



## 2021 WIMBLEDON MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 10 July

**NO. 1 NIKOLA MEKTIC/MATE PAVIC (CRO)**

v

**NO. 4 MARCEL GRANOLLERS (ESP)/HORACIO ZEBALLOS (ARG)**

**Head-to-head: tied 1-1**

2021	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	SF	Mektic/Pavic	36 75 [10-4]
2021	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	FR	Granollers/Zeballos	16 63 [10-8]

A 3rd meeting for the 2 teams – their 2 previous meetings both came on clay earlier this season, with Mektic/Pavic winning in the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 and Granollers/Zeballos winning in the final at Madrid-1000. Both of their previous meetings went to a decisive match-tiebreak.

Pavic is the only one of the 4 players in action today to have reached a Wimbledon men's doubles final prior to this year. He finished runner-up alongside Oliver Marach here in 2017, falling to Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo in 5 sets.

Mektic/Pavic are contesting their first Grand Slam men's doubles final as a team. The pair were on opposing sides in the US Open men's doubles final last year, with Pavic and Bruno Soares defeating Mektic and Wesley Koolhof. That match was Mektic's only previous appearance in a Grand Slam men's doubles final, while Pavic is a 2-time Grand Slam men's doubles champion and is contesting his 6th Grand Slam men's doubles final today.

Granollers/Zeballos are through to their 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles final as a team – on their only previous appearance together in a Grand Slam men's doubles final, at the 2019 US Open, the pair fell to Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in straight sets. Granollers also reached 2 Grand Slam men's doubles finals in 2014 alongside Marc Lopez – falling to Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin at Roland Garros and to Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan at the US Open.

### Road to the final

MEKTIC/PAVIC	Time		Time	GRANOLLERS/ZEBALLOS
d. Jonathan Erlich/Andrei Vasilevski 62 64	0:54	1st round*	1:04	d. Dusan Lajovic/Ivan Sabanov 63 64
d. Alex de Minaur/Matt Reid 62 64	1:05	2nd round*	2:49	d. Ken Skupski/Neal Skupski 64 67(5) 10-8
d. Tomislav Brkic/Nikola Cacic 62 36 76(3) 64	2:14	3rd round	2:35	d. Oliver Marach/Aisam Qureshi 64 76(4) 76(3)
d. No. 8 Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo 36 46 64 76(4) 64	3:41	Quarterfinals	1:49	d. Andre Goransson/Casper Ruud 63 64 64
d. No. 6 Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury 76(3) 63 67(2) 76(5)	3:19	Semifinals	2:14	d. Simone Bolelli/Maximo Gonzalez 64 64 76(3)
total time on court	11:13	(IBM time)	10:31	total time on court

\*Due to poor weather in the first week, the 1st and 2nd rounds were played as best-of-3-sets

- **MEKTIC/PAVIC** are bidding to become the first all-Croatian pair to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title.
- Pavic is bidding to win his 3rd Grand Slam doubles title and claim sole-ownership of the **record for most Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by a Croatian player**, ahead of Ivan Dodig. Mektic is bidding to become the 4th Croatian player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title.

#### Grand Slam doubles titles won by Croatian men (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
<b>Mate Pavic</b>	<b>3?? (2018 Australian Open, 2020 US Open, 2021 Wimbledon??)</b>
Ivan Dodig	2 (2015 Roland Garros, 2021 Australian Open)
<b>Nikola Mektic??</b>	<b>1?? (2021 Wimbledon??)</b>
Niki Pilic*	1 (1970 US Open)

