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On court today...

- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner begins his title defence in the 2nd match on Rod Laver Arena on Monday. He takes on Chile's Nicolas Jarry for the 3rd time, but the first time at a Grand Slam. Sinner is looking to begin his 2025 season by extending a 15-match winning streak, having not lost a match since falling to Carlos Alcaraz in the final at Beijing in October. He has won his last 13 matches in straight sets. Sinner won his last meeting with Jarry, recovering from a set down in the 1st round at Beijing in his first match since winning his 2nd Grand Slam title at the US Open in September.
- No. 7 seed and 10-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic also gets his Australian Open campaign underway on Monday as he opens the night session on RLA. He faces 19-year-old wild card Nishesh Basavareddy from the USA, who comes into the Australian Open fresh off reaching his first Tour-level semifinal at Auckland last week. Djokovic has won 15 of his 16 previous meetings with wild cards at the Grand Slams, with his only defeat coming against Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017. While Djokovic seeks a record-extending 378th Grand Slam match-win, Basavareddy is making his Grand Slam debut tonight.
- No. 3 seed Carlos Alcaraz plays his first match of the 2025 season in the opening match of the night session on Margaret Court Arena as he faces world No. 77 Alexander Shevchenko. Alcaraz is seeking a 5th Grand Slam title, and should he claim the trophy here would become the youngest player in history to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles aged just 21, overtaking Don Budge who completed the career Grand Slam by winning the 1938 French Championships aged 22.
- Last up on John Cain Arena, Nick Kyrgios returns to his home Slam for the first time since 2022, taking on Great Britain's Jacob Fearnley for a place in the 2nd round. Having been sidelined with knee, foot and wrist injuries, Kyrgios contested just one event across the 2023 and 2024 seasons, his only appearance in that time coming at 2023 Stuttgart, where he fell to Wu Yibing in the 1st round. Kyrgios is making his first appearance here since winning the men's doubles title in 2022 alongside Thanasi Kokkinakis, and for the first time since reaching his first Grand Slam singles final at 2022 Wimbledon, while Fearnley is making his Australian Open debut.

NO. 1 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v NICOLAS JARRY (CHI)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2019	's-Hertogenbosch	Grass (O)	R32	Jarry	76(4) 63
2024	Beijing	Hard (O)	R32	Sinner	46 63 61

A 3rd meeting for Sinner and Jarry, their 2nd on a hard court and their first at a Grand Slam. Jarry won the pair's first meeting in 2019, but Sinner won their most-recent clash, coming from a set down to win their 1st round match at Beijing last year.

SINNER	v	JARRY
23	Age	29
1	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	35
19	Titles	3
61-18	Career Grand Slam Record	10-19
15-4	Australian Open Record	1-4
263-80	Career Record	116-112
179-49	Career Record - Hard	39-53
0-0	2025 Record	2-1
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	2-1
6-9	Career Five-Set Record	0-5
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
87-54	Career Tiebreak Record	77-72
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- Defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions** – including once at the Australian Open, in 2021, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in 5 sets. He also lost in the 1st round as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at the 2019 US Open (l. Stan Wawrinka) and at the 2020 US Open (l. Karen Khachanov) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics).
- Last year here, Sinner won his **first Grand Slam title** in his first Grand Slam final, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets. At 22 years 165 days, he became the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Novak Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. He is the only Italian player in history, man or woman, to have reached an Australian Open singles final.
- Sinner is a **2-time Grand Slam champion**. In addition to his title here last year, he also won the title at the 2024 US Open (d. Taylor Fritz). He became the first player to win his first two men's singles Grand Slam titles in the same season since Guillermo Vilas won the titles at both Roland Garros and the US Open in 1977. He has reached at least the semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments and is the only Italian man to have achieved the feat.
- Sinner is bidding to become the **first Italian player to win 3 Grand Slam singles titles**. By winning his first 2 Grand Slam titles last season, he became the 2nd Italian player, man or woman, to win multiple Grand Slam titles – after Nicola Pietrangeli, who won the men's singles title at Roland Garros in 1959 and 1960.
- Sinner is bidding to become **the 5th player in the Open Era to win 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam men's singles titles** – after Roger Federer (who won 5 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2005-07), Djokovic (who won 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2011-12 and 2015-16), and Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe, who won 3 consecutive US Open titles in 1985-87 and 1979-81 respectively.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Sinner reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Medvedev).
- Sinner won 8 titles in 2024, becoming the **first player to win 8 or more men's singles titles** in a season since Andy Murray in 2016. In addition to his titles at the Australian Open and US Open, he also won the titles at Rotterdam (d. Alex de Minaur), Miami-1000 (d. Dimitrov), Halle (d. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Frances Tiafoe), Shanghai-1000 (d. Djokovic) and the ATP Finals (d. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals or better at all 15 tournaments he contested in 2024.
- Sinner **won 73 of the 79 matches he contested in 2024**. In addition to his defeats at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, he also reached the final at Beijing (l. Alcaraz), the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz) and

Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000, where he gave a walkover to Felix Auger-Aliassime due to a right hip injury, and Montreal-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev). He withdrew from the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event due to tonsillitis.

- Sinner is bidding to record his **15th consecutive Tour-level match-win** and equal his 2nd-longest Tour-level winning streak. He has not lost a match since falling to Alcaraz in the final at Beijing last year. He recorded a 19-match winning streak from the 2023 Davis Cup Final 8 through the quarterfinals at 2024 Indian Wells-1000 and a 15-match winning streak from 2024 Cincinnati-1000 through the semifinals at Beijing. He is contesting his first match of the 2025 season today.
- Sinner has **won his last 13 matches in straight sets**, having not dropped a set since his 3-set victory against Tomas Martin Etcheverry in the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 last year.
- Sinner has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. Both of his victories in 5-set matches here were comebacks from 0-2 down, his only successful comebacks from 0-2 down in his career to date – against Fucsovics in the 3rd round in 2023 and Medvedev in the final last year. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sinner became **world No. 1** for the first time following Roland Garros last year and has remained there since then. He began his 31st week as world No. 1 today. He will remain world No. 1 following the Australian Open regardless of results at the tournament.
- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys' singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).
- Sinner **led Italy to their 3rd Davis Cup title in 2024**, successfully defending their title from 2023. He won all 4 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 15-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Italy have received a wild card to the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in Bologna in November.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- **JARRY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.
- Jarry is bidding to end a **5-match Grand Slam losing streak**. He lost in the 1st round at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments in 2024 – falling to Flavio Cobolli at the Australian Open, Corentin Moutet at Roland Garros, Denis Shapovalov at Wimbledon and Christopher O'Connell at the US Open. His most-recent Grand Slam match-wins came in a 3rd round finish at the 2023 US Open, where he defeated Luca van Assche and Alex Michelsen before falling to Alex de Minaur.
- Jarry's **best Australian Open result** is a 2nd round finish as a qualifier in 2023 (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Ben Shelton). He has lost in the 1st round on his 3 other appearances here.
- Jarry's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Casper Ruud). He was seeded at all 6 Grand Slam tournaments since then, but plays here unseeded.
- Jarry's **best results in 2024** were runner-up finishes at Buenos Aires (l. Facundo Diaz Acosta) and Rome-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev). By reaching the final at Rome, he became the first Chilean player to reach a final at Masters-1000-level since Fernando Gonzalez finished runner-up at 2007 Rome. He also reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Jiri Lehecka), Santiago (l. Corentin Moutet), Miami-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Chengdu (l. Alibek Kachmazov).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Jarry reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane. He defeated Mariano Navone and Benjamin Bonzi before falling to Lehecka in the quarterfinals for the 2nd straight year.

- Jarry is bidding to **defeat a world No. 1 for the first time** on his 3rd attempt. He lost both of his previous matches against No. 1-ranked players – against Carlos Alcaraz in the 3rd round at 2023 Wimbledon and against Sinner in the 1st round at Beijing last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 2 Alcaraz in the semifinals at Buenos Aires last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 17 Tommy Paul in the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros.
- Jarry has lost all five **5-set matches** he has contested – including the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, against Cobolli in the 1st round last year.
- Jarry reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 16 in May last year. He plays here at No. 35.
- Jarry was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in November 2013. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Marc Polmans).
- Jarry has played Davis Cup for Chile since 2013 and has a 22-15 win-loss record in the competition overall. Chile will play away against Belgium in the Qualifiers 1st round on 1-2 February.
- Jarry is coached by Juan Ignacio Chela, who reached the round of 16 here in 2006, and Cesar Fabregas.

NO. 3 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP) v ALEXANDER SHEVCHENKO (KAZ)

Head-to-head: Alcaraz leads 1-0

2024 Madrid-1000 Clay (O) R64 Alcaraz 62 61

A 2nd meeting for Alcaraz and Shevchenko – but their first at a Grand Slam or on a hard court. Alcaraz dropped just 3 games in the pair's previous meeting, on clay in the 2nd round at Madrid-1000 last year.

