



# 2021 ROLAND GARROS



## Men's Tournament Preview

In 1968, the first Grand Slam tournament of the Open Era was held at Roland Garros. This year's event is the 54th French Open and the 212th Grand Slam tournament of the Open Era. The tournament is being played one week later than its usual position in the calendar, but has returned to its traditional May-June slot this year after the 2020 event was rescheduled to September-October due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2021 Roland Garros is the 120th edition of the French championships, which began in 1891 as a closed championship reserved for national players or players enrolled in French clubs, and the 91st tournament since the event became international in 1925. This is the 88th time that the tournament has been held at Roland Garros, which was built for the 1928 France v USA Davis Cup Final.

### POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Total prize money for this year's men's singles event is €13,616,000 – which is an overall decrease of 6% compared to 2020. However, prize money for losing players in the 1st and 2nd rounds remains at 2020 levels (which represented a 30% increase compared to 2019) and prize money for players competing in the qualifying tournament has also remained at 2020 levels (a 27% increase compared to 2019).

	Prize Money (€)	Ranking Points
<b>Champion</b>	1,400,000	2000
<b>Finalist</b>	750,000	1200
<b>Semifinalist</b>	375,000	720
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	255,000	360
<b>Round of 16</b>	170,000	180
<b>Third Round</b>	113,000	90
<b>Second Round</b>	84,000	45
<b>First Round</b>	60,000	10

### NADAL BIDS FOR ALL-TIME GRAND SLAM RECORD

Nadal is aiming to win his 21st Grand Slam title and take sole ownership of the all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles. By winning the title here last year, Nadal equalled Roger Federer's mark of 20 Grand Slam titles – it was the first time that the pair had been level in terms of Grand Slam titles won since Federer won his first Grand Slam title at 2003 Wimbledon. Novak Djokovic is bidding to win his 19th Grand Slam title and close the gap on Federer and Nadal at the top of the list.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (all time)		
Rank	Player	Grand Slam titles
<b>1=</b>	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>18</b>
4.	Pete Sampras	14
5.	Roy Emerson	12

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

## GRAND SLAM LEADERBOARD

Federer and Nadal are bidding to close the gap on Steffi Graf in 3rd place on the list for most Grand Slam singles titles, while Djokovic is bidding to equal Helen Wills Moody in 6th place on the list. By winning the 2020 title here, Nadal became the 5th player in history, man or woman, to win 20 Grand Slam singles titles.

### Most Grand Slam singles titles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam titles
1.	Margaret Court	24
2.	<b>Serena Williams</b>	<b>23</b>
3.	Steffi Graf	22
4=	<b>Roger Federer</b> <b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>20</b> <b>20</b>
6.	Helen Wills Moody	19
7=	<b>Novak Djokovic</b> Chris Evert Martina Navratilova	<b>18</b> 18 18
10.	Pete Sampras	14

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

## NADAL GOES FOR FOURTEEN TITLES IN PARIS

Rafael Nadal is bidding to become the first player in history to win 14 singles titles at any Grand Slam event. His victory here in 2019 took his total of Roland Garros titles to 12, which saw him claim the record for most singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament, ahead of Margaret Court's mark of 11 Australian titles.

### Most singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (men and women)

Player	Grand Slam	Titles won	Years
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2005-08, 2010-2014, 2017-20</b>
Margaret Court	Australian Open*	11	1960-66, 1969-71, 1973
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21</b>
Martina Navratilova	Wimbledon	9	1978-79, 1982-87, 1990

\*Known as Australian Championships before 1969

By winning the title here last year, Nadal became the first player in the Open Era to win 13 singles titles at any Tour-level event. Roland Garros is Nadal's most successful Tour-level event, but he has won 10 or more titles at 3 other tournaments – at Barcelona (12 titles), Monte Carlo-1000 (11 titles) and Rome-1000 (10 titles).

Nadal is also bidding to further extend his record for the most men's singles Grand Slam titles at any one event.

### Most men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam	Titles won	Years
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2005-08, 2010-2014, 2017-20</b>
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21</b>
<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>Wimbledon</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2003-07, 2009, 2012, 2017</b>
Bill Larned	US Championships	7	1901-02, 1907-11*
William Renshaw	Wimbledon	7	1881-86, 1889*
Pete Sampras	Wimbledon	7	1993-95, 1997-2000
Richard Sears	US Championships	7	1881-87*
Bill Tilden	US Championships	7	1920-25, 1929

\*Challenge round played through 1911 at US Championships and through 1921 at Wimbledon

## FIVE-IN-A-ROW

Nadal is bidding to win the title here for a 5th consecutive year and become the first player in history to record 2 streaks of 5 men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam event. He also won 5 straight titles here in 2010-14. Federer is the only man to have recorded streaks of 5 consecutive titles at the same Grand Slam event on 2 different occasions. (see table overleaf)

### Streaks of 5 men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam	Consecutive titles won	Years
Richard Sears	US Championships	7	1881-87*
William Renshaw	Wimbledon	6	1881-86*
Bill Tilden	US Championships	6	1920-25
Bjorn Borg	Wimbledon	5	1976-80
Laurie Doherty	Wimbledon	5	1902-06*
Roy Emerson	Australian Championships	5	1963-67
<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>Wimbledon</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2003-07</b>
	<b>US Open</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2004-08</b>
Bill Larned	US Championships	5	1907-11*
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2010-14</b>
	<b>Roland Garros??</b>	<b>5??</b>	<b>2017-21??</b>

\*Challenge round played through 1911 at US Championships and through 1921 at Wimbledon

## ROLAND GARROS TITLE LEADERS

Nadal currently heads the all-time Roland Garros men's singles title leaders list, with more than double the number of titles of Bjorn Borg, who is in 2nd place on the list.

