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On court today...

- Novak Djokovic continues his quest for a 25th Grand Slam title today after getting through a 4-set clash against wild card Nishesh Basavareddy in the 1st round on Monday. Djokovic now faces another man making his Grand Slam debut at this year's Australian Open, Portuguese 21-year-old Jaime Faria, who qualified for the main draw last week. The pair will play the 2nd match of the day on Rod Laver Arena – and should Faria pull off an extraordinary upset, he will become the first qualifier to defeat Djokovic at a Grand Slam and, at No. 125, the lowest-ranked player to record a Grand Slam match-win against Djokovic.
- Carlos Alcaraz returns to Margaret Court Arena today to take on Yoshihito Nishioka in the 2nd round, with the 4-time Grand Slam champion aiming to maintain his perfect record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams. Alcaraz is aiming to become the youngest man in history to complete the career Grand Slam at the Australian Open this year. For Nishioka, a win over Alcaraz will see him advance to the 3rd round here for the 2nd time – and should both he and compatriot Kei Nishikori (who plays No. 12 seed Tommy Paul on 1573 Arena today) record upset wins against seeded opposition today, it will be the first time in the Open Era that multiple Japanese players have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam.
- Hady Habib has become the first Lebanese player to contest a Grand Slam event in the Open Era here this week – and the 26-year-old will hope to create yet more history when he plays No. 14 seed Ugo Humbert on Court 3 today. Victory for Habib would see him become the first Lebanese player in history to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam. Having now recorded 4 consecutive victories after successfully qualifying here last week, Habib will be full of confidence. Humbert, however, represents the toughest challenge that Habib has faced so far. The Frenchman has reached the 3rd round here for the last 2 years and has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 219 Habib.
- After 18-year-old Joao Fonseca defeated world No. 9 Andrey Rublev on Tuesday night, another teenager has a chance to defeat a Top 10 player this evening, with 19-year-old Jakub Mensik facing world No. 6 Casper Ruud in the first night match on MCA. The pair have never played a match before – but Ruud will certainly be wary of the threat posed by Mensik, who has won 4 of the 8 matches he has contested against Top 10 players to date. Victory for the Czech will see him reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time.

NO. 2 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v PEDRO MARTINEZ (ESP)

Head-to-head: Zverev leads 1-0

2024 Hamburg Clay (O) SF Zverev 62 64

ZVEREV	v	MARTINEZ
27	Age	27
2	ATP Ranking	44
23	Titles	1
102-35	Career Grand Slam Record	13-17
26-9	Australian Open Record	5-4
466-198	Career Record	70-93
276-123	Career Record - Hard	25-40
3-0	2025 Record	2-2
3-0	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
23-13	Career Five-Set Record	3-2
3	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
181-126	Career Tiebreak Record	27-35
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 8th time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 36th Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Lucas Pouille 64 64 64 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Last year here, Zverev equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the semifinals, where he fell to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He also reached the semifinals here in 2020, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets.
- Zverev is a **2-time Grand Slam finalist**. He finished runner-up at both the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead, and 2024 Roland Garros, falling to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Zverev reached the quarterfinals at the US Open and the round of 16 at Wimbledon, falling to Taylor Fritz on both occasions.
- If Zverev wins the title here on his 36th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **joint-2nd on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title** – alongside Stan Wawrinka, who won his first major title on his 36th Grand Slam appearance at the 2014 Australian Open. Goran Ivanisevic, who won his only major title at 2001 Wimbledon on his 48th Grand Slam appearance, is at the top of the list.
- If Zverev wins the title here on his 10th Australian Open appearance, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's singles title** – ahead of 1998 champion Petr Korda and 2014 champion Wawrinka, who both won the title here on their 9th Australian Open appearances.
- Zverev is bidding to become the **first German man to win a Grand Slam title since Boris Becker at the 1996 Australian Open**. If he reaches the final here, he will become the 3rd German man in the Open Era to reach the final at the Australian Open – after Becker (1991 and 1996) and Rainer Schuettler (2003).
- Zverev's **best results in 2024** were winning the titles at Rome-1000 (d. Nicolas Jarry) and Paris-1000 (d. Ugo Humbert). He also won the United Cup with Team Germany, finished runner-up at Hamburg (l. Arthur Fils), and reached the semifinals at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Halle (l. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the ATP Finals (l. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals at 6 other Tour-level events – including on his defence of the gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Zverev represented Germany at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested – against Brazil's Thiago Monteiro and China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen.
- Zverev is bidding to win his **24th Tour-level singles title**. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Tour-level titles won among active players – behind Novak Djokovic (99 titles).

- Zverev contested 3 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open last year, recording 5-set victories against Lukas Klein in the 2nd round and Cameron Norrie in the round of 16 before falling to Medvedev in 5 sets in the semifinals. He has a 5-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 23-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in June 2022 after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Zverev **won Olympic singles gold for Germany** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event in 2021, defeating Russian Olympic Committee's Karen Khachanov in the final. It was Germany's 3rd Olympic gold medal in tennis – after Steffi Graf in women's singles at Seoul 1988 and Boris Becker/Michael Stich in men's doubles at Barcelona 1992.
- Zverev is **one of 4 former junior Australian Open singles champions** to reach the 2nd round of the men's singles main draw from the 6 who started the in the main draw. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (l. Garin) and was named 2013 ITF Junior World Champion. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.
- Zverev is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.
- **MARTINEZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.
- Martinez advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Luciano Darderi, who retired due to joint pain with Martinez leading 63 4-1, in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Martinez's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – including at the 2021 Australian Open, when he defeated Yoshihito Nishioka and Emil Ruusuvuori before falling to Dusan Lajovic. He also reached the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Sebastian Korda) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Cristian Garin).
- **Last year here**, Martinez fell to Francesco Passaro in the 1st round of qualifying. On his last appearance in the main draw here, in 2023, he fell to Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Martinez reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Thiago Agustin Tirante, l. Andrey Rublev) and the US Open (d. Maks Kasnikowski, l. Alexei Popyrin) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Tommy Paul).
- Martinez's best Tour-level result in 2024 was reaching his **3rd Tour-level final** at Estoril (l. Hurkacz). He also reached the semifinals at Santiago (l. Sebastian Baez) and Hamburg (l. Zverev) and the quarterfinals at Bucharest (l. Gregorie Barrere), Kitzbuhel (l. Facundo Diaz Acosta) and Chengdu (l. Yannick Hanfmann).
- Martinez **won his 6th and 7th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Girona Challenger (ESP) (d. Radu Albot) and the Valencia Challenger (ESP) (d. Jaime Faria). He also finished runner-up at the Tenerife 1 Challenger (ESP) (l. Brandon Nakashima) and the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Arthur Fils).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Martinez reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Passaro, l. Shang Juncheng) but fell in the 1st round at Auckland (l. Gael Monfils).
- Martinez is bidding to **record back-to-back Tour-level match-wins on hard courts for the first time** since reaching the quarterfinals at Pune in January 2023. He has since lost in his first or 2nd match at all 16 Tour-level events he has contested on hard courts.
- Martinez is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time** on his 6th attempt. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 8 Casper Ruud in the semifinals at Estoril last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 17 Gael Monfils in the 2nd round at 2021 Wimbledon.
- Martinez lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Garin in the 2nd round here in 2022. He has a 3-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall and won both 5-set matches he played in 2024 – against Tirante in the 1st round at Roland Garros and Kasnikowski in the 1st round at the US Open.
- Martinez reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 39 in October last year. He plays here at No. 44.

- Martinez was a **good junior**. He achieved a career-high junior ranking of No. 16 in January 2015. He fell in the 1st round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2014 (l. Marc Polmans). He was also a member of the Spanish team that won the 2013 Junior Davis Cup in San Luis Potosi. Spain defeated Germany 2-0 in the final.
- Martinez has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has a 3-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Spain play away against Switzerland in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Martinez is coached by German Gaich.

NO. 3 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP) v YOSHIHITO NISHIOKA (JPN)

Head-to-head: Alcaraz leads 1-0

2022 Paris-1000 Hard (I) R32 Alcaraz 64 64

A 2nd meeting for Alcaraz and Nishioka – but their first at a Grand Slam. Alcaraz won their only previous match in the 2nd round at 2022 Paris-1000.

