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### On court today...

- In the 2nd match on Rod Laver Arena, 3-time Australian Open finalist Daniil Medvedev is contesting his first match of the 2025 season today as he takes on world No. 418 and Grand Slam debutant Kasidit Samrej, who is making history as the 3rd Thai player to contest a Grand Slam men's singles match in the Open Era. Samrej earned a wild card to the main draw by winning through 4 rounds of the Australian Open Asia/Pacific wild card play-off in November. He is facing a Top 50 player for the first time today – the highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 78 Taro Daniel in the quarterfinals at the Seoul Challenger last year, while his best victory to date came against No. 157 Coleman Wong in the 2nd round at the same event.
- 2024 US Open finalist Taylor Fritz takes on compatriot Jenson Brooksby in the first men's match on John Cain Arena on Tuesday. Fritz will be bolstered by the form he showed en route to his first Grand Slam final last year and will take further confidence from playing his part in USA winning their 2nd United Cup title earlier this month. However, he will be wary of Brooksby, a man who defeated him in their only previous meeting in the 2nd round at the 2021 US Open. Brooksby is contesting his first event since playing here 2 years ago, having had surgery on both wrists in 2023 and served at 13-month anti-doping suspension. This is one of 2 all-American clashes today, with Ben Shelton taking on Brandon Nakashima on 1573 Arena in the other.
- Australian No. 1 Alex de Minaur begins his 2025 Melbourne campaign in the first match of the night session on RLA with the weight of expectation at his home Grand Slam. He faces Dutchman Botić van de Zandschulp, who knows a thing or two about dumping a top player out of a Grand Slam early after he upset world No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets in the 2nd round of the US Open last year. The Australian Open is the only Grand Slam where De Minaur is yet to reach the quarterfinals, with the No. 8 seed having lost in the round of 16 here in 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- In the final match of the day on Margaret Court Arena, No. 9 seed Andrey Rublev faces up-and-coming Brazilian talent Joao Fonseca, who comes into the main draw on a 13-match winning streak at all levels, including blitzing through qualifying here without dropping a set. Should Fonseca pull off the upset, it would be the first time Rublev has lost in the 1st round here since 2019. But the more-experienced Rublev will still be confident – he is a 3-time quarterfinalist here and has won both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams.

## NO. 4 TAYLOR FRITZ (USA) v JENSON BROOKSBY (USA)

### Head-to-head: Brooksby leads 1-0

2021 US Open Hard (O) R64 Brooksby 67(7) 76(10) 75 62

A 2nd meeting for Fritz and Brooksby. Their only previous meeting also came at Grand Slam-level, with Brooksby recording a 4-set victory in the 2nd round at the 2021 US Open.

This is one of 2 all-American matches in the men's singles 1st round here this year, alongside Ben Shelton's match against Brandon Nakashima. They are the 204th and 205th all-American men's singles matches at the Australian Open in the Open Era and the 1,453rd and 1,454th all-American men's singles matches at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Fritz has a 7-5 win-loss record against fellow American players at the Grand Slams and a 51-27 win-loss record against fellow American players at Tour-level overall. Brooksby has a 1-1 win-loss record against fellow American players at the Grand Slams and a 9-5 win-loss record against fellow American players at Tour-level overall.

FRITZ	v	BROOKSBY
27	Age	24
4	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	-
8	Titles	0
53-33	Career Grand Slam Record	10-8
14-8	Australian Open Record	2-1
288-191	Career Record	45-33
202-131	Career Record - Hard	36-23
4-1	2025 Record	0-0
4-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
12-11	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
148-114	Career Tiebreak Record	13-10
1-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **FRITZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th straight year. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.
- Fritz has **lost in the 1st round here on 2 occasions** – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2016 (l. Jack Sock) and as a direct acceptance in 2017 (l. Gilles Muller).
- Last year here, Fritz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals. He defeated Facundo Diaz Acosta, Hugo Gaston, Fabian Marozsan and Stefanos Tsitsipas before falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets.
- Fritz reached his **first Grand Slam final** at the 2024 US Open, where he fell to Jannik Sinner in straight sets. He became the first American player to reach the US Open men's singles final since Andy Roddick finished runner-up in 2006 and the first American to reach a men's singles Grand Slam final since Roddick finished runner-up at 2009 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Fritz reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Lorenzo Musetti) and the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Casper Ruud).
- If Fritz wins the title here on his 34th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **joint-3rd on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title** – alongside Petr Korda, who won his only major title on his 34th Grand Slam appearance at the 1998 Australian Open. Goran Ivanisevic (who won his only major title on his 48th Grand Slam appearance) and Stan Wawrinka (who won his first major title on his 36th Grand Slam appearance) are at the top of the list.
- If Fritz wins the title here on his 9th Australian Open appearance, he will go **joint-top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's singles title** – alongside 1998 champion Korda and 2014 champion Wawrinka, who both won their first titles here on their 9th Australian Open appearances.
- Fritz is bidding to become the **10th American player to win the Australian Open men's singles title in the Open Era** – and the first since Andre Agassi in 2003. No American players have reached the men's singles final here since Agassi won the title in 2003.

- Fritz's **other highlights in 2024** were winning the titles at Delray Beach (d. Tommy Paul) and Eastbourne (d. Max Purcell). He also finished runner-up at Munich (l. Jan-Lennard Struff) and the ATP Finals (l. Sinner), reached the semifinals at Madrid-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Djokovic), and the quarterfinals at Rome-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev) and Queen's (l. Jordan Thompson).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Fritz was a member of the USA team which won the United Cup for the 2nd time. He won 4 of the 5 singles matches he contested, falling to Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime before defeating Croatia's Borna Coric, China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen, Czechia's Tomas Machac and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Fritz has won 4 of the last 5 **five-set matches** he has contested with his only defeat in a 5-set match in that time coming against Musetti in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon last year. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 12-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Fritz reached a career-high ranking of No. 4 in November last year, becoming the **highest-ranked American man** since Roddick was last ranked at No. 4 in August 2007. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Fritz is a **former junior world No. 1**. He was named 2015 ITF Junior World Champion after winning the boys' singles title at the 2015 US Open (d. Tommy Paul). He also finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Paul). He contested the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2015, reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 (l. Hong Seong-chan).
- Fritz made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2019 Finals and has a 7-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Both of Fritz's parents were professional tennis players. His mother, Kathy, is a former Top 10 player.
- Fritz is coached by Michael Russell and Paul Annacone.
- **BROOKSBY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.
- Brooksby is **contesting his first event, at any level, since the 2023 Australian Open**. He underwent left wrist surgery in March 2023 and right wrist surgery in May 2023 and subsequently served a 13-month anti-doping suspension for missing 3 tests in a 12-month period. He has been eligible to return to competition since March last year.
- **On his only previous Australian Open appearance**, in 2023, Brooksby reached the 3rd round. He defeated Christopher O'Connell and Casper Ruud before falling to Tommy Paul.
- Brooksby's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card at the 2021 US Open, where he defeated Mikael Ymer, Taylor Fritz and Aslan Karatsev before falling to Novak Djokovic. Aged 20 years 321 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the round of 16 at the US Open since Andy Roddick (19 years 10 days) in 2001.
- Brooksby is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He has a 2-5 win-loss record against Top 5 players, with his 2 victories coming against No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 3rd round at 2022 Indian Wells-1000 and against No. 3 Ruud in the 2nd round here in 2023.
- Brooksby won the only **5-set match** he has contested – against Karatsev in the 3rd round at the 2021 US Open.
- Brooksby reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 33 in June. He is currently unranked and entered the draw using a protected ranking of No. 52.
- Brooksby contested his **only junior Grand Slam event at the 2018 US Open** – where, as a wild card, he reached the semifinals (l. Lorenzo Musetti). He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 54 and only competed at junior events in North America.
- Brooksby is currently without a permanent coach.

## NO. 5 DANIIL MEDVEDEV v (WC) KASIDIT SAMREJ (THA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Medvedev has won both matches he has played against wild cards at the Australian Open – defeating Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 1st round in 2018 and John Millman in the 2nd round in 2023. He has won 5 of his 6 Grand Slam matches against wild cards, with his only defeat coming against Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros when he retired due to cramping.

Medvedev has never lost a Tour-level match to a player ranked as low as No. 418 Samrej. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Medvedev in a Tour-level match is No. 284 Stan Wawrinka in the 2nd round at 2022 Metz. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Medvedev at a Grand Slam is No. 266 Bonzi in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Medvedev at the Australian Open is No. 131 Escobedo in the 1st round in 2017.

