



**2021 WIMBLEDON
WOMEN'S WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES
Sunday 6 June**

NO. 1 DIEDE DE GROOT (NED) v KGO THATSO MONTJANE (RSA)



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Head-to-head: De Groot leads 13-2

A 15th meeting between De Groot and Montjane, and their 4th meeting at the Grand Slams. De Groot leads the overall head-to-head (13-2) and has also won all 3 of their previous matches at the Grand Slams. Of their 3 previous Grand Slam meetings, 2 have come at Wimbledon – in the semifinals in 2018, when De Groot won 61 75, and in the semifinals in 2019, when De Groot won 63 62.

Montjane won the pair's first 2 meetings – at the Belgian Open and the International de l'Île de Re in 2015 – but De Groot has won all 13 of the matches they have contested since then. De Groot has won the pair's 11 most-recent meetings in straight sets.

This is De Groot and Montjane's 2nd meeting in a Tour-level final. Their only previous meeting in a final came at the 2015 Prague Cup, when De Groot recorded her first victory against Montjane, winning 36 62 63.

This is the pair's 3rd meeting in 2021. They also met in the semifinals at the Victorian Wheelchair Open in February (with De Groot winning 75 64) and in the quarterfinals at the French Riviera Open last month (with De Groot winning 63 62).

Road to the final

DE GROOT	Time		Time	MONTJANE
d. (WC) Lucy Shuker 64 61	1:00	1st round	1:47	d. Angelica Bernal 61 26 64
d. Jordanne Whiley 64 61	1:06	Semifinals	2:25	d. Momoko Ohtani 76(3) 46 64
total time on court	2:06	(IBM time)	4:12	total time on court

DE GROOT

24
1
10
53
39-7
10-1
312-67
20-1

v

MONTJANE

Age
Ranking
Grand Slam Singles Titles
Singles Titles
Grand Slam Record
Wimbledon Record
Career Record
2021 Record

35
5
0
39
8-20
4-2
326-173
7-6

- **DE GROOT** is bidding to win her 3rd Wimbledon title. She won the title here on 2 of her 3 previous appearances here – in 2017 (d. Sabine Ellerbrock) and 2018 (d. Aniek van Koot).
- De Groot is bidding to win her **11th Grand Slam singles title**. In addition to her 2 titles here, she has won 3 titles at the Australian Open, 3 titles at the US Open and 2 titles at Roland Garros.
- De Groot is through to her **14th Grand Slam final**. In addition to her 10 Grand Slam titles, she also finished runner-up at the 2017 US Open (I. Kamiji), 2018 Roland Garros (I. Kamiji) and 2019 Wimbledon (I. Van Koot).
- If she wins today, De Groot will **hold the singles titles at all 4 Grand Slams simultaneously** for the 2nd time in her career. She also won the titles at the US Open last year, and at the Australian Open and Roland Garros this year, defeating Yui Kamiji in the finals at all 3 events. She also held all 4 Grand Slam singles titles in 2018-19 after winning 4 consecutive titles from 2018 Wimbledon through 2019 Roland Garros.
- By winning the title at 2019 Roland Garros, De Groot became the **first player in history to hold wheelchair singles titles at all 4 Grand Slams simultaneously**.
- De Groot is making her **4th Wimbledon appearance**. This is her 18th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- De Groot has **won 20 of the 21 matches she has contested in 2021**. Her only defeat this year came against Kamiji in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open.

- De Groot is bidding to win her **54th singles title** – and her 6th title of 2021. In addition to her victories at the Australian Open and Roland Garros, she also won the titles at the Victorian Wheelchair Open, the Barcelona Open and the French Riveira Open, defeating Kamiji in the final at all 3 events.
- De Groot has also **won 49 doubles titles** – including 11 at the Grand Slams. Of her 11 doubles titles at the majors, 2 have come at Wimbledon – alongside Kamiji in 2018 and Van Koot in 2019.
- De Groot entered the women's wheelchair doubles here alongside Van Koot. As No. 1 seeds, the pair fell in the 1st round – losing to Montjane/Lucy Shuker 36 63 57.
- De Groot **won a Paralympic silver medal in women's doubles** at Rio 2016, alongside Marjolein Buis, falling to Griffioen/Van Koot in the gold medal match. She also lost to Griffioen in the semifinals of the singles at Rio 2016 and fell to Kamiji in the bronze medal match.
- De Groot is coached by Amanda Hopmans
- **MONTJANE** is bidding to win her first Grand Slam singles title on her first appearance in a Grand Slam final.
- Montjane is bidding to become the **2nd South African player to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title** – after Lucas Sithole, who won the quad wheelchair singles title at the 2013 US Open.
- By reaching the final here, Montjane has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the semifinals on 7 occasions – including on both of her previous appearances at Wimbledon. She reached the last 4 here in both 2018 (d. Katharina Kruger, I. De Groot) and 2019 (d. Sabine Ellerbock, I. De Groot).
- **In Grand Slam play this year**, Montjane reached the semifinals at both the Australian Open (d. Angelica Bernal, I. Yui Kamiji) and Roland Garros (d. Dana Mathewson, I. Kamiji).
- Montjane is making her **3rd Wimbledon appearance**. This is her 21st Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Montjane is through to her **first final in 2021**. Her best results this year prior to coming here were reaching 4 semifinals – in addition to her semifinal finishes at the Australian Open and Roland Garros, she also reached the last 4 at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (I. De Groot) and the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (I. Kamiji).
- Montjane is bidding to win her **40th singles title** – and her first since she won the title at the SA Spring Open in 2019 (d. Shiori Funamizu).
- Montjane has also **won 42 doubles titles**. Her best Grand Slam doubles results are 2 runner-up finishes – alongside Ellerbrock at the 2019 US Open (I. De Groot/Aniek van Koot) and alongside Lucy Shuker at the Australian Open this year (I. De Groot/Van Koot).
- Montjane reached the final of the **women's wheelchair doubles** here alongside Lucy Shuker, losing to No.2 seeds Yui Kamiji/Jordanne Whiley 60 76(0) in the final on Saturday.
- Montjane has **represented South Africa at the Paralympics** on 3 occasions. She fell in the 1st round of the singles event at 2008 Beijing and reached the 2nd round of the singles events at both 2012 London and 2016 Rio.
- Montjane is coached Saidi Moruane.