



2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN BOYS' SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 28 January

NO. 3 ALEXANDER BLOCKX (BEL) v LEARNER TIEN (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Blockx and Tien also contested the boys' doubles final here this year. No. 7 seeds Tien and Cooper Williams defeated No. 1 seeds Blockx and Joao Fonseca 64 64 in the title match on Friday.

Tien is bidding to become the 29th player in history to win the Australian Open boys' singles and boys' doubles titles in the same year – and just the 3rd in the last 20 years, after Jiri Vesely (2011) and Bruno Kuzuhara (2022).

Road to the final

BLOCKX	Time		Time	TIEN
d. Federico Bondioli 60 63	1:07	1st round	0:58	d. No. 7 Hayato Matsuoka 60 63
d. Atakan Karahan 64 64	1:10	2nd round	1:36	d. Federico Cina 26 62 64
d. No. 15 Adriano Dzhenev 62 62	1:07	3rd round	0:49	d. Jakub Filip 60 62
d. No. 10 Joao Fonseca 67(7) 76(5) 63	2:11	Quarterfinals Semifinals	0:40	d. No. 2 Iliyan Radulov 60 60
total time on court	5:35	(Infosys time)	7:29	total time on court

BLOCKX	v	ZHOU
17	Age	17
10	ITF Junior Ranking	27
1306	ATP Ranking	770
11-3	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	702
5-0	Australian Open Record (Junior)	5-0
72-35	Career Record (Junior)	36-13
6-1	2023 Record (Junior)	9-1

- **BLOCKX** is bidding to become the first Belgian player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title and the 2nd Belgian player to win an Australian Open junior singles title, after 2011 girls' singles champion An-Sophie Mestach.
- Blockx is bidding to become the **3rd Belgian player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title** – after Jacques Brichant (1947 Roland Garros champion) and Kimmer Coppejans (2012 Roland Garros champion).
- By reaching the final here, Blockx has become the **first Belgian player to reach the Australian Open boys' singles final**. He is the 3rd Belgian player to reach a junior singles final here – after 2011 girls' singles champion Mestach and 2022 girls' singles runner-up Sofia Costoulas.

- By reaching the final here, Blockx has become the **6th Belgian player to reach a Grand Slam boys' singles final** – after Brichant (1947 Roland Garros champion, 1948 Roland Garros runner-up), Gino Mezzi (1951 Roland Garros runner-up), F. Andries (1953 Roland Garros runner-up), Coppejans (2012 Roland Garros champion) and Gilles Arnaud Bailly (2022 Roland Garros runner-up, 2022 US Open runner-up).
- By reaching the final here, Blockx has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the 2022 US Open (l. Martin Landaluce).
- Blockx is making his **4th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to his quarterfinal finish at the US Open last year, he reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (l. Dino Prizmic) and the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Killian Feldbausch).
- Blockx's **best junior result in 2022** was winning the title at J1 Repentigny (CAN) (d. Mihai Alexandru Coman). He also finished runner-up at J1 Villena (ESP) (l. Bailly).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Blockx reached the 2nd round at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Manas Dhamne, l. Kyle Kang).
- Blockx **made his professional debut in August 2021** and has contested 8 events as a professional. He has recorded a total of 4 professional match-wins to date.
- Blockx reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 10 earlier this month and plays here at the same ranking. He is also currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1306.
- Blockx is coached by Tom Devries.
- Lefthander **TIEN** is bidding to become the 7th American player to win the Australian Open boys' singles title – after Gerry Moss (1955), Butch Buchholz (1959), Andy Roddick (2000), Donald Young (2005), Sebastian Korda (2018) and Bruno Kuzuhara (2022).
- By reaching the final here, Tien has become the **12th American player to reach the Australian Open boys' singles final** – and the 5th in the last decade, after Stefan Kozlov (2014), Korda (2018), Emilio Nava (2019) and Kuzuhara (2022).
- By reaching the final here, Tien has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Martin Landaluce).
- Tien is making his **3rd junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to his quarterfinal finish at Wimbledon last year, he also fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Lautaro Midon).
- Tien's **best junior results in 2022** were winning the titles at J1 San Diego (USA) (d. Kyle Kang) and at the USTA Boys National Championships (d. Ethan Quinn). His title-victory at the USTA Boys National Championships earned him a wild card for the US Open men's singles draw. He also reached the quarterfinals at JA Milan (ITA) (l. Daniel Vallejo).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Tien reached the semifinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Kang).
- Tien made his **Grand Slam men's singles debut** as a wild card at the 2022 US Open, falling to No. 32 seed Miomir Kecmanovic in 4 sets in the 1st round.
- Tien made his **professional debut in April 2022** and has contested 12 events as a professional. His best results are reaching the final at 2022 M15 Fayetteville (USA) (l. Toby Samuel) and the semifinals at 2023 M25 Malibu (USA) (l. Arthur Fery).
- Tien reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 27 earlier this month and plays here at the same ranking. He is also currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 770.
- Tien is coached by Eric Diaz and Khuong Tien.