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A look at the quarterfinalists...

Player	Age	Ranking	Tour-level titles won	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Jannik Sinner (ITA)	23	1	18	Won title 2024	Won 2 titles
No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER)	27	2	23	Semifinals 2020, 2024, 2025	Final 2 times
No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	24	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	Quarterfinals 2025	Quarterfinals 5 times
No. 12 Tommy Paul (USA)	27	14	4	Semifinals 2023	SF 2023 Australian Open
No. 21 Ben Shelton (USA)	22	20	2	Quarterfinals 2023, 2025	SF 2023 US Open
Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	29	55	4	Quarterfinals 2025	QF 2025 Australian Open

On court today...

- In the first of today's men's singles quarterfinals, No. 21 seed Ben Shelton takes on unseeded Lorenzo Sonego, with Shelton looking to advance to the semifinals at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. The 22-year-old American reached the last 4 at the 2023 US Open – and will hope to equal that result with a victory here today. Should he do so, he will become the 25th American player to reach the semifinals here in the Open Era – but just the 2nd active player to do so after Tommy Paul in 2023. For Sonego, who has already recorded his best Grand Slam performance by reaching the quarterfinals here, a win today will see him become the 3rd Italian player, man or woman, to reach the singles semifinals at the Australian Open. At the age of 29, he would also become the oldest first-time Grand Slam semifinalist since Roberto Bautista Agut reached his only major semifinal to date at 31 years old at 2019 Wimbledon.
- World No. 1 Jannik Sinner takes on Australian No. 1 Alex de Minaur in the last of the men's singles quarterfinals here this year. It will be the pair's 10th meeting – and De Minaur must record his first victory against Sinner if he is to become the first Australian man to reach the semifinals here since Lleyton Hewitt in 2005. Sinner won their only previous meeting at the Grand Slams, a straight-sets victory in the round of 16 here in 2022, and has dropped just one set in their 9 previous meetings. The Italian also boasts a perfect 15-0 win-loss record against players at their home Grand Slams. However, De Minaur will take confidence from having already recorded his best Australian Open result by reaching the quarterfinals this year. The Aussie has also defeated a world No. 1 once before, a memorable victory against Novak Djokovic at the United Cup last year.

NO. 1 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v NO. 8 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS)

Head-to-head: Sinner leads 9-0

2019	NextGen ATP Finals	Hard (I)	F	Sinner	42 41 42
2020	Sofia	Hard (I)	QF	Sinner	67(3) 64 61
2022	Australian Open	Hard (O)	R16	Sinner	76(3) 63 64
2022	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	R32	Sinner	64 61
2023	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	F	Sinner	64 61
2023	Paris-1000	Hard (I)	R16	De Minaur	walkover (fatigue)
2023	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	F	Sinner	63 60
2024	Rotterdam	Hard (I)	FR	Sinner	75 64
2024	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Sinner	63 64
2024	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	SF	Sinner	63 64

A 10th meeting for Sinner and De Minaur, their 9th on a hard court and 2nd at a Grand Slam. Sinner won their only previous Grand Slam meeting in the round of 16 here in 2022 and has dropped just one set in the 9 matches the pair have contested.

Sinner is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the 4th time – and for the 2nd time this year, having defeated Tristan Schoolkate in the 2nd round. In addition to his victory against Schoolkate here this year, he also defeated Max Purcell in the 1st round in 2020 and De Minaur in the round of 16 in 2022. He has a 5-0 win-loss record against Australian players at the Grand Slams overall.

Sinner has won his last 20 matches against Australian players at Tour-level. He has not lost a Tour-level match to an Australian player since falling to James Duckworth in the 2nd round at 2021 Montreal-1000. (He has given walkovers to Australian players on 2 occasions in that time, including to De Minaur at 2023 Paris-1000.) He has a 25-3 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

Sinner has won all 15 matches he has contested against players at their home Grand Slam tournaments. In addition to winning all 3 matches he has contested against Australian players here, he has won all 7 matches he has contested against American players at the US Open and all 5 matches he has contested against French players at Roland Garros. He has never played a British player at Wimbledon.

