



2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN DAY 8 MEN'S NOTES Monday 15 February Round of 16 Bottom Half

No. 2 Rafael Nadal (ESP) v No. 16 Fabio Fognini (ITA)
No. 4 Daniil Medvedev (RUS) v Mackenzie McDonald (USA)
No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) v No. 9 Matteo Berrettini (ITA)
No. 7 Andrey Rublev (RUS) v No. 24 Casper Ruud (NOR)

On court today...

- The 3rd match of the day on Rod Laver Arena sees Rafael Nadal up against an old nemesis in Fabio Fognini. The pair are meeting for the 17th time, with Nadal leading the overall head-to-head 12-4 – but they are tied 1-1 in meetings at the Grand Slams, and the Italian's victory over Nadal at the 2015 US Open was one of only 2 occasions in Nadal's career where he has lost a match after winning the opening 2 sets. Should Fognini win today, he would become the 7th player to record multiple victories against Nadal at the Grand Slams and the 8th player to record 5 or more victories against Nadal at Tour-level overall. Victory for Nadal will see him progress to his 43rd Grand Slam quarterfinal while Fognini is bidding to reach the last 8 at a major for just the 2nd time.
- Daniil Medvedev's long winning streak came under serious threat in the 3rd round on Saturday as he was pushed to 5 sets by Filip Krajinovic – but the No. 4 seed ultimately recorded his first victory in a 5-set clash and extended his winning streak to 17 consecutive matches. His reward for doing so is a match-up with 25-year-old American Mackenzie McDonald, who has reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time in his career, on Margaret Court Arena today. McDonald came close to breaking the Top 50 in 2019, but a hamstring injury saw him sidelined for 7 months and his ranking tumbled. He plays here at No. 192 (having entered using a protected ranking of No. 83) – and if he wins today, he will become the lowest-ranked Australian Open men's singles quarterfinalist since No. 300 Goran Ivanisevic reached the last 8 here in 1989. He will also become the lowest-ranked Grand Slam quarterfinalist since No. 198 Alexander Popp reached the last 8 at 2003 Wimbledon.
- Stefanos Tsitsipas and Matteo Berrettini contest the first all-Top 10 clash of this year's Australian Open in the final match on Rod Laver Arena this evening. The pair have contested just one match at Tour-level – in the 1st round here in 2019, which Tsitsipas won in 4 sets. At the time, Tsitsipas and Berrettini were ranked No. 15 and No. 54 respectively, but both would break the world's Top 10 for the first time later that year – Tsitsipas in March, Berrettini in October – and they have both remained inside the Top 10 since then. Victory for Tsitsipas will see him reach his 2nd Australian Open quarterfinal, while Berrettini is aiming to reach the last 8 for the first time here. Just 3 Italian men have ever reached the last 8 at the Australian Open.
- Andrey Rublev takes on Casper Ruud in a battle of 2 former junior world No. 1s on Margaret Court Arena today, with Rublev bidding to reach his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal. Should he and compatriot Medvedev both win today and join Aslan Karatsev in the last 8 here, it will be the first time in the Open Era that 3 Russian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam. If Ruud upsets Rublev, however, he will become the first player from Norway to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal – and also surpass the achievement of his father and coach, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997.

NO. 2 RAFAEL NADAL (ESP) v NO. 16 FABIO FOGNINI (ITA)

Head-to-head: Nadal leads 12-4

2013	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Nadal	61 63
2013	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	R32	Nadal	76(5) 64 64
2013	Beijing	Hard (O)	QF	Nadal	26 64 61
2014	Miami-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Nadal	62 62
2015	Rio de Janeiro	Clay (O)	SF	Fognini	16 62 75
2015	Barcelona	Clay (O)	R16	Fognini	64 76(6)
2015	Hamburg	Clay (O)	FR	Nadal	75 75
2015	US Open	Hard (O)	R32	Fognini	36 46 64 63 64
2015	Beijing	Hard (O)	SF	Nadal	75 63
2016	Barcelona	Clay (O)	QF	Nadal	62 76(1)
2017	Miami-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Nadal	61 75
2017	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Nadal	76(3) 36 64
2017	Shanghai-1000	Hard (O)	R16	Nadal	63 61
2018	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	QF	Nadal	46 61 62
2019	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	SF	Fognini	64 62
2019	Montreal-1000	Hard (O)	QF	Nadal	26 61 62

A 17th Tour-level meeting for Nadal and Fognini, their 8th on a hard court and their 3rd at a Grand Slam. Nadal leads the overall head-to-head (12-4) and the head-to-head on hard courts (6-1), but they are tied 1-1 in their 2 previous meetings at the Grand Slams.

On their last Grand Slam meeting, Fognini recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Nadal in 5 sets. It is one of just 2 occasions where Nadal has lost a match after winning the opening 2 sets – he also fell to Roger Federer in the final at 2005 AMS Miami despite winning the opening 2 sets.

Fognini has recorded a total of 8 successful comebacks from 0-2 down. He is in joint-3rd place on the list for most successful comebacks from 0-2 down among active players, alongside Marin Cilic – behind Federer and Andy Murray, who have both recorded 10 successful comebacks from 0-2 down.

Fognini is bidding to defeat Nadal for the 5th time and become the 8th player to record 5 Tour-level victories against Nadal.

Most Tour-level match-wins against Nadal

Player	No. of wins
Novak Djokovic	29
Roger Federer	16
Andy Murray	7
Nikolay Davydenko	6
Juan Martin del Potro	6
David Ferrer	6
Dominic Thiem	6
Fabio Fognini??	5??