### Roland Garros men's singles title leaders (all-time)

Player	Titles won	Years
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2005-08, 2010-14, 2017-20</b>
Bjorn Borg	6	1974-75, 1978-81
Henri Cochet	4	1926, 1928, 1930, 1932
Gustavo Kuerten	3	1997, 2000-01
Rene Lacoste	3	1925, 1927, 1929
Ivan Lendl	3	1984, 1986-87
Mats Wilander	3	1982, 1985, 1988

## DJOKOVIC PURSUES A CAREER GRAND SLAM DOUBLE

Djokovic 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 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)

## TITLES IN MELBOURNE AND PARIS

Djokovic enters Roland Garros with a chance to become the 3rd man in history to win the Australian Open and Roland Garros titles in the same year on multiple occasions after Emerson and Laver. In 2016, he became the first man to complete the Melbourne-Paris double since Jim Courier in 1992.

### Australian Open-Roland Garros double (men's singles)

Player	Years
Roy Emerson	1963, 1967
Rod Laver	1962, 1969
Don Budge	1938
Jim Courier	1992
Jack Crawford	1933
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>2016, 2021??</b>
Lew Hoad	1956
Ken Rosewall	1953
Mats Wilander	1988

## THE DJOKOVIC-NADAL DUOPOLY

Between them, Djokovic and Nadal have won 10 of the last 11 Grand Slam titles (since 2018 Roland Garros), with Dominic Thiem the only other player to have won a major title in that time – Thiem claimed his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year. Djokovic has won 6 major titles in that time, with Nadal claiming 4 major titles.

## THIEM'S TIME?

Two-time Roland Garros finalist Thiem is bidding to become the first Austrian player in history to win multiple Grand Slam titles, after winning his first major title at the 2020 US Open. Thomas Muster, who won the title here in 1995, is the only other Austrian player to have won a Grand Slam title.

Victory in New York last year saw Thiem become the 150th different Grand Slam men's singles champion in history (and the 55th different Grand Slam men's singles champion in the Open Era), and the first new Grand Slam men's singles champion since Marin Cilic won the title at the 2014 US Open. He also became the first man born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title.

## THIRD TIME LUCKY FOR MEDVEDEV?

No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev is bidding to become the 3rd Russian man to win a Grand Slam title – after Yevgeny Kafelnikov (who won the titles at 1996 Roland Garros and the 2000 Australian Open) and Marat Safin (who won the titles at the 2000 US Open and the 2005 Australian Open).

Medvedev reached his 2nd Grand Slam final at the Australian Open this year, falling to Djokovic in straight sets. He previously finished runner-up at the 2019 US Open, falling to Nadal in 5 sets.

## THE YOUNG PRETENDERS

No. 5 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas (22 years 305 days) and No. 7 seed Andrey Rublev (23 years 236 days) are both looking to become the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Juan Martin del Potro won the 2009 US Open aged 20 years 355 days. They are also bidding to become the youngest Roland Garros men's singles champion since Nadal won the title here in 2008 aged 22 years 5 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

No. 6 seed Alexander Zverev (24 years 54 days) is looking to become the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Djokovic won 2011 Wimbledon aged 24 years 42 days. He is also bidding to become the youngest Roland Garros men's singles champion since Nadal won the title here in 2010 aged 24 years 3 days.

By reaching his first Grand Slam final at the US Open last year aged 23 years 146 days, Zverev became the youngest man to reach a major final since Djokovic finished runner-up at the 2010 US Open aged 23 years 113 days.

## FEDERER RETURNS

Federer is contesting his first Grand Slam event since the 2020 Australian Open, where he reached the semifinals. He missed the rest of the 2020 season due to a right knee injury, returning to action at Doha in March this year. He has contested just 3 matches this season, defeating Daniel Evans before falling to Nikoloz Basilashvili at Doha, and losing to Pablo Andujar in his opening match at Geneva earlier this month.

Federer is bidding to win a 2nd Roland Garros title 12 years after his first in 2009, and set the record for longest gap between winning a 2nd title at an individual Grand Slam event in the Open Era. Jimmy Connors currently holds the record with 8 years between his first and 2nd titles at Wimbledon, having won his first Wimbledon title in 1974 and his 2nd Wimbledon title in 1982.

## MOST ROLAND GARROS FINAL APPEARANCES

Nadal has reached more Roland Garros men's singles finals than any other player and has won all 13 finals he has contested here. Djokovic or Federer will equal Bjorn Borg in 2nd place on the Open Era list for most appearances in the Roland Garros men's singles final if either of them reach the final here this year..

### Most Roland Garros men's singles final appearances (Open Era)

Rank	Player	No. of final appearances
1.	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>13</b>
2.	Bjorn Borg	6
3=	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>5</b>
	Ivan Lendl	5
	Mats Wilander	5

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

## MOST GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

Federer is top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam final appearances, having contested his 31st major final at 2019 Wimbledon. Djokovic equalled Nadal in 2nd place on the list after reaching the final at the Australian Open earlier this year.

Rank	Player	No. of final appearances
<b>1.</b>	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>2=</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>28</b>
4.	Ivan Lendl	19
5.	Pete Sampras	18

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## DECADES APART

Having won the title here last year 15 years 4 months after his first Grand Slam title, Nadal holds the record the largest gap between first and most recent Grand Slam men's singles title wins in the Open Era. Serena Williams is the only player whose Grand Slam title wins have spanned a longer period than Nadal.