Alcaraz has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 77 Shevchenko once before – against No. 95 Mikael Ymer in the 2nd round on his Grand Slam debut at the 2021 Australian Open.

ALCARAZ	v	SHEVCHENKO
21	Age	24
3	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	77
17	Titles	0
60-11	Career Grand Slam Record	3-7
7-3	Australian Open Record	0-1
209-56	Career Record	39-50
103-35	Career Record - Hard	27-31
0-0	2025 Record	2-2
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
12-1	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
73-47	Career Tiebreak Record	24-15
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-1

- **ALCARAZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Alcaraz has **never lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam**. His worst performances at the Grand Slams are 2nd round finishes on 3 occasions – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut at the 2021 Australian Open (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, l. Mikael Ymer), as a wild card at 2021 Wimbledon (d. Yasutaka Uchiyama, l. Daniil Medvedev) and as No. 3 seed at the 2024 US Open (d. Li Tu, l. Van de Zandschulp).
- **Last year here**, Alcaraz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Alexander Zverev). By reaching the last 8 he completed the set of reaching at least the quarterfinals of all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.
- Alcaraz won his **3rd and 4th Grand Slam titles in 2024** – at Roland Garros (d. Zverev) and Wimbledon (d. Novak Djokovic) last year, becoming the 4th player in the Open Era to win 4 Grand Slam men's singles titles aged 21 or under after Boris Becker, Bjorn Borg and Mats Wilander. His first 2 Grand Slam titles came at the 2022 US Open (d. Casper Ruud) and 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic).
- At 21 years 266 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest player in history to complete the Career Grand Slam in men's singles** – ahead of Don Budge, who completed the career Grand Slam at the 1938 French Championships aged 22 years 363 days. He would become the 9th player in history (and 6th player in the Open Era) to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles. Rafael Nadal is the youngest player to achieve the feat in the Open Era, having completed the career Grand Slam at the 2010 US Open aged 24 years 32 days.
- Alcaraz **won 4 titles in 2024** and finished 2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles last season – behind Jannik Sinner, who won 8 titles. In addition to his Roland Garros and Wimbledon titles, he also won the title at Indian Wells-1000 (d. Daniil Medvedev), and Beijing (d. Sinner).
- Alcaraz's **other highlights in 2024** were winning the silver medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics (l. Djokovic), reaching the semifinals at Buenos Aires (l. Nicolas Jarry), and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Madrid-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Tomas Machac).

- Alcaraz has won 12 of the 13 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against Berrettini in the 3rd round here in 2022 – the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open. He has won the last 9 five-set matches he has contested, including the finals at 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic) and 2024 Roland Garros (d. Zverev).
- Aged 19 years 130 days, Alcaraz became the **youngest world No. 1 in history** after winning the title at the 2022 US Open. He plays here at No. 3.
- Alcaraz has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has won 6 of the 8 matches he has contested in the competition. Spain play away against Switzerland in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Alcaraz **led Spain to victory at the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Finals** in Budapest, defeating France in the title match. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Martin Damm) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 22 in January 2020. He never contested the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Alcaraz is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, whose best result here was reaching the semifinals in 2004.
- **SHEVCHENKO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open main draw debut, Shevchenko fell to Jaume Munar in straight sets in the 1st round.
- Shevchenko's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2023 (d. Oscar Otte, l. Lorenzo Musetti) and 2024 (d. Aslan Karatsev, l. Corentin Moutet) and at the 2024 US Open, where he defeated Dominik Koepfer before retiring against Frances Tiafoe.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Shevchenko fell to Ugo Humbert in 5 sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon. He won the only other 5-set match he has contested – against Karatsev in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.
- Shevchenko's **best results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals at Montpellier (l. Alexander Bublik), Rotterdam (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Geneva (l. Flavio Cobolli) and Almaty (l. Francisco Cerundolo).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shevchenko represented Kazakhstan at the United Cup. He won 2 of the 4 singles matches he contested as Kazakhstan reached the semifinals – he defeated Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas and Germany's Daniel Masur but fell to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Shevchenko is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time** on his 5th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 7 Holger Rune in the 2nd round at 2024 Rotterdam.
- Shevchenko reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 45 in February 2024. He plays here at No. 77.
- Shevchenko made his **Davis Cup** debut for Kazakhstan during the team's World Group I defeat to Denmark last year, losing his first match in the competition to August Holmgren. Kazakhstan play at home against Pakistan in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 1-2 February.
- Shevchenko is coached by Timur Maulenov.

NO. 7 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v (WC) NISHESH BASAVAREDDY (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Djokovic has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 107 Basavareddy once before – against No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017.

Djokovic has won 15 of the 16 matches he has played against wild cards at the Grand Slams – including 5 of the 6 matches he has played against wild cards at the Australian Open. His only defeat to a wild card at a Grand Slam came against Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017.

DJOKOVIC	v	BASAVAREDDY
37	Age	19
7	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	107
99	Titles	0
377-51	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
94-9	Australian Open Record	0-0
1126-223	Career Record	4-4
706-129	Career Record - Hard	4-4
2-1	2025 Record	3-2
2-1	2025 Record - Hard	3-2
40-11	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
337-173	Career Tiebreak Record	0-1
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 18th consecutive year. This is his 20th Australian Open appearance and his 77th Grand Slam overall.
- The Australian Open is **the only Grand Slam event where Djokovic has lost in the 1st round**. He fell in the 1st round on his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier here in 2005 (l. Marat Safin) and again in 2006 (l. Paul Goldstein).
- **Last year here**, Djokovic reached the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Jannik Sinner. Prior to that defeat, he had won his last 33 Australian Open matches since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and 2023. He did not compete here in 2022.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Roger Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 before winning the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He is also bidding to extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- At 37 years 249 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's singles title** – and the 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Ken Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Djokovic finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (withdrew with a right knee injury) and the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Alexei Popyrin). It was the first season in which he failed to win the without winning a Grand Slam title since 2017.

- Djokovic became the **5th player to complete the career 'Golden Slam' in singles** by winning Olympic singles gold for Serbia at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Spain's Alcaraz in the final. He joined Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Nadal and Serena Williams as the only players to have achieved the feat. He also won Olympic singles bronze at Beijing 2008 and is the only player to have won a medal for Serbia in the Olympic Tennis Event.
- Djokovic's **other highlights in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Shanghai-1000 (l. Sinner) and reaching the semifinals at Carlo-1000 (l. Casper Ruud) and Geneva (l. Tomas Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Djokovic reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Reilly Opelka). At No. 293 Opelka was the 2nd lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic in a Tour-level match, after Djokovic's defeat by retirement to No. 310 Filip Krajinovic in the quarterfinals at 2010 Belgrade.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **100th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level men's singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having been ranked No. 1 for a total of 428 weeks, most recently in June 2024, up until the end of Roland Garros. He plays here at No. 7.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004 and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation's first Davis Cup title. He has a 41-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 46-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. Serbia play away against Denmark in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Djokovic is coached by former world No. 1 and 3-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray, who reached the final here in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016, falling to Djokovic in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- Wild card **BASAVAREDDY** is making his Grand Slam main draw debut today.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2024**, Basavareddy reached the final round of qualifying as a wild card at the US Open. He defeated Ugo Blanchet and Alex Bolt before falling to Hamad Medjedovic. He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the other 3 Grand Slam events.
- Basavareddy **made his Tour-level debut at the 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals** last month. He defeated Shang Juncheng but fell to Alex Michelsen and Luca van Assche and did not advance beyond the group stage.
- Basavareddy **won his first 2 Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Tiburon Challenger (USA) (d. Eliot Spizzirri) and the Puerto Vallarta Challenger (MEX) (d. Liam Draxl). He also finished runner-up at the Bloomfield Hills Challenger (USA) (l. Learner Tien), the Charleston Challenger (USA) (l. Edas Butvilas), the Charlottesville Challenger (USA) (l. James Kent Trotter) and the Champaign Challenger (USA) (l. Ethan Quinn).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Basavareddy reached his **first Tour-level semifinal** as a qualifier at Auckland. He defeated Francisco Comesana, Alejandro Tabilo and Alex Michelsen before falling to Gael Monfils. He also qualified for the main draw at Brisbane as a qualifier but fell to Monfils in the 1st round.
- Basavareddy is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 23 Tabilo, whom he defeated in the 2nd round at Auckland last week.
- Basavareddy broke the Top 200 for the first time in September last year and plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 107 following his semifinal finish at Auckland last week.
- Basavareddy finished top of the **USTA's Australian Open Wild Card Challenge standings** in November last year to earn the reciprocal wild card offered by Tennis Australia to the USTA.
- Basavareddy **played college tennis**. He represented Stanford University in 2022-24, earning All-American honours in both his freshman and sophomore years. He turned professional in December 2024, forfeiting his NCAA eligibility.
- Basavareddy reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 3 in January 2023. His best results at junior-level were winning the titles at JA Criciuma (BRA) (d. Bor Artnak) and JA Milan (ITA) (d. Daniel Vallejo) in 2022. He never contested the boys' singles here.
- Basavareddy is coached by Bryan Smith.