Fognini is bidding to defeat Nadal at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time and become the 7th player to record multiple victories against Nadal at the majors.

Most Grand Slam match-wins against Nadal

Player	No. of wins
Novak Djokovic	6
Roger Federer	4
Juan Martin del Potro	2
David Ferrer	2
Fabio Fognini??	2??
Lleyton Hewitt	2
Gilles Muller	2
Andy Murray	2

NADAL	v	FOGNINI
34	Age	33
2	ATP Ranking	17
86	Titles	9
285-39	Career Grand Slam Record	60-48
68-14	Australian Open Record	16-13
1007-204	Career Record	369-318
489-138	Career Record - Hard	141-152
3-0	2021 Record	6-3
3-0	2021 Record - Hard	6-3
22-12	Career Five-Set Record	23-13
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	8
246-159	Career Tiebreak Record	137-111
0-0	2021 Tiebreak Record	4-2

- 2009 Australian Open champion **NADAL** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open for the 13th time and equal Jack Crawford and Adrian Quist in 3rd place on the all-time list for most Australian Open quarterfinal appearances. This is his 16th Australian Open appearance.

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

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	15
John Newcombe	14
Jack Crawford	13
Rafael Nadal	13??
Adrian Quist	13
John Bromwich	12
Novak Djokovic	12
Harry Hopman	12
Roy Emerson	11
Stefan Edberg	10
Ken Rosewall	10

- Nadal is also bidding to **reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the 43rd time**. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances, behind Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. This is his 61st Grand Slam appearance.

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

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	57
Novak Djokovic	48
Rafael Nadal	43??
Jimmy Connors	41
Roy Emerson	37

- The Australian Open is Nadal's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and quarterfinals reached, but his least successful event in terms of titles won. Roland Garros is his most successful major in terms of titles won, matches won and quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	1	68-14	13??
Roland Garros	13	100-2	14
Wimbledon	2	53-12	7
US Open	4	64-11	9

- If he wins today** Nadal will play either No. 5 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas or No. 9 seed Matteo Berrettini in the quarterfinals. He leads Tsitsipas 6-1 and Berrettini 1-0 in their previous meetings.
- Nadal advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Laslo Djere 63 64 61, qualifier Michael Mmoh 61 64 62 and Cameron Norrie 75 62 75 in the opening 3 rounds.

- Nadal is **through to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 49th time**. He is in 3rd place on the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances in the Open Era, behind Federer and Djokovic.
- Nadal is **through to 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 Djokovic and behind Federer.
- Nadal is bidding to win his **21st Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Federer. He became the 5th player, man or woman, to win 20 or more Grand Slam singles titles after winning the title at Roland Garros last year – after Margaret Court (24 Grand Slam singles titles), Serena Williams (23), Steffi Graf (22) and Federer (20). He is one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- Nadal is bidding to become the **first man in the Open Era – and only the 3rd man in history – to win each of the 4 Grand Slam titles twice**. Roy Emerson and Rod Laver are the only players to have won each Grand Slam on 2 or more occasions. (NB While Laver completed the feat in 1969, some of the titles were won before the start of the Open Era.) (see Preview page 2)
- At 34 years 263 days, Nadal is bidding to win his **7th Grand Slam title since turning 30** and extend his Open Era record for most Grand Slam titles won after turning 30. Since celebrating his 30th birthday on 5 June 2016, Nadal has won 6 major titles – at Roland Garros in 2017-20 and at the US Open in 2017 and 2019. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Last year here**, Nadal reached the quarterfinals but fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets.
- Nadal's **best Australian Open performance** is winning the title in 2009 (d. Federer). He also reached the final in 2012, losing to Djokovic in the longest men's Grand Slam final on record at 5 hours 53 minutes, 2014 (l. Stan Wawrinka), 2017 (l. Federer) and 2019 (l. Djokovic). Of his 8 defeats in Grand Slam finals, 4 have come at the Australian Open.
- **Elsewhere at Grand Slams in 2020**, Nadal won his 13th title at Roland Garros, defeating Djokovic in straight sets in the final. He did not compete at the US Open.
- **Also in 2020**, Nadal won the title at Acapulco (d. Taylor Fritz), reached the semifinals at Paris-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev) and the ATP Finals (l. Daniil Medvedev), and reached the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Diego Schwartzman).
- Nadal is contesting his **4th match of the 2021 season**. He was a member of the Spanish squad at the ATP Cup but did not compete at the event due to a back injury, making his first appearance of the season in the 1st round here.
- Nadal is bidding to win his **23rd Tour-level hard court title** and equal Jimmy Connors in 7th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level hard court titles won. He is currently level with Michael Chang and Andy Roddick in 8th place on the list. Only Federer (71 Tour-level hard court titles), Djokovic (60), Andre Agassi (46), Pete Sampras (36), Andy Murray (34), Ivan Lendl (26) and Connors (23) have won more Tour-level hard court titles than Nadal in the Open Era.
- Nadal is also bidding to win his **87th Tour-level title**. Only Connors (109 Tour-level titles), Federer (103) and Lendl (95) have won more Tour-level titles in the Open Era than Nadal.
- Nadal has been **ranked in the Top 10 for 803 consecutive weeks**, having been ranked in the Top 10 since April 2005. He holds the record for most consecutive weeks ranked in the Top 10, having surpassed Connors' mark of 789 consecutive weeks in the Top 10 in November last year. He has spent a total of 209 weeks as world No. 1 but has been ranked at No. 2 since last February.
- Nadal is a **4-time Davis Cup champion**. He made his debut in the competition in 2004 and was part of the Spanish teams which won the title in 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2019 – among active players, he holds the record for most Davis Cup titles, alongside Feliciano Lopez. At the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid, he won all 8 matches he contested as Spain won their 6th title. As defending champions, Spain have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Nadal is coached by Carlos Moya, who finished runner-up here in 1997, and Francisco Roig.
- **FOGNINI** is bidding to reach his first quarterfinal here and become the **4th Italian man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Giorgio de Stefani (1935), Nicola Pietrangeli (1957) and Cristiano Caratti (1991). (NB Matteo Berrettini is also bidding to reach the quarterfinals here this year)
- Fognini is also bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **8th Italian man to reach multiple Grand Slam quarterfinals** – after Pietrangeli (10 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Adriano Panatta (6), De Stefani (4), Corrado Barazzutti (3), Giovanni Cucelli (3), Uberto de Morpurgo (3) and Giuseppe Merlo (3). (NB Berrettini is also bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam quarterfinal here this year)
- If Fognini and Berrettini both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **2nd time in the Open Era – and 5th time in history – that 2 Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. The only occasion where 2 Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam in the Open Era was at 1973 Roland Garros when Paolo Bertolucci and Panatta both reached the last 8.
- Fognini is bidding to record his **61st Grand Slam match-win**. By winning his opening 3 matches here, he has risen to 3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam match-wins by an Italian man, ahead of Andreas Seppi.