**Largest gap between first and most recent Grand Slam singles titles (Open Era)**

Player	First Grand Slam title	Most recent Grand Slam title	Time between first and most recent Grand Slam titles
<b>Serena Williams</b>	<b>1999 US Open</b>	<b>2017 Australian Open</b>	<b>17 years, 5 months</b>
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>2005 Roland Garros</b>	<b>2020 Roland Garros</b>	<b>15 years, 4 months</b>
<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>2003 Wimbledon</b>	<b>2018 Australian Open</b>	<b>14 years, 7 months</b>
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>2008 Australian Open</b>	<b>2021 Australian Open</b>	<b>13 years</b>
Chris Evert	1974 Roland Garros	1986 Roland Garros	12 years
Steffi Graf	1987 Roland Garros	1999 Roland Garros	12 years
Martina Navratilova	1978 Wimbledon	1990 Wimbledon	12 years
Pete Sampras	1990 US Open	2002 US Open	12 years
Andre Agassi	1992 Wimbledon	2003 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months
Boris Becker	1985 Wimbledon	1996 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months

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Djokovic and Nadal are the only 2 men to have won Grand Slam singles titles in 3 different decades in the Open Era, having both won Grand Slam titles in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s. Serena Williams (who won at least one major title in the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s) and Martina Navratilova (1970s, 1980s and 1990s) are the only other 2 players who have achieved the feat in the Open Era.

## THE 30s CLUB

Djokovic (34 years 22 days) and Nadal (35 years 10 days) are both bidding to win their 7th Grand Slam titles since turning 30. They jointly hold the Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won after the age of 30. Nadal won his most-recent Grand Slam title aged 34 years 130 days at Roland Garros last year. Djokovic won his most-recent Grand Slam title aged 33 years 275 days at the Australian Open this year. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Federer (39 years 309 days) is bidding to win his 5th Grand Slam title since turning 30 and claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list, ahead of Laver and Rosewall. Federer won his most-recent Grand Slam title aged 36 years 173 days at the 2018 Australian Open.

**Players aged 30+ to win multiple Grand Slam men's singles titles (Open Era)**

Player	Grand Slam titles won aged 30+
<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>6 (2018-19 Wimbledon; 2018 US Open; 2019-21 Australian Open)</b>
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>6 (2017-20 Roland Garros; 2017, 2019 US Open)</b>
<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>4 (2012, 2017 Wimbledon; 2017-18 Australian Open)</b>
Rod Laver	4 (1969 Australian Open, 1969 Roland Garros, 1969 Wimbledon, 1969 US Open)
Ken Rosewall	4 (1968 Roland Garros, 1970 US Open, 1971-72 Australian Open)
Andre Agassi	2 (2001, 2003 Australian Open)
Jimmy Connors	2 (1982-83 US Open)
Stan Wawrinka	2 (2015 Roland Garros, 2016 US Open)

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## FIVE GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS IN MAIN DRAW

There are 5 Grand Slam tournament champions appearing in the 2021 Roland Garros men's singles main draw, including 3 former Roland Garros winners: Djokovic, Federer and Nadal. Just 3 other active male players have won Grand Slam singles titles: Juan Martin del Potro, Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka.

Marin Cilic (1)	2014 US Open
Novak Djokovic (18)	2008/11/12/13/15/16/19/20/21 Australian Open; 2011/14/15/18/19 Wimbledon; 2011/15/18 US Open; <b>2016 Roland Garros</b>
Roger Federer (20)	2003/04/05/06/07/09/12/17 Wimbledon; 2004/06/07/10/17/18 Australian Open; 2004/05/06/07/08 US Open; <b>2009 Roland Garros</b>
Rafael Nadal (20)	<b>2005/06/07/08/10/11/12/13/14/17/18/19/20 Roland Garros</b> ; 2008/10 Wimbledon; 2009 Australian Open; 2010/13/17/19 US Open
Dominic Thiem (1)	2020 US Open

## SO NEAR YET SO FAR

Six players competing here this year have reached at least one Grand Slam final during their careers but are still bidding for their first major title – including both No. 2 seed Medvedev and No. 6 seed Zverev. None of those 6 players have reached the Roland Garros final.

### Active players to have reached Grand Slam men's singles finals without winning a title

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
Kevin Anderson	2017 US Open	Lost to Rafael Nadal 63 63 64
	2018 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 62 62 76(3)
Daniil Medvedev	2019 US Open	Lost to Rafael Nadal 75 63 57 46 64
	2021 Australian Open	Lost to Novak Djokovic 75 62 62
Kei Nishikori	2014 US Open	Lost to Marin Cilic 63 63 63
Milos Raonic	2016 Wimbledon	Lost to Andy Murray 64 76(3) 76(2)
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	2008 Australian Open	Lost to Novak Djokovic 46 64 63 76(2)
Alexander Zverev	2020 US Open	Lost to Dominic Thiem 26 46 64 63 76(6)

## 38 YEARS SINCE A FRENCH WINNER

When Marcel Bernard won the men's singles title at Roland Garros in 1946, it marked the 9th victory by a Frenchman in 16 tournaments here after the event went international. However since then, Yannick Noah is the only Frenchman to win his home Slam, lifting the title in 1983. In fact, he is the only French Grand Slam men's singles champion in the Open Era. The last French finalist at Roland Garros was Henri Leconte in 1988. No. 14 seed Gael Monfils is the highest-ranked Frenchman in the main draw this year.

