



2022 WIMBLEDON MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 9 July

NO. 2 NIKOLA MEKTIC/MATE PAVIC (CRO) v NO. 14 MATTHEW EBDEN/MAX PURCELL (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Defending champions Mektic/Pavic will bid to become the first team to retain the Wimbledon men's doubles title since 2008-09, when Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic won back-to-back titles here. Australian Open runners-up Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the first all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde in 2000.

The winner of today's match will become the 7th team in history to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title from match point down. Mektic/Pavic saved one match point during the 5th set of their semifinal match against Juan Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah.

Ebden/Purcell will become the first Wimbledon champions (in any event) to save match points in multiple matches if they win today. The pair saved 3 match points in the 5th set of their 1st round match against Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt and 5 match points during the 3rd set of their semifinal match against Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury.

Wimbledon men's doubles titles won from match-point down (all-time)

Year	Champions	Match points saved	Round (opponents)
1927	Francis Hunter/Bill Tilden	2	Final (d. Jacques Brugnon/Henri Cochet)
1935	Jack Crawford/Adrian Quist	1	Final (d. Wilmer Allison/John van Ryn)
1986	Joakim Nystrom/Mats Wilander	6	Quarterfinals (d. Ken Flach/Robert Seguso)
1989	John Fitzgerald/Anders Jarryd	1	1st round (d. Matt Anger/Marty Davis)
1992	John McEnroe/Michael Stich	2	Final (d. Jim Grabb/Richey Reneberg)
2001	Donald Johnson/Jared Palmer	4	Quarterfinals (d. Joan Balcells/Sjeng Schalken)
2022	Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic??	1	Semifinals (d. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah)
2022	Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell??	3	1st round (d. Andre Goransson/Ben McLachlan)
		5	Semifinals (d. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury)

Ebden/Purcell are also bidding to become the 3rd team in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title having recorded multiple comebacks from 0-2 down – after John Newcombe/Tony Roche, who recorded 2 successful 0-2 comebacks en route to the title at 1974 Wimbledon, and Rick Leach/Jim Pugh, who recorded 2 successful 0-2 comebacks en route to the title at the 1989 Australian Open.

Road to the final

MEKTIC/PAVIC	Time		Time	EBDEN/PURCELL
d. Paire/Ramos-Vinolas 64 61 61	1:09	1st round	3:37	d. Goransson/ McLachlan 67(5) 46 63 64 76(8)
d. Monroe/Paul 62 36 63 62	2:00	2nd round	3:29	d. Vliegen/Withrow 64 67(2) 46 76(3) 64
d. No. 15 Glasspool/Heliovaara 64 76(6) 46 26 63	3:14	3rd round	3:49	d. No. 3 Koolhof/Skupski 75 64 36 46 75
d. No. 11 Krawietz/Mies 64 63 63	1:39	Quarterfinals	1:54	d. No. 7 Peers/Polasek 64 64 62
d. No. 6 Cabal/Farah 67(2) 76(0) 46 62 76(4)	4:22	Semifinals	3:39	d. No. 1 Ram/Salisbury 36 67(1) 76(9) 64 62
total time on court	12:24	IBM time	16:28	total time on court

- **MEKTIC/PAVIC** are bidding to win their 2nd Grand Slam doubles title as a team.
- Pavic is bidding to win his 4th Grand Slam doubles title and extend his **record for most Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by a Croatian player**. Mektic is bidding to win his 2nd Grand Slam doubles title and become the 3rd Croatian man to win multiple Grand Slam doubles titles, after Pavic and Ivan Dodig.

Grand Slam doubles titles won by Croatian men (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Mate Pavic	4?? (2018 Australian Open, 2020 US Open, 2021 Wimbledon, 2022 Wimbledon??)
Ivan Dodig	2 (2015 Roland Garros, 2021 Australian Open)
Nikola Mektic	2?? (2021 Wimbledon, 2022 Wimbledon??)
Niki Pilic*	1 (1970 US Open)