Most Grand Slam match-wins by an Italian man (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Nicola Pietrangeli	90-39
2.	Adriano Panatta	62-30
3.	Fabio Fognini	60-48
4.	Andreas Seppi	59-63
5.	Martin Mulligan	52-32

- The Australian Open is Fognini's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, after Roland Garros. He has a 16-13 win-loss record here – compared to 21-12 at Roland Garros, 14-11 at Wimbledon and 9-12 at the US Open.
- **If he wins today** play either No. 5 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas or No. 9 seed Matteo Berrettini in the quarterfinals. He won the only match he has played against Berrettini but trails Tsitsipas 0-2 in their previous meetings.
- Fognini advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Pierre-Hugues Herbert 64 62 63, Salvatore Caruso 46 62 26 63 76(12) and No. 21 seed Alex de Minaur 64 63 64 in the opening 3 rounds. He saved one match point in his 5-set victory against Caruso.
- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 4th time, Fognini has equalled Seppi's all-time record for **most Australian Open round of 16 appearances by an Italian man**.
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 8th time, Fognini has also equalled Panatta in 3rd place on the all-time list for **most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Italian man**. Nicola Pietrangeli (16 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances) and Giuseppe Merlo (9) are the only Italian men to have reached the last 16 at the Grand Slams more often than Fognini.
- With Fognini and Berrettini both through to the round of 16 here, it is the **2nd time in the Open Era that multiple Italian men have reached the last 16 at the Australian Open** – after 2018, when Fognini and Seppi both reached the last 16 here. It is also be the 9th time that multiple Italian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era.
- By reaching the round of 16 here this year, Fognini has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. He also reached the round of 16 here in 2014 (l. Novak Djokovic), 2018 (l. Tomas Berdych) and last year (l. Tennys Sandgren)
- Fognini's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2011 Roland Garros when he became the first Italian man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Davide Sanguinetti at 1998 Wimbledon. He gave a walkover to Djokovic in his quarterfinal match due to a thigh strain – the first time a player had given a walkover in the quarterfinals of the men's singles at a Grand Slam since Stefan Edberg pulled out of his match with Thomas Muster at the 1989 Australian Open.

- Fognini's victory against Caruso in the 2nd round here was his **3rd victory in a final-set tiebreak at the Australian Open**, having also won back-to-back matches in final-set tiebreaks against Reilly Opelka and Jordan Thompson in the opening 2 rounds last year. Since the final-set tiebreak was introduced here in 2019, he has contested more final-set tiebreaks than any other player, winning all 3 final-set tiebreaks that he has played.
- Fognini has won 11 of the last 12 **five-set matches** he has contested – including his victory against Caruso in the 2nd round here. His only defeat in a 5-set match in that time came against Marin Cilic in the round of 16 here at 2018 Roland Garros. He has a 4-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 23-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Fognini is making his **50th Grand Slam appearance**. He is the 19th active player to reach 50 Grand Slam appearances. This is his 14th appearance at the Australian Open.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Fognini fell to Mikhail Kukushkin in the 1st round at Roland Garros. He did not compete at the US Open.
- Fognini recorded **one match-win between the resumption of play in August and the end of the 2020 season**, in a 2nd round finish at Hamburg (d. Philipp Kohlschreiber, l. Casper Ruud). He lost his opening match at the 3 other events he contested during that time.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Fognini represented Italy at the ATP Cup. He won 2 of the 4 singles matches he contested as Italy finished runners-up to Russia, defeating France's Benoit Paire and Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta but falling to Austria's Dennis Novak and Russia's Andrey Rublev. He also competed at Antalya last month where, as No. 3 seed, he reached the 2nd round (d. Michael Vrbensky, l. Jeremy Chardy).
- Fognini is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak against Top 5 opposition**. He has not defeated a Top 5 opponent since defeating No. 2 Nadal in the semifinals at 2019 Monte Carlo-1000. He has a 7-40 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level overall.
- Fognini is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 9th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 8 Nadal in the 3rd round at the 2015 US Open. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 23 De Minaur in the 3rd round here this year.
- Fognini has won **9 Tour-level singles titles**, 8 of which have been on clay. His only title on hard courts came at 2018 Los Cabos (d. Juan Martin del Potro).
- Fognini broke the Top 10 for the first time in June 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 9 the following month. He plays here at No. 17.
- Fognini is an **Australian Open doubles champion**. He partnered Simone Bolelli to the title here in 2015, defeating Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut to become the first all-Italian pairing to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Nicola Pietrangeli/Orlando Sirola at 1959 Roland Garros and the first all-Italian pairing in history to win the Australian Open men's doubles title.
- Fognini reached the quarterfinals of the **boys' singles here** in 2004, falling to eventual champion Gael Monfils. He also reached the last 8 at 2004 Junior Roland Garros. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in May 2004.
- Fognini has played **Davis Cup** for Italy since 2008 and has a 32-15 win-loss record in the competition. He won the only match he contested in Italy's victory over Korea, Republic in the Qualifiers last year. The result secured Italy's place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Fognini is coached by Alberto Mancini.

