



# 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



## Men’s Tournament Preview

This is the 110th edition of the Australian Championships, which began in 1905, as well as being the 53rd Australian Open and the 215th Grand Slam tournament of the Open Era.

Melbourne Park hosts the tournament for the 35th year. It was first played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

### POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Total prize money for the men’s singles at the 2022 Australian Open is \$26,074,000 (AUD). Individual prize money and ATP Ranking points are:

	Prize Money (AUD)	ATP Ranking Points
<b>Champion</b>	2,875,000	2000
<b>Finalist</b>	1,575,000	1200
<b>Semifinalist</b>	895,000	720
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	538,500	360
<b>Round of 16</b>	328,000	180
<b>Third Round</b>	221,000	90
<b>Second Round</b>	154,000	45
<b>First Round</b>	103,000	10

### 2021 – A REVIEW

Novak Djokovic enjoyed a dominant start to the 2021 season, winning a record-extending 9th title in Melbourne, defeating first-time Australian Open finalist Daniil Medvedev in straight sets in the final. The Serb would then go on to defeat Rafael Nadal in the semifinals at Roland Garros to end Nadal’s 4-year dominance in the French capital, before recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets in the final – a feat which saw him become the 3rd man in history to win all 4 Grand Slam events twice, after Roy Emerson and Rod Laver.

Victory at Wimbledon kept Djokovic’s bid for the Grand Slam alive, with the world No. 1 defeating Italy’s Matteo Berrettini in 4 sets in the final to secure a 6th title at SW19 and become the first man to win the opening 3 Grand Slam events of the year since Laver won the Grand Slam in 1969.

Djokovic came within one victory of matching Laver’s Grand Slam, with the Serb’s dominance ending in the final at the US Open, where Medvedev recorded a straight-sets triumph to become the 3rd Russian man to win a Grand Slam title after Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin.

Away from the Grand Slams, Alexander Zverev won singles gold for Germany at the delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Karen Khachanov in the final, while Pablo Carreno Busta upset Djokovic in the bronze medal match. Zverev also won his 2nd title at the ATP Finals, before Medvedev and Andrey Rublev steered the Russian Tennis Federation team to victory at the Davis Cup Finals to conclude the season.

## MEDVEDEV TO GO ONE BETTER IN 2021?

In the absence of world No. 1 Djokovic, 2021 US Open champion and Australian Open runner-up Medvedev is the highest-ranked player in the men's singles draw here this year.

Medvedev is bidding to become the first man in the Open Era to win a 2nd Grand Slam title on his next Grand Slam appearance. He would become the 6th player in the Open Era (man or woman) to win their 2nd Grand Slam title on their next appearance at a major should he win the title here – and the first since Naomi Osaka won her first 2 Grand Slam titles at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.

Player	First Grand Slam title	Second Grand Slam title
Evonne Goolagong	1971 Roland Garros	1971 Wimbledon
Chris Evert	1974 Roland Garros	1974 Wimbledon
Hana Mandlikova	1980 Australian Open*	1981 Roland Garros
Venus Williams	2000 Wimbledon	2000 US Open
Naomi Osaka	2018 US Open	2019 Australian Open
<b>Daniil Medvedev??</b>	<b>2021 US Open</b>	<b>2022 Australian Open??</b>

\*The Australian Open was played as the final Grand Slam of the season between 1977 and 1985

Medvedev is also bidding to become the 3rd Russian man to win the Australian Open title, after 2000 champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov and 2005 champion Marat Safin. Medvedev, Kafelnikov and Safin are the only 3 Russian men to have won Grand Slam singles titles.

Player	Grand Slam titles won
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	2 (1996 Roland Garros; 2000 Australian Open)
<b>Daniil Medvedev</b>	<b>2?? (2021 US Open; 2022 Australian Open??)</b>
Marat Safin	2 (2000 US Open; 2005 Australian Open)

## THE NEW YORK-MELBOURNE DOUBLE

Medvedev is bidding to become only the 6th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open after winning the US Open in the previous season. Djokovic is the most-recent player to achieve the feat, having done so for the 3rd time in 2018-19. (NB Guillermo Vilas won the 1977 US Open and the 1978 Australian Open but the latter was held in December 1978 due to a scheduling change that meant there were 2 Australian Opens in 1977.)

**Players winning US Open-Australian Open men's singles back-to-back (Open Era)**

Player	Years
Ken Rosewall	1970-71
Pete Sampras	1993-94, 1996-97
Andre Agassi	1994-95, 1999-2000
Roger Federer	2005-06, 2006-07
Novak Djokovic	2011-12, 2015-16, 2018-19
<b>Daniil Medvedev??</b>	<b>2021-22??</b>

## ZVEREV BIDS FOR GRAND SLAM BREAKTHROUGH

Zverev is the highest seed in the top half of the draw following Djokovic's withdrawal. The Olympic champion is bidding to become the 5th German man to win a Grand Slam singles title – and the first since Boris Becker won the title here in 1996.