NO. 10 GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL) v (LL) FRANCESCO PASSARO (ITA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Dimitrov has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 104 Passaro twice before. He fell to No. 224 Stan Wawrinka in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon and to No. 114 Aslan Karatsev in the quarterfinals at the 2021 Australian Open.

Dimitrov has won both of his previous matches against lucky losers at the Grand Slams – against Mohamed Safwat in the 1st round at 2018 Roland Garros and against Kamil Majchrzak in the 3rd round at the 2019 US Open.

DIMITROV	v	PASSARO
33	Age	24
10	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	104
9	Titles	0
97-56	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
33-14	Australian Open Record	0-0
470-292	Career Record	6-13
312-190	Career Record - Hard	2-6
3-1	2025 Record	0-1
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-1
13-9	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
200-176	Career Tiebreak Record	4-3
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **DIMITROV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 14th time. This is his 15th consecutive Australian Open appearance and his 57th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Dimitrov reached the 3rd round, defeating Marton Fucsovics and Thanasi Kokkinakis before falling to Nuno Borges. He has lost in the 1st round here once before – in 2013, when he fell to Julien Benneteau in straight sets.
- Dimitrov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – including once at the Australian Open, in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the semifinals at 2014 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) and the 2019 US Open (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Dimitrov reached the quarterfinals at both Roland Garros (l. Jannik Sinner) and the US Open, where he retired due to a groin injury against Frances Tiafoe, and the round of 16 at Wimbledon before retiring due to a knee injury against Daniil Medvedev.
- Dimitrov holds the **longest active streak of consecutive Grand Slam men's singles appearances**. He is making his 56th consecutive Grand Slam appearance here, having contested every Grand Slam tournament since the 2011 Australian Open. It is the joint-5th longest streak of Grand Slam men's singles appearances in the Open Era. He is contesting his 15th consecutive Australian Open this year and jointly holds the longest active streak of consecutive Australian Open men's singles appearances with Adrian Panatta.
- Dimitrov's **best result in 2024** was winning his first Tour-level title in more than 6 years at Brisbane (d. Holger Rune). He also finished runner-up at Marseille (l. Ugo Humbert), Miami-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and Stockholm (l. Tommy Paul), reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Alex de Minaur) and the quarterfinals at Paris-1000 (l. Karen Khachanov).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Dimitrov reached the semifinals at Brisbane. He defeated Yannick Hanfmann, Aleksandar Vukic and Jordan Thompson before retiring with a left hip injury against Jiri Lehecka.
- The Australian Open is Dimitrov's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He has a 33-14 win-loss record here, compared to a 22-14 win-loss record at Wimbledon and a 21-14 record at both Roland Garros and the US Open.
- Dimitrov has won 4 of the last 6 **five-set matches** he has contested. His only 5-set defeats in that time both came in 2020 – against Tommy Paul in the 2nd round at the Australian Open and against Marton Fucsovics in the 2nd

round at the US Open. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 13-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Dimitrov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title at the 2017 ATP Finals. He returned to the Top 10 for the first time since November 2018 in April last year and plays here at the same ranking.
- Dimitrov is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the No. 1 ranking in September 2008 after winning the boys' singles titles at both Wimbledon (d. Henri Kontinen) and the US Open (d. Devin Britton) that season. He never contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open.
- Dimitrov is coached by Daniel Vallverdu and Jamie Delgado.
- Lucky loser **PASSARO** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- As No. 5 seed, Passaro **reached the final round of qualifying here last week**. He defeated Giulio Zeppieri (ITA) 63 76(3) and Javier Barranco Cosano (ESP) 46 63 76(8) before falling to Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO) 36 36. It was the first time he has reached the final round of qualifying on his 9th appearance in the qualifying draws at the Grand Slams. He gained entry to the main draw after Fabio Fognini withdrew earlier today.
- **Last year here**, Passaro reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Pedro Martinez, l. Oliver Crawford). He also fell in qualifying here in 2023.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Passaro reached the 2nd round of qualifying at the US Open (d. Alexander Ritschard, l. Hugo Grenier) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Mark Lajal). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at Roland Garros.
- Passaro's **best Tour-level result in 2024** was reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at Rome-1000, where he defeated Arthur Rinderknech and Tallon Griekspoor before falling to Nuno Borges. He fell in the 1st round at the 2 other Tour-level events he contested last season – as a wild card at Santiago (l. Pedro Martinez) and as a qualifier at Munich (l. Rudolf Molleker).
- Passaro won his 2nd and 3rd Challenger titles in 2024 – at the Turin Challenger (ITA) (d. Lorenzo Musetti) and the Genoa Challenger (ITA) (d. Jaume Munar). He also finished runner-up at the Maia Challenger (POR) (l. Damir Dzumhur) and reached the semifinals at the Naples Challenger (ITA) (l. Luca Nardi) and the Vicenza Challenger (ITA) (l. Tseng Chun Hsin).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Passaro qualified for the main draw at Hong Kong but fell to Martinez in the 1st round.
- Passaro is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced, at any level, is No. 26 Griekspoor, whom he defeated in the 2nd round at Rome-1000 last year.
- Passaro plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 104.
- Passaro reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 31 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round of the boys' singles at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments that season, including a defeat to Han Seonyong in the junior event here.
- Passaro is coached by Roberto Tarpani.

NO. 11 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v ALEX MICHELSEN (USA)

Head-to-head: Michelsen leads 1-0

2024 Tokyo Hard (O) R32 Michelsen 46 61 62

A 2nd meeting for Tsitsipas and Michelsen, but their first at a Grand Slam, with Michelsen winning their only previous meeting in the 1st round at Tokyo last year

TSITSIPAS	v	MICHELSEN
26	Age	20
12	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	42
12	Titles	0
65-29	Career Grand Slam Record	4-5
24-7	Australian Open Record	2-1
350-166	Career Record	44-40
206-113	Career Record - Hard	32-27
1-1	2025 Record	3-2
1-1	2025 Record - Hard	3-2
12-8	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
156-117	Career Tiebreak Record	21-22
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-1

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th straight year. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- Tsitsipas has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Australian Open debut in 2018, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in straight sets. He has lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on a total of 8 occasions, most recently at the 2024 US Open (l. Thanasi Kokkinakis).
- **Last year here**, Tsitsipas reached the round of 16, defeating Zizou Bergs, Jordan Thompson and Luca van Assche before falling to Taylor Fritz.
- Tsitsipas is a **2-time Grand Slam runner-up**. He reached the final at 2021 Roland Garros, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead, and the 2023 Australian Open, where he fell to Djokovic in straight sets. He is the only Greek player in history to have reached a Grand Slam final.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Tsitsipas reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Taro Daniel, l. Emil Ruusuvuori).
- Tsitsipas' **best result in 2024** was winning his 3rd Masters-1000 title at Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Casper Ruud). He also finished runner-up at Barcelona (l. Ruud) and reached the semifinals at Los Cabos (l. Ruud) and Gstaad (l. Matteo Berrettini) and the quarterfinals at 7 Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Tsitsipas represented Greece at the United Cup, winning one of the 2 singles matches he contested. He defeated Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta but fell to Kazakhstan's Alexander Shevchenko.
- Tsitsipas has won all 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against both Thanasi Kokkinakis and Rafael Nadal in 2021, against Taylor Fritz in the round of 16 in 2022 and against Jannik Sinner in the round of 16 in 2023. His victory against Nadal in the 2021 quarterfinals, in which he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets, saw him become the 3rd player to record a successful comeback from 0-2 down against Nadal after Roger Federer and Fabio Fognini. He has an 11-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and has not played a 5-set match since the 2023 US Open.
- Tsitsipas reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in August in 2021. He dropped out of the Top 10 for the first time since March 2019 in February last year after spending 233 consecutive weeks in the Top 10, returning briefly from 15 April to 9 June before dropping out again. He plays here at No. 12.
- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. De Minaur). His best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Shapovalov) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).

