



2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S SINGLES FINAL NOTES Sunday 30 January

NO. 2 DANIIL MEDVEDEV (RUS) v NO. 6 RAFAEL NADAL (ESP)

Player	Age	Ranking	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 2 Daniil Medvedev (RUS)	25	2	Final 2021, 2022	Won 2021 US Open
No. 6 Rafael Nadal (ESP)	35	5	Won 2009	Won 20 titles

Back-to-back Grand Slam titles for Medvedev...

Medvedev is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam title and, having won his first at the US Open last year, become the first man in the Open Era to win his 2nd Grand Slam title at the next Grand Slam event after his first major title.

... or a 21st Grand Slam title for Nadal?

Nadal is bidding to win his 2nd Australian Open title, which would see him become the 4th man in history to 2 or more titles at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments, and his 21st Grand Slam title overall – claiming sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam men's titles, ahead of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

Prize money

Today's champion receives \$2,875,000 (AUD) in prize money, while the runner-up collects \$1,575,000. In total, the men's singles prize fund for the men's singles at the 2022 Australian Open is \$26,074,000 (AUD).

Rankings update

Medvedev and Nadal are guaranteed to remain at their pre-Australian Open rankings of No. 2 and No. 5, respectively, when the new ATP rankings are published on Monday.

Projected rankings (Monday 31 January)

Rank	Player	Points
1.	Novak Djokovic	11015
2.	Daniil Medvedev	Win: 10925/Lose: 10125
3.	Alexander Zverev	7780
4.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	7170
5.	Rafael Nadal	Win: 6875/Lose: 6075

Medvedev has entered Rotterdam, which takes place in the week commencing 7 February. He will become world No. 1 on Monday 14 February IF he wins the titles at both the Australian Open and Rotterdam AND Djokovic does not compete at a tournament in the 2 weeks following the Australian Open.

If Medvedev does not compete at Rotterdam (or any other tournament in the next 3 weeks), he will become world No. 1 on Monday 21 February IF he wins the title today AND neither he nor Djokovic compete at a tournament in the 3 weeks following the Australian Open.

If Medvedev reaches the No. 1 ranking, he will become the 3rd Russian man to be world No. 1 after Yevgeny Kafelnikov (ranked at No. 1 for 6 weeks in 1999) and Marat Safin (ranked at No. 1 for 9 weeks in 2000-01).

Grand Slam leaderboard

Nadal is bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam title and move ahead of Djokovic and Federer at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won.

Should Nadal win his 21st major title here, he will move ahead of Federer on the list for the first time in his career – Federer led the pair's rivalry in terms of most Grand Slam titles won from winning his first Grand Slam title at 2003 Wimbledon until Nadal won his 20th Grand Slam title (equalling Federer) at 2020 Roland Garros.

Nadal will also regain the lead in terms of most Grand Slam titles won in his rivalry with Djokovic – Nadal led the pair's rivalry from winning his first Grand Slam title at 2005 Roland Garros until Djokovic won his 20th Grand Slam title (equalling Nadal) at Wimbledon last year.

The Djokovic-Nadal duopoly

Between them, Djokovic and Nadal have won 12 of the last 14 Grand Slam titles (since 2018 Roland Garros), with Djokovic having won 8 Grand Slam titles in that time and Nadal claiming 4 Grand Slam titles. Medvedev is leading the charge to end the pair's dominance, as one of the only 2 other players to have won a Grand Slam title in that time, alongside 2020 US Open champion Dominic Thiem.

Djokovic and Nadal are the only opponents Medvedev has faced in a Grand Slam final. He lost on the first occasion he faced Djokovic in a Grand Slam final but defeated him the 2nd time the pair contested a Grand Slam final at the US Open last year. He fell to Nadal in their only previous meeting in a Grand Slam final, at the 2019 US Open.

The 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 tournaments 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 tournament 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 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 – after Ken Rosewall (1970-71), Pete Sampras (1993-94, 1996-97), Andre Agassi (1994-95, 1999-2000), Federer (2005-06, 2006-07) and Djokovic (2011-12, 2015-16, 2018-19).

