



## TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC TENNIS EVENT

### QUAD SINGLES MATCH NOTES

**Gold Medal Match**  
Saturday 4 September 2021

**No. 1 Dylan Alcott (AUS) v No. 2 Sam Schroder (NED)**

**Bronze Medal Match**  
Friday 3 September 2021

**Niels Vink (NED) v Koji Sugeno (JPN)**

#### On court today...

- After Sam Schroder got the better of Dylan Alcott in the quad doubles gold medal match on Wednesday, the pair return to court today to contest the singles final. Another victory for Schroder would see him equal Alcott's achievement from Rio 2016 in winning both singles and doubles titles. Schroder has 2 victories against the world No. 1, including at the French Riviera Open in June – but Alcott has won against Schroder when it has mattered most this season, with the quad singles finals at all 3 Grand Slam events this season going his way. Victory for Alcott will see him remain on track to become the first male singles player to win the 'Golden Slam'.
- Schroder's partner in Wednesday's quad doubles final, Niels Vink, is aiming for more medal success today, when he takes on Japan's Koji Sugeno in the singles bronze medal match. 18-year-old Vink, the youngest player to compete at Tokyo 2020, has enjoyed a superb season so far having made his Grand Slam debut and collected 5 singles titles – but Sugeno will present a stern challenge. The 40-year-old is ranked just one place lower than Vink and will be aiming to continue the momentum from his late-night victory in the quad doubles bronze medal match on Wednesday, where he and Mitsuteru Moroishi secured Japan's first-ever Paralympic medal in the quad division.

**Paralympic Tennis Event medal table (quad)**

Rank	Nation	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals	Total medals
1.	USA	3	3	3	9
2.	Great Britain	2	3	2	7
3.	Australia	2	1	0	3
4.	Israel	1	1	1	3
5.	Netherlands	1	0	2	3
6.	Sweden	0	1	0	1
7.	Japan	0	0	1	1

Including medals won in quad doubles on Wednesday 1 September

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## GOLD MEDAL MATCH

### No. 1 Dylan Alcott (AUS) v No. 2 Sam Schroder (NED)

#### Head-to-head: Alcott leads 8-2

2016	British Open	Hard (O)	R16	Alcott	60 62
2020	Tweed Heads International	Hard (O)	FR	Alcott	63 63
2020	US Open	Hard (O)	RR	Alcott	62 64
2020	US Open	Hard (O)	FR	Schroder	76(5) 06 64
2020	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	SF	Alcott	62 64
2021	Victorian Wheelchair Open	Hard (O)	QF	Alcott	61 63
2021	Australian Open	Hard (O)	FR	Alcott	61 60
2021	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	FR	Alcott	64 62
2021	French Riviera Open	Clay (O)	SF	Schroder	75 64
2021	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	FR	Alcott	62 62

An 11th meeting for Alcott and Schroder, and their first at the Paralympics. The pair have contested the finals at all 4 Grand Slams, with Schroder winning when they met in the final at the 2020 US Open, but Alcott winning in the final at all 3 Grand Slam events so far this season.

Alcott and Schroder also met in the quad doubles gold medal match – Schroder partnered Niels Vink to a 64 63 victory against Alcott and Heath Davidson on Wednesday, winning Netherlands' first gold medal in the quad category at the Paralympic Tennis Event.

This is the first time since Athens 2004 that 2 players have met in the quad singles and quad doubles gold medal matches – on that occasion, Great Britain's Peter Norfolk defeated USA's David Wagner in the singles final, but Wagner and Nick Taylor defeated Norfolk and Mark Eccleston in the doubles final.

#### Route to the gold medal match

ALCOTT	Time		Time	SCHRODER
d. Matsuteru Moroishi (JPN) 60 62	0:49	1st round	0:50	d. Yosi Saadon (ISR) 61 62
d. Bryan Barten (USA) 60 61	0:55	Quarterfinals	1:02	d. Heath Davidson (AUS) 62 61
d. Niels Vink (NED) 64 36 64	2:28	Semifinals	1:14	d. Koji Sugeno (JPN) 62 63
total time on court	4:12	(Omega time)	3:06	total time on court

ALCOTT	
Age	30
Singles Ranking	1
Singles Titles	41
Career Singles Record	236-54
2021 Singles Record	17-1
Paralympic Singles Record	7-0

SCHRODER	
Age	21
Singles Ranking	2
Singles Titles	21
Career Singles Record	163-64
2021 Singles Record	17-7
Paralympic Singles Record	3-0

- **ALCOTT** is bidding to become the 2nd player to retain a Paralympic gold medal in quad singles, after Peter Norfolk, who won back-to-back quad singles gold medals at Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008. Alcott defeated Great Britain's Andy Lapthorne in the final to win quad singles gold at Rio 2016.
- Alcott is bidding to win his **4th Paralympic medal in tennis**. In addition to his gold medal in singles at Rio 2016, he also won gold alongside Heath Davidson in quad doubles at Rio 2016 (d. Nick Taylor/David Wagner), and silver in quad doubles at Tokyo 2020, after he and Davidson fell to Schroder/Niels Vink in the final on Wednesday.
- By winning his 3rd and 4th medals at the Paralympic Tennis Event, Alcott has claimed sole ownership of **4th place on the list for most Paralympic medals won by a quad wheelchair tennis player**, ahead of Lapthorne.

