2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN
DAY 5 MEN'S NOTES
Friday 12 February
3rd Round Top Half

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On court today…

- After a scintillating 2nd round victory over Ugo Humbert on Wednesday, which saw him save 2 match points, Nick Kyrgios returns to John Cain Arena today – where he faces perhaps his toughest challenge so far this week. Standing between the Australian and a 4th appearance in the round of 16 here is last year's runner-up, No. 3 seed Dominic Thiem, who is also aiming to reach the last 16 at the Australian Open for the 4th time. The pair's only previous meeting lasted just 7 games, after Kyrgios was forced to retire in the first set of their clash at 2015 Nice due to a right elbow injury. If Kyrgios is to upset the US Open champion today, he will need end a 7-match losing streak against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams – he has not defeated a Top 5 opponent at a major since triumphing against No. 1 Rafael Nadal at 2014 Wimbledon.

- The first night match on Margaret Court Arena will be the first all-Canadian clash in Australian Open history, with No. 11 seed Denis Shapovalov up against his friend and countryman, No. 20 seed Felix Auger-Aliassime. The pair have represented Canada together with distinction since their junior days – winning the Junior Davis Cup title in 2015 and reaching the Davis Cup final in 2019 – but they will both be focused on individual glory today. The winner of today's match will become the 3rd Canadian man in history to reach the last 16 at the Australian Open – after Michael Belkin in 1968 and Milos Raonic, who will look to progress to the last 16 here for the 8th time when he faces Marton Fucsovics on 1573 Arena.

- In the final match of the day on Rod Laver Arena, Novak Djokovic takes on the top-ranked American player at the Australian Open this year, No. 27 seed Taylor Fritz. Djokovic has already dispatched one American player here this week, after grinding his way past Frances Tiafoe in the 2nd round, and he will be optimistic of another victory today, having won both of his previous meetings with Fritz. The world No. 1 is looking to extend a 16-match Tour-level winning streak against American opponents, having not lost to an American player since falling to Sam Querrey in the 3rd round at 2016 Wimbledon.

- In today's 3rd match on John Cain Arena, No. 8 seed Diego Schwartzman faces Russia's Aslan Karatsev, who qualified for the main draw to make his Grand Slam debut and has impressed with 2 straight-sets victories at Melbourne Park this week. Should Karatsev overcome Schwartzman, he will become the 5th man to reach the round of 16 on his Grand Slam debut since 2000. But Schwartzman has a perfect record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and has never lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 114 Karatsev.

NO. 1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v NO. 27 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA)

Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 2-0

2019	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	R16	Djokovic	63 60
2019	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Djokovic	64 62

A 3rd meeting for Djokovic and Fritz, but their first at a Grand Slam or on a hard court. Djokovic has won both of their previous meetings in straight sets.

Djokovic is facing an American opponent for the 2nd consecutive round, having defeated Frances Tiafoe in the 2nd round here on Wednesday. He is bidding to extend a 16-match Tour-level winning streak against American opposition, having not lost to an American player since falling to Sam Querrey in the 3rd round at 2016 Wimbledon. He has a 27-3 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams and a 67-11 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

DJOKOVIC	v	FRITZ
33	**Age**	23
1	**ATP Ranking**	31
81	**Titles**	1
298-45	**Career Grand Slam Record**	16-17
77-8	**Australian Open Record**	6-4
938-192	**Career Record**	100-102
608-114	**Career Record - Hard**	74-73
4-0	**2021 Record**	4-1
4-0	**2021 Record - Hard**	4-1
32-10	**Career Five-Set Record**	4-5
4	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
263-142	**Career Tiebreak Record**	59-49
1-2	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	4-1

- Eight-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 53rd time. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances in the Open Era, behind Roger Federer. This is his 63rd Grand Slam appearance

Most Grand Slam men's singles round of 16 appearances (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	67
Novak Djokovic	**53??**
Rafael Nadal	**49??**
Jimmy Connors	43
Andre Agassi	42
Ivan Lendl	42

- Djokovic is also bidding to **reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open for the 14th time**. He is in joint-2nd place on the list for most Australian Open round of 16 appearances in the Open Era, alongside Rafael Nadal. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance.

Most Australian Open men's singles round of 16 appearances (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	18
Novak Djokovic	**14??**
Rafael Nadal	**14??**
Tomas Berdych	11
Stefan Edberg	11

- Djokovic advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Jeremy Chardy 63 61 62 in the 1st round on Monday and Frances Tiafoe 63 67(3) 76(2) 63 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- 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 Federer, after defeating 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 **299th 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.	**Novak Djokovic**	**298-45**
3.	**Rafael Nadal**	**284-39**
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.

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.

