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A look at the last 16...

Player (Nation)	Age	Ranking	Tour-level titles won	Best Aus Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Jannik Sinner (ITA)	23	1	28	Won title 2024	Won 2 titles
No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER)	27	2	23	Semifinals 2020, 2024	Final 2 times
No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	21	3	16	Quarterfinals 2024, 2025	Won 4 titles
No. 7 Novak Djokovic (SRB)	37	7	99	Won 10 titles	Won 24 titles
No. 8 Alex de Minaur (AUS)	25	8	9	Round of 16 4 times	QF 4 times
No. 12 Tommy Paul (USA)	27	11	4	Semifinals 2023	SF 2023 Australian Open
No. 13 Holger Rune (DEN)	21	13	4	Round of 16 2023, 2025	QF 3 times
No. 14 Ugo Humbert (FRA)	26	14	6	Round of 16 2025	R16 3 times
No. 15 Jack Draper (GBR)	23	18	2	Round of 16 2025	SF 2024 US Open
No. 21 Ben Shelton (USA)	22	20	2	Quarterfinals 2023	SF 2023 US Open
No. 24 Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	23	29	2	Quarterfinals 2023	QF 2023 Australian Open
Gael Monfils (FRA)	38	41	13	Quarterfinals 2016, 2022	SF 2 times
Alex Michelsen (USA)	20	42	0	Round of 16 2025	R16 2025 Australian Open
Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	29	55	4	Round of 16 2025	R16 4 times
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP)	25	66	0	Round of 16 2025	QF 2021 Roland Garros
(Q) Learner Tien	19	121	0	Round of 16 2025	R16 2025 Australian Open

On court today...

- In the first men's match of the day on Rod Laver Arena, defending champion and world No. 1 Jannik Sinner and world No. 13 Holger Rune meet at a Grand Slam for the first time. Sinner completely turned around his Australian Open record against Top 20 players last year, defeating 4 Top 20 players en route to the title after previously losing his first 3 meetings with Top 20 opponents here. By contrast, Rune has never defeated a Top 20 player outside of Roland Garros. He has defeated a world No. 1 twice before, but not at a Grand Slam, and is facing Sinner for the first time since he became world No. 1. Should Sinner win today and advance to his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal, he will equal Nicola Pietrangeli's all-time record for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man. Rune is himself looking to make history for his nation by becoming the first Danish player in history to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open.

- In the night match on RLA this evening, Australia's last man standing, Alex de Minaur, is finally looking to reach the last 8 at his home Grand Slam and complete the set of quarterfinal appearances at all 4 majors. A victory for De Minaur against USA's Alex Michelsen today would see the No. 8 seed become the 5th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals or better all all 4 Grand Slam tournaments. Michelsen is one of 3 American players in action today, with Ben Shelton and Learner Tien also looking to join compatriot Tommy Paul in the quarterfinals here. Should Michelsen defeat De Minaur, Shelton defeat Gael Monfils and Tien defeat Lorenzo Sonego, it would be the first time 4 or more American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 1995 US Open.

NO. 1 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v NO. 13 HOLGER RUNE

Head-to-head: tied 2-2

2022	Sofia	Hard (I)	SF	Rune	57 64 5-2 ret. (right ankle)
2023	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	SF	Rune	16 75 75
2023	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Sinner	62 57 64
2024	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	QF	Sinner	64 67(6) 63

A 5th meeting for Sinner and Rune, their 3rd on a hard court but their first at a Grand Slam. The pair have each won one of their 2 previous meetings on hard courts. All 4 of their previous meetings have gone to a deciding set.

This is the 4th match between Top 20 players at the Australian Open this year, after Ben Shelton's victory against Lorenzo Musetti in the 3rd round on Saturday, and Carlos Alcaraz's victory against Jack Draper and Alexander Zverev's victory against Ugo Humbert on Sunday.

Sinner has a 4-3 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Australian Open. After losing his first 3 matches against Top 20 players here in 2021-23, he defeated 4 Top 20 players en route to the title last year – defeating No. 15 Karen Khachanov in the round of 16, No. 5 Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals, No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the semifinals and No. 3 Daniil Medvedev in the final. He has a 13-14 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams.

Sinner is bidding to extend a 9-match winning streak against Top 20 players at Tour-level. He has not lost a match to a top 20 player since falling to No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz in the final at 2024 Beijing. He has a 67-41 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Rune is bidding to end a 7-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. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 at 2022 Roland Garros. He has a 2-8 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his only other victory also coming at 2022 Roland Garros, against No. 15 Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round.

Rune has won one of his last 8 matches against Top 20 players at Tour-level. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 10 Alex de Minaur in the quarterfinals at 2024 Paris-1000. He has a 21-34 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Rune is bidding to defeat a world No. 1 at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 3rd attempt. He lost both previous matches against world No. 1s at the Grand Slams – against Djokovic in the 1st round at the 2021 US Open and against Alcaraz in the quarterfinals at 2023 Wimbledon. He has a 2-4 win-loss record against world No. 1s at Tour-level overall.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	De Minaur	Michelsen
Sinner	9-0	2-0
Rune	3-2	0-0

Road to the round of 16

SINNER	Time		Time	RUNE
d. Nicolas Jarry 76(2) 76(5) 61	2:40	1st round	3:10	d. Zhang Zhizhen 46 63 64 36 64
d. (WC) Tristan Schoolkate 46 64 61 63	2:46	2nd round	3:27	d. Matteo Berrettini 76(3) 26 63 76(6)
d. Marcos Giron 63 64 62	2:01	3rd round	3:27	d. Miomir Kecmanovic 67(5) 63 46 64 64
total time on court	7:27	(Infosys time)	10:04	total time on court

SINNER	v	RUNE
23	Age	21
1	ATP Ranking	13
19	Titles	4
64-18	Career Grand Slam Record	25-13
18-4	Australian Open Record	7-3
266-80	Career Record	142-86
182-49	Career Record - Hard	82-50
3-0	2025 Record	3-1
3-0	2025 Record - Hard	3-1
6-9	Career Five-Set Record	6-3
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
89-54	Career Tiebreak Record	65-40
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-1

- Defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 3rd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner is bidding to reach his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal and equal Nicola Pietrangeli's **all-time record for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man**.

