



## 2021 ROLAND GARROS MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 12 June

### NO. 6 PIERRE-HUGUES HERBERT/NICOLAS MAHUT (FRA) v ALEXANDER BUBLIK/ANDREY GOLUBEV (KAZ)

#### Head-to-head: first meeting

A first meeting for the 2 teams. Golubev has faced Herbert/Mahut at the Grand Slams once before – in the 2nd round at Roland Garros in 2015, when he was playing alongside Denis Istomin. On that occasion, Herbert/Mahut won 64 67(3) 76(2).

Herbert has faced Bublik/Golubev once already this season – in the 1st round at Doha, when he was playing alongside David Goffin. On that occasion, Bublik/Golubev won 63 06 [12-10].

The only other Tour-level match involving players from these 2 teams came in the 1st round at 2008 Estoril when Mahut and Yves Allegro defeated Golubev and Simone Vagnozzi 61 75.

Herbert/Mahut are bidding to become the first all-French pair in the Open Era to win the multiple men's doubles titles at Roland Garros and their 5th Grand Slam title together. Should they win today, they will also go joint-5th on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam doubles titles as a team.

Bublik/Golubev are bidding to win their first Tour-level title – either individually or as a team. They are also bidding to become the first Kazakh men to win a Grand Slam title in any discipline. The only Kazakh player to have won a professional Grand Slam title is Yaroslava Shvedova, who won the women's doubles titles at Wimbledon and the US Open in 2010.

#### Road to the final

HERBERT/MAHUT	Time		Time	BUBLIK/GOLUBEV
d. Cameron Norrie/Jonny O'Mara 63 36 63	1:35	1st round	1:17	d. (WC) Sadio Doumbia/Fabien Reboul 76(7) 61
d. Jonathan Erlich/Lloyd Harris 63 36 75	2:15	2nd round	1:20	d. No. 5 Ivan Dodig/Filip Polasek 76(5) 61
d. Robin Haase/Jan-Lennard Struff 06 63 76(5)	1:56	3rd round	2:09	d. No. 11 Wesley Koolhof/Jean-Julien Rojer 76(2) 36 64
d. Tomislav Brkic/Nikola Cacic 76(5) 61	1:23	Quarterfinals	1:16	d. Hugo Nys/Tim Puetz 64 64
d. No. 2 Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah 67(2) 76(2) 64	2:52	Semifinals	1:44	d. (A) Pablo Andujar/Pedro Martinez 16 64 64
total time on court	10:01	(Infosys time)	7:46	total time on court

- **HERBERT/MAHUT** are bidding to become the first all-French pair in the Open Era to win multiple men's doubles titles at Roland Garros.
- Herbert/Mahut are bidding to win their 5th Grand Slam title together. By winning their 3rd Grand Slam title here in 2018, they claimed sole ownership of the **Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by an all-French team.**

#### All-French Grand Slam Champions (Open Era)

Event	Final
1984 Roland Garros	Henri Leconte/Yannick Noah d. Pavel Slozil/Tomas Smid 64 26 36 63 62
2003 Australian Open	Michael Llodra/Fabrice Santoro d. Mark Knowles/Daniel Nestor 64 36 63
2004 Australian Open	Michael Llodra/Fabrice Santoro d. Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan 76 63
2007 Wimbledon	Arnaud Clement/Michael Llodra d. Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan 67 63 64 64
2014 Roland Garros	Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin d. Marcel Granollers/Marc Lopez 63 76(1)
<b>2015 US Open</b>	<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut d. Jamie Murray/John Peers 64 64</b>
<b>2016 Wimbledon</b>	<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut d. Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin 64 76(1) 63</b>
<b>2018 Roland Garros</b>	<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut d. Oliver Marach/Mate Pavic 62 76(4)</b>
<b>2019 Australian Open</b>	<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut d. Henri Kontinen/John Peers 64 76(1)</b>

- Herbert/Mahut jointly hold the OpenEra record for **most Grand Slam doubles titles won by a French player**, with 4 titles – ahead of Michael Llodra, who won 3 Grand Slam doubles titles.
- Herbert/Mahut are bidding to win their 5th Grand Slam title together and equal Jonas Bjorkman/Todd Woodbridge, Jacco Eltingh/Paul Haarhuis and Robert Lutz/Stan Smith in **5th place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam doubles titles won as a team.**

#### Teams winning most Grand Slam doubles titles (Open Era)

Team	No. of titles
Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	16
Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde	11
Peter Fleming/John McEnroe	7
John Newcombe/Tony Roche*	7
Jonas Bjorkman/Todd Woodbridge	5
Jacco Eltingh/Paul Haarhuis	5
<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut</b>	<b>5??</b>
Robert Lutz/Stan Smith	5
John Fitzgerald/Anders Jarryd	4
Bob Hewitt/Frew McMillan	4

