2009.
- Shapovalov was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Alex de Minaur) and was a member of the Canadian team that defeated Germany to win the 2015 Junior Davis Cup title. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2015 (d. Hubert Hurkacz, I. Marc Polmans).
- Shapovalov was part of the **Canadian team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time** in November 2019. He won 3 of his 5 singles matches and 2 of his 3 doubles matches at the Finals in Madrid, falling to Rafael Nadal in the 2nd match of the final. He made his debut in the competition in 2016 and has a 12-7 overall Davis Cup win-loss record. As runners-up in 2019, Canada secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Shapovalov is coached by Mikhail Youzhny, who reached the quarterfinals here in 2008, and his mother, Tessa Shapovalova.
- **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Sinner reached the 2nd round. He recorded his first Grand Slam match-win by defeating Max Purcell before falling to Marton Fucsovics.
- Sinner recorded his **best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year, falling to eventual champion Rafael Nadal in straight sets. Aged 19 years 56 days, he became youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros since Novak Djokovic (19 years 20 days) in 2006 and the youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Bernard Tomic (18 years 255 days) at 2011 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Sinner lost in the 1st round at the US Open, falling to Karen Khachanov in the only 5-set match of his career to date.
- Sinner won his **first Tour-level title** at 2020 Sofia, defeating Vasek Pospisil in the final. At 19 years old, he became the youngest player to win a Tour-level title since 18-year-old Kei Nishikori won the title at 2008 Delray Beach
- Sinner's **other highlights in 2020** were reaching the semifinals as a wild card at Cologne (I. Alexander Zverev) and the quarterfinals as a wild card at Rotterdam (I. Pablo Carreno Busta).
- Prior to the Australian Open Sinner won his **2nd Tour-level title** at the Great Ocean Road Open. As No. 4 seed, he defeated Stefano Travaglia 76(4) 64 in the final on Sunday.
- Aged 19 years 189 days, Sinner is one of **2 teenagers to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw**, alongside Carlos Alcaraz (17 years 292 days).
- Sinner is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 opponent for the 6th time**. He has a 5-8 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level and a 2-2 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams.
- Sinner **broke the Top 50 for the first time** after reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 36 in January. He is ranked at No. 36 as of 1 February 2021.
- Sinner **won the title at the 2019 NextGen ATP Finals** where, as a wild card, he defeated Alex De Minaur in the final. He was voted by players ATP Newcomer of the Year for 2019 after beginning the season ranked No. 553 and ending it inside the Top 80, at No. 78.
- 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 (I. Naoki Tajima).

- Sinner is coached by Riccardo Piatti and Andrea Volpini.

## NO. 14 MILOS RAONIC (CAN) v FEDERICO CORIA (ARG)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Raonic has lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 92 Coria on one previous occasion – in 2012, when he fell to No. 181 Lleyton Hewitt in the 3rd round.

| RAONIC  | v                        | CORIA |
|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| 30      | Age                      | 28    |
| 15      | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 92    |
| 8       | Titles                   | 0     |
| 88-33   | Career Grand Slam Record | 3-2   |
| 31-10   | Australian Open Record   | 0-0   |
| 366-171 | Career Record            | 8-11  |
| 252-113 | Career Record - Hard     | 2-4   |
| 1-1     | 2021 Record              | 1-1   |
| 1-1     | 2021 Record - Hard       | 1-1   |
| 9-8     | Career Five-Set Record   | 1-0   |
| 1       | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 1     |
| 229-142 | Career Tiebreak Record   | 7-1   |
| 0-2     | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 1-0   |

- **RAONIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 10th time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Raonic reached the quarterfinals for the 5th time. He defeated Lorenzo Giustino, Cristian Garin, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Marin Cilic before falling to Novak Djokovic in straight sets.
- Raonic's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2016 (l. Andy Murray). He was the first Canadian man – and only the 2nd Canadian player after Eugenie Bouchard, who reached the semifinals of the women's singles here in 2014 – in history to reach the semifinals here.
- Raonic recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at 2016 Wimbledon when, as No. 6 seed, he became the first Canadian man to reach a Grand Slam final, falling to Murray in straight sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Raonic reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Leonardo Mayer, l. Vasek Pospisil). He did not compete at Roland Garros due to a knee injury.
- Raonic's **best result in 2020** was reaching the final at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Delray Beach (l. Reilly Opelka), St. Petersburg (l. Borna Coric) and Paris-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev), and the quarterfinals at the Australian Open and Antwerp, where he gave a walkover to Grigor Dimitrov due to an abdominal injury.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Raonic represented Canada at the ATP Cup. He won one of the 2 singles matches he contested, defeating Serbia's Dusan Lajovic but falling to Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff.
- The Australian Open is Raonic's **most successful Grand Slam** in terms of matches won. He has a 31-10 win-loss record here, compared to a 27-9 win-loss record at Wimbledon, 16-8 at the US Open and 14-6 at Roland Garros.
- Raonic has **won 8 Tour-level titles** – most recently at 2016 Brisbane (d. Roger Federer). All 8 of his titles have come on hard courts.
- Raonic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in November 2016 after reaching the semifinals at the ATP Finals, where he fell to Murray in the longest 3-set match in the tournament's history at 3 hours 38 minutes. He is ranked at No. 15 as of 1 February 2021.
- Raonic has played **Davis Cup** for Canada since 2010 and has an 18-6 overall win-loss record in the competition but withdrew from Canadian team that reached the Davis Cup Final for the first time due to a