- Tsitsipas made his **Davis Cup** debut in September 2019 and has won 12 of the 13 singles matches he has contested in the competition since then. Greece play at home against Egypt in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 1-2 February.
- Tsitsipas is coached by Dimitris Chatzinikolaou.
- **MICHELSEN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd consecutive year. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, on his Australian Open debut, Michelsen recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated James McCabe and Jiri Lehecka before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Michelsen reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Eliot Spizzirri, l. Jannik Sinner) but fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Alex de Minaur) and Wimbledon (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Michelsen's best results in 2024 were reaching his **2nd and 3rd Tour-level finals** – at Newport (l. Marcos Giron) and Winston-Salem (l. Lorenzo Sonego). He also reached the semifinals at Metz (l. Benjamin Bonzi) and the Next Gen ATP Finals (l. Learner Tien), and the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Geneva (l. Tomas Machac), Mallorca (l. Sebastian Ofner), Washington (l. Flavio Cobolli) and as a qualifier at Tokyo (l. Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Michelsen reached the quarterfinals at Auckland, where he defeated Sumit Nagal and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to Nishesh Basavareddy, and the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Thompson).
- Michelsen is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 3 matches he has played against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams – to No. 6 Zverev in the 3rd round here last year, to No. 11 De Minaur in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros and to No. 1 Sinner in the 1st round at the US Open. He has a 4-9 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Michelsen has lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at Tour-level, falling to Harris in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Michelsen reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 41 in November last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 42.
- Michelsen was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 25 in July 2022. He won the boys' doubles at 2022 Wimbledon alongside Sebastian Gorzny and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the 2022 Australian Open alongside Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara/Coleman Wong in the final. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Michelsen has been selected for USA's **Davis Cup** away tie against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February and will make his debut in the competition if he plays a match in the tie.
- Michelsen is coached by Jay Leavitt and Eric Diaz.

NO. 12 TOMMY PAUL (USA) v CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: Paul leads 2-0

2019	Knoxville Challenger (USA)	Hard (I)	SF	O'Connell	76(3) 63
2021	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	R128	Paul	62 64 46 46 10-8
2023	Adelaide 2	Hard (O)	R32	Paul	64 75

A 3rd Tour-level meeting for Paul and O'Connell and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Paul has won both of their previous meetings at Tour-level, including a 5-set victory in their only previous Grand Slam meeting at 2021 Roland Garros. O'Connell won their only previous meeting below Tour-level, in the semifinals at the 2019 Knoxville Challenger.

This is one of 2 matches between Australian and American players in the men's singles 1st round here this year – alongside Rinky Hijikata's match against Mitchell Krueger. Australia and USA have the joint-most players in the at the Australian Open this year, with 14 players from each nation starting the men's singles draw here.

These are the 1115th and 1116th men's singles matches between Australian and American players at the Grand Slams in the Open Era. In the 1114 matches contested to date, American players lead 612-502.

These are 366th and 367th men's singles matches between Australian and American players at the Australian Open in the Open Era. In the 365 matches contested to date, American players lead 213-152. [NB there have been 302 men's singles matches between Australian and American players at the US Open in the Open Era; Australian players lead 153-149]

Paul is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has won all 3 of his previous matches against Australian players at the Grand Slams and has a 9-11 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall, including winning all 5 matches he played against Australian players in 2024.

O'Connell has lost all 6 of his previous matches against Americans at the Grand Slams, including all 3 matches he has played against Americans at the Australian Open – falling to Maxime Cressy in the 3rd round in 2022, to Jenson Brooksby in the 1st round in 2023 and to Ben Shelton in the 2nd round last year. He has a 6-15 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

PAUL	v	O'CONNELL
27	Age	30
11	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	70
4	Titles	0
33-21	Career Grand Slam Record	10-16
11-5	Australian Open Record	4-6
178-126	Career Record	48-72
128-87	Career Record - Hard	35-50
2-1	2025 Record	1-2
2-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-2
7-5	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
64-70	Career Tiebreak Record	42-36
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-2

- **PAUL** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 2nd round here. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Paul reached the 3rd round, defeating Gregoire Barrere and Jack Draper before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic in 5 sets.
- Paul's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals here in 2023. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Ben Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Andy Roddick in 2009.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Francisco Cerundolo).

- Paul **won 3 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Dallas (d. Marcos Giron), Queen’s (d. Lorenzo Musetti) and Stockholm (d. Grigor Dimitrov). He also finished runner-up at Delray Beach (l. Taylor Fritz), reached the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Rome-1000 (l. Nicolas Jarry), and the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Draper), ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Sebastian Korda) and the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Paul reached the semifinals at Adelaide (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Paul has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – recording 5-set victories against Dimitrov in the 2nd round in 2020 and Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023, but falling to Kecmanovic in the 3rd round last year. He has a 7-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Paul broke the Top 20 for the first time in January 2023 after reaching the semifinals here. He plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 11.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys’ singles title (d. Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys’ singles at the 2015 US Open (l. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. He lost the only match he contested in the competition in 2024 as USA fell to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in Taipei City in the 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Paul is coached by Brad Stine.
- **O’CONNELL** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, O’Connell reached the 2nd round (d. Cristian Garin, l. Ben Shelton).
- O’Connell’s **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – as a wild card here in 2022 (l. Maxime Cressy), and as a direct acceptance at both 2023 Wimbledon (l. Christopher Eubanks) and the 2024 US Open (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, O’Connell fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Taylor Fritz). He withdrew from Roland Garros due to a shoulder injury.
- O’Connell’s **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at Adelaide (l. Sebastian Korda) and as a direct acceptance at Belgrade (l. Denis Shapovalov) and the round of 16 as a direct acceptance at Miami-1000 (l. Sinner). He also won his 6th Challenger-level title at the Guangzhou 2 Challenger (CHN) (d. Sho Shimabukuro).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, O’Connell reached the 2nd round at Adelaide (d. Arthur Rinderknech, l. Miomir Kecmanovic) but fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Alex Michelsen).
- O’Connell is bidding to end a **12-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 16 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at 2023 Munich. He has a 2-19 win-loss record against Top 20 players, with his only other victory coming against No. 13 Diego Schwartzman in the 2nd round at the 2022 Australian Open.
- O’Connell has won the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Garin in the 1st round here last year. He lost both the other 5-set matches he has contested – to Paul in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and to Gael Monfils in the 1st round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- O’Connell reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 53 in September 2023. He plays here at No. 70.
- O’Connell reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 501** in January 2010. He played in the boys’ doubles event at the Australian Open as a wild card in 2011 and the boys’ singles as a wild card in 2012, reaching the 2nd round on both occasions.
- O’Connell is coached by Marinko Matosevic.

NO. 15 JACK DRAPER (GBR) v MARIANO NAVONE (ARG)

Head-to-head: Draper leads 1-0

2024 Queen's Grass (O) R32 Draper 63 62

A 2nd meeting for Draper and Navone, but their first at a Grand Slam and on a hard court. Draper won their only previous meeting in the 1st round at Queen's last year, in Navone's first Tour-level match on grass.

Navone is facing a lefthanded player at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 4-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

DRAPER	v	NAVONE
23	Age	23
18	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	47
2	Titles	0
13-10	Career Grand Slam Record	2-3
1-2	Australian Open Record	0-0
79-51	Career Record	19-26
55-32	Career Record - Hard	4-12
0-0	2025 Record	1-2
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	1-2
2-1	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
27-25	Career Tiebreak Record	5-8
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-2

- Lefthander **DRAPER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Draper reached the 2nd round, defeating Marcos Giron for his **first Australian Open match-win** before falling to Tommy Paul. On his debut here, in 2023, he fell to Rafael Nadal in the 1st round.
- Draper's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the US Open last year, defeating Zhang Zhizhen, Facundo Diaz Acosta, Botic van de Zandschulp, Tomas Machac and Alex de Minaur before falling to Jannik Sinner. He became the first British player to reach the men's singles semifinals at the US Open since Andy Murray won the title in 2012, and aged 22 years 262 days, the youngest British player to do so since Murray reached the final in 2008 aged 21 years 117 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Draper reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Elias Ymer, l. Cameron Norrie) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jesper de Jong).
- Draper **won his first 2 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Stuttgart (d. Matteo Berrettini) and Vienna (d. Karen Khachanov). He also finished runner-up at Adelaide (l. Jiri Lehecka), reached the semifinals at Acapulco, where he retired due to a stomach injury against Alex de Minaur, and the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Taylor Fritz), Queen's (l. Paul), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Holger Rune) and Tokyo, where he retired due to an abdominal injury against Ugo Humbert.
- Draper is contesting his **first match of 2025 today**. He was selected to represent Great Britain at the United Cup but withdrew due to a hip injury.
- Draper won the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, against Giron in the 1st round last year. He has a 2-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, defeating Ymer in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon but falling to De Jong in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros.
- Draper **broke the Top 20 for the first time in September** last year after reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at the US Open and reached a career-high ranking of No. 15 in October. He plays here at No. 18.
- Draper reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 7 in December 2018. He finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Tseng Chun Hsin). He fell in the 1st round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Dalibor Svrčina).