\*also won pre-Open Era titles

- By winning the title at the 2019 Australian Open, Herbert/Mahut became the **8th team in history to win the men's doubles titles at all 4 Grand Slams.** They are the most-recent team to complete the career Grand Slam in men's doubles. (see table overleaf)

### Teams winning all 4 Grand Slam men's doubles titles (all-time)

Team	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open
Ken McGregor/Frank Sedgman	1951-52	1951-52	1951-52	1951
Lew Hoad/Ken Rosewall	1953, 56	1953	1953, 56	1956
Roy Emerson/Neale Fraser	1962	1960, 62	1959, 61	1959, 60
John Newcombe/Tony Roche	1965, 67, 71, 76	1967, 69	1965, 68-69, 70, 74	1967
Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde	1992, 97	2000	1993-97, 2000	1995-96
Jacco Eltingh/Paul Haarhuis	1994	1995, 98	1998	1994
Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan	2006-07, 09-11, 13	2003, 13	2006, 11, 13	2005, 08, 10, 12, 14
<b>Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>

- Herbert/Mahut are contesting their **6th Grand Slam doubles final as a team**. In addition to their 4 titles, they also finished runner-up at the 2015 Australian Open (l. Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini) in their first appearance at a major together.
- Mahut is through to his **8th Grand Slam doubles final**. In addition to his 5 finals alongside Herbert, he also reached the final with Michael Llodra at 2013 Roland Garros (l. Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan) and with Edouard Roger-Vasselin at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah).
- Mahut is making his **21st Roland Garros doubles appearance** with his 7th different partner. It is his 67th Grand Slam doubles appearance overall with his 11th different partner.
- Herbert is making his **10th Roland Garros doubles appearance** with his 3rd different partner. It is his 27th Grand Slam doubles appearance overall with his 4th different partner. Prior to teaming up with Mahut at the 2015 Australian Open, he had lost in the 1st round of the men's doubles at every Grand Slam he contested.
- Herbert/Mahut are making their 6th Roland Garros appearance as a pair and their 22nd appearance together at a Grand Slam. **Last year here**, as No. 6 seeds, they fell to Wesley Koolhof/Nikola Pietrangeli in the 3rd round.
- **In Grand Slam play this year**, Herbert/Mahut reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open (l. Pietrangeli/Mate Pavic).
- Herbert/Mahut's **best result together in 2021** is finishing runners-up on clay at Lyon (l. Hugo Nys/Tim Puetz). They also reached the semifinals on hard courts at Acapulco (l. Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos) and the quarterfinals on clay at both Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Pietrangeli/Pavic) and Madrid-1000 (l. Granollers/Zeballos).
- Herbert/Mahut have won **17 doubles titles together** including 3 on clay. In addition to their title here in 2018, they also won titles on clay at 2016 Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares) and at 2017 Rome-1000 (d. Ivan Dodig/Marcel Granollers).
- Herbert has won **19 career doubles titles**. In addition to his 17 titles alongside Mahut, he also won the titles at 2014 Tokyo alongside Michal Przysiezny (d. Dodig/Marcelo Melo) and at 2019 Doha alongside David Goffin (d. Robin Haase/Matwe Middelkoop).
- Mahut has won **31 career doubles titles with 6 different partners** – but just 3 have come on clay, all of which came alongside Herbert.
- Mahut and Herbert reached **career-high doubles rankings** of No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in 2016. Mahut plays here at No. 6, while Herbert plays at No. 20.
- Herbert fell to Jannik Sinner 61 46 67(4) 75 64 in the **1st round of the men's singles event here**, despite holding a match point in the 4th set. His best result in singles at a Grand Slam is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions.
- Mahut entered the **mixed doubles here** as a wild card with Caroline Garcia. The pair fell to No. 2 seeds Nicole Melichar/Rajeev Ram 76(4) 64 in the 1st round.
- Herbert was a **Top 10 junior player**. He won the boys' doubles title alongside Kevin Krawietz at 2009 Wimbledon and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2009 US Open (l. Bernard Tomic). He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 9 in 2009.