back injury. As runners-up in 2019, Canada have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Raonic is coached by Mario Tudor.
- **CORIA** is making his Australian Open debut today. This is his 3rd Grand Slam main draw appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, as No. 15 seed, Coria reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Ramkumar Ramanathan, I. Ernests Gulbis). It was the only occasion he has attempted to qualify here.
- Coria recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros last year, where he defeated Jason Jung and Benoit Paire before falling to Jannik Sinner in straight sets. He reached the 2nd round on his only other Grand Slam main draw appearance, at the US Open last year (d. Jung, I. Cameron Norrie).
- Coria's **best result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Rio de Janeiro (I. Cristian Garin). He also reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Rome-1000 (d. Jan-Lennard Struff, I. Matteo Berrettini).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Coria competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Radu Albot, I. Taylor Fritz).
- Coria is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win on hard courts**. His only previous Tour-level match-wins on hard courts came in his 2nd round finishes at the US Open last year and at the Murray River Open last week.
- Coria is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. He lost his only previous match against a Top 20 opponent, falling to No. 8 Berrettini in the 2nd round at Rome-1000 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 26 Paire in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.
- Coria **broke the Top 100 for the first time** in September last year and reached a career-high ranking of No. 86 the following month. He plays here at No. 92.
- Coria's brother, Guillermo, is a former world No. 3 who reached the final at 2004 Roland Garros, falling to Gaston Gaudio.
- Coria is coached by Andreas Schneider.

## NO. 15 PABLO CARRENO BUSTA (ESP) v KEI NISHIKORI (JPN)

### Head-to-head: Nishikori leads 1-0

2019 Australian Open Hard (O) R16 Nishikori 67(8) 46 76(4) 64 76(8)

A 2nd meeting for Carreno Busta and Nishikori, whose only previous meeting came in the round of 16 here 2 years ago. On that occasion, Nishikori successfully recovered from 0-2 down for the 4th time in his career, winning in a final-set tiebreak.

| CARRENO BUSTA | v                        | NISHIKORI |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 29            | Age                      | 31        |
| 16            | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 41        |
| 4             | Titles                   | 12        |
| 42-27         | Career Grand Slam Record | 96-39     |
| 10-7          | Australian Open Record   | 27-9      |
| 194-167       | Career Record            | 405-196   |
| 107-85        | Career Record - Hard     | 268-129   |
| 2-1           | 2021 Record              | 0-2       |
| 2-1           | 2021 Record - Hard       | 0-2       |
| 6-10          | Career Five-Set Record   | 24-7      |
| 2             | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 4         |
| 85-82         | Career Tiebreak Record   | 128-87    |
| 0-0           | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 1-0       |

- **CARRENO BUSTA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th straight year. This is his 8th consecutive Australian Open appearance and 28th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Carreno Busta reached the 3rd round (l. Rafael Nadal). He has lost in the 1st round here on 3 occasions – on his debut here in 2014 (l. Julien Benneteau), in 2015 (l. Gilles Muller) and 2016 (l. Nick Kyrgios).
- Carreno Busta's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – in 2018 (l. Marin Cilic) and 2019, when he fell to Nishikori in 5 sets. He has a 2-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 6-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Carreno Busta equalled **his best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the semifinals at the US Open last year, where he fell to Alexander Zverev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He also reached the semifinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Kevin Anderson).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2020**, Carreno Busta equalled his best Roland Garros performance by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Novak Djokovic).
- Carreno Busta's **other highlights in 2020** were reaching the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Lloyd Harris) and Paris-1000 (l. Nadal).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Carreno Busta represented Spain at the ATP Cup. He won 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested as Spain reached the semifinals, defeating Australia's John Millman and Greece's Michail Pervolarakis in the group stages but falling to Italy's Fabio Fognini in the semifinals.
- Carreno Busta has **won 4 Tour-level titles**. Three of his titles came on hard courts – at 2016 Winston-Salem (d. Roberto Bautista Agut), 2016 Moscow (d. Fabio Fognini) and Chengdu in 2019 (d. Alexander Bublik).
- Carreno Busta **broke the Top 10 for the first time** after reaching the semifinals at the US Open in September 2017, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 10 that month. He plays here at No. 16.
- Carreno Busta made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2016. He has a 3-5 win-loss record the competition. He was a member of the Spanish team that won their 6th Davis Cup title in 2019 but lost the only match he contested at the Davis Cup Finals, falling to Guido Pella in the first match of Spain's quarterfinal victory over Argentina. As defending champions, Spain have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Carreno Busta is coached by Samuel Lopez and Cesar Fabregas.
- **NISHIKORI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 9th time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 41st Grand Slam overall.
- Nishikori has **lost in the 1st round at the Australian Open once before** – on his debut here in 2009 (l. Jurgen Melzer). He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on a total of 8 occasions.
- Nishikori **missed the Australian Open last year** due to a right elbow injury. On his last appearance here, in 2019, he reached the quarterfinals but retired due to a quad strain while trailing Novak Djokovic 61 4-1.
- Nishikori's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 4 occasions. In addition to his appearance in the last 8 in 2019, he reached the quarterfinals in 2012 (l. Andy Murray), 2015 (l. Stan Wawrinka) and 2016 (l. Djokovic). He is the only Japanese man to reach the quarterfinals at Melbourne Park in the Open Era.
- At the 2014 US Open, Nishikori became the **first Asian male to contest a Grand Slam final** after defeating 3 Top 10 players – Milos Raonic, Wawrinka and Djokovic – in consecutive matches before falling to Marin Cilic in the title match.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Nishikori reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, defeating Daniel Evans in 5 sets before falling to Stefano Travaglia, also in 5 sets. He withdrew from the US Open after testing positive for Covid-19.
- Nishikori is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win** since returning from an elbow injury in September last year. He underwent elbow surgery in October 2019 and made his return at Kitzbuhel last year. His only victories since then came in 2nd round finishes at Rome-1000 (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, l. Lorenzo Musetti) and at Roland Garros. He fell in the 1st round at both Kitzbuhel (l. Miomir Kecmanovic) and Hamburg (l. Cristian Garin).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Nishikori represented Japan at the ATP Cup. He lost both matches he contested, falling to Russia's Daniil Medvedev and Argentina's Diego Schwartzman.
- Nishikori has won 9 of the last 10 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his defeat to Travaglia at Roland Garros last year ending a 9-match winning streak in 5-set matches. He has a 7-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 24-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Nishikori is a **former Top 5 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 4 in March 2015. He dropped to No. 41 in November last year – his lowest ranking since he was ranked at No. 47 in October 2011 – and is still ranked at No. 41 as of 1 February 2021.
- Nishikori reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 7** in July 2006. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at both the Australian Open (l. Alexandre Sidorenko) and Roland Garros (l. Petru-Alexandru Luncaanu) that year, and also won the Roland Garros boys' doubles title in 2006 with Emiliano Massa.
- Nishikori is coached by Michael Chang and Max Mirnyi. Chang finished runner-up at the 1996 Australian Open, losing in the final to Boris Becker.