This is the 2nd match between a pair of Top 10 players at this year's Australian Open, after No. 7 Novak Djokovic defeated No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Sinner defeated 3 Top 10 players en route to the title here last year – No. 5 Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals, No. 1 Djokovic in the semifinals and No. 3 Daniil Medvedev in the final. He lost both matches he had contested against Top 10 players here prior to last year, having fallen to No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the quarterfinals in 2022 and the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 7-11 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams overall.

Sinner is bidding to extend an 8-match winning streak against Top 10 players. He has not lost to a Top 10 player since falling to No. 3 Alcaraz in the final at Beijing last year. He has a 40-32 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

De Minaur is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has lost all 4 matches he has contested against Top 10 players here – against No. 2 Rafael Nadal in the 3rd round in 2019, No. 10 Sinner in the round of 16 in 2022, No. 5 Djokovic in the round of 16 in 2023 and No. 5 Rublev in the round of 16 last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 31 Francisco Cerundolo in the 3rd round this year.

De Minaur is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time. He has a 2-10 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, with his 2 victories coming against No. 7 Kei Nishikori in the 3rd round at the 2019 US Open and against No. 5 Medvedev in the round of 16 at 2024 Roland Garros. He has an 18-50 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level – but has lost all 6 matches he has contested against Top 10 players since defeating Medvedev at Roland Garros last year.

De Minaur is bidding to defeat a world No. 1 for the 2nd time. He has a 1-5 win-loss record against No. 1-ranked players, with his only victory coming against Djokovic at the 2024 United Cup.

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

	Shelton	Sonego
Sinner	4-1	5-0
De Minaur	0-0	3-0

Road to the quarterfinals

SINNER	Time		Time	DE MINAUR
d. Nicolas Jarry 76(2) 76(5) 61	2:40	1st round	2:22	d. Botic van de Zandschulp 61 75 64
d. (WC) Tristan Schoolkate 46 64 61 63	2:46	2nd round	1:59	d. (Q) Tristan Boyer 62 64 63
d. Marcos Giron 63 64 62	2:01	3rd round	3:53	d. No. 31 Francisco Cerundolo 57 76(3) 63 63
d. No. 13 Holger Rune 63 36 63 62	3:13	Round of 16	2:09	d. Alex Michelsen 60 76(5) 63
total time on court	10:40	(Infosys time)	10:23	total time on court

SINNER	v	DE MINAUR
23	Age	25
1	ATP Ranking	8
18	Titles	9
65-18	Career Grand Slam Record	53-28
19-4	Australian Open Record	18-7
267-80	Career Record	255-155
183-49	Career Record - Hard	191-102
4-0	2025 Record	6-0
4-0	2025 Record - Hard	6-0
6-9	Career Five-Set Record	3-6
2	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	0
89-54	Career Tiebreak Record	91-68
2-0	2025 Tiebreak Record	2-0

- Defending Australian Open champion **SINNER** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the 2nd time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.
- Sinner is bidding to become the **first Italian player, man or woman, to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions**. He is one of 2 Italian players who have reached the semifinals at the Australian Open – alongside Matteo Berrettini, who reached the semifinals here in 2022. (NB Lorenzo Sonego is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal here today)
- Sinner is bidding to reach his 5th Grand Slam semifinal and equal Nicola Pietrangeli's **all-time record for most Grand Slam semifinal appearances by an Italian man**.