- Draper has played **Davis Cup** for Great Britain since 2023 and has a 1-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Great Britain play away against Japan in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Draper is coached by James Trotman.
- **NAVONE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Last year here**, Navone fell to Dino Prizmic in the 1st round of qualifying. It was his only previous appearance in qualifying here.
- Navone **made his Grand Slam debut** as No. 31 seed at Roland Garros last year, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Pablo Carreno Busta, l. Tomas Machac). He became the first player in the Open Era to make his Grand Slam men's singles debut as a seed. He also reached the 2nd round at the 2024 US Open (d. Daniel Altmaier, l. Daniel Evans) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- Navone's best Tour-level results in 2024 were reaching his **first 2 Tour-level finals** – as a qualifier at Rio de Janeiro (l. Sebastian Baez) and as a direct acceptance at Bucharest (l. Marton Fucsovics). He also reached the semifinals at Marrakech (l. Matteo Berrettini) and the quarterfinals at Bastad (l. Rafael Nadal).
- Navone also **won his 6th title at Challenger-level in 2024** – at the Cagliari Challenger (ITA) (d. Lorenzo Musetti). He also finished runner-up at the Buenos Aires 2 Challenger (ARG) (l. Facundo Bagnis).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Navone reached the 2nd round at Auckland (d. Adrian Mannarino, l. Nuno Borges) but fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Nicolas Jarry).
- Navone **is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player for the first time** on his 6th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 21 Francisco Cerundolo in the quarterfinals at 2024 Bucharest.
- Navone is bidding to **win record his 5th Tour-level match-win on a hard court**. He recorded his first Tour-level victory on a hard court in his 2nd round finish at the US Open last year and has subsequently recorded Tour-level victories on hard courts at 2024 Tokyo (d. Luciano Darderi, l. Ben Shelton), 2024 Antwerp (d. Thiago Monteiro, l. Hugo Gaston) and at Auckland last week. He has a 19-26 win-loss record at Tour-level overall, with his 15 other Tour-level wins coming on clay since making his Tour-level debut at Cordoba last year.
- Navone lost the only **5-set match** he has contested, to Machac in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.
- Navone reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 29 in June last year. He plays here at No. 47.
- Navone **contested just one event at junior-level**, a Grade 5 event in Argentina in 2016. He made his professional debut in November 2017.
- Navone has been selected for Argentina's **Davis Cup** away tie against Norway in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 30-31 January. He will make his debut in the competition if he contests a match during the tie.
- Navone is coached Andres Dellatorre.

NO. 17 FRANCES TIAFOE (USA) v ARTHUR RINDERKNECH (FRA)

Head-to-head: Rinderknech leads 1-0

2024 Lyon Clay (O) R16 Rinderknech 76(7) 64

A 2nd meeting for Tiafoe and Rinderknech – but their first at a Grand Slam or on a hard court. Rinderknech won their only previous meeting, on clay at Lyon last year, before giving a walkover due to illness in his next match.

TIAFOE	v	RINDERKNECH
26*	Age	29
16	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	61
3	Titles	0
48-34	Career Grand Slam Record	9-15
10-8	Australian Open Record	1-2
211-191	Career Record	74-83
153-134	Career Record - Hard	48-49
1-1	2025 Record	0-2
1-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-2
7-14	Career Five-Set Record	4-4
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
133-114	Career Tiebreak Record	38-47
1-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

*Turns 27 on Monday 20 January

- **TIAFOE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 35th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Tiafoe reached the 2nd round (d. Borna Coric, l. Tomas Machac). He has lost in the 1st round twice before – in 2018 (l. Juan Martin del Potro) and 2020 (l. Daniil Medvedev).
- Tiafoe's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2019. He defeated 2 seeded players – No. 5 seed Kevin Anderson and No. 20 seed Grigor Dimitrov – before falling to Rafael Nadal in the last 8.
- Tiafoe's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the US Open in 2022 (l. Carlos Alcaraz), when he became the first American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Andy Roddick in 2006, and 2024 (l. Taylor Fritz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Tiafoe reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Alcaraz) and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- Tiafoe's **best results in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Houston (l. Ben Shelton) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner). He also reached the semifinals at Delray Beach (l. Tommy Paul), Washington (l. Sebastian Korda) and the US Open, and the quarterfinals at Hong Kong (l. Shang Juncheng), Dallas (l. Marcos Giron), Stuttgart (l. Jack Draper), Atlanta (l. Yoshihito Nishioka) and Almaty (l. Aleksandar Vukic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Tiafoe reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Adam Walton, l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard).
- Tiafoe has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Andreas Seppi in the 3rd round in 2019 and against Marco Trungelliti in the 1st round in 2022. He has a 7-14 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Tiafoe **reached a career-high ranking** of No. 10 in June 2023. He plays here at No. 16.
- Tiafoe had a **successful junior career**. Aged just 15, he won the 2013 Orange Bowl (d. Stefan Kozlov), becoming the youngest boys' singles winner in the event's history. He also reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open (l. Quentin Halys) and achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. He never competed in the junior event here.

- Tiafoe made his **Davis Cup** debut in USA's 2018 semifinal defeat to Croatia and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition, with his only Davis Cup victory to date coming against Colombia's Nicolas Mejia at the 2021 Finals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Tiafoe is coached by David Witt and Jordi Arconada.
- **RINDERKNECH** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Rinderknech fell to Pavel Kotov in 5 sets in the 1st round. He also fell in the 1st round here in 2023 (I. Yosuke Watanuki).
- Rinderknech's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on his debut here in 2022. He defeated Alexei Popyrin in 5 sets in the 1st round before giving a walkover to Daniel Evans due to a wrist injury.
- Rinderknech's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at the 2023 US Open (I. Andrey Rublev).
- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024, Rinderknech reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Adam Walton before retiring due to a foot injury against Tomas Martin Etcheverry, at Wimbledon (d. Kei Nishikori, I. Taylor Fritz) and at the US Open (d. Christopher Eubanks, I. Rublev).
- Rinderknech's **best Tour-level result in 2024** was reaching the semifinals at Atlanta (I. Yoshihito Nishioka). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marseille (I. Grigor Dimitrov) and at Lyon, where he gave a walkover to Luciano Darderi due to illness.
- Rinderknech **won his 6th title at Challenger-level in 2024** – at the Lille Challenger (FRA) (d. Joris de Loore).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Rinderknech fell in the 1st round at both Brisbane (I. Nishioka) and Adelaide (I. Christopher O'Connell).
- Rinderknech is bidding to end an **11-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 16 Marin Cilic in the 1st round at 2022 Basel. He has a 6-21 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Rinderknech is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 7th attempt**. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 36 Matteo Berrettini, who retired due to an ankle injury during their 2nd round match at the 2023 US Open.
- Rinderknech has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – he defeated Popyrin in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2022 but fell to Kotov in 5 sets in the 1st round last year. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Rinderknech reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 42 in October 2022. He plays here at No. 61.
- Rinderknech played **college tennis**. He represented Texas A&M University from 2014 to 2018 and was named a 3-time All-American in singles.
- Rinderknech made his **Davis Cup** debut for France at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals and has a 4-5 win-loss record in the competition overall. France play at home against Brazil in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Rinderknech is currently without a permanent coach.

NO. 27 JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS) v (Q) DOMINIK KOEPFER (GER)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2017	Binghamton Challenger (USA)	Hard (O)	QF	Thompson	62 63
2018	Binghamton Challenger (USA)	Hard (O)	QF	Thompson	64 61
2018	Columbus Challenger (USA)	Hard (I)	QF	Thompson	46 61 63

A first Tour-level meeting for Thompson and Koepfer. The pair met 3 times at Challenger-level in 2017-18, with Thompson winning on all 3 occasions.