## NO. 17 STAN WAWRINKA (SUI) v PEDRO SOUSA (POR)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Wawrinka has never lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 108 Sousa. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Wawrinka here is No. 97 Tennys Sandgren in the 2nd round in 2018. He has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as Sousa on 5 occasions – most recently to No. 239 Hugo Gaston in the 3rd round at Roland Garros last year.

| WAWRINKA | v                        | SOUSA |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|
| 35       | Age                      | 32    |
| 18       | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 108   |
| 16       | Titles                   | 0     |
| 150-57   | Career Grand Slam Record | 0-2   |
| 42-14    | Australian Open Record   | 0-1   |
| 532-307  | Career Record            | 17-24 |
| 309-174  | Career Record - Hard     | 2-8   |
| 2-0      | 2021 Record              | 1-1   |
| 2-0      | 2021 Record - Hard       | 1-1   |
| 29-23    | Career Five-Set Record   | 0-0   |
| 6        | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0     |
| 236-203  | Career Tiebreak Record   | 8-7   |
| 1-0      | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 1-0   |

- 2014 Australian Open champion **WAWRINKA** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 16th Australian Open appearance and his 61st Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Wawrinka reached the quarterfinals for the 5th time, falling to Alexander Zverev in 4 sets.
- Wawrinka's **best Australian Open result** is winning the title in his first Grand Slam final in 2014 (d. Rafael Nadal). He was the first player to defeat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to a Grand Slam title since Sergi Bruguera won 1993 Roland Garros.
- Wawrinka has won **3 Grand Slam titles at 3 different majors**. He also won the titles at 2015 Roland Garros and the 2016 US Open, defeating Djokovic in both finals. He became the 2nd Swiss player – man or woman – in history to win Roland Garros after Roger Federer.
- Wawrinka is looking to become the 6th man in the Open Era to win **3 or more Grand Slam titles after turning 30**. Djokovic, Federer, Rod Laver, Nadal and Ken Rosewall are the only men to have won 3 or more Grand Slam titles after turning 30. He is one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Wawrinka reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he fell to wild card Hugo Gaston in 5 sets. He did not compete at the US Open.
- Wawrinka is bidding to record his **151st Grand Slam match-win**. He became the 15th player in history to record 150 Grand Slam men's singles match-wins by defeating Dominik Koepfer in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.
- Wawrinka's **best result in 2020** was reaching the semifinals at Doha (l. Corentin Moutet). He also reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, Acapulco (l. Grigor Dimitrov), St Petersburg (l. Denis Shapovalov) and Paris-1000 (l. Zverev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Wawrinka competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne where, as No. 1 seed, he reached the quarterfinals. He defeated Mikhail Kukushkin and Alex Bolt before giving a walkover to Jeremy Chardy in the last 8 due to fatigue.
- Wawrinka has won 4 of the 8 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including victories against Andreas Seppi in the 2nd round and Daniil Medvedev in the round of 16 here last year. He has a 29-23 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Wawrinka reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title here in 2014. He plays here at No. 18.
- Wawrinka was the 2003 **Roland Garros junior champion** (d. Brian Baker) – the only junior Grand Slam event he contested.
- Wawrinka is coached by Dani Vallverdu.
- **SOUSA** is bidding to record his first Grand Slam match-win. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 3rd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Sousa fell to Blake Mott in the 1st round of qualifying. On his only previous main draw appearance here, on his Grand Slam debut in 2019, he fell to Alex de Minaur in straight sets in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Sousa fell to Mitchell Krueger in the 1st round on his debut at the US Open. He failed to qualify at Roland Garros, falling to Lukas Rosol in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Sousa has **failed to qualify at the Grand Slams on 17 occasions** – including on his 2 attempts to qualify here, in 2017, when he fell to Mohamed Safwat in the 1st round of qualifying, and last year. All 3 of his Grand Slam main draw appearances, including here this year, have come as a direct acceptance.