Player	Grand Slam titles won
Boris Becker	6 (1985-86, 1989 Wimbledon; 1989 US Open; 1991, 1996 Australian Open)
Gottfried von Cramm	2 (1934, 1936 Roland Garros)
Henner Henkel	1 (1937 Roland Garros)
Michael Stich	1 (1991 Wimbledon)
<b>Alexander Zverev??</b>	<b>1?? (2022 Australian Open??)</b>

## RANKINGS UPDATE

Djokovic is guaranteed to remain world No. 1 when the new rankings are released on Monday 31 January, regardless of the outcome of the tournament. Medvedev will remain at No. 2 unless Zverev wins the tournament.

## THE RACE TO TWENTY-ONE

Nadal is bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles of all-time. He is currently level with Djokovic and Roger Federer on 20 Grand Slam men's singles titles. Djokovic and Federer are both absent from this year's Australian Open.

### Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Titles won
1=	Novak Djokovic	20
	Roger Federer	20
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>20</b>
4.	Pete Sampras	14
5.	Roy Emerson	12

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

Nadal is also bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam titles and claim sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Grand Slam singles titles won by a man or woman.

### Most Grand Slam singles titles (all-time)

Rank	Player	Titles won
1.	Margaret Court	24
2.	Serena Williams	23
3.	Steffi Graf	22
4=	Novak Djokovic	20
	Roger Federer	20
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>20</b>

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## A CAREER GRAND SLAM DOUBLE

Nadal is bidding to become the 2nd man in the Open Era – and only the 4th man in history – to win each of the 4 Grand Slam titles twice, after Djokovic completed the double by winning his 2nd title at Roland Garros in 2021. Roy Emerson and Rod Laver are the only other players to have won each Grand Slam on 2 or more occasions. (NB While Laver completed the feat in 1969, some of the titles were won before the start of the Open Era.)

## THE 30s CLUB

Nadal (35 years 241 days) is bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open title after turning 35 – after Federer and Ken Rosewall, who both won 2 Australian Open titles aged 35 or over. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

In the Open era, the Australian Open men's singles title has been won by players aged 30 or over on 12 occasions – including for the last 5 years.

### Players aged 30+ to win the Australian Open men's singles title (Open Era)

Player	Age	Year	Result in final
Ken Rosewall	37 years 62 days	1972	Defeated Mal Anderson 76(2) 63 75
Roger Federer	36 years 173 days	2018	Defeated Marin Cilic 62 67(5) 63 36 61
Ken Rosewall	36 years 73 days	1971	Defeated Arthur Ashe 61 75 63
Roger Federer	35 years 174 days	2017	Defeated Rafael Nadal 64 36 61 36 63
Novak Djokovic	33 years 275 days	2021	Defeated Daniil Medvedev 75 62 62
Andre Agassi	32 years 272 days	2003	Defeated Rainer Schuettler 62 62 61
Novak Djokovic	32 years 256 days	2020	Defeated Dominic Thiem 64 46 26 63 64
Novak Djokovic	31 years 250 days	2019	Defeated Rafael Nadal 63 62 63
Andre Agassi	30 years 274 days	2001	Defeated Arnaud Clement 64 62 62
John Newcombe	30 years 223 days	1975	Defeated Jimmy Connors 75 36 64 76(7)
Rod Laver	30 years 171 days	1969	Defeated Andres Gimeno 63 64 75
Petr Korda	30 years 9 days	1998	Defeated Marcelo Rios 62 62 62

Nadal is also bidding to win his 7th Grand Slam title since turning 30 and close the gap on Djokovic at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won after the age of 30 in the Open Era. Djokovic claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Nadal, by winning the title at 2021 Roland Garros.

#### Players aged 30+ to win multiple Grand Slam men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam titles won aged 30+
Novak Djokovic	8 (2018-19, 2021 Wimbledon; 2018 US Open; 2019-21 Australian Open, 2021 Roland Garros)
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>6 (2017-20 Roland Garros; 2017, 2019 US Open)</b>
Roger Federer	4 (2012, 2017 Wimbledon; 2017-18 Australian Open)
Rod Laver	4 (1969 Australian Open, 1969 Roland Garros, 1969 Wimbledon, 1969 US Open)
Ken Rosewall	4 (1968 Roland Garros, 1970 US Open, 1971-72 Australian Open)
Andre Agassi	2 (2001, 2003 Australian Open)
Jimmy Connors	2 (1982-83 US Open)
Stan Wawrinka	2 (2015 Roland Garros, 2016 US Open)

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

## DECADES APART

Nadal is bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam title more than 16 years after winning his first at 2005 Roland Garros. Serena Williams is the only player in the Open Era whose Grand Slam title wins have spanned a longer period than Nadal.