The 30s club

At 35 years 241 days, Nadal is bidding to become the 3rd man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open title after turning 35 – after Federer and Rosewall, who both won 2 Australian Open titles aged 35 or over. The Australian Open men's singles title has been won by players aged 30 or over on 12 occasions in the Open Era – 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	d. Mal Anderson 76(2) 63 75
Roger Federer	36 years 173 days	2018	d. Marin Cilic 62 67(5) 63 36 61
Ken Rosewall	36 years 73 days	1971	d. Arthur Ashe 61 75 63
Rafael Nadal??	35 years 241 days	2022	v Daniil Medvedev
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

At 25 years 353 days, Medvedev is bidding to become the youngest man to win the Australian Open title since Djokovic won the title here in 2013 aged 25 years 250 days. He is also bidding to end the 5-year streak of Australian Open titles being won by men in their 30s – the last time a man in his 20s won the title here was 2016, when Djokovic won the title aged 28 years 254 days.

Back from the brink

After saving a match point in the 4th set of his quarterfinal match against Felix Auger-Aliassime, Medvedev is bidding to become the 5th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open title from match point down. He would also become the 15th player to win a Grand Slam men's singles title from match point down in the Open Era – and the first since Djokovic saved 2 match points in the final against Federer before winning the title at 2019 Wimbledon.

Winning Australian Open men's singles title from match point down (Open Era)

Year	Champion	Match points saved	Round	Opponent and result
1975	John Newcombe	3	SF	d. Tony Roche 64 46 64 26 11-9
1982	Johan Kriek	1	SF	d. Paul McNamee 76 76 46 36 75
1985	Stefan Edberg	2	R16	d. Wally Masur 67 26 76 64 62
2005	Marat Safin	1	SF	d. Roger Federer 57 64 57 76(6) 97
2022??	Daniil Medvedev??	1	QF	d. Felix Auger-Aliassime 67(4) 36 76(2) 75 64

If Medvedev wins today, it will also be the 2nd straight year that an Australian Open singles champion has won the title from match point down – Naomi Osaka saved 2 match points in her round of 16 match against Garbine Muguruza before going on to win the women's singles title here last year.

2022 leaders

Both Medvedev and Nadal are bidding for their 10th victory of the season today. The winner of today's match will claim sole ownership of first place on the list for most Tour-level matches won in 2022 – ahead of the loser of today's match and Maxime Cressy, who has also won 9 matches at Tour-level so far this season.

Most Tour-level matches won (2022)

Rank	Player	Tour-level win-loss
1=	Maxime Cressy	9-3
	Daniil Medvedev	9-1
	Rafael Nadal	9-0
4=	Thanasi Kokkinakis	8-2
	Gael Monfils	8-2
6=	Felix Auger-Aliassime	7-3
	Pablo Carreno Busta	7-2
	Marin Cilic	7-3
	Denis Shapovalov	7-3
	Jannik Sinner	7-1

Beating the Top 5

Medvedev is bidding to defeat a Top 5 player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time, having recorded his first victory against a Top 5 player here by defeating No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the semifinals. He had lost both of his previous matches against Top 5 players here – to No. 1 Djokovic in both the round of 16 in 2019 and the final last year. He has a 3-5 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at the Grand Slams overall.

Medvedev has won 4 of his last 6 matches against Top 5 players – all of which have come on hard courts. His only defeats to Top 5 players in that time came against No. 1 Djokovic in the final at 2021 Paris-1000 and against No. 3 Alexander Zverev in the final at the 2021 ATP Finals. He has a 9-15 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition on hard courts and an 11-18 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level overall.

Nadal is bidding to defeat a Top 5 player at the Australian Open for the 4th time – and for the first time since he defeated No. 3 Milos Raonic in the quarterfinals in 2017. He has lost both of his matches against Top 5 players here since then – to No. 1 Djokovic in the final in 2019 and to No. 5 Thiem in the quarterfinals in 2020. He has a 3-5 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at the Australian Open and a 30-14 win-loss record at the Grand Slams overall.

