

2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN



Junior Tournament Preview

In 1922, the first boys' singles event was held at the Australian Championships, with Alan Yeldham winning the title. The first girls' singles event was held 8 years later in 1930, with Emily Hood winning the tournament. This is the 96th edition of the boys' singles tournament and the 88th edition of the girls' singles tournament here.

The Australian Championships (which became the Australian Open in 1969) was the first of the 4 Grand Slam tournaments to host a junior event – ahead of Roland Garros and Wimbledon, both of which hosted a junior event for the first time in 1947, and the US Open, which hosted its inaugural junior event in 1973.

The 2023 Australian Open is the 111th edition of the event overall and is being played at Melbourne Park for the 36th time, having first been played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

2022 – THE JUNIOR TOUR IN REVIEW

All 4 Grand Slam tournaments held junior events for the first time since 2019 during the 2022 season, as the tour began to return to normal following severe disruption caused by the pandemic in 2020-21. At the 2022 Australian Open, Petra Marcinko defeated Sofia Costoulas to win the girls' singles title, becoming the 4th Croatian player to win a junior title here and the first since Ana Konjuh in 2013. In the boys' draw, USA's Bruno Kuzuhara overcame Jakub Mensik in the singles final and also partnered Coleman Wong to win the boys' doubles title.

Elsewhere in Grand Slam girls' singles events, Czech Republic's Lucie Havlickova won the title at Roland Garros, USA's Liv Hovde triumphed at Wimbledon and Alex Eala became the first Filipino player to win a Grand Slam singles event (men or women, boys or girls) at the US Open. All 4 girls' singles Grand Slam champions from last season are currently focussing on their professional careers.

In boys' singles events, France's Gabriel Debru ensured a home champion at Roland Garros for the 2nd straight year, Croatia's Mili Poljicak was victorious at Wimbledon and Spain's Martin Landaluce won the title at the US Open. Kuzuhara and Poljicak are no longer eligible to compete as juniors, while Debru and Landaluce are currently focussing on their professional careers.

NEW GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS GUARANTEED

With no junior Grand Slam champions in either the boys' or girls' singles draw, new junior Grand Slam singles champions are guaranteed at this year's event.

Three players competing here have experience of a Grand Slam final in either singles or doubles – Luca Udvardy, who finished runner-up in the girls' singles at Wimbledon last year, and the German pair of Carolina Kuhl and Ella Seidel, who were girls' doubles finalists at the US Open.

AT THE DOUBLE

Kuzuhara became the first player to win both boys' singles and boys' doubles titles at the Australian Open since 2011, when Jiri Vesely who won the singles title and partnered Filip Horansky to the doubles title. The last player to win both junior singles and doubles titles at the Australian Open in the same year was Chinese Taipei's Liang En-Shuo, who won the girls' singles title and girls' doubles title (alongside Wang Xinyu) in 2018.

HOME CHAMPIONS

In 2016, Oliver Anderson became the 5th Australian player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title in the last decade – following Brydan Klein (2007), Bernard Tomic (2008), Luke Saville (2012) and Nick Kyrgios (2013).

The Australian Open has seen the longest wait for a home player to win the girls' singles title of the 4 Grand Slams – Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995) is the last Australian player to have won the girls' tournament here.

Grand Slam	Most-recent home boys' singles champion	Most-recent home girls' singles champion
Australian Open	Oliver Anderson (2016)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (1995)
Roland Garros	Gabriel Debru (2022)	Elsa Jacquemot (2020)
Wimbledon	Stanley Matthews (1962)	Laura Robson (2008)
US Open	Taylor Fritz (2015)	Amanda Anisimova (2017)

2022 CHAMPIONS CONTINUE PROGRESS TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL TOUR

The 2022 Australian Open junior champions, Marcinko and Kuzuhara, have both enjoyed success at professional level since winning the boys' and girls' titles here last year. Both competed in men's and women's qualifying here this year – Marcinko reached the 2nd round of qualifying, defeating Mona Barthel before falling to CoCo Vandeweghe. Kuzuhara competed as a wild card in qualifying but fell to No. 9 seed Michael Mmoh in the 1st round.