### Frenchmen in Grand Slam finals (Open Era)

Tournament	Result in final
1972 Roland Garros	No. 9 Patrick Proisy lost to No. 6 Andres Gimeno 46 63 61 26 63
<b>1983 Roland Garros</b>	<b>No. 6 Yannick Noah defeated No. 5 Mats Wilander 62 75 76</b>
1988 Roland Garros	No. 11 Henri Leconte lost to No. 3 Mats Wilander 75 62 61
1993 US Open	No. 15 Cedric Pioline lost to No. 2 Pete Sampras 64 64 63
1997 Wimbledon	Cedric Pioline lost to No. 1 Pete Sampras 64 62 64
2001 Australian Open	No. 15 Arnaud Clement lost to No. 6 Andre Agassi 64 62 62
2008 Australian Open	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga lost to No. 3 Novak Djokovic 46 64 63 76

## ROLAND GARROS ACHIEVERS

By winning his 7 matches here last year, Nadal became the first player, man or woman, to win 100 singles matches at Roland Garros. He also became the 5th player, and 2nd man, to record 100 match-wins at a Grand Slam event – after Chris Evert (101-12 at the US Open), Federer (102-15 at the Australian Open, 101-13 at Wimbledon), Martina Navratilova (120-14 at Wimbledon) and Serena Williams (106-14 at the US Open).

With 6 match-wins here in 2020, Djokovic moved into 2nd place on the all-time list for most Roland Garros men's singles match-wins, ahead of Federer. (see table overleaf)

### Most Roland Garros men's singles match-wins (all-time)

Rank	Player	Roland Garros win-loss
1.	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>100-2</b>
2.	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>74-15</b>
3.	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>70-17</b>
4.	Guillermo Vilas	58-17
5=	Ivan Lendl	53-12
	Jaroslav Drobny	53-14

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

## MOST GRAND SLAM MATCH-WINS

Djokovic and Nadal are looking to close the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins.

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

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>362-59</b>
2.	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>303-45</b>
3.	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>286-40</b>
4.	Jimmy Connors	233-49
5.	Andre Agassi	224-53
6.	Ivan Lendl	222-49
7.	Pete Sampras	203-38
8.	Andy Murray	190-47
9.	Stefan Edberg	178-47
10.	John McEnroe	167-38

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

Federer, Djokovic and Nadal are the only 3 male players to have recorded 50 match-wins at all 4 Grand Slam events.

### Players to have won 50 or more singles matches at all 4 Grand Slams

Player	Grand Slam win-loss	Australian Open win-loss	Roland Garros win-loss	Wimbledon win-loss	US Open win-loss
Roger Federer	362-59	102-15	70-17	101-13	89-14
Novak Djokovic	303-45	82-8	74-15	72-10	75-12
Rafael Nadal	286-40	69-15	100-2	53-12	64-11

The leading all-time Frenchman is Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, with a 121-45 Grand Slam win-loss record. Gael Monfils and Richard Gasquet are the only other active French players to have recorded more than 100 Grand Slam match-wins.

### Most Grand Slam match-wins by a Frenchman

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	<b>Jo-Wilfried Tsonga</b>	<b>121-45</b>
2.	<b>Gael Monfils</b>	<b>110-54</b>
3.	<b>Richard Gasquet</b>	<b>107-60</b>
4.	Jean Borotra	103-23
5.	Henri Cochet	102-14

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**

## KING OF CLAY

Nadal has a 125-2 win-loss record in best-of-five set matches on clay. His only defeats came at Roland Garros – against Robin Soderling in 2009 and Djokovic in 2015. He has lost just 42 matches on clay at Tour-level in his career overall.

Nadal holds the record for the longest winning streak on clay having won 81 successive matches from 2005 AMS Monte Carlo through the 2007 AMS Hamburg final.

Nadal became the first man in the Open Era to win 50 clay court titles and took sole ownership of the Open Era record for most clay court titles at 2017 Monte Carlo-1000. (see table overleaf)

### Most clay court titles (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Total clay court titles
1.	Rafael Nadal	62
2.	Guillermo Vilas	49
3.	Thomas Muster	40
4=	Bjorn Borg	30
	Manuel Orantes	30

Nadal has won 47 more clay court titles than Djokovic, who is in 2nd place on the list for most clay court titles won among active players.

### Most clay court titles (active players)

Rank	Player	Total clay court titles
1.	Rafael Nadal	62
2.	Novak Djokovic	15*
3.	Roger Federer	11
4.	Dominic Thiem	10
5.	Fabio Fognini	8

\*written prior to the conclusion of the tournaments at Belgrade and Parma

Nadal has lost 2 matches on clay so far this season, falling to Rublev at Monte Carlo-1000 and to Zverev at Madrid-1000. He has lost just 8 clay court matches in the past 5 seasons – falling to Thiem on 3 occasions, and once each to Fabio Fognini, Rublev, Schwartzman, Tsitsipas and Zverev.

### Nadal's clay court losses by season

Year	Losses on clay
2002	1
2003	6
2004	3
2005	2
2006	0
2007	1
2008	1
2009	2
2010	0
2011	2
2012	1
2013	2
2014	3
2015	6
2016	4
2017	1
2018	1
2019	3
2020	1
<b>2021</b>	<b>2</b>

## 2021 LEADERS

Tsitsipas has recorded more Tour-level match-wins than any other player so far this season. He also leads the ATP Race to Turin, having amassed more ranking points than any other player in 2021.