Thompson is facing a qualifier at the Australian Open for the first time. He has won one of his 4 matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against Laslo Djere in the 1st round at 2016 Roland Garros. He has a 15-18 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Thompson has won one of the 6 matches he has played against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams – against Feliciano Lopez in the 1st round here in 2019. He lost his only other match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open, falling to Thomaz Bellucci in the 1st round here in 2016. He has a 27-32 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

THOMPSON	v	KOEPFER
30	Age	30
27	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	124
1	Titles	0
22-37	Career Grand Slam Record	12-16
4-11	Australian Open Record	2-4
142-160	Career Record	60-73
96-100	Career Record - Hard	34-39
2-1	2025 Record	0-0
2-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
8-11	Career Five-Set Record	2-0
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
71-67	Career Tiebreak Record	35-29
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 38th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Thompson equalled his best Australian Open result by reaching the 2nd round (d. Aleksandar Vukic, I. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He has reached the 2nd round here on 3 other occasions – in 2017 (d. Joao Sousa, I. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, I. Andreas Seppi) and 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, I. Fabio Fognini).
- Thompson's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in 2020 (I. Borna Coric) and 2024 (I. Alex de Minaur).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Thompson reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Pavel Kotov, I. Brandon Nakashima) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Maximilian Marterer).
- Thompson's best result in 2024 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Los Cabos (d. Casper Ruud). He also finished runner-up at Atlanta (I. Yoshihito Nishioka), reached the semifinals at Brisbane (I. Grigor Dimitrov) and Queen's (I. Lorenzo Musetti), and the quarterfinals at Dallas (I. Ben Shelton), Delray Beach (I. Tommy Paul), Houston (I. Frances Tiafoe), Washington (I. Sebastian Korda) and Paris-1000 (I. Ugo Humbert).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Thompson reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane. He defeated Matteo Berrettini and Alex Michelsen before retiring due to a foot injury against Grigor Dimitrov.
- Thompson has won 2 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Sousa in the 1st round in 2017 and defeating Vukic in the 1st round last year. He has an 8-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Thompson is one of **14 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the joint-most of any nation, alongside USA. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Thompson is **seeded at a Grand Slam event for the first time here**. With De Minaur and Alexei Popyrin also among the seeds here, it is the first time that there have been 3 Australian seeds in the men's singles at a Grand Slam since 2000 Wimbledon (when Lleyton Hewitt, Mark Philippoussis and Patrick Rafter were all seeded), and the first time there have been 3 Australian seeds in the men's singles at the Australian Open since 1982 (Edmondson, John Alexander, Phil Dent and Paul McNamee).
- Thompson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 26 in November last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 27.
- Thompson won his **first Grand Slam men's doubles title** alongside Max Purcell at the 2024 US Open (d. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz). The pair also finished as runners-up in the men's doubles at 2024 Wimbledon (l. Harri Heliövaara/Henry Patten).
- Thompson played in the **boys' singles event at the Junior Australian Open** in 2011 and 2012, losing in the 1st round on both occasions. He finished as runner-up with Nick Kyrgios in the boys' doubles at the 2012 US Open. He also represented Australia in the 2008 World Junior Tennis Finals and the 2010 Junior Davis Cup Finals.
- Thompson was a member of the **Australian Davis Cup teams which finished as runners-up in 2022 and 2023**. He won one of the 2 matches he contested in the competition in 2024, falling to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta at the Finals Group Stage but partnering Matthew Ebden to defeat Tommy Paul/Ben Shelton in Australia's 2-1 win over USA in the quarterfinals. He has a 10-6 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Thompson is coached by Marinko Matosevic.
- Lefthander **KOEPFER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- As No. 1 seed, Koepfer defeated Ignacio Buse (PER) 26 63 76(5), Ethan Quinn (USA) 36 75 61 and wild card Blake Ellis (AUS) 75 75 to **qualify for the main draw here**. It was the 2nd time he has successfully qualified on his 6th appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam. He lost in the 2nd round of qualifying on his only previous appearance in Australian Open qualifying in 2019.
- **Last year here**, Koepfer fell to Alexander Zverev in the 1st round.
- Koepfer's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions – in 2021 (d. Hugo Dellien, l. Dominic Thiem) and 2022 (d. Carlos Taberner, l. Reilly Opelka).
- Koepfer's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2019 US Open. He defeated Jaume Munar, Opelka, and Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to eventual finalist Daniil Medvedev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Koepfer fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the US Open (l. Alexander Shevchenko). He missed Wimbledon due to a left ankle injury.
- Koepfer is bidding to end a **7-match Grand Slam losing streak** and record his first Grand Slam match-win since reaching the 2nd round here in 2022. He has lost in the 1st round of the main draw at all 6 Grand Slam tournaments he has contested since then.
- Koepfer's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. Tommy Paul), Acapulco (l. Holger Rune) and Lyon (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry). He also won his 5th Challenger title at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (d. Jakub Mensik).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Koepfer competed as defending champion at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) but fell in the 1st round to Harold Mayot.
- Koepfer has won both **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level, defeating Soonwoo Kwon in the 2nd round at 2021 Wimbledon and Quentin Halys in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. He has a 2-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall, having lost to Norbert Gombos in the final round of qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon.
- Koepfer reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 49 in March 2024. He plays here at No. 124.
- Koepfer **played college tennis** at Tulane University in 2013-16 and was named NCAA All-American in 2015 and 2016.

- Koepfer made his **Davis Cup debut** in 2020 and was part of the German team that reached the semifinals in 2021. He has a 3-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. Germany play Israel in Vilnius, Lithuania in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Koepfer is coached by Billy Hesier and Rhyne Williams.

THANASI KOKKINAKIS (AUS) v ROMAN SAFIULLIN

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2021 Cassis Challenger (FRA) Hard (O) R16 Kokkinakis 76(10) 36 62

A first Tour-level meeting for Kokkinakis and Safiullin. Kokkinakis won their only meeting at Challenger-level in 2021.

KOKKINAKIS	v	SAFIULLIN
28	Age	27
71	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	63
1	Titles	0
15-22	Career Grand Slam Record	10-10
5-8	Australian Open Record	1-4
78-96	Career Record	50-58
63-71	Career Record - Hard	34-41
2-0	2025 Record	0-2
2-0	2025 Record - Hard	0-2
8-6	Career Five-Set Record	2-4
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
63-57	Career Tiebreak Record	21-31
1-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **KOKKINAKIS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 24th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Kokkinakis equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 2nd round, defeating Sebastian Ofner in 5 sets in the 1st round before falling to Grigor Dimitrov. He has reached the 2nd round here on 4 other occasions – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2014 (d. Igor Sijsling, l. Rafael Nadal), as a wild card in 2015 (d. Ernests Gulbis, l. Sam Groth), as a wild card in 2021 (d. Kwon Soonwoo, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and as a direct acceptance in 2023 (d. Fabio Fognini, l. Andy Murray).
- Kokkinakis' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros on 3 occasions – as a wild card in 2015 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2023 (l. Karen Khachanov), and as a direct acceptance last year (l. Taylor Fritz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Kokkinakis reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon, where he defeated Felix Auger-Aliassime before retiring due to a left knee injury against Lucas Pouille, and the US Open (d. Tsitsipas, l. Nuno Borges).
- Kokkinakis' **best Tour-level result in 2024** was reaching the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l. Alexander Zverev). Apart from his 3rd round finishes at Roland Garros and Washington, where he retired due to cramping in the 3rd round against Sebastian Korda, he failed to advance beyond the 2nd round at any other Tour-level event last season.
- Kokkinakis **won his 6th and 7th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Sarasota Challenger (USA) (d. Zizou Bergs) and the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (d. Rinky Hijikata). He reached the quarterfinals at the 2 other Challenger-level events he contested last season – at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Borges) and the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Arthur Fils).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Kokkinakis reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide. He defeated Yoshihito Nishioka and Tomas Martin Etcheverry before giving a walkover to Sebastian Korda due to a right shoulder injury.
- Kokkinakis won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he contested in 2024, with his only defeat in a 5-set match last year coming against Fritz in the 3rd round at Roland Garros. He recorded 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down – against Giulio Zeppieri in the 2nd round at Roland Garros and against Auger-Aliassime in the 1st round at Wimbledon. He has an 8-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at tour-level overall.
- Kokkinakis is one of **14 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the joint-most of any nation, alongside USA. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kokkinakis reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 65 in November 2023. He plays here at No. 71.

- Kokkinakis **won the 2022 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Nick Kyrgios. The pair defeated Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell in the first all-Australian Grand Slam men's doubles final since the 1980 Australian Open. They became the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde at 2000 Wimbledon.
- Kokkinakis is a **former Australian Open boys' singles finalist**, falling to Kyrgios in 2013. He also reached the boys' singles final at the 2013 US Open (l. Borna Coric) and won the boys' doubles title at 2013 Wimbledon with Kyrgios.
- Kokkinakis was a member of the **Australian team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time since 2003** in 2022. He has an 8-8 win-loss record in the competition since making his debut in 2014. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Kokkinakis is coached by Todd Langman and Todd Ley.
- **SAFIULLIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Safiullin fell to Tallon Griekspoor in 5 sets in the 1st round. He also fell in the 1st round here as a lucky loser in 2022 (l. Alex Molcan) and as a direct acceptance in 2023 (l. Denis Kudla).
- Safiullin's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier on his Australian Open debut in 2021 (d. Ilya Ivashka, l. Cameron Norrie).
- Safiullin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on his Wimbledon debut in 2023. He defeated Bautista Agut, Corentin Moutet, Guido Pella and Denis Shapovalov before falling to Jannik Sinner. Ranked No. 92, he became the lowest-ranked man to reach the quarterfinals at Wimbledon since No. 144 Nick Kyrgios in 2014.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Safiullin reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Arthur Fils) and the 2nd round at the US Open (l. Matteo Arnaldi) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Dusan Lajovic).
- Safiullin's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals at Brisbane (l. Holger Rune) and the round of 16 at Shanghai-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic).
- Safiullin **won his 5th and 6th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Cary Challenger (USA) (d. Mattia Bellucci) and the Bratislava 2 Challenger (SVK) (d. Raphael Collignon). He also reached the semifinals at the Aix En Provence Challenger (FRA) (l. Jaume Munar).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Safiullin fell in the 1st round at both Hong Kong (l. Fabian Marozsan) and Adelaide (l. Manuel Guinard).
- Safiullin lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open – to Griekspoor in the 1st round last year. He has a 2-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Safiullin reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 36 in January 2024. He plays here at No. 63.
- Safiullin is **one of the 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions** to start the men's singles main draw here this year. He won the junior title here in 2015 (d. Hong Seong-Chan) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in May 2014.
- Safiullin is coached by former world No. 39 Andrey Kuznetsov, who reached the round of 16 here in 2016.