#### Largest gap between first and most recent Grand Slam singles titles (Open Era)

Player	First Grand Slam title	Most recent Grand Slam title	Time between first and most recent Grand Slam titles
Serena Williams	1999 US Open	2017 Australian Open	17 years, 5 months
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>2005 Roland Garros</b>	<b>2020 Roland Garros</b>	<b>15 years, 4 months</b>
Roger Federer	2003 Wimbledon	2018 Australian Open	14 years, 7 months
Novak Djokovic	2008 Australian Open	2021 Wimbledon	13 years, 5 months
Chris Evert	1974 Roland Garros	1986 Roland Garros	12 years
Steffi Graf	1987 Roland Garros	1999 Roland Garros	12 years
Martina Navratilova	1978 Wimbledon	1990 Wimbledon	12 years
Pete Sampras	1990 US Open	2002 US Open	12 years
Andre Agassi	1992 Wimbledon	2003 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months
Boris Becker	1985 Wimbledon	1996 Australian Open	10 years, 7 months

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

Nadal and Djokovic have both won Grand Slam titles in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s – they are the only 2 men to have won Grand Slam singles titles in 3 different decades in the Open Era. Serena Williams (who won at least one major title in the 1990s, 2000s and 2010s) and Martina Navratilova (1970s, 1980s and 1990s) are the only women who have achieved the feat in the Open Era.

## THE DJOKOVIC-NADAL DUOPOLY

Between them, Djokovic and Nadal have won 12 of the last 14 Grand Slam titles (since 2018 Roland Garros), with US Open champions Dominic Thiem (2020) and Medvedev (2021) the only other players to have won major titles in that time. Djokovic has won 8 Grand Slam titles in that time, with Nadal claiming 4 Grand Slam titles.

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINAL APPEARANCES

Should either Nadal or Andy Murray reach the final here this year, they will claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open final appearances.

#### Most Australian Open final appearances (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Finals reached
1.	Novak Djokovic	9
2.	Roger Federer	7
<b>3=</b>	Stefan Edberg	5
	<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>5</b>

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

## MOST GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

By reaching all 4 Grand Slam finals in 2021, Djokovic equalled Federer's all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances. Nadal is bidding to reach his 29th Grand Slam final and close the gap on Djokovic and Federer at the top of the list.

### Most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Finals reached
1=	Novak Djokovic	31
	Roger Federer	31
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>28</b>
4.	Ivan Lendl	19
5.	Pete Sampras	18

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## FOUR GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS

There are 4 Grand Slam tournament champions appearing in the 2022 Australian Open men's main draw. One of the 4 has won the Australian Open title (Nadal), while the other 3 (Marin Cilic, Medvedev and Murray) have all reached at least one Australian Open final. Djokovic, Federer, Thiem, Juan Martin del Potro and Stan Wawrinka are the only other active players to have won Grand Slam titles.

### Grand Slam champions in 2022 Australian Open men's singles draw

Player	Grand Slam titles won
Marin Cilic (1)	2014 US Open
Daniil Medvedev (1)	2021 US Open
Andy Murray (3)	2012 US Open; 2013/16 Wimbledon
Rafael Nadal (20)	2005/06/07/08/10/11/12/13/14/17/18/19/20 Roland Garros; 2008/10 Wimbledon; <b>2009 Australian Open</b> ; 2010/13/17/19 US Open

## SO NEAR YET SO FAR

Four players competing here this year have reached at least one Grand Slam final during their careers but are still bidding for their first major titles – including No. 4 seed Tsitsipas and No. 7 seed Berrettini, who both reached their first Grand Slam finals in 2021. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga is the only active player to have reached a major final without winning a major title whose Grand Slam final appearance came at the Australian Open, but the Frenchman has not competed since 2021 Wimbledon due to injuries and is now ranked outside the world's Top 250.

### Active players to have reached Grand Slam men's singles finals without winning a title

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
Kevin Anderson	2017 US Open 2018 Wimbledon	Lost to Rafael Nadal 63 63 64 Lost to Novak Djokovic 62 62 76(3)
Matteo Berrettini	2021 Wimbledon	Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(4) 64 64 63
Stefanos Tsitsipas	2021 Roland Garros	Lost to Novak Djokovic 67(6) 26 63 62 64
Alexander Zverev	2020 US Open	Lost to Dominic Thiem 26 46 64 63 76(6)

## THE YOUNG PRETENDERS

No. 4 seed Tsitsipas (23 years 171 days) is looking to become the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Nadal won the title here in 2009 aged 22 years 243 days. Tsitsipas would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Del Potro won the title at the 2009 US Open aged 20 years 355 days if they win the title here.

At 24 years 102 days, No. 5 seed Rublev is looking to become the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Djokovic won the title here in 2011 aged 23 years 253 days. Rublev would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Djokovic won the title at 2011 Wimbledon aged 24 years 42 days.

