



## 2022 WIMBLEDON BOYS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Friday 8 July

No. 3 Mili Poljicak (CRO) v Pedro Rodenas (ESP)  
No. 10 Martin Landaluce (ESP) v Michael Zheng (USA)

### On court today...

- Croatia's Mili Poljicak reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2021 and, having already gone one better this year, he will bid to become the 3rd Croatian junior player to reach a Wimbledon final, after Ivan Ljubicic in 1996 and Mario Ancic in 2000. Standing in his way is one of 2 Spanish players remaining in the draw, Pedro Rodenas. Should Rodenas and compatriot Martin Landaluce, who plays Michael Zheng in today's other semifinal, both win today, it will be the first time that the boys' singles final at Wimbledon has been contested by 2 Spanish players – and just the 2nd time it has happened at a Grand Slam, after the 1993 Roland Garros boys' singles final, when Roberto Carretero defeated Albert Costa.
- Landaluce enters today's last 4 clash with Zheng in peak form, having won 15 consecutive matches and claimed the title at both Grade 1 grass court events prior to Wimbledon, at Nottingham and Roehampton. He has never lost a grass court match at any level – and he has also defeated Zheng in the pair's only previous meeting, at JA Milan earlier this year. Should Zheng upset Landaluce today, he will ensure American representation in the Wimbledon boys' singles final for the 2nd straight year, after Samir Banerjee defeated Victor Lilov in an all-American final in 2021.

## NO. 3 MILI POLJICAK (CRO) v PEDRO RODENAS (ESP)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

#### Road to the Semifinals

POLJICAK	Time		Time	RODENAS
d. Jeremy Jin 64 63	1:06	1st round	1:22	d. Matej Dodig 64 64
d. Jaden Weekes 75 76(4)	1:37	2nd round	1:08	d. No. 2 Jakub Mensik 63 64
d. Sebastian Gorzny 62 75	1:19	3rd round	0:54	d. No. 14 Bor Artnak 61 62
d. No. 6 Killian Feldbausch 16 63 62	1:19	Quarterfinals	1:58	d. Kalin Ivanovski 36 76(5) 64
total time on court	5:21	IBM time	5:22	total time on court

#### Possible final head-to-heads

	Landaluce	Zheng
Poljicak	0-0	0-1
Rodenas	1-0	0-1

POLJICAK	v	RODENAS
17	<b>Age</b>	18
5	<b>ITF Junior Ranking</b>	30
553	<b>ATP Ranking</b>	1073
17-7	<b>Career Grade A Record (Junior)</b>	9-3
7-1	<b>Wimbledon Record (Junior)</b>	4-0
95-46	<b>Career Record (Junior)</b>	80-35
16-3	<b>2022 Record (Junior)</b>	21-7

- **POLJICAK** is bidding to become the 3rd Croatian player, boy or girl, to reach a Wimbledon junior singles final – after 1996 boys' singles runner-up Ivan Ljubicic and 2000 boys' singles runner-up Mario Ancic.
- Poljicak is also bidding to become the **5th Croatian player to reach a Grand Slam boys' singles final** – after Ljubicic (1996 Wimbledon runner-up), Ancic (2000 Australian Open runner-up and 2000 Wimbledon runner-up), Marin Cilic (2005 Roland Garros champion) and Borna Coric (2013 US Open champion).
- Poljicak is bidding to become the **2nd Croatian Grand Slam junior singles champion in 2022** – after Petra Marcinko, who won the girls' singles title at the Australian Open this year.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Poljicak has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier here last year (l. Samir Banerjee).
- Poljicak is making his **6th Grand Slam appearance here**. In Grand Slam play this year, he reached the 3rd round at the Australian Open – where he defeated Artur Kukasian and Matthew William Donald before falling to Ozan Colak – and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Tiago Pires, l. Michael Zheng).
- Poljicak's **best result at junior-level in 2022** is winning the title at J1 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Edas Butvilas). He did not contest any junior events between the Australian Open and Roland Garros.
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Poljicak reached the quarterfinals at J1 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Sebastian Gorzny).
- Poljicak reached his **first ATP Challenger-level final** in May this year – as a wild card at Zagreb (CRO) (l. Filip Misolic). He made his professional debut in March 2020 and has contested 18 events at Challenger-level.
- Poljicak reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 2 in January this year but plays here 3 places lower at No. 5. He also reached a career-high ATP ranking of No. 549 in May this year and is currently ranked 4 places lower at No. 553.
- Poljicak is coached by Josip Dumanic.