NO. 4 DANIL MEDVEDEV (RUS) v MACKENZIE MCDONALD (USA)

Tour-level head-to-head: Medvedev leads 2-0

2018	Toronto-1000 Qualifying	Hard (O)	R16	Medvedev	76(3) 64
2019	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Medvedev	75 60
2019	Barcelona	Clay (O)	R16	Medvedev	63 62

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for Medvedev and McDonald, their 2nd on a hard court and their first at a Grand Slam. Medvedev won both their Tour-level matches and their one meeting below Tour-level in straight sets.

Medvedev has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as No. 192 McDonald on 2 occasions – in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros when he retired due to cramping while trailing No. 266 Benjamin Bonzi and to No. 209 Mirza Basic in the quarterfinals at 2017 Moscow. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Medvedev at the Australian Open is No. 131 Ernesto Escobedo in the 1st round in 2017.

MEDVEDEV	v	MCDONALD
25	Age	25
4	ATP Ranking	192
9	Titles	0
28-15	Career Grand Slam Record	9-9
10-4	Australian Open Record	5-3
167-86	Career Record	27-39
139-56	Career Record - Hard	19-29
7-0	2021 Record	4-2
7-0	2021 Record - Hard	4-2
1-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-6
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
53-36	Career Tiebreak Record	15-9
0-0	2021 Tiebreak Record	3-0

- **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Medvedev is bidding to become the **9th Russian man to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals in the Open Era** – Aslan Karatsev became the 8th Russian man to reach the quarterfinals here in the Open Era after defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime on Sunday. (NB Andrey Rublev is also bidding to reach his first Australian Open quarterfinal this year)

Russian men in Australian Open quarterfinals (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances	Years
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	5	1995-96, 1999-2001
Nikolay Davydenko	4	2005-07, 2010
Aleksandar Metreveli	3	1972-73, 1975
Marat Safin	3	2002, 2004-05
Andrey Cherkasov	1	1990
Andrei Chesnokov	1	1988
Aslan Karatsev	1	2021
Daniil Medvedev??	1??	2021??
Andrey Rublev??	1??	2021??
Mikhail Youzhny	1	2008

- Medvedev is also bidding to reach his **3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal** and become the 9th Russian man in the Open Era to reach 3 or more Grand Slam quarterfinals – Yevgeny Kafelnikov (13 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Nikolay Davydenko (10), Marat Safin (9), Aleksandar Metreveli (8), Mikhail Youzhny (6) Andrei Chesnokov (4), Andrey Cherkasov (3) and Rublev (3). (NB Rublev is bidding to reach his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal today)
- Should Medvedev and Rublev both win today and join Aslan Karatsev in the quarterfinals, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that 3 Russian men have reached quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**.

- Should only one of Medvedev and Rublev win today and join Karatsev in the quarterfinals, it will be the **2nd time in the Open Era that 2 Russian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2005, when Davydenko and Safin both reached the quarterfinals here. It will also be the 7th time in the Open Era that 2 Russian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- **If he wins today** Medvedev will play either No. 7 seed Rublev or No. 24 seed Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals. He leads Rublev 3-0 and Ruud 1-0 in their previous Tour-level meetings.
- Medvedev advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Vasek Pospisil 62 62 64, Roberto Carballes Baena 62 75 61 and No. 28 seed Filip Krajinovic 63 63 46 63 60 in the opening 3 rounds.
- With Karatsev, Medvedev and Rublev all through to the round of 16 here, it is the **first time that 3 Russian men have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era**. It is the 3rd time in the Open Era that 3 Russian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam – after the 2006 US Open (when Davydenko Safin and Youzhny all reached the last 16) and 2007 Roland Garros (when Igor Andreev, Davydenko and Youzhny all reached the last 16).
- By reaching the round of 16, Medvedev has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. He also reached the round of 16 here in 2019 (l. Novak Djokovic) and last year (l. Stan Wawrinka).
- Medvedev's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the final at the 2019 US Open, where he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets. He became the first Russian man to contest a Grand Slam final since Safin at the 2005 Australian Open.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Medvedev reached the semifinals at the US Open, falling to eventual champion Dominic Thiem in straight sets. He fell to Marton Fucsovics in the 1st round at Roland Garros.
- Medvedev is bidding to become the **3rd Grand Slam men's singles champion from Russia**. The 2 Russian men to have won Grand Slam titles have both won the Australian Open – Yevgeny Kafelnikov (who won the titles at 1996 Roland Garros and the 1999 Australian Open) and Safin (2000 US Open and 2005 Australian Open).
- Medvedev **won back-to-back titles to finish the 2020 season** – at Paris-1000 (d. Alexander Zverev) and the ATP Finals (d. Dominic Thiem). At the ATP Finals he defeated No. 1 Novak Djokovic, in the group stages before defeating No. 2 Nadal in the semifinals and No. 3 Thiem in the final to become the first player in the event's history to defeat the Top 3.
- Medvedev's **other 2020 highlights** were reaching the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Gilles Simon), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and Vienna (l. Kevin Anderson).
- Prior to the Australian Open Medvedev **helped Russia to victory at the ATP Cup**, with the team defeating Italy in the final to win the 2nd edition of the competition. He won all 4 matches he contested at the event, defeating Argentina's Diego Schwartzman, Japan's Kei Nishikori, Germany's Zverev and Italy's Matteo Berrettini.
- Medvedev is bidding to extend a **17-match Tour-level winning streak**. He won 5 matches at Paris-1000 and another 5 matches the ATP Finals last year, before winning all 4 matches at the ATP Cup last week and his first 3 matches here. It is the longest Tour-level winning streak of his career, surpassing the 12 consecutive matches he won in winning the title at Cincinnati-1000 through to finishing runner-up at the US Open in 2019.
- Medvedev's 5-set victory against Krajinovic in the 3rd round here was his **first victory in a 5-set match**. He had previously lost all 6 five-set matches he had contested at Tour-level – including the only 5-set match he had contested at the Australian Open prior to this year, to Wawrinka in the round of 16 last year.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 after his runner-up finish at the 2019 US Open. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, l. Nikola Milojevic).
- Medvedev made his **Davis Cup** debut in February 2017 and has a 4-3 win-loss record in the competition. He was nominated for the Russian team for the 2019 Davis Cup Finals, but withdrew from the team due to fatigue