Most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Nicola Pietrangeli	10
Jannik Sinner	10??
Matteo Berrettini	6
Adriano Panatta	6
Giorgio de Stefani	4

- If Sinner and Lorenzo Sonego (who plays Learner Tien in the round of 16 today) both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **2nd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2022, when Sinner and Matteo Berrettini both reached the quarterfinals here. It would also be the 8th time that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- The Australian Open is Sinner's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and joint-2nd most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached, after Wimbledon.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	1	18-4	3??
Roland Garros	0	16-5	2
Wimbledon	0	13-4	3
US Open	1	17-5	2

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 4th time, Sinner has become the **3rd Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on 4 occasions** – after Fabio Fognini and Andreas Seppi, who both reached the round of 16 here on 4 occasions.
- Sinner is **through to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 15th time**. He is in 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Italian man – behind Pietrangeli, who made 16 appearances in the round of 16 at the Grand Slams.
- Last year here, Sinner won his **first Grand Slam title** in his first Grand Slam final, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets. At 22 years 165 days, he became the youngest Australian Open men's singles champion since Novak Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days. He is the only Italian player in history, man or woman, to have reached an Australian Open singles final.
- Sinner is a **2-time Grand Slam champion**. In addition to his title here last year, he also won the title at the 2024 US Open (d. Taylor Fritz). He became the first player to win his first two men's singles Grand Slam titles in the same season since Guillermo Vilas won the titles at both Roland Garros and the US Open in 1977. He has reached at least the semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments and is the only Italian man to have achieved the feat.

- Sinner is bidding to become the **first Italian player to win 3 Grand Slam singles titles**. By winning his first 2 Grand Slam titles last season, he became the 2nd Italian player, man or woman, to win multiple Grand Slam titles – after Pietrangeli, who won the men’s singles title at Roland Garros in 1959 and 1960.
- Sinner is bidding to become **the 5th player in the Open Era to win 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam men’s singles titles** – after Roger Federer (who won 5 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2005-07), Djokovic (who won 3 consecutive hard court Grand Slam titles in 2011-12 and 2015-16), and Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe (who won 3 consecutive US Open titles in 1985-87 and 1979-81 respectively).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Sinner reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Medvedev).
- Sinner won 8 titles in 2024, becoming the **first player to win 8 or more men’s singles titles** in a season since Andy Murray in 2016. In addition to his titles at the Australian Open and US Open, he also won the titles at Rotterdam (d. Alex de Minaur), Miami-1000 (d. Dimitrov), Halle (d. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Frances Tiafoe), Shanghai-1000 (d. Djokovic) and the ATP Finals (d. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals or better at all 15 tournaments he contested in 2024.
- Sinner **won 73 of the 79 matches he contested in 2024**. In addition to his defeats at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, he also reached the final at Beijing (l. Alcaraz), the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Alcaraz) and Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the quarterfinals at Madrid-1000, where he gave a walkover to Felix Auger-Aliassime due to a right hip injury, and Montreal-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev). He withdrew from the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event due to tonsillitis.
- Sinner is bidding to record his **18th consecutive Tour-level match-win**. He has not lost a match since falling to Alcaraz in the final at Beijing last year and is currently on his 2nd-longest Tour-level winning streak. His longest Tour-level winning streak is 19 matches – from the 2023 Davis Cup Final 8 through the quarterfinals at 2024 Indian Wells-1000. He did not contest a tournament prior to the Australian Open this season.
- Sinner has **won 14 of the last 15 matches he has contested in straight sets**. Prior to dropping the opening set against Schoolkate in the 2nd round here, he had not dropped a set since his 3-set victory against Tomas Martin Etcheverry in the 3rd round at Shanghai-1000 last year.
- Sinner has won 2 of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. Both of his victories in 5-set matches here were comebacks from 0-2 down, his only successful comebacks from 0-2 down in his career to date – against Fucsovics in the 3rd round in 2023 and Medvedev in the final last year. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sinner became **world No. 1** for the first time following Roland Garros last year and has remained there since then. He begins his 32nd week as world No. 1 today. He will remain world No. 1 following the Australian Open regardless of results at the tournament.
- Sinner reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 133** and did not contest the boys’ singles events at any of the Grand Slam tournaments. His best result as a junior was reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at the Grade A Trofeo Bonfiglio event in Milan in 2018 (l. Naoki Tajima).
- Sinner **led Italy to their 3rd Davis Cup title in 2024**, successfully defending their title from 2023. He won all 4 matches he played across singles and doubles at the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November. He made his Davis Cup debut in 2021 and has an 15-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card to the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in Bologna in November.
- Sinner is coached by Simone Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.
- **RUNE** is bidding to reach the quarterfinal here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.
- Rune is bidding to become the **first Danish man in history to reach quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. He and Kenneth Carlsen, who reached the round of 16 here in 1993, are the only Danish men to have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open.

- Rune is bidding to reach his 4th Grand Slam quarterfinal and equal Kurt Nielsen's **all-time record for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a Danish man**. Nielsen reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 1953, 1955 and 1958, and at the 1953 US Championships. Nielsen, Rune and Jan Leschly (who reached the quarterfinals at the 1967 US Championships) are the only Danish men in history to have reached the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams.
- The Australian Open is Rune's **joint-2nd most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, alongside Wimbledon.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	7-3	1??
Roland Garros	0	10-3	2
Wimbledon	0	7-3	1
US Open	0	1-4	0

- By reaching the round of 16 for the 2nd time here, Rune has become the **first Danish man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions**. Carlsen (1993) is the only other Danish man to have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open.
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 7th time, Rune has claimed sole ownership of **2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by a Danish man**, ahead of Torben Ulrich. Nielsen, who reached the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 11 occasions between 1952 and 1959, is at the top of the list.
- **Last year here**, Rune reached the 2nd round (d. Yoshihito Nishioka, l. Arthur Cazaux).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Rune has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the round of 16 here in 2023, when he defeated Filip Krajinovic, Maxime Cressy and Ugo Humbert before falling to Andrey Rublev in 5 sets.
- Rune's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2022 and 2023, falling to Casper Ruud on both occasions, and at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz). He became the first Danish player to reach a men's singles Grand Slam quarterfinal since Jan Leschly at the 1967 US Championships.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Rune reached the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and Wimbledon (l. Djokovic) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Brandon Nakashima).
- Rune's **best result in 2024** was a runner-up finish at Brisbane (l. Grigor Dimitrov). He also reached the semifinals at Montpellier, where he retired against Borna Coric due to a right arm injury, Acapulco (l. Ruud), Munich (l. Jan-Lennard Struff), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Frances Tiafoe), Tokyo (l. Arthur Fils), Basel (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard), and Paris-1000 (l. Zverev).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Rune competed at Brisbane but fell to Jiri Lehecka in the 1st round.
- Rune's victories against Zhang Zhizhen in the 1st round and Miomir Kecmanovic in the 3rd round were his **first victories in 5-set matches at the Australian Open**. He had previously lost both 5-set matches he had contested here – to Kwon in the 1st round in 2022 and to Rublev in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Rune broke the Top 5 for the first time in August 2023, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 the same month. He plays here at No. 13.
- Rune is a **former junior world No. 1**. He won the boys' singles title at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Toby Kodat) and reached the top ranking in October that year. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2019 (d. Dominic Stricker, l. Bu Yunchaokete).
- Rune has played **Davis Cup** for Denmark since 2018 and has a 7-2 overall win-loss record in the competition. Denmark play at home against Serbia in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Rune is coached here by Lars Christensen.