- Fritz advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Albert Ramos-Vinolas 76(6) 36 62 76(6) in the 1st round on Monday and Reilly Opelka 46 76(6) 67(4) 76(5) 62 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Fritz has equalled his **best Grand Slam performance**. He has reached the 3rd round on 5 other occasions – including twice at the Australian Open in 2019 (l. Roger Federer) and 2020 (l. Dominic Thiem). He has also reached the 3rd round at the US Open in 2018 (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2020 (l. Denis Shapovalov), and at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Lorenzo Sonego).

- Fritz's **best result in 2020** was reaching his 5th Tour-level final at Acapulco (l. Rafael Nadal). He has a 1-4 win-loss record in Tour-level finals, with his only title victory coming at 2019 Eastbourne (d. Sam Querrey).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Fritz competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne. He reached the 3rd round after receiving a bye through the 1st round, defeating Federico Coria before falling to Jeremy Chardy.

- Fritz is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 opponent for the 2nd time** on his 10th attempt. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level with his only victory coming against No. 5 Thiem at the 2019 Laver Cup. His two previous meetings with Djokovic are the only times he has faced a No. 1-ranked player in his career.

- Fritz is also bidding to **defeat a Top 5 opponent at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 5th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 33 Gael Monfils in the 2nd round here in 2019.

- Fritz has won 4 of his last 5 **five-set matches** – including his victory against Opelka in the 2nd round here this year. His only defeat in a 5-set match in that time came against Shapovalov in the 3rd round at the US Open last year. He has a 2-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 4-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Fritz reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 24 after finishing runner-up at Acapulco last year. He plays here at No. 31.

- Fritz is a **former junior world No. 1**. He was named 2015 ITF Junior World Champion after winning the boys' singles title at the 2015 US Open (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Paul). He contested the boys' singles on one occasion – reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Seong-chan Hong).

- Both of Fritz's parents were professional tennis players. His mother, Kathy, is a former Top 10 player.

- Fritz is coached by Paul Annacone and David Nainkin.

NO. 3 DOMINIC THIEM (AUT) v NICK KYRGIOS (AUS)

Head-to-head: Thiem leads 1-0

| 2015 | Nice | Clay (O) | R16 | Thiem | 4-3 ret. (right elbow) |

A 2nd meeting for Thiem and Kyrgios. Their only previous meeting, on clay at Nice 6 years ago, lasted just 7 games before Kyrgios was forced to retire due to a right elbow injury.

Thiem is facing an Australian player here for the 4th time. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against home players at the Australian Open, having defeated Jordan Thompson in the 2nd round in 2017 and Alex Bolt in the 2nd round last year, and retired due to illness while trailing Alexei Popyrin in the 2nd round in 2019.

Kyrgios is bidding to become the 6th Australian player to defeat Thiem – after Marinko Matosevic, Luke Saville, James Duckworth, Matthew Ebden and Popyrin. Thiem has a 6-2 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams and a 17-5 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Thiem has an 8-1 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slam. In addition to his 2-1 win-loss record against Australians at the Australian Open, he also has a 3-0 win-loss record against Frenchmen at Roland Garros and a 3-0 win-loss record against Americans at the US Open. He has never played a British player at Wimbledon.

THIEM	v	KYRGIOS
27	**Age**	25
3	**ATP Ranking**	47
17	**Titles**	6
73-26	**Career Grand Slam Record**	42-25
18-7	**Australian Open Record**	16-7
303-158	**Career Record**	165-96
146-96	**Career Record - Hard**	118-61
3-1	**2021 Record**	4-1
3-1	**2021 Record - Hard**	4-1
10-8	**Career Five-Set Record**	8-2
3	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
119-101	**Career Tiebreak Record**	115-78
1-0	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	3-0

- US Open champion **THIEM** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 4th time and equal Thomas Muster's record for most Australian Open round of 16 appearances by an Austrian man. Muster reached the last 16 here in 1989, 1994, 1996 and 1997.

- Thiem also is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 15th time and claim sole ownership of the all-time record for **most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Austrian man**, ahead of Muster.

Most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Austrian man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Dominic Thiem	**15??**
Thomas Muster	14
Jurgen Melzer	5
Hermann Artens	4
Franz-Wilhelm Matejka	3

- Thiem advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Mikhail Kukushkin 76(2) 62 63 in the 1st round on Monday and Dominik Koepfer 64 60 62 in the 2nd round on Wednesday. This is his 8th straight Australian Open appearance and his 28th consecutive Grand Slam.

- 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.

- **KYRGIOS** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 4th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.

- Kyrgios advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Frederico Ferreira Silva 64 64 64 in the 1st round on Monday and No. 29 seed Ugo Humbert 57 64 36 76(2) 64 in the 2nd round on Wednesday. He saved 2 match points in the 4th set of his victory against Humbert.