prior to the competition. As semifinalists in 2019, Russia have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.
- **MCDONALD** is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Ranked No. 192 McDonald is bidding to become the **lowest-ranked player to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open** since No. 300 Goran Ivanisevic in 1989.
- McDonald is also bidding to become the **lowest-ranked player to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at a Grand Slam** since No. 198 Alexander Popp reached the quarterfinals at 2003 Wimbledon.
- **If he wins today** McDonald will play either No. 7 seed Andrey Rublev or No. 24 seed Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals. He won the only match he has played against Rublev but lost the only match he has played against Ruud.
- McDonald advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Marco Cecchinato 36 63 62 62, No. 22 seed Borna Coric 64 62 46 64 and Lloyd Harris 76(7) 61 64 in the opening 3 rounds.
- By reaching the round of 16, McDonald has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the round of 16 at 2018 Wimbledon where he defeated Ricardas Berankis, Jarry and Guido Pella before falling to Milos Raonic in 4 sets.
- By reaching the round of 16, McDonald has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best performances here were reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions – as a qualifier on his Australian Open debut in 2018 (d. Elias Ymer, I. Grigor Dimitrov) and as a direct acceptance in 2019 (d. Andrey Rublev, I. Marin Cilic).
- **Last year here**, McDonald fell to Daniel Evans in 5 sets in the 1st round. He has lost both 5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open and has a 1-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall, with his only victory in a 5-set match coming against Nicolas Jarry in the 2nd round at 2018 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, McDonald reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Steven Diez, I. Rafael Nadal) but lost in the 1st round at the US Open, falling to Casper Ruud in 5 sets.
- McDonald's **best Tour-level result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals at Nur-Sultan, defeating Alexander Bublik and Andreas Seppi before falling to Adrian Mannarino. He recorded just 4 Tour-level match-wins in 2020, with his 2 other victories coming in 2nd round finishes at Delray Beach (d. Yasutaka Uchiyama, I. Reilly Opelka) and Roland Garros.
- **Also in 2020**, McDonald reached the quarterfinals at 3 Challenger events – at Dallas (USA) (I. Dominik Koepfer), as a qualifier at Istanbul (TUR) (I. Martin Klizan), and at Orlando (USA) (I. Brandon Nakashima).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** McDonald competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Richard Gasquet, I. Alex Bolt). He also competed at Delray Beach last month, falling to Sam Querrey in the 1st round.
- McDonald is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the 2nd time** on his 5th attempt. He has a 1-3 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level with his only victory coming against No. 4 Juan Martin del Potro in the quarterfinals at 2019 Delray Beach.
- McDonald is also bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 3rd attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 25 Coric in the 3rd round here this year.
- McDonald reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 57 in April 2019 but fell to as low as No. 272 in March last year, having spent 7 months out after undergoing hamstring surgery in June 2019. He plays here at No. 192 but entered using a protected ranking of No. 83.
- McDonald played **college tennis** at UCLA in 2014-16, winning the 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles before turning professional.

- McDonald is coached by Jaime Pulgar Garcia and Mat Cloer.

NO. 5 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v NO. 9 MATTEO BERRETTINI (ITA)

Tour-level head-to-head: Tsitsipas leads 1-0

2017	US Open Qualifying	Hard (O)	R64	Tsitsipas	67(6) 76(4) 76(2)
2019	Australian Open	Hard (O)	R128	Tsitsipas	67(3) 64 63 76(4)

A 2nd Tour-level meeting between Tsitsipas and Berrettini. Tsitsipas won their previous Tour-level meeting in the 1st round here in 2019. Tsitsipas also won the only match the pair have contested below Tour-level, in the 2nd round of qualifying at the 2017 US Open.

At the time of their meeting here in 2019, Tsitsipas was ranked at No. 15 and Berrettini was ranked at No. 54. Both went on to break the Top 10 later that year – Tsitsipas in March, Berrettini in October – and have both remained inside the Top 10 since then.

Of the 7 sets the pair have previously contested, at any level, 5 have been decided in tiebreaks. Since the beginning of the 2019 season, Tsitsipas and Berrettini are both in the Top 5 on the list for most tiebreaks contested at Tour-level.