Marcinko won back-to-back titles at W25 events in Antalya (TUR) in March last year before winning her biggest title to date at W80 Poitiers (FRA) in October. She also made her WTA Tour debut as a wild card at Rabat, reaching the 2nd round, and represented Croatia in the Billie Jean King Cup, winning 5 of the 6 matches she contested in the competition in 2022. She ended the year inside the world's Top 200.

Kuzuhara competed in qualifying at 5 Tour-level events, reaching the 2nd round of men's singles qualifying at the US Open last year after defeating Ramkumar Ramanathan, and reached his first professional finals at a pair of M15 events in Antalya (TUR) in October-November.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

The youngest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are India's Manas Dhamne (15 years 30 days) and Australia's Emerson Jones (14 years 205 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

The oldest players in the boys' singles and girls' singles tournaments here this year are France's Arthur Gea (18 years 26 days) and New Zealand's Vivian Yang (18 years 17 days), respectively. (NB ages calculated on the last day of the tournament)

In the boys' draw there are 3 fifteen-year-olds, 18 sixteen-year-olds, 36 seventeen-year-olds and 7 eighteen-year-olds. In the girls' draw there is one fourteen-year-old, 10 fifteen-year-olds, 17 sixteen-year-olds, 30 seventeen-year-olds and 6 eighteen-year-olds.

WILD CARDS

Australian players received 6 of the 8 available wild cards in the boys' singles draw: Thomas Nicholas Gadecki, Pavle Marinkov, Marcus Schoeman, Zachary Viiala, Hugh Winter and Jeremy Zhang. The other 2 wild cards went to Brazi's Nicolas Oliveira and Japan's Yuta Tomida.

Home players also received 6 of the 8 wild card entries in the girls' singles draw: Lily Fairclough, Gabby Gregg, Zara Larke, Anja Nayar, Alana Subasic and Stefani Webb. The other 2 wild cards went to Brazil's Carolina Xavier Laydner and Japan's Shiho Tsujioka.

GRAND SLAM PREPARATION

Prior to the Australian Open, the majority of the field competed at J300 Traralgon. Federico Cina defeated Kyle Kang in the boys' singles final, while Melisa Ercan overcame Mirra Andreeva in the girls' singles final.

The last player to win the singles titles at both J1 Traralgon and the Australian Open was Clara Tauson in 2019. Alexander Zverev was the last boy to achieve the feat, winning both titles in 2014.

FUTURE GREATNESS

11 men and 8 women have won both the junior title and the men's or women's singles titles at the Australian Open – most recently Stefan Edberg, who won the boys' title in 1983 and went on to win the men's title here in 1985 and 1887, and Victoria Azarenka, who won the girls' title in 2005 and won the women's singles title here in 2012 and 2013.

Australian Open boys' singles champions to win men's singles title

Player	Junior champion	Men's champion
Jack Crawford	1926-29	1931-33, 1935
Vivian McGrath	1932	1937
Adrian Quist	1933	1936, 1940, 1948
John Bromwich	1935-37	1939, 1946
Dinny Pails	1940	1947
Frank Sedgman	1946	1949-50
Ken McGregor	1948	1952
Ken Rosewall	1950, 1952	1953, 1955, 1971-72
Lew Hoad	1951	1956
Rod Laver	1957	1960, 1962, 1969
John Newcombe	1961-63	1973, 1975
Stefan Edberg	1983	1985, 1987

Two other Australian Open boys' singles champions have gone on to win Grand Slam men's singles titles: 1964 champion Tony Roche (1966 Roland Garros) and 2000 champion Andy Roddick (2003 US Open).

Australian Open girls' singles champions to win women's singles title

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Player	Junior champion	Women's champion		
Emily Hood Westacott	1930	1939		
Joan Hartigan	1931	1933-34, 1936		
Thelma Coyne Long	1935-36	1952-54		
Beryl Penrose	1948	1955		
Mary Carter Reitano	1951-52	1956, 1959		
Kerry Melville Reid	1965	1977 (Jan)		
Evonne Goolagong Cawley	1970	1974-76, 1977 (Dec)		
Chris O'Neill	1973	1978		
Victoria Azarenka	2005	2012-13		

Two other Australian Open girls' singles champions have gone on to win other Grand Slam women's singles titles: 1960 champion Lesley Turner Bowrey (1963, 1965 Roland Garros) and 1975 champion Sue Barker (1976 Roland Garros).