- **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 bidding to end a **7-match losing streak against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams**. His only victory against a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam came against No. 1 Nadal in the round of 16 at 2014 Wimbledon. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams and an 11-17 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.

- The Australian Open is Kyrgios's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He has a 16-7 win-loss record here and at Wimbledon, compared to 8-7 at the US Open and 5-5 at Roland Garros.

- Kyrgios is one of **2 Australian men** through to the 3rd round (along with Alex de Minaur) from the 13 who started this year's Australian Open main draw – the most Australian men to begin the main draw here 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 8 of the 10 **five-set matches** he has contested – including his victory against Humbert in the 2nd round here this year. 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 4-2 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.

NO. 6 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v ADRIAN MANNARINO (FRA)

Head-to-head: Zverev leads 5-0

2016	Stockholm	Hard (I)	R16	Zverev	75 64
2017	's-Hertogenbosch	Grass (O)	R16	Zverev	62 63
2020	**US Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R32**	**Zverev**	**67(4) 64 62 62**
2020	Cologne	Hard (I)	QF	Zverev	64 67(5) 64
2020	Paris-1000	Hard (I)	R16	Zverev	76(11) 67(7) 64

A 6th Tour-level meeting for Zverev and Mannarino and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. This is their 4th meeting in the last 6 months, having met 3 times between September and November last year.

Zverev is bidding to extend a 7-match Tour-level winning streak against lefthanded players. He has not lost to a lefthanded player since falling to Denis Shapovalov at the 2020 ATP Cup. He has a 3-3 win-loss against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 33-12 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

ZVEREV	v	MANNARINO
23	**Age**	31
7	**ATP Ranking**	36
13	**Titles**	1
48-21	**Career Grand Slam Record**	33-42
14-5	**Australian Open Record**	7-11
254-127	**Career Record**	206-238
153-80	**Career Record - Hard**	143-162
3-2	**2021 Record**	3-2
3-2	**2021 Record - Hard**	3-2
15-7	**Career Five-Set Record**	8-3
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
96-70	**Career Tiebreak Record**	85-105
3-2	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	1-0

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 3rd straight year. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.

- Zverev advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Marcos Giron 67(8) 76(5) 63 62 in the 1st round on Monday and qualifier Maxime Cressy 75 64 63 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- Last year here, Zverev recorded **his best Australian Open result** by reaching the semifinals, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 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 Novak 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.

- Lefthander **MANNARINO** is looking to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam performance.

- If he wins today and reaches the round of 16 on his 12th Australian Open appearance, Mannarino will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before reaching the round of 16 here**.

Most attempts before reaching Australian Open round of 16 (Open Era)

Player	No. of attempts
Adrian Mannarino??	**12??**
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	11
Denis Istomin	11
Feliciano Lopez	10
Florian Mayer	10
Jurgen Melzer	9
Gilles Muller	9
Guillaume Raoux	9
Sjeng Schalken	9
Janko Tipsarevic	9

- Mannarino advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Dennis Novak 62 64 76(2) in the 1st round on Monday and Miomir Kecmanovic 61 62 64 in the 2nd round on Wednesday for his **first Australian Open match-wins since 2018**.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Mannarino has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2018 when, as No. 26 seed, he defeated Matteo Berrettini and Jiri Vesely before falling to Dominic Thiem.

- **Last year here**, Mannarino fell to Thiem in straight sets in the 1st round. He also fell in the 1st round here in 2019 (l. Kevin Anderson).

- Mannarino's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the round of 16 at Wimbledon in 2013 (l. Lukasz Kubot), 2017 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2018 (l. Roger Federer). This is his 43rd Grand Slam appearance overall.

- **Elsewhere are the Grand Slams in 2020**, Mannarino reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he ended a 4-match Grand Slam losing streak by defeating Lorenzo Sonego and Jack Sock before falling to Zverev. He fell to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round at Roland Garros.

- Mannarino's **best result in 2020** was reaching the final at Nur-Sultan (l. John Millman). He also reached the semifinals at Sofia (l. Jannik Sinner), the quarterfinals at Cologne (l. Zverev) and the 3rd round at Paris-1000 (l. Zverev). He also won the title at the Monterrey Challenger (MEX) (d. Aleksandar Vukic) – the only Challenger-level event he contested last season.

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Mannarino competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Mikael Ymer, l. Marcos Giron). He also competed at Delray Beach last month but lost his opening match to Cameron Norie.