- **RODENAS** is bidding to become the 5th Spanish player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final – after 1967 champion Manuel Orantes, 1986 runner-up Javier Sanchez, 2017 champion Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and 2019 runner-up Carlos Gimeno Valero. (NB fellow Spaniard Martin Landaluce is also bidding to reach the boys' singles final here today)
- If Rodenas and Landaluce both reach the final here this year, it will be the **2nd all-Spanish Grand Slam junior singles final in history** – after the 1993 Roland Garros boys' singles final, when Roberto Carretero defeated Albert Costa.
- Rodenas is making his **2nd Grand Slam appearance here**. He made his Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros this year, falling to Ignacio Buse in the 1st round.
- Rodenas' **best result at junior-level in 2022** is reaching the final at JA Offenbach (GER) (l. Jakub Nicod). He also reached the semifinals at both J1 Svyatopetrivske Village (UKR) (l. Danil Panarin) and J1 Vrsar (CRO) (l. Tiago Pires).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Rodenas reached the 2nd round at J1 Roehampton (GBR) (d. Alessio Basile, l. Michael Zheng).
- Rodenas made his **professional debut in March 2020** and has contested 13 events as a professional. His best results this year are reaching the semifinals at M15 Manacor (ESP) (l. Antoine Bellier) and the quarterfinals at M25 Martos (ESP) (l. Alberto Barroso Campos).
- Rodenas reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 in May this year but plays here 5 places lower at No. 30. He is also currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1073.
- Rodenas is coached by Ivan Navarro.

## NO. 10 MARTIN LANDALUCE (ESP) v MICHAEL ZHENG (USA)

### Head-to-head: Landaluce leads 1-0

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A 2nd meeting for Landaluce and Zheng – but their first at a Grand Slam or on grass. Landaluce recovered from a set down to defeat Zheng in their only previous meeting, at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio in Milan earlier this year.

### Road to the Semifinals

LANDALUCE	Time		Time	ZHENG
d. Gerard Campana Lee 62 63	0:45	1st round	1:21	d. (Q) Hayden Jones 63 64
d. (Q) Edward Winter 62 76(8)	1:36	2nd round	1:08	d. Marin Antonio Vergara del Puerto 75 60
d. No. 7 Gilles Arnaud Bailly 76(7) 64	1:28	3rd round	1:49	d. (Q) Aidan Kim 64 36 64
d. Learner Tien 75 63	1:14	Quarterfinals	1:07	d. Coleman Wong 64 63
total time on court	5:03	IBM time	5:25	total time on court

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Poljicak	Rodenas
Landaluce	0-0	0-1
Zheng	1-0	1-0

LANDALUCE	v	ZHENG
16	Age	18
10	ITF Junior Ranking	24
-	ATP Ranking	967
12-3	Career Grade A Record (Junior)	9-5
4-0	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-0
72-23	Career Record (Junior)	36-14
49-6	2022 Record (Junior)	23-6

- **LANDALUCE** is bidding to become the 5th Spanish player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final – after 1967 champion Manuel Orantes, 1986 runner-up Javier Sanchez, 2017 champion Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and 2019 runner-up Carlos Gimeno Valero. (NB fellow Spaniard Pedro Rodenas is also bidding to reach the boys' singles final here today)
- If Landaluce and Rodenas both reach the final here this year, it will be the **2nd all-Spanish Grand Slam junior singles final in history** – after the 1993 Roland Garros boys' singles final, when Roberto Carretero defeated Albert Costa.
- Landaluce is making his **2nd Grand Slam appearance here**. He made his Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros this year, falling to Martyn Pawelski in the 1st round.
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Rodenas won the titles at both J1 Nottingham (GBR) (d. Bor Artnak) and J1 Roehampton (GBR) (d. Alex Michelsen).
- Landaluce is bidding to extend a **15-match winning streak**. He has not lost since falling to Pawelski in the 1st round at Roland Garros. He has never lost a match on grass.
- Landaluce's **other highlights at junior-level in 2022** are winning the title at J1 Plovdiv (BUL) (d. Yanaki Milev) and reaching the semifinals at both JA Offenbach (GER) (l. Rodenas) and JA Milan (ITA) (l. Nishesh Basavareddy).
- Landaluce has **never competed at professional-level**.
- Rodenas plays here at a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 10.
- Rodenas is coached by Oscar Burrieza.

- **ZHENG** is bidding to become the 21st American player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final – and ensure American representation in the final here for the 2nd straight year, after Samir Banerjee defeated Victor Lilov in an all-American final.
- Zheng is bidding to become the **2nd American Grand Slam junior singles finalist in 2022** – after Bruno Kuzuhara, who won the boys' singles title at the Australian Open this year.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Zheng has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros this year, when he defeated Gerard Campana Lee and Mili Poljicak before falling to Martyn Pawelski.
- Zheng is making his **3rd Grand Slam appearance here**. In addition to his 3rd round finish at Roland Garros this year, he also competed as a wild card at the 2021 US Open, falling to Ignacio Buse in the 1st round.
- Zheng's **best result at junior-level in 2022** is winning the title at J1 Barranquilla (COL) (d. Jan Hrazdil). He also reached the semifinals at J1 San Jose (CRC) (l. Cooper Williams) and the quarterfinals at J1 San Diego (USA) (l. Learner Tien).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Zheng reached the 3rd round at J1 Roehampton (GBR), defeating Dino Prizmic and Pedro Rodenas before falling to William Jansen.
- Zheng made his **professional debut in June 2021** and has contested 10 events as a professional. He reached his first professional final in April this year – as a qualifier at M15 Orange Park (USA) (l. Wu Yibing).
- Zheng reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 25 in May this year but plays here 5 places lower at No. 30. He is also currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 967.
- Zheng is coached by Brian Baker, who reached the round of 16 of the men's singles here in 2012.