A total of 9 former junior singles champions competed in the men's and women's singles main draws at the Australian Open this year: 4 former Australian Open boys' singles champions (Sebastian Korda, Lorenzo Musetti, Roman Safiullin and Alexander Zverev) and 5 former girls' singles champions (Victoria Azarenka, Marta Kostyuk, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Karolina Pliskova and Taylor Townsend).

In total, 24 former Grand Slam boys' singles champions began the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year, while 19 former Grand Slam girls' singles champions began the women's main draw here.

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 36 nations are represented in the junior singles draws at the 2023 Australian Open, with Australia having the most players competing in both the boys' singles and girls' singles draws here. (NB 7 players are competing without a nationality at this year's event)

Nation	Boys' singles	Girls' singles	Total
Australia	9	8	17
USA	6	7	13
Japan	5	7	12
Italy	4	3	7
Czech Republic	4	2	6
Bulgaria	2	3	5
Germany	1	3	4
India	3	1	4
Poland	2	2	4
Slovakia		4	4
Brazil	2	1	3
Canada	1	2	3
France	2	1	3
Korea, Rep.	2	1	3
Romania	1	2	3
Serbia	2	1	3
Belgium	2		2
China, P.R.	2		2
Great Britain		2	2
Slovenia	1	1	2
Swden	2		2
Switzerland	2		2
Turkey	1	1	2
Argentina		1	1
Austria	1		1
Chinese Taipei		1	1
Croatia	1		1
Denmark		1	1
Ecuador		1	1
Estonia	1		1
Hungary		1	1
Morocco		1	1
Netherlands	1		1
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New Zealand		1	1
Ukraine	1		1
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOUR ROLL

There have been 83 Australian Open boys' singles champions since the competition was first held in 1922, with 8 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions. There have been 71 girls' singles champions here, with 13 players winning the tournament on multiple occasions.