Alcaraz has won all 7 matches he has played against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, including both matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open – against Alejandro Tabilo in the 1st round in 2022 and Shang Juncheng in the 3rd round last year, when Shang retired in the 3rd set due to a right thigh injury. He has a 27-9 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

ALCARAZ	v	NISHIOKA
21	Age	29
3	ATP Ranking	65
17	Titles	3
61-11	Career Grand Slam Record	19-34
8-3	Australian Open Record	9-9
210-56	Career Record	137-150
104-35	Career Record - Hard	113-112
1-0	2025 Record	2-2
1-0	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
12-1	Career Five-Set Record	6-5
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
73-47	Career Tiebreak Record	57-44
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **ALCARAZ** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 4th time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Alcaraz advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Alexander Shevchenko 61 75 61 in the 1st round on Monday.
- Last year here, Alcaraz recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Alexander Zverev). By reaching the last 8 he completed the set of reaching at least the quarterfinals of all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.
- Alcaraz won his **3rd and 4th Grand Slam titles in 2024** – at Roland Garros (d. Zverev) and Wimbledon (d. Novak Djokovic) last year, becoming the 4th player in the Open Era to win 4 Grand Slam men's singles titles aged 21 or under after Boris Becker, Bjorn Borg and Mats Wilander. His first 2 Grand Slam titles came at the 2022 US Open (d. Casper Ruud) and 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic).
- At 21 years 266 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest player in history to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles** – ahead of Don Budge, who completed the career Grand Slam at the 1938 French Championships aged 22 years 363 days. He would become the 9th player in history (and 6th player in the Open Era) to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles. Rafael Nadal is the youngest player to achieve the feat in the Open Era, having completed the career Grand Slam at the 2010 US Open aged 24 years 32 days.
- Alcaraz **won 4 titles in 2024** and finished 2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles last season – behind Jannik Sinner, who won 8 titles. In addition to his Roland Garros and Wimbledon titles, he also won the title at Indian Wells-1000 (d. Daniil Medvedev), and Beijing (d. Sinner).
- Alcaraz's **other highlights in 2024** were winning the silver medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics (l. Djokovic), reaching the semifinals at Buenos Aires (l. Nicolas Jarry), and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Madrid-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Tomas Machac).
- Aged 19 years 130 days, Alcaraz became the **youngest world No. 1 in history** after winning the title at the 2022 US Open. He plays here at No. 3.

- Alcaraz has won 12 of the 13 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against Berrettini in the 3rd round here in 2022 – the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open. He has won the last 9 five-set matches he has contested, including the finals at 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic) and 2024 Roland Garros (d. Zverev).
- Alcaraz has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has won 6 of the 8 matches he has contested in the competition. Spain play away against Switzerland in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Alcaraz **led Spain to victory at the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Finals** in Budapest, defeating France in the title match. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Martin Damm) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 22 in January 2020. He never contested the junior event at the Australian Open.
- Alcaraz is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, whose best result here was reaching the semifinals in 2004.
- Lefthander **NISHIOKA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance and his 35th Grand Slam overall.
- If Nishioka and Kei Nishikori (who plays Tommy Paul today) both reach the 3rd round here, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that multiple Japanese players have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**.
- Nishioka advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Aziz Dougaz 36 64 76(3) 63 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Nishioka fell to Holger Rune in the 1st round to Holger Rune.
- Nishioka's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – including at the 2023 Australian Open, when he defeated Mikael Ymer, Dalibor Svrčina and Mackenzie McDonald before falling to Karen Khachanov. He also reached the round of 16 at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Nishioka reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Nuno Borges, l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the US Open (l. Miomir Kecmanovic).
- Nishioka's best result in 2024 was winning his **3rd Tour-level title** at Atlanta (d. Jordan Thompson). He also reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Eastbourne (l. Aleksandar Vukic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Nishioka reached the 2nd round as a qualifier at Brisbane (d. Arthur Rinderknech, l. Jiri Lehecka). He fell in the 1st round as a direct acceptance at Adelaide (l. Thanasi Kokkinakis).
- Nishioka is one of the **9 lefthanders** to reach the 2nd round from the 19 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Rafael Nadal, who won the title here in 2009 and 2022, is the last lefthander to win the title here.
- Nishioka is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 6th attempt. He has lost all 5 matches he has played against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams in straight sets, including to No. 2 Novak Djokovic in the 3rd round here in 2020. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 22 Auger-Aliassime in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros.
- Nishioka has **won one of the last 9 matches he has contested against Top 5 players**. His only victory against a Top 5 player in that time came against No. 2 Ruud in the quarterfinals at 2022 Seoul. He has a 2-13 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall, with his only other victory coming against No. 5 Nishikori in the 2nd round at 2019 Cincinnati-1000.
- Nishioka reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 24 in June 2023. He plays here at No. 65.
- Nishioka was a **good junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 12 in January 2012, and his best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2012 US Open (l. Filip Peliwo). He reached the 3rd round of the boys' singles in his only appearance in the junior event here (l. Matej Maruscak).
- Nishioka made his **Davis Cup** debut for Japan in 2015 and has an 11-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Japan play at home against Great Britain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Nishioka is coached by Christian Zahalka.

NO. 6 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v JAKUB MENSİK (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

RUUD	v	MENSİK
26	Age	19
6	ATP Ranking	48
12	Titles	0
47-24	Career Grand Slam Record	6-4
8-5	Australian Open Record	2-1
264-140	Career Record	33-23
105-81	Career Record - Hard	25-15
3-0	2025 Record	5-2
3-0	2025 Record - Hard	5-2
10-6	Career Five-Set Record	1-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
88-72	Career Tiebreak Record	22-12
1-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	3-3

- **RUUD** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Ruud advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Jaume Munar 63 16 75 26 61 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- **Last year here**, Ruud reached the 3rd round. He defeated Albert Ramos-Vinolas and Max Purcell before falling to Cameron Norrie.
- Ruud's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the round of 16 in 2021. He retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev.
- Ruud has reached **3 Grand Slam finals**, finishing as runner-up at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal), the 2022 US Open (l. Carlos Alcaraz), and 2023 Roland Garros (l. Novak Djokovic). He is the only Norwegian player in history to have contested a Grand Slam singles final at professional level.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Ruud reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev), the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Taylor Fritz) and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (l. Fabio Fognini).
- Ruud's **best results in 2024** were winning the title at Barcelona (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Geneva (d. Tomas Machac). He also finished runner-up at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Acapulco (l. Alex de Minaur) and Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Tsitsipas) and reached the semifinals at Estoril (l. Pedro Martinez) and the ATP Finals (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Ruud represented Norway at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested – against Czechia's Tomas Machac and Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.
- Ruud has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against Munar in the 1st round here this year. He also recorded 5-set victories against Quentin Halys in the 1st round in 2018 and against Purcell in the 2nd round last year but fell to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 9-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 after his runner-up finish at the US Open in September 2022. He plays here at No. 6.
- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.
- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 27-10 overall win-loss record in the competition. Norway play at home against Argentina in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 30-31 January.
- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997, and Pedro Clar.

- **MENSIK** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.
- Mensik advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Nikoloz Basilashvili 61 67(3) 63 63 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, as a qualifier on his Australian Open debut, Mensik reached the 2nd round (d. Denis Shapovalov, l. Hubert Hurkacz).
- Mensik's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at the US Open on 2 occasions – as a qualifier on his Grand Slam debut in 2023 (l. Taylor Fritz) and as a direct acceptance in 2024 (l. Nuno Borges).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Mensik fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Alexander Bublik). He withdrew from Roland Garros due to an elbow injury.
- Mensik's best result in 2024 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** in his 3rd Tour-level event at Doha (l. Karen Khachanov). He also reached the semifinals at Umag (l. Lorenzo Musetti) and the quarterfinals at Mallorca (l. Alejandro Tabilo), Shanghai-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic) and as a qualifier at Vienna (l. Alex de Minaur).
- Mensik **contested 2 events at Challenger-level last season**, finishing runner-up at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) (l. Dominik Koepfer) and reaching the semifinals at the Manama Challenger (BRN) (l. Mikhail Kukushkin).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Mensik reached the quarterfinals at both Brisbane (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and Auckland (l. Nuno Borges).
- Aged 19 years 147 days, Mensik is **one of 3 teenagers to reach the men's singles 2nd round here** – alongside Learner Tien (19 years 55 days) and Joao Fonseca (18 years 158 days). If all 3 reach the 3rd round here, it will be the 2nd consecutive year that 3 teenagers have reached the men's singles 3rd round at the Australian Open – after Alex Michelsen, Shang Juncheng and Luca van Assche in 2024. (NB ages calculated at end of tournament)
- Mensik is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time** on his 3rd attempt. He has lost both of his previous matches against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams – against No. 9 Fritz in the 3rd round at the 2023 US Open and against No. 9 Hurkacz in the 2nd round here last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 19 Felix Auger-Aliassime in the 1st round at the US Open last year.
- Mensik is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 5th time at Tour-level**. He has a 4-4 win-loss record against Top 10 players, having recording 2 victories against both Andrey Rublev and Grigor Dimitrov in 2024.
- Mensik **reached the 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final**, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara in 3 sets. He became the 2nd Czech player to reach the boys' singles final here after 2011 junior champion Jiri Vesely. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in April 2022.
- Mensik made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia in 2023 and has a 5-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Czechia play at home against Korea, Rep. in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Mensik is coached by Tomas Josefus.

