



2022 ROLAND GARROS MEN'S WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 4 June

NO. 2 SHINGO KUNIEDA (JPN) v NO. 3 GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ (ARG)

Head-to-head: Kunieda leads 26-11

A 38th meeting for Kunieda and Fernandez and their 11th at a Grand Slam. Kunieda leads both the overall head-to-head and the head-to-head at the Grand Slams 7-3. It is their 4th meeting at Roland Garros, with Kunieda leading the head-to-head here 2-1.

Fernandez has won 4 of the pair's last 5 meetings at the Grand Slams. Kunieda's only victory against Fernandez at the Grand Slams in that time came in the final at 2018 Roland Garros.

This is the pair's 2nd meeting in a Roland Garros final and their 5th meeting in a Grand Slam final overall. Kunieda has won 3 of their 4 previous meetings in the title matches at the majors – including when they met in the 2018 Roland Garros final. Kunieda also won in the finals at the Australian Open and the US Open in 2014, but Fernandez won in the final at 2019 Wimbledon.

It is also their 14th meeting in a Tour-level final. Kunieda leads the head-to-head in finals 9-4. It is their 3rd meeting in a final in 2022 – Kunieda won 76(5) 57 75 in the final at the Georgia Open, but Fernandez won 63 57 61 in the final at the Barcelona Open.

Fernandez is bidding to win his 3rd Roland Garros title and equal Alfie Hewett in 2nd place on the list for most men's wheelchair singles titles here. Kunieda is at the top of the list, having won 7 titles here – he has also won the most Roland Garros wheelchair singles titles of any player in any category.

Most Roland Garros men's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Roland Garros singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	7
Alfie Hewett	3
Gustavo Fernandez	2
Stephane Houdet	2
Maikel Scheffers	1

Fernandez is also bidding to win his 6th Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles, ahead of Hewett. Kunieda is at the top of the list and is bidding to win his 27th major singles title.

Most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	26
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Alfie Hewett	5
Stephane Houdet	4
Robin Ammerlaan	3
David Hall	3

Fernandez and Kunieda entered the doubles together here. They defeated Tom Egberink/Joachim Gerard 63 60 in the 1st round on Thursday and No. 2 seeds Stephane Houdet/Nicolas Peifer in the semifinals on Friday – and will play against No. 1 seeds Alfie Hewett/Gordon Reid in the final later today. They have won one Grand Slam doubles title together – at Roland Garros in 2019, when they defeated Houdet/Peifer in the final.

Road to the final

KUNIEDA	Time		Time	FERNANDEZ
bye	---	1st round	---	bye
d. Stephane Houdet 63 62	1:24	Quarterfinals	1:18	d. Martin de la Puente 64 61
d. Tokito Oda 62 61	1:14	Semifinals	1:02	d. No. 1 Alfie Hewett 61 61
total time on court	2:38	(Infosys time)	2:20	total time on court

KUNIEDA

v

FERNANDEZ

38	Age	28
2	Ranking	3
26	Grand Slam Singles Titles	5
115	Singles Titles	59
84-19	Grand Slam Record	40-27
28-8	Roland Garros Record	15-7
677-103	Career Record	500-167
20-3	2022 Record	20-5