MEDVEDEV	v	SAMREJ
28	Age	23*
5	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	418
21	Titles	0
88-29	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
27-8	Australian Open Record	0-0
381-157	Career Record	8-7
291-104	Career Record - Hard	7-3
0-0	2025 Record	0-0
0-0	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
8-10	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
120-82	Career Tiebreak Record	4-3
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

\*Turns 24 on Sunday 26 January

- Three-time Australian Open runner-up **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th consecutive year. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 31st Grand Slam overall.
- Medvedev has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Grand Slam debut in 2017, when he fell to Ernesto Escobedo in 4 sets. He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 6 other occasions – at Roland Garros in 2017 (l. Benjamin Bonzi), 2018 (l. Lucas Pouille), 2019 (l. Pierre-Hugues Herbert), 2020 (l. Marton Fucsovics) and 2023 (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and at the 2017 US Open (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- Last year here, Medvedev reached his **3rd Australian Open final**, falling to Jannik Sinner in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He reached back-to-back finals in 2021, when he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets, and 2022, when he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He is the only player in the Open Era to lose two Grand Slam men's singles finals from 2-0 up.
- Medvedev won his **first Grand Slam title** at the 2021 US Open, defeating Djokovic in straight sets. He has a 1-5 win-loss record in Grand Slam finals, having also finished runner-up at the US Open in 2019 (l. Nadal) and 2023 (l. Djokovic) in addition to his 3 runner-up finishes here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Medvedev reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), the quarterfinals at the US Open (l. Sinner) and the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Alex de Minaur).
- Medvedev's **other highlights in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz), reaching the semifinals at Dubai (l. Ugo Humbert), Miami-1000 (l. Sinner) and Beijing (l. Alcaraz), and the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000, where he retired due to a right hip injury against Jiri Lehecka, and Shanghai-1000 (l. Sinner). It was his first season without a Tour-level title since 2017. He is contesting his first match of the 2025 season today.
- Medvedev has won 5 of the 8 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, including 3 of the 4 five-set matches he contested here last year. He recorded 5-set victories against Emil Ruusuvuori, Hubert Hurkacz Alexander Zverev before falling to Sinner in 5 sets in the final. He became the first player to contest 4 five-set matches at the same Grand Slam tournament since Dominik Hrbaty at the 2006 Australian Open. He has an 8-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall

- Medvedev has recorded 4 successful comebacks from 0-2 down – including against both Ruusuvuori and Zverev at the Australian Open last year. He became the **3rd player in the Open Era to record 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down en route to a Grand Slam final** – after 1981 Australian Open runner-up Steve Denton and 1995 Australian Open runner-up Pete Sampras.
- Medvedev **became world No. 1** on 28 February 2022, becoming the first player other than the 'Big 4' (comprising Djokovic, Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray) to hold the top ranking since Andy Roddick in February 2004. He held the No. 1 ranking for 16 weeks during 2022 but is yet to return to the No. 1 ranking. He plays here at No. 5.
- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, I. Nikola Milojevic).
- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.
- Wild card **SAMREJ** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- Samrej is bidding to become the **3rd Thai man in the Open Era to reach the 2nd round at the Australian Open** – after Paradorn Srichaphan, who reached the 2nd round here on 4 occasions (2000, 2003, 2004 and 2005) and Danai Udomchoke, who reached the 2nd round here in 2007.
- Samrej is also bidding to become the **3rd Thai man in the Open Era to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam** – after Srichaphan (14 appearances in the 2nd round at the Grand Slams) and Udomchoke (3).
- Samrej gained entry to the main draw here after **winning the Australian Open Asia/Pacific wild card play-off** in November. As the No. 4 seed in the play-off, he defeated Jin Yuquan (CHN) 76(8) 63, No. 5 seed Xiao Linang (CHN) 57 64 64, No. 1 seed Sun Fajing (CHN) 64 46 75 and No. 2 seed Rio Noguchi (JPN) 64 46 61.
- By competing the main draw here, Samrej has become the **3rd Thai man in the Open Era to compete in the singles draw at a Grand Slam** – after Srichaphan (who made 29 Grand Slam appearances in 1999-2007) and Udomchoke (10 Grand Slam appearances in 2004-12). He is the first Thai man to compete in singles at a Grand Slam since Udomchoke at the 2012 Australian Open.
- Samrej contested **9 Challenger events in 2024**. His best result was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) (I. Taro Daniel) in November.
- Samrej competed predominantly on the **ITF World Tennis Tour in 2024**, winning 3 titles – at back-to-back M15 events at Nakhon Si Thammarat (THA) in July and at an M25 event at Nakhon Si Thammarat (THA) in September.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Samrej competed as a wild card at the Nonthaburi 1 Challenger (THA), falling to Clement Tabur in the 1st round.
- Samrej is bidding to record his **9th Tour-level match-win**. All of his previous Tour-level appearances came in Davis Cup ties for Thailand, for whom he has an 8-7 singles win-loss record.
- Samrej is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced is No. 78 Daniel in the quarterfinals at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 157 Coleman Wong in the 2nd round at the Seoul Challenger (KOR) last year.
- Samrej reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 413 in November last year. He plays here 5 places lower at No. 418.
- Samrej reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 73 in May 2019. He never contested a junior Grand Slam event.
- Samrej has played **Davis Cup** for Thailand since 2019 and has a 10-8 overall win-loss record in the competition across singles and doubles. Thailand play away against Cyprus in the 2025 World Group II Play-offs on 31 January-1 February.
- Samrej is coached by his father, Vittaya Samrej, and Werapath Sirijariyaporn.

## NO. 8 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v BOTIC VAN DE ZANDSCHULP (NED)

### Head-to-head: De Minaur leads 1-0

2022 Davis Cup Finals Hard (I) QF De Minaur 57 63 64

A 2nd meeting between De Minaur and Van de Zandschulp, but their first at a Grand Slam. De Minaur won their only previous meeting in the 2nd match of Australia's 2-0 victory against Netherlands in the 2022 Davis Cup quarterfinals en route to his nation's runner-up finish that year.

Van de Zandschulp is facing an Australian player here for the first time. He won the only match he has contested against an Australian player at the Grand Slams, defeating Jordan Thompson in the 1st round at the 2023 US Open when Thompson retired after losing the first set. He has a 6-2 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

DE MINAUR	v	VAN DE ZANDSCHULP
25	Age	29
8	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	84
9	Titles	0
49-28	Career Grand Slam Record	20-16
14-7	Australian Open Record	3-4
251-155	Career Record	95-91
187-102	Career Record - Hard	61-60
2-0	2025 Record	0-0
2-0	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
3-6	Career Five-Set Record	5-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
89-68	Career Tiebreak Record	46-37
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 7th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, De Minaur equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 (l. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the round of 16 here in 2022 (l. Jannik Sinner) and 2023 (l. Novak Djokovic).
- De Minaur's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 4 occasions – at the 2020 US Open (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2024 (l. Jack Draper), and at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and 2024 Wimbledon, where he gave a walkover to Djokovic due to a right hip injury.
- De Minaur won his **8th and 9th Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Acapulco (d. Casper Ruud) and 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sebastian Korda). He also finished runner-up at Rotterdam (l. Jannik Sinner), reached the semifinals at Vienna (l. Karen Khachanov) and the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Djokovic), Antwerp (l. Hugo Gaston) and Paris-1000 (l. Holger Rune).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, De Minaur represented Australia at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested. He defeated Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry and Great Britain's Billy Harris.
- De Minaur is the highest-ranked of the **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.
- Seeded at No. 8, De Minaur plays here at his **best Grand Slam seeding** to date. With Alexei Popyrin and Jordan Thompson 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).
- De Minaur has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Gerald Melzer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2017 and Henri Laaksonen in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2019, but fallen to Rublev in 5 sets in the round of 16 last year. He has a 3-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- De Minaur broke the Top 10 for the first time in January last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in July, becoming the highest-ranked Australian man since Hewitt was last ranked No. 6 in January 2006. He plays here at No. 8.
- De Minaur reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 2** in February 2016. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2016 Australian Open (l. Jurabek Karimov) and won the doubles event alongside Blake Ellis. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles event at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- De Minaur led Australia to **back-to-back Davis Cup finals in 2022-23**, the team's first appearances in the Davis Cup final since 2003. The team finished as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. De Minaur won 10 out of 13 Davis Cup matches he contested in 2022-23, with his only defeats coming against Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 2022 final, against Daniel Evans in the 2023 Finals Group Stage and against Sinner in the 2023 final. He has a 15-10 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- De Minaur is coached by Adolfo Gutierrez.
- **VAN DE ZANDSCHULP** 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.
- **Last year here**, Van de Zandschulp fell in the 1st round to eventual champion Jannik Sinner in straight sets.
- Van de Zandschulp's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff and Richard Gasquet before falling to eventual champion Rafael Nadal in straight sets.
- Van de Zandschulp's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at the 2021 US Open. He defeated Carlos Taberner, Casper Ruud, Facundo Bagnis and Diego Schwartzman before falling to eventual champion Daniil Medvedev in the last 8. He became the 3rd qualifier in the Open Era to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the US Open – after Nicolas Escude (1999) and Gilles Muller (2008) – and the first Dutchman to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Sjeng Schalken at 2004 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Van de Zandschulp reached the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Jack Draper) and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Ugo Humbert) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Fabio Fognini).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Van de Zandschulp fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Auckland (l. Nishesh Basavareddy).
- Van de Zandschulp recorded **back-to-back match-wins at Tour-level twice in 2024** – in his 3rd round finish at the US Open, and with wins over Nadal and Daniel Altmaier in the quarterfinals and semifinals at the Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage. He reached the 2nd round at 12 other Tour-level events in 2024.
- Van de Zandschulp reached **2 Challenger-level finals in 2024** – at the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (l. Roberto Carballes Baena) and the Luedenscheid Challenger (GER) (l. Raphael Collignon).
- Van de Zandschulp is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He lost the first 6 matches he played against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, including 2 at the Australian Open, before winning his most-recent match against a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam – against No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz in the 2nd round at the US Open last year. He has a 7-19 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.
- Van de Zandschulp has won 5 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only defeat in a 5-set match coming against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round at 2021 Roland Garros. He has recorded 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down – against Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round at 2021 Roland Garros and against Taberner in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. He has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Van de Zandschulp reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 22 in August 2022. He plays here at No. 84.
- Van de Zandschulp was a member of the **Dutch team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time in 2024**, falling to Italy. He won 7 of the 12 matches he contested in the competition, across both singles and doubles, during the 2024 season and has a 15-8 overall Davis Cup win-loss record. Netherlands received a bye to the 2025 Qualifiers 2nd Round in September and will play the winner of the Qualifiers 1st Round tie between Norway and Argentina.
- Van de Zandschulp is coached by Sven Groeneveld.