NO. 8 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v ALEX MICHELSEN (USA)

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

2024	Los Cabos	Hard (O)	R16	Michelsen	64 61
2024	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	R128	De Minaur	61 60 62

A 3rd meeting between De Minaur and Michelsen, their 2nd at a Grand Slam and 2nd on hard courts. Michelsen won their only previous match on a hard court, while De Minaur dropped just 3 games in their only previous match at a Grand Slam, in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year.

De Minaur is facing an American player for the 2nd time here this year, having defeated Tristan Boyer in the 2nd round. Michelsen is also facing an Australian player for the 2nd time here this year, having defeated James McCabe in the 2nd round.

This is the 6th match between Australian and American players here this year. In addition to De Minaur and McCabe's victories in the 2nd round, Tommy Paul defeated Christopher O'Connell and Mitchell Krueger defeated Rinky Hijikata in the 1st round and Aleksandar Vukic defeated Sebastian Korda in the 2nd round. 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.

This is the 1120th men's singles match between Australian and American players at the Grand Slams in the Open Era. In the 1119 matches contested to date, American players lead 615-504.

This is the 371st men's singles match between Australian and American players at the Australian Open in the Open Era. In the 370 matches contested to date, American players lead 216-154. [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]

De Minaur has won 2 of the 3 matches he has played against American players at the Australian Open. He has a 6-4 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams, and a 33-18 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

Michelsen is facing an Australian player here for the 2nd time. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams and a 7-4 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Michelsen is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 2nd attempt. He fell to No. 6 Alexander Zverev in the 3rd round here last year in his only previous match against a Top 10 player at the Grand Slams. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 12 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 1st round here this year.

Michelsen is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at Tour-level for the 2nd time. He has a 1-4 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall, with his only victory coming against No. 9 De Minaur in the 2nd round at 2024 Los Cabos.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Sinner	Rune
De Minaur	0-9	2-3
Michelsen	0-2	0-0

Road to the round of 16

DE MINAUR	Time		Time	MICHELSEN
d. Botic van de Zandschulp 61 75 64	2:22	1st round	2:43	d. No. 11 Stefanos Tsitsipas 75 63 26 64
d. (Q) Tristan Boyer 62 64 63	1:59	2nd round	2:15	d. (WC) James McCabe 75 63 76(4)
d. No. 31 Francisco Cerundolo 57 76(3) 63 63	3:53	3rd round	2:14	d. No. 19 Karen Khachanov 63 76(5) 62
total time on court	8:14	(Infosys time)	7:12	total time on court

DE MINAUR	v	MICHELSSEN
25	Age	20
8	ATP Ranking	42
9	Titles	0
52-28	Career Grand Slam Record	7-5
17-7	Australian Open Record	5-1
254-155	Career Record	47-40
190-102	Career Record - Hard	35-27
5-0	2025 Record	6-2
5-0	2025 Record - Hard	6-2
3-6	Career Five-Set Record	0-1
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
90-68	Career Tiebreak Record	23-22
1-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- De Minaur is bidding to become the **35th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals** – but just the 3rd in the last 20 years, after Lleyton Hewitt in 2005 and Nick Kyrgios in 2015.
- De Minaur is bidding to reach his 5th Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **12th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam on 5 or more occasions**. He would become the first active Australian player to reach 5 or more Grand Slam quarterfinals – ahead of Kyrgios, who has made 4 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances.
- De Minaur is bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 4th consecutive Grand Slam tournament and become the **5th Australian man in the Open Era to record a streak of 4 consecutive appearances in the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams** – after Rod Laver (1969 Australian Open-1969 US Open), John Newcombe (1968 US Open-1970 Australian Open), Tony Roche (1969 Australian Open-1970 Australian Open) and Hewitt (2004 Roland Garros-2005 Australian Open).
- De Minaur is bidding to **complete the set of men’s singles quarterfinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments**. He would become the 12th active player to achieve the feat – after Carlos Alcaraz, Matteo Berrettini, Marin Cilic, Grigor Dimitrov, Novak Djokovic, Karen Khachanov, Daniil Medvedev, Kei Nishikori, Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner and Stan Wawrinka.
- De Minaur is bidding to become the **8th Australian player in the Open Era to complete the set of men’s singles Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances** – after Roy Emerson, Hewitt, Laver, Newcombe, Pat Rafter, Roche and Ken Rosewall.
- The Australian Open is De Minaur’s **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, after the US Open, but his least successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	17-7	1??
Roland Garros	0	7-8	1
Wimbledon	0	10-5	1
US Open	0	18-8	2

- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 4th time, De Minaur has become the **20th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 here on 4 or more occasions** – and the first since Hewitt, who reached the round of 16 here on 7 occasions between 2000 and 2012.
- By reaching the round of 16 here for the 4th consecutive year, De Minaur has become the **8th Australian man in the Open Era to record a streak of 4 or more consecutive appearances in the round of 16 here** – after Newcombe (who reached the round of 16 here for 8 consecutive years in 1969-76), and Allan Stone (1972-75), Dick Crealy (1974-Jan 1977*), Rosewall (1976-78*), Peter McNamara and Kim Warwick (both 1978-81), and Phil Dent (1979-1982). (*NB there were Australian Open tournaments in both January 1977 and December 1977)
- De Minaur is through to the **round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 11th time**. He has reached the quarterfinals at least once at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open, but has never advanced beyond the round of 16 here.