NO. 7 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v (Q) JAIME FARIA (POR)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Djokovic has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 125 Faria. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic at a Grand Slam is No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 2nd round here in 2017.

Djokovic has won all 27 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams, including all 6 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Australian Open. He has a 93-7 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

DJOKOVIC	v	FARIA
37	Age	21
7	ATP Ranking	125
99	Titles	0
378-51	Career Grand Slam Record	1-0
95-9	Australian Open Record	1-0
1127-223	Career Record	1-4
707-129	Career Record - Hard	1-2
3-1	2025 Record	1-0
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-0
40-11	Career Five-Set Record	0-0
8	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
337-173	Career Tiebreak Record	0-3
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

- 10-time Australian Open champion **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 17th time. This is his 20th Australian Open appearance and his 77th Grand Slam overall.
- Djokovic is contesting his 430th Grand Slam match today, claiming sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Grand Slam singles matches contested, among men and women** – ahead of Roger Federer (429 Grand Slam singles matches played). Serena Williams (423) is the only other player in the Open Era to have contested 400 or more Grand Slam singles matches.
- Djokovic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating wild card Nishesh Basavareddy 46 63 64 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Djokovic reached the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Jannik Sinner. Prior to that defeat, he had won his last 33 Australian Open matches since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and 2023. He did not compete here in 2022.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Roger Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 before winning the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He is also bidding to extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- At 37 years 249 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's singles title** – and the 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Ken Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, both of whom won 2 titles here after their 35th birthdays.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Djokovic finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (withdrew with a right knee injury) and the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Alexei Popyrin). It was the first season in which he failed to win a Grand Slam title since 2017.
- Djokovic became the **5th player to complete the career ‘Golden Slam’ in singles** by winning Olympic singles gold for Serbia at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Spain’s Alcaraz in the final. He joined Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Nadal and Serena Williams as the only players to have achieved the feat. He also won Olympic singles bronze at Beijing 2008 and is the only player to have won a medal for Serbia in the Olympic Tennis Event.
- Djokovic’s **other highlights in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Shanghai-1000 (l. Sinner) and reaching the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Casper Ruud) and Geneva (l. Tomas Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Djokovic reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Reilly Opelka). At No. 293, Opelka was the 2nd lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic in a Tour-level match, after Djokovic’s defeat by retirement to No. 310 Filip Krajinovic in the quarterfinals at 2010 Belgrade.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **100th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level men’s singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having been ranked No. 1 for a total of 428 weeks, most recently in June 2024. He plays here at No. 7.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004 and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation’s first Davis Cup title. He has a 41-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 46-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. Serbia play away against Denmark in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Djokovic is coached by former world No. 1 and 3-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray, who reached the final here in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016, falling to Djokovic in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016.
- Qualifier **FARIA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round on his Grand Slam debut.
- Faria advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Pavel Kotov 61 61 75 for his **first Tour-level match-win** in the 1st round on Monday.
- As No. 17 seed, Faria defeated Gijs Brouwer (NED) 64 63, Dane Sweeny (AUS) 62 62 and Mark Lajal (EST) 64 26 64 to **qualify for the main draw here** last week. It is the first time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 4th attempt.
- **At the Grand Slams last year**, Faria reached the final round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Felipe Meligeni Alves) but fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both Wimbledon (l. Henrique Rocha) and the US Open (l. Lucas Pouille). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Australian Open.
- Faria contested his **first Tour-level matches in 2024**. He fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at both Estoril (l. David Jorda Sanchis) and Bastad (l. Thiago Agustin Tirante) and lost the 2 matches he contested during Portugal’s Davis Cup World Group I defeat to Norway, falling to Nicolai Budkov Kjaer and Casper Ruud.
- Faria **won his first 2 Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Oeiras 4 Challenger (POR) (d. Elias Ymer) and the Curitiba Challenger (BRA) (d. Meligeni Alves). He also finished runner-up at the Valencia Challenger (ESP) (l. Pedro Martinez) and reached the semifinals at the Porto 1 Challenger (POR) (l. Alejandro Moro Canas). He won the titles at 4 consecutive M25 events on the ITF World Tennis Tour in February-March last year.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Faria competed at the Canberra Challenger (AUS) but fell to Roman Andres Burruchaga in the 1st round.
- Faria is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. His only previous match against a Top 10 player came during Portugal’s Davis Cup defeat to Norway last year, when he fell to No. 9 Ruud. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 97 Kotov in the 1st round here on Monday.

- Faria **broke the Top 400, Top 300 and Top 200 for the first time in 2024**, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 116 in November. He plays here at No. 125.
- Faria made his **Davis Cup** debut during Portugal's defeat to Norway in World Group I last year, losing all 3 matches he contested during the tie. Portugal play away against Monaco in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 1-2 February.
- Faria is coached by Pedro Sousa.

NO. 12 TOMMY PAUL (USA) v KEI NISHIKORI (JPN)

Head-to-head: Nishikori leads 1-0

2017 Washington Hard (O) QF Nishikori 36 76(8) 64

A 2nd meeting for Paul and Nishikori. At the time of their only previous meeting, which Nishikori won in the quarterfinals at 2017 Washington, Nishikori was ranked at No. 9, while Paul was ranked at No. 225. Nishikori saved 3 match points in the 2nd set of the match.

PAUL	v	NISHIKORI
27	Age	35
11	ATP Ranking	76
4	Titles	12
34-21	Career Grand Slam Record	104-45
12-5	Australian Open Record	28-10
179-126	Career Record	446-222
129-87	Career Record - Hard	299-146
3-1	2025 Record	5-1
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	5-1
8-5	Career Five-Set Record	29-8
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	5
64-71	Career Tiebreak Record	142-99
0-2	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-1

- **PAUL** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- Paul advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Christopher O'Connell 62 36 61 67(5) 75 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Paul reached the 3rd round, defeating Gregoire Barrere and Jack Draper before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic in 5 sets.
- Paul's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals here in 2023. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Ben Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Andy Roddick in 2009.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Francisco Cerundolo).
- Paul **won 3 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Dallas (d. Marcos Giron), Queen's (d. Lorenzo Musetti) and Stockholm (d. Grigor Dimitrov). He also finished runner-up at Delray Beach (l. Taylor Fritz), reached the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Rome-1000 (l. Nicolas Jarry), and the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Draper), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Sebastian Korda) and the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Paul reached the semifinals at Adelaide (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Paul has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against O'Connell in the 1st round here this year. He also recorded 5-set victories against Dimitrov in the 2nd round here in 2020 and against Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023 but fell to Kecmanovic in the 3rd round last year. He has an 8-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Paul broke the Top 20 for the first time in January 2023 after reaching the semifinals here. He plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 11.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2015 US Open (l. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.

- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. He lost the only match he contested in the competition in 2024 as USA fell to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Paul is coached by Brad Stine.
- **NISHIKORI** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 9th time. This is his 11th Australian Open appearance and his 47th Grand Slam overall.
- If Nishikori and Yoshihito Nishioka (who plays Carlos Alcaraz today) both reach the 3rd round here, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that multiple Japanese players have reached the men's singles 3rd round at a Grand Slam**.
- Nishikori advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Thiago Monteiro 46 67(4) 75 62 63 for his **first Australian Open match-win since 2019** in the 1st round on Sunday. He saved 2 match points in the 3rd set.
- **On his most-recent appearance here**, in 2021, Nishikori fell in the 1st round (l. Pablo Carreno Busta). He missed more than 18 months on Tour in 2021-23, undergoing hip surgery in January 2022 and delaying his return due to an ankle injury. He missed a further 7 months from August 2023 to March 2024 due to a knee injury.
- Nishikori's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 4 occasions – in 2012 (l. Andy Murray), 2015 (l. Stan Wawrinka), 2016 (l. Djokovic) and 2019, when he retired against Djokovic due to a quad strain. He is the only Japanese man in the Open Era to have reached the quarterfinals here.
- At the 2014 US Open, Nishikori became the **first player from an Asian nation to contest a Grand Slam men's singles final** after defeating 3 Top 10 players – Milos Raonic, Wawrinka and Djokovic – in consecutive matches before falling to Marin Cilic in the title match.
- Nishikori contested his **first 2 Grand Slam tournaments since 2021 last season**. He reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros, defeating Gabriel Diallo in 5 sets before retiring due to a right shoulder injury against Ben Shelton and lost in the 1st round at Wimbledon, falling to Arthur Rinderknech in 5 sets. He did not compete at the US Open.
- Nishikori's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals at Montreal-1000 (l. Matteo Arnaldi) and as a wild card Tokyo (l. Holger Rune).
- **At Challenger-level last year**, Nishikori won the title at the Helsinki Challenger (FIN) (d. Luca Nardi) and reached the semifinals at the Bratislava 2 Challenger (SVK) (l. Roman Safiullin).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Nishikori finished runner-up at Hong Kong (l. Alexandre Muller). It was his 27th appearance in a Tour-level final and his first since he won the title at 2019 Brisbane.
- Nishikori is bidding to end a **4-match losing streak against Top 20 players at the Australian Open**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player here since defeating No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the round of 16 in 2016. He has a 3-9 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Australian Open.
- Nishikori is also bidding to end an **8-match losing streak against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam since defeating No. 7 Cilic in the quarterfinals at the 2018 US Open. He has a 12-30 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams and an 80-110 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.
- Nishikori has won 8 of the 9 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against Monteiro in the 1st round here this year. His only defeat in a 5-set match here came against Roger Federer in the round of 16 in 2017. He has a 29-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Nishikori's victory against Monteiro in the 1st round here this year was his **5th successful comeback from 0-2 down** – and 4th at the Australian Open. He recorded his first successful 0-2 comeback against Santiago Giraldo in the 1st round at 2010 Roland Garros, before recording successful 0-2 comebacks against Matthew Ebden in the 2nd round here in 2012 and against both Kamil Majchrzak in the 1st round and Carreno Busta in the round of 16 here in 2019.
- Nishikori is a **former Top 5 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 4 in March 2015. He began the 2024 season at No. 352, ended the year at No. 106 and re-entered the Top 100 for the first time since June 2022 this week after his runner-up finish at Hong Kong. He plays here at No. 74 and entered the draw using a protected ranking of No. 48.

