



2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Wheelchair Tournament Preview

In 2002, the first Grand Slam wheelchair tournament was held at the Australian Open, with Robin Ammerlaan and Esther Vergeer winning the inaugural men’s and women’s wheelchair singles events. The first Australian Open quad wheelchair singles and doubles events were contested in 2008, with Peter Norfolk becoming the first Australian Open quad singles champion.

These are the 24th editions of the Australian Open men’s and women’s wheelchair singles events and the 18th edition of the Australian Open quad wheelchair singles event. The 2025 Australian Open is the 113th edition of the event overall and is being played at Melbourne Park for the 38th time, having first been played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

The men’s and women’s wheelchair singles draws were expanded to 16 players for the first time in 2023, and the quad wheelchair singles draw were expanded from 8 to 16 players for the first time in 2024. Qualifying for all 3 events (with draws of 4 players) will be held for the first time here this year. A junior wheelchair event is also being contested for the first time in 2025.

DE GROOT’S ABSENCE OPENS DOOR FOR WOMEN’S SINGLES FIELD

Diede de Groot’s streak of 15 consecutive Grand Slam women’s wheelchair singles will end at this event as the women’s world No. 1 continues her recovery from hip surgery. De Groot has won the last 4 editions of the wheelchair women’s singles here – having defeated Yui Kamiji to win the title in 2021, Aniek van Koot in 2022, and Kamiji again in 2023 and 2024 – and is a 6-time Australian Open singles champion overall.

Women’s wheelchair singles entrants best Australian Open and Grand Slam results

Rank (13 Jan)	Player	Best Australian Open result	Best Grand Slam result
2	Yui Kamiji	Won 2017, 2020	Won 8 titles
3	Aniek van Koot	Won 2013	Won 2013 Australian Open, 2013 US Open, 2019 Wimbledon
4	Wang Ziyang	Making debut in 2025	Quarterfinals 2024 Roland Garros
5	Jiske Griffioen	Won 2015, 2016	Won 4 titles
6	Angelica Bernal	Quarterfinals 2021	Semifinals 2020 US Open
7	Kgothatso Montjane	Semifinals 4 times	Final 2021 Wimbledon
8	Zhu Zhenzhen	Semifinals 2020	Final 2024 Roland Garros
11	Manami Tanaka	Semifinals 2023	Semifinals 2023 Australian Open
12	Saki Takamuro	1st round 2023	1st round 2022 US Open, 2023 Australian Open
13	Lizzy de Greef	1st round 2024	Quarterfinals 2024 Roland Garros
14	Li Xiaohui	1st round 2024	Quarterfinals 2024 Wimbledon
15	Macarena Cabrillana	1st round 2021	1st round 5 times
16	Lucy Shuker	Semifinals 2013, 2017, 2022	Semifinals 2013, 2017, 2022 Australian Open
17	Shiori Funamizu	1st round 2023, 2024	1st round 5 times
28	Charlotte Fairbank	Making debut in 2025	Making debut at 2025 Australian Open
31	Mariska Venter	Making debut in 2025	Making debut at 2025 Australian Open

Of the 16 players in the wheelchair women’s singles here, 3 have won at least one Grand Slam title – Yui Kamiji (8 titles), Jiske Griffioen (4), and Aniek van Koot (3), all 3 of whom have won at least one Australian Open singles title. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Diede de Groot	23
Esther Vergeer	21
Yui Kamiji	8
Jiske Griffioen	4
Aniek van Koot	3

Players competing at the 2025 Australian Open in **bold**

ODA DEFENDS MEN'S SINGLES TITLE

Tokito Oda became the 4th Japanese player to win an Australian Open wheelchair singles title by defeating Alfie Hewett in the final here last year – after 11-time men's wheelchair singles champion Shingo Kunieda, 2-time women's wheelchair singles champion Kamiji and 2005 women's wheelchair singles champion Mie Yaosa.

Having become the youngest player in history to win a Grand Slam wheelchair singles title aged 17 years 33 days at 2023 Roland Garros, Oda has now won 4 Grand Slam singles titles and became the youngest man to win the gold medal in singles at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. He begins the 2025 season with a chance to become the 2nd player to complete the career Golden Slam in men's wheelchair singles, after Kunieda.

HEWETT LEADS ACTIVE PLAYERS IN MEN'S CATEGORY

Kunieda enjoys a healthy lead at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles (in any category), having retired at the start of 2023 with 28 Grand Slam titles to his name – including victories at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2022.