### 2021 total win-loss

Rank	Player	2021 total win-loss
1.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	33-8
2.	Andrey Rublev	29-8
3.	Cameron Norrie	23-11
4=	Aslan Karatsev	21-8
	Jannik Sinner	21-10

Correct through the quarterfinals at Belgrade II and Parma

## 2021 CLAY COURT LEADERS

Albert Ramos-Vinolas has recorded the most Tour-level match-wins on clay so far this season, having won the title at Estoril, reached the final at Cordoba and reached the semifinals at both Buenos Aires and Marbella.

### 2021 clay court win-loss

Rank	Player	2021 clay court win-loss
1.	Albert Ramos-Vinolas	17-7
2=	Federico Delbonis	16-8
	Stefanos Tsitsipas	16-3
4.	Casper Ruud	15-4
5.	Rafael Nadal	14-2

Correct through the quarterfinals at Belgrade II and Parma

## CLAY COURT FORM

Nadal and Tsitsipas are the only players to have won multiple clay court titles in 2021, with Nadal winning at Barcelona and Rome-1000 and Tsitsipas triumphing at Monte Carlo-1000 and Lyon.

Ten other players have won titles on clay this season: Nikoloz Basilashvili (Munich), Matteo Berrettini (Belgrade I), Pablo Carreno Busta (Marbella), Juan Manuel Cerundolo (Cordoba), Cristian Garin (Santiago), Albert Ramos-Vinolas (Estoril), Casper Ruud (Geneva), Diego Schwartzman (Buenos Aires), Lorenzo Sonego (Sardinia), and Alexander Zverev (Madrid-1000). (NB written prior to the conclusion of the tournaments at Belgrade and Parma this week)

## PICKING A WINNER

In the Open Era, 35 of the 53 Roland Garros champions entered the event having won at least one Tour-level clay court title in the months leading up to Roland Garros. The most recent player not to have won a clay court title prior to Roland Garros was Nadal last year (although the changes to the calendar due to the Covid-19 pandemic meant that Nadal played just one clay court event prior to Roland Garros in 2020).

Muster (in 1995) and Nadal (in 2005 and 2013) have won the most titles on clay prior to winning here – both winning 5 clay court titles before triumphing at Roland Garros.

YEAR	CHAMPION	CLAY COURT TITLES WON
1968	Ken Rosewall	Won Bournemouth
1969	Rod Laver	No clay court titles
1970	Jan Kodes	No clay court titles
1971	Jan Kodes	Won Catania
1972	Andres Gimeno	No clay court titles
1973	Ilie Nastase	Won Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Madrid, Florence
1974	Bjorn Borg	Won Sao Paulo, Rome
1975	Bjorn Borg	No clay court titles
1976	Adriano Panatta	Won Rome
1977	Guillermo Vilas	Won Buenos Aires, Virginia Beach
1978	Bjorn Borg	Won Italian Open
1979	Bjorn Borg	Won Monte Carlo
1980	Bjorn Borg	Won Nice, Monte Carlo
1981	Bjorn Borg	No clay court titles
1982	Mats Wilander	No clay court titles
1983	Yannick Noah	Won Madrid, German Open
1984	Ivan Lendl	No clay court titles
1985	Mats Wilander	No clay court titles
1986	Ivan Lendl	Won Italian Open
1987	Ivan Lendl	Won German Open
1988	Mats Wilander	No clay court titles
1989	Michael Chang	No clay court titles
1990	Andres Gomez	Won Barcelona, Madrid
1991	Jim Courier	No clay court titles
1992	Jim Courier	Won Italian Open
1993	Sergi Bruguera	Won Monte Carlo
1994	Sergi Bruguera	No clay court titles
1995	Thomas Muster	Won Mexico City, Estoril, Barcelona,

1996	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	Monte Carlo, Italian Open
1997	Gustavo Kuerten	Won Prague
1998	Carlos Moya	No clay court titles
1999	Andre Agassi	Won Monte Carlo
2000	Gustavo Kuerten	No clay court titles
2001	Gustavo Kuerten	Won Santiago, Hamburg
2002	Albert Costa	Won Buenos Aires, Acapulco, Monte Carlo
2003	Juan Carlos Ferrero	No clay court titles
2004	Gaston Gaudio	Won Monte Carlo, Valencia
2005	Rafael Nadal	No clay court titles
		Won Costa do Sauipe, Acapulco, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Rome
2006	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Rome
2007	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Rome
2008	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Hamburg
2009	Roger Federer	Won Madrid
2010	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Rome, Madrid
2011	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona
2012	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Rome
2013	Rafael Nadal	Won Sao Paulo, Acapulco, Barcelona, Madrid, Rome
2014	Rafael Nadal	Won Rio de Janeiro, Madrid
2015	Stan Wawrinka	No clay court titles
2016	Novak Djokovic	Won Madrid
2017	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Madrid
2018	Rafael Nadal	Won Monte Carlo, Barcelona
2019	Rafael Nadal	Won Rome
2020	Rafael Nadal	No clay court titles

## DEFENDING THE TITLE

Nadal tops the list for most successful title defences at a single Grand Slam event in the Open Era, with 10. The Roland Garros men's singles title has been successfully defended on 19 occasions in the Open Era – the joint-most of the four Grand Slam events. There have also been 19 successful title defences at Wimbledon in the Open Era, compared to 14 at the Australian Open and 12 at the US Open.