Nadal is bidding to end a 4-match losing streak against Top 5 players on hard courts. He has not recorded a victory against a Top 5 player on a hard court since defeating No. 4 Medvedev at the 2019 ATP Finals. He has a 27-43 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition on hard courts and an 88-61 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition at Tour-level overall.

Australian Open final appearances

By reaching the final here for a 6th time, Nadal has claimed sole ownership of 5th place on the all-time list for most Australian Open final appearances, ahead of Stefan Edberg, Andy Murray and Rosewall.

Most Australian Championships/Open men's singles final appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	9
John Bromwich	7
Jack Crawford	7
Roy Emerson	7
Roger Federer	7
Rafael Nadal	6
Stefan Edberg	5
Andy Murray	5
Ken Rosewall	5

By reaching his 2nd final here, Medvedev has become the 5th active player to reach multiple Australian Open men's singles finals – after Djokovic, Federer, Nadal and Murray. Last year, he became the 54th man in the Open Era, and the 103rd in history, to reach the final here.

Most Australian Open final appearances (active male players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	9
Roger Federer	7
Rafael Nadal	6
Andy Murray	5
Daniil Medvedev	2
Marin Cilic	1
Dominic Thiem	1
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	1
Stan Wawrinka	1

Grand Slam final appearances

By reaching his 29th Grand Slam final, Nadal has closed the gap on Djokovic and Federer at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances.

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

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	31
Roger Federer	31
Rafael Nadal	29
Ivan Lendl	19
Pete Sampras	18

By reaching his 4th Grand Slam final, Medvedev has equalled Thiem and Stan Wawrinka in 5th place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances among active players.

Most Grand Slam final appearances (active male players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	31
Roger Federer	31
Rafael Nadal	29
Andy Murray	11
Daniil Medvedev	4
Dominic Thiem	4
Stan Wawrinka	4
Marin Cilic	3
Kevin Anderson	2
Juan Martin del Potro	2

Head-to-head: Nadal leads 3-1

2019	Montreal-1000	Hard (O)	FR	Nadal	63 60
2019	US Open	Hard (O)	FR	Nadal	75 63 57 46 64
2019	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Nadal	67(3) 63 76(4)
2020	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	SF	Medvedev	36 76(4) 63

A 5th meeting for Medvedev and Nadal. Nadal leads the overall head-to-head and also won their only previous meeting at the Grand Slams, in the final at the 2019 US Open, but Medvedev won their most-recent meeting, in the semifinals at the 2020 ATP Finals. Apart from their first meeting, in which Nadal dropped just 3 games, all of their previous matches have gone to a deciding set.

Road to the final

MEDVEDEV	Time		Time	NADAL
d. Henri Laaksonen 61 64 76(3)	1:54	1st round	1:49	d. Marcos Giron 61 64 62
d. Nick Kyrgios 76(1) 64 46 62	2:58	2nd round	2:42	d. (Q) Yannick Hanfmann 62 63 64
d. Botic van de Zandschulp 64 64 62	1:55	3rd round	2:50	d. No. 27 Karen Khachanov 63 62 36 61
d. Maxime Cressy 62 76(4) 67(4) 75	3:30	Round of 16	2:40	d. Adrian Mannarino 76(14) 62 62
d. No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime 67(4) 36 76(2) 75 64	4:42	Quarterfinals	4:08	d. No. 14 Denis Shapovalov 63 64 46 36 63
d. No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas 76(5) 46 64 61	2:30	Semifinals	2:55	d. No. 7 Matteo Berrettini 63 62 36 63
total time on court	17:29	(Infosys time)	17:04	total time on court