Hewett claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles by winning his 6th major title at the 2022 US Open in 2022 and has since won 3 more Grand Slam singles titles to consolidate to move to 9 titles overall. Houdet and Oda will look to equal Fernandez in 3rd place by winning a 5th Grand Slam title. Should 2-time Grand Slam champions Gerard or Reid win the title here this year, they will equal Robin Ammerlaan and David Hall in 6th place on the list.

Hewett is contesting his first Grand Slam since completing the career Grand Slam in singles. After reaching his 3rd consecutive Wimbledon singles final in 2024, Hewett defeated Martin de la Puente to join Alcott, De Groot and Kunieda as the only players to have completed the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles.

Most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	28
Alfie Hewett	9
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Stephane Houdet	4
Tokito Oda	4

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SCHRODER BIDS FOR FOUR-IN-A-ROW IN QUAD SINGLES

Sam Schroder defeated Dylan Alcott in the Australian's last Grand Slam tournament prior to retirement to win his first title here in 2022 – and Schroder has successfully defended his titles here in both 2023 and 2024. Should he win a 4th consecutive title here, he will become the 5th player to record a streak of 4 Australian Open wheelchair singles titles.

Longest Australian Open wheelchair singles title-winning streaks

Player	Length of streak	Years
Dylan Alcott	7	2015-21
Shingo Kunieda	5	2007-11
Diede de Groot	4	2021-24
Sam Schroder	4??	2022-25??
Esther Vergeer	4	2006-09
David Hall	3	2003-05
Shingo Kunieda	3	2013-15
Peter Norfolk	3	2008-10
Esther Vergeer	3	2002-04

SASSON DISRUPTS DUTCH DOMINANCE IN QUAD DIVISION

The rivalry between Schroder and Niels Vink has dominated the quad division since Alcott's retirement at the 2022 Australian Open, with the pair winning all 8 of the Grand Slam titles from then until 2024 Roland Garros and competing against each other in 6 of the 8 Grand Slam finals in that time.

However, Sasson, who made his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open, has disrupted that dominance. He reached his first Grand Slam singles final at the 2024 Australian Open, falling to Schroder, before winning his first Grand Slam singles title by defeating Schroder in the final at 2024 Roland Garros.

Should any player in the quad singles draw other than Schroder win the title here this year, they will become the 5th quad player to win an Australian Open singles title – after Alcott (7 titles), Peter Norfolk (4), and David Wagner and Schroder (both 3).

Grand Slam wheelchair quad singles finals since the 2022 Australian Open

Year	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open
2022	Schroder d. Alcott	Vink d. Schroder	Schroder d. Vink	Vink d. Schroder
2023	Schroder d. Vink	Vink d. Schroder	Vink d. Davidson	Schroder d. Vink
2024	Schroder d. Sasson	Sasson d. Schroder	Vink d. Schroder	-
2025	???	???	???	???

VINK EYES CAREER SLAM

After winning his first Wimbledon singles title in 2023, Vink first attempted to complete the career Grand Slam at the Australian Open in 2024, falling to Guy Sasson in the semifinals. If he claims his first Australian Open singles title here this year, he will join Alcott, De Groot, Hewett and Kunieda as the only players to have completed the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles, and the second to do so in quad wheelchair tennis after Alcott. He would also become the first player to complete the career Grand slam in wheelchair singles at the Australian Open.

Players to have won the Grand Slam in wheelchair singles

Player	Australian Open titles	Roland Garros titles	Wimbledon titles	US Open Titles
Dylan Alcott	7	3	2	3
Diede de Groot	6	4	5	6
Alfie Hewett	2??	3	1	4
Shingo Kunieda	11	8	1	8
Niels Vink	1??	2	2	1

Note: 2017 was the first season when all four Grand Slam tournaments held men's and women's wheelchair singles events. The quad wheelchair singles events have been held at all four Grand Slam tournaments since 2019.

Aged 22 years 50 days, this is also Vink's last opportunity to become the youngest player to complete the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles.

Age at which players complete the Grand Slam in wheelchair tennis

Player	Age completed	Event where completed
Niels Vink	22 years 50 days??	2025 Australian Open??
Diede de Groot	22 years 171 days	2019 Roland Garros
Alfie Hewett	26 years 221 days	2024 Wimbledon
Dylan Alcott	28 years 222 days	2019 Wimbledon
Shingo Kunieda	38 years 139 days	2022 Wimbledon

THE RACE TO CATCH ALCOTT

Alcott retired having won a total of 15 Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles – comfortably ahead of Peter Norfolk and Wagner's tallies of 6 major titles each.