At 24 years 285 days, No. 3 seed Zverev is looking to become the youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion since Djokovic won the title here in 2012 aged 24 years 252 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

## BEST OF THE REST

Outside the Top 8 seeds, contenders include Felix Auger-Aliassime, Hubert Hurkacz and Denis Shapovalov, all of whom reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam for the first time in 2021. Indian Wells-1000 champion Cameron Norrie will bid to advance beyond the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time, while Jannik Sinner, a 4-time title winner in 2021, looks to improve on his best Grand Slam finish of a quarterfinal appearance at 2020 Roland Garros.

### Top 16 seeds best Australian Open and Grand Slam performances

Seed	Player	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
2	Daniil Medvedev	Final 2021	Won 2021 US Open
3	Alexander Zverev	Semifinals 2020	Final 2020 US Open
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	Semifinals 2019, 2021	Final 2021 Roland Garros
5	Andrey Rublev	Quarterfinals 2021	Quarterfinals 4 times
6	Rafael Nadal	Won title 2009	Won 20 titles
7	Matteo Berrettini	Round of 16 2021	Final 2021 Wimbledon
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	Round of 16 2021	Semifinals 2021 US Open
10	Hubert Hurkacz	2nd round 2020	Semifinals 2021 Wimbledon
11	Jannik Sinner	2nd round 2020	Quarterfinals 2020 Roland Garros
12	Cameron Norrie	3rd round 2021	3rd round 4 times
13	Diego Schwartzman	Round of 16 2018, 2020	Semifinals 2020 Roland Garros
14	Denis Shapovalov	3rd round 2019, 2021	Semifinals 2021 Wimbledon
15	Roberto Bautista Agut	Quarterfinals 2019	Semifinals 2019 Wimbledon
16	Cristian Garin	2nd round 2020	Round of 16 2021 Roland Garros/Wimbledon

Of the 128 players in the draw, 15 have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open at least once before and 38 have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam on at least one previous occasion.

## THE AUSTRALIAN CONTENDERS

Alex de Minaur leads the Australian men competing at this year's Australian Open. De Minaur is bidding to become the first Australian men's singles champion here since Mark Edmondson in 1976. Edmondson was also the only recorded unseeded player to win here. None of the other 3 Grand Slam tournaments has gone longer without a home national champion.

### Most-recent home men's singles champion at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments

Event	Last home champion
<b>Australian Open</b>	<b>Mark Edmondson (1976)</b>
Roland Garros	Yannick Noah (1983)
Wimbledon	Andy Murray (2016)
US Open	Andy Roddick (2003)

In 2005, Lleyton Hewitt became the first Australian to reach the men's final here since Pat Cash reached back-to-back finals in 1987-88. An Australian man has reached the final at a Grand Slam event only 10 times in the 134 Grand Slam tournaments since Cash's 1988 final appearance, and only once at the Australian Open. Hewitt's 2002 Wimbledon title marked the last time an Australian man won a Grand Slam title.

### Australian Grand Slam men's singles finalists since 1988

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
<b>Lleyton Hewitt</b>	2001 US Open 2002 Wimbledon 2004 US Open <b>2005 Australian Open</b>	Defeated Pete Sampras 76(4) 61 61 Defeated David Nalbandian 61 63 62 Lost to Roger Federer 60 76(3) 60 <b>Lost to Marat Safin 16 63 64 64</b>
Mark Philippoussis	1998 US Open 2003 Wimbledon	Lost to Patrick Rafter 63 36 62 60 Lost to Roger Federer 76(5) 62 76(3)
Patrick Rafter	1997 US Open 1998 US Open 2000 Wimbledon 2001 Wimbledon	Defeated Greg Rusedski 63 62 46 75 Defeated Mark Philippoussis 63 36 62 60 Lost to Pete Sampras 67(10) 76(5) 64 62 Lost to Goran Ivanisevic 63 36 63 26 97

## CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM

US Open champion Medvedev topped the list for most Tour-level match-wins in 2021, after his victories at the Davis Cup Finals saw him move ahead of Olympic champion Zverev.

### 2021 Tour-level win-loss

Rank	Player	2021 win-loss
1.	Daniil Medvedev	63-13
2.	Alexander Zverev	59-15
3.	Casper Ruud	57-17
4=	Novak Djokovic	55-7
	Stefanos Tsitsipas	55-19
6.	Andrey Rublev	53-23
7.	Cameron Norrie	52-25
8.	Jannik Sinner	49-22
9.	Matteo Berrettini	41-12
10=	Felix Auger-Aliassime	38-24
	Pablo Carreno Busta	38-18
	Diego Schwartzman	38-23

Medvedev was also the 2021 match-win leader on hard courts, ahead of Zverev and Sinner.