## NO. 9 ANDREY RUBLEV v (Q) JOAO FONSECA (BRA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

Rublev has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 112 Fonseca once before – when he fell to No. 122 Francisco Comesana in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Rublev at the Australian Open is No. 81 Mackenzie McDonald in the 1st round in 2019.

Rublev has won both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – against Stefano Travaglia in the 1st round at 2017 Wimbledon and Ivo Karlovic in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. He has a 35-8 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

RUBLEV	v	FONSECA
27	Age	18
9	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	112
17	Titles	1
65-28	Career Grand Slam Record	0-0
20-8	Australian Open Record	0-0
335-185	Career Record	12-8
234-134	Career Record - Hard	7-1
0-1	2025 Record	0-0
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
10-9	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
108-116	Career Tiebreak Record	4-4
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **RUBLEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 9th Australian Open and his 29th Grand Slam overall.
- Rublev has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 6 occasions**, including once at the Australian Open – in 2019, when he fell to Mackenzie McDonald in 4 sets in the 1st round.
- Last year here, Rublev equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Jannik Sinner). He also reached the quarterfinals here in 2021 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (l. Novak Djokovic).
- Rublev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 10 occasions. In addition to his 3 quarterfinal finishes here, he also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal), 2020 (l. Medvedev), 2022 (l. Cilic) and 2023 (l. Medvedev), and at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2022 (l. Frances Tiafoe), and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Djokovic). He is the only man in the Open Era to have lost the first 8 (or more) Grand Slam quarterfinal matches he has reached.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Rublev reached the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Matteo Arnaldi) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Francisco Comesana).
- Rublev's best result in 2024 was winning his **2nd Masters-1000 title** at Madrid-1000 (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime). He also won the title at Hong Kong (d. Emil Ruusuvuori), finished runner-up at Montreal-1000 (l. Alexei Popyrin), reached the semifinals at Dubai, where he was defaulted against Alexander Bublik, and Umag (l. Francisco Cerundolo), and reached the quarterfinals at 9 more Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Rublev competed as defending champion at Hong Kong but lost his opening match to Fabian Marozsan.
- Rublev has won all 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against David Ferrer in the 1st round in 2018, against Holger Rune in the round of 16 in 2023, and against Thiago Seyboth Wild in the 1st round and Alex de Minaur in the round of 16 last year. He has a 10-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Rublev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in September 2021. He plays here at No. 9.



- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at 2014 Roland Garros (d. Jaume Munar). He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2014. (l. Stefan Kozlov). He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente and Alberto Martin.
- Qualifier **FONSECA** is making his Grand Slam debut today.
- Last week, Fonseca defeated No. 29 seed Federico Gomez (ARG) 64 60, Coleman Wong (HKG) 60 63 and No. 12 seed Thiago Tirante (ARG) 64 61 to **qualify for the main draw at a Grand Slam for the first time**.
- **At the Grand Slams last year**, Fonseca reached the final round of qualifying at the US Open (l. Eliot Spizzirri) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Alejandro Moro Canas). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open or Roland Garros.
- Fonseca **won the title at the 2024 Next Gen ATP Finals**. At No. 145, he was the lowest-ranked player at the event, but won all 5 of his matches, defeating Learner Tien in the final.
- Fonseca's **other Tour-level highlights in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at both Rio de Janeiro (l. Mariano Navone) and Bucharest (l. Alejandro Tabilo).
- Fonseca won his **first Challenger title in 2024** – at the Lexington Challenger (USA) (d. Li Tu). He also finished runner-up at the Asuncion Challenger (PAR) (l. Gustavo Heide) and reached the semifinals at both the Buenos Aires 1 Challenger (ARG) (l. Dmitry Popko) and the Lyon 2 Challenger (FRA) (l. Calvin Hemery).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Fonseca won his **2nd Challenger title** at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (d. Ethan Quinn).
- Fonseca is bidding to extend a **7-match Tour-level winning streak**. Since falling to Matteo Berrettini at the Davis Cup Finals Group Stage last year, he won 2 further Davis Cup matches and won all 5 matches he contested at the Next Gen ATP Finals.
- Fonseca is also bidding to extend a **13-match winning streak at all levels**. Since losing to Hemery in the semifinals at the Lyon 2 Challenger in November, he has won 5 matches in winning the titles at both the Next Gen ATP Finals and the Canberra Challenger and won 3 matches in Australian Open qualifying last week.
- Fonseca is **facing a Top 10 player for the first time**. The highest-ranked player he has previously faced, at any level, is No. 20 Arthur Fils – whom he defeated in the group stage at the Next Gen ATP Finals last year.
- Fonseca broke the Top 200 for the first time in August last year and plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 112.
- Fonseca is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' rankings for the first time in September 2023 after winning the boys' singles title at the 2023 US Open (d. Tien). He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2023 (l. Alexander Blockx). He was named 2023 ITF Junior World Champion.
- Fonseca made his **Davis Cup** debut for Brazil at the 2024 Finals Group Stage, where he fell to Italy's Berrettini before defeating Belgium's Rafael Collignon and Netherlands' Botić van de Zandschulp for his first victories in the competition. Brazil play away against France in the 2025 Qualifiers First Round on 1-2 February.
- Fonseca is coached by Guilherme Teixeira.

## NO. 13 HOLGER RUNE (DEN) v ZHANG ZHIZHEN (CHN)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

RUNE	v	ZHANG
21	Age	28
13	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	49
4	Titles	0
22-13	Career Grand Slam Record	8-10
4-3	Australian Open Record	1-2
139-86	Career Record	56-62
79-50	Career Record - Hard	28-39
0-1	2025 Record	1-3
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-3
4-3	Career Five-Set Record	2-4
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
63-39	Career Tiebreak Record	32-33
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **RUNE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd consecutive year. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Rune reached the 2nd round (d. Yoshihito Nishioka, l. Arthur Cazaux). He has lost in the 1st round here once before – on his Australian Open debut in 2022, when he fell to Kwon Soonwoo in 5 sets.
- Rune's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2023. He defeated Filip Krajinovic, Maxime Cressy and Ugo Humbert for his first Australian Open match-wins before falling to Andrey Rublev in 5 sets.
- Rune's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2022 and 2023, falling to Casper Ruud on both occasions, and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz). He became the first Danish player to reach a men's singles Grand Slam quarterfinal since Jan Leschly at the 1967 US Championships.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Rune reached the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Brandon Nakashima).
- Rune's **best result in 2024** was a runner-up finish at Brisbane (l. Grigor Dimitrov). He also reached the semifinals at Montpellier, where he retired against Borna Coric due to a right arm injury, Acapulco (l. Ruud), Munich (l. Jan-Lennard Struff), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Frances Tiafoe), Tokyo (l. Arthur Fils), Basel (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard), and Paris-1000 (l. Zverev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Rune competed at Brisbane but fell to Jiri Lehecka in the 1st round.
- Rune has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – to Kwon in the 1st round in 2022 and to Rublev in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 4-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Rune broke the Top 5 for the first time in August 2023, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 the same month. He plays here at No. 13.
- Rune is a **former junior world No. 1**. He won the boys' singles title at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Toby Kodat) and reached the top ranking in October that year. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (d. Dominic Stricker, l. Bu Yunchaokete).
- Rune has played **Davis Cup** for Denmark since 2018 and has a 7-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. Denmark played at home against Serbia in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Rune is coached by Lars Christensen and Kenneth Carlsen, who reached the round of 16 here in 1993.