- Mannarino has **won one of his last 18 matches against Top 10 opposition**. His only victory against a Top 10 player in that time came against No. 7 Stefanos Tsitsipas, who retired due to illness during their 2nd round match at 2019 Zhuhai. He has a 5-40 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Mannarino is bidding to **defeat at Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 16th attempt. He has lost all 15 matches he has contested against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams – 11 of them in straight sets. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 14 Gael Monfils in the 3rd round at 2018 Wimbledon.

- Mannarino was 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 Nadal in 2009.

- Mannarino is on a 5-match winning streak in **5-set matches**. He has not lost a 5-set match since falling to Andy Murray in the 2nd round at the 2015 US Open. He has an 8-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall and won the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open – defeating Steve Johnson in the 1st round here in 2014.

- Mannarino has **won one Tour-level title** – at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Jordan Thompson). He has reached 10 Tour-level finals – 7 of which have come on hard courts, most recently at Nur-Sultan last year.

- Mannarino reached **a career-high ranking** of No. 22 in March 2018. He plays here at No. 36.

- Mannarino made his only **Davis Cup** appearance to date in France's 2018 World Group first round victory against Netherlands, where he won one of the 2 matches he contested. France were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Mannarino is coached by Erwann Tortuyaux.

NO. 8 DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN (ARG) v (Q) ASLAN KARATSEV (RUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Schwartzman has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 114 Karatsev once before – at the 2016 US Open, when he fell to No. 142 Juan Martin del Potro in the 1st round. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Schwartzman at the Australian Open is No. 95 John Millman, against whom Schwartzman retired due to cramping in the 1st round here in 2016.

Schwartzman is bidding to maintain his perfect record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams. He has won all 9 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, Rudolf Molleker in 2019 and Elias Ymer in the 1st round this year. He has a 27-10 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

SCHWARTZMAN	v	KARATSEV
28	Age	27
9	ATP Ranking	114
3	Titles	0
39-25	Career Grand Slam Record	2-0
11-6	Australian Open Record	2-0
171-144	Career Record	5-10
83-72	Career Record - Hard	5-10
3-1	2021 Record	2-0
3-1	2021 Record - Hard	2-0
6-5	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
48-57	Career Tiebreak Record	2-2
1-1	2021 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **SCHWARTZMAN** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open performance. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.

- Schwartzman advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Elias Ymer 76(3) 64 26 62 in the 1st round on Monday and lucky loser Alexandre Muller 62 60 63 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- 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.

- **KARATSEV** is bidding to become the 5th man to reach the round of 16 on his Grand Slam debut since 2000. Since then, Hyung-Taik Lee (2000 US Open), David Goffin (2012 Roland Garros), Juan Ignacio Londero (2019 Roland Garros) and Daniel Altmaier (2020 Roland Garros) are the only players to reach the last 16 on their debut at a Grand Slam.

- Karatsev is also bidding to become the **10th man to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut since 2000**. Since then, Christophe Rochus (2000), Mario Ancic (2003), Marcos Baghdatis (2005), Philipp Kohlschreiber (2005), Lukasz Kubot (2010), Alexandr Dolgopolov (2011), Milos Raonic (2011), Marton Fucsovics (2018) and Tennys Sandgren (2018) are the only players to reach the last 16 on their debut here.

- Karatsev is also bidding to become the **15th qualifier to reach the round of 16 of the men's singles at the Australian Open in the Open Era** – and the first since Raonic reached the last 16 here in 2011. Since 2017, at least one qualifier has reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam each season – Denis Shapovalov (2017 US Open), Ernests Gulbis (2018 Wimbledon), Dominik Koepfer (2019 US Open), and Altmaier and Sebastian Korda (both 2020 Roland Garros).

- Karatsev advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Gianluca Mager 63 63 64 in the 1st round on Monday and Egor Gerasimov 60 61 60 in the 2nd round on Wednesday for his **first Grand Slam match-wins**.

- As No. 3 seed, Karatsev defeated Brandon Nakashima (USA) 62 67(4) 62, Max Purcell (AUS) 61 62 and Alexandre Muller (FRA) 62 61 in the 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. It was the first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 10th attempt.

- **At the Grand Slams in 2020**, Karatsev reached the final round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Sebastian Korda). It was his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam since the 2016 US Open.

- Karatsev made his **first Tour-level appearance since 2016 at St Petersburg last year**. As a wild card, he recorded his 2nd Tour-level match-win by reaching the 2nd round (d. Sandgren, l. Karen Khachanov). He also reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Sofia (d. Taro Daniel, Alex de Minaur). His only Tour-level match-win prior to last season came in a 2nd round finish at 2015 Moscow (d. Mikhail Youzhny, l. Philipp Kohlschreiber).