### 2021 Tour-level hard court win-loss

Rank	Player	2021 win-loss (hard)
1.	Daniil Medvedev	51-8
2.	Alexander Zverev	41-9
3.	Jannik Sinner	39-14
4.	Andrey Rublev	36-16
5.	Cameron Norrie	32-18
	Stefanos Tsitsipas	32-13
6.	Novak Djokovic	30-4
	Hubert Hurkacz	30-16
8=	Taylor Fritz	28-16
10=	Casper Ruud	26-10
	Frances Tiafoe	26-16

Zverev won a total of 6 Tour-level titles in 2021 – one more than Djokovic and Ruud, the latter of whom won 3 titles in 3 consecutive weeks in July-August. In total, 32 players won Tour-level singles titles in 2021 and 15 of those players won multiple titles.

### Players to have won most Tour-level titles in 2021

Player	Titles won
Alexander Zverev	6 (Acapulco, Madrid-1000, Olympics, Cincinnati-1000, Vienna, ATP Finals)
Novak Djokovic	5 (Australian Open, Belgrade II, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Paris-1000)
Casper Ruud	5 (Geneva, Bastad, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel, San Diego)
Daniil Medvedev	4 (Marseille, Mallorca, Toronto-1000, US Open)
Jannik Sinner	4 (Melbourne I, Washington, Sofia, Antwerp)

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN MATCH-WINS

Nadal will become the 3rd man in the Open Era to record 70 match-wins at the Australian Open – after Federer and Djokovic – if he wins his opening match here this year. Murray will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list, ahead of Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl, if he wins his opening match here this year. (see table overleaf)

### Most Australian Open men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	102-15
2.	Novak Djokovic	82-8
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>69-15</b>
4.	Stefan Edberg	56-10
<b>5=</b>	Andre Agassi	48-5
	Ivan Lendl	48-10
	<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>48-13</b>
8.	Tomas Berdych	47-16
9.	Pete Sampras	45-9
10.	Stan Wawrinka	43-15

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

## MOST GRAND SLAM MATCH-WINS

Nadal is bidding to close the gap on Federer and Djokovic at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins in the Open Era, while Murray is in 8th place on the list.

### Most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	369-60
2.	Novak Djokovic	323-46
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>291-41</b>
4.	Jimmy Connors	233-49
5.	Andre Agassi	224-53
6.	Ivan Lendl	222-49
7.	Pete Sampras	203-38
<b>8.</b>	<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>192-49</b>
9.	Stefan Edberg	178-47
10.	John McEnroe	167-38

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

Federer, Djokovic and Nadal are the only 3 male players to have recorded 50 match-wins at all 4 Grand Slam events.

### Players to have won 50 or more singles matches at all 4 Grand Slams

Player	Grand Slam win-loss	Australian Open win-loss	Roland Garros win-loss	Wimbledon win-loss	US Open win-loss
Roger Federer	369-60	102-15	73-17	105-14	89-14
Novak Djokovic	323-46	82-8	81-15	79-10	81-13
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>291-41</b>	<b>69-15</b>	<b>105-3</b>	<b>53-12</b>	<b>64-11</b>

## MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN APPEARANCES

Feliciano Lopez appears at the tournament for the 20th occasion, equalling Lleyton Hewitt in 2nd place on the list for most Australian Open appearances. Lopez has competed here every year since making his Australian Open debut in 2003 and boasts the longest active streak of Australian Open appearances. Nadal, Gael Monfils and Andreas Seppi all move into joint-5th place on the list by making their 17th appearances here.

### Australian Open men's singles appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Australian Opens played
1.	Roger Federer	21
<b>2=</b>	Lleyton Hewitt	20
	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>20*</b>
4.	Fabrice Santoro	18
<b>5=</b>	Novak Djokovic	17
	Ivo Karlovic	17
	<b>Gael Monfils</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Andreas Seppi</b>	<b>17*</b>
	Fernando Verdasco	17
	Mikhail Youzhny	17

Players at 2022 Australian Open in **bold** (totals include this event); \*denotes an active streak through the 2022 Australian Open



## MOST GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Lopez also closes the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances. Seppi, Richard Gasquet and Philipp Kohlschreiber are the other 3 players competing in the main draw here this year who are in the Top 10 on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles appearances.

### Grand Slam men's singles appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam appearances
1.	Roger Federer	81
<b>2.</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>80</b>
3.	Fabrice Santoro	70
4=	Fernando Verdasco	69
	Mikhail Youzhny	69
<b>6.</b>	<b>Philipp Kohlschreiber</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Andreas Seppi</b>	<b>67</b>
8=	Novak Djokovic	66
	Lleyton Hewitt	66
<b>10=</b>	<b>Richard Gasquet</b>	<b>64</b>

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold** (totals include this event)

## MOST CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM APPEARANCES

Lopez is appearing at his 79th consecutive Grand Slam singles event, extending his all-time record for the longest streak of Grand Slam singles main draw appearances. Seppi is the only other player with an active streak of 50 or more appearances.