\*Pilic represented Yugoslavia but was born in Croatia

- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to become the **first Croatian players to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title**. By reaching the final, Pavic has become the first Croatian player to reach the men's doubles final here on multiple occasions, while Mektic has become the 5th Croatian player to reach the Wimbledon men's doubles final – after Pavic, Dodig (who finished runner-up here in 2013), and Boro Jovanovic and Niki Pilic, who finished runners-up here together in 1962.
- By reaching the final here, Mektic/Pavic have become the **2nd all-Croatian team to reach a Grand Slam men's doubles final** – after Jovanovic/Pilic, who finished runners-up to Bob Hewitt/Fred Stolle at 1962 Wimbledon. (NB Jovanovic/Pilic represented Yugoslavia but were both born in Croatia)
- Mektic/Pavic are also bidding to become the **3rd and 4th Croatian men to win a Wimbledon title** – after Goran Ivanisevic, who won the men's singles title here in 2001, and Dodig, who won the mixed doubles title here in 2019 alongside Latisha Chan.
- Mektic/Pavic are contesting their **2nd Grand Slam event as a team**. In their only previous Grand Slam appearance together, at the Australian Open this year, they reached the semifinals (I. Dodig/Filip Polasek). They missed Roland Garros due to illness.
- Pavic's **best Grand Slam performances** are winning the titles alongside Oliver Marach at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah) and alongside Bruno Soares at the 2020 US Open (d. Wesley Koolhof/Mektic). By reaching the final here, Mektic has equalled his best Grand Slam performance – he reached his only previous Grand Slam final at the US Open last year.
- By reaching the final here, Pavic has equalled his **best Wimbledon performance**. He also reached the final here alongside Oliver Marach in 2017, with the pair falling to Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo in 5 sets. By reaching the final here, Mektic has recorded his best Wimbledon performance – his previous best performance here was reaching the semifinals alongside Franko Skugor in 2017 (I. Marach/Pavic).
- **At 2019 Wimbledon**, Mektic reached the 3rd round alongside Skugor (I. Dodig/Polasek). Pavic reached the 2nd round alongside Soares (I. Santiago Gonzalez/Aisam Qureshi).
- Mektic is contesting his **18th Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Marin Draganja at 2016 Wimbledon. This is his 5th Wimbledon appearance.
- Pavic is contesting his **29th Grand Slam doubles event with his 7th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Draganja at the 2014 Australian Open and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Andre Sa in 2014. This is his 7th Wimbledon appearance.
- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to win their **8th title as a team**. Since teaming up for the first time in January this year, they have won 7 titles – at Antalya (d. Dodig/Polasek), the Murray River Open in Melbourne (d. Jeremy Chardy/Fabrice Martin), Rotterdam (d. Kevin Krawietz/Horia Tecau), Miami-1000 (d. Daniel Evans/Neal Skupski), Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Evans/Skupski), Rome-1000 (d. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury) and Eastbourne (d. Ram/Salisbury).
- Mektic/Pavic's **other highlights in 2021** are reaching the finals at Dubai (I. Cabal/Farah) and Madrid-1000 (I. Granollers/Zeballos). They have 48-5 win-loss record as a team this season.

- **Prior to coming here**, in addition to their title victory at Eastbourne, Mektic/Pavic reached the quarterfinals at Queen's (d. Feliciano Lopez/Jannik Sinner, I. Reilly Opelka/John Peers).
- Mektic has won **15 Tour-level doubles titles with 7 different partners** – including the 2020 ATP Finals alongside Koolhof (d. Jurgen Melzer/Edouard Roger-Vasselin). He also won one title alongside Zeballos – at 2019 Indian Wells-1000 (d. Kubot/Melo).
- Pavic has won **24 Tour-level doubles titles with 7 different partners**. In addition to his title at Eastbourne with Mektic this year, he has won one other title on grass – alongside Michael Venus at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Dominic Inglot/Raven Klaasen).
- Pavic is the **current doubles world No. 1**. He first reached the No. 1 ranking in May 2018, remaining as No. 1 for 6 weeks, and returned to No. 1 in April this year and has remained at No. 1 for 12 weeks.
- Mektic reached a **career-high ranking doubles of No. 2** in May this year. He plays here one place lower at No. 3.
- Mektic and Pavic are both **Grand Slam mixed doubles champions**. Mektic won the mixed doubles title at the 2020 Australian Open alongside Barbora Krejckova (d. Jamie Murray/Bethanie Mattek-Sands). Pavic won the mixed doubles alongside Laura Siegemund at the 2016 US Open (d. Ram/Coco Vandeweghe) and alongside Gabriela Dabrowski at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Rohan Bopanna/Timea Babos).
- Pavic entered the **mixed doubles here** with Dabrowski. As No. 2 seeds, the pair reached the quarterfinals before falling to No. 9 seeds Kevin Krawietz/Kveta Peschke.
- Mektic and Pavic both play **Davis Cup** for Croatia. Mektic made his debut in 2011 and has a 4-3 win-loss record in the competition. Pavic made his debut in 2013 but has lost all 7 matches he has contested in the competition. Pavic was a member of the Croatian team which won the Davis Cup title in 2018 – he and Dodig fell to France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut in the doubles match of the final. Croatia will compete alongside Australia and Hungary in Group D at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals.
- Mektic is coached by Goran Oresic. Pavic is coached by Nadja Pavic.
- **GRANOLLERS/ZEBALLOS** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam doubles title – either as individuals or as a team.
- Granollers/Zeballos are bidding to become the **first Spanish and Argentinian man, respectively, to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title**. Granollers is the 3rd Spanish man to reach the men's doubles final here – after Sergio Casal/Emilio Sanchez, who finished runners-up here in 1987. Zeballos is the 2nd Argentinian man to reach the men's doubles final here – after Javier Frana, who finished runner-up alongside Leonardo Lavalle here in 1991.
- Granollers is bidding to become the **5th Spanish player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – and the first since Feliciano Lopez/Marc Lopez won the title at 2016 Roland Garros.