Schroder and Wagner will both bid to win a 7th Grand Slam title and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list here, while a title victory for Vink would see him equal Norfolk, Schroder and Wagner in 2nd place on the list. Sasson will become the 7th player to win multiple Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles if he wins his 2nd Grand Slam title here. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Dylan Alcott	15
Peter Norfolk	6
Sam Schroder	6
David Wagner	6
Niels Vink	5
Andy Lapthorne	2

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GRAND SLAM PREPARATION

Most of the field competing at the Australian Open this week have played at the Victorian Wheelchair Open and the Melbourne Wheelchair Open over the last 2 weeks, with both events having been contested at the Hume Tennis Centre in the north of Melbourne. Six different players won the singles titles at the events, with Sasson the only player to reach the finals at both tournaments.

Victorian Wheelchair Open (6-10 Jan) – final results

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Men's singles	Gustavo Fernandez	Martin de la Puente
Women's singles	Aniek van Koot	Wang Ziyang
Quad singles	Guy Sasson	Heath Davidson

Melbourne Wheelchair Open (12-17 Jan) – final results

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Men's singles	Tokito Oda	Alfie Hewett
Women's singles	Li Xiaohui	Yui Kamiji
Quad singles	Niels Vink	Guy Sasson

2024 LEADERS LOOK TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM

Hewett topped the list for most men's wheelchair singles victories in 2024, ahead of De La Puente and Oda.

2024 men's wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2024 win-loss
1.	Alfie Hewett	56-8
2.	Martin de la Puente	54-19
3.	Tokito Oda	45-3
4.	Gordon Reid	34-18
5=	Gustavo Fernandez	33-13
	Casey Ratzlaff	33-21

Kamiji led the women's wheelchair singles tour for most match-wins last year, ahead of Van Koot and De Groot.

2024 women's wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2024 win-loss
1.	Yui Kamiji	55-6
2.	Aniek van Koot	42-19
3.	Diede de Groot	40-3
4.	Angelica Bernal	33-15
5=	Manami Tanaka	29-20
	Wang Ziyang	29-14

Ahmet Kaplan topped the list for most quad wheelchair singles wins, ahead of Sasson and Vink.

2024 quad wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2024 win-loss
1.	Ahmet Kaplan	34-18
2=	Guy Sasson	33-9
	Niels Vink	33-6
4.	Heath Davidson	32-14
5=	Andy Lapthorne	29-17
	Sam Schroder	29-6

AUSTRALIAN OPEN DEBUTANTS

There are 7 players making their Australian Open debuts across the 3 wheelchair singles draws this year.

In the quad draw, Australian wild card Jin Woodman is making his Grand Slam main draw debut, while Argentina's Gonzalo Enrique Lazarte defeated Ali Ataman in qualifying to also make it into the main draw at a major for the first time. In the women's draw, after playing her first 2 Grand Slam events at Roland Garros and Wimbledon last year, China, P.R.'s Wang Ziyang is playing the Australian Open for the first time this year. She is joined by qualifiers Mariska Venter of South Africa and France's Charlotte Fairbank, both of whom are making their Grand Slam main draw debuts here.

Finally, in the men's draw, China P.R.'s Ji Zhenxu defeated Maikel Scheffers in qualifying to make his Grand Slam main draw debut here. He joins Daniel Caverzaschi, who after main draw appearances at Roland Garros and the US Open in 2022, and at 2024 Wimbledon, is making his Australian Open debut this year.

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

At just 15 years 269 days, quad singles wild card Jin Woodman is the youngest wheelchair player to ever contest a Grand Slam. He is more than 38 years younger than the oldest player, Houdet (54 years 66 days), and break's the record for the youngest wheelchair player to contest a Grand Slam set by Tokito Oda, who made his Grand Slam debut aged 16 years 27 days at 2022 Roland Garros. (NB ages calculated on final day of the tournament)

Youngest and oldest players in Australian Open wheelchair events

Event	Youngest player (age)	Oldest player (age)
Men's singles	Tokito Oda (18 years 262 days)	Stephane Houdet (54 years 66 days)
Women's singles	Lizzy De Greef (19 years 295 days)	Lucy Shuker (43 years 244 days)
Quad singles	Jin Woodman (15 years 269 days)	David Wagner (50 years 327 days)

NB ages calculated on final day of the tournament

HOME FAVOURITES

Two Australian players have won Australian Open wheelchair singles titles – Alcott won 7 consecutive quad wheelchair singles titles here in 2015-21, while Hall won 3 men's wheelchair singles titles here in 2003-05.