### Most Grand Slam men's singles consecutive appearances (all-time)

Rank	Player	Consecutive Grand Slam Events Played
<b>1.</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez</b>	<b>79* (2002 Roland Garros-2022 Aus Open)</b>
2.	Fernando Verdasco	68 (2003 Wimbledon-2020 Aus Open)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Andreas Seppi</b>	<b>66* (2005 Wimbledon-2022 Aus Open)</b>
4.	Roger Federer	65 (2000 Aus Open-2016 Aus Open)
5.	Wayne Ferreira	56 (1991 Aus Open-2004 US Open)
6.	Stefan Edberg	54 (1983 Wimbledon-1996 US Open)
7.	Tomas Berdych	52 (2003 US Open-2016 Wimbledon)
8.	Novak Djokovic	51 (2005 Aus Open-2017 Wimbledon)
9=	David Ferrer	50 (2003 Aus Open-2015 Roland Garros)
	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	50 (2005 Aus Open-2017 Roland Garros)
	Stan Wawrinka	50 (2005 Roland Garros-2017 Wimbledon)

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## TWENTY-SIX AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONS IN OPEN ERA

Of the 56 different Open Era Grand Slam champions, 26 have won the Australian Open at least once in their careers. Djokovic heads the list with 9 titles here. (see table overleaf)

Rod Laver*	1969	*also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles
Arthur Ashe	1970	
Ken Rosewall*	1971-72	*also won pre-Open Era Australian Open titles
John Newcombe	1973, 1975	
Jimmy Connors	1974	
Mark Edmondson	1976	
Roscoe Tanner	1977 (Jan)	
Vitas Gerulaitis	1977 (Dec)	
Guillermo Vilas	1978-79	
Brian Teacher	1980	
Johan Kriek	1981-82	
Mats Wilander	1983-84, 1988	
Stefan Edberg	1985, 1987	
Ivan Lendl	1989-90	
Boris Becker	1991, 1996	
Jim Courier	1992-93	
Pete Sampras	1994, 1997	
Andre Agassi	1995, 2000-01, 2003	
Petr Korda	1998	
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1999	
Thomas Johansson	2002	
Roger Federer	2004, 2006-07, 2010, 2017-18	
Marat Safin	2005	
Novak Djokovic	2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-21	
Rafael Nadal	2009	
Stan Wawrinka	2014	

## ONE-SLAM WONDERS

Twenty-seven of the 56 Open Era Grand Slam singles champions also belong to the 'One-Slam Wonder' Club, lifting a sole Grand Slam title in the Open Era. Cilic and Medvedev are the only men playing in this year's Australian Open singles who could win a 2nd major.

## FIRST-TIME WINNER

In the Open Era, 11 men have notched up their first major by winning the Australian Open.

### Venue of first Grand Slam title

#### Australian Open (11)

Jimmy Connors	1974
Mark Edmondson	1976
Roscoe Tanner	1977
Vitas Gerulaitis	1977
Brian Teacher	1980
Johan Kriek	1981
Stefan Edberg	1985
Petr Korda	1998
Thomas Johansson	2002
Novak Djokovic	2008
Stan Wawrinka	2014

#### Roland Garros (21)

Ken Rosewall	1968	Jim Courier	1991
Jan Kodes	1970	Sergi Bruguera	1993
Andres Gimeno	1972	Thomas Muster	1995
Bjorn Borg	1974	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	1996
Adriano Panatta	1976	Gustavo Kuerten	1997
Guillermo Vilas	1977	Carlos Moya	1998
Mats Wilander	1982	Albert Costa	2002
Yannick Noah	1983	Juan Carlos Ferrero	2003
Ivan Lendl	1984	Gaston Gaudio	2004
Michael Chang	1989	Rafael Nadal	2005
Andres Gomez	1990		

#### Wimbledon (9)

Rod Laver	1968
John Newcombe	1970
Boris Becker	1985
Pat Cash	1987
Michael Stich	1991
Andre Agassi	1992
Richard Krajicek	1996
Goran Ivanisevic	2001
Roger Federer	2003

#### US Open (15)

Arthur Ashe	1968	Andy Roddick	2003
Stan Smith	1971	Juan Martin del Potro	2009
Ilie Nastase	1972	Andy Murray	2012
Manuel Orantes	1975	Marin Cilic	2014
John McEnroe	1979	Dominic Thiem	2020
Pete Sampras	1990	Daniil Medvedev	2021
Patrick Rafter	1997		
Marat Safin	2000		
Lleyton Hewitt	2001		

## TOUR-LEVEL TITLES

Nadal is bidding to become the 4th man to win 90 Tour-level singles titles at the Australian Open this year.

### Most Tour-level titles (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles
Jimmy Connors	109
Roger Federer	103
Ivan Lendl	95
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>89</b>
Novak Djokovic	86

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

## HARD COURT HEROES

Murray is bidding to win his 35th hard court title here and close the gap on Sampras in 4th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level hard court titles.