Most Tour-level tiebreaks contested (2019-21)

Player	Tiebreaks played (win-loss)
John Isner	79 (45-34)
Reilly Opelka	74 (36-38)
Stefanos Tsitsipas	72 (45-27)
Karen Khachanov	64 (29-35)
Matteo Berrettini	59 (32-27)
Dominic Thiem	59 (35-24)
Alexander Zverev	59 (35-24)

Figures correct through Sunday 14 February

Both players are also in the Top 10 for most tiebreaks won at Tour-level since the beginning of the 2019 season.

Most Tour-level tiebreaks won (2019-21)

Player	Tour-level tiebreak win-loss
John Isner	45-34
Stefanos Tsitsipas	45-27
Felix Auger-Aliassime	36-19
Reilly Opelka	36-38
Dominic Thiem	35-24
Alexander Zverev	35-24
Novak Djokovic	33-8
Matteo Berrettini	32-27
Milos Raonic	31-22
Karen Khachanov	29-35
Daniil Medvedev	29-15

Figures correct through Sunday 14 February

TSITSIPAS	v	BERRETTINI
22	Age	24
6	ATP Ranking	10
5	Titles	3
24-13	Career Grand Slam Record	21-11
9-3	Australian Open Record	4-3
142-76	Career Record	79-53
93-53	Career Record - Hard	38-34
5-0	2021 Record	8-2
5-0	2021 Record - Hard	8-2
3-4	Career Five-Set Record	3-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
65-51	Career Tiebreak Record	41-35
0-2	2021 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 2nd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Tsitsipas is also bidding to reach his **3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal**. He is the only Greek player in history, man or woman, to have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- **If he wins today** Tsitsipas will play either No. 2 seed Rafael Nadal or No. 16 seed Fabio Fognini in the quarterfinals. He leads Fognini 2-0 but trails Nadal 1-6 in their previous meetings.
- Tsitsipas advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Gilles Simon 61 62 61, wild card Thanasi Kokkinakis 67(5) 64 61 67(5) 64 and Mikael Ymer 64 61 61 in the opening 3 rounds.
- Tsitsipas' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – including at the Australian Open in 2019, when he defeated Roger Federer in the round of 16 and Roberto Bautista Agut in the quarterfinals before falling to Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. He became the first Greek man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal and, at 20 years 168 days, the youngest man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam since Novak Djokovic (20 years 110 days) at the 2007 US Open. He also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros last year, falling to Djokovic in 5 sets.
- At 22 years 193 days, Tsitsipas is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. Tsitsipas would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Juan Martin del Potro won the title at the 2009 US Open aged 20 years 355 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Last year here**, Tsitsipas reached the 3rd round after defeating Salvatore Caruso in the 1st round before Philipp Kohlschreiber gave a walkover in their 2nd round match due to an abdominal injury. He fell to Milos Raonic in straight sets in the 3rd round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Tsitsipas reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he fell to Borna Coric in 5 sets.
- Tsitsipas' **best result in 2020** was winning the title at Marseille (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime). He also finished runner-up at Dubai (l. Djokovic) and Hamburg (l. Andrey Rublev), and reached the semifinals at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Raonic) and Roland Garros.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Tsitsipas represented Greece at the ATP Cup. He won both singles matches he contested, defeating both Australia's Alex de Minaur and Spain's Bautista Agut in straight sets.
- Tsitsipas is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time** on his 6th attempt. He has a 1-4 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at the Grand Slams with his only victory against a Top 10 player at the Grand Slams coming against No. 3 Federer in the round of 16 here in 2019. He has an 18-24 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level overall.
- Tsitsipas' victory against Kokkinakis in the 2nd round here this year was the first **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 3-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Tsitsipas reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in August 2019. He plays here one place lower at No. 6.
- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. De Minaur). His best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Shapovalov) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Tsitsipas made his **Davis Cup** debut in September 2019 and has won all 6 singles matches he has contested in the competition since then. Greece will play at home to Lithuania in a World Group II tie in September.
- Tsitsipas is coached by his father, Apostolos Tsitsipas.