#### Grand Slam doubles titles won by Spanish men (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Emilio Sanchez	3 (1988, 1990 Roland Garros; 1988 US Open)
Sergio Casal	2 (1988 US Open; 1990 Roland Garros)
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>1?? (2021 Wimbledon??)</b>
Feliciano Lopez	1 (2016 Roland Garros)
Marc Lopez	1 (2016 Roland Garros)

- Zeballos is bidding to become the **first Argentinian player to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title**. He is one of 3 Argentinian men to have reached a Grand Slam doubles final – alongside Frana (1991 Wimbledon) and Eduardo Schwank (2011 Roland Garros).
- By reaching the final here, Granollers/Zeballos have equalled their **best Grand Slam performance**. They also reached the final at the 2019 US Open, where they fell to Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in straight sets.

- Granollers is through to his **4th Grand Slam men's doubles final**. In addition to his runner-up finish alongside Zeballos at the 2019 US Open, he also reached 2 Grand Slam men's doubles finals in 2014 alongside Marc Lopez – falling to Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin at Roland Garros and to Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan at the US Open. Zeballos' only previous Grand Slam final appearance came alongside Granollers at the 2019 US Open.
- Granollers/Zeballos are **competing at Wimbledon as a team for the first time**. This is their 7th Grand Slam appearance as a team.
- By reaching the final here, Granollers/Zeballos have both recorded their **best Wimbledon performances**. Granollers' previous best Wimbledon performances are reaching the quarterfinals alongside Santiago Ventura in 2008 (l. Bryan/Bryan) and alongside Tommy Robredo in 2010 (l. Robert Lindstedt/Horia Tecau). Zeballos' previous best Wimbledon performance is reaching the 3rd round alongside Maximo Gonzalez in 2019 (l. Jean-Julien Rojer/Tecau).
- **Also at 2019 Wimbledon**, Granollers competed with his brother, Gerard – the pair fell to Henri Kontinen/John Peers in the 1st round.
- Granollers is contesting his **57th Grand Slam doubles event with his 11th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Feliciano Lopez at 2007 Roland Garros and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Robredo in 2007. This is his 14th Wimbledon appearance.
- Zeballos is contesting his **39th Grand Slam doubles event with his 16th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Draganja at the 2014 Australian Open and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Andre Sa in 2014. This is his 7th Wimbledon appearance.
- If they win the title here on their 57th and 39th Grand Slam men's doubles appearances, respectively, Granollers/Zeballos will both enter the **Top 10 on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam doubles title**. Granollers will go 2nd on the list, with Zeballos in 8th place on the list.

#### Most attempts before winning first Grand Slam men's doubles title (Open Era)

Player	No. of attempts
Rajeev Ram	58
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>57??</b>
Martin Damm	55
Nicolas Mahut	46
Cyril Suk	42
Julien Benneteau	41
Oliver Marach	40
<b>Horacio Zeballos??</b>	<b>39??</b>
Feliciano Lopez	38
Robert Lindstedt	37
Nenad Zimonjic	37

- If Granollers wins the title here on his 14th Wimbledon men's doubles appearance, he will go **joint-top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Wimbledon doubles title**, alongside Daniel Nestor.

#### Most attempts before winning first Wimbledon men's doubles title (Open Era)

Player	No. of attempts
<b>Marcel Granollers??</b>	<b>14??</b>
Daniel Nestor	14
Lukasz Kubot	12
Nicolas Mahut	12
Jonathan Marray	11
Marcelo Melo	11

- Granollers/Zeballos are bidding to win their **6th title as a team**. Since teaming up for the first time at 2019 Montreal-1000 (where they defeated Robin Haase/Wesley Koolhof to win the title), they have won 5 titles, including one in 2021 – at Madrid-1000 (d. Mektic/Pavic).

- Granollers/Zeballos' **other highlights in 2021** are reaching the final at Acapulco (l. Ken Skupski/Neal Skupski) and the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Mektic/Pavic). They have an 18-8 win-loss record as a team this season.
- **Prior to coming here**, Granollers/Zeballos reached the quarterfinals at Mallorca (d. Roman Jebavy/Jiri Vesely, l. Novak Djokovic/Carlos Gomez-Herrera).
- Granollers has won **22 Tour-level doubles titles with 12 different partners** – including one on grass, alongside Sergiy Stakhovsky, at 2019 Newport (d. Marcelo Arevalo/Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela).
- Zeballos has won **17 Tour-level doubles titles with 7 different partners** – including one alongside Mektic, at 2019 Indian Wells-1000 (d. Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo).
- Granollers reached a **career-high ranking doubles of No. 4** in February 2013. He plays here at No. 10.
- Zeballos reached a **career-high ranking doubles of No. 3** in September 2019. He plays here at No. 7.
- Granollers and Zeballos are both **former Top 50 singles players**, having reached career-high singles rankings of No. 19 and No. 39, respectively. Granollers' best Grand Slam singles result was reaching the round of 16 on 4 occasions, while Zeballos' best Grand Slam singles result is reaching the round of 16 at 2017 Roland Garros. Granollers has won 4 Tour-level singles titles, while Zeballos has won one Tour-level singles title – at 2013 Vina del Mar, where he defeated Rafael Nadal in the final.
- Granollers is coached by Victor Carceller. Zeballos is coached by Alejandro Lombardo.