- Sousa's **best result in 2020** was reaching his first Tour-level final as a lucky loser at Buenos Aires (l. Casper Ruud). He made 3 other Tour-level appearances in 2020 – defeating Laurynas Grigelis in Portugal's Davis Cup World Group I Play-off victory over Lithuania for his first Tour-level hard court match-win, but falling in the 1st round at both Santiago (l. Renzo Olivo) and the US Open.
- **Also in 2020**, Sousa won his 8th Challenger title at Maia (POR) (d. Carlos Taberner). He also finished runner-up at both the Split Challenger (CRO) (l. Francisco Cerundolo) and the Lisbon Challenger (POR) (l. Jaime Munar).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Sousa competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Li Tu, l. Daniel Evans).
- Sousa is bidding to record his **first match-win against a Top 50 player** on his 8th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 54 Jan-Lennard Struff during Portugal's 3-2 defeat to Germany in the 2017 Davis Cup World Group play-offs. (NB he received a walkover from No. 14 Diego Schwartzman in the semifinals at Buenos Aires last year)
- Sousa broke the Top 100 for the first time on 18 February 2019, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 99. He dropped to No. 101 the following week and has not re-entered the Top 100 since then. He is ranked at No. 108 as of 1 February 2021.
- Sousa has played **Davis Cup** for Portugal since 2006 and has a 13-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal will next play away to Romania in a World Group I tie in September.
- Sousa is coached by Rui Machado and Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo.

## NO. 18 GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL) v MARIN CILIC (CRO)

### Head-to-head: Cilic leads 4-2

|             |                      |                 |            |                 |                             |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 2014        | Brisbane             | Hard (O)        | R16        | Cilic           | 75 75                       |
| 2015        | Paris-1000           | Hard (I)        | R32        | Dimitrov        | 76(3) 76(2)                 |
| 2016        | Rio Olympics         | Hard (O)        | R64        | Cilic           | 61 64                       |
| 2106        | Cincinnati-1000      | Hard (O)        | SF         | Cilic           | 46 63 75                    |
| 2018        | Paris-1000           | Hard (I)        | R16        | Cilic           | 76(5) 64                    |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>Roland Garros</b> | <b>Clay (O)</b> | <b>R64</b> | <b>Dimitrov</b> | <b>67(3) 64 46 76(2) 63</b> |

A 7th meeting for Dimitrov and Cilic, their 6th on a hard court and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Dimitrov won their only previous Grand Slam meeting, at 2019 Roland Garros, in 5 sets.

Dimitrov and Cilic are both former Top 5 players. Both have a career-high ranking of No. 3, with Dimitrov reaching No. 3 after winning the title at the 2017 ATP Finals and Cilic reaching No. 3 after finishing runner-up here in 2018.

Dimitrov was last ranked in the Top 5 in August 2018. He dropped as low as No. 78 in August 2019 – his lowest ranking since May 2012 – but re-entered the Top 20 in November that year and spent just 5 weeks outside the Top 20 last season. He is ranked at No. 19 as of 1 February 2021.

Cilic was last ranked in the Top 5 in July 2018. He dropped to No. 43 in November last year – his lowest ranking since October 2013 – and, as of 1 February 2021, is still ranked at No. 43.

| DIMITROV | v                        | CILIC   |
|----------|--------------------------|---------|
| 29       | Age                      | 32      |
| 19       | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 43      |
| 8        | Titles                   | 18      |
| 64-40    | Career Grand Slam Record | 124-49  |
| 24-10    | Australian Open Record   | 32-12   |
| 332-213  | Career Record            | 516-284 |
| 216-137  | Career Record - Hard     | 320-174 |
| 2-1      | 2021 Record              | 0-1     |
| 2-1      | 2021 Record - Hard       | 0-1     |
| 10-9     | Career Five-Set Record   | 33-17   |
| 0        | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 8       |
| 139-125  | Career Tiebreak Record   | 206-180 |
| 0-1      | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-0     |