MEDVEDEV	v	NADAL
25	Age	35
6'6"/1.98m	Height	6'1"/1.85m
2	ATP Ranking	5
\$22,126,356	Career Prize Money (USD)	\$125,050,235
14	Titles	89
51-18	Career Grand Slam Record	297-41
Won 2021 US Open	Best Grand Slam Result	Won 20 titles
19-5	Australian Open Record	75-15
Final 2021, 2022	Best Australian Open Result	Won title 2009
228-100	Career Record	1037-209
188-65	Career Record - Hard	500-140
9-1	2022 Record	9-0
9-1	2022 Record - Hard	9-0
3-7	Career Five-Set Record	23-13
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	3
69-51	Career Tiebreak Record	252-163
6-4	2022 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam title and become the 6th active player to win multiple Grand Slam titles. He won his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year, defeating Novak Djokovic in straight sets in the final. This is his 20th Grand Slam appearance.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (active players)

Player	Grand Slam titles
Rafael Nadal	21??
Novak Djokovic	20
Roger Federer	20
Andy Murray	3
Stan Wawrinka	3
Daniil Medvedev	2??
Marin Cilic	1
Juan Martin del Potro	1
Dominic Thiem	1

- Medvedev is 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. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance. (see table overleaf)

Russian Grand Slam men's singles champions (all-time)

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

- Medvedev is bidding to become the **first man in the Open Era to win a 2nd Grand Slam title at the next Grand Slam event** after winning his first Grand Slam title. By reaching the final here, he has become the 2nd man in the Open Era to reach the final at the next Grand Slam event after winning a first Grand Slam title – after Andy Murray, who won his first Grand Slam title at the 2012 US Open and then finished runner-up at the 2013 Australian Open. (NB Jimmy Connors and Ilie Nastase won their 2nd Grand Slam titles on their first Grand Slam appearances after winning their first major titles but did not compete at the Grand Slam event immediately after winning their first title.)
- Medvedev is also bidding to become the **7th player in the Open Era (man or woman) to win a 2nd Grand Slam title at the next Grand Slam event** after winning their first Grand Slam title. Six women have achieved the feat in the Open Era – most recently Naomi Osaka, who won her first Grand Slam title at the 2018 US Open and her 2nd Grand Slam title here in 2019

Players to win 2nd Grand Slam title at next Grand Slam event (Open Era)

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
Jennifer Capriati	2001 Australian Open	2001 Roland Garros
Naomi Osaka	2018 US Open	2019 Australian Open
Daniil Medvedev??	2021 US Open	2022 Australian Open??

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

- Medvedev is bidding to become 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 titles 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
Daniil Medvedev??	2021-22??

- If he wins the title here after saving a match point in his quarterfinal victory against Auger-Aliassime, Medvedev will become the **5th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open after saving a match point** – and the first since Safin in 2005. Safin saved a match point in his semifinal victory against Roger Federer before defeating Lleyton Hewitt in the final.
- Medvedev is bidding to become the **27th man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open title** – and the first new men's champion here since Stan Wawrinka won his only Australian Open title to date in 2014. Since then, Djokovic has won 5 titles here, with Federer claiming the other 2 titles in that time.
- Medvedev is bidding to win his **first Australian Open title in his 2nd appearance in the final** – a feat he accomplished at the US Open, where he lost to Nadal on his first appearance in the final in 2019 before defeating Djokovic to win the title in his 2nd appearance in the final last year. He has a 1-2 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals. (see table overleaf)

Medvedev's Grand Slam final appearances

Event	Result
2019 US Open	l. Rafael Nadal 75 63 57 46 64
2021 Australian Open	l. Novak Djokovic 75 62 62
2021 US Open	d. Novak Djokovic 64 64 64
2022 Australian Open	v Rafael Nadal

- The Australian Open is Medvedev's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and his joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of finals reached, alongside the US Open.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
Australian Open	1??	19-5	2
Roland Garros	0	4-5	0
Wimbledon	0	8-4	0
US Open	1	20-4	2