- **ZHANG** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Zhang reached the 2nd round. He defeated Federico Coria for his first Australian Open match-win before falling to Ugo Humbert. On his only other appearance in the main draw here, in 2023, he fell to Ben Shelton in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- Zhang's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2023 (l. Casper Ruud) and 2024 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and at the 2023 US Open (l. Rinky Hijikata).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Zhang reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Maxime Janvier, l. Jan-Lennard Struff) but retired due to a leg injury during his 1st round match against Jack Draper at the US Open.
- Zhang's best result in 2024 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Hangzhou (l. Marin Cilic). He also reached the semifinals at Halle (l. Jannik Sinner) and the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Karen Khachanov), Rome-1000 (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and Hamburg (l. Alexander Zverev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Zhang represented China, P.R. at the United Cup, winning one of the 3 singles matches he contested. He defeated Brazil's Thiago Monteiro but fell to Germany's Alexander Zverev and USA's Taylor Fritz. He also competed at Adelaide but fell in the 1st round (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- Zhang is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-3 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 5 Ruud in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open. He lost his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open – to No. 20 Humbert in the 2nd round last year.
- Zhang is bidding to end a **6-match losing streak against Top 20 players**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 5 Daniil Medvedev in the 2nd round at Halle last year. He has a 6-18 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Zhang lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open – to Shelton in the 1st round in 2023. He lost the first 4 five-set matches he contested but has won the 2 most-recent 5-set matches he has played, having defeated both JJ Wolf and Ruud in the opening 2 rounds at the 2023 US Open.
- Zhang became the **first Chinese man to break the Top 50 in singles** after the 2024 Australian Open and reached a career-high ranking of No. 31 in July. He plays here at No. 49.
- Zhang won a **silver medal in mixed doubles at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event** alongside Wang Xinyu. The pair fell to Czechia's Katerina Siniakova/Tomas Machac in the gold medal match.
- Zhang has played **Davis Cup** for China, P.R. since 2017 and has a 5-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. China, P.R. play away against Montenegro in the 2025 World Group II Play-offs on 31 January-1 February.
- Zhang is coached by Lu Yen-Hsun and Antonio Veic.

## NO. 16 LORENZO MUSETTI (ITA) v MATTEO ARNALDI (ITA)

### Tour-level head-to-head: Musetti leads 2-0

2019	Barletta Challenger 80 (ITA)	Clay (O)	R32	Musetti	62 60
2023	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Musetti	64 64
2023	Bastad	Clay (O)	R16	Musetti	63 46 76(6)

A 3rd meeting at Tour-level for Musetti and Arnaldi, and their 4th at all levels. Musetti has won all 3 of their previous meetings, all of which have come on clay.

Musetti and Arnaldi are 2 of the 10 Italian players to start the men's singles main draw here – the 4th-most of any nation behind Australia and USA (both 14) and France (13).

This is the 2nd all-Italian men's singles match at the Australian Open in the Open Era – after Fabio Fognini's victory against Salvatore Caruso in the 2nd round here in 2021. It is the 24th all-Italian men's singles match at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Musetti has won both of his previous matches against fellow Italian players at the Grand Slams – against Marco Cecchinato in the 3rd round at 2021 Roland Garros and against Luciano Darderi in the 2nd round at 2024 Wimbledon. He has an 11-3 win-loss record against fellow Italian players at Tour-level overall.

Arnaldi is facing a fellow Italian player at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against fellow Italian players at Tour-level, with both of his defeats coming against Musetti. He won his only other Tour-level match against an Italian player, defeating Flavio Cobolli in the 2nd round at 2023 Umag.

Musetti and Arnaldi are Davis Cup teammates. Both were in the Italian team which won the Davis Cup title for a 2nd time (and first time since 1976) in 2023, defeating Australia in the final. They contested one match each during the 2024 Davis Cup season as Italy became the first nation to successfully defend the Davis Cup title since Czechia in 2012-13. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.

MUSETTI	v	ARNALDI
22	Age	23
15	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	39
2	Titles	0
21-15	Career Grand Slam Record	10-7
1-3	Australian Open Record	1-1
133-112	Career Record	49-45
57-64	Career Record - Hard	29-26
1-1	2025 Record	1-1
1-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-1
5-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
55-41	Career Tiebreak Record	27-20
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **MUSETTI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Musetti defeated Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round for his **first Australian Open match-win** before falling to Luca van Assche in 5 sets in the 2nd round. He lost in the 1st round on his 2 other appearances here – in 2022 (l. Alex de Minaur) and 2023 (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Musetti's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon last year (l. Novak Djokovic). He became the 4th Italian man in history to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon – after Nicola Pietrangeli, Matteo Berrettini and Jannik Sinner – and the 11th Italian man in history to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Musetti reached the 3rd round at both Roland Garros (l. Djokovic) and the US Open (l. Brandon Nakashima).
- Musetti's **best results in 2024** were reaching the finals at Queen's (l. Tommy Paul), Umag (l. Francisco Cerundolo) and Chengdu (l. Shang Juncheng). He also reached the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Berrettini) and Vienna (l. Jack Draper).

- Musetti **won the bronze medal in singles at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event**. He fell to Djokovic in the semifinals before defeating Felix Auger-Aliassime in the bronze medal match. He became the 2nd Italian player to win a medal in singles at the Olympic Tennis Event, after Uberto de Morpurgo, who won the bronze medal in men's singles at Paris 1924.
- Musetti **contested 2 events at Challenger-level in 2024**, finishing runner-up at both the Cagliari Challenger (ITA) (l. Mariano Navone) and the Turin Challenger (ITA) (l. Francesco Passaro).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Musetti reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong. He received a bye through the 1st round and defeated Gabriel Diallo in the 2nd round before falling to Jaume Munar.
- Musetti has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Harris in the 1st round in 2023 and against Van Assche in the 2nd round last year. He has a 5-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level and has won his 3 most-recent 5-set matches.
- Musetti reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 15 in June 2023. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Musetti is **one of the 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions** who began the men's singles draw here this year. He defeated Emilio Nava to win the junior title here in 2019. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2018 US Open (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild) and reached the junior world No. 1 ranking in June 2019.
- Musetti is a **2-time Davis Cup champion**, having been a member of the squad for Italy's back-to-back Davis Cup titles in 2023-24. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has a 3-7 win-loss record in the competition overall. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.
- Musetti is coached by Simone Tartarini.
- **ARNALDI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd straight year. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Arnaldi reached the 2nd round (d. Adam Walton, l. Alex de Minaur).
- Arnaldi's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at the 2023 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and 2024 Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Arnaldi reached the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Jordan Thompson) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Frances Tiafoe).
- Arnaldi's **best Tour-level result in 2024** was reaching the semifinals at Montreal-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane (l. Roman Safiullin) and Barcelona (l. Casper Ruud) and the round of 16 at Miami-1000 (l. Tomas Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Arnaldi reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Alexei Popyrin, l. Reilly Opelka).
- Arnaldi is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time**. He has a 2-3 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his 2 victories coming against No. 16 Cameron Norrie in the 3rd round at the 2023 US Open and against No. 6 Rublev in the 3rd round at 2024 Roland Garros. He lost his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open, against No. 10 De Minaur in the 2nd round here last year.
- Arnaldi is bidding to end a **4-match losing streak against Top 20 players at Tour-level**. His last victory against a Top 20 player came when he defeated No. 16 Ugo Humbert in the 1st round at Queen's last year. He has a 7-17 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Arnaldi has won one of the **2 five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. He defeated Arthur Fils in 5 sets in the 2nd round at the 2023 US Open but fell to Frances Tiafoe in 5 sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Arnaldi reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in August last year. He plays here at No. 39.
- Arnaldi reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 22 in May 2019. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (l. Filip Cristian Jianu).

- Arnaldi was a member of the **Italian team which won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023** and defeated Australia's Popyrin in the opening match of the 2023 final. He played just one match in the competition in 2024, defeating Brazil's Thiago Monteiro at the Finals Group Stage and was not nominated for the Final 8 Knockout Stage last year. He has a 4-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.
- Arnaldi is coached by Alessandro Petrone.

## NO. 18 HUBERT HURKACZ (POL) v TALLON GRIEKSPoor (NED)

### Head-to-head: tied 2-2

<b>2023</b>	<b>Roland Garros</b>	<b>Clay (O)</b>	<b>R64</b>	<b>Hurkacz</b>	<b>63 57 67(13) 76(5) 64</b>
2023	Halle	Grass (O)	R16	Griekspoor	63 16 76(8)
2023	Basel	Hard (I)	QF	Hurkacz	67(6) 64 64
2024	Rotterdam	Hard (I)	R16	Griekspoor	67(5) 76(5) 76(4)

A 5th meeting for Hurkacz and Griekspoor, their 3rd on a hard court and 2nd at a Grand Slam. The pair split their 2 previous meetings on hard courts, while Hurkacz won their only previous meeting at a Grand Slam in 5 sets in the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros. All 4 of their previous matches have gone to a deciding set.