- By reaching the round of 16 for the 6th consecutive Grand Slam tournament, De Minaur has become the **6th Australian man in the Open Era to record a streak of 6 or more consecutive appearances in the round of 16 at the Grand Slams** – after Emerson and Laver (both 1968 Roland Garros-1969 US Open), Newcombe and Roche (both 1968 Wimbledon-1970 Australian Open) and Hewitt (2003 US Open-2005 Australian Open).
- Last year here, De Minaur equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 (I. Rublev). He also reached the round of 16 here in 2022 (I. Sinner) and 2023 (I. Djokovic).
- De Minaur's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 4 occasions – at the 2020 US Open (I. Dominic Thiem) and 2024 (I. Jack Draper), and at 2024 Roland Garros (I. Alexander Zverev) and 2024 Wimbledon, where he gave a walkover to Djokovic due to a right hip injury.
- De Minaur won his **8th and 9th Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Acapulco (d. Casper Ruud) and 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sebastian Korda). He also finished runner-up at Rotterdam (I. Sinner), reached the semifinals at Vienna (I. Khachanov) and the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (I. Djokovic), Antwerp (I. Hugo Gaston) and Paris-1000 (I. Holger Rune).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, De Minaur represented Australia at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested. He defeated Argentina's Tomas Martin Etcheverry and Great Britain's Billy Harris.
- De Minaur is the only **Australian man** to reach the round of 16 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.
- Seeded at No. 8, De Minaur plays here at his **best Grand Slam seeding** to date. With Popyrin and Thompson also having started 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 Hewitt, Mark Philippoussis and 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, Dent and Paul McNamee).
- De Minaur has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Gerald Melzer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2017 and Henri Laaksonen in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2019, but fallen to Rublev in 5 sets in the round of 16 last year. He has a 3-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- De Minaur broke the Top 10 for the first time in January last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in July, becoming the highest-ranked Australian man since Hewitt was last ranked No. 6 in January 2006. He plays here at No. 8.
- De Minaur reached a **career-high junior ranking of No. 2** in February 2016. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2016 Australian Open (I. Jurabek Karimov) and won the doubles event alongside Blake Ellis. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles event at 2016 Wimbledon (I. Denis Shapovalov).
- De Minaur led Australia to **back-to-back Davis Cup finals in 2022-23**, the team's first appearances in the Davis Cup final since 2003. The team finished as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. He has a 15-10 win-loss record in the competition overall. Australia play away against Sweden in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- De Minaur is coached by Adolfo Gutierrez.
- **MICHELSEN** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 6th Grand Slam overall.
- Michelsen is bidding to become the **45th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. He would also become the 7th American man to reach the quarterfinals here since Andy Roddick reached the quarterfinals for the 5th and final time in 2010 – after Tennys Sandgren (2018 and 2020), Frances Tiafoe (2019), Sebastian Korda (2023), Tommy Paul (2023 and 2025), Ben Shelton (2023) and Taylor Fritz (2024). (NB Shelton is bidding to reach his 2nd Australian Open quarterfinal and Learner Tien is bidding to reach his first quarterfinal here today)

- Michelsen is bidding to become the **84th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. He would also become the 7th active American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam – after Fritz (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Tiafoe (4), Paul (3), Shelton (2), and Korda and Christopher Eubanks (both one). (NB Shelton is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal and Tien is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal today)
- Michelsen is one of 4 American men to reach the round of 16 here this year (alongside Paul, Shelton and Tien). If Michelsen, Shelton and Tien all win today and join Paul in the quarterfinals here, it will be **the first time that at least 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 1995 US Open**. It will also be the first time that 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 1995.

American men in quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the Grand Slams

No. of Americans in QF	Most-recent occasion at the Australian Open (players)	Most-recent occasion at a Grand Slam (players)
≥1	2024 (Fritz)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥2	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥3	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2023 US Open (Fritz, Shelton, Tiafoe)
≥4	1995 (Agassi, Chang, Courier, Krickstein, Sampras)	1995 US Open (Agassi, Chang, Courier, P McEnroe, Sampras)

- At 20 years 154 days, Michelsen is bidding to become the **4th-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Sammy Giammalva Jr (19 years 264 days in 1982), Roddick (20 years 149 days in 2003) and Shelton (20 years 112 days in 2023). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament; Tien (19 years 55 days) will become the youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals here if he wins today)
- If Michelsen and Tien both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. It will also be the first time that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since 1991 Roland Garros, when Michael Chang (19 years 107 days) and Jim Courier (20 years 296 days) both reached the quarterfinals.
- The Australian Open is Michelsen's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. The US Open is the only other Grand Slam event where he has recorded match-wins.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	5-1	1??
Roland Garros	0	0-1	0
Wimbledon	0	0-1	0
US Open	0	2-2	0

- By reaching the round of 16 here, Michelsen and Tien have become the **75th and 76th American men in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open**. They are the 9th and 10th active American male players to reach the round of 16 here – after Fritz, Paul and Shelton (all 2), and Maxime Cressy, Korda, Mackenzie McDonald, Tiafoe and JJ Wolf (all one appearance in the round of 16 here).
- With Michelsen, Paul, Shelton and Tien all reaching the round of 16 here, it is the **first time 4 American men have reached the round of 16 at consecutive Grand Slams since 2003-04**, when 4 American men reached the round of 16 at both the 2003 US Open and the 2004 Australian Open. Fritz, Paul, Tiafoe and Brandon Nakashima all reached the round of 16 or better at the US Open last year.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Michelsen has become the **6th-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – after Giammalva Jr (19 years 264 days in 1982), Pete Sampras (18 years 169 days in 1990), Roddick (20 years 149 days in 2003), Shelton (20 years 112 days in 2023) and Tien (19 years 55 days this year). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- With Michelsen and Tien both reaching the round of 16 here, it is the **2nd time in the Open Era that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – after 1990, when Sampras (18 years 169 days) and David Wheaton (20 years 240 days) both reached the round of 16 here.

- By reaching the round of 16 here, Michelsen has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best result at a Grand Slam was reaching the 3rd round here last year, when he defeated James McCabe and Jiri Lehecka before falling to Alexander Zverev.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Michelsen reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Eliot Spizzirri, l. Jannik Sinner) but fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. De Minaur) and Wimbledon (l. Lloyd Harris).
- Michelsen's best results in 2024 were reaching his **2nd and 3rd Tour-level finals** – at Newport (l. Marcos Giron) and Winston-Salem (l. Lorenzo Sonego). He also reached the semifinals at Metz (l. Benjamin Bonzi) and the Next Gen ATP Finals (l. Tien), and the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Geneva (l. Tomas Machac), Mallorca (l. Sebastian Ofner), Washington (l. Flavio Cobolli) and as a qualifier at Tokyo (l. Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Michelsen reached the quarterfinals at Auckland, where he defeated Sumit Nagal and Lorenzo Sonego before falling to Nishesh Basavareddy, and the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Thompson).
- Michelsen **lost the only 5-set match he has contested at Tour-level**, falling to Harris in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year despite holding a 2-0 lead.
- Michelsen reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 41 in November last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 42.
- Michelsen was a **good junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 25 in July 2022. He won the boys' doubles at 2022 Wimbledon alongside Sebastian Gorzny and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles at the 2022 Australian Open alongside Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, falling to Bruno Kuzuhara/Coleman Wong in the final. He never competed in the boys' singles here.
- Michelsen has been selected for USA's **Davis Cup** away tie against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February and will make his debut in the competition if he plays a match in the tie.
- Michelsen is coached here by Robby Ginepri.