- Nishikori reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 7** in July 2006. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at both the Australian Open (l. Alexandre Sidorenko) and Roland Garros (l. Petru-Alexandru Luncanu) that year and also won the Roland Garros boys' doubles title in 2006 with Emiliano Massa.
- Nishikori made his **Davis Cup** debut for Japan in 2008 and has a 21-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. He returned to the team for the first time since 2016 for their World Group I victory against Colombia last year. Japan play at home against Great Britain in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Nishikori is coached by 2002 Australian Open men's singles champion Thomas Johansson.

NO. 14 UGO HUMBERT (FRA) v (Q) HADY HABIB (LBN)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2022 Granby Challenger (CAN) Hard (O) R16 Humbert 63 63

A 2nd meeting for Humbert and Habib, but their first at Tour-level. Humbert won their only previous meeting below Tour-level in 2022.

Humbert has never lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 219 Habib. The lowest-ranked player to have defeated Humbert at a Grand Slam is No. 141 Peter Gojowczyk in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open.

Humbert is facing a qualifier for the 2nd consecutive round. He has won 4 of the 5 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams, including his 2 previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open – defeating David Goffin in the 1st round last year and Matteo Gigante in the 1st round this year. His only defeat to a qualifier at a Grand Slam came against Gojowczyk in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open. He has won 12 of the last 13 matches he has contested against qualifiers at Tour-level and has a 25-9 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

HUMBERT	v	HABIB
26	Age	26
14	ATP Ranking	219
6	Titles	0
18-24	Career Grand Slam Record	1-0
6-6	Australian Open Record	1-0
145-126	Career Record	20-8
106-77	Career Record - Hard	7-1
2-1	2025 Record	1-0
2-1	2025 Record - Hard	1-0
3-8	Career Five-Set Record	1-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
69-75	Career Tiebreak Record	5-1
1-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- **HUMBERT** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 3rd straight year and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.
- Humbert advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Matteo Gigante 76(5) 75 64 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Last year here, Humbert equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round, defeating David Goffin and Zhang Zhizhen before falling to Hubert Hurkacz. He also reached the 3rd round in 2023 (l. Holger Rune).
- Humbert's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – on his Wimbledon debut in 2019 (l. Novak Djokovic) and again at Wimbledon last year (l. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Humbert reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Thiago Monteiro, l. Francisco Comesana) but fell in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Lorenzo Sonego).
- Humbert's best results in 2024 were winning his **5th and 6th Tour-level titles** at Marseille (d. Grigor Dimitrov) and Dubai (d. Alexander Bublik), becoming the 3rd male player to win his first 6 Tour-level finals after Ernests Gulbis and Martin Klizan. He also finished runner-up at Tokyo (l. Arthur Fils) and Paris-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev), reached the semifinals at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Alex de Minaur) and the quarterfinals at Doha (l. Gael Monfils) and Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Casper Ruud).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Humbert represented France at the United Cup, winning one of the 2 singles matches he contested. He defeated Switzerland's Dominic Stricker but fell to Italy's Flavio Cobolli.
- Humbert is one of the **9 lefthanders** to reach the 2nd round from the 19 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Rafael Nadal, who won the title here in 2009 and 2022, is the last lefthander to win the title here.
- Humbert lost both of the **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – falling in 5 sets to both Chardy in the 1st round in 2019 and Nick Kyrgios in the 2nd round in 2021. He has a 3-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, with all 3 of his victories having come at Wimbledon.

- Humbert reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in April last year. He plays here at No. 14.
- Humbert reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 18** in January 2016. He reached the 2nd round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016 (l. Oliver Anderson).
- Humbert has played **Davis Cup** for France since 2023 and has a 5-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. France play at home against Brazil in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Humbert is coached by Chardy, who reached the quarterfinals here in 2013.
- Qualifier **HABIB** is bidding to reach the 3rd round on his Grand Slam debut.
- Habib is bidding to become the **first Lebanese player in history to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam**. By winning his opening match here, he became the 2nd Lebanese player to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam – after Nadin Hajjar, who reached the 2nd round of the men's singles at 1956 Roland Garros.
- Habib advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Bu Yunchaokete 76(4) 64 76(6) for his **first Grand Slam match-win** in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Last week, Habib defeated Patrick Kypson (USA) 64 76(6), No. 13 seed Tseng Chun Hsin 64 76(2) and Clement Chidekh (FRA) 64 36 76(8) to **qualify for the main draw here**. It was his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam, having spent his entire career ranked too low to enter qualifying at the Grand Slams prior to this event.
- By qualifying for the main draw, Habib has become the **5th Lebanese player to contest the singles main draw at a Grand Slam** – after Hajjar (who made 4 Grand Slam appearances from 1951 to 1956), and Vera Mattar, Samir El Khoury and Karim Fawaz (one Grand Slam appearance each). He is the first Lebanese player to compete in singles at a Grand Slam since Fawaz at the 1962 US Championships.
- Habib's **only previous appearance at an individual Tour-level event** came at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, where he fell to Carlos Alcaraz in the 1st round. His only other Tour-level appearances have come in Davis Cup matches for Lebanon, for whom he has a 19-7 singles win-loss record.
- Habib **won his first Challenger title in 2024** – at the Temuco Challenger (MEX) (d. Camilo Ugo Carabelli). He also finished runner-up at the Santos Challenger (BRA) (l. Alejo Lorenzo Lingua Lavallen) and reached the semifinals at the Santa Cruz Challenger (BOL) (l. Juan Manuel Cerundolo) and the Dobrich 1 Challenger (BUL) (l. Ivan Gakhov). He reached 2 finals at M25 events on the ITF World Tennis Tour.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Habib competed as a qualifier at the Canberra Challenger (AUS). He defeated Sho Shimabukuro and Edward Winter to qualify for the main draw but fell to Damir Dzumhur in the 1st round.
- Habib is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. He lost his only previous match against a Top 20 player – against No. 3 Alcaraz in the 1st round at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event. The highest-ranked player he has defeated, at any level, is No. 67 Bu in the 1st round here on Sunday.
- Habib won the only **5-set match** he has contested, defeating Sri Lanka's Sharmal Dissanayake in a 2015 Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Group II tie.
- Habib has played **Davis Cup** for Lebanon since 2015 and has a 24-14 overall win-loss record in the competition. Lebanon play Peru on neutral ground in Egypt in the 2025 World Group I Play-offs on 31 January-1 February.
- Habib is coached by Patricio Heras.

NO. 15 JACK DRAPER (GBR) v THANASI KOKKINAKIS (AUS)

Head-to-head: Draper leads 2-1

2023	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Draper	67(6) 63 76(4)
2024	Los Cabos	Hard (O)	R32	Kokkinakis	46 76(5) 64
2024	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R128	Draper	63 36 75

A 4th meeting for Draper and Kokkinakis, their 3rd on a hard court but first at a Grand Slam. Draper leads the overall head-to-head but the pair have split their 2 previous meetings on hard courts. All 3 of their previous matches have gone to a deciding set.

Draper is facing an Australian player here for the first time. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams, having fallen to Alex de Minaur in the 2nd round at 2022 Wimbledon but defeated De Minaur in the quarterfinals at the US Open last year. He has a 3-7 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Kokkinakis lost his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open, falling to Rafael Nadal in the 2nd round here in 2014. He has a 1-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams overall.