HURKACZ	v	GRIEKSPoor
27	<b>Age</b>	28
17	<b>ATP Ranking (13 Jan)</b>	40
8	<b>Titles</b>	2
35-26	<b>Career Grand Slam Record</b>	14-15
9-6	<b>Australian Open Record</b>	5-4
216-146	<b>Career Record</b>	93-94
151-100	<b>Career Record - Hard</b>	58-58
2-3	<b>2025 Record</b>	0-0
2-3	<b>2025 Record - Hard</b>	0-0
9-8	<b>Career Five-Set Record</b>	3-5
2	<b>Comebacks from 0-2 Down</b>	1
126-121	<b>Career Tiebreak Record</b>	64-61
1-1	<b>2025 Tiebreak Record</b>	0-0

- **HURKACZ** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Hurkacz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals. He defeated Omar Jasika, Jakub Mensik, Ugo Humbert and Arthur Cazaux before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets.
- Hurkacz's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Roger Federer in the quarterfinals before falling to Matteo Berrettini in the last 4. He became the 2nd Polish man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal after Jerzy Janowicz at 2013 Wimbledon.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Hurkacz reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Grigor Dimitrov) but fell in the 2nd round at both Wimbledon, where he retired due to a right knee injury against Arthur Fils, and the US Open (l. Jordan Thompson).
- Hurkacz's **best result in 2024** was winning his first Tour-level title on clay at Estoril (d. Pedro Martinez). He also finished runner-up at Halle (l. Jannik Sinner), reached the semifinals at Marseille (l. Humbert), and the quarterfinals at Dubai (l. Humbert), Rome-1000 (l. Tommy Paul), Montreal-1000 (l. Alexei Popyrin) and Cincinnati-1000, where he retired due to a calf injury against Frances Tiafoe.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Hurkacz represented Poland at the United Cup. He won 2 of the 5 singles matches he contested as Poland finished runners-up, defeating Great Britain's Billy Harris and Kazakhstan's Alexander Shevchenko but falling to Norway's Casper Ruud, Czechia's Tomas Machac and USA's Taylor Fritz.
- Hurkacz has won 4 of the 7 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 9-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Hurkacz broke the Top 10 for the first time in October 2021 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in August 2024. He plays here at No. 17.
- Hurkacz has played **Davis Cup** for Poland since 2016 and has an 11-9 win-loss record in the competition. Poland play away against Georgia in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 31 January-1 February.
- Hurkacz is coached by former world No. 1 Ivan Lendl, who won the title here in 1989 and 1990, and former world No. 6 Nicolas Pietrangeli.

- **GRIEKSPoor** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th consecutive year. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Griekspoor equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Roman Safiullin and Arthur Fils before falling to Arthur Cazaux. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2023 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas), and at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and the US Open (l. Grigor Dimitrov) last year.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Griekspoor reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Daniel Elahi Galan, l. Miomir Kecmanovic).
- Griekspoor's **best results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Jannik Sinner), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Sebastian Korda) and Stockholm (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and the quarterfinals at Geneva (l. Novak Djokovic). He is making his first appearance of the 2025 season today.
- Griekspoor is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 7 matches he has contested against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, including his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open – against No. 4 Tsitsipas in the 3rd round in 2023. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 23 Sebastian Baez, who retired during their 2nd round match at the US Open last year.
- Griekspoor has **won one of the last 13 matches he has contested against Top 20 players**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 8 Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals at Stockholm. He has a 12-35 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Griekspoor recorded his **first successful comeback from 0-2 down in a Tour-level match** in the 1st round against Safiullin here last year. He lost the only other 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Pablo Carreno Busta in 5 sets in the 2nd round here in 2022. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Griekspoor reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in November last year. He plays here at No. 40.
- Griekspoor was a member of the **Dutch team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time in 2024**, falling to Italy. He won 4 of the 8 Davis Cup matches he contested during the 2024 season and has an 11-12 overall win-loss record in the competition. Netherlands received a bye to the 2025 Qualifiers 2nd Round in September and will play the winner of the Qualifiers 1st Round tie between Norway and Argentina.
- Griekspoor is coached by Kristof Vliegen.



## NO. 21 BEN SHELTON (USA) v BRANDON NAKASHIMA (USA)

### Head-to-head: Shelton leads 2-0

2024	Houston	Clay (O)	QF	Shelton	75 76(9)
2024	Washington	Hard (O)	R16	Shelton	76(5) 76(4)

A 3rd meeting for Shelton and Nakashima, their first at a Grand Slam and their first outside the USA. Shelton won both their previous meetings in straight sets, with 3 of the 4 sets decided in tiebreaks.

This is one of 2 all-American matches in the men's singles 1st round here this year, alongside Taylor Fritz's match against Jenson Brooksby. They are the 204th and 205th all-American men's singles matches at the Australian Open in the Open Era and the 1,453rd and 1,454th all-American men's singles matches at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Shelton has a 3-2 win-loss record against fellow American players at the Grand Slams and a 14-8 win-loss record against fellow American players at Tour-level overall. Nakashima has a 2-2 win-loss record against fellow American players at the Grand Slams and a 21-16 win-loss record against fellow American players at Tour-level overall.

Nakashima is facing a lefthanded player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has won one of his 4 previous matches against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, defeating Denis Shapovalov in the 2nd round at 2022 Wimbledon. He has an 8-17 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

SHELTON	v	NAKASHIMA
22	Age	23
20	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	35
2	Titles	2
19-9	Career Grand Slam Record	15-14
6-2	Australian Open Record	0-2
71-54	Career Record	96-82
55-35	Career Record - Hard	72-58
0-1	2025 Record	1-2
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-2
6-3	Career Five-Set Record	1-5
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
45-48	Career Tiebreak Record	60-48
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- Lefthander **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd straight year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 2 occasions** – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut at the 2022 US Open (l. Nuno Borges) and as a direct acceptance on his Roland Garros debut in 2023 (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- **Last year here**, Shelton reached the 3rd round, defeating Roberto Bautista Agut and Christopher O'Connell before falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets.
- Shelton's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals on his debut here in 2023. He defeated Zhang Zhizhen, Nicolas Jarry, Alexei Popyrin and JJ Wolf before falling to Tommy Paul in the last 8. Aged 20 years 112 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since Sammy Gimmelva Jr in 1982 (aged 19 years 172 days) and the youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Andy Roddick at the 2002 US Open (aged 20 years 9 days).
- Shelton's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic). Aged 20 years 336 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Michael Chang (20 years 204 days) in 1992.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Shelton reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the US Open (l. Frances Tiafoe).

- Shelton's best Tour-level result in 2024 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** and first on clay at Houston (d. Tiafoe). He also finished runner-up at Basel (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and reached the semifinals at Auckland (l. Taro Daniel), Dallas (l. Paul) and Washington (l. Flavio Cobolli). He reached the quarterfinals at 4 other Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shelton competed at Auckland but lost his opening match to Jakub Mensik.
- Shelton has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He defeated both Zhang Zhizhen and JJ Wolf in 5 sets en route to the quarterfinals here in 2023 but fell to Mannarino in 5 sets in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Shelton reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in August last year. He plays here at No. 20.
- Shelton **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Florida for 2 seasons, compiling a 65-10 win-loss record in singles and winning the 2021 NCAA team title and the 2022 NCAA singles title.
- Shelton **contested just 4 tournaments as a junior player**, all of which came in his home country. His best result was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card at 2020 JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl), falling to Jack Pinnington Jones.
- Shelton made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2024 Finals Knockout Stage in November, losing both matches he played in USA's 1-2 defeat to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Shelton's father, Bryan Shelton, reached a career-high ranking of No. 55 in March 1992. He made 6 appearances at the Australian Open, reaching the 2nd round on his debut in 1991.
- Shelton is coached by his father, Bryan Shelton, and Dean Goldfine.
- **NAKASHIMA** is bidding to record his first Australian Open match-win. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 15th Grand Slam overall.
- Nakashima has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 6 occasions** – including on both of his previous appearances in the main draw here, in 2022 (l. Matteo Berrettini) and 2023 (l. Mackenzie McDonald).
- **Last year here**, Nakashima fell in the 1st round of qualifying (l. Jakub Mensik).
- Nakashima's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Nick Kyrgios) and at the US Open last year (l. Alexander Zverev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Nakashima reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, where he defeated Sebastian Baez and Jordan Thompson before falling to Ugo Humbert, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Nicolas Moreno de Alboran, l. Hubert Hurkacz).
- Nakashima's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals at Stuttgart (l. Jack Draper) and Hangzhou (l. Marin Cilic). He also reached the quarterfinals at Houston (l. Shelton).
- Nakashima also won his **4th Challenger title in 2024** – at the Tenerife 1 Challenger (ESP) (d. Pedro Martinez). He also finished runner-up at the Koblenz Challenger (GER) (l. Jurij Rodionov) and reached the semifinals at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Mensik), the Ottignies Challenger (BEL) (l. Leandro Riedi), the Pau Challenger (FRA) (l. Otto Virtanen) and the Surbiton Challenger (GBR) (l. Riedi).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Nakashima reached the 2nd round at Adelaide (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Rinky Hijikata). He fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- Nakashima is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slams for the 6th time**. He has a 5-7 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams but lost his only previous match against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open, against to No. 7 Berrettini in the 1st round in 2022. He has an 11-21 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Nakashima has won one of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only victory in a 5-set match coming against Kamil Majchrzak in the 1st round at 2022 Roland Garros. He has since lost all 4 five-set matches he has contested, including the only 5-set match he has contest at the Australian Open – against McDonald in the 1st round here in 2023.