NO. 21 BEN SHELTON (USA) v GAEL MONFILS (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

This is the 5th meeting between an American player and a French player in the men's singles here this year – after Frances Tiafoe defeated Arthur Rinderknech in the 1st round, Corentin Moutet defeated Mitchell Krueger in the 2nd round, and Monfils defeated Taylor Fritz and Learner Tien defeated Moutet in the 3rd round.

This is the 121st Australian Open men's singles match between American and French players in the Open Era (Americans lead 64-56 in the 120 previous meetings). It is the 692nd Grand Slam men's singles match between American and French players in the Open Era (Americans lead 365-326 in the 691 previous meetings).

Monfils' victory against Fritz in the 3rd round here improved his win-loss record against American players at the Australian Open to 4-2. He has a 13-4 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams and a 55-18 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

Shelton lost his only previous match against a French player at the Australian Open, falling to Adrian Mannarino in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 1-1 win-loss record against French players at the Grand Slams and a 4-7 win-loss record against French players at Tour-level overall.

Monfils has won 2 of the 5 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at the Australian Open, with both of his defeats to lefthanded players here coming against Rafael Nadal. He has an 18-6 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 64-47 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Monfils is bidding to record multiple victories against Top 20 players at a Grand Slam tournament for the 2nd time. The only Grand Slam tournament where he has recorded multiple victories against Top 20 players was the 2014 US Open, where he defeated No. 14 Richard Gasquet in the 3rd round and No. 8 Grigor Dimitrov in the round of 16. He has a 5-10 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Australian Open, a 15-35 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams and an 87-148 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Sonego	Tien
Shelton	1-1	0-0
Monfils	1-1	0-0

Road to the round of 16

SHELTON	Time		Time	MONFILS
d. Brandon Nakashima 76(3) 75 75	2:40	1st round	3:46	d. No. 30 Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 76(7) 63 67(8) 67(5) 64
d. Pablo Carreno Busta 63 63 67(4) 64	2:36	2nd round	2:19	d. Daniel Altmaier 75 63 76(3)
d. No. 16 Lorenzo Musetti 63 36 64 76(5)	2:52	3rd round	3:08	d. No. 4 Taylor Fritz 36 75 76(1) 64
total time on court	8:08	(Infosys time)	9:13	total time on court

SHELTON

v

MONFILS

22	Age	38
20	ATP Ranking	41
2	Titles	13
22-9	Career Grand Slam Record	128-63
9-2	Australian Open Record	37-18
74-54	Career Record	574-339
58-35	Career Record - Hard	386-204
3-1	2025 Record	9-1
3-1	2025 Record - Hard	9-1
6-3	Career Five-Set Record	20-19
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	2
47-49	Career Tiebreak Record	234-168
2-2	2025 Tiebreak Record	6-2

- Lefthander **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **19th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – and the 2nd active American man to do so after Tommy Paul, who has reached the quarterfinals here for a 2nd time this year.
- Shelton is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal and become the **40th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 3 or more occasions** – and the 4th active American man to do so, after Taylor Fritz (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Frances Tiafoe (4) and Paul, who has reached his 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal here.
- Shelton is one of 4 American men to reach the round of 16 here this year (alongside Paul, Alex Michelsen and Learner Tien). If Shelton, Michelsen and Tien all win today and join Paul in the quarterfinals here, it will be **the first time that at least 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 1995 US Open**. It will also be the first time that 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 1995.

American men in quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the Grand Slams

No. of Americans in QF	Most-recent occasion at the Australian Open (players)	Most-recent occasion at a Grand Slam (players)
≥1	2024 (Fritz)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥2	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥3	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2023 US Open (Fritz, Shelton, Tiafoe)
≥4	1995 (Agassi, Chang, Courier, Krickstein, Sampras)	1995 US Open (Agassi, Chang, Courier, P McEnroe, Sampras)

- The Australian Open is Shelton's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and his joint-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached, alongside the US Open.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	9-2	2??
Roland Garros	0	2-2	0
Wimbledon	0	4-2	0
US Open	0	7-3	1

- By reaching the round of 16 here, Shelton has become the **36th American man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – and the 3rd active American male player to do so, after Fritz (2 Australian Open round of 16 appearances) and Paul (who has reached the round of 16 here for the 2nd time this year).
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 4th time, Shelton has become the **4th active American male player to reach the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 4 or more occasions** – after Fritz and Tiafoe (both 7 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances) and Paul (who has reached the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 6th time here).
- With Shelton, Paul, Michelsen and Tien all reaching the round of 16 here, it is the **first time 4 American men have reached the round of 16 at consecutive Grand Slams since 2003-04**, when 4 American men reached the round of 16 at both the 2003 US Open and the 2004 Australian Open. Paul, Fritz, Tiafoe and Brandon Nakashima all reached the round of 16 or better at the US Open last year.
- **Last year here**, Shelton reached the 3rd round, defeating Roberto Bautista Agut and Christopher O'Connell before falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets.
- Shelton's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the quarterfinals on his debut here in 2023. He defeated Zhang Zhizhen, Nicolas Jarry, Alexei Popyrin and JJ Wolf before falling to Paul in the last 8. Aged 20 years 112 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since Sammy Giammalva Jr in 1982 (aged 19 years 172 days) and the youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Andy Roddick at the 2002 US Open (aged 20 years 9 days).
- Shelton's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic). Aged 20 years 336 days, he became the youngest American man to reach the semifinals at the US Open since Michael Chang (20 years 204 days) in 1992.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Shelton reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and the US Open (l. Tiafoe).
- Shelton's best Tour-level result in 2024 was winning his **2nd Tour-level title** and first on clay at Houston (d. Tiafoe). He also finished runner-up at Basel (l. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) and reached the semifinals at Auckland (l. Taro Daniel), Dallas (l. Paul) and Washington (l. Flavio Cobolli). He reached the quarterfinals at 4 other Tour-level events.
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Shelton competed at Auckland but lost his opening match to Jakub Mensik.
- Shelton is one of the **4 lefthanders** to reach the round of 16 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.
- Shelton has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He defeated both Zhang and Wolf in 5 sets en route to the quarterfinals here in 2023 but fell to Mannarino in 5 sets in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 6-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Shelton reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in August last year. He plays here at No. 20.
- Shelton **played college tennis**. He represented the University of Florida for 2 seasons, compiling a 65-10 win-loss record in singles and winning the 2021 NCAA team title and the 2022 NCAA singles title.
- Shelton **contested 4 tournaments as a junior player**, all of which came in his home country. His best result was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card at 2020 JA Plantation (USA) (also known as the Orange Bowl), falling to Jack Pinnington Jones.
- Shelton made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2024 Finals Knockout Stage in November, losing both matches he played in USA's 1-2 defeat to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Shelton's father, Bryan Shelton, reached a career-high ranking of No. 55 in March 1992. He made 6 appearances at the Australian Open, reaching the 2nd round on his debut in 1991.
- Shelton is coached by his father, Bryan Shelton.
- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 19th Australian Open appearance and his 65th Grand Slam overall.
- At 38 years 147 days, Monfils is bidding to become the **3rd-oldest man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Ken Rosewall (who reached 3 Australian Open quarterfinals in his 40s) and Roger Federer (who reached the quarterfinals here aged 38 years 178 days in 2020). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Monfils is bidding to become the **6th man in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal aged 38 or older** – after Rosewall (6 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances aged 38 or older), Federer (3), Pancho Gonzales (2) and Jimmy Connors and Istvan Gulyas (both one).
- Monfils is bidding to quarterfinals here for the 2nd time since turning 35 and become the **4th man in the Open Era to reach multiple Australian Open quarterfinals aged 35 or older** – after Rosewall, Federer and Novak Djokovic, who has reached the quarterfinals here this year for the 3rd time since turning 35.