Kokkinakis has won 5 of the last 6 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at Tour-level. His only defeat to a lefthanded player in that time came against Draper in the 1st round at Madrid-1000 last year. He has a 7-10 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

DRAPER	v	KOKKINAKIS
23	Age	28
18	ATP Ranking	71
2	Titles	1
14-10	Career Grand Slam Record	16-22
2-2	Australian Open Record	6-8
80-51	Career Record	79-96
56-32	Career Record - Hard	64-71
1-0	2025 Record	3-0
1-0	2025 Record - Hard	3-0
3-1	Career Five-Set Record	8-6
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	4
27-25	Career Tiebreak Record	64-57
0-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- Lefthander **DRAPER** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Draper advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Mariano Navone 46 63 36 62 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Draper has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here last year (d. Marcos Giron, l. Tommy Paul). On his debut here, in 2023, he fell to Rafael Nadal in the 1st round.
- Draper's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the US Open last year, defeating Zhang Zhizhen, Facundo Diaz Acosta, Botic van de Zandschulp, Tomas Machac and Alex de Minaur before falling to Jannik Sinner. He became the first British player to reach the men's singles semifinals at the US Open since Andy Murray won the title in 2012, and aged 22 years 262 days, the youngest British player to do so since Murray reached the final in 2008 aged 21 years 117 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Draper reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Elias Ymer, l. Cameron Norrie) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Jesper de Jong).
- Draper **won his first 2 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Stuttgart (d. Matteo Berrettini) and Vienna (d. Karen Khachanov). He also finished runner-up at Adelaide (l. Jiri Lehecka), reached the semifinals at Acapulco, where he retired due to a stomach injury against Alex de Minaur, and the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Taylor Fritz), Queen's (l. Paul), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Holger Rune) and Tokyo, where he retired due to an abdominal injury against Ugo Humbert.

- Draper is contesting his **first event of 2025 here**. He was selected to represent Great Britain at the United Cup but withdrew due to a hip injury.
- Draper is one of the **9 lefthanders** to reach the 2nd round from the 19 who began the men's singles main draw this year. Rafael Nadal, who won the title here in 2009 and 2022, is the last lefthander to win the title here.
- Draper has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Giron in the 1st round last year and against Navone in the 1st round this year. He has a 3-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, having also defeated Ymer in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon but fallen to De Jong in 5 sets in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros.
- Draper **broke the Top 20 for the first time in September** last year after reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at the US Open and reached a career-high ranking of No. 15 in October. He plays here at No. 18.
- Draper reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 7 in December 2018. He finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Tseng Chun Hsin). He fell in the 1st round in his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2018 (l. Dalibor Svrčina).
- Draper has played **Davis Cup** for Great Britain since 2023 and has a 1-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. Great Britain play away against Japan in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Draper is coached by James Trotman.
- **KOKKINAKIS** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 24th Grand Slam overall.
- If he reaches the 3rd round for the first time on his 9th Australian Open appearance, Kokkinakis will go **joint-4th on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles appearances before reaching the 3rd round** – alongside Adrian Panatta, Albert Montanes, Gianluca Pozzi and Sjeng Schalken. Pablo Andujar and Michael Llodra (who both reached the 3rd round for the first time on their 11th appearances here) and Ernests Gulbis (who reached the 3rd round for the first time on his 10th appearance here) are at the top of the list.
- Kokkinakis advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Roman Safiullin 36 63 63 76(5) in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Kokkinakis has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round here on 5 other occasions – as a wild card in 2014 (d. Igor Sijsling, l. Rafael Nadal), 2015 (d. Ernests Gulbis, l. Sam Groth) and 2021 (d. Kwon Soonwoo, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas), and as a direct acceptance in both 2023 (d. Fabio Fognini, l. Andy Murray) and 2024 (d. Sebastian Ofner, l. Grigor Dimitrov).
- Kokkinakis' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros on 3 occasions – as a wild card in 2015 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2023 (l. Karen Khachanov), and as a direct acceptance last year (l. Taylor Fritz).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Kokkinakis reached the 2nd round at both Wimbledon, where he defeated Felix Auger-Aliassime before retiring due to a left knee injury against Lucas Pouille, and the US Open (d. Tsitsipas, l. Nuno Borges).
- Kokkinakis' **best Tour-level result in 2024** was reaching the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l. Alexander Zverev). Apart from his 3rd round finishes at Roland Garros and Washington, where he retired due to cramping in the 3rd round against Sebastian Korda, he failed to advance beyond the 2nd round at any other Tour-level event last season.
- Kokkinakis **won his 6th and 7th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Sarasota Challenger (USA) (d. Zizou Bergs) and the Sydney Challenger (AUS) (d. Rinky Hijikata). He reached the quarterfinals at the 2 other Challenger-level events he contested last season – at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (l. Borges) and the Bordeaux Challenger (FRA) (l. Arthur Fils).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Kokkinakis reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide. He defeated Yoshihito Nishioka and Tomas Martin Etcheverry before giving a walkover to Sebastian Korda due to a right shoulder injury.
- Kokkinakis is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 4th time**. He has a 3-9 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his 3 victories coming against No. 13 Gulbis in the 1st round here in 2015, No. 17 Auger-Aliassime in the 1st round at 2024 Wimbledon and against No. 11 Tsitsipas in the 1st round at the 2024 US Open. He has an 8-29 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

- Kokkinakis won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he contested in 2024, with his only defeat in a 5-set match last year coming against Fritz in the 3rd round at Roland Garros. He recorded 2 successful comebacks from 0-2 down – against Giulio Zeppieri in the 2nd round at Roland Garros and against Auger-Aliassime in the 1st round at Wimbledon. He has an 8-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Kokkinakis is one of **7 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Kokkinakis reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 65 in November 2023. He plays here at No. 71.
- Kokkinakis **won the 2022 Australian Open men's doubles title** alongside Nick Kyrgios. The pair defeated Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell in the first all-Australian Grand Slam men's doubles final since the 1980 Australian Open. They became the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde at 2000 Wimbledon.
- Kokkinakis is a **former Australian Open boys' singles finalist**, falling to Kyrgios in 2013. He also reached the boys' singles final at the 2013 US Open (l. Borna Coric) and won the boys' doubles title at 2013 Wimbledon with Kyrgios.
- Kokkinakis was a member of the **Australian team which reached the Davis Cup final for the first time since 2003** in 2022. He has an 8-8 win-loss record in the competition since making his debut in 2014. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Kokkinakis is coached by Todd Langman and Todd Ley.

NO. 22 SEBASTIAN KORDA (USA) v ALEKSANDAR VUKIC (AUS)

Tour-level head-to-head: Vukic leads 1-0

2019	Sarasota Challenger (USA)	Clay (O)	R16	Korda	64 26 64
2019	Nur-Sultan Challenger (KAZ)	Hard (O)	SF	Korda	76(3) 63
2023	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	R32	Vukic	63 46 76(5)

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Korda and Vukic but their first at a Grand Slam. Vukic won their only previous meeting at Tour-level, in the 2nd round at 2023 Toronto-1000. Korda won both their previous meetings below Tour-level at Challenger events in 2019.

This is one of 3 matches between Australian and American players in the men's singles 2nd round here this year – alongside James McCabe's match against Alex Michelsen and Alex de Minaur's match against Tristan Boyer. There were also 2 matches between Australian and American players in the 1st round here – Tommy Paul defeated Christopher O'Connell Monday and Mitchell Krueger defeated Rinky Hijikata on Tuesday. Australia and USA had the joint-most players at the Australian Open this year, with 14 players from each nation starting the men's singles draw here.

The three 2nd round matches between Australians and Americans are the 1117th, 1118th and 1119th men's singles matches between Australian and American players at the Grand Slams in the Open Era. In the 1116 matches contested to date, American players lead 614-502.

