



2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUAD WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 28 January

NO. 1 NIELS VINK (NED) v NO. 2 SAM SCHRODER (NED)

Head-to-head: Vink leads 13-8

An 22nd meeting for Vink and Schroder and their 5th at a Grand Slam. Vink leads the overall head-to-head (13-8) and the head-to-head at the Grand Slams (3-1). This is the pair's 4th consecutive meeting in the final at the Grand Slams. Vink defeated Schroder in the final at Roland Garros and the US Open last year, but Schroder won when the pair met in the final at Wimbledon.

This is the pair's 17th meeting in the final of a tournament. Vink leads their head-to-head in finals 10-6 and also won their only meeting so far in 2023 – in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week, when he recorded a 46 64 62 victory.

Schroder is bidding to defend his title here and become the 11th player (across all divisions) to win multiple Australian Open wheelchair singles titles. Vink is bidding to become the 21st player to win an Australian Open singles title. (NB the winner of the men's wheelchair singles final between Alfie Hewett and Tokito Oda, which will be played after the quad wheelchair singles final, will win his first Australian Open singles title today).

Schroder is bidding to win his 4th Grand Slam title and close the gap on Peter Norfolk and David Wagner in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles, Vink is bidding to win his 3rd Grand Slam title and equal Schroder in 4th place on the list.

Most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Dylan Alcott	15
Peter Norfolk	6
David Wagner	6
Sam Schroder	3
Andy Lapthorne	2
Niels Vink	2

Vink and Schroder won their 5th Grand Slam doubles title together on Friday, completing the career Grand Slam together in quad wheelchair doubles. The pair defeated Donald Ramphadi/Ymanitu Silva 61 63 in the final. They won their first Grand Slam doubles title together at the 2021 US Open and also won the titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open last year. Schroder has won one other Grand Slam doubles title, alongside Wagner at 2020 Roland Garros.

Road to the final

VINK	Time		Time	SCHRODER
d. Ymanitu Silva 61 60	1:07	1st round	0:53	d. Heath Davidson 61 62
d. Donald Ramphadi 63 60	0:41	Semifinals	0:55	d. David Wagner 60 63
total time on court	1:48	(Infosys time)	1:48	total time on court

VINK	v	SCHRODER
20	Age	23
1	Ranking	2
2	Grand Slam Singles Titles	3
30	Singles Titles	27
13-4	Grand Slam Record	20-8
3-2	Australian Open Record	7-1
176-43	Career Record	215-75
5-0	2023 Record	4-1

- **VINK** is bidding to win his first Australian Open title.
- Vink is bidding to win his **3rd Grand Slam title**. He won his first 2 Grand Slam titles at Roland Garros and the US Open last year, defeating Schroder in the final at both events.
- Vink is one of **3 Dutchmen to have won a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title** – alongside Robin Ammerlaan, who won 3 Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles, and Schroder, who has won 3 Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles. (NB 6 Dutchwomen have won Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles)
- Vink is contesting his **5th Grand Slam final**. In addition to his title-victories at Roland Garros and the US Open last year, he also reached the finals at the 2021 US Open (l. Dylan Alcott) and Wimbledon last year (l. Schroder)
- Vink is making his **3rd Australian Open appearance** and his 7th Grand Slam appearance overall. He lost to Alcott on his 2 previous appearances here – in the semifinals in 2021 and in the 1st round this year.
- Vink's **other highlights in 2022** were winning the titles at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Schroder), the Georgia Open (d. Schroder), the Cajun Classic (d. Schroder), Barcelona (d. Kim Kyu-Seung) and the Sardinia Open (d. Robert Shaw). He also finished runner-up at the Wheelchair Singles Masters (l. Schroder).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Vink won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, defeating Schroder in the final.
- Vink has **won 30 singles titles**. His tally of 7 professional titles in 2022 was the highest number of professional titles he has won during a season.
- Vink has also **won 31 doubles titles** – including 5 Grand Slam doubles titles, all of which have come alongside Schroder. The pair completed the career Grand Slam in quad wheelchair doubles on Friday, defeating Donald Ramphadi/Ymanitu Silva in the final here. They also won the title together at the 2021 US Open, and at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open last year.
- Vink won the **bronze medal in quad singles at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event**. He fell to Alcott in the semifinals before defeating Koji Sugeno in the bronze medal match. He and Schroder won the gold medal in the quad doubles event, defeating Alcott/Davidson in the final.
- Vink reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in March this year and has held the No. 1 ranking since then.
- Vink is coached by Hans-Jurgen Striek.
- **SCHRODER** is bidding to win his 2nd Australian Open title. He became the first Dutch player to win the quad wheelchair singles title here last year, defeating Dylan Alcott in the final.
- Schroder is bidding to win his **4th Grand Slam title**. In addition to his title victory here last year, he also won the title on his Grand Slam debut at the 2020 US Open (d. Alcott) and won his 3rd Grand Slam title at Wimbledon last year (d. Vink).
- Schroder is contesting his **9th Grand Slam final**. In addition to his 3 title victories, he also reached 3 Grand Slam finals in 2021 – falling to Alcott at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon – and 2 further finals in 2022 – falling to Vink at Roland Garros and the US Open.

- Schroder is making his **3rd Australian Open appearance** and his 11th Grand Slam appearance overall. His only defeat here came against Alcott in the 2021 final.
- Schroder's **other highlights in 2022** were winning the title at the French Riviera Open, where he received a walkover against Vink in the final, the Busan Open (d. Kim Kyu-Seung), the Daegu Open (d. Koji Sugeno) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (d. Vink). He finished runner-up to Vink at a total of 6 events last season.
- **Prior to the Australian Open** Schroder finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, falling to Vink in the final.
- Schroder has **won 27 singles titles**. His tally of 7 professional titles in 2022 was the highest number of professional titles he has won during a season.
- Schroder has also **won 32 doubles titles** – including 6 Grand Slam doubles titles. He and Vink won their first Australian Open doubles title on Friday, completing the career Grand Slam in quad wheelchair doubles together by defeating Donald Ramphadi/Ymanitu Silva in the final. They also won the title together at the 2021 US Open, and at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open last year. Schroder also won the doubles title alongside David Wagner at 2020 Roland Garros.
- Schroder won the **silver medal in quad singles at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event** – marking the best result for a Dutch quad singles player in Paralympic history. He fell to Alcott in straight sets in the final. He and Vink won the gold medal in the quad doubles event, defeating Alcott/Heath Davidson in the final.
- Schroder reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in July 2021 and has remained as world No. 2 since then.
- Schroder is coached by Joop Broens.