- Also in 2020, Karatsev **won back-to-back Challenger titles** at the second Prague Challenger (CZE) (d. Tallon Griekspoor) and the Ostrava Challenger (CZE) (d. Oscar Otte). He has won a total of 3 titles at Challenger-level, having also won the title at the 2015 Kazan Challenger (RUS) (d. Konstantin Kravchuk). He also finished runner-up at both the Bangkok Challenger (THA) (l. Attila Balazs) and the second Prague Challenger (CZE) (l. Stan Wawrinka).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Karatsev was a member of the victorious Russian team at the ATP Cup in Melbourne. He contested one doubles match alongside Evgeny Donskoy, falling to Germany's Kevin Krawietz/Jan-Lennard Struff.

- Karatsev is **facing a Top 10 opponent for the first time in his career**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced, at any level, is No. 17 Wawrinka in the final at the first Prague Challenger last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 48 Sandgren at St Petersburg last year.

- Karatsev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 111 after reaching the 2nd round at Sofia last November. He plays here 3 places lower at No. 114.

- Karatsev is coached by Yahor Yatsyk.

NO. 11 DENIS SHAPOVALOV (CAN) v NO. 20 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN)

Tour-level head-to-head: Shapovalov leads 2-1

2017	Drummondville Challenger (CAN)	Hard (I)	SF	Shapovalov	75 63
2018	**US Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R128**	**Shapovalov**	**75 57 4-1 ret.**
2019	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Auger-Aliassime	62 76(7)
2019	**US Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R128**	**Shapovalov**	**61 61 64**

A 4th Tour-level meeting for Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime, and their 3rd on hard courts and at a Grand Slam. Shapovalov won their 2 previous Grand Slam meetings, which both came in the 1st round at the US Open – advancing when Auger-Aliassime retired due to dizziness in 2018 and winning in straight sets in 2019. Shapovalov also won their only meeting below Tour-level, at the Drummondville Challenger in 2017.

Shapovalov has a 5-3 win-loss record against Canadian players at Tour-level, while Auger-Aliassime has a 5-4 win-loss record against Canadian players at Tour-level.

This is the 5th Grand Slam meeting between two Canadian men in the Open Era, and the first to be played in the 3rd round or later. All 5 meetings have come in the last 3 years, and 3 have been between Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime.

All-Canadian Grand Slam men's singles matches (Open Era)

Grand Slam	Round	Winning player	Losing player	Result
2018 US Open	**1st round**	**Denis Shapovalov**	**Felix Auger-Aliassime**	**75 57 4-1 ret.**
2019 Wimbledon	1st round	Felix Auger-Aliassime	Vasek Pospisil	57 62 64 63
2019 US Open	**1st round**	**Denis Shapovalov**	**Felix Auger-Aliassime**	**61 61 64**
2020 US Open	2nd round	Vasek Pospisil	Milos Raonic	67(1) 63 76(4) 63
2021 Australian Open	**3rd round**	**Denis Shapovalov v Felix Auger-Aliassime**		**??**

The winner of today's match will become the 3rd Canadian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open – after Milos Raonic, who is bidding to reach the last 16 here for the 8th time this year, and Michael Belkin, who reached the last 16 here in 1968.

Shapovalov is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time and claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Canadian man. Auger-Aliassime is bidding to become the 6th Canadian man in history to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam on multiple occasions.

Most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Canadian man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Milos Raonic	**19??**
Robert Powell	4
Denis Shapovalov	**3??**
Felix Auger-Aliassime??	**2??**
Vasek Pospisil	2
Jack Wright	2

With Raonic also through to the 3rd round here, this is the 2nd time in the Open Era that 3 Canadian men have reached the 3rd round at a Grand Slam – after the US Open last year, when Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov and Vasek Pospisil all reached the 3rd round.

Should Raonic win today and join the winner of this match in the round of 16, it will be the 2nd time in the Open Era that multiple Canadian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam – after the US Open last year, when Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov and Pospisil all won their 3rd round matches to reach the last 16.

Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime are Davis Cup teammates and were both members of the Canadian team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time in November 2019. Auger-Aliassime lost to Roberto Bautista Agut and Shapovalov lost to Rafael Nadal in the final as Canada finished runners-up to Spain. Shapovalov has a 12-7 Davis Cup win-loss record, while Auger-Aliassime has a 1-3 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 and Auger-Aliassime are both Junior Grand Slam champions, with Shapovalov winning the boys' singles title at 2016 Wimbledon and Auger-Aliassime winning the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open. They contested one match as juniors, with Auger-Aliassime winning in straight sets in the final at the 2015 Prince George's County International event in Maryland, USA.

Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime are also former Junior Davis Cup champions. The pair led Canada to victory in 2015, defeating Germany in the final in Madrid. Auger-Aliassime was also a member of the Canadian Junior Davis Cup team that finished runners-up to Russia in Budapest in 2016.