### Defending Australian Open (15 defences)

Ken Rosewall, 1971-72  
 Guillermo Vilas, 1978-79  
 Johan Kriek, 1981-82  
 Mats Wilander, 1983-84  
 Stefan Edberg, 1985-87\* (\*not played in 1986)  
 Ivan Lendl, 1989-90  
 Jim Courier, 1992-93  
 Andre Agassi, 2000-01  
 Roger Federer, 2006-07  
 Novak Djokovic, 2011-12-13 (2 defences)  
 Novak Djokovic, 2015-16  
 Roger Federer, 2017-18  
 Novak Djokovic, 2019-20-21

### Defending Wimbledon (19 defences)

Rod Laver, 1968-69  
 John Newcombe, 1970-71  
 Bjorn Borg, 1976-77-78-79-80 (4 defences)  
 John McEnroe, 1983-84  
 Boris Becker, 1985-86  
 Pete Sampras, 1993-94-95 (2 defences)  
 Pete Sampras, 1997-98-99-2000 (3 defences)  
 Roger Federer, 2003-04-05-06-07 (4 defences)  
 Novak Djokovic, 2014-15  
 Novak Djokovic, 2018-19

### Defending Roland Garros (19 defences)

Jan Kodes, 1970-71  
 Bjorn Borg, 1974-75  
 Bjorn Borg, 1978-79-80-81 (3 defences)  
 Ivan Lendl, 1986-87  
 Jim Courier, 1991-92  
 Sergi Bruguera, 1993-94  
 Gustavo Kuerten, 2000-01  
 Rafael Nadal, 2005-06-07-08 (3 defences)  
 Rafael Nadal, 2010-11-12-13-14 (4 defences)  
 Rafael Nadal, 2017-18-19-20 (3 defences)

### Defending US Open (12 defences)

John McEnroe, 1979-80-81 (2 defences)  
 Jimmy Connors, 1982-83  
 Ivan Lendl, 1985-86-87 (2 defences)  
 Stefan Edberg, 1991-92  
 Pete Sampras, 1995-96  
 Patrick Rafter, 1997-98  
 Roger Federer, 2004-05-06-07-08 (4 defences)

The defending champion has never lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros but there have been 4 occasions on which the title holder has lost in the 2nd round here.

**Defending Roland Garros champions losing in 2nd round (all-time)**

Year	Defending Champion	2nd round result
1973	Andres Gimeno	l. Guillermo Vilas 62 57 86
1998	Gustavo Kuerten	l. Marat Safin 36 76 36 61 64
2000	Andre Agassi	l. Karol Kucera 26 75 61 60
2004	Juan Carlos Ferrero	l. Igor Andreev 36 64 64 62

While it has never occurred at Roland Garros, a defending champion has lost in the 1st round 4 times at the 3 other majors in the Open Era.

**Defending Grand Slam champions losing in 1st round (Open Era)**

Year & Grand Slam	Defending Champion	1st round result
1977 (Dec) Australian Open	Roscoe Tanner	l. Chris Lewis 36 63 62 16 64
1997 Australian Open	Boris Becker	l. Carlos Moya 57 76 36 61 64
1999 US Open	Patrick Rafter	l. Cedric Pioline 46 46 75 63 1-0 ret. (shoulder)
2003 Wimbledon	Lleyton Hewitt	l. Ivo Karlovic 16 76 63 64

**Roland Garros title defence attempts (Open Era)**

Year	Champion	Following Year
1968	Ken Rosewall	Runner-up
1969	Rod Laver	Did not play
1970	Jan Kodes	Champion
1971	Jan Kodes	Lost in quarterfinals
1972	Andres Gimeno	Lost in second round
1973	Ilie Nastase	Lost in quarterfinals
1974	Bjorn Borg	Champion
1975	Bjorn Borg	Lost in quarterfinals
1976	Adriano Panatta	Lost in quarterfinals
1977	Guillermo Vilas	Runner-up
1978	Bjorn Borg	Champion
1979	Bjorn Borg	Champion
1980	Bjorn Borg	Champion
1981	Bjorn Borg	Did not play
1982	Mats Wilander	Runner-up
1983	Yannick Noah	Lost in quarterfinals
1984	Ivan Lendl	Runner-up
1985	Mats Wilander	Lost in third round
1986	Ivan Lendl	Champion
1987	Ivan Lendl	Lost in quarterfinals
1988	Mats Wilander	Lost in quarterfinals
1989	Michael Chang	Lost in quarterfinals
1990	Andre Gomez	Did not play
1991	Jim Courier	Champion
1992	Jim Courier	Runner-up
1993	Sergi Bruguera	Champion
1994	Sergi Bruguera	Lost in semifinals
1995	Thomas Muster	Lost in round of 16
1996	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	Lost in quarterfinals
1997	Gustavo Kuerten	Lost in second round
1998	Carlos Moya	Lost in round of 16
1999	Andre Agassi	Lost in second round
2000	Gustavo Kuerten	Champion
2001	Gustavo Kuerten	Lost in round of 16
2002	Albert Costa	Lost in semifinals
2003	Juan Carlos Ferrero	Lost in second round
2004	Gaston Gaudio	Lost in round of 16
2005	Rafael Nadal	Champion
2006	Rafael Nadal	Champion

<b>2007</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2008</b>	Rafael Nadal	Lost in round of 16
<b>2009</b>	Roger Federer	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>2010</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2011</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2012</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2013</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2014</b>	Rafael Nadal	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>2015</b>	Stan Wawrinka	Lost in semifinals
<b>2016</b>	Novak Djokovic	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>2017</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2018</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2019</b>	Rafael Nadal	Champion
<b>2020</b>	Rafael Nadal	???

## LOPEZ SETS RECORD FOR MOST ROLAND GARROS APPEARANCES

By contesting his 21st Roland Garros this year, Feliciano Lopez has claimed sole ownership of the record for most Roland Garros appearances, moving ahead of Francois Jauffret and Fabrice Santoro.