The three 2nd round matches between Australians and Americans are the 368th, 369th and 370th men's singles matches between Australian and American players at the Australian Open in the Open Era. In the 367 matches contested to date, American players lead 215-152. [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]

Korda is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has won both of his previous matches against Australian players at the Grand Slams and has a 12-6 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Vukic lost his only previous match against an American player at the Grand Slams, falling to Brandon Holt in the 1st round here in 2023. He has a 9-8 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

KORDA	v	VUKIC
24	Age	28
22	ATP Ranking	68
2	Titles	0
22-16	Career Grand Slam Record	4-10
9-3	Australian Open Record	2-4
128-80	Career Record	43-55
89-52	Career Record - Hard	29-38
3-1	2025 Record	2-2
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
3-4	Career Five-Set Record	2-2
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
51-49	Career Tiebreak Record	35-26
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-2

- **KORDA** is bidding to maintain his record of always reaching the 3rd round here. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- Korda advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Lukas Klein 63 06 63 76(6) in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Korda reached the 3rd round. He defeated Vit Kopriva and Quentin Halys before falling to Andrey Rublev in straight sets.
- Korda's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals here in 2023. He defeated Cristian Garin, Yosuke Watanuki, Daniil Medvedev and Hubert Hurkacz before falling to Karen Khachanov in the last 8, retiring with a wrist injury while trailing 67(5) 36 0-3.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Korda reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Harold Mayot and Kwon Soonwoo before falling to Carlos Alcaraz, and the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Corentin Moutet, I. Tomas Machac) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (I. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard).
- Korda's best result in 2024 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** at Washington (d. Flavio Cobolli) – 32 years after his father, Petr, won the same event. The Kordas became the first father-son duo to win the same title in ATP Tour history. Korda also finished runner-up at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Alex de Minaur), reached the semifinals at Adelaide (I. Jiri Lehecka), Queen's (I. Tommy Paul) and Montreal-1000 (I. Alexei Popyrin) and the quarterfinals at Dubai (I. Rublev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Korda reached his 8th Tour-level final at Adelaide, falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime in the final.
- Korda has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – against Corentin Moutet in the 2nd round in 2022, Hurkacz in the round of 16 in 2023 and Kopriva in the 1st round here last year. He has lost the other 4 five-set matches he has contested at Tour-level.
- Korda broke the Top 20 for the first time in June 2024, joining his father Petr (who reached a career-high ranking of No. 2) to become the only father-son duo to rank inside the Top 20 since the ATP rankings were introduced in 1973. He reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 15 in August last year and he plays here at No. 22.
- Korda is **one of 4 former junior Australian Open singles champions to reach the 2nd round here** from the 6 who started this year's main draw. He won the title here in 2018 (d. Tseng Chun Hsin) and became junior world No. 1 the following week. He also reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at Roland Garros the same year (I. Tseng).
- Korda made his **Davis Cup** debut for USA in 2022 and has won both matches he has contested in the competition to date. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Korda's father, Petr Korda, won the title here in 1998. His mother, Regina Rajchrtova, also played professional tennis and reached a career-high ranking of No. 26, while his sisters, Jessica and Nelly, are professional golfers on the LPGA Tour.
- Korda is coached by Radek Stepanek, who reached the 3rd round here on 5 occasions, and Martin Stepanek.
- **VUKIC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Vukic advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Damir Dzumhur 67(3) 60 36 63 64 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Vukic has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the 2nd round as a wild card at the 2022 Australian Open (d. Lloyd Harris, I. Radu Albot) and as a direct acceptance at Wimbledon in both 2023 (d. Daniel Altmaier, I. Quentin Halys) and 2024 (d. Sebastian Ofner, I. Carlos Alcaraz).
- **Last year here**, Vukic fell in the 1st round (I. Jordan Thompson).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Vukic fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Zhang Zhizhen) and the US Open (I. Max Purcell).
- Vukic's **best results in 2024** were reaching the semifinals as a lucky loser at Eastbourne (I. Taylor Fritz) and as a direct acceptance at Almaty (I. Karen Khachanov). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (I. Mariano Navone), 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Tallon Griekspoor) and Newport (I. Christopher Eubanks).
- Vukic **contested 4 events at Challenger-level last season**, reaching the semifinals at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (I. Matteo Berrettini) and the Taipei 2 Challenger (TPE) (I. Adam Walton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Vukic reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Brisbane (d. David Goffin, I. Grigor Dimitrov) but fell in the 1st round as a direct acceptance at Adelaide (I. Marcos Giron).
- Vukic is bidding to defeat a **Top 30 player at the Grand Slams for the first time on his 4th attempt**. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 33 Harris in the 1st round here in 2022. He has a 5-17 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.

- Vukic is one of **7 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Vukic has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested – including his 5-set victory against Dzumhur in the 1st round here on Sunday. He lost 5-set matches to Brandon Holt in the 1st round here in 2023 and to Jordan Thompson in the 1st round here last year before recording his first victory in a 5-set match by defeating Ofner in 5 sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year.
- Vukic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 48 in August. He plays here at No. 67.
- Vukic played **college tennis**. He represented the University of Illinois from 2015 to 2018 and was named a 3-time All-American and 2017 Big Ten Athlete of the Year.
- Vukic is coached by Nuno Lencastre and Jay Gooding.

NO. 26 TOMAS MACHAC (CZE) v REILLY OPELKA (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

MACHAC	v	OPELKA
24	Age	27
25	ATP Ranking	170
0	Titles	4
11-10	Career Grand Slam Record	14-16
5-4	Australian Open Record	5-5
52-42	Career Record	101-93
36-31	Career Record - Hard	80-65
3-2	2025 Record	5-1
3-2	2025 Record - Hard	5-1
2-2	Career Five-Set Record	1-4
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
21-19	Career Tiebreak Record	91-89
1-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	5-0

- **MACHAC** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.
- Machac advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Sumit Nagal 63 61 75 in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Last year here, Machac recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Shintaro Mochizuki and Frances Tiafoe before falling to Karen Khachanov.
- Machac's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open last year. He defeated Fabio Fognini, Sebastian Korda and David Goffin before falling to Jack Draper.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Machac reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros – where he defeated Nuno Borges and Mariano Navone before falling to Daniil Medvedev – and the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Goffin, I. Roman Safiullin).
- Machac's best result in 2024 was reaching his **first Tour-level final** at Geneva (l. Casper Ruud). He also reached the semifinals at Tokyo (l. Ugo Humbert) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Hubert Hurkacz), Miami-1000 (l. Sinner) and Vienna (l. Draper).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Machac represented Czechia at the United Cup, winning 2 of the 4 singles matches he contested. He defeated both Poland's Hurkacz and Italy's Flavio Cobolli but fell to Norway's Ruud and USA's Taylor Fritz.
- Machac won both **5-set matches** he contested in 2024 – against Navone in the 2nd round at Roland Garros and against Goffin in the 1st round at Wimbledon, when he successfully recovered from 0-2 down for the first time in his career. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Machac reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 25 in October last year. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Machac reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 16 in January 2018. He lost in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open in 2018 (l. Rudolf Molleker).
- Machac **won the mixed doubles gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event**. He partnered Katerina Siniakova to victory over China, P.R.'s Wang Xinyu/Zhang Zhizhen in the final to win Czechia's 2nd gold medal at the Olympic Tennis Event (after Siniakova and Barbora Krejčíková won women's doubles gold at Tokyo 2020). He also reached the semifinals alongside Adam Pavlasek in men's doubles but fell to USA's Austin Krajicek/Rajeev Ram in the semifinals and to USA's Fritz/Tommy Paul in the bronze medal match.

- Machac made his **Davis Cup** debut for Czechia at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals and has a 9-8 win-loss record in the competition. Czechia play at home against Korea, Rep. in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Machac is coached by Daniel Vacek.
- **OPELKA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.
- Opelka advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Gauthier Onclin 36 76(4) 63 62 for his **first Grand Slam match-win since 2022** in the 1st round on Sunday.
- Opelka is making his **first Australian Open appearance since 2022**, when he recorded his best Australian Open result by reaching the 3rd round (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- Opelka's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2021 US Open (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Opelka has **struggled with injuries in recent years**. He played just one match between August 2022 and July 2024 – a victory over Tennys Sandgren at the 2023 Charlottesville Challenger (USA) before withdrawing ahead of his 2nd round match – having undergone hip surgery in 2022. He made his return to the Tour as a wild card at 2024 Newport, where he reached the semifinals (l. Alex Michelsen).
- Opelka recorded **7 Tour-level match-wins in 2024**. In addition to winning 3 matches en route to the semifinals at Newport, he also recorded 2nd round finishes at Atlanta (d. Aleksandar Kovacevic, l. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina) and as a wild card at Washington (d. James Duckworth, l. Jordan Thompson) and won both Davis Cup singles matches he contested, defeating both Chile's Cristian Garin and Germany's Henri Squire at the Finals Group Stage.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Opelka finished runner-up at Brisbane. He defeated Federico Gomez, Matteo Arnaldi, Novak Djokovic and Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard before retiring due to a back injury in the final against Jiri Lehecka. It was his 7th appearance in a Tour-level final and his first since he won the title at 2022 Houston. Ranked No. 293 he also became the 2nd-lowest ranked player to defeat Djokovic in a Tour-level match.
- Opelka is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams**. He has not defeated a Top 30 player at the Grand Slams since defeating No. 11 Fabio Fognini in the 1st round at the 2019 US Open. He has a 3-7 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams and a 23-39 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.
- Opelka has a 1-4 win-loss record in **5-set matches**, with all 4 of his defeats coming at the Australian Open – against David Goffin in the 1st round in 2017, Thomas Fabbiano in the 2nd round in 2019, Fabio Fognini in the 1st round in 2020, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and Taylor Fritz in the 2nd round in 2021. His only victory in a 5-set match came against Stan Wawrinka in the 2nd round at 2019 Wimbledon.
- Opelka is a **former Top 20 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 17 in February 2022. He plays here at No. 170 and entered the main draw using a protected ranking of No. 33.
- Opelka was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in July 2015. He won the boys' singles title at 2015 Wimbledon, defeating Mikael Ymer in the final, and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles event with Akira Santillan. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Michael Mmoh). He never competed in the junior event here.
- Opelka made his **Davis Cup** debut for USA in 2019 and has a 3-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Opelka is coached by Jay Berger and Friedrich Kunath.