- Nakashima reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 35 in September last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Nakashima had a **successful junior career** and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in December 2018. His best result at a Grand Slam junior event was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2019 US Open (l. Jonas Forejtek). He never contested the junior event here.
- Nakashima made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2024 Finals Group Stage in September, winning all 3 singles matches he played. He was not part of the USA team at the Finals Knockout Stage in November. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Nakashima is coached by former world No. 42 David Sanguinetti and former world No. 9 Mariano Puerta.

## NO. 25 ALEXEI POPYRIN (AUS) v CORENTIN MOUTET (FRA)

### Tour-level head-to-head: Popyrin leads 1-0

2017	Como Challenger Qualifying (ITA)	Clay (O)	R16	Moutet	75 62
2020	Doha Qualifying	Hard (O)	QF	Moutet	62 64
2021	Cincinnati-1000 Qualifying	Hard (O)	R16	Moutet	36 76(2) 75
2024	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	R64	Popyrin	36 75 62

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Popyrin and Moutet, but their first at a Grand Slam. Popyrin won their only previous meeting at Tour-level, in the 1st round at Monte Carlo-1000 last year. Moutet won their 3 previous meetings below Tour-level.

This is one of 3 matches between Australian and French players in the men's singles 1st round here this year – after 2 victories for French players over Australian players on Sunday. Hugo Gaston defeated Omar Jasika before Quentin Halys defeated Adam Walton.

This is the 328th men's singles match between an Australian player and a French player at the Grand Slams in the Open Era. In the 327 matches contested to date, Australian players have won 179 and French players have won 148.

This is the 111th men's singles matches between an Australian player and a French player at the Australian Open in the Open Era. In the 110 matches contested to date, Australian players lead 56-54. [NB there have been 91 men's singles matches between Australian and French players at Roland Garros in the Open Era; Australian players lead 49-42]

Popyrin has a 2-3 win-loss record against French players at the Grand Slams, including a 1-2 win-loss record against French players at the Australian Open. He has a 7-12 win-loss record against French players at Tour-level overall.

Moutet is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. He won the only match he has contested against an Australian player at the Grand Slams, defeating John Millman in the 1st round here in 2021. He has a 3-2 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall, including his loss to Popyrin at Monte Carlo-1000 last year.

Popyrin has won one of his 2 previous matches against lefthanded players at the Australian Open – he defeated Mischa Zverev in the 1st round in 2019 but fell to Ben Shelton in the 3rd round in 2023. He has a 4-5 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 10-16 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

POPYRIN	v	MOUTET
25	Age	25
24	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	69
3	Titles	0
20-23	Career Grand Slam Record	19-22
8-7	Australian Open Record	3-5
93-113	Career Record	64-89
66-73	Career Record - Hard	31-42
0-1	2025 Record	0-0
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
4-7	Career Five-Set Record	3-3
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
75-65	Career Tiebreak Record	36-33
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **POPYRIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 24th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Popyrin reached the 2nd round (d. Marc Polmans, I. Novak Djokovic).
- Popyrin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2024 US Open. He defeated Kwon Soonwoo, Pedro Martinez and Djokovic before falling to Frances Tiafoe.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Popyrin reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (Thanasi Kokkinakis).
- Popyrin's best result in 2024 was winning his **3rd Tour-level title, and first at Masters-1000 level**, at Montreal-1000. He defeated three Top 10 players en route to the title – No. 10 Grigor Dimitrov in the 3rd round, No. 6 Hubert Hurkacz in the quarterfinals and No. 8 Andrey Rublev in the final. He also reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Karen Khachanov).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Popyrin fell to Matteo Arnaldi in the 1st round at Brisbane.
- Popyrin is one of the **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.
- Popyrin is **seeded at a Grand Slam event for the 2nd time here**, after being seeded at a Grand Slam for the first time at the US Open last year. With Alex de Minaur and Jordan Thompson 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).
- Popyrin broke the Top 50 for the first time in August 2023 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 23 in August 2024 after winning the title at Montreal-1000. He plays here one place lower at No. 24.
- Popyrin has won 3 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, but has won just one of the 4 other 5-set matches he has contested. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Popyrin was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Nicola Pietrangeli) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. His best result in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was a 2nd round finish in 2017 (d. Ajeet Rai, l. Alexey Zakharov).
- Popyrin made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 and was a member of the Australian team which finished as runners-up to Italy in 2023. He won 2 of the 3 matches he contested in the competition in 2024 and has a 4-3 Davis Cup win-loss record. Australia play away against Sweden 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round from 31 January to 1 February.
- Popyrin is coached by Neville Godwin and Xavier Malisse, who reached the 3rd round here in 2003 and 2011.
- Lefthander **MOUTET** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Moutet's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – in 2021 (d. John Millman, l. Milos Raonic), 2022 (d. Lucas Pouille, l. Sebastian Korda) and 2023 (d. Wu Yibing, l. Francisco Cerundolo). He missed the event last year due to injury.
- Moutet's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching round of 16 on 2 occasions – as a lucky loser at the 2022 US Open (l. Casper Ruud), when he became the 10th lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam, and as a direct acceptance at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Moutet fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Sebastian Korda). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a wrist injury.
- Moutet's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals as a qualifier at Santiago (l. Alejandro Tabilo) and as a direct acceptance at Metz (l. Cameron Norrie). He also reached the quarterfinals at Bucharest (l. Marton Fucsovics). He is contesting his first match of the 2025 season today.
- **Also in 2024**, Moutet reached the semifinals at the Naples Challenger (ITA) (l. Pierre-Hugues Herbert). He lost in the 1st round of the 2 other events he contested at Challenger-level.
- Moutet has **won one of the last 6 matches he has contested against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams**. His only victory against a Top 30 player at a Grand Slam in that time came against No. 19 Nicolas Jarry in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year. He has a 3-12 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams and a 12-27 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

- Moutet has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has played at the Australian Open, with his only defeat coming against Korda in the 2nd round here in 2022. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Moutet reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 51 in November 2022. He plays here at No. 69.
- Moutet was a **good junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in August 2017, having 2017 reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at both the Australian Open (l. Zsombor Piros) and Wimbledon (l. Axel Geller) that year.
- Moutet is coached by Petar Popovic.

## NO. 30 GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD (FRA) v GAEL MONFILS (FRA)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

This is the 39th all-French men's singles match at the Australian Open in the Open Era and the 212th all-French men's singles match at the Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Mpetshi Perricard won the only match he has played against a fellow French player at Tour-level, defeating Hugo Gaston in the quarterfinals at Lyon last year en route to his first Tour-level title. Monfils has a 3-3 win-loss record against fellow French players at the Australian Open, an 18-7 win-loss record against fellow French players at the Grand Slams and a 66-35 win-loss record against fellow French players at Tour-level overall.

MPETSHI PERRICARD	v	MONFILS
21	Age	38
30	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	41
2	Titles	13
3-4	Career Grand Slam Record	125-63
0-0	Australian Open Record	34-18
21-16	Career Record	571-339
13-10	Career Record - Hard	383-204
3-1	2025 Record	6-1
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	6-1
1-2	Career Five-Set Record	19-19
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
20-15	Career Tiebreak Record	231-166
4-2	2025 Tiebreak Record	3-0

- **MPETSHI PERRICARD** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 5th Grand Slam overall.
- Mpetshi Perricard has **lost in the 1st round on 3 of his 4 previous Grand Slam appearances** – as a wild card at Roland Garros in both 2023 (l. Genaro Olivieri) and 2024 (l. David Goffin) and as a direct acceptance at the 2024 US Open (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry).
- **Last year here**, Mpetshi Perricard fell to Hugo Grenier in the final round of qualifying.
- Mpetshi Perricard's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a lucky loser at Wimbledon last year. He defeated Sebastian Korda, Yoshihito Nishioka and Emil Ruusuvuori before falling to Lorenzo Musetti. He became the 5th lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the men's singles round of 16 at Wimbledon, and the 11th at a Grand Slam. He also became the 4th Frenchman in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 on his Wimbledon debut.
- Mpetshi Perricard's best Tour-level results in 2024 were winning his **first 2 Tour-level titles** – as a wild card at Lyon (d. Tomas Martin Etcheverry) and as a direct acceptance at Basel (d. Ben Shelton). Ranked at No. 117 at Lyon, became the lowest-ranked title winner in tournament history, and ranked at No. 50 at Basel, became the lowest-ranked title winner since the tournament became a Tour-level event in 1975. He did advance beyond the quarterfinals at any other Tour-level event in 2024.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Mpetshi Perricard reached the semifinals at Brisbane. He defeated Nick Kyrgios, Frances Tiafoe and Jakub Mensik before falling to Reilly Opelka in the last 4.
- Mpetshi Perricard has won one of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested. He lost the first 2 five-set matches he contested – to Olivieri in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros and to Goffin in the 1st round at Rolland Garros last year – but recorded his first victory in a 5-set match against Korda in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon.
- Mpetshi Perricard reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in November last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Mpetshi Perricard was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in July 2021. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2021 Roland Garros (l. Fils) and won the boys' doubles title at Roland Garros alongside Fils the same year. He reached the boys' singles quarterfinals on his only appearance in the junior event here in 2020 (l. Timo Legout).