- By reaching his 2nd Australian Open final, Medvedev has become the **5th active player to reach the men's singles final here on multiple occasions** – after Djokovic (9 Australian Open final appearances), Federer (7), Nadal (6) and Murray (5).
- By reaching his 4th Grand Slam final, Medvedev has equalled Dominic Thiem and Wawrinka in **5th place on the list for most Grand Slam final appearances among active male players**. Djokovic and Federer (31 Grand Slam final appearances each), Nadal (29) and Murray (11) are the only active male players to have reached more Grand Slam finals than Medvedev.
- By reaching his 2nd Australian Open final, Medvedev has equalled Kafelnikov in **2nd place on the all-time list for most Australian Open final appearances by a Russian man**. Medvedev is one of 3 Russian men to have reached the final here – alongside Safin (3 Australian Open final appearances) and Kafelnikov (2).
- By reaching his 4th Grand Slam final, Medvedev has also equalled Safin's **all-time record for most Grand Slam final appearances by a Russian man**. Safin reached the final at the 2000 US Open and at the Australian Open in 2002, 2004 and 2005.
- By reaching the final here, Medvedev has equalled his **best Australian Open performance**. He reached his first Australian Open final last year, falling to Djokovic in straight sets.
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Medvedev reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Tsitsipas) and the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Hubert Hurkacz) – his best performance at both events.
- Medvedev's **other 2021 highlights** were winning the titles at Marseille (d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert), Mallorca (d. Sam Querrey) and Toronto-1000 (d. Reilly Opelka). He also finished runner-up at Paris-1000 (l. Djokovic) and the ATP Finals (l. Alexander Zverev), reached the semifinals at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Pablo Carreno Busta).
- Medvedev topped the list for **most Tour-level match-wins in 2021** with a 63-13 win-loss record for the season – ahead of Zverev (59-15) and Casper Ruud (57-17).
- Prior to the Australian Open**, Medvedev represented Russia at the ATP Cup, winning 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as the team reached the semifinals before falling to Canada. He fell to France's Ugo Humbert in his opening singles match of the event, before recording victories against Australia's Alex de Minaur, Italy's Matteo Berrettini and Canada's Auger-Aliassime.
- Medvedev's 5-set victory against Auger-Aliassime in the quarterfinals improved his win-loss record in **5-set matches at the Australian Open** to 2-1. It was also his 2nd successful comeback from 0-2 down, having recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Marin Cilic in the 3rd round at Wimbledon last year. He has a 3-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in March last year and plays here at the same ranking. He is guaranteed to remain at No. 2 when the new rankings are published on Monday, regardless of the result of today's match – but could become world No. 1 for the first time in February (see page 1).

- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, I. Nikola Milojevic).
- Medvedev led the Russian Tennis Federation team to their **3rd Davis Cup title** last year, winning all 5 matches he contested at the Finals. He has a 9-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. As defending champions, the RTF team have secured their place at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.
- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.
- **NADAL** is bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of the all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. This is his 63rd Grand Slam appearance.

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

Player	Grand Slam titles
Rafael Nadal	21??
Novak Djokovic	20
Roger Federer	20
Pete Sampras	14
Roy Emerson	12

- Nadal is also bidding to win his 21st Grand Slam title 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)

Player	Grand Slam titles
Margaret Court	24
Serena Williams	23
Steffi Graf	22
Rafael Nadal	21??
Novak Djokovic	20
Roger Federer	20

- Nadal is bidding to win his 2nd Australian Open title and become the **13th man in the Open Era – and the 21st man in history – to win multiple titles here.** He would become the 3rd active player to win 2 or more titles here after Djokovic (9 Australian Open titles) and Federer (6). He won his only title to date here in 2009, defeating Federer in 5 sets in the final. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance.
- 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 tournaments twice.** Djokovic became the first man to achieve the feat by winning his 2nd title at Roland Garros last year. Roy Emerson and Rod Laver are the only other players to have won each Grand Slam tournament 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.)
- At 35 years 241 days, Nadal is bidding to become the **3rd-oldest man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title** – after Ken Rosewall (who won 4 Grand Slam titles aged older than Nadal is now) and Federer (who won the titles at 2017 Wimbledon and the 2018 Australian Open aged older than Nadal is now). By reaching the final here, he has become the 4th man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open final aged 35 or older, after Rosewall, Federer and Mal Anderson.