DAMIR DZUMHUR (BIH) v ALEKSANDAR VUKIC (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Dzumhur is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 3rd time. He defeated John Millman in the 2nd round in 2018 but fell to James Duckworth in the 1st round in 2021. He has a 4-9 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

DZUMHUR	v	VUKIC
32	Age	28
83	ATP Ranking (6 Jan)	67
3	Titles	0
16-26	Career Grand Slam Record	3-10
5-8	Australian Open Record	1-4
129-145	Career Record	42-55
80-97	Career Record - Hard	28-38
0-0	2025 Record	1-2
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	1-2
6-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-2
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
43-50	Career Tiebreak Record	35-25
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **DZUMHUR** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 9th Australian Open and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- Dzumhur is making his **first Grand Slam main draw appearance since the 2022 Australian Open**. He has lost in qualifying at the last 8 Grand Slam tournaments, reaching the 2nd round of qualifying at the Australian Open in both 2023 (d. Dimitar Kuzmanov, l. Max Purcell) and 2024 (d. Timofei Skatov, l. Giulio Zeppieri).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Dzumhur reached the final round of qualifying at Wimbledon, where he retired against Alejandro Moro Canas, but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (l. Henri Squire) and the US Open (l. Alex Bolt).
- Dzumhur's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 5 occasions – including twice at the Australian Open. He reached the 3rd round here as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2014 (l. Tomas Berdych) and as the No. 28 seed in 2018 (l. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros in 2015 (l. Roger Federer) and 2018 (l. Alexander Zverev) and at the 2017 US Open (l. Andrey Rublev).
- Dzumhur recorded **2 Tour-level match-wins in 2024**, both of which came in Davis Cup ties for Bosnia and Herzegovina. He defeated Bulgaria's Yanaki Milev in the World Group II Play-offs in February and defeated Chinese Taipei's Tseng Chin Hsin in World Group I in September. He lost the 4 other Tour-level matches he contested last season – falling to Chinese Taipei Wu Tung-Lin in Davis Cup World Group I and losing in the 1st round at Hangzhou (l. Rinky Hijikata), Shanghai-1000 (l. Gael Monfils) and Almaty (l. Maximilian Marterer).
- Dzumhur **led the Tour for most titles won at Challenger-level in 2024**. He won 6 Challenger titles last season – at Barletta (ITA) (d. Harold Mayot), Ostrava (CZE) (d. Squire), Zagreb (CRO) (d. Luka Mikrut), Santo Domingo (DOM) (d. Andres Andrade), Istanbul (TUR) (d. Hamad Medjedovic) and Maia (POR) (d. Francesco Passaro). He also reached the semifinals at 3 other Challenger events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Dzumhur reached the 2nd round at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (d. Hady Habib, l. Vit Kopriva) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Adelaide (l. James McCabe).
- Dzumhur has won **3 Tour-level singles titles**. He became the first player from Bosnia and Herzegovina to win a Tour-level title by defeating Fabio Fognini in the final at 2017 St. Petersburg. He also won the titles on hard courts at Moscow in 2017 (d. Ricardas Berankis) and on grass at Antalya in 2018 (d. Mannarino).
- Dzumhur is a **former Top 30 player**, having reached a career-high ranking of 23 in July 2018. He re-entered the Top 100 for the first time since February 2020 in August last year. He ended the 2024 season at No. 83 and plays here at the same ranking.

- Dzumhur had a good **junior career**. He reached a career-high No. 3 in the junior rankings after reaching the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2010 Wimbledon (l. Benjamin Mitchell). He also won a bronze medal at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore (d. Victor Baluda). He never contested the junior event here.
- Dzumhur has played **Davis Cup** for Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2010 and has a 24-17 win-loss record in the competition. Bosnia and Herzegovina play away against Uzbekistan in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 31 January-1 February.
- Dzumhur is coached by Antonio Sancic.
- **VUKIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Vukic fell to Jordan Thompson in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- Vukic is bidding to record his **4th Grand Slam match-win**. His only previous victories at the Grand Slams came in 2nd round finishes as a wild card at the 2022 Australian Open (d. Lloyd Harris, l. Radu Albot) and as a direct acceptance at Wimbledon in both 2023 (d. Daniel Altmaier, l. Quentin Halys) and 2024 (d. Sebastian Ofner, l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Vukic fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Zhang Zhizhen) and the US Open (l. Max Purcell).
- Vukic's **best results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals as a lucky loser at Eastbourne (l. Taylor Fritz) and as a direct acceptance at Almaty (l. Karen Khachanov). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Mariano Navone), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Tallon Griekspoor) and Newport (l. Christopher Eubanks).
- Also in 2024, Vukic reached the semifinals at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Matteo Berrettini) and the Taipei 2 Challenger (TPE) (l. Adam Walton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Vukic reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Brisbane (d. David Goffin, l. Grigor Dimitrov) but fell in the 1st round as a direct acceptance at Adelaide (l. Marcos Giron).
- Vukic is one of **14 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the joint-most of any nation, alongside USA. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Vukic has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He lost 5-set matches to Brandon Holt in the 1st round here in 2023 and to Jordan Thompson in the 1st round here last year before recording his first victory in a 5-set match by defeating Ofner in 5 sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year.
- Vukic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 48 in August. He plays here at No. 67.
- Vukic played **college tennis**. He represented the University of Illinois from 2015 to 2018 and was named a 3-time All-American and 2017 Big Ten Athlete of the Year.
- Vukic is coached by Nuno Lencastre and Jay Gooding.

JAMES DUCKWORTH (AUS) v DOMINIC STRICKER (SUI)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Stricker has won both of his previous matches against Australian players at the Grand Slams – defeating Alexei Popyrin in the 1st round at both Wimbledon and the US Open in 2023. He lost his only other Tour-level match against an Australian player, falling to Thanasi Kokkinakis at the 2023 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage.

DUCKWORTH	v	STRICKER
32*	Age	22
89	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	304
0	Titles	0
10-34	Career Grand Slam Record	4-5
4-11	Australian Open Record	0-0
65-109	Career Record	24-28
50-81	Career Record - Hard	15-18
0-1	2025 Record	0-2
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-2
4-8	Career Five-Set Record	4-0
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
49-54	Career Tiebreak Record	19-12
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