### Roland Garros men's singles appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Roland Garros appearances
<b>1.</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>21</b>
2=	Francois Jauffret	20
	Fabrice Santoro	20
4=	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>19</b>
	Nicola Pietrangeli	19

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold** (totals include this event)

Among active players, Richard Gasquet is competing here for the 18th time and is in 3rd place on the list behind Lopez and Federer. Four players are contesting the men's singles here for the 17th time.

### Roland Garros men's singles appearances (active players)

Rank	Player	Roland Garros appearances
<b>1.</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Richard Gasquet</b>	<b>18</b>
4=	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Philipp Kohlschreiber</b>	<b>17</b>
	Nicolas Mahut	17
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Fernando Verdasco</b>	<b>17</b>

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold** (totals include this event)

## MOST GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Federer is contesting his 80th Grand Slam event. He is at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Five other players competing in the main draw here this year are in the Top 10 on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances.

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

Rank	Player	Grand Slams played
<b>1.</b>	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>77</b>
3.	Fabrice Santoro	70
4.	Mikhail Youzhny	69
<b>5.</b>	<b>Fernando Verdasco</b>	<b>68</b>
6.	Lleyton Hewitt	66
<b>7.</b>	<b>Philipp Kohlschreiber</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>8=</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>64</b>
	<b>Andreas Seppi</b>	<b>64</b>
10.	David Ferrer	63

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold** (totals include this event)

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## MOST CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Lopez is appearing at his 76th consecutive Grand Slam singles event, extending his all-time record for the longest streak of Grand Slam singles appearances. Seppi is the only other player with an active streak of 50 or more appearances.

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

Rank	Player	Consecutive Grand Slam Events Played
1.	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>76* (2002 Roland Garros-2021 Roland Garros)</b>
2.	<b>Fernando Verdasco</b>	<b>68 (2003 Wimbledon-2020 Aus Open)</b>
3.	<b>Roger Federer</b>	<b>65 (2000 Aus Open-2016 Aus Open)</b>
4.	<b>Andreas Seppi</b>	<b>63* (2005 Wimbledon-2021 Roland Garros)</b>
5.	Wayne Ferreira	56 (1991 Aus Open-2004 US Open)
6.	Stefan Edberg	54 (1983 Wimbledon-1996 US Open)
7.	Tomas Berdych	52 (2003 US Open-2016 Wimbledon)
8.	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>51 (2005 Aus Open-2017 Wimbledon)</b>
9=	David Ferrer	50 (2003 Aus Open-2015 Roland Garros)
	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	50 (2005 Aus Open-2017 Roland Garros)
	Stan Wawrinka	50 (2005 Roland Garros-2017 Wimbledon)

Players at 2021 Roland Garros in **bold**  
 \*denotes a streak which is active through 2021 Roland Garros

## ONE-SLAM WONDERS

Twenty-six of the 55 Open Era Grand Slam singles champions also belong to the 'One-Slam Wonder' Club, lifting a sole Grand Slam title in the Open Era. Cilic and Thiem are the only men playing in this year's Roland Garros singles who could win a 2nd major.

## FIRST TIME WINNER

In the Open Era 21 players have captured their first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros, which has seen far more first-time successes than any of the other majors.

### Venue of first Grand Slam title

#### Australian Open (11)

Jimmy Connors	1974
Mark Edmondson	1976
Roscoe Tanner	1977
Vitas Gerulaitis	1977
Brian Teacher	1980
Johan Kriek	1981
Stefan Edberg	1985
Petr Korda	1998
Thomas Johansson	2002
Novak Djokovic	2008
Stan Wawrinka	2014

#### Roland Garros (21)

Ken Rosewall	1968	Jim Courier	1991
Jan Kodes	1970	Sergi Bruguera	1993
Andres Gimeno	1972	Thomas Muster	1995
Bjorn Borg	1974	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1996
Adriano Panatta	1976	Gustavo Kuerten	1997
Guillermo Vilas	1977	Carlos Moya	1998
Mats Wilander	1982	Albert Costa	2002
Yannick Noah	1983	Juan Carlos Ferrero	2003
Ivan Lendl	1984	Gaston Gaudio	2004
Michael Chang	1989	Rafael Nadal	2005
Andres Gomez	1990		

#### Wimbledon (9)

Rod Laver	1968
John Newcombe	1970
Boris Becker	1985
Pat Cash	1987
Michael Stich	1991
Andre Agassi	1992
Richard Krajicek	1996
Goran Ivanisevic	2001
Roger Federer	2003

#### US Open (14)

Arthur Ashe	1968
Stan Smith	1971
Ilie Nastase	1972
Manuel Orantes	1975
John McEnroe	1979
Pete Sampras	1990
Patrick Rafter	1997
Marat Safin	2000
Lleyton Hewitt	2001
Andy Roddick	2003
Juan Martin del Potro	2009
Andy Murray	2012
Marin Cilic	2014
Dominic Thiem	2020

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Of the 55 different Open Era Grand Slam champions, 27 have won Roland Garros at least once in their careers.