*Pilic represented Yugoslavia but was born in Croatia

- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to become the **first team to successfully defend the Wimbledon men's doubles title since 2008-09**, when Daniel Nestor/Nenad Zimonjic won back-to-back titles here. They would become the first team to successfully defend a men's doubles title at any Grand Slam since Kevin Krawietz/Andreas Mies won back-to-back titles at Roland Garros in 2019-20.
- Last year here, Mektic/Pavic became the **first Croatian players to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title**, defeating Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos 64 76(5) 26 75 in the final.
- Mektic and Pavic are the **only Croatian players to reach the Wimbledon men's doubles final on multiple occasions**. In addition to their victory here last year, Pavic also finished runner-up alongside Austria's Oliver Marach. Three other Croatian players have reached the men's doubles final here – Dodig (who finished runner-up here in 2013), and Boro Jovanovic and Niki Pilic, who finished runners-up here together in 1962.
- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to become the **first Croatian men to win multiple Wimbledon titles**. The only Croatian men to have won titles here are Goran Ivanisevic, who won the men's singles title here in 2001, and Dodig, who won the mixed doubles title here in 2019 alongside Latisha Chan.
- Pavic is a **3-time Grand Slam men's doubles champion**. In addition to his title with Mektic here last year, he also won the titles alongside Marach at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah) and alongside Bruno Soares at the 2020 US Open (d. Wesley Koolhof/Mektic).
- Mektic/Pavic are contesting their **6th Grand Slam event as a team**. They first teamed up at the 2021 Australian Open, where they reached the semifinals (l. Dodig/Filip Polasek).
- Mektic is contesting his **22nd Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Marin Draganja at 2016 Wimbledon. This is his 6th Wimbledon appearance.
- Pavic is contesting his **33rd Grand Slam doubles event with his 7th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Draganja at the 2014 Australian Open and made his Wimbledon debut alongside Andre Sa in 2014. This is his 8th Wimbledon appearance.
- **In Grand Slam play this year**, Mektic/Pavic reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros – where they defeated Andre Goransson/Ben McLachlan and Robin Haase/Raven Klaasen before falling to Rohan Bopanna/Matwe Middelkoop – and reached the 2nd round at the Australian Open (d. Facundo Bagnis/Federico Delbonis, I. Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Mektic/Pavic won the titles at both Queen's (d. Lloyd Glasspool/Harri Heliouvaara) and Eastbourne (d. Middelkoop/Luke Saville). Pavic also won the title at Stuttgart alongside Hubert Hurkacz (d. Tim Puetz/Michael Venus).
- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to extend a **23-match Tour-level winning streak on grass**. The pair have not lost a grass court match since falling to Reilly Opelka/John Peers in the quarterfinals at 2021 Queen's. They have won the title at the last 4 grass court tournaments they have contested – at Eastbourne and Wimbledon last year, and at Queen's and Eastbourne this year.
- Mektic/Pavic's **other highlights in 2022** are winning the titles at Rome-1000 (d. John Isner/Diego Schwartzman) and Geneva (d. Pablo Andujar/Middelkoop), and reaching the finals at Dubai (l. Puetz/Venus) and Belgrade (l. Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar).

- Mektic/Pavic are bidding to win their **14th title as a team**. In addition to their 4 titles this year, they also won a Tour-leading 9 titles as a team in 2021.
- Mektic has won **21 Tour-level doubles titles with 7 different partners**. Prior to teaming up with Pavic, he had won just 8 Tour-level doubles titles.
- Pavic has won **31 Tour-level doubles titles with 8 different partners** – including 6 titles on grass. In addition to his 4 grass court titles alongside Mektic and his title alongside Hurkacz at Stuttgart this year, he also won the title alongside Michael Venus at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Dominic Inglot/Raven Klaasen).
- Mektic and Pavic are both **former world No. 1s in doubles**. Pavic reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time in May 2018 and plays here at No. 3. Mektic reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time in October 2021 and plays here at No. 6.
- Mektic and Pavic are both **Grand Slam mixed doubles champions**. Mektic won the mixed doubles title at the 2020 Australian Open alongside Barbora Krejčíková (d. Jamie Murray/Bethanie Mattek-Sands). Pavic won the mixed doubles alongside Laura Siegemund at the 2016 US Open (d. Ram/Coco Vandeweghe) and alongside Gabriela Dabrowski at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Rohan Bopanna/Timea Babos).
- Pavic entered the **mixed doubles here** with Sania Mirza. As No. 6 seeds, the pair reached the semifinals before falling to No. 2 seeds Neal Skupski/Desirae Krawczyk.
- Mektic/Pavic won the **Olympic gold medal in men's doubles** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event last year. The pair defeated Marin Čilić/Dodig in an all-Croatian final. They were Croatia's first Olympic gold and silver medals in tennis.
- Mektic and Pavic both play **Davis Cup** for Croatia. Mektic made his debut in 2011 and has an 8-3 win-loss record in the competition. Pavic made his debut in 2013 and has a 4-7 win-loss record in the competition. The pair won all 4 matches they contested as Croatia finished as runners-up to Russian Tennis Federation at the 2021 Finals. Pavic was also member of the Croatian team which won the Davis Cup title in 2018 – he and Dodig fell to France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut in the doubles match of the final. Croatia will compete in Bologna alongside Italy, Argentina and Sweden in Group A at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.
- Mektic is coached by Goran Oresic. Pavic is coached by Nadja Pavic.
- **EBDEN/PURCELL** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title in their 4th Grand Slam event as a team.
- Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the **16th all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – and the 2nd this year, after Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios won the title at the Australian Open. They would become the first all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde in 2000.
- Ebden Purcell are bidding to become the **6th all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title in the Open Era**.