### Most Tour-level hard court titles (Open Era)

Player	Hard court titles
Roger Federer	71
Novak Djokovic	62
Andre Agassi	46
Pete Sampras	36
<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>34</b>

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

Among active players Nadal is 4th on the list for most Tour-level hard court titles won behind Federer, Djokovic and Murray. Of the Top 5 active players on the list, only Djokovic won a Tour-level hard court title in 2021, but Nadal won his 23rd Tour-level hard court title at Melbourne earlier this month.

### Most Tour-level hard court titles (active players)

Player	Hard court titles	Last hard court title
Roger Federer	71	2019 Basel
Novak Djokovic	62	2021 Paris-1000
<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2019 Antwerp</b>
<b>Rafael Nadal</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2022 Melbourne</b>
Juan Martin del Potro	18	2018 Indian Wells-1000

Players at the 2022 Australian Open in **bold**

## WARMING-UP

Djokovic and Wawrinka are the only players in the last 10 years to win the Australian Open having won a pre-Australian Open tournament. Wawrinka won Chennai before lifting his first Grand Slam trophy here in 2014, while Djokovic won Doha in 2016 prior to winning his 6th title in Melbourne.

All warm-up events were held in Australia this year, with Monfils and Nadal winning at Adelaide I and Melbourne, respectively, in the first week of the season. Thanasi Kokkinakis won his first Tour-level title at Adelaide II last week, while 2021 Australian Open semifinalist Aslan Karatsev won his 3rd career title at Sydney. (see table overleaf)

At the 3rd edition of the ATP Cup, hosted in Sydney during the first week of the season, Canada defeated Spain to claim their first title, with Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime defeating Pablo Carreno Busta and Roberto Bautista Agut, respectively, in the final.

Of the 128 players in the draw, 14 are yet to contest a singles match at any level in 2022: Carlos Alcaraz, Marco Cecchinato, Federico Coria, Richard Gasquet, Ilya Ivashka, Philipp Kohlschreiber, Sebastian Korda, Nick Kyrgios, Feliciano Lopez, Sam Querrey, Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Andrey Rublev, Carlos Taberner and Tseng Chun-Hsin.

### Australian Open warm-up event champions (2012-22)

Year	Doha	Chennai	Brisbane	Sydney	Auckland
2012	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga Round of 16	Milos Raonic 3rd round	Andy Murray Semifinals	Jarkko Nieminen 1st round (ret.)	David Ferrer Quarterfinals
2013	Richard Gasquet Round of 16	Janko Tipsarevic Round of 16	Andy Murray Runner-up	Bernard Tomic 3rd round	David Ferrer Semifinals
2014	Rafael Nadal Runner-up	<b>Stan Wawrinka Champion</b>	Lleyton Hewitt 1st round	Juan Martin del Potro 2nd round	John Isner 1st round
2015	David Ferrer Round of 16	Stan Wawrinka Semifinals	Roger Federer 3rd round	Viktor Troicki 3rd round	Jiri Vesely 1st round
2016	<b>Novak Djokovic Champion</b>	Stan Wawrinka Round of 16	Milos Raonic Semifinals	Viktor Troicki 3rd round	Roberto Bautista Agut Round of 16
2017	Novak Djokovic 2nd round	Roberto Bautista Agut Round of 16	Grigor Dimitrov Semifinals	Gilles Muller 2nd round	Jack Sock 3rd round
Year	Doha	Pune	Brisbane	Sydney	Auckland
2018	Gael Monfils 2nd round	Gilles Simon 2nd round	Nick Kyrgios Round of 16	Daniil Medvedev 2nd round	Roberto Bautista Agut 1st round
2019	Roberto Bautista Agut Quarterfinals	Kevin Anderson 2nd round	Kei Nishikori Quarterfinals	Alex de Minaur 3rd round	Tennys Sandgren 1st round
Year	Doha	Adelaide		Auckland	
2020	Andrey Rublev Round of 16	Andrey Rublev Round of 16		Ugo Humbert 1st round	
Year	Delray Beach*	Antalya*	Melbourne I	Melbourne II	
2021	Hubert Hurkacz 1st round	Alex de Minaur 3rd round	Jannik Sinner 1st round	Daniel Evans 1st round	
Year	Adelaide I	Melbourne	Adelaide II	Sydney	
2022	Gael Monfils ???	Rafael Nadal ???	Thanasi Kokkinakis ???	Aslan Karatsev ???	

\*Held in January prior to the 2-week quarantine period in Australia

## FIRST-TIMERS

There are 21 men making their Australian Open debuts this year. Of the 21 debutants, 12 are direct acceptances, 7 are qualifiers and 2 are wild cards.