Players aged 35+ in the Australian Open men's singles final (Open Era)

Player	Age	Year	Result in final
Ken Rosewall	37 years 62 days	1972	d. Mal Anderson 76 63 75
Mal Anderson	36 years 306 days	1972	l. Ken Rosewall 76 63 75
Roger Federer	36 years 173 days	2018	d. Marin Cilic 62 67(5) 63 36 61
Ken Rosewall	36 years 73 days	1971	d. Arthur Ashe 61 75 63
Rafael Nadal??	35 years 241 days	2022	v Daniil Medvedev
Roger Federer	35 years 174 days	2017	d. Rafael Nadal 64 36 61 36 63

- Nadal is 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 titles won after turning 30 in the Open Era. Since celebrating his 30th birthday on 5 June 2016, Nadal has won 6 major titles – at Roland Garros in 2017-20 and at the US Open in 2017 and 2019.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles after turning 30 (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam titles
Novak Djokovic	8
Rafael Nadal	7??
Roger Federer	4
Rod Laver	4
Ken Rosewall	4

- Nadal is bidding to win his **90th Tour-level title** and become the 4th man in the Open Era to win 90 or more Tour-level titles, after Jimmy Connors, Federer and Ivan Lendl.

Most Tour-level men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles
Jimmy Connors	109
Roger Federer	103
Ivan Lendl	95
Rafael Nadal	90??
Novak Djokovic	86

- Nadal is bidding to win his **24th Tour-level hard-court title** and claim sole ownership of 7th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level hard-court titles won, ahead of Connors.

Most Tour-level men's singles titles on hard courts (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles (hard)
Roger Federer	71
Novak Djokovic	62
Andre Agassi	46
Pete Sampras	36
Andy Murray	34
Ivan Lendl	26
Rafael Nadal	24??
Jimmy Connors	23
Michael Chang	21
Andy Roddick	21

- Nadal is bidding to avoid a **5th consecutive defeat in an Australian Open final** – since defeating Federer in his first Australian Open final in 2009, he has lost all 4 Australian Open finals he has contested. He has a 20-8 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals overall. (see table overleaf)

Nadal's Grand Slam final appearances

Event	Result
2005 Roland Garros	d. Mariano Puerta 67(6) 63 61 75
2006 Roland Garros	d. Roger Federer 16 61 64 76(4)
2006 Wimbledon	d. Roger Federer I. 60 76(5) 67(2) 63
2007 Roland Garros	d. Roger Federer 63 46 63 64
2007 Wimbledon	I. Roger Federer 76(7) 46 76(3) 26 62
2008 Roland Garros	d. Roger Federer 61 63 60
2008 Wimbledon	d. Roger Federer 64 64 67(5) 67(8) 9-7
2009 Australian Open	d. Roger Federer 75 36 76(3) 36 62
2010 Roland Garros	d. Robin Soderling 64 62 64
2010 Wimbledon	d. Tomas Berdych 63 75 64
2010 US Open	d. Novak Djokovic 64 57 64 62
2011 Roland Garros	d. Roger Federer 75 76(3) 57 61
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2012 Australian Open	I. Novak Djokovic 57 64 62 67(5) 75
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2013 Roland Garros	d. David Ferrer 63 62 63
2013 US Open	d. Novak Djokovic 62 36 64 61
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2014 Roland Garros	d. Novak Djokovic 36 75 62 64
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2017 US Open	d. Kevin Anderson 63 63 64
2018 Roland Garros	d. Dominic Thiem 64 63 62
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2019 US Open	d. Daniil Medvedev 75 63 57 46 64
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- The Australian Open is Nadal's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and finals reached, but his least successful event in terms of titles won. Roland Garros is his most successful Grand Slam event in terms of titles won, matches won and finals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
Australian Open	2??	75-15	6
Roland Garros	13	105-3	13
Wimbledon	2	53-12	5
US Open	4	64-11	5