Australian Open men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Ken Rosewall	5
Novak Djokovic	3
Roger Federer	3
Gael Monfils	???
Mal Anderson	1
Arthur Ashe	1
Colin Dibley	1
Rafael Nadal	1

- Monfils is bidding to reach his 3rd Australian Open quarterfinal and claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open quarterfinal appearances by a French man**, ahead of Guy Forget and Yannick Noah.

Most Australian Open quarterfinal appearances by a French man (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	5
Sebastien Grosjean	4
Gael Monfils	3??
Guy Forget	2
Yannick Noah	2

- Monfils is bidding to reach his 11th Grand Slam quarterfinal and claim sole ownership of **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a French man**, ahead of Noah.

Most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a French man (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	15
Gael Monfils	11??
Yannick Noah	10
Sebastien Grosjean	9
Henri Leconte	9

- Monfils is bidding to record his 38th Australian Open match-win and claim sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins by a French player**, ahead of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.
- Monfils is bidding to record his 129th Grand Slam match-win and extend his **all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins by a French player**.
- The Australian Open is Monfils' **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, after Roland Garros. It is his 3rd-most successful Grand Slam event in terms of quarterfinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	37-18	3??
Roland Garros	0	39-16	4
Wimbledon	0	19-13	0
US Open	0	33-16	4

- By reaching the round of 16 here, Monfils has become the **2nd-oldest man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 1988** (when a full 128-draw was used here for the first time). Since then, only Federer (aged 38 years 178 days in 2020) has reached the round of 16 here aged 38 or older.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Monfils has become the **2nd man since 1991 to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam aged 38 or older** – after Federer, who made 4 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances after turning 38. Since Jimmy Connors reached the semifinals at the 1991 US Open aged 39 years 6 days, Federer is the only player to have reached the round of 16 at a Grand Slam aged 38 or older.
- Monfils is through to the round of 16 here for the 6th time. He is in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles round of 16 appearances by a French player** – behind Tsonga, who reached the round of 16 here on 8 occasions.
- Monfils is through to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 21st time. He is in **3rd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles round of 16 appearances by a French player** – behind Tsonga (25 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances) and Richard Gasquet (22).
- **Last year here**, Monfils reached the 2nd round (d. Yannick Hanfmann, l. Tomas Martin Etcheverry).
- Monfils' **best Australian Open result** is reaching quarterfinals on 2 occasions – in 2016 on his 11th appearance here (l. Milos Raonic) and in 2022 (l. Matteo Berrettini).
- Monfils' **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions – at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Federer) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Djokovic).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Monfils reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, where he defeated Adrian Mannarino and Stan Wawrinka before falling to Grigor Dimitrov, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Thiago Seyboth Wild, l. Lorenzo Musetti) and the US Open (d. Diego Schwartzman, l. Casper Ruud).
- Monfils' **best Tour-level results in 2024** were semifinal finishes as a wild card at Doha (l. Jakub Mensik) and as a direct acceptance at Mallorca (l. Alejandro Tabilo). 2024 was the first season since 2005 that Monfils failed to reach at least one Tour-level final, ending 19 consecutive seasons of reaching at least one Tour-level final each year.
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Monfils won his **13th Tour-level title** at Auckland (d. Zizou Bergs). Aged 38 years 132 days, he became the oldest winner of a Tour-level men's singles title since Rosewall won 1977 Hong Kong aged 43. He also reached the 2nd round at Brisbane (d. Nishesh Basavareddy, l. Djokovic).
- Monfils' 5-set victory against Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard in the 1st round here this year improved his win-loss record in **5-set matches at the Australian Open** to 4-5. He has a 20-19 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Monfils is a **former Top 10 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 6 in November 2016. He plays here at No. 41.
- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion. He is one of 2 former Australian Open boys' singles champions to reach the round of 16 from the 6 who started in the main draw here this year.
- Monfils is coached by Mikael Tillstrom.

LORENZO SONEGO (ITA) v (Q) LEARNER TIEN (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

This is the 3rd men's singles match between an Italian player and an American player at the Australian Open this year – after Ben Shelton's victory against Lorenzo Musetti and Jannik Sinner's victory against Marcos Giron in the 3rd round.

This is the 52nd Australian Open men's singles match between Italian and American players in the Open Era (Americans lead 30-21 in the 51 previous meetings). It is the 288th Grand Slam men's singles match between Italian and American players in the Open Era (Americans lead 166-121 in the 287 previous meetings).

Sonego has won both of his previous matches against American players at the Australian Open, having defeated Sam Querrey in the 1st round here in both 2021 and 2022. He has a 6-2 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams and a 19-17 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall. Tien is facing an Italian player at Tour-level for the first time.

Sonego won his only previous match against a qualifier at the Australian Open – against Joao Fonseca in the 2nd round this year. He has a 3-2 win-loss record against qualifiers at the Grand Slams and a 19-12 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall.