#### Most Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis (quad)

Player	No. of medals
David Wagner	8 (3 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
Peter Norfolk	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)
Nicholas Taylor	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
<b>Dylan Alcott</b>	<b>4 (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 TBD)</b>
Andy Lapthorne	3 (2 silver, 1 bronze)

- Alcott is bidding to become the **7th player to win 3 or more Paralympic gold medals in tennis**. He would also become the 3rd quad player to win 3 or more gold medals after Taylor and Wagner. (NB written prior to Stephane Houdet's appearance in the men's doubles final on Friday)

#### Most Paralympic gold medals in tennis

Player	No. of gold medals
Esther Vergeer	7
<b>Shingo Kunieda*</b>	<b>3 (4 if he wins today)</b>
<b>Dylan Alcott??</b>	<b>2 (3 if he wins today)</b>
<b>Stephane Houdet??</b>	<b>2 (3 if he wins on Fri)</b>
Maaïke Smit	3
Nicholas Taylor	3
Monique van den Bosch	3
David Wagner	3

- Alcott is bidding to win **Australia's 4th gold medal at the Paralympic Tennis Event**. In addition to Alcott's gold medals in singles and doubles (alongside Davidson) at Rio 2016, Australia's other Paralympic gold medal came at Sydney 2000, when David Hall won the men's singles title.
- Alcott is bidding to win the '**Golden Slam**' in quad wheelchair singles. If he wins gold today and wins the title at the US Open next week, he will become the first male singles player in history to win the Golden Slam. Steffi Graf, who won all 4 Grand Slam titles and Olympic gold in 1988 is the only player to have achieved the feat. (NB Diede de Groot is also bidding to win the Golden Slam in women's wheelchair singles.
- Alcott is making his **2nd appearance at the Paralympic Tennis Event at Tokyo 2020**, having made his debut at Rio 2016. Prior to competing in wheelchair tennis, Alcott won a silver medal as part of Australia's wheelchair basketball team at Beijing 2008.
- Alcott is a **14-time Grand Slam singles champion** and has won all 3 Grand Slam singles titles in 2021, defeating Schroder in the final on all 3 occasions. Since Rio 2016, he has won 11 of the 14 Grand Slam events that featured a quad singles tournament.
- Alcott is an **8-time Grand Slam doubles champion**. He has won 4 consecutive Australian Open doubles titles alongside Davidson in 2018-21 and has won a further 4 Grand Slam doubles titles – 3 alongside Laphorne and one alongside Wagner.
- Alcott has **won 17 of the 18 singles matches he has contested in 2021**, with his only defeat coming against Schroder in the semifinals at the French Riviera Open. He has won 5 titles this season – in addition to his 3 Grand Slam singles titles, he also won the titles at the Victorian Wheelchair Open and the International de l'Île de Re, defeating Davidson on both occasions.
- SCHRODER** is bidding to win his 2nd Paralympic medal after winning the gold medal alongside Niels Vink in the quad doubles on Wednesday. The pair defeated No. 1 seeds Alcott/Heath Davidson 64 63 in the gold medal match.
- By reaching the final here, Schroder is guaranteed to become the **2nd Dutch player to win a medal in quad singles at the Paralympic Tennis Event** – after Bas van Erp, who won bronze at Athens 2004. Vink is also bidding to win a medal when he contests the quad singles bronze medal match. (NB written prior to the quad singles bronze medal match on Friday)
- By reaching the final here, Schroder has guaranteed that **Netherlands will win at least 2 medals in the quad category at the Paralympic Tennis Event this year**. Prior to Tokyo 2020, Netherlands' only medals in the quad category both came at Athens 2004, when Van Erp won bronze in singles and Monique de Beer/Van Erp won bronze in doubles.
- After winning the quad doubles gold medal on Thursday, Schroder is bidding to become the **6th player to win gold medals in both singles and doubles at the same Paralympic Tennis Event**. He would become the 2nd quad player to win both singles and doubles gold after Alcott at Rio 2016. (see table overleaf)

**Players winning singles and doubles at the same Paralympic Tennis Event**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Venues &amp; years</b>
Randy Snow	Men's	Barcelona 1992
Monique van den Bosch	Women's	Barcelona 1992
Esther Vergeer	Women's	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012
Jiske Griffioen	Women's	Rio 2016
Dylan Alcott	Quad	Rio 2016
<b>Sam Schroder??</b>	<b>Quad</b>	<b>Tokyo 2020??</b>

- Schroder is a **Grand Slam singles champion**. He won the singles title on his Grand Slam debut at the 2020 US Open, defeating Alcott in the final. He has reached the singles finals at all 3 Grand Slam events this year, falling to Alcott on each occasion.
- Schroder is also a **Grand Slam doubles champion**. He won the title at the 2020 US Open alongside David Wagner.
- In addition to his runner-up finishes at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon, Schroder's **best result this year** is winning the title at the British Open (d. Vink). He also reached the final at the French Riviera Open (l. Vink) and the semifinals at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. Koji Sugeno) and the Open des Hauts-de-France (l. Vink).

## BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

### Niels Vink (NED) v Koji Sugeno (JPN)

#### Head-to-head: Vink leads 4-2

2018	Bolton Indoor	Hard (I)	QF	Sugeno	61 62
2019	British Open	Hard (O)	SF	Vink	61 61
2019	USTA Wheelchair Champs	Hard (O)	SF	Sugeno	76(5) 46 62
2019	Wheelchair Singles Masters	Hard (I)	RR	Vink	46 61 64
2021	Victorian Wheelchair Open	Hard (O)	QF	Vink	46 63 76(5)
2021	Melbourne Wheelchair Open	Hard (O)	FR	Vink	walkover
2021	British Open	Hard (O)	SF	Vink	64 62

A 7th meeting for Vink and Sugeno. Vink has won both matches the pair have contested this year. Sugeno's last victory over Vink came in the semifinals at the USTA Wheelchair Championships in 2019. Vink and Sugeno are both making their Paralympic debuts at Tokyo 2020.

#### Route to the bronze medal match

VINK		Time		Time	SUGENO	
d. Shraga Weinberg (ISR) 60 63		0:53	1st round	0:44	d. Kim Myung Je (KOR) 60 60	
d. No. 3 Andy Lapthorne (GBR) 64 61		1:16	Quarterfinals	1:38	d. No. 4 David Wagner (USA) 64 62	
I. No. 1 Dylan Alcott (AUS) 46 63 46		2:28	Semifinals	1:14	I. No. 2 Sam Schroder (NED) 26 36	
	total time on court	4:37	(Omega time)	3:36	total time on court	

VINK	
Age	18
Singles Ranking	5
Singles Titles	18
Career Singles Record	125-38
2021 Singles Record	24-4
Paralympic Singles Record	2-1

SUGENO	
Age	40
Singles Ranking	6
Singles Titles	20
Career Singles Record	163-88
2021 Singles Record	8-6
Paralympic Singles Record	2-1

- **VINK** is bidding to win his 2nd Paralympic medal after winning the gold medal alongside Sam Schroder in the quad doubles on Wednesday. The pair defeated Dylan Alcott/Heath Davidson 64 63 in the gold medal match.
- Vink is bidding to become the **3rd Dutch player to win a medal in quad singles at the Paralympic Tennis Event** – after Bas van Erp, who won bronze at Athens 2004, and Schroder, who is guaranteed to win either gold or silver at Tokyo 2020.
- Vink is bidding to win **Netherlands' 3rd medal in the quad category at the Paralympic Tennis Event this year**. Prior to Tokyo 2020, Netherlands' only medals in the quad category both came at Athens 2004, when Van Erp won bronze in singles and Monique de Beer/Van Erp won bronze in doubles.
- At 18 years 272 days, Vink is the **youngest player competing at the Paralympic Tennis Event**. (NB age calculated on the final day of the tournament)
- Vink has won **5 singles titles in 2021** – he is level with Alcott for most singles titles won by a quad player this season. He won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, where he received a walkover against Sugeno in the final, the Open des Hauts-de-France (d. Schroder), the French Riviera Open (d. Schroder), the Sardinia Open (d. Davidson) and the Swiss Open (d. David Wagner). He also reached the final at the British Open (I. Schroder).
- Vink made his **Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open this year**, where he reached the semifinals before falling to Alcott. He will compete at the US Open in New York next week.
- **SUGENO** is bidding to win his 2nd Paralympic medal after winning the bronze medal alongside Mitsuteru Moroishi in the quad doubles on Wednesday. The pair defeated Antony Cotterill/Andy Lapthorne 75 36 75 in the bronze medal match.
- Sugeno is bidding to win **Japan's 8th medal at the Paralympic Tennis Event**. Prior to Moroishi/Sugeno's bronze medal in the quad doubles on Wednesday, Japan had won 3 gold medals and 3 bronze medals at the Paralympic Tennis Event.

- Following Moroishi/Sugeno's victory in the quad doubles bronze medal match, Japan became the **7th nation to win a medal in the quad category at the Paralympic Tennis Event**.
- Sugeno is bidding to become the **3rd Japanese player to win multiple medals at the Paralympic Tennis Event** – after Shingo Kunieda and Satoshi Saida. Kunieda has won 5 medals in total (3 gold, 2 bronze) prior to Tokyo 2020, while Saida won 3 medals (one gold, 2 bronze).
- Sugeno's **best results in 2021** are reaching the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, where he gave a walkover to Vink, and the semifinals at the International de l'Île de Re (l. Heath Davidson) and the British Open (l. Vink).
- Sugeno made his **Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open this year**, where he fell to Sam Schroder in the 1st round. He will compete at the US Open in New York next week.