Among the 4 Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open has the 2nd most-recent home champion in a wheelchair singles event, after Hewett's 2024 Wimbledon title saw him become the first British player to win a wheelchair singles event at Wimbledon since Gordon Reid in 2016. Australian Alcott won the quad singles event here in 7 consecutive years from 2015-2021.

Most-recent home wheelchair singles champions

Grand Slam	Most-recent home wheelchair' singles champion
Australian Open	Dylan Alcott (2021)
Roland Garros	Stephane Houdet (2013)
Wimbledon	Alfie Hewett (2024)
US Open	David Wagner (2017)

There are 4 Australian players competing in the wheelchair tournament here this year – Anderson Parker in the men's singles, and Finn Broadbent, Heath Davidson and Jin Woodman in the quad singles.

LEFTHANDERS

There are 10 lefthanders in the wheelchair singles draws at the Australian Open this year – 5 in the women's event (Shiori Funamizu, Yui Kamiji, Kgothatso Montjane, Aniek Van Koot and Zhenzhen Zhu), 3 in the men's (Daniel Caverzaschi, Oda and Reid), and 2 in the quad event (Laphorne and Schroder). Kamiji, Oda, Reid, Schroder and Van Koot are the only lefthanded players to have won an Australian Open singles title.

WILD CARDS

Three of the 6 wild cards across the 3 wheelchair singles draws here went to Australian players – to Parker in the men's singles and to Broadbent and Woodman in the quad singles. USA's Casey Ratzlaff was awarded the other wild card in the men's singles draw, while the women's singles wild cards went to Japan's Shiori Funamizu and Great Britain's Lucy Shuker.

QUALIFIERS

The 6 players to have earned their places in this year's Australian Open main draws via the qualifying events

are: Daisuke Arai (men's), Charlotte Fairbank (women's), Ji Zhenxu (men's), Gonzalo Enrique Lazarte (quad), Leandro Pena (quad), Mariska Venter (women's)

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 17 nations are represented in the wheelchair singles draws at the 2025 Australian Open, with Japan having the most players competing across the 3 events overall. Great Britain and Netherlands are the only nations with representatives in each of the men's, women's and quad wheelchair events here.

Nation	Men's singles	Women's singles	Quad singles	Total
Japan	4	4	0	8
Netherlands	2	3	2	7
Australia	1	0	3	4
China, P.R.	1	3	0	4
Great Britain	2	1	1	4
Chile	0	1	2	3
South Africa	0	2	1	3
Argentina	1	0	1	2
Brazil	0	0	2	2
France	1	1	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
USA	1	0	1	2
Belgium	1	0	0	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Israel	0	0	1	1
Turkiye	0	0	1	1

AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOUR ROLL

A total of 22 players have won an Australian Open wheelchair singles title – 10 in the men's category, 8 in the women's category and 4 in the quad category. Of the 22 champions, 10 have won the title here on multiple occasions.

Australian Open wheelchair singles honour roll

Year	Men's singles champion	Women's singles champion	Quad singles champion
2002	Robin Ammerlaan (NED)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	no tournament
2003	David Hall (AUS)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	no tournament
2004	David Hall (AUS)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	no tournament
2005	David Hall (AUS)	Mie Yaosa (JPN)	no tournament
2006	Michael Jeremiasz (FRA)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	no tournament
2007	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	no tournament
2008	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	Peter Norfolk (GBR)
2009	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	Peter Norfolk (GBR)
2010	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Korie Homan (NED)	Peter Norfolk (GBR)
2011	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	David Wagner (USA)
2012	Maikel Scheffers (NED)	Esther Vergeer (NED)	Peter Norfolk (GBR)
2013	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Aniek van Koot (NED)	David Wagner (USA)
2014	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Sabine Ellerbrock (GER)	David Wagner (USA)
2015	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Jiske Griffioen (NED)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2016	Gordon Reid (GBR)	Jiske Griffioen (NED)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2017	Gustavo Fernandez (ARG)	Yui Kamiji (JPN)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2018	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2019	Gustavo Fernandez (ARG)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2020	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Yui Kamiji (JPN)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2021	Joachim Gerard (BEL)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Dylan Alcott (AUS)
2022	Shingo Kunieda (JPN)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Sam Schroder (NED)
2023	Alfie Hewett (GBR)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Sam Schroder (NED)
2024	Tokito Oda (JPN)	Diede de Groot (NED)	Sam Schroder (NED)
2025	???	???	???