Sonego lost his only previous match against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open – against Feliciano Lopez in the 2nd round here in 2021. He has a 5-3 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 26-20 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Possible quarterfinal head-to-heads

	Shelton	Monfils
Sonego	1-1	1-1
Tien	0-0	0-0

Road to the round of 16

SONEGO	Time		Time	TIEN
d. (WC) Stan Wawrinka 64 57 75 75	3:11	1st round	3:56	d. Camilo Ugo Carabelli 46 76(3) 63 57 64
d. (Q) Joao Fonseca 67(6) 63 61 36 63	3:37	2nd round	4:48	d. No. 5 Daniil Medvedev 63 76(4) 67(8) 16 76(7)
d. Fabian Marozsan 67(3) 76(6) 61 62	3:16	3rd round	2:49	d. Corentin Moutet 76(10) 63 63
total time on court	10:04	(Infosys time)	11:33	total time on court

SONEGO	v	TIEN
29	Age	19
55	ATP Ranking	121
4	Titles	0
27-25	Career Grand Slam Record	3-3
9-6	Australian Open Record	3-0
147-157	Career Record	9-7
71-86	Career Record - Hard	9-7
5-2	2025 Record	3-1
5-2	2025 Record - Hard	3-1
5-4	Career Five-Set Record	2-0
1	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
86-81	Career Tiebreak Record	5-2
4-3	2025 Tiebreak Record	4-1

- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- Sonego is bidding to become the **6th Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Giorgio de Stefani (1935), Nicola Pietrangeli (1957), Cristiano Caratti (1991), Matteo Berrettini (2022) and Jannik Sinner (who reached the quarterfinals here in 2022 and 2024 and is bidding to reach his 3rd Australian Open quarterfinal today).

- Sonego is bidding to become the **21st Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. He would become the 6th active Italian male player to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal – after Sinner (who is bidding to reach his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal here), Berrettini (6 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Marco Cecchinato, Fabio Fognini and Lorenzo Musetti (all one).
- If Sonego and Sinner both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **2nd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2022, when Berrettini and Sinner both reached the quarterfinals here. It would also be the 8th time that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- The Australian Open is Sonego's **joint-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, alongside Roland Garros.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	9-6	1??
Roland Garros	0	9-6	0
Wimbledon	0	6-6	0
US Open	0	3-7	0

- By reaching the round of 16 here, Sonego has become the **11th Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – after Fognini, Andreas Seppi and Sinner (all 4 Australian Open round of 16 appearances), Berrettini (2) and Omar Camporee, Caratti, De Stefani, Renzo Furlan, Fausto Gardini and Pietrangeli (all one).
- By reaching the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 4th time, Sonego has become the **13th Italian man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 4 or more occasions** – after Pietrangeli (16 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances), Sinner (15), Berrettini (10), Giuseppe Merlo (9), Fognini and Adriano Panatta (both 8), De Stefani (7), Giovanni Cucelli and Seppi (both 6), Gardini (5), and Corrado Barazzutti and Orlando Sirola (both 4).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Sonego has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He also reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and 2023 (l. Karen Khachanov) and at 2021 Wimbledon (l. Roger Federer).
- **Last year here**, Sonego reached the 2nd round (d. Daniel Evans, l. Carlos Alcaraz). His best Australian Open result prior to this year was reaching the 3rd round in 2022, when he defeated Sam Querrey and Oscar Otte before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Sonego reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Ugo Humbert, l. Zhang Zhizhen) and Wimbledon (d. Mariano Navone, l. Roberto Bautista Agut) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Tommy Paul).
- Sonego's best result in 2024 was winning his **4th Tour-level title** at Winston-Salem (d. Alex Michelsen). He also reached the quarterfinals at Marrakech (l. Berrettini) and Umag (l. Francisco Cerundolo). He also reached the semifinals at the Turin Challenger (ITA) (l. Francesco Passaro).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Sonego reached the 2nd round at both Hong Kong (d. Brandon Nakashima, l. Cameron Norrie) and Auckland (d. Gabriel Diallo, l. Alex Michelsen).
- Sonego's 5-set victory against Joao Fonseca in the 2nd round here this year was his **first victory in a 5-set match at the Australian Open**. He lost both 5-set matches he had previously contested here – against Feliciano Lopez in the 2nd round in 2021, despite holding a 2-0 lead, and against Hubert Hurkacz in the 2nd round in 2023. He has a 5-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Sonego reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October 2021. He plays here at No. 55.
- Sonego was a member of the **Italian team that won their 2nd Davis Cup title in 2023**, winning 5 of the 6 Davis Cup matches he played that season. He did not compete in Davis Cup last year, in which Italy also won the title. He has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition. As hosts, Italy have been awarded a wild card for the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in November.
- Sonego is coached by Fabio Colangelo.

- Qualifier **TIEN** is bidding to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam for the first time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam appearance overall.
- At 19 years 55 days, Tien is bidding to become the **youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 1989**, when Goran Ivanisevic reached the quarterfinals here aged 17 years 138 days. By reaching the round of 16 here, he has become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2005, when Rafael Nadal reached the round of 16 here aged 18 years 241 days. (NB ages calculated at end of the tournament)
- Tien is bidding to become the **youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. The youngest American player in the Open Era to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open is Sammy Giammalva Jr (19 years 264 days) in 1982. By reaching the round of 16 here, Tien has become the 2nd-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open after Pete Sampras, who reached the round of 16 here aged 18 years 169 days in 1990.
- Tien is bidding to become the **youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since 2022 Roland Garros**, when Carlos Alcaraz (19 years 31 days) and Holger Rune (19 years 37 days) both reached the quarterfinals. By reaching the round of 16 here, he has become the youngest man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Alcaraz and Rune at 2022 Roland Garros.
- Tien is bidding to become the **youngest American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 2001 US Open**, when Andy Roddick reached the quarterfinals aged 19 years 10 days. By reaching the round of 16 here, he has become the youngest American man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Roddick at the 2001 US Open.
- If Tien and Michelsen (who is aged 20 years 154 days and plays Alex de Minaur in the round of 16 today) both reach the quarterfinals here, it will be the **first time in the Open Era that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. It will also be the first time that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since 1991 Roland Garros, when Michael Chang (19 years 107 days) and Jim Courier (20 years 296 days) both reached the quarterfinals.
- Ranked at No. 121, Tien is bidding to become the **lowest-ranked man to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 1989**, when Ivanisevic reached the quarterfinals here ranked at No. 300.
- Tien is bidding to become the **lowest-ranked man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 2016 US Open**, when Juan Martin del Potro reached the quarterfinals ranked at No. 142.
- Tien is bidding to become the **lowest-ranked American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 1991 US Open**, when Jimmy Connors reached the quarterfinals ranked at No. 174.
- Tien is bidding to become the **4th qualifier to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after Bob Giltinan (December 1977), Ivanisevic (1989) and Aslan Karatsev (2021). He would also become the 16th qualifier to reach the men's singles quarterfinals at a Grand Slam in the Open Era – and the first since Botic van de Zandschulp at the 2021 US Open.
- Tien is bidding to become the **5th man to reach the quarterfinals on his Australian Open debut since 2000**. The only Australian Open debutants to reach the men's singles quarterfinals this century are Alexandr Dolgoplov (2011), Tennys Sandgren (2018), Karatsev (2021) and Ben Shelton (2023). He would become the 38th man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals on his Australian Open debut.
- Tien is bidding to become the **45th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open**. He would also become the 7th American man to reach the quarterfinals here since Roddick reached the quarterfinals for the 5th and final time in 2010 – after Sandgren (2018 and 2020), Frances Tiafoe (2019), Sebastian Korda (2023), Tommy Paul (2023 and 2025), Shelton (2023) and Taylor Fritz (2024). (NB Shelton is bidding to reach his 2nd Australian Open quarterfinal and Michelsen is bidding to reach his first quarterfinal here today)
- Tien is bidding to become the **84th American man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. He would also become the 7th active American man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam – after Fritz (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances), Tiafoe (4), Paul (3), Shelton (2), and Korda and Christopher Eubanks (both one). (NB Shelton is bidding to reach his 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal and Michelsen is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal today)