*Turns 33 on Tuesday 21 January

- **DUCKWORTH** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Australian Open for the 5th time. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 35th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card, Duckworth lost to Luca Van Assche in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- Duckworth's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 4 occasions – on his Grand Slam debut in 2012 (d. Jurgen Zopp, l. Janko Tipsarevic) and in 2013 (d. Benjamin Mitchell, l. Blaz Kavcic), 2015 (d. Kavcic, l. Richard Gasquet) and 2021 (d. Damir Dzumhur, l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Duckworth's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Radu Albot and Sam Querrey before falling to Lorenzo Sonego.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a lucky loser at Wimbledon (l. Alex de Minaur) and as a direct acceptance at the US Open (l. Flavio Cobolli). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Maxime Janvier).
- Duckworth is bidding to end a **5-match Grand Slam losing streak**. Since his 2nd round finish at the 2022 US Open, where he defeated Christopher O'Connell before falling to Daniel Evans, he has lost in the 1st round at all 4 Grand Slam events where he has contested the main draw.
- Duckworth's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Brisbane (l. Holger Rune), as a direct acceptance at Dallas (l. Adrian Mannarino) and as a qualifier at Stuttgart.
- Duckworth **won his 15th Challenger title in 2024** at the Hangzhou Challenger (CHN) (d. Mackenzie McDonald). He also finished runner-up at the Shenzhen 1 Challenger (l. Lloyd Harris) and reached the semifinals at the Taipei Challenger (TPE) (l. Adam Walton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Adelaide (l. Li Tu). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Tristan Schoolkate).
- Duckworth is bidding to end an **8-match Tour-level losing streak**. Since his 2nd round finish as a lucky loser at Montreal-1000 last year, where he defeated Marcos Giron before falling to Casper Ruud, he has lost in the 1st round at all 7 Tour-level events he has played.
- Duckworth is one of **14 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the joint-most of any nation, alongside USA. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Duckworth has a 2-4 win loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open, with his 2 victories in 5-set matches here coming against Mitchell in the 1st round in 2013 and Kavcic in the 1st round in 2015. He has a 4-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Duckworth reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 46 in January 2022. He plays here at No. 89.
- Duckworth has **struggled with injuries during his career**. He underwent foot surgeries in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; shoulder surgeries in March 2017 and March 2020; right elbow surgery in late 2012, early 2014 and February 2018; and, most recently, hip surgery in January 2022.
- Duckworth was a **good junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in July 2010 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2010 Roland Garros (l. Agustin Velotti). His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2010 (l. Gianni Mina).
- Duckworth is coached by Wayne Arthurs.
- **STRICKER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is 6th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Stricker **withdrew the Australian Open last year** due to a back injury, which kept him off the Tour from December 2023 to June 2024, returning at the Surbiton Challenger (GBR). He fell in qualifying here in both 2022 and 2023.
- Stricker's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on his US Open debut in 2023. As a qualifier, he defeated Alexei Popyrin, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Benjamin Bonzi before falling to Taylor Fritz.
- **At the Grand Slams in 2024**, Stricker fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Arthur Fils) and in the 1st round at the US Open as a direct acceptance (l. Francisco Comesana). He missed Roland Garros due to his a back injury.
- Stricker contested **6 Tour-level events in 2024**, winning 4 Tour-level matches. He won 2 matches to reach the quarterfinals at Stockholm (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and recorded 2nd round finishes at Winston-Salem (d. Federico Coria, l. Lorenzo Sonego) and as a wild card at Basel (d. Tallon Griekspoor, l. Holger Rune).
- Stricker **played mainly at Challenger-level in 2024**. His best result was reaching the quarterfinals at the Grodzisk Mazowiecki Challenger (POL) (l. Marc-Andrea Huesler). He also reached the semifinals at M25 Heraklion (GRE) (l. Louis Dussin) on the ITF World Tennis Tour.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Stricker represented Switzerland at the United Cup, losing both singles matches he contested, falling to Frances Ugo Humbert and Italy's Flavio Cobolli. He also fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Auckland (l. Adrian Mannarino).
- Stricker has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested – against Alexei Popyrin in the 1st round at 2023 Wimbledon, and against both Stefanos Tsitsipas and Benjamin Bonzi in the 2nd and 3rd rounds respectively at the 2023 US Open.
- Stricker reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 88 in October 2023. He plays here at No. 304 and entered on a protected ranking of No. 94.
- Stricker had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in October 2020 after winning the boys' singles title at Roland Garros (d. Leandro Riedi). He also won the boys' doubles title at the same event alongside Cobolli. His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2020 (l. Harold Mayot).
- Stricker made his **Davis Cup** debut for Switzerland in 2020 and has a 5-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Switzerland play at home against Spain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Stricker is coached by Dieter Kindlmann.

JACOB FEARNLEY (GBR) v NICK KYRGIOS (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

FEARNLEY	v	KYRGIOS
23	Age	29
92	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	-
0	Titles	7
1-1	Career Grand Slam Record	54-31
0-0	Australian Open Record	17-9
2-3	Career Record	205-115
1-1	Career Record - Hard	142-74
0-0	2025 Record	0-1
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	0-1
0-0	Career Five-Set Record	11-4
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
2-2	Career Tiebreak Record	136-95
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-2

- **FEARNLEY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Fearnley made his **Grand Slam debut** as a wild card at Wimbledon last year, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Alejandro Moro Canas, I. Novak Djokovic). It was his first appearance at a Grand Slam in either the main draw or qualifying. He subsequently attempted to qualify at the US Open but fell to Paul Jubb in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Fearnley is bidding to record his **3rd Tour-level match-win**. His only previous Tour-level wins came in 2nd round finishes at Wimbledon and as a qualifier at Stockholm (d. Corentin Moutet, I. Tallon Griekspoor) last year. His only other Tour-level appearance came as a wild card at Eastbourne last year, where he fell to Billy Harris in the 1st round.
- Fearnley **won his first 4 titles at Challenger-level in 2024** – as a qualifier at the Nottingham 2 Challenger (GBR) (d. Charles Broom) and as a direct acceptance at the Lincoln Challenger (USA) (d. Coleman Wong), the Rennes Challenger (FRA) (d. Quentin Halys) and the Orleans Challenger (FRA) (d. Harold Mayot). He also reached the semifinals as a qualifier at the Chicago Challenger (USA) (I. Gabriel Diallo) and won an ITF World Tennis Tour title as a qualifier at M25 Esch/Alzette (LUX) (d. Jonas Forejtek). He did not play any professional tennis between January and June last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Fearnley reached the semifinals at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (I. Joao Fonseca).
- Fearnley **broke the Top 100 for the first time** in September last year, having begun the season ranked at No. 646. He climbed the most ranking places of any player in the ATP singles rankings in 2024. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 86 last week after reaching the semifinals at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) and plays here ranked 6 places lower at No. 92.
- Fearnley **played college tennis**. He represented Texas Christian University for 4 seasons from 2020 to 2024 and was a 4-time ITA All-American, compiling a 155-62 overall win-loss record – 85-32 in singles and 70-30 in doubles. He did not play any professional tennis between November 2019 and October 2022.
- Fearnley reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 27 in February 2019. His best results at junior-level were winning the titles at the 2018 Yeltsin Cup (RUS) (d. Valentin Royer) and the 2018 Torneo Internacional Junior de Sanxenxo (ESP) (d. Carlos Alcaraz). He reached the 3rd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (I. Nicolas Alvarez Varona).
- Fearnley has been selected for Great Britain's 2025 **Davis Cup** Qualifiers 1st Round tie away to Japan on 31 January-1 February. He will make his debut in the competition if he contests a match in the tie.
- Fearnley is coached by Toby Smith and Juan Martin.

- **KYRGIOS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 9th time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 32nd Grand Slam overall.
- Kyrgios has **lost in the 1st round of a Grand Slam on 7 occasions** – including here in 2019, when he fell to Milos Raonic in straight sets.
- Kyrgios is making his **first Australian Open appearance since 2022**, when he reached the 2nd round (d. Liam Broady, I. Daniil Medvedev) and his first Grand Slam appearance since the 2022 US Open, when he reached the quarterfinals (l. Karen Khachanov).
- Kyrgios' **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Andy Murray). Aged 19 years 280 days, he became the youngest man to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals since Andrei Cherkasov in 1990 and only the 3rd Australian man to reach the quarterfinals here as a teenager after Brad Drewett and Pat Cash. He is the only Australian player to have reached the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open since Lleyton Hewitt in 2005.
- Kyrgios reached his **first Grand Slam final** at 2022 Wimbledon, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets. He became the first Australian player to reach the men's singles final at Wimbledon since Mark Philippoussis finished runner-up in 2003 and the first Australian player to reach the men's singles final at a Grand Slam since Hewitt finished runner-up at the 2005 US Open.
- Kyrgios **contested one event across the 2023 and 2024 seasons** due to knee, foot and wrist injuries. His only appearance in that time came at 2023 Stuttgart, where he fell to Wu Yibing in the 1st round.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Kyrgios fell in the 1st round at Brisbane to Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard. He also reached the 2nd round in doubles with Djokovic (d. Alexander Erler/Andreas Mies, l. Nikola Mektic/Michael Venus)
- Kyrgios has a 3-3 win-loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open but has won 8 of the 9 five-set matches he has contested elsewhere. He has an 11-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Kyrgios is one of **14 Australian men** to begin the men's singles draw here this year – the joint-most of any nation, alongside USA. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kyrgios reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in October 2016. He plays here without a ranking and entered the main draw using a protected ranking of No. 21.
- Kyrgios **won the 2022 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Thanasi Kokkinakis. The pair defeated Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell in the first all-Australian Grand Slam men's doubles final since the 1980 Australian Open. They became the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde at 2000 Wimbledon.
- Kyrgios is one of **6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions** to start in the men's main draw this year. He won the boys' singles title here in 2013, defeating Kokkinakis in the final. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 1 in January 2013 after winning the boys' singles title here. He also won the boys' doubles title with Kokkinakis at 2013 Wimbledon.
- Kyrgios made his **Davis Cup** debut for Australia in 2013 and has an 11-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. He has been selected for Australia's 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round tie away to Sweden on 31 January-1 February and will make his first appearance in the competition since 2019 if he contests a match in the tie.
- Kyrgios is currently without a permanent coach.