- **BERRETTINI** is bidding to reach his first quarterfinal here and become the **4th Italian man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Giorgio de Stefani (1935), Nicola Pietrangeli (1957) and Cristiano Caratti (1991). (NB Fabio Fognini is also bidding to reach the quarterfinals here this year)
- Berrettini is also bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **8th Italian man to reach multiple Grand Slam quarterfinals** – after Pietrangeli (10 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Adriano Panatta (6), De Stefani (4), Corrado Barazzutti (3), Giovanni Cucelli (3), Uberto de Morpurgo (3) and Giuseppe Merlo (3). (NB Fognini is also bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam quarterfinal here this year)
- If Berrettini and Fognini both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **2nd time in the Open Era – and 5th time in history – that 2 Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. The only occasion where 2 Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam in the Open Era was at 1973 Roland Garros when Paolo Bertolucci and Panatta both reached the last 8.
- **If he wins today** Berrettini will play either No. 2 seed Rafael Nadal or No. 16 seed Fabio Fognini in the quarterfinals. He has played one match against each player, losing both.
- Berrettini advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Kevin Anderson 76(9) 75 63, qualifier Tomas Machac 63 62 46 63 and No. 19 seed Karen Khachanov 76(1) 76(5) 76(5) in the opening 3 rounds. This is his 4th Australian Open and his 12th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Berrettini has become the **6th Italian man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era** – after Andreas Seppi and Fognini (both 4 Australian Open round of 16 appearances), and Omar Camporese, Caratti and Renzo Furlan (all one).
- With Berrettini and Fognini both through to the round of 16 here, it is the **2nd time in the Open Era that multiple Italian men have reached the last 16 at the Australian Open** – after 2018, when Fognini and Seppi both reached the last 16 here. It is also be the 9th time that multiple Italian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam in the Open Era.
- By reaching the round of 16, Berrettini has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the 2nd round last year, when he defeated wild card Andrew Harris for his first Australian Open match-win before falling to Tenny Sandgren in 5 sets.
- Berrettini recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at the 2019 US Open, where he became the 4th Italian man in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam semifinal – after Panatta (1973, 1975 Roland Garros), Barazzutti (1977 US Open, 1978 Roland Garros) and Marco Cecchinato (2018 Roland Garros). He fell to eventual champion Rafael Nadal in straight sets in the last 4.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Berrettini reached the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Andrey Rublev) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Daniel Altmaier).
- Berrettini's **best result in 2020** was reaching the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Casper Ruud). He contested a total of 6 events in 2020 after struggling with a groin injury early in the season.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Berrettini represented Italy at the ATP Cup in Melbourne, winning 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as Italy finished runners-up to Russia. He defeated Austria's Dominic Thiem, France's Gael Monfils and Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut, but fell to Russia's Daniil Medvedev in the final. He also competed at Antalya last month, reaching the quarterfinals (l. Alexander Bublik).
- Berrettini is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 4th attempt. He has lost all 3 matches he has contested against Top 10 opposition at the Grand Slams but has a 7-9 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level overall. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 13 Gael Monfils in the quarterfinals at the 2019 US Open.
- Berrettini's defeat to Sandgren in the 2nd round here last year was his first defeat in a **5-set match**. He had won the 3 five-set matches that he had contested prior to that defeat.
- Berrettini has won **3 Tour-level singles titles** – on clay at 2018 Gstaad (d. Bautista Agut) and 2019 Budapest (d. Filip Krajinovic), and on grass at 2019 Stuttgart (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime).

- Berrettini reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 8 in November 2019 becoming the highest-ranked Italian man since No. 8 Barazzutti in 1978. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 10.
- Berrettini made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 during Italy's victory against India in the 2019 Qualifiers. He also competed at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid, losing both singles matches he contested, falling to Denis Shapovalov and Taylor Fritz. Italy have secured a place at the next Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.
- Berrettini is coached by Vincenzo Santopadre, Marco Gulisano and Umberto Rianna.

NO. 7 ANDREY RUBLEV (RUS) v NO. 24 CASPER RUUD (NOR)

Head-to-head: Rublev leads 2-0

2019	Hamburg	Clay (O)	R16	Rublev	36 75 63
2020	Hamburg	Clay (O)	SF	Rublev	64 62

A 3rd meeting for Rublev and Ruud, but their first at a Grand Slam or on a hard court. Both of their previous meetings came on clay at Hamburg.

Rublev and Ruud are both former junior world No. 1s. Rublev reached the No. 1 ranking in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at Roland Garros. Ruud became world No. 1 in January 2016, 2 months after winning the biggest title of his junior career at the Osaka Mayor's Cup. The pair never faced each other at junior-level.

RUBLEV	v	RUUD
23	Age	22
8	ATP Ranking	28
7	Titles	1
26-13	Career Grand Slam Record	11-9
9-4	Australian Open Record	4-2
139-89	Career Record	67-54
110-68	Career Record - Hard	17-28
7-0	2021 Record	3-1
7-0	2021 Record - Hard	3-1
3-3	Career Five-Set Record	4-2
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
43-52	Career Tiebreak Record	12-27
1-0	2021 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **RUBLEV** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam performance. This is his 5th Australian Open and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Rublev is bidding to become the **9th Russian man to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals in the Open Era** – Aslan Karatsev became the 8th Russian man to reach the quarterfinals here in the Open Era after defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime on Sunday. (NB Daniil Medvedev is also bidding to reach his first Australian Open quarterfinal this year)

Russian men in Australian Open quarterfinals (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances	Years
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	5	1995-96, 1999-2001
Nikolay Davydenko	4	2005-07, 2010
Aleksandar Metreveli	3	1972-73, 1975
Marat Safin	3	2002, 2004-05
Andrey Cherkasov	1	1990
Andrei Chesnokov	1	1988
Aslan Karatsev	1	2021
Daniil Medvedev??	1??	2021??
Andrey Rublev??	1??	2021??
Mikhail Youzhny	1	2008

- Rublev is also bidding to reach his **4th Grand Slam quarterfinal** and equal Andrei Chesnokov in 6th place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a Russian man. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (13 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Nikolay Davydenko (10), Marat Safin (9), Aleksandar Metreveli (8), Mikhail Youzhny (6) and Chesnokov (4) are the only Russian men to have reached the last 8 at a Grand Slam more often than Rublev in the Open Era.
- Should Rublev and Medvedev both win today and join Aslan Karatsev in the quarterfinals, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that 3 Russian men have reached quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**.