Ken Rosewall*	1968	*also won pre-Open Era Roland Garros titles
Rod Laver*	1969	*also won pre-Open Era Roland Garros titles
Jan Kodes	1970, 1971	
Andres Gimeno	1972	
Ilie Nastase	1973	
Bjorn Borg	1974-75, 1978-81	
Adriano Panatta	1976	
Guillermo Vilas	1977	
Mats Wilander	1982, 1985, 1988	
Yannick Noah	1983	
Ivan Lendl	1984, 1986-87	
Michael Chang	1989	
Andres Gomez	1990	
Jim Courier	1991-92	
Sergi Bruguera	1993-94	
Thomas Muster	1995	
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1996	
Gustavo Kuerten	1997, 2000-01	
Carlos Moya	1998	
Andre Agassi	1999	
Albert Costa	2002	
Juan Carlos Ferrero	2003	
Gaston Gaudio	2004	
Rafael Nadal	2005-08, 2010-14, 2017-20	
Roger Federer	2009	
Stan Wawrinka	2015	
Novak Djokovic	2016	

## HOW HAS THE TOP SEED FARED AT ROLAND GARROS?

The top seed has won the title on just 15 occasions in the 53 Roland Garros tournaments played since 1968. This is the least successful performance by the top seed at any of the Grand Slam events. In the Open Era, the top seed has had most success at Wimbledon, triumphing 22 times.

Overall, in the 89 French Championships played since seeding began here in 1925, the top seed has won the title 28 times. The only No. 1 seed to lose in the 1st round here since 1925 is Stefan Edberg in 1990.

The No. 1 seed here has reached the quarterfinals or better in each of the last 11 years – winning the title 4 times (Nadal in 2011, 2014 and 2018; Djokovic in 2016), finishing runner-up 3 times (Djokovic in 2012, 2015 and 2020), reaching the semifinals 3 times (Djokovic in 2013 and 2019, Murray in 2017) and reaching the quarterfinals once (Federer in 2010).

### Performance of top seed at Roland Garros

1968	Rod Laver	Runner-up
<b>1969</b>	<b>Rod Laver</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1970	Ilie Nastase	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>1971</b>	<b>Jan Kodes</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1972	Jan Kodes	Lost in quarterfinals
1973	Stan Smith	Lost in round of 16
1974	Ilie Nastase	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>1975</b>	<b>Bjorn Borg</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1976	Bjorn Borg	Lost in quarterfinals
1977	Ilie Nastase	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>1978</b>	<b>Bjorn Borg</b>	<b>Won title</b>
<b>1979</b>	<b>Bjorn Borg</b>	<b>Won title</b>
<b>1980</b>	<b>Bjorn Borg</b>	<b>Won title</b>
<b>1981</b>	<b>Bjorn Borg</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1982	Jimmy Connors	Lost in quarterfinals
1983	Jimmy Connors	Lost in quarterfinals

1984	John McEnroe	Runner-up
1985	John McEnroe	Lost in semifinals
<b>1986</b>	<b>Ivan Lendl</b>	<b>Won title</b>
<b>1987</b>	<b>Ivan Lendl</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1988	Ivan Lendl	Lost in quarterfinals
1989	Ivan Lendl	Lost in round of 16
1990	Stefan Edberg	Lost 1st round
1991	Stefan Edberg	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>1992</b>	<b>Jim Courier</b>	<b>Won title</b>
1993	Pete Sampras	Lost in quarterfinals
1994	Pete Sampras	Lost in quarterfinals
1995	Andre Agassi	Lost in quarterfinals
1996	Pete Sampras	Lost in semifinals
1997	Pete Sampras	Lost in third round
1998	Pete Sampras	Lost in second round
1999	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	Lost in second round
2000	Andre Agassi	Lost in second round
<b>2001</b>	<b>Gustavo Kuerten</b>	<b>Won title</b>
2002	Lleyton Hewitt	Lost in round of 16
2003	Lleyton Hewitt	Lost in third round
2004	Roger Federer	Lost in third round
2005	Roger Federer	Lost in semifinals
2006	Roger Federer	Runner-up
2007	Roger Federer	Runner-up
2008	Roger Federer	Runner-up
2009	Rafael Nadal	Lost in round of 16
2010	Roger Federer	Lost in quarterfinals
<b>2011</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Won title</b>
2012	Novak Djokovic	Runner-up
2013	Novak Djokovic	Lost in semifinals
<b>2014</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Won title</b>
2015	Novak Djokovic	Runner-up
<b>2016</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>Won title</b>
2017	Andy Murray	Lost in semifinals
<b>2018</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>Won title</b>
2019	Novak Djokovic	Lost in semifinals
2020	Novak Djokovic	Runner-up
2021	Novak Djokovic	???

## FROM BOYS TO MEN

In 2015, Stan Wawrinka became the first Roland Garros boys' champion to win the men's singles title here since Mats Wilander in 1988. Only 6 of the 70 different Roland Garros boys' champions have gone on to win the men's singles title.

Player	Junior Champion	Men's Champion
Ken Rosewall	1952	1953 and 1968
Roy Emerson	1954	1963 and 1967
Andres Gimeno	1955	1972
Mats Wilander	1981	1982, 1985 and 1988
Ivan Lendl	1978	1984, 1986 and 1987
Stan Wawrinka	2003	2015

## MISSING IN ACTION

Players who withdrew before the draw are as follows: Attila Balazs (leg), Borna Coric (shoulder), Kyle Edmund (knee), Nick Kyrgios (non-medical), Vasek Pospisil (non-medical), Denis Shapovalov (shoulder), Stan Wawrinka (left foot).

## WILD CARDS

Seven of the 8 men's singles main draw wild cards were awarded to French players: Gregoire Barrere, Benjamin Bonzi, Mathias Bourgue, Arthur Cazaux, Enzo Coucaud, Hugo Gaston and Arthur Rinderknech. The final wild card was awarded to Christopher O'Connell as part of an agreement between the FFT and Tennis Australia.