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 10th time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 41st Grand Slam overall.
- Dimitrov has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – in 2013 (l. Julien Benneteau). He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on a total of 11 occasions.
- **Last year here**, Dimitrov reached the 2nd round, defeating Juan Ignacio Londero before falling to Tommy Paul in 5 sets. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in five-set matches at the Australian Open and 10-9 win-loss record in five-set matches overall.
- Dimitrov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – including once at the Australian Open, in 2017 when he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets. He also reached the semifinals at 2014 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and the 2019 US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Dimitrov reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros, becoming the 25th active player to reach the round of 16 at all 4 Grand Slam events. He fell to Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets. He reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Paul, l. Marton Fucsovics).
- Dimitrov's **best results in 2020** were reaching the semifinals at Acapulco (l. Nadal) and Antwerp (l. Alex de Minaur), and the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Denis Shapovalov) and Vienna (l. Daniel Evans).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Dimitrov competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne where, as No. 2 seed, he reached the quarterfinals (l. Corentin Moutet).
- The Australian Open is Dimitrov's **most successful Grand Slam** in terms of matches won. He has a 24-10 win-loss record here, compared to a 15-10 win-loss record at Wimbledon, 13-10 at the US Open and 12-10 at Roland Garros.
- Dimitrov has **won 8 Tour-level titles** – 6 of which have come on hard courts. His most recent title came at the 2017 ATP Finals (d. David Goffin).
- Dimitrov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in November 2017 after winning the title at ATP Finals. He is ranked at No. 19 as of 1 February 2021.
- Dimitrov finished 2008 as **No. 3 in the ITF Junior Rankings** after winning the boys' singles titles at Wimbledon (d. Henri Kontinen) and the US Open (d. Devin Britton).
- Dimitrov was part of the ITF 14 & Under European Team in Europe in 2004-05 and the ITF 16 & Under European A Team in Europe in 2006, funded by the Grand Slam Development Fund.
- Dimitrov is coached by Dante Bottini.
- **CILIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 12th time. This is his 13th Australian Open appearance and his 52nd Grand Slam overall.
- Cilic has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2007 (l. Ilija Bozoljac). He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on a total of 8 occasions.
- **Last year here**, Cilic reached the round of 16 for the 3rd straight year. He defeated Corentin Moutet, No. 12 seed Benoit Paire and No. 9 seed Roberto Bautista Agut before falling to Milos Raonic in straight sets.
- Cilic is a **former Australian Open runner-up**. He reached the final here in 2018, when he defeated No. 1 seed Nadal in 5 sets in the quarterfinals but fell to No. 2 seed and defending champion Roger Federer in the final, also in 5 sets.
- Cilic **won his first Grand Slam title at the 2014 US Open**, defeating Kei Nishikori in the final. He was the first Croatian to win a Grand Slam title since Goran Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon. In addition to his appearance in the final here in 2018, he also reached the final at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Federer). He is one of the 5 Grand Slam champions to start this year's men's main draw.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Cilic reached the 3rd round at the US Open, but lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros, falling to Dominic Thiem on both occasions.
- Cilic's **other highlights in 2020** were reaching the 3rd round at both Rome-1000 (l. Casper Ruud) and Paris-1000 (l. Ugo Humbert).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Cilic competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, falling to Jeremy Chardy in the 1st round. It was the 800th Tour-level match of his career.
- Cilic is in **joint-3rd place on the all-time list for most 5-set matches won**, having won 33 of the 50 five-set matches he has contested. He has a 10-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open.

**Most 5-set matches won (all-time)**

| <b>Player</b>      | <b>5-set match win-loss</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ilie Nastase       | 38-19                       |
| Ivan Lendl         | 36-22                       |
| <b>Marin Cilic</b> | <b>33-17</b>                |
| Novak Djokovic     | 33-10                       |
| Pete Sampras       | 33-15                       |

- Cilic is **unseeded at a Grand Slam for only the 3rd time** since the 2014 Australian Open. He was also unseeded both here and at Roland Garros last year, but played at the US Open as No. 31 seed.

- Cilic reached a **career-high ranking of No. 3** in January 2018 following his runner-up finish here. He dropped to No. 43 in November last year – his lowest ranking since October 2013 – and, as of 1 February 2021, is still ranked at No. 43.
- Cilic became a **Davis Cup** champion after leading Croatia to the title in 2018. He won 6 of the 7 matches he contested during 2018 and defeated Lucas Pouille in the 4th match of the Final to seal Croatia's 2nd Davis Cup title. He has a 39-17 win-loss record in the competition and won both his singles matches in Croatia's victory over India in the Davis Cup Qualifiers last year, securing Croatia's place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Cilic is coached by Vedran Martic and Vilim Visak.

## NO. 20 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v (LL) CEDRIK-MARCEL STEBE (GER)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Auger-Aliassime has won 8 of his last 9 matches against lefthanded opposition, with his only defeat to a lefthanded player in that time coming against Yoshihito Nishioka in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year. He has a 3-4 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 12-9 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Auger-Aliassime is facing a lucky loser at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 2-2 win-loss record against lucky losers at Tour-level overall.

| AUGER-ALIASSIME | v                        | STEBE |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 20              | Age                      | 30    |
| 21              | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 128   |
| 0               | Titles                   | 0     |
| 5-6             | Career Grand Slam Record | 4-12  |
| 0-1             | Australian Open Record   | 0-4   |
| 66-53           | Career Record            | 31-46 |
| 42-35           | Career Record - Hard     | 11-24 |
| 4-1             | 2021 Record              | 1-1   |
| 4-1             | 2021 Record - Hard       | 1-1   |
| 0-0             | Career Five-Set Record   | 0-1   |
| 0               | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0     |
| 41-21           | Career Tiebreak Record   | 10-9  |
| 2-0             | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-0   |