SHAPOVALOV	v	AUGER-ALIASSIME
21	Age	20
12	ATP Ranking	19
1	Titles	0
19-13	Career Grand Slam Record	7-6
5-3	Australian Open Record	2-1
106-89	Career Record	68-53
86-66	Career Record - Hard	44-35
2-2	2021 Record	6-1
2-2	2021 Record - Hard	6-1
5-5	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
49-52	Career Tiebreak Record	41-21
1-1	2021 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- Lefthander **SHAPOVALOV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.

- Shapovalov advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Jannik Sinner 36 63 62 46 64 in the 1st round on Monday and qualifier Bernard Tomic 61 63 62 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Shapovalov has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2019 when, as No. 25 seed, he defeated Pablo Andujar and Taro Daniel before falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets.

- **Last year here**, as No. 13 seed, Shapovalov fell to Marton Fucsovics in the 1st round.

- 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.

- At 21 years 312 days 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. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- 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 is bidding to record his **20th match-win against Top 20 players**. He has a 19-28 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall. He has a 3-5 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams – but has lost both of his previous matches against Top 20 players at the Australian Open,

falling to No. 15 Tsonga in 2018 and No. 1 Djokovic in 2019. The highest-ranked player he has defeated here is No. 32 Sinner in the 1st round this year.

- Shapovalov's victory against Sinner in the 1st round here this year was his **first victory in a 5-set match at the Australian Open**. He fell to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the 2nd round in 2018 in the only 5-set match he had previously contested here. He has a 5-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Shapovalov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 in September 2020. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 12.

- Shapovalov was 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, l. 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.

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- Auger-Aliassime advanced to the 3rd round after defeating lucky loser Cedrik-Marcel Stebe 62 64 62 in the 1st round on Monday and James Duckworth 64 61 62 in the 2nd round on Wednesday for his **first Australian Open match-wins**.

- **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 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. He fell to Daniel Evans 62 63 in the title match on Sunday.

- Auger-Aliassime has **won one of his last 11 matches against Top 20 players**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 13 Roberto Bautista Agut in the semifinals at Cologne last year. He won the first 5 matches he contested against Top 20 players, but has lost 16 of the 21 matches he has contested against Top 20 opposition since then. He has a 10-16 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Auger-Aliassime is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. He fell to No. 3 Thiem in his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams, in the round of

16 at the US Open last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 77 Moutet in the 3rd round at the US Open last year.

- 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 plays here 2 places lower at No. 19.

- 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.

NO. 14 MILOS RAONIC (CAN) v MARTON FUCSOVICS (HUN)

Head-to-head: Raonic leads 2-0

2018	Stuttgart	Grass (O)	R16	Raonic	62 64
2019	Stuttgart	Grass (O)	QF	Raonic	64 64

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for Raonic and Fucsovics, but their first at a Grand Slam and their first on a hard court.

RAONIC	v	FUCSOVICS
30	**Age**	29
14	**ATP Ranking**	55
8	**Titles**	1
90-33	**Career Grand Slam Record**	16-14
33-10	**Australian Open Record**	9-3
368-171	**Career Record**	89-82
254-113	**Career Record - Hard**	50-47
3-1	**2021 Record**	3-1
3-1	**2021 Record - Hard**	3-1
9-8	**Career Five-Set Record**	7-4
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
229-143	**Career Tiebreak Record**	34-40
0-3	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	2-2

- **RAONIC** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 8th time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.

- If Raonic wins today and joins the winner of today's match between Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime in the round of 16, it will be the **2nd time in the Open Era that multiple Canadian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam** – after the US Open last year, when Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov and Vasek Pospisil all reached the round of 16. It is the 2nd time in the Open Era that 3 Canadian men have reached the 3rd round at a Grand Slam, after the US Open last year.

- Raonic advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Federico Coria 63 63 62 in the 1st round on Monday and Corentin Moutet 67(1) 61 61 64 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- **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 33-10 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 plays here at No. 14.

- 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.

- **FUCSOVICS** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 3rd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 4th Australian Open and 15th Grand Slam overall.

- Fucsovics is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 4th time and equal Jozsef Asboth in **4th place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Hungarian man**.

Most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Hungarian man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Istvan Gulyas	7
Bela von Kehrling	7
Balazs Taroczy	5
Jozsef Asboth	4
Marton Fucsovics	**4??**
Emil Gabori	3

- Fucsovics advanced to the 3rd round after defeating wild card Marc Polmans 46 63 61 67(3) 63 in the 1st round on Monday and No. 17 Stan Wawrinka 57 61 46 62 76(9) in the 2nd round on Wednesday. He saved 3 match points in the final-set tiebreak in his victory over Wawrinka.