- Should only one of Rublev and Medvedev win today and join Karatsev in the quarterfinals, it will be the **2nd time in the Open Era that 2 Russian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2005, when Davydenko and Safin both reached the quarterfinals here. It will also be the 7th time in the Open Era that 2 Russian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- **If he wins today** Rublev will play either No. 4 seed Daniil Medvedev or Mackenzie McDonald in the quarterfinals. He trails Medvedev 0-3 and McDonald 0-1 in their previous Tour-level meetings.
- Rublev advanced to the round of 16 after defeating Yannick Hanfmann 63 63 64, Thiago Monteiro 64 64 76(8) and Feliciano Lopez 75 62 63 in the opening 3 rounds.
- With Karatsev, Medvedev and Rublev all through to the round of 16 here, it is the **first time that 3 Russian men have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open in the Open Era**. It is the 3rd time in the Open Era that 3 Russian men have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam – after the 2006 US Open (when Davydenko Safin and Youzhny all reached the last 16) and 2007 Roland Garros (when Igor Andreev, Davydenko and Youzhny all reached the last 16).
- By reaching the round of 16, Rublev has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. He also reached the round of 16 here last year, when he defeated Christopher O’Connell, Yuichi Sugita and David Goffin before falling to Alexander Zverev in straight sets.
- Rublev’s **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – including at the 2020 US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev) and 2020 Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also reached the quarterfinals at the 2017 US Open (l. Rafael Nadal), where he became the youngest player to reach the last 8 at the US Open since Andy Roddick in 2001.
- Rublev is bidding to become the **3rd Grand Slam men’s singles champion from Russia**. The 2 Russian men to have won Grand Slam titles have both won the Australian Open – Yevgeny Kafelnikov (who won the titles at 1996 Roland Garros and 1999 Australian Open) and Safin (2000 US Open and 2005 Australian Open).
- At 23 years 124 days, Rublev is looking to become the **youngest Australian Open men’s singles champion** since Nadal won the title here in 2009 aged 22 years 243 days. Rublev would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Juan Martin del Potro won the title at the 2009 US Open aged 20 years 355 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Rublev **won 5 Tour-level titles in 2020**, more than any other player on Tour. He won the titles at both Doha (d. Corentin Moutet) and Adelaide (d. Lloyd Harris), becoming the first man to win 2 titles in the opening 2 weeks of the season since Dominik Hrbaty, who won the titles at Adelaide and Auckland in the opening 2 weeks of 2004. He also won the titles at Hamburg (d. Tistsipas), St Petersburg (d. Borna Coric) and Vienna (d. Lorenzo Sonego).
- As well as winning more titles than any other player in 2020, Rublev finished the season **joint-top of the list for most Tour-level match-wins in 2020**, level with Novak Djokovic. He had a 41-10 win-loss record during the 2020 season and qualified for the ATP Finals for the first time, finishing in 4th place in his group with a 1-2 win-loss record.
- Prior to the Australian Open Rublev **helped Russia to victory at the ATP Cup**, with the team defeating Italy in the final to win the 2nd edition of the competition. He won all 4 singles matches he contested, defeating Argentina’s Guido Pella, Japan’s Yoshihito Nishioka, Germany’s Jan-Lennard Struff and Italy’s Fabio Fognini.
- Rublev **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in October last year, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 8. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1** having topped the boys’ rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys’ singles title at 2014 Roland Garros. He reached the quarterfinals at the 2014 Junior Australian Open (l. Stefan Kozlov) and finished runner-up in the boys’ doubles with Kozlov at 2014 Wimbledon. He also won two medals at the Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing later that year, winning boys’ singles bronze and boys’ doubles silver with Karen Khachanov. He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Rublev has played **Davis Cup** for Russia since 2014 and has a 14-9 win-loss record in the competition. He won all 4 singles matches he contested at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid as Russia reached the

semifinals before falling to Canada. As semifinalists in 2019, Russia have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente.
- **RUUD** is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the first Norwegian player, man or woman, to reach the last 8 at a Grand Slam.
- **If he wins today** Ruud will play either No. 4 seed Daniil Medvedev or Mackenzie McDonald in the quarterfinals. He won the only match he has played against McDonald and lost the only match he has played against Medvedev.
- Ruud advanced to the 3rd round here after defeating Jordan Thompson, who retired due to a shoulder injury with Ruud leading 63 63 2-1, in the 1st round, Tommy Paul 36 62 64 75 in the 2nd round and Radu Albot 61 57 64 64 in the 3rd round. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Ruud has become the **2nd Norwegian player, man or woman, to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam** – after his father, Christian, who reached the last 16 here in 1997.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Ruud has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best Grand Slam performances were reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2019 (l. Roger Federer) and last year (l. Dominic Thiem), and at the US Open last year (l. Matteo Berrettini). His best Australian Open performance was reaching the 2nd round on his debut here as a qualifier in 2018 (d. Quentin Halys, l. Diego Schwartzman).
- **Last year here**, Ruud fell to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round. He has a 1-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 4-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Ruud's best result in 2020 was **winning his first Tour-level title** at Buenos Aires (d. Pedro Sousa), where he became the first Norwegian player to win a Tour-level title. He also finished runner-up at Santiago (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic) and Hamburg (l. Andrey Rublev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Ruud competed at the Murray River Open in Melbourne where, as No. 5 seed, he lost his opening match to Jiri Vesely.
- Ruud is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 2nd time** on his 8th attempt. He has a 1-6 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level, with his only victory against a Top 10 player coming against No. 8 Berrettini in the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 last year.
- Ruud is also bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at the Grand Slams for the first time** on his 4th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 31 Berrettini in the 2nd round at 2019 Roland Garros.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 25 last September after reaching the semifinals at Rome-1000. He plays here 3 places lower at No. 28. He surpassed his father Christian, who reached a career-high ranking of No. 39, as Norway's highest-ranked player in history after rising to No. 34 following his title win at Buenos Aires last year.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.
- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 16-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won the only singles match he contested as Norway defeated Barbados 4-0 in the World Group I Play-offs last year. Norway will host Uzbekistan in a World Group I tie in September.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997, falling to Goran Ivanisevic in 5 sets.