- Mahut reached **No. 5 in the junior rankings** after winning the boys' singles title at Wimbledon in 2000 (d. Mario Ancic) and reaching the semifinals in the boys' singles at Roland Garros (l. Tommy Robredo). He also won the Australian Open boys' doubles event in 2000 with Robredo.
- Herbert and Mahut both play **Davis Cup** for France. Mahut has played Davis Cup since 2015 and has an 12-4 win-loss record in the competition, while Herbert made his Davis Cup debut in 2016 and has a 9-2 win-loss record. The pair have an 8-1 Davis Cup win-loss record as a team, and both competed during France's title-winning season in 2017. France will compete alongside Great Britain and Czech Republic in Group C at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals.
- Herbert is coached by Benjamin Balleret and his father Jean-Roch Herbert. Mahut is coached by Nicolas Copin and Nicolas Renavand.
- **BUBLIK/GOLUBEV** are bidding to become the first Kazakh players to win a Roland Garros title.
- Bublik/Golubev are bidding to become the **first Kazakh men to win a Grand Slam title** in any discipline. The only Kazakh players to have won Grand Slam titles in any discipline are Yaroslava Shvedova, who won the women's doubles titles at Wimbledon and the US Open in 2010, and Irina Selyutina, who won the girls' doubles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 1997.
- By reaching the final here, Bublik/Golubev have become the **first Kazakh men to reach a Grand Slam final**, in singles or doubles. Shvedova is the only other Kazakh player to have reached a professional Grand Slam doubles final – she reached 6 Grand Slam women's doubles finals, including at Roland Garros in 2015, and one Grand Slam mixed doubles final, at Roland Garros in 2010.
- Bublik is contesting his **6th Grand Slam doubles event with his 3rd different partner**. He made his Grand Slam doubles debut alongside Mikhail Kukushkin at 2019 Wimbledon. This is his 2nd appearance in the doubles at Roland Garros.
- Golubev is contesting his **15th Grand Slam doubles event with his 6th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam doubles debut alongside Denis Istomin at the 2009 US Open. This is his 5th appearance in the doubles at Roland Garros – and his first appearance here since 2015.
- **Last year here**, on his Roland Garros doubles debut, Bublik competed alongside Kukushkin, falling to Kevin Krawietz/Andreas Mies in the 1st round. Golubev did not compete here last year – on his last appearance here, he reached the 2nd round alongside Istomin (l. Herbert/Mahut).
- By reaching the final here, Bublik/Golubev have recorded their **best Grand Slam result** – either individually or as a team. Their previous best Grand Slam results were reaching the semifinals – Bublik reached the semifinals alongside Kukushkin at the 2020 Australian Open (l. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury), while Golubev reached the semifinals alongside Sam Groth at 2014 Roland Garros (l. Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin).
- Bublik/Golubev are contesting their **2nd Grand Slam as a team**. They contested their first Grand Slam as a team at the Australian Open this year, reaching the 3rd round (l. Marcelo Arevalo/Matwe Middelkoop). It was Golubev's first appearance in doubles at the Grand Slams since 2015 Roland Garros.
- Bublik/Golubev are contesting their **4th Tour-level event as a team**. In addition to their appearances here and at the Australian Open this year, they also reached the quarterfinals at Antalya this year (l. Jeremy Chardy/Fabrice Martin) but lost their opening match at the Great Ocean Road Open in Melbourne (l. Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares). They also contested one match together below Tour-level – at the 2016 Astana Challenger (KAZ), where they fell to Vladimir Ivanov/Alexey Vatutin in the 1st round.
- Bublik/Golubev are bidding to win their **first Tour-level doubles title** – either individually or as a team. Bublik's best Tour-level doubles results are reaching the semifinals alongside Kukushkin at the 2020 Australian Open and alongside Reilly Opelka at 2020 St Petersburg (l. Marcelo Demoliner/Middelkoop). Golubev's best Tour-level doubles result is reaching the final alongside Daniele Bracciali at 2014 Kitzbuhel (l. Henri Kontinen/Jarkko Nieminen).

- Golubev's only **Tour-level doubles match-win on clay prior to Roland Garros** this year came in a quarterfinal finish alongside Marin Cilic at Geneva (d. Arthur Cazaux/Li Hanwen, I. Raven Klaasen/Ben McLachlan). Bublik had not won a doubles match on clay this season prior to coming here.
- Golubev has contested **5 Challenger-level doubles events in 2021**. His best results are winning the title alongside Aleksandr Nedovyesov at the Split Challenger (CRO) (d. Szymon Walkow/Jan Zielinski) and finishing runner-up alongside Nedovyesov at the Zagreb Challenger (CRO) (l. Evan King/Hunter Reese). He won 6 doubles titles at Challenger-level in 2020 – 3 alongside Nedovyesov and 3 alongside Ariel Behar.
- Bublik reached a **career-high doubles ranking of No. 87** in October last year. He plays here at No. 101.
- Golubev reached a **career-high doubles ranking of No. 65** in March 2015. He plays here at No. 82.
- Bublik fell to No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev 63 63 75 in the **1st round of the men's singles event here**. His best result in singles at a Grand Slam is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions.
- Bublik and Golubev both play **Davis Cup** for Kazakhstan. Golubev has played Davis Cup since 2008 and has an 25-12 win-loss record in the competition, while Herbert made his Davis Cup debut in 2019 and has a 5-2 win-loss record. Kazakhstan will compete alongside Canada and Sweden in Group B at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals.
- Bublik is coached by Artem Suprunov. Golubev is coached by Yuri Schukin and Massimo Puci.