In the Open Era, 5 men have won the title on their Australian Open debut – Jimmy Connors (1973), Roscoe Tanner (January 1977), Vitas Gerulaitis (December 1977), Johan Kriek (1981) and Andre Agassi (1995). The last Grand Slam men's singles champion to win the title on his first appearance at that major was Nadal at 2005 Roland Garros.

Seven men are also making their Grand Slam debuts: Sebastian Baez, Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Stefan Kozlov, Jiri Lehecka, Timofei Skatov and Tseng Chun Hsin.

## YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At 40 years 132 days, Lopez becomes the 2nd 40-year-old to begin the Australian Open men's singles draw in the Open Era – after Ivo Karlovic (40 years 339 days) in 2020. There are 38 players aged 30 or older competing in the Australian Open men's singles main draw this year. The record for the most players aged 30 or over in a Grand Slam men's singles draw is 51, which was set at 2016 Roland Garros.

At 18 years 270 days, Carlos Alcaraz is the youngest man to start the main draw here this year. He is one of 3 teenagers in the men's draw this year, alongside Lorenzo Musetti (19 years 333 days) and Holger Rune (18 years 276 days).

Lopez and Alcaraz were also the oldest and youngest players, respectively, in the men's singles draw here last year. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

Six players in the main draw will celebrate their birthdays during the tournament – Pablo Andujar (turns 36 on Sunday 23 January), Taro Daniel (turns 29 on Thursday 27 January), James Duckworth (turns 30 on Friday 21 January), Albert Ramos-Vinolas (turns 34 on Monday 17 January), Timofei Skatov (turns 21 on Friday 21 January) and Frances Tiafoe (turns 24 on Thursday 20 January)

## **FROM BOYS TO MEN**

There are 6 former Australian Open junior singles champions playing in this year's main draw: Gael Monfils (2004), Jiri Vesely (2011), Nick Kyrgios (2013), Alexander Zverev (2014), Sebastian Korda (2018) and Lorenzo Musetti (2019).

Three other players in the men's draw this year have reached the boys' singles final here: Thanasi Kokkinakis (2013), Stefan Kozlov (2014) and Tseng Chun-Hsin (2018).

Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the junior and senior title here in the Open Era. He captured the boys' singles title in 1983, before winning the men's singles in 1985 and 1987.

## **WILD CARDS**

Five-time Australian Open runner-up Andy Murray was awarded a wild card, while home players received 4 of the 7 remaining wild cards: Alex Bolt, Christopher O'Connell, Thanasi Kokkinakis and Aleksandar Vukic.

Chinese Taipei's Tseng Chun-Hsin won the Asia/Pacific Wild Card Play-off, while USA's Stefan Kozlov and France's Lucas Pouille, a semifinalist here in 2018, were awarded wild cards as part of Tennis Australia's reciprocal wild card arrangements with the USTA and FFT.

## **MISSING OUT**

Players who appeared on the original entry list but withdrew before the draw are: Jenson Brooksby (illness), Kei Nishikori (hip), Guido Pella (right knee), Milos Raonic (achilles), Tennys Sandgren (personal) and Dominic Thiem (wrist).

Borna Coric (shoulder), Pablo Cuevas (illness), Novak Djokovic, Ilya Ivashka (leg) and Casper Ruud (ankle) withdrew after the draw was made and were replaced by lucky losers.

## **LEFTHANDERS**

There are 20 lefthanders starting in this year's men's singles. The last lefthander to win the title here was Nadal in 2009.

## COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

There are 38 nations represented in the men's singles draw at the 2022 Australian Open, with USA having the most players competing here. Russia and Spain have the joint-most seeded players in this year's draw, with 4 seeds from each nation.

USA	15	3 seeds	1 wild card		1 lucky loser
Spain	12	4 seeds			
Australia	10	1 seed	4 wild cards		
France	10	2 seeds	1 wild card	1 qualifier	
Italy	10	3 seeds			1 lucky loser
Germany	9	1 seed		2 qualifiers	
Argentina	8	1 seed		2 qualifiers	
Serbia	5			1 qualifier	
Russia	4	4 seeds			1 lucky loser
Great Britain	4	2 seeds	1 wild card	1 qualifier	
Chile	3	1 seed		2 qualifiers	
Czech Republic	3			2 qualifiers	
Kazakhstan	3			2 qualifiers	
Canada	2	2 seeds			
Japan	2			1 qualifier	
Netherlands	2				
Poland	2	1 seed			
Slovakia	2			1 qualifier	
South Africa	2	1 seed			
Belarus	1				
Belgium	1				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1				1 lucky loser
Brazil	1				
Bulgaria	1	1 seed			
Chinese Taipei	1		1 wild card		
Croatia	1	1 seed			
Denmark	1				
Ecuador	1			1 qualifier	
Finland	1				
Georgia	1	1 seed			
Greece	1	1 seed			
Hungary	1				
Korea, Rep.	1				
Lithuania	1				
Moldova	1				
Portugal	1				1 lucky loser
Sweden	1				
Switzerland	1				