Wimbledon men's doubles titles won by all-Australian teams (Open Era)

Team	No. of titles
Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde	6
John Newcombe/Tony Roche*	4
Peter McNamara/Paul McNamee	2
Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell??	1??
Roy Emerson/Rod Laver	1
Ross Case/Geoff Masters	1

*also the Wimbledon men's doubles title prior to Open Era

- Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the **first Australian players to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title since 2005** – when Stephen Huss won the men's doubles title here alongside South Africa's Wesley Moodie. The only Australian player to reach the men's doubles final here since Huss/Moodie's victory in 2005 is John Peers, who finished runner-up alongside Jamie Murray in 2015 (l. Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau).
- Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the **3rd team in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title having recorded multiple comebacks from 0-2 down** – after John Newcombe/Tony Roche, who recorded 2

successful 0-2 comebacks en route to the title at 1974 Wimbledon, and Rick Leach/Jim Pugh, who recorded 2 successful 0-2 comebacks en route to the title at the 1989 Australian Open.

- By reaching the final here, Ebden/Purcell have equalled their **best Grand Slam performance as a team**. They also reached the final at the Australian Open this year, falling to compatriots Kokkinakis/Kyrgios. Purcell also reached the men's doubles final alongside Luke Saville at the 2020 Australian Open (I. Ram/Salisbury).
- By reaching the final here, Ebden and Purcell have both recorded their **best Wimbledon performances**. Ebden's previous best performances here were 2nd round finishes on 4 occasions – including last year alongside John-Patrick Smith (d. Tim Puetz/Michael Venus, I. Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar). Purcell's previous best performance here was reaching the 3rd round alongside Saville last year, when the pair defeated John Peers/Jordan Thompson and Luke Bambridge/Dominic Inglot before falling to Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah.
- Ebden finished as runners-up in the mixed doubles here alongside Sam Stosur, falling to Neal Skupski/Desirae Krawczyk in the final on Thursday. He is the **first player to contest both the Wimbledon men's doubles and mixed doubles finals in the same year since 2006**, when Bob Bryan won the men's doubles title alongside Mike Bryan and finished as runners-up in the mixed doubles alongside Venus Williams.
- Ebden is contesting his **28th Grand Slam doubles event with his 23rd different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Brydan Klein as a wild card at the 2009 Australian Open. This is his 7th Wimbledon appearance.
- Purcell is contesting is **14th Grand Slam doubles event with his 3rd different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Alex de Minaur as a wild card at the 2017 Australian Open. This is his 3rd Wimbledon appearance.
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Ebden/Purcell fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Lorenzo Sonego/Andrea Vavassori).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Ebden/Purcell finished as runners-up at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Wesley Koolhof/Neal Skupski) but fell in the 1st round at Halle (I. Ivan Dodig/Austin Krajicek). Ebden also competed at Mallorca alongside Philipp Oswald, reaching the semifinals (I. Behar/Escobar).
- Ebden/Purcell **won their first Tour-level doubles title** as a team at Houston this year, defeating Ivan Sabanov/Matej Sabanov in the final. It was Purcell's first Tour-level doubles title and Ebden's 5th Tour-level doubles title – but his first since he won the title at 2014 Acapulco alongside Kevin Anderson.
- Ebden's **best Grand Slam singles performance** is reaching the 3rd round at 2018 Wimbledon (I. David Goffin). He has contested the men's singles at the Grand Slams on 22 occasions – but has not played in singles at the Grand Slams since 2019 Wimbledon.
- Purcell made his **Wimbledon singles debut** as a qualifier this year, falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets in the 1st round. He has contested the men's singles at the Grand Slams on 2 other occasions – falling to Jannik Sinner in the 1st round at both the 2020 Australian Open and the 2021 US Open.
- Ebden reached at **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 24 in January this year but plays here at No. 31. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 39 in October 2018 but is currently ranked at No. 444.
- Purcell reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 25 in April this year but plays here at No. 34. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 156 last month but is currently ranked at No. 209.
- Purcell has **represented Australia at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event**. He competed in both singles and doubles, reaching the 2nd round of the singles (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, I. Dominik Koepfer) but falling in the 1st round of the doubles alongside John Peers (I. Austin Krajicek/Tennys Sandgren).
- Ebden has **played Davis Cup for Australia**. He made his debut in the competition in 2012 and has played in 5 ties. He has a 5-1 Davis Cup win-loss record.
- Purcell is coached by Nathan Healey. Ebden is currently without a permanent coach.