



**2021 WIMBLEDON
MEN'S WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES**
Sunday 11 July

GORDON REID (GBR) v JOACHIM GERARD (BEL)



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Head-to-head: Reid leads 17-14

A 32nd meeting for Reid and Gerard and their 10th at the Grand Slams. It is their 3rd meeting at Wimbledon, with Reid having won their first meeting here in the semifinals in 2016 and Gerard winning their most recent meeting in the 1st round in 2018. Reid leads their overall head-to-head 17-14, and leads the pair's head-to-head at the Grand Slams 6-3.

Reid won the pair's most-recent meeting, in the semifinals at Queen's last month. Gerard won the pair's only other meeting this year, in the semifinals at the Australian Open.

This is the pair's 3rd meeting in a final, their 2nd meeting in a Grand Slam final and the first final they are contesting since 2016. The pair are tied 1-1 in their previous meetings in finals with Reid winning their only previous meeting in a Grand Slam final, at the 2016 Australian Open, and Gerard winning their most recent meeting in a final, at the 2016 NEC Wheelchair Masters.

Reid is bidding to win his 2nd Wimbledon title – having won the title here in 2016, defeating Stefan Olsson in the final. Gerard is bidding to win his first Wimbledon title.

Reid and Gerard met in the final of the men's wheelchair doubles here this year, with Reid and Alfie Hewett defeating Gerard and Tom Egberink 75 62 on Saturday.

Road to the final

REID	Time		Time	GERARD
d. No. 1 Shingo Kunieda 16 62 63	2:08	1st round	2:10	d. No. 2 Alfie Hewett 75 36 63
d. Gustavo Fernandez 64 06 62	1:58	Semifinals	2:08	d. Stephane Houdet 75 76(16)
total time on court	4:06	(IBM time)	4:18	total time on court

REID	v	GERARD
29	Age	32
6	Ranking	4
2	Grand Slam Singles Titles	1
51	Singles Titles	39
20-26	Grand Slam Record	16-22
5-3	Wimbledon Record	4-3
524-204	Career Record	567-236
16-7	2021 Record	11-6

- **REID** is bidding to win his 2nd Wimbledon title. He also won the title here in 2016, at the first-ever men's wheelchair singles event at Wimbledon, defeating Stefan Olsson in the final.
- Reid is bidding to win his **3rd Grand Slam title**. In addition to his title here in 2016, he also won the title at the Australian Open in 2016, defeating Gerard in the final.
- Reid is playing in his 2nd Wimbledon final and his **6th Grand Slam singles final**. This is his 5th Wimbledon appearance and his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- **At Wimbledon in 2019**, Reid fell to Shingo Kunieda in the 1st round.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2021**, Reid reached the semifinals at the Australian Open (l. Gerard) and fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Kunieda).
- Reid's **best results in 2021** were winning the title at Queen's (GBR) (d. Gustavo Fernandez) and Loughborough (GBR) (d. Alfie Hewett). Reid has won 51 singles titles.
- Reid **won the Paralympic gold medal in men's singles** at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Tennis Event, defeating Hewett in the final. He also won a silver medal in men's doubles at Rio alongside Hewett, falling to Stephane Houdet/Nicolas Peifer in the final. He has competed at 3 Paralympic Tennis Events – reaching the

quarterfinals in both singles and doubles at London 2012, but falling in the 1st round in both singles and doubles at Beijing 2008.

- Reid won his **16th Grand Slam doubles title – and his 4th at Wimbledon** – here this year. Reid/Hewett defeated Gerard/Egberink in the final here on Saturday for their 12th Grand Slam doubles title as a pair. Reid has won 4 Grand Slam doubles titles with partners other than Hewett – including one alongside Gerard, at the 2017 Australian Open.
- Reid is coached by Bruno Argudo
- **GERARD** is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam title having won the title at the Australian Open this year, defeating Alfie Hewett in the final. He became the first Belgian player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title and the first professional Belgian to win a Grand Slam singles title in any discipline since Kim Clijsters won the women's singles title at the 2011 Australian Open.
- **At Wimbledon in 2019**, Gerard fell in the 1st round (l. Stefan Olsson).
- Gerard is through to his first Wimbledon final and his **4th Grand Slam final**. His only previous appearances in Grand Slam finals came at the 2016 Australian Open (l. Reid), 2020 Roland Garros (l. Hewett) and the Australian Open this year.
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2021**, Gerard fell in the first round at Roland Garros (l. Hewett).
- Gerard is making his **4th Wimbledon appearance** and his 24th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Prior to coming here**, Gerard reached the semifinals at Queen's (GBR) (l. Reid).
- Gerard's **best results in 2021** are winning the title at the Melbourne Open (d. Hewett) and Australian Open. He also won the doubles title at Queen's (GBR) alongside Stefan Olsson.
- Gerard **won a Paralympic bronze medal in men's singles** at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Tennis Event. He fell to Hewett in the semifinals but defeated Stephane Houdet in the bronze medal match. He reached the quarterfinals at the London 2012 Paralympic Tennis Event and the 3rd round at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Tennis Event.
- Gerard is a **4-time Wheelchair Masters champion**. He won the singles title at the Wheelchair Masters in 2015 (d. Kunieda), 2016 (d. Reid), 2018 (d. Kunieda) and in 2019 (d. Hewett).
- Gerard has **won 39 singles titles**. He won a career-best 6 singles titles in 2012.
- Gerard has also **won 50 doubles titles** – including 4 Grand Slam doubles titles. Of his 4 doubles titles at the majors, one came at Wimbledon – in 2019 when he and Olsson defeated Reid/Hewett in the final. He also won the title at 2014 Roland Garros with Houdet, at the 2017 Australian Open with Reid, and the 2019 Australian Open with Olsson.
- Gerard held the **world No. 1 ranking** for one week in December 2016. He has been ranked inside the Top 10 since September 2012 and plays here at No. 4.
- Gerard reached the final of the men's wheelchair doubles here alongside Tom Egberink this year, falling to Reid/Hewett in the final on Saturday.
- Gerard is coached by Damien Martinguet.