- Last year here, Fucsovics equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the round of 16 (l. Roger Federer). He had previously reached the round of 16 on his debut here in 2018 (l. Federer), when he became the first Hungarian man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Balazs Taroczy at 1984 Roland Garros. He reached the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time at Roland Garros last year (l. Andrey Rublev).

- By reaching the round of 16 here last year, Fucsovics became the **first Hungarian player to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** in the Open Era. The only other Hungarian player to reach the round of 16 here is Szabolcs Baranyi in 1973.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Fucsovics reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he defeated Hugo Dellien and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Frances Tiafoe.

- Fucsovics' **other highlights in 2020** were reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Doha (l. Miomir Kecmanovic) and the 3rd round as a qualifier at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Filip Krajinovic).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Fucsovics competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Marco Cecchinato, l. Egor Gerasimov).

- Fucsovics has **won 4 of his last 6 matches against Top 20 opponents at Grand Slams** – including his victory against No. 18 Wawrinka in the 2nd round here this year. His only defeats to Top 20 opponents at the majors in that time came against No. 3 Federer in the round of 16 here last year and No. 12 Rublev at Roland Garros last year. He has a 5-9 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams and a 10-27 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Fucsovics' victories in the opening 2 rounds here this year were the first **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 7-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Fucsovics reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 31 in March 2019. He plays here at No. 55.

- Fucsovics was a **successful junior.** He won the boys' singles title at 2010 Wimbledon (d. Benjamin Mitchell) and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles here (l. Sean Berman) and at the US Open (l. Jack Sock) in the same year.

- Fucsovics has played **Davis Cup** for Hungary since 2010 and has a 29-16 win-loss record in the competition. He won both singles matches he contested in Hungary's victory over Belgium in the Davis Cup Qualifiers last year, defeating Kimmer Coppejans and Ruben Bemelmans. The victory secured Hungary's place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Fucsovics is coached by Zoltan Nagy and Miklos Jancso.

NO. 15 PABLO CARRENO BUSTA (ESP) v NO. 18 GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL)

Tour-level head-to-head: tied 3-3

2010	Marburg Challenger Qualifying (GER)	Clay (O)	R32	Dimitrov	64 61
2014	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Dimitrov	62 64
2015	Paris-1000	Hard (I)	R64	Dimitrov	64 61
2016	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Carreno Busta	76(3) 63
2017	**Roland Garros**	**Clay (O)**	**R32**	**Carreno Busta**	**75 63 64**
2017	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Dimitrov	61 61
2018	Barcelona	Clay (O)	QF	Carreno Busta	63 76(4)

A 7th Tour-level meeting for Carreno Busta and Dimitrov, their 3rd on a hard court and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Dimitrov won both of their previous meetings on hard courts – dropping just 7 games across the 2 matches – but Carreno Busta won their only previous Grand Slam meeting in straight sets at 2017 Roland Garros.

CARRENO BUSTA	v	DIMITROV
29	**Age**	29
16	**ATP Ranking**	21
4	**Titles**	8
44-27	**Career Grand Slam Record**	66-40
12-7	**Australian Open Record**	26-10
196-167	**Career Record**	334-213
109-85	**Career Record - Hard**	218-137
4-1	**2021 Record**	4-1
4-1	**2021 Record - Hard**	4-1
6-10	**Career Five-Set Record**	10-9
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
87-82	**Career Tiebreak Record**	141-125
2-0	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	2-1

- **CARRENO BUSTA** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open performance. This is his 8th consecutive Australian Open appearance and 28th Grand Slam overall.

- Carreno Busta advanced to the 3rd round here for the 5th straight year after defeating Kei Nishikori 75 76(4) 62 in the 1st round on Monday and Jiri Vesely 63 76(3) 26 64 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- **Last year here**, Carreno Busta reached the 3rd round (l. Rafael Nadal).

- 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 AugerAliassime) 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.

- Dimitrov is bidding to record his **10th match-win against a Top 30 player at the Grand Slams**. He has a 9-16 win-loss record against Top 30 opposition at the Grand Slams and a 38-70 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- 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 has entered the **men's doubles here** with Marc Lopez.

- 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.

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 6th time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 41st Grand Slam overall.

- Dimitrov advanced to the 3rd round here for the 7th time after defeating Marin Cilic 64 62 76(5) in the 1st round on Monday and wild card Alex Bolt 76(1) 61 62 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- **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 25-10 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 is bidding to record his **10th match-win against a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams**. He has a 9-16 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams and a 53-90 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- 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 plays here at No. 21.

- 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.