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Auger-Aliassime fell to Ernests Gulbis in the 1st round.
- Auger-Aliassime recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at the US Open last year, where he reached the round of 16. As No. 15 seed, he defeated Thiago Monteiro, Andy Murray and Corentin Moutet before falling to eventual champion Dominic Thiem in straight sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Auger-Aliassime fell to Yoshihito Nishioka in the 1st round at Roland Garros. He has lost in the 1st round on 4 of his 6 previous Grand Slam main draw appearances – other than his round of 16 finish at last year's US Open, the only other occasion he has progressed beyond the 1st round at a Grand Slam came in a 3rd round finish at 2019 Wimbledon, where he defeated Vasek Pospisil and Moutet before falling to Ugo Humbert.
- Auger-Aliassime's **best results in 2020** were reaching 3 Tour-level finals – at Rotterdam (l. Gael Monfils), Marseille (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the first tournament at Cologne (l. Alexander Zverev). He also reached 3 finals in 2019, but is yet to win a Tour-level title. He also reached the semifinals at Adelaide (l. Andrey Rublev) and the 2nd tournament at Cologne (l. Diego Schwartzman).
- **Prior the Australian Open** Auger-Aliassime competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne where, as No. 3 seed, he reached his 7th Tour-level final, but fell to Daniel Evans 62 63 in the title match on Sunday.
- Auger-Aliassime broke the Top 20 for the first time in August 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 17 in October that year. He is ranked at No. 21 as of 1 February 2021.
- Auger-Aliassime won his **first Tour-level doubles title** at 2020 Paris-1000. He and Hubert Hurkacz defeated Mate Pavic/Bruno Soares in the final.
- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.

- Auger-Aliassime made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019, as the Canadian team reached the final for the first time. He fell to Roberto Bautista Agut in the first match of the final and has a 1-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. As runners-up in 2019, Canada have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang.
- Lefthander **STEBE** is bidding to record his first Australian Open match-win. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 13th Grand Slam overall.
- As No. 11 seed, Stebe defeated Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) 61 46 76(3) and Rinky Hijikata (AUS) 64 62 before falling to Viktor Troicki (SRB) 64 62 in the 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. He is one of 6 lucky losers to begin the men's main draw here.
- **Last year here**, Stebe fell to Benoit Paire in 5 sets in the 1st round. It was the only 5-set match he has contested at Tour-level. He has also lost in the 1st round on his 3 other main draw appearances here – as a direct acceptance in 2012 (l. Lleyton Hewitt), as a qualifier in 2013 (l. Stan Wawrinka) and as a direct acceptance in 2018 (l. Maximilian Marterer).
- Stebe is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a major for the 5th time and equal his **best Grand Slam result**. He has reached the 2nd round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions – at 2012 Roland Garros (d. Joao Souza, l. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga), and at the US Open in 2012 (d. Viktor Troicki, l. Grega Zemlja), 2017 (d. Nicolas Kicker, l. Damir Dzumhur) and 2019 (d. Filip Krajinovic, l. Marin Cilic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Stebe fell to Hugo Grenier in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros. He was ranked too low to compete at the US Open.
- Stebe **contested just 3 Tour-level events in 2020**. In addition to his 1st round defeat here, he reached the 2nd round at both Pune (d. Ivo Karlovic, l. Ricardas Berankis) and Delray Beach (d. Bernard Tomic, l. Milos Raonic).
- **Also in 2020**, Stebe won his 7th Challenger title at Parma (ITA) (d. Liam Broady). He also reached the semifinals at the Noumea Challenger (CAL) (l. Yuichi Sugita) and the quarterfinals at 3 further Challenger events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Stebe competed at the Great Ocean Road Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Hugo Dellien, l. Kevin Anderson).
- Stebe is one of **17 lefthanders** to start in this year's men's main draw here. The last lefthander to win the title here was Rafael Nadal in 2009.
- Stebe has **struggled with injuries during his career**, undergoing hip and pelvic surgeries between 2013 and 2016, and 2 separate right wrist surgeries in 2018.
- Stebe reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 71 in February 2012. He is ranked at No. 128 as of 1 February 2021.
- Stebe is coached by Tobias Summerer.

# CORENTIN MOUTET (FRA) v JOHN MILLMAN (AUS)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Millman has won all 3 of his previous matches against lefthanded opposition at the Australian Open – defeating Gilles Muller in the 2nd round in 2016, Federico Delbonis in the 1st round in 2019 and Ugo Humbert in the 1st round last year. He has also won 5 of his last 6 matches against lefthanded opposition, with his only defeat to a lefthanded player in that time coming against Mischa Zverev in the 1st round at Cologne last year. He has a 3-3 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 16-13 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

| MOUTET | v                        | MILLMAN |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|
| 21     | Age                      | 31      |
| 80     | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 38      |
| 0      | Titles                   | 1       |
| 6-9    | Career Grand Slam Record | 19-22   |
| 0-2    | Australian Open Record   | 6-6     |
| 22-32  | Career Record            | 88-104  |
| 12-14  | Career Record - Hard     | 67-72   |
| 4-1    | 2021 Record              | 1-1     |
| 4-1    | 2021 Record - Hard       | 1-1     |
| 1-2    | Career Five-Set Record   | 2-7     |
| 1      | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 0       |
| 14-10  | Career Tiebreak Record   | 40-54   |
| 0-0    | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 0-0     |