- Mpetshi Perricard has been selected for France's 2025 **Davis Cup** Qualifiers 1st Round home tie against Brazil on 1-2 February. He will make his debut in the competition if he contests a match during the tie.
- Mpetshi Perricard is coached by Emmanuel Planque.
- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 17th time. This is his 19th Australian Open appearance and his 65th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Monfils reached the 2nd round (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry).
- Monfils' **best Australian Open result** is reaching quarterfinals on 2 occasions – in 2016 on his 11th appearance here (l. Milos Raonic) and in 2022 (l. Matteo Berrettini).
- Monfils' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Roger Federer) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Monfils reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, where he defeated Adrian Mannarino and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Grigor Dimitrov, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Thiago Seyboth Wild, l. Lorenzo Musetti) and the US Open (d. Diego Schwartzman, l. Casper Ruud).
- Monfils' **best Tour-level results in 2024** were semifinal finishes as a wild card at Doha (l. Jakub Mensik) and as a direct acceptance at Mallorca (l. Alejandro Tabilo). 2024 was the first season since 2005 that Monfils failed to reach at least one Tour-level final, ending 19 consecutive seasons of reaching at least one Tour-level final each year.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, won his **13th Tour-level title** at Auckland (d. Zizou Bergs). Aged 38 years 132 days, became the oldest winner of a Tour-level men's singles title since Ken Rosewall won 1977 Hong Kong aged 43. He also reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Nishesh Basavareddy, l. Novak Djokovic).
- Monfils is bidding to record his 126th Grand Slam match-win and extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins by a French player**.
- Monfils is also bidding to record his **35th Australian Open match-win** – Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (37 Australian Open match-wins) is the only Frenchman in history to have recorded more match-wins here than Monfils.
- At 38 years 147 days, Monfils is the **2nd-oldest man to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw**, after Wawrinka (39 years 304 days). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Monfils has **won one of his last 6 matches against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams**, with his only victory against a Top 30 player in that time coming against No. 24 Mannarino in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon. He has a 22-39 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams, and an 138-186 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.
- Monfils has lost his the last 2 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open – to Emil Ruusuvuori in the 1st round in 2021 and to Berrettini in the quarterfinals in 2022. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 19-19 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Monfils is a **former Top 10 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 6 in November 2016. He plays here at No. 41.
- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion. He is one of 6 former Australian Open boys' singles champions in the main draw here.
- Monfils is coached by Mikael Tillstrom.



## MATTEO BERRETTINI (ITA) v CAMERON NORRIE (GBR)

### Head-to-head: Berrettini leads 1-0

2021 Queen's Grass (O) FR Berrettini 64 67(5) 63

A 2nd meeting for Berrettini and Norrie, but their first at a Grand Slam and first on a hard court. Berrettini won the pair's only previous meeting in the final at 2021 Queen's.

Berrettini has lost both matches he has played against lefthanded players at the Australian Open, falling to Adrian Mannarino in the 1st round in 2018 and to Rafael Nadal in the semifinals in 2022. He has a 5-3 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 19-7 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

BERRETTINI	v	NORRIE
28	Age	29
34	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	52
10	Titles	5
49-21	Career Grand Slam Record	34-27
9-5	Australian Open Record	7-6
188-99	Career Record	211-156
82-67	Career Record - Hard	126-97
0-1	2025 Record	2-2
0-1	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
7-2	Career Five-Set Record	6-7
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	3
96-73	Career Tiebreak Record	62-81
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **BERRETTINI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Berrettini has **lost in the 1st round at the Grand Slams on 4 occasions** – including 3 times at the Australian Open, as a lucky loser on his Grand Slam debut in 2018 (l. Adrian Mannarino), and as a direct acceptance in 2019 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and on his most recent appearance here in 2023 (l. Andy Murray). He did not play at the Australian Open last year due to a right foot injury.
- Berrettini's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2022. He defeated Brandon Nakashima, Stefan Kozlov, Carlos Alcaraz, Pablo Carreno Busta and Gael Monfils before falling to eventual champion Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. He became the first Italian man in history to reach the Australian Open semifinals.
- Berrettini reached his **first Grand Slam final** at 2021 Wimbledon, becoming the first Italian man in history to contest the final at Wimbledon, falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets. He also became the first Italian man to reach a Grand Slam final since Adriano Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Berrettini reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Marton Fucsovics, l. Jannik Sinner) and the US Open (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, l. Taylor Fritz). He did not play at Roland Garros due to injury.
- Berrettini **won 3 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Marrakech (d. Roberto Carballes Baena), Gstaad (d. Quentin Halys) and Kitzbuhel (d. Hugo Gaston). He was one of 4 players to win 3 or more Tour-level titles in 2024 – alongside Jannik Sinner (8 Tour-level titles), Alcaraz (4) and Tommy Paul (3). He also finished runner-up at Stuttgart (l. Jack Draper) and reached the quarterfinals at Vienna (l. Karen Khachanov).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Berrettini fell in the 1st round at Brisbane (l. Jordan Thompson).
- Berrettini has won 7 of the 9 **five-set matches** he has contested, with both of his defeats in 5-set matches coming at the Australian Open – against Tennys Sandgren in the 2nd round in 2020 and against Murray in the 1st round in 2023. He won the other 5-set match he has contested here, defeating Alcaraz in 5 sets in the 3rd round in 2022.
- Berrettini reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in January 2022 after reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open. He fell outside the Top 100 for the first time since May 2018 in January last year, before returning to the Top 100 after winning the title at Marrakech in April. He plays here at No. 34.

- Berrettini was a member of the **Italian team which successfully defended the Davis Cup title in 2024**. He won all 6 Davis Cup matches he contested last year, including a victory against Netherlands' Botic van de Zandschulp in the opening match of the final. He has an 11-4 win-loss record in the competition overall. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.
- Berrettini is coached by Francisco Roig and Umberto Rianna.
- Lefthander **NORRIE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- Last year here, Norrie recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16. He defeated Juan Pablo Varillas, Giulio Zeppieri and Casper Ruud before falling to Alexander Zverev in 5 sets.
- Norrie's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic). He became the 4th British man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon – after Andy Murray (7 Wimbledon semifinal appearances), Tim Henman (4) and Roger Taylor (2). He also became the 7th British man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Norrie reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Zverev) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Pavel Kotov). He did not play the US Open due to a forearm injury.
- Norrie's **best result in 2024** was a runner-up finish at Metz (l. Benajmin Bonzi). He also reached the semifinals at Rio de Janeiro (l. Mariano Navone) and the quarterfinals at Auckland, where he gave a walkover against Alejandro Tabilo due to a wrist injury, and Barcelona (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Norrie reached the quarterfinals at Hong Kong (l. Kei Nishikori). He fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Facundo Diaz Acosta).
- Norrie has won one of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Zeppieri in the 2nd round last year, when he recovered from 0-2 down to win in 5 sets for the 3rd time in his career. He has a 6-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Norrie broke the Top 10 for the first time in April 2022, becoming the **4th British man to break the Top 10** after Greg Rusedski, Henman and Murray. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 in September 2022. He plays here at No. 52.
- Norrie **played college tennis**. He represented Texas Christian University and finished his college career in 2017 as the NCAA's top-ranked male player. He compiled a 77-20 win-loss record in singles in college tennis from 2014 to 2017.
- Norrie was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 10 in March 2013. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (d. Liu Siyu, l. Nick Kyrgios).
- Norrie made his **Davis Cup** debut for Great Britain in 2018 and has a 7-8 win-loss record in the competition. Great Britain play away against Japan in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Norrie is coached by Facundo Lugones.

# LORENZO SONEGO (ITA) v (WC) STAN WAWRINKA (SUI)

## Head-to-head: Wawrinka leads 1-0

2023 Umag Clay (O) SF Wawrinka 63 64

A 2nd meeting for Sonego and Wawrinka. Wawrinka won their only previous meeting in the semifinals at Umag in 2023 – en route to his only appearance in a Tour-level final since 2019.