NO. 27 JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS) v NUNO BORGES (POR)

Tour-level head-to-head: Borges leads 1-0

2021	Estoril	Clay (O)	R32	Borges	76(5) 63
2022	Ilkley Challenger (GBR)	Grass (O)	R32	Borges	64 75

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Thompson and Borges, their first at a Grand Slam and first on a hard court. Borges won both previous meetings in straight sets, at Tour-level on clay at 2021 Estoril and at Challenger-level on grass at the 2022 Ilkley Challenger.

Borges is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the first time. He won the only match he has played against an Australian player at the Grand Slams, defeating Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round at the US Open last year. He has a 3-1 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

THOMPSON	v	BORGES
30	Age	27
27	ATP Ranking	33
1	Titles	1
23-37	Career Grand Slam Record	9-11
5-11	Australian Open Record	4-2
143-160	Career Record	45-52
97-100	Career Record - Hard	28-31
3-1	2025 Record	5-2
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	5-2
8-11	Career Five-Set Record	3-1
4	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
72-67	Career Tiebreak Record	32-29
1-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-2

- **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 38th Grand Slam overall.
- Thompson advanced to the 2nd round after defeating qualifier Dominik Koepfer 76(3) 64 46 63 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Thompson has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round here on 4 other occasions – in 2017 (d. Joao Sousa, l. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, l. Andreas Seppi), 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Fabio Fognini) and 2024 (d. Aleksandar Vukic, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas),
- Thompson's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the US Open in 2020 (l. Borna Coric) and 2024 (l. Alex de Minaur).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Thompson reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Pavel Kotov, l. Brandon Nakashima) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Maximilian Marterer).
- Thompson's best result in 2024 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Los Cabos (d. Casper Ruud). He also finished runner-up at Atlanta (l. Yoshihito Nishioka), reached the semifinals at Brisbane (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and Queen's (l. Lorenzo Musetti), and the quarterfinals at Dallas (l. Ben Shelton), Delray Beach (l. Tommy Paul), Houston (l. Frances Tiafoe), Washington (l. Sebastian Korda) and Paris-1000 (l. Ugo Humbert).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Thompson reached the quarterfinals at Brisbane. He defeated Matteo Berrettini and Alex Michelsen before retiring due to a foot injury against Grigor Dimitrov.
- Thompson has won 2 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Sousa in the 1st round in 2017 and defeating Vukic in the 1st round last year. He has an 8-11 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Thompson is one of **7 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Thompson is **seeded at a Grand Slam event for the first time here**. With De Minaur and Alexei Popyrin also among the seeds here, it is the first time that there have been 3 Australian seeds in the men's singles at a Grand Slam since 2000 Wimbledon (when Lleyton Hewitt, Mark Philippoussis and Patrick Rafter were all seeded), and the first time there have been 3 Australian seeds in the men's singles at the Australian Open since 1982 (Edmondson, John Alexander, Phil Dent and Paul McNamee).
- Thompson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 26 in November last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 27.
- Thompson won his **first Grand Slam men's doubles title** alongside Max Purcell at the 2024 US Open (d. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz). The pair also finished as runners-up in the men's doubles at 2024 Wimbledon (l. Harri Heliövaara/Henry Patten).
- Thompson played in the **boys' singles event at the Junior Australian Open** in 2011 and 2012, losing in the 1st round on both occasions. He finished as runner-up with Nick Kyrgios in the boys' doubles at the 2012 US Open. He also represented Australia in the 2008 World Junior Tennis Finals and the 2010 Junior Davis Cup Finals.
- Thompson was a member of the **Australian Davis Cup teams which finished as runners-up in 2022 and 2023**. He won one of the 2 matches he contested in the competition in 2024, falling to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta at the Finals Group Stage but partnering Matthew Ebden to defeat Tommy Paul/Ben Shelton in Australia's 2-1 win over USA in the quarterfinals. He has a 10-6 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Thompson is coached by Marinko Matosevic.
- **BORGES** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 2nd consecutive year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.
- Borges advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Alexandre Muller 67(2) 63 62 75 in the 1st round on Monday.
- Borges' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions, including at the Australian Open last year, when he defeated Maximilian Marterer, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Daniil Medvedev. He also reached the round of 16 at the 2024 US Open (l. Medvedev).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Borges fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Tomas Machac) and Wimbledon (l. Yoshihito Nishioka).
- Borges' best result in 2024 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Bastad (d. Rafael Nadal). He also reached the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l. Casper Ruud) and Estoril (l. Cristian Garin).
- Borges **contested 2 events at Challenger-level in 2024**. He won his 6th Challenger title at the Phoenix Challenger (USA) (d. Matteo Berrettini) and reached the quarterfinals at the Cagliari Challenger (ITA) (l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Borges reached the semifinals at Auckland, defeating Luciano Darderi, Mariano Navone and Jakub Mensik before falling to Zizou Bergs. He also reached the 2nd round at Hong Kong (d. Bu Yunchaokete, l. Jaime Munar).
- Borges has **won 2 of the 6 matches he has played against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams**. Both of his victories came at the Australian Open last year – he defeated No. 24 Davidovich Fokina and No. 13 Dimitrov in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, before falling to No. 3 Medvedev in the round of 16.
- Borges has **won one of his last 7 matches against Top 30 players**, with his only victory against a Top 30 player in that time coming against No. 15 Ugo Humbert in the 2nd round at Montreal-1000 last year. He has a 5-17 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.
- Borges has won 3 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested, with his only loss coming against Wu Yibing in the 2nd round at the 2022 US Open. He has not yet contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.
- Borges reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 30 in September last year. He plays here 3 places lower at No. 33.
- Borges **played college tennis**. He represented Mississippi State University in 2016-19, reaching the 2019 NCAA singles final.

- Borges made his **Davis Cup** debut for Portugal in 2021 and has a 6-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal play away against Monaco in the 2025 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs on 1-2 February.
- Borges is coached by Rui Machado and Hugo Anao.

NO. 29 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP)

Tour-level head-to-head: Auger-Aliassime leads 3-0

2018	Alicante Challenger (ESP)	Clay (O)	R32	Auger-Aliassime	75 75
2022	Australian Open (AUS)	Hard (O)	R64	Auger-Aliassime	76(4) 67(4) 76(5) 76(4)
2022	Rome-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Auger-Aliassime	46 76(2) 62
2023	Doha	Hard (O)	QF	Auger-Aliassime	64 76(5)

A 4th Tour-level meeting for Auger-Aliassime and Davidovich Fokina, their 3rd on a hard court and 2nd at a Grand Slam. Auger-Aliassime won their only previous meeting at a Grand Slam, at this stage of the tournament here in 2022.

Auger-Aliassime and Davidovich Fokina also met twice at junior level in 2016. Davidovich Fokina won their first meeting in the semifinals at the Canadian Open before Auger-Aliassime won in their 2nd meeting the following week, in the 3rd round at the US Open. Auger-Aliassime went on to win the boys' singles title at the US Open that year, while Davidovich Fokina became a junior Grand Slam champion in 2017 with victory in the boys' singles at Wimbledon.

AUGER-ALIASSIME	v	DAVIDOVICH FOKINA
24	Age	25
23	ATP Ranking	66
6	Titles	0
34-22	Career Grand Slam Record	24-18
13-5	Australian Open Record	5-4
221-148	Career Record	116-121
150-96	Career Record - Hard	69-73
6-1	2025 Record	2-2
6-1	2025 Record - Hard	2-2
6-4	Career Five-Set Record	7-7
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
114-83	Career Tiebreak Record	49-63
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-0

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the 5th consecutive year. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 23rd Grand Slam overall.
- Auger-Aliassime advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Jan-Lennard Struff 63 60 46 61 in the 1st round on Monday.
- **Last year here**, Auger-Aliassime reached the 3rd round. He defeated Dominic Thiem and Hugo Grenier before falling to Daniil Medvedev.
- Auger-Aliassime's best **Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2022, when he defeated Emil Ruusuvuori, Davidovich Fokina, Daniel Evans and Marin Cilic before falling to Medvedev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Auger-Aliassime's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2021 US Open (l. Medvedev). He became the 3rd Canadian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam after Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Auger-Aliassime reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Thanasi Kokkinakis) and the US Open (l. Jakub Mensik).
- Auger-Aliassime's best result in 2024 was reaching his **first Masters-1000 final** at Madrid-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev). He also reached the semifinals at Montpellier (l. Alexander Bublik) and the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, where he fell to Alcaraz in the semifinals before falling to Lorenzo Musetti in the bronze medal match. He reached the quarterfinals at Munich (l. Struff), Gstaad (l. Matteo Berrettini) and Antwerp (l. Roberto Bautista Agut).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Auger-Aliassime won his **6th Tour-level title** at Adelaide (d. Sebastian Korda). He also represented Canada at the United Cup, winning one of the 2 singles matches he contested – he fell to Croatia's Borna Coric before defeating USA's Fritz.