NO. 23 DUSAN LAJOVIC (SRB) v PEDRO MARTINEZ (ESP)

Head-to-head: Lajovic leads 2-0

| 2018 | Barcelona | Clay (O) | R64 | Lajovic | 64 67(5) 63 |
| 2020 | Buenos Aires | Clay (O) | R16 | Lajovic | 76(6) 76(6) |

Lajovic and Martinez meet for the 3rd time. It is their first meeting at a Grand Slam or on a hard court.

LAJOVIC	v	MARTINEZ
30	**Age**	23
27	**ATP Ranking**	87
1	**Titles**	0
21-26	**Career Grand Slam Record**	5-4
7-7	**Australian Open Record**	3-1
136-168	**Career Record**	11-13
56-82	**Career Record - Hard**	4-4
2-2	**2021 Record**	2-1
2-2	**2021 Record - Hard**	2-1
2-10	**Career Five-Set Record**	0-0
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
53-72	**Career Tiebreak Record**	4-4
1-0	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	1-1

- **LAJOVIC** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.

- Lajovic advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Sergiy Stakhovsky 57 64 63 57 64 in the 1st round on Monday and Alexander Bublik 64 76(4) 46 63 in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Lajovic has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here last year, when he defeated Kyle Edmund and Marc Polmans before falling to Diego Schwartzman.

- Lajovic's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on his Roland Garros debut in 2014. He defeated Federico Delbonis, Jurgen Zopp and Jack Sock before falling to eventual champion Rafael Nadal.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Lajovic reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Gianluca Mager, l. Kevin Anderson) but fell to Egor Gerasimov in the 1st round at the US Open.

- Lajovic's **best results in 2020** were reaching the quarterfinals at Buenos Aires (l. Casper Ruud) and Hamburg (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won 4 of the 6 singles matches he contested as Serbia won the title at the inaugural ATP Cup.

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Lajovic represented Serbia at the ATP Cup. He lost both singles matches he contested as Serbia were eliminated in the group stages, falling to Canada's Milos Raonic and Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff.

- Lajovic's 1st round victory against Stakhovsky **ended a 7-match Tour-level losing streak**. He had not previously recorded a match-win at Tour-level since his 2nd round finish at Roland Garros last year. He lost his opening match at the final 4 Tour-level events he contested in 2020 – at Sardinia (l. Laslo Djere), Antwerp (l. Frances Tiafoe), Vienna (l. Lorenzo Sonego) and Paris-1000 (l. Adrian Mannarino).

- Lajovic's 5-set victory against Stakhovsky in the 1st round here **ended a 10-match losing streak in 5-set matches**. He won the first 5-set match of his career, defeating Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the 1st round at 2014 Wimbledon, but subsequently lost the next 10 five-set matches he contested. Prior to his victory against Stakhovsky here this year, he had lost all 3 five-set matches he had contested at the Australian Open.

- Lajovic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 23 in April 2019. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 27.

- Lajovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2012 and has a 10-8 win-loss record in the competition. Serbia were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Lajovic is coached by Jose Perlas.

- **MARTINEZ** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.

- Martinez advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Yoshihito Nishioka 67(3) 61 61 61 in the 1st round on Monday and Emil Ruusuvuori 16 63 62 76(5) in the 2nd round on Wednesday.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Martinez has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros last year, defeating Aleksandar Vukic and Mikhail Kukushkin before falling to Sebastian Korda.

- **Last year here**, as a qualifier on his Australian Open debut, Martinez reached the 2nd round. He defeated Dominik Koepfer for his first Grand Slam match-win in the 1st round before falling to Daniil Medvedev in straight sets in the 2nd round.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Martinez made his US Open debut, but fell to Jan-Lennard Struff in straight sets in the 1st round.

- Martinez's **best result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Rio de Janeiro (l. Attila Balazs). He recorded 9 Tour-level match-wins in 2020, having lost in the 1st round at all 4 Tour-level events he had contested prior to last season. He also qualified at 6 Tour-level events in 2020 – more than any other player.

- **Also in 2020**, Martinez won his 2nd title at Challenger-level – at the Marbella Challenger (ESP) (d. Jaume Munar). He also reached the final at the Alicante Challenger (ESP) (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Martinez competed at the Great Ocean Road in Melbourne, falling to Mikael Torpegaard in the 1st round.

- Martinez is bidding to **defeat a Top 30 player for the first time** on his 6th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 46 Sam Querrey in the 1st round at Rome-1000 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated on a hard court is No. 58 Nishioka in the 1st round here on Monday.

- Martinez **broke the Top 100 for the first time** after reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros last year. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 82 in November and plays here 5 places lower at No. 87.

- Martinez reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 16. He was a member of the Spanish team that won the Junior Davis Cup title in 2013, defeating Germany. He fell in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2014 (l. Marc Polmans).

- Martinez is coached by Daniel Gimeno-Traver and Sergio Gallego.