



**2021 ROLAND GARROS
BOYS' SINGLES FINAL NOTES**
Saturday 12 June

NO. 13 LUCA VAN ASSCHE (FRA) v NO. 14 ARTHUR FILS (FRA)



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Head-to-head: first meeting

Today's match is the first all-French boys' singles final at Roland Garros since 2002, when Richard Gasquet defeated Laurent Recouderc. It is also the first all-French boys' singles final at a Grand Slam since the Australian Open last year, when Harold Mayot defeated Arthur Cazaux. The champion today will be the 14th French boys' singles champion at Roland Garros and the first since Geoffrey Blancaneaux in 2016.

Roland Garros has seen French junior singles champions (both boys and girls) more recently than the other 3 Grand Slam events have seen native junior singles champions.

Grand Slam	Most-recent home boys' singles champion	Most-recent home girls' singles champion
Australian Open	Oliver Anderson (2016)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995)
Roland Garros	Luca van Assche/Arthur Fils (2021)	Elsa Jacquemot (2020)
Wimbledon	Stanley Matthews (1962)	Laura Robson (2008)
US Open	Taylor Fritz (2015)	Amanda Anisimova (2017)

With 4 French players contesting the boys' singles semifinals here this year, it was the first time in history that 4 French players have reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at a Grand Slam. The previous record for most French boys in the semifinals at a Grand Slam was 3 – at 1949 Roland Garros (Robert Haillet, Alain Lemyse and Jean-Claude Molinari), and at the Australian Open in 2002 (Richard Gasquet, Clement Morel and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga) and 2020 (Cazaux, Mayot and Timo Legout).

Road to the final

VAN ASSCHE	Time		Time	FILS
d. Petr Nesterov 62 63	1:09	1st round	1:19	d. Kokoro Isomura 64 63
d. Aidan Mayo 62 63	1:13	2nd round	1:21	d. Joao Victor Couto Loureiro 63 64
d. No. 3 Pedro Boscardin Dias 62 64	1:29	3rd round	1:32	d. No. 2 Bruno Kuzuhara 64 76(2)
d. Daniel Merida Aguilar 76(8) 64	1:42	Quarterfinals	1:16	d. No. 8 Daniel Rincon 62 63
d. No. 9 Sean Cuenin 75 64	1:39	Semifinals	2:09	d. No. 5 Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 36 63 76(5)
total time on court	7:12	(Infosys time)	7:37	total time on court

VAN ASSCHE	v	FILS
17	Age	17*
18	ITF Junior Ranking	19
1211	ATP Ranking	1035
9-2	Career Grade A Record (Junior)	13-1
5-1	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	7-1
72-25	Career Record (Junior)	45-20
11-2	2021 Record (Junior)	8-1

*celebrates his 17th birthday today

- **VAN ASSCHE** is bidding to win his first Grand Slam title.
- By reaching the final here, Van Assche has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His only previous appearance at the Grand Slams having come as a wild card at Roland Garros last year, when he fell to Leandro Riedi in the 1st round.
- Van Assche is contesting his **4th junior event of the season**. His best result at junior-level this season is winning the title on clay at J2 Haskovo (BUL) (d. Abedallah Shelbayh). He also reached the 2nd round on clay at J1 Plovdiv (BUL) (d. Dinko Dinev, I. Alejandro Manzanera Pertusa) but lost his opening match at J1 Villena (ESP) (I. German Samofalov).
- Van Assche's **other junior highlights** are finishing runner-up at J1 Villena (ESP) in 2020 (I. Pierre-Yves Bailly) and reaching the semifinals at JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl) in 2020, where he fell to Peter Fajta.

- Van Assche has **contested 14 events as a professional** – including 9 this year. His best result as a professional is reaching the 2nd round at 6 ITF World Tennis Tour Men's events. He competed as a wild card in qualifying at the ATP tournament in Montpellier this year, falling to Antoine Hoang in the 1st round.
- Van Assche competed in **men's singles qualifying here** as a wild card this year, falling to Henri Laaksonen in the 1st round.
- Van Assche entered the **boys' doubles here** with Sean Cuenin. As No. 6 seeds, the pair fell to Alvaro Guillen Meza/Igor Kudriashov 63 36 [10-6] in the 1st round.
- Van Assche reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 15** in April this year and plays here 3 places lower at No. 18. He is ranked No. 1211 in the ATP rankings – 4 places lower than his career-high ranking of No. 1207, which he reached in May this year.
- Van Assche is coached by Yannick Quere.
- **FILS** is bidding to win his first Grand Slam title.
- Fils is bidding to become the **4th player to win the boys' singles and doubles titles at Roland Garros in the same year** – after Guillermo Perez-Roldan (1986), Fernando Gonzalez (1998) and Dominic Stephan Stricker (2020). As No. 4 seeds, Fils and Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard play Martin Katz/German Samofalov in the boys' doubles final later today.
- Fils is also bidding to become the **2nd French player to the boys' singles and doubles title at a Grand Slam** – after Julien Jeanpierre, who won both the boys' singles and doubles titles at the 1998 Australian Open.
- By reaching the final here, Fils has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the 3rd round on his Grand Slam debut here last year (l. Sean Cuenin).
- Fils is contesting his **2nd junior event of the season**. His only other appearance at junior-level this season came at J1 Villena (ESP), where he fell to Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard in the semifinals.
- Fils' **best junior result** is winning the title at JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl) in 2020, where he defeated Peter Fajta in the final. It was the 2nd tournament he had contested at Grade A-level.
- Fils has **contested 14 events as a professional** – including 12 this year. His best result as a professional is reaching the semifinals at 2021 M25 La Nucia (ESP) (l. Pedro Cachin).
- Fils competed in **men's singles qualifying here** as a wild card this year. He reached the 2nd round of qualifying, defeating Bernard Tomic before falling to Marc Polmans
- Fils reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 13** in January this year. He plays here at No. 19. He is ranked No. 1035 in the ATP rankings – 3 places lower than his career-high ranking of No. 1032, which he reached in May this year.
- Fils is coached by Jerome Potier.