- Auger-Aliassime has won 3 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Auger-Aliassime reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in November 2022. He ended both the 2023 and 2024 seasons ranked at No. 29 but plays here at No. 23.
- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.
- Auger-Aliassime was a member of the **Canadian team which won the Davis Cup title for the first time in 2022**. He was also a member of the Canadian team which reached the final for the first time in 2019 (l. Spain) and has a 13-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Canada play at home against Hungary in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang and Toni Nadal.
- **DAVIDOVCH FOKINA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 19th Grand Slam overall.
- Davidovich Fokina advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Shang Juncheng, who retired due to a right leg injury with Davidovich Fokina leading 76(1) 5-2, in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Davidovich Fokina has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round on all 4 of his previous appearances here – in 2020 (d. Norbert Gombos, l. Diego Schwartzman), 2022 (d. Alex Bolt, l. Auger-Aliassime), 2023 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Tommy Paul) and 2024 (d. Constant Lestienne, l. Nuno Borges).
- Davidovich Fokina's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals at 2021 Roland Garros, where he defeated Mikhail Kukushkin, Botic van de Zandschulp, Casper Ruud and Federico Delbonis before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Davidovich Fokina reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Valentin Vacherot, l. Ruud) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Rinky Hijikata). He withdrew from Wimbledon due to a back injury.
- Davidovich Fokina's **best results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Ugo Humbert), Dubai (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Atlanta (l. Jordan Thompson).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Davidovich Fokina reached the 2nd round at Adelaide (d. Roberto Bautista Agut, l. Sebastian Korda) but fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Jaime Munar).
- Davidovich Fokina is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams**. He has not defeated a Top 30 player at a Grand Slam since defeating No. 10 Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon. He has a 2-10 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams, with his only other victory coming against No. 16 Ruud in the 3rd round at 2021 Roland Garros.
- Davidovich Fokina has **won one of the last 12 matches he has contested against Top 30 players**. His only victory against a Top 30 player in that time came against No. 5 Medvedev in the 2nd round at Montreal-1000 last year. He has a 23-64 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.
- Davidovich Fokina has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Gombos in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020 and Bublik in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2023, but falling to Paul in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2023. He has a 7-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Davidovich Fokina reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in August 2023. He plays here at No. 66.
- In 2017, Davidovich Fokina became the **first Spanish junior champion at Wimbledon** since Manuel Orantes in 1967, defeating Axel Geller in the title match. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in July that year. He never competed in the boys' singles here.

- Davidovich Fokina made his **Davis Cup** debut for Spain in 2022 and has a 1-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. Spain play away against Switzerland in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- Davidovich Fokina is coached by Fernando Verdasco, who made 17 appearances in the men's singles here from 2004 to 2020, reaching the semifinals in 2009.

ROBERTO CARBALLES BAENA (ESP) v JAMES DUCKWORTH (AUS)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Carballes Baena is facing an Australian player here for the first time. He lost his only previous Grand Slam match against an Australian player, falling to Jordan Thompson in the 1st round at 2022 Wimbledon. He has a 2-6 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Carballes Baena has a 4-2 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against both French players at Roland Garros and against American players at the US Open. He has never played a British player at Wimbledon.

CARBALLES BAENA	v	DUCKWORTH
31	Age	32*
57	ATP Ranking	89
2	Titles	0
15-27	Career Grand Slam Record	11-34
2-6	Australian Open Record	5-11
121-148	Career Record	66-109
32-51	Career Record - Hard	51-81
3-2	2025 Record	1-1
3-2	2025 Record - Hard	1-1
3-5	Career Five-Set Record	4-8
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
50-51	Career Tiebreak Record	49-54
1-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	0-0

*Turns 33 on Tuesday 21 January

- **CARBALLES BAENA** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 28th Grand Slam overall.
- Carballes Baena advanced to the 2nd round after defeating No. 23 seed Alejandro Tabilo 16 62 63 76(1) in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round, Carballes Baena has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 2nd round here in 2021 (d. Attila Balazs, I. Daniil Medvedev) but lost in the 1st round on his 5 other appearances here, including a defeat to Hugo Gaston in the 1st round last year.
- Carballes Baena's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at 2020 Roland Garros. He defeated Steve Johnson and Denis Shapovalov before retiring due to illness during his match against Grigor Dimitrov.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Carballes Baena reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Constant Lestienne, I. Novak Djokovic) and the US Open (d. Jan Choinski, I. Shang Juncheng) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (I. Alexander Zverev).
- Carballes Baena's **best result in 2024** was reaching his 3rd Tour-level final at Marrakech (I. Matteo Berrettini). He also reached the quarterfinals at Auckland (I. Ben Shelton), Bastad (I. Thiago Agustin Tirante) and Hangzhou (I. Zhang Zhizhen).
- Carballes Baena **won his 12th and 13th Challenger titles in 2024** – at the Braunschweig Challenger (GER) (d. Botic van de Zandschulp) and the Seville Challenger (ESP) (d. Daniel Altmaier).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Carballes Baena reached quarterfinals at Auckland, where he defeated Altmaier and Francisco Cerundolo before falling to Zizou Bergs. He fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (I. Gabriel Diallo).
- Carballes Baena has lost both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – to Viktor Troicki in the 1st round in 2019 and to Ricardas Berankis in the 1st round in 2022. He has a 3-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Carballes Baena reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 49 in April 2023. He plays here at No. 57.

- Carballes Baena had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in January 2011 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the Australian Open the same month (l. Luke Saville).
- Carballes Baena is coached by Jose Maria Garrido Ros.
- **DUCKWORTH** is bidding to reach the 3rd round here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 12th Australian Open appearance and his 35th Grand Slam overall.
- Duckworth advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Dominic Stricker 62 64 62 in the 1st round on Monday.
- By reaching the 2nd round here, Duckworth has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 2nd round here on 4 previous occasions – on his Grand Slam debut in 2012 (d. Jurgen Zopp, l. Janko Tipsarevic) and in 2013 (d. Benjamin Mitchell, l. Blaz Kavcic), 2015 (d. Kavcic, l. Richard Gasquet) and 2021 (d. Damir Dzumhur, l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Duckworth's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round at 2021 Wimbledon, where he defeated Radu Albot and Sam Querrey before falling to Lorenze Sonego.
- **Last year here**, as a wild card, Duckworth lost to Luca Van Assche in 5 sets in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a lucky loser at Wimbledon (l. Alex de Minaur) and as a direct acceptance at the US Open (l. Flavio Cobolli). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Maxime Janvier).
- By defeating Stricker in the 1st round here, Duckworth **ended a 5-match Grand Slam losing streak**. He had not previously recorded a Grand Slam main draw match-win since he reached the 2nd round at the 2022 US Open, where he defeated Christopher O'Connell before falling to Daniel Evans.
- Duckworth's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Brisbane (l. Holger Rune), as a direct acceptance at Dallas (l. Adrian Mannarino) and as a qualifier at Stuttgart.
- Duckworth **won his 15th Challenger title in 2024** – at the Hangzhou Challenger (CHN) (d. Mackenzie McDonald). He also finished runner-up at the Shenzhen 1 Challenger (l. Lloyd Harris) and reached the semifinals at the Taipei Challenger (TPE) (l. Adam Walton).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Duckworth fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at Adelaide (l. Li Tu). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Tristan Schoolkate).
- By defeating Stricker in the 1st round here, Duckworth **ended an 8-match Tour-level losing streak**. Since his 2nd round finish as a lucky loser at Montreal-1000 last year, where he defeated Marcos Giron before falling to Casper Ruud, he had lost in the 1st round at all 7 Tour-level events he has played.
- Duckworth is one of **7 Australian men** to reach the 2nd round from the 14 who began the men's singles draw here this year. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.
- Duckworth has a 2-4 win loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open, with his 2 victories in 5-set matches here coming against Mitchell in the 1st round in 2013 and Kavcic in the 1st round in 2015. He has a 4-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Duckworth reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 46 in January 2022. He plays here at No. 89.
- Duckworth has **struggled with injuries during his career**. He underwent foot surgeries in February 2017, August 2017 and January 2018; shoulder surgeries in March 2017 and March 2020; right elbow surgery in late 2012, early 2014 and February 2018; and, most recently, hip surgery in January 2022.
- Duckworth was a **good junior**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 7 in July 2010 and reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2010 Roland Garros (l. Agustin Velotti). His best result in the boys' singles here was reaching the quarterfinals in 2010 (l. Gianni Mina).
- Duckworth is coached by Wayne Arthurs.