- **KUNIEDA** is bidding to win his 8th Roland Garros singles title. He won the title here in 2007-10, 2014-15 and 2018.
- Kunieda is bidding to win his **27th Grand Slam singles title**. He has won 11 singles titles at the Australian Open, 8 singles titles at the US Open and 7 singles titles at Roland Garros.
- Kunieda is bidding to win his 48th Grand Slam title, in singles and doubles, and extend his **record for most total Grand Slam wheelchair titles**. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Esther Vergeer, by winning in singles at the 2020 US Open (d. Alfie Hewett).
- Kunieda is bidding to win his **3rd consecutive Grand Slam singles title**, having won the titles at both the 2021 US Open and at the Australian Open this year, having defeated Hewett in the final at both events. It would be the first time he has won 3 consecutive Grand Slam titles since he won 6 straight major titles in 2014-15.
- Kunieda is through to his **32nd Grand Slam singles final**. In addition to his 24 Grand Slam titles, he has also finished runner-up on 6 occasions – including 3 times at Roland Garros. He lost in the final here in 2012 and 2013, falling to Stephane Houdet both times, and in 2021 (l. Hewett).
- Kunieda is making his **16th appearance at Roland Garros** and his 46th appearance at a Grand Slam overall. He has competed here every year since the wheelchair event began in 2007.
- **Prior to Roland Garros** Kunieda finished runner-up at the Barcelona Open, falling to Fernandez in the title match. It was his only clay court event prior to Roland Garros this year.
- Kunieda is bidding to win his **116th singles title** – and his 4th title of 2022. His 3 previous titles this season have come at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. Gordon Reid), the Australian Open and the Georgia Open (d. Fernandez).
- Kunieda has **won 83 doubles titles** – including 21 Grand Slam doubles titles. He has won 8 doubles titles here – most recently alongside Fernandez in 2019.
- Kunieda reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in October 2006. He dropped to No. 2 for the first time since January 2020 in March this year and plays here at the same ranking.
- Kunieda is a **4-time Paralympic gold medallist**. He won gold in singles at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Tennis Event (d. Robin Ammerlaan), the London 2012 Paralympic Tennis Event (d. Houdet) and the Tokyo

2020 Paralympic Tennis Event (d. Tom Egberink). He also won gold in doubles alongside Satoshi Saida at Athens 2004 and a bronze in doubles alongside Saida at both Beijing 2008 and Rio 2016.

- Kunieda is coached by Tasuku Iwami.
- **FERNANDEZ** is bidding to win his 3rd Roland Garros title. He also won the title here in 2016 and 2019, defeating Gordon Reid in the final on both occasions.
- Fernandez is also bidding to win his **6th Grand Slam singles title** and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles, ahead of Alfie Hewett and behind Kunieda. In addition to his 2 titles here, he has won the Australian Open title on 2 occasions – in 2017 (d. Nicolas Peifer) and 2019 (d. Stefan Olsson) – and the title at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. Kunieda).
- Fernandez is contesting his **12th Grand Slam final** – but his first since he won the title at 2019 Wimbledon. He is contesting the final at Roland Garros for the 5th time – in addition to his titles here in 2016 and 2019, he also finished runner-up in 2017 (l. Hewett) and 2018 (l. Kunieda).
- Fernandez is making his **10th appearance at Roland Garros** and his 32nd appearance at a Grand Slam overall. He has competed here every year since the wheelchair event began in 2007.
- Fernandez's **best results this year** are winning the titles on clay at both the Barcelona Open (d. Kunieda) and the Annecy International Open (d. Peifer). He also reached the finals at Rotterdam (l. Hewett), the Georgia Open (l. Kunieda) and the Cajun Classic (l. Hewett).
- Fernandez is bidding to extend an **11-match winning streak**. He has not lost a singles match since falling to Hewett in the final at the Cajun Classic in March and has won all 9 singles matches he has played on clay this season.
- Fernandez has **won 59 singles titles** – and his 3rd of title of 2022, after his victories at Barcelona and Annecy.
- Fernandez has also **won 23 doubles titles** – including 2 Grand Slam doubles titles, alongside Peifer at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Michael Jeremiasz/Reid) and alongside Kunieda at 2019 Roland Garros this year (d. Stephane Houdet/Peifer).
- Fernandez first reached the **world No. 1 ranking** in July 2017. He has been ranked at No. 3 since November 2021.
- Fernandez has competed at the **Paralympic Tennis Event** on 3 occasions, at London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020. He has reached the quarterfinals of the singles on all 3 occasions, falling to Houdet at London 2012 and to Reid at both Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.
- Fernandez is coached by Fernando San Martin.