- Tien is one of 4 American men to reach the round of 16 here this year (alongside Michelsen, Paul and Shelton). If Tien, Michelsen and Shelton all win today and join Paul in the quarterfinals here, it will be **the first time that at least 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since the 1995 US Open**. It will also be the first time that 4 American men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open since 1995.

American men in quarterfinals at the Australian Open and the Grand Slams

No. of Americans in QF	Most-recent occasion at the Australian Open (players)	Most-recent occasion at a Grand Slam (players)
≥1	2024 (Fritz)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥2	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2024 US Open (Fritz, Tiafoe)
≥3	2023 (Korda, Paul, Shelton)	2023 US Open (Fritz, Shelton, Tiafoe)
≥4	1995 (Agassi, Chang, Courier, Krickstein, Sampras)	1995 US Open (Agassi, Chang, Courier, P McEnroe, Sampras)

- Tien's victories in the opening 3 rounds here were his **first 3 Grand Slam match-wins**. He is yet to make his debut at Roland Garros or Wimbledon.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Quarterfinals reached
Australian Open	0	3-0	1??
Roland Garros	0	0-0	0
Wimbledon	0	0-0	0
US Open	0	0-3	0

- With Tien and Michelsen both reaching the round of 16 here, it is the **2nd time in the Open Era that multiple American men aged 20 or under have reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – after 1990, when Sampras (18 years 169 days) and David Wheaton (20 years 240 days) both reached the round of 16 here.
- With Tien, Paul, Michelsen and Shelton all reaching the round of 16 here, it is the **first time 4 American men have reached the round of 16 at consecutive Grand Slams since 2003-04**, when 4 American men reached the round of 16 at both the 2003 US Open and the 2004 Australian Open. Fritz, Paul, Tiafoe and Brandon Nakashima all reached the round of 16 or better at the US Open last year.
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Tien has become the **12th qualifier to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 1988** (when a full 128-draw was used here for the first time) – after Ivanisevic (1989), Wayne Ferreira and Jan Siemerink (both 1991), Chris Garner and Kelly Jones (both 1993), Jean-Philippe Fleurian (1996), Christophe Rochus (2000), Fernando Gonzalez (2002), Marcos Baghdatis (2005), Milos Raonic (2011) and Karatsev (2021).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Tien has become the **7th man to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut in the last 10 years** – after Marton Fucsovics and Sandgren (both 2018), Karatsev (2021), Shelton and JJ Wolf (both 2023) and Arthur Cazaux (2024).
- By reaching the round of 16 here, Tien and Alex Michelsen have become the **75th and 76th American men in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open**. They are the 9th and 10th active American male players to reach the round of 16 here – after Fritz, Paul and Shelton (all 2), and Maxime Cressy, Korda, Mackenzie McDonald, Tiafoe and Wolf (all one appearance in the round of 16 here).
- As No. 16 seed in qualifying last week, Tien defeated Gregoire Barrere (FRA) 46 76(4) 61, Juan Pablo Ficovich (ARG) 64 62 and No. 21 seed Jozef Kovalik (SVK) 63 64 to **qualify for the main draw here**. It was his first appearance in a qualifying draw at a Grand Slam tournament.
- Tien **fell in the 1st round on his 3 previous Grand Slam appearances** – as a wild card at the US Open in 2022 (l. Miomir Kecmanovic), 2023 (l. Tiafoe) and 2024 (l. Arthur Fils). He was ranked too low to enter qualifying at the other 3 Grand Slam tournaments last year.
- Tien's **best Tour-level results in 2024** were finishing runner-up at the Next Gen ATP Finals (l. Joao Fonseca) and reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Winston Salem (l. Pablo Carreno Busta). He won 3 matches at each event – the only Tour-level match-wins he had recorded prior to the Australian Open this year.
- Tien **won his first 3 Challenger titles in 2024** – as a wild card at the Bloomfield Hills Challenger (USA) (d. Nishesh Basavareddy), and as a direct acceptance at both the Las Vegas Challenger (USA) (d. Tristan Boyer) and the Fairfield Challenger (USA) (d. Bernard Tomic). He also finished runner-up at the Knoxville Challenger (USA) (l. Eubanks). He won 4 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour in May-July last year.

- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Tien fell in the 1st round at Hong Kong (l. Cameron Norrie).
- Tien's 5-set victories against Camilo Ugo Carabelli and Daniil Medvedev in the opening 2 rounds here were the **first 5-set matches he has contested at Tour-level**.
- Tien is one of the **4 lefthanders** to reach the round of 16 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.
- Tien broke the Top 400, Top 300 and Top 200 for the first time in 2024, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 114 in November. He plays here at No. 121.
- Tien **reached the Australian Open boys' singles final in 2023**, falling to Alexander Blockx. He also reached the boys' singles final at the 2023 US Open (l. Fonseca) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in February 2024.
- Tien is coached by Eric Diaz and Jay Leavitt.