- By reaching his **6th Australian Open final**, Nadal has claimed sole ownership of 6th place on the all-time list for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances, ahead of Stefan Edberg, Andy Murray and Rosewall. Djokovic (9 Australian Open final appearances) and John Bromwich, Jack Crawford, Emerson and Federer (all 7) are the only men in history to have reached more finals here than Nadal.
- Nadal is through to his **29th Grand Slam final**. He is in 3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances behind Djokovic and Federer, who have both reached 31 Grand Slam finals.
- By reaching the final here, Nadal has become the **5th man aged 35 or older to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open Era** – after Rosewall (who reached 6 Grand Slam finals aged 35 or over), Federer (who has reached 3 Grand Slam finals aged 35 or over), Anderson (who reached the 1972 Australian Open aged 36 years 306 days) and Andre Agassi (who reached the 2005 US Open final aged 35 years 135 days).
- By reaching his **9th Grand Slam final since turning 30**, Nadal has claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam final appearances after turning 30, ahead of Federer and Rosewall. Djokovic, who has reached 10 Grand Slam finals since turning 30, is the only man in the Open Era to have made more Grand Slam final appearances in his 30s than Nadal.

- **Last year here**, Nadal reached the quarterfinals but fell to Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. It was the 3rd time in his career that he had lost a match in 5 sets after leading 2-0 – having also lost to Federer in the final at 2005 Miami and to Fabio Fognini in the 3rd round at the 2015 US Open.
- **Elsewhere at Grand Slams in 2021**, Nadal reached the semifinals at Roland Garros but fell to Djokovic in 4 sets. It was just his 3rd defeat at Roland Garros and his first since he fell to Djokovic in the quarterfinals in 2016. He missed Wimbledon due to fatigue and the US Open due to a foot injury.
- Nadal's **best results in 2021** were winning the titles at Barcelona (d. Tsitsipas) and Rome-1000 (d. Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros and the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Madrid-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev). He competed in just one event after Roland Garros – at Washington, where he reached the 3rd round – before ending his season due to a foot injury.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Nadal won his 89th Tour-level title (and 23rd on Tour-level title on hard courts) at Melbourne, defeating Maxime Cressy in the final.
- By defeating Denis Shapovalov in 5 sets in the quarterfinals here, Nadal ended a 3-match losing streak in **5-set matches at the Australian Open**. He had not previously won a 5-set match here since defeating Grigor Dimitrov in 5 sets in the 2017 semifinals – subsequently losing 5-set matches to Federer in the 2017 final, to Marin Cilic in the 2018 quarterfinals and to Tsitsipas in the quarterfinals last year. He has a 7-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 22-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Nadal is bidding to record his **501st Tour-level match-win on hard courts**. By recording his 500th Tour-level hard-court victory in the semifinals here, he became the 4th man in history to record 500 Tour-level victories on hard courts – after Federer (780 Tour-level hard-court match-wins), Djokovic (630) and Agassi (596).
- Nadal is bidding to record his **76th Australian Open match-win**. By winning his opening match here this year, he became the 3rd man to have recorded 70 match-wins here – after Federer (102 Australian Open match-wins) and Djokovic (82).
- Nadal has been **ranked in the Top 10 for 852 consecutive weeks**, having been ranked in the Top 10 since April 2005. He holds the record for most consecutive weeks ranked in the Top 10, having surpassed Connors' mark of 789 consecutive weeks in the Top 10 in November 2020. He has spent a total of 209 weeks as world No. 1. He is currently ranked at No. 5 – and will remain at No. 5 when the updated rankings are published on Monday regardless of the result in today's final.
- Nadal is a **4-time Davis Cup champion**. He made his debut in the competition in 2004 and was part of the Spanish teams which won the title in 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2019 – among active players, he holds the record for most Davis Cup titles, alongside Feliciano Lopez. Spain will host Romania in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.
- Nadal is coached by Carlos Moya, who finished runner-up here in 1997, and Francisco Roig. He added Marc Lopez – with whom he won Olympic doubles gold at Rio 2016 – to his team ahead of the 2022 season.