- Lefthander **MOUTET** is bidding to record his first Australian Open match-win. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Moutet fell to Marin Cilic in straight sets in the 1st round. He also fell in the 1st round on his only other main draw appearance here, as a wild card in 2018 (l. Andreas Seppi).
- Moutet's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – at 2019 Roland Garros, where he defeated Alexey Vatutin and Guido Pella before falling to Juan Ignacio Londero in 5 sets, and at the US Open last year, where he defeated Jiri Vesely and Daniel Evans before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Moutet fell to qualifier Lorenzo Giustino 06 76(7) 76(3) 26 18-16 in the 1st round at Roland Garros. At 6 hours 5 minutes, it was the 2nd-longest singles match in Roland Garros history and the 4th-longest singles match in Grand Slam history. He has a 1-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Moutet's **best result in 2020** was reaching his first Tour-level final as a qualifier at Doha (l. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the quarterfinals at Cordoba (l. Andrej Martin).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Moutet competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne. He reached the quarterfinals after defeating Frances Tiafoe, Albert Ramos-Vinolas, James Duckworth and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Auger-Aliassime in the last 8.
- Moutet is one of **17 lefthanders** to start in this year's men's main draw here. The last lefthander to win the title here was Rafael Nadal in 2009.
- Moutet reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 69 in September last year. He is ranked at No. 80 as of 1 February 2021.
- Moutet was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in August 2017. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at both the 2017 Australian Open (l. Zsombor Piros) and 2017 Wimbledon (l. Axel Geller).
- Moutet is coached by Laurent Raymond.

- **MILLMAN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Millman equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Ugo Humbert and Hubert Hurkacz before falling to Roger Federer in a final-set tiebreak. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2016 (l. Bernard Tomic).
- Millman's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at the 2018 US Open. He recorded a career-best victory by defeating No. 2 Federer in the round of 16 before falling Novak Djokovic in straight sets in the last 8.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Millman reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, l. Frances Tiafoe, but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Pablo Carreno Busta).
- Millman's best result in 2020 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Nur-Sultan, defeating Adrian Mannarino in the final. He also reached the quarterfinals at Auckland (l. Benoit Paire) and Sofia (l. Vasek Pospisil).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Millman represented Australia at the ATP Cup. He won one of the 2 matches he contested, defeating Greece's Michail Pervolarakis but falling to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta.
- Millman is one of is one of **13 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw – the most since 2000, when there were also 13. He is looking to become the first native champion to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Millman is on a 5-match losing streak in **five-set matches**. He has not won a 5-set match since defeating Albert Montanes in the 1st round at 2016 Wimbledon. He has a 1-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 2-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Millman reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 33 in October 2018. He is ranked at No. 38 as of 1 February 2021.
- Millman has played **Davis Cup** for Australia since 2017 and has a 3-2 win-loss record in the competition. He won both matches he contested during Australia's victory over Brazil in last year's Qualifiers. That result saw Australia secure a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Millman is currently without a coach.

## (Q) FREDERICO FERREIRA SILVA (POR) v NICK KYRGIOS (AUS)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Ferreira Silva and Kyrgios meet for the first time as professionals. They contested 2 matches at junior-level, with Kyrgios winning on both occasions – in the 3rd round of the boys' singles at the 2012 US Open and in the 3rd round of the 2013 Roehampton Junior International. They also contested the 2012 US Open boys' doubles final, with Ferreira Silva and Kyle Edmund defeating Kyrgios and Jordan Thompson.

Kyrgios has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 184 Ferreira Silva on one occasion – when he fell to No. 235 John Millman in the 1st round at the 2017 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Kyrgios at the Australian Open is No. 89 Andreas Seppi in the 2nd round in 2017.

Kyrgios is facing a qualifier at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 10-5 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall. (NB Kyrgios received a walkover against qualifier Kyle Edmund in the 2nd round at 2015 Roland Garros)

| FERREIRA SILVA | v                        | KYRGIOS |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 25             | Age                      | 25      |
| 184            | ATP Ranking (1 Feb)      | 47      |
| 0              | Titles                   | 6       |
| 0-0            | Career Grand Slam Record | 40-25   |
| 0-0            | Australian Open Record   | 14-7    |
| 5-7            | Career Record            | 163-96  |
| 2-3            | Career Record - Hard     | 116-61  |
| 0-1            | 2021 Record              | 2-1     |
| 0-1            | 2021 Record - Hard       | 2-1     |
| 0-0            | Career Five-Set Record   | 7-2     |
| 0              | Comebacks from 0-2 Down  | 2       |
| 0-2            | Career Tiebreak Record   | 114-78  |
| 0-0            | 2021 Tiebreak Record     | 2-0     |