SONEGO	v	WAWRINKA
29	Age	39
55	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	156
4	Titles	16
24-25	Career Grand Slam Record	158-69
6-6	Australian Open Record	43-17
144-157	Career Record	578-364
68-86	Career Record - Hard	336-208
2-2	2025 Record	0-0
2-2	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
4-4	Career Five-Set Record	30-27
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	6
85-79	Career Tiebreak Record	259-242
3-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Sonego reached the 2nd round (d. Daniel Evans, l. Carlos Alcaraz). He has lost in the 1st round here once in his 6 previous appearances – in 2020, when he fell to Nick Kyrgios in straight sets.
- Sonego's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round in 2022. He defeated Sam Querrey and Oscar Otte before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic.
- Sonego's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and 2023 (l. Karen Khachanov) and at 2021 Wimbledon (l. Roger Federer).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Sonego reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Zhang Zhizhen) and Wimbledon (d. Mariano Navone, l. Roberto Bautista Agut) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Tommy Paul).
- Sonego's best result in 2024 was winning his **4th Tour-level title** at Winston-Salem (d. Alex Michelsen). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Matteo Berrettini) and Umag (l. Francisco Cerundolo). He also reached the semifinals at the Turin Challenger (ITA) (l. Francesco Passaro).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Sonego reached the 2nd round at both Hong Kong (d. Brandon Nakashima, l. Cameron Norrie) and Auckland (d. Gabriel Diallo, l. Alex Michelsen).
- Sonego has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Feliciano Lopez in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2021, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and falling to Hurkacz in the 2nd round last year. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sonego reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October 2021. He plays here at No. 55.
- Sonego was a member of the **Italian team that won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**, winning 5 of the 6 Davis Cup matches he played that season. He did not compete in Davis Cup last year, in which Italy also won the title. He has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have been awarded a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.
- Sonego is coached by Fabio Colangelo.

- Wild card **WAWRINKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 17th time. This is his 19th Australian Open appearance and his 73rd Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Wawrinka fell to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets in the 1st round. He also lost a 5-set match in the 1st round here in 2023 (l. Alex Molcan). He had previously not lost in the 1st round here in 16 consecutive Australian Open appearances from 2006 to 2021 and did not compete here in 2022 due to a left foot injury.
- Wawrinka **won the 2014 Australian Open title** (d. Rafael Nadal). Having also defeated Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals, he became the first player to defeat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds en route to a Grand Slam title since Sergi Bruguera won 1993 Roland Garros.
- Wawrinka has won **3 Grand Slam titles at 3 different majors**. He also won the titles at 2015 Roland Garros and the 2016 US Open, defeating Djokovic in both finals. He is one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Wawrinka reached the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Andy Murray, l. Pavel Kotov) and Wimbledon (d. Charles Broom, l. Gael Monfils). He fell in the 1st round as a wild card at the US Open (l. Mattia Bellucci).
- Wawrinka's **best result in 2024** was reaching the semifinals as a wild card at Stockholm (l. Tommy Paul). His semifinal finish at Stockholm was the only time Wawrinka won consecutive matches at any level in 2024. He is contesting his first match of the 2025 season today.
- At 39 years 304 days, Wawrinka is the **oldest man to begin this year's Australian Open men's singles main draw**. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Wawrinka has won just one of the last 6 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only victory in a 5-set match in that time coming against Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros. He has a 4-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and has a 30-27 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall. Having contested 57 five-set matches, he holds the record among active players for most 5-set matches played at Tour-level, ahead of Marin Cilic (54).
- Wawrinka reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 after winning the title here in 2014. He dropped outside the Top 200 in September last year, before re-entering the Top 200 after reaching the semifinals at Stockholm. He plays here at No. 156.
- Wawrinka was the 2003 **Roland Garros boys' singles champion** (d. Brian Baker) – the only junior Grand Slam event he contested.
- Wawrinka was a member of the Switzerland team which defeated France to win the 2014 **Davis Cup** title. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2004 and has a 28-30 win-loss record in the competition. Switzerland play at home against Spain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Wawrinka is coached by Magnus Norman, who reached the semifinals here in 2000.

# RINKY HIJIKATA (AUS) v (Q) MITCHELL KRUEGER (USA)

## Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2023 Phoenix Challenger (USA) Qualifying Draw Hard (O) R32 Hijikata 63 63

A first Tour-level meeting for Hijikata and Krueger. Their only previous meeting came in qualifying at the 2023 Phoenix Challenger (USA).

Hijikata won his only previous match against a qualifier at a Grand Slam, having defeated Yannick Hanfmann in the 1st round here in 2023. He has a 4-3 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

This is one of 2 matches between Australian and American players in the men's singles 1st round here this year – after Tommy Paul's victory over Christopher O'Connell on Monday. Australia and USA have the joint-most players at the Australian Open this year, with 14 players from each nation starting the men's singles draw here.

This is the 1116th men's singles matches between an Australian and an American player at the Grand Slams in the Open Era. In the 1115 matches contested to date, American players lead 613-502.

This is the 367th men's singles matches between an Australian and an American player at the Australian Open in the Open Era. In the 366 matches contested to date, American players lead 214-152. [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]

Hijikata lost his only previous Grand Slam match against an American player – against Frances Tiafoe in the round of 16 at the 2023 US Open. He has a 5-11 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall. Krueger is facing an Australian player at a Grand Slam for the first time. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

HIJIKATA	v	KRUEGER
23	Age	31
72	ATP Ranking (13 Jan)	146
0	Titles	0
5-7	Career Grand Slam Record	2-4
1-2	Australian Open Record	0-1
29-38	Career Record	10-22
21-26	Career Record - Hard	8-17
2-2	2025 Record	0-0
2-2	2025 Record - Hard	0-0
1-1	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
15-10	Career Tiebreak Record	4-7
1-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- **HIJIKATA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open and his 8th Grand Slam overall.
- **Last year here**, Hijikata fell to Jan-Lennard Struff in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- Hijikata's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round as a wild card on his Australian Open debut in 2023. He defeated Yannick Hanfmann in 5 sets before falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 2nd round. His 1st round matches here in 2023 and 2024 are the only 5-set matches he has contested to date.
- Hijikata's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 as a wild card at the 2023 US Open, when he defeated Pavel Kotov, Marton Fucsovics and Zhizhen Zhang before falling to Frances Tiafoe.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Hijikata reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, I. Grigor Dimitrov) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Luciano Darderi) and Wimbledon (I. Flavio Cobolli).
- Hijikata's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching 5 quarterfinals – as a wild card at Brisbane (I. Grigor Dimitrov), as a direct acceptance at Delray Beach (I. Taylor Fritz), as a qualifier at Queen's (I. Sebastian Korda) and as a direct acceptance at both Winston-Salem (I. David Goffin) and Hangzhou (I. Brandon Nakashima).

- Hijikata won his **3rd Challenger title in 2024** – at the Playford Challenger (AUS) (d. Yuta Shimizu). He also finished runner-up at the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (l. Thanasi Kokkinakis).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Hijikata reached the quarterfinals as lucky loser at Adelaide (l. Tommy Paul). He also competed as a wild card at Brisbane but fell to Novak Djokovic in the 1st round.
- Hijikata reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 62 in August 2024. He plays here at No. 72.
- Hijikata **won the 2023 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Jason Kubler as a wild card team, defeating Hugo Nys/Jan Zielinski in the final. It was the pair's first event as a team at any level. They also became the 2nd all-Australian men's doubles champions at the Australian Open in consecutive years after Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios in 2022.
- Hijikata **played college tennis**. He represented the University of North Carolina in 2020-21, earning All-American honours as a sophomore.
- Hijikata was a **good junior**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles as a wild card here in 2018 (l. Aidan McHugh) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 9 in December 2018.
- Hijikata is coached by Mark Draper.
- Qualifier **KRUEGER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.
- Last week, Krueger defeated Filip Cristian Jianu (ROU) 63 64, Duje Ajdukovic (CRO) 64 63 and Yasutaka Uchiyama (JPN) 63 67(5) 64 to **qualify for the main draw**. It is the 2nd time he has successfully qualified at the Australian Open on his 9th appearance in qualifying here. It was the 4th time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 30th appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam.
- **On his only previous main draw appearance here**, as a qualifier in 2019, Krueger fell to Novak Djokovic in the 1st round. He fell in qualifying here in 2016-18 and 2020-23 and was ranked too low to enter qualifying here last year.
- Krueger's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round at the US Open on 2 occasions – as a wild card in 2020 (d. Pedro Sousa, l. Pablo Carreno Busta) and as a qualifier last year (d. Hugo Grenier, l. Jiri Lehecka). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at Roland Garros or Wimbledon last year.
- Krueger recorded **2 Tour-level match-wins in 2024**. In addition to his 2nd round finish at the US Open, he also reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Washington (d. Luca Nardi, l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina). He lost his opening match at the 2 other Tour-level events he contested last season – as a wild card at Dallas (l. Max Purcell) and as a lucky loser at Hangzhou (l. Roberto Carballes Baena).
- Krueger won his **4th and 5th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Indian Wells 1 Challenger (USA) (d. Brandon Holt) and the Little Rock Challenger (USA) (d. Yuta Shimizu). He also finished runner-up at the Tallahassee Challenger (USA) (l. Zizou Bergs).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Krueger fell in the 1st round at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Vit Kopriva).
- Krueger lost the only **5-set match** he has contested – against Lehecka in the 2nd round at the US Open last year, despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Krueger reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 135 in July 2022. He plays here at No. 146.
- Krueger was a **successful junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 5 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2012 Roland Garros (l. Kimmer Coppejans) and 2012 Wimbledon (l. Filip Peliwo). His best result in the boys' singles here was a quarterfinal finish in 2011 (l. Jiri Vesely).
- Krueger is coached by Craig Kardon.