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Year	Boys' singles champion	Girls' singles champion
1922	Alan Yeldham (AUS)	not played
1923	Leonard Cryle (AUS)	not played
1924	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1925	Alan Coldham (AUS)	not played
1926	Jack Crawford (AUS)	
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1927	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1928	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1929	Jack Crawford (AUS)	not played
1930	Don Turnbull (AUS)	Emily Hood (AUS)
1931	Bruce Moore (AUS)	Joan Hartigan (AUS)
1932	Vivian McGrath (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1933	Adrian Quist (AUS)	Nancy Lewis (AUS)
1934	Neil Ennis (AÙS)	May Blick (AUS)
1935	John Bromwich (AUS)	Thelma Coyne (AUS)
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1937	John Bromwich (AUS)	Margaret Wilson (AUS)
1938	Max Newcombe (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1939	William Sidwell (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1940	Dinny Pails (AUS)	Joyce Wood (AUS)
1941-45	not played	not played
1946	Frank Sedgman (AUS)	S. Grant (AUS)
1947	Don Candy (AUS)	Joan Tuckfield (AUS)
1948	Ken McGregor (AUS)	Beryl Penrose (AUS)
1949	Clive Wilderspin (AUS)	Joan Warnock (AUS)
1950	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Barbara McIntyre (AUS)
1951	Lew Hoad (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1952	Ken Rosewall (AUS)	Mary Carter (AUS)
1953	William Gilmour (AUS)	Jenny Staley (AUS)
1954	Willian Knight (GBR)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1955	Gerry Moss (USA)	Elizabeth Orton (AUS)
1956	Bob Mark (AUS)	Lorraine Coghlan (AUS)
1957	Rod Laver (AUS)	Margot Rayson (AUS)
1958	Martin Mulligan (AUS)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1959	Butch Buchholz (USA)	Jan Lehane (AUS)
1960	Will Coghlan (AUS)	Lesley Turner (AUS)
1961	John Newcombe (AUS)	Robyn Ebbern (AUS)
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1964	Tony Roche (AUS)	Kaye Dening (AUS)
1965	Georges Goven (FRA)	Kerry Melville (AUS)
1966	Karl Coombes (AUS)	Karen Krantzcke (AUS)
1967	Brian Fairlie (NZL)	Lexie Kenny (AUS)
1968	Phil Dent (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1969	Allan McDonald (AUS)	Lesley Hunt (AUS)
1970	John Alexander (AUS)	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)
1971	Cliff Letcher (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1972	Paul Kronk (AUS)	Pat Coleman (AUS)
1973	Paul McNamee (AUS)	Chris O'Neill (AUS)
1974	Harry Brittain (AUS)	Jennifer Walker (AUS)
1975	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Sue Barker (GBR)
1976	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Sue Saliba (AUS)
1977 Jan	Brad Drewett (AUS)	Pamela Bailey (AUS)
1977 Dec	Ray Kelly (AUS)	Amanda Tobin (AUS)
1978	Pat Serrett (AUS)	Elizabeth Little (AUS)
1979	Greg Whitecross (AUS)	Anne Minter (AÙS)
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1981	Jorgen Windahl (SWE)	Anne Minter (AUS)
1982	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1983	Stefan Edberg (SWE)	Amanda Brown (GBR)
1984	Mark Kratzmann (AUS)	Annabel Croft (GBR)
1985	Shane Barr (AUS)	Jenny Byrne (AUS)
1986	not played `	not played
1987	Jason Stoltenberg (AUS)	Michelle Jaggard (AUS)
1988	Jason Anderson (AUS)	Jo-Anne Faull (AUS)
1989	Nicklas Kulti (SWE)	Kim Kessaris (ÙSA)
1990	Dirk Dier (GER)	Magdalena Maleeva (BUL)
1991	Thomas Enqvist (SWE)	Nicole Pratt (AUS)
1992	Grant Doyle (AUS)	Joanne Limmer (AUS)
1993	James Baily (GBR)	Heike Rusch (GER)
1994	Ben Ellwood (AUS)	Trudi Musgrave (AUS)
1995	Nicolas Kiefer (GER)	Siobhan Drake-Brockman (AUS)
1996	Bjorn Rehnqvist (SWE)	Magdalena Grzybowska (POL)
1997	Daniel Elsner (GER)	Mirjana Lucic (CRO)
1998	Julien Jeanpierre (FRA)	Jelena Kostanic (CRO)
1999	Kristian Pless (DEN)	Virginie Razzano (FRA)
2000	Andy Roddick (USA)	Aniko Kapros (HUN)
2001	Janko Tipsarevic (YUG)	Jelena Jankovic (YUG)
2002	Clement Morel (FRA)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2002	Marcos Baghdatis (CYP)	Barbora Strycova (CZE)
2004	Gaël Monfils (FRA)	Shahar Peer (ISR)
2005	Donald Young (USA)	Viktoria Azarenka (BLR)
2006	Alexandre Sidorenko (FRA)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2007	Brydan Klein (AUS)	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)
2008	Bernard Tomic (AUS)	Arantxa Rus (NED)
2009	Yuki Bhambri (IND)	Ksenia Pervak (RUS)
2010	Tiago Fernandes (BRA)	Karolina Pliskova (CZE)
2011	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)
2012	Luke Saville (AUS)	Taylor Townsend (USA)
2013	Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	Ana Konjuh (CRO)
2014	Alexander Zverev (GER)	Elizaveta Kulichkova (RUS)
2015	Roman Safiullin (RUS)	Tereza Mihalikova (SVK)
2016	Oliver Anderson (AUS)	Vera Lapko (BLR)
2017	Zsombor Piros (HUN)	Marta Kostyuk (UKR)
2018	Sebastian Korda (USA)	Liang En-Shuo (TPE)
2019	Lorenzo Musetti (ITA)	Clara Tauson (DEN)
2020	Harold Mayot (FRA)	Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (AND)
2021	not played	not played
2022	Bruno Kuzuhara (USA)	Petra Marcinko (CRO)
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The junior honour rolls for Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open – along with other junior information, including boys' and girls' singles alpha lists – can be found on the <u>Grand Slam information page</u> on the ITF website.

For information regarding specific players, use the <u>player search function</u> on the ITF website.