- Qualifier **FERREIRA SILVA** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- Ferreira Silva defeated Lukas Lacko (SVK) 63 62, Nikola Milojevic (SRB) 26 61 64 and No. 1 seed Gregoire Barrere (FRA) 63 64 in the 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. It was his 4th appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam.
- **Last year here**, Ferreira Silva competed in qualifying for the first time, reaching the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Nam Ji Sung, I. Pedja Krstin).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Ferreira Silva reached the final round of qualifying at Roland Garros (I. Tomas Machac). He was ranked too low to compete at the US Open.
- Ferreira Silva is bidding to record his **6th Tour-level match-win**. He has a 5-7 win-loss record in Tour-level matches, with 4 of his victories coming in Davis Cup ties for Portugal and the other coming in a 2nd round finish as a wild card at 2017 Estoril (d. Denis Istomin, I. David Ferrer). He won the only Tour-level match he contested in 2020, defeating Laurynas Grigelis in Portugal's Davis Cup World Group I Play-off victory over Lithuania.
- Ferreira Silva's **best result in 2020** was reaching his first Challenger final at Sao Paulo (BRA) (I. Felipe Meligeni Rodrigues Alves). He also reached the quarterfinals at the Parma Challenger (ITA) (I. Andrea Arnaboldi).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Ferreira Silva competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne. He fell to Jiri Vesely in straight sets in the 1st round.
- Ferreira Silva is bidding to **defeat a Top 50 player for the first time** on his 3rd attempt. He has lost both his previous meetings with Top 50 opposition, falling to No. 45 Gilles Muller in the 1st round at 2015 Estoril and

to No. 31 Ferrer in the 2nd round at 2017 Estoril. The highest-ranked player he has defeated – at any level – is No. 74 Istomin in the 1st round at 2017 Estoril.

- Ferreira Silva broke the Top 200 for the first time in November 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 174 the same month. He is ranked at No. 184 as of 1 February 2021.
- Ferreira Silva was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 6 in January 2012. He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2012. He also won 2 Grand Slam boys' doubles titles alongside Kyle Edmund – at the 2012 US Open (d. Kyrgios/Jordan Thompson) and 2013 Wimbledon (d. Cristian Garin/Nicolas Jarry).
- Ferreira Silva has played **Davis Cup** for Portugal since 2014 and has a 5-2 win-loss record in the competition. Portugal will next play away to Romania in a World Group I tie in September.
- Ferreira Silva is coached by Pedro Felner.
- **KYRGIOS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- Kyrgios has **lost in the 1st round of a Grand Slam on 6 occasions** – including here in 2019, when he fell to Milos Raonic in straight sets. He also lost in the 1st round as a qualifier at the US Open in 2013 (l. David Ferrer) and as a direct acceptance in both 2015 (l. Andy Murray) and 2017 (l. John Millman), as a wild card at 2014 Roland Garros (l. Raonic), and at 2017 Wimbledon, when he retired due to left hip injury against Pierre-Hugues Herbert.
- **Last year here**, Kyrgios reached the round of 16 after defeating Lorenzo Sonego, Gilles Simon and Karen Khachanov. He fell to No. 1 seed Rafael Nadal in 4 sets in the last 16.
- At the 2015 Australian Open aged 19 years 280 days, Kyrgios equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Murray). He became the youngest man to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals since Andrei Cherkasov in 1990 and was only the 3rd Australian man to reach the quarterfinals here as a teenager after Brad Drewett and Pat Cash. He is the only Australian man to have reached the last 8 at the Australian Open since Lleyton Hewitt in 2005.
- Kyrgios **also reached the quarterfinals at 2014 Wimbledon** (l. Raonic). Ranked No. 144, he defeated world No. 1 Nadal in the round of 16 to become the lowest-ranked player to defeat a world No. 1 at a Grand Slam since No. 193 Andrei Olhovskiy defeated Jim Courier in the 3rd round at 1992 Wimbledon.
- Kyrgios **played just 3 events in 2020**, after deciding not to travel from March onwards due to concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition to his round of 16 finish at the Australian Open, he also represented Australia at the ATP Cup, where he won 3 of his 4 singles matches, and competed at Acapulco, where he retired due to a left wrist injury during his 1st round match against Ugo Humbert.
- **Prior the Australian Open** Kyrgios competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne where, as No. 13 seed, he reached the 3rd round. He defeated Alexandre Muller and Harry Bourchier before falling to Borna Coric in straight sets.
- Kyrgios is one of **13 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw – the most since 2000, when there were also 13. He is looking to become the first native champion to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kyrgios has won 7 of the 9 **five-set matches** he has contested. Both of his defeats in 5-set matches have come at the Australian Open – when he fell to Benoit Paire in the 2nd round 2014 and to Andreas Seppi, despite holding a 2-0 lead, in the 2nd round in 2017. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open overall.
- Kyrgios reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in October 2016. He is ranked at No. 47 as of 1 February 2021.
- Kyrgios is **one of 6 former Australian Open junior singles champions** to start in the men's main draw. Kyrgios won the junior title in 2013, defeating compatriot Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final. He reached a career-

high junior ranking of No. 1 in January 2013 after winning the boys' singles title here. He also won the boys' doubles title with Kokkinakis at 2013 Wimbledon.

- Kyrgios has played **Davis Cup** for Australia since 2013 and has an 11-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won both matches he contested at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid as Australia reached the quarterfinals. Australia defeated Brazil in the Qualifiers last year to secure a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Kyrgios is currently without a permanent coach.