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

Player	No. of appearances
Nicola Pietrangeli	5
Jannik Sinner	5??
Matteo Berrettini	3
Adriano Panatta	3
Corrado Barazzuti	2
Giorgio de Stefani	2
Giuseppe Merlo	2

- Sinner is bidding to become the **7th active player to reach the Australian Open men's singles semifinals on multiple occasions** – after Novak Djokovic (who has reached his 12th Australian Open semifinal this year), Stefanos Tsitsipas (4 Australian Open semifinal appearance), Daniil Medvedev, Stan Wawrinka and Alexander Zverev (all 3) and Marin Cilic (2).
- If Sinner and Sonego both reach the semifinals here, it will be the **2nd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam** – after 1960 Roland Garros, when Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola both reached the semifinals.
- The Australian Open is Sinner's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won. He is bidding to reach a 2nd semifinal at the same Grand Slam tournament for the first time here this year. (see table overleaf)

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	1	19-4	2??
Roland Garros	0	16-5	1
Wimbledon	0	13-4	1
US Open	1	17-5	1

- Sinner is through to his 3rd Australian Open quarterfinal. He is the **only Italian man in history to have reached the quarterfinals here on multiple occasions**.
- By reaching his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal, Sinner has equalled Pietrangeli's **all-time record for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by an Italian man**.
- With Sinner and Sonogo both reaching the quarterfinals here, it is the **2nd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open** – after 2022, when Sinner and Berrettini both reached the quarterfinals here. It is also the 8th time that multiple Italian men have reached the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam.
- 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 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. 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 **19th consecutive Tour-level match-win** and equal the longest Tour-level winning streak of his career. 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 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, the only successful comebacks from 0-2 down in his career to date – against Fucsovics in the 3rd round in 2023 and Medvedev in the final last year. His 2 defeats in 5-set matches here came against Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in 2021 and against Stefanos Tsitsipas in the round of 16 in 2023. He has a 6-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Sinner became **world No. 1** for the first time following Roland Garros last year and has remained there since then. He began his 32nd week as world No. 1 on Monday. 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.
- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal. This is his 8th Australian Open appearance and his 30th Grand Slam overall.
- De Minaur is bidding to become the **24th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – and the first since Lleyton Hewitt in 2005.
- De Minaur is bidding to become the **30th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam**. He would become the 2nd Australian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam since Hewitt made his 8th and final appearance in a Grand Slam semifinal at the 2005 US Open – after Nick Kyrgios at 2022 Wimbledon.
- If De Minaur reaches the semifinals here on his 8th Australian Open appearance, he will go **2nd for most attempts before reaching a first Australian Open men's singles semifinal among active players**, behind Stan Wawrinka.

Most attempts before reaching Australian Open men's singles semifinals (active players)

Player	No. of attempts
Stan Wawrinka	9
Alex de Minaur??	8??
Grigor Dimitrov	7
Karen Khachanov	7
Lorenzo Sonego??	7??
Lucas Pouille	6
Milos Raonic	6

- If De Minaur reaches the semifinals here on his 30th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **joint-3rd for most attempts before reaching a first Grand Slam men's singles semifinal among active players**, alongside Kyrgios.

Most attempts before reaching Grand Slam men's singles semifinals (active players)

Player	No. of attempts
Stan Wawrinka	35
Taylor Fritz	33
Alex de Minaur??	30??
Nick Kyrgios	30
Roberto Bautista Agut	27
Ernesto Gulbis	27

- The Australian Open is De Minaur's **joint-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, alongside the US Open.

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

- By reaching the quarterfinals here, De Minaur has 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 Hewitt in 2005 and Kyrgios in 2015.

- By reaching his 5th Grand Slam quarterfinal, De Minaur has become the **12th Australian man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam on 5 or more occasions**. He is the first active Australian player to reach 5 or more Grand Slam quarterfinals – ahead of Kyrgios, who has made 4 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances.
- By reaching the quarterfinals at a 4th consecutive Grand Slam tournament, De Minaur has 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).
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, De Minaur has **completed the set of men’s singles quarterfinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments**. He is 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, Sinner and Stan Wawrinka.
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, De Minaur has 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.
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, De Minaur has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the round of 16 in 2022 (l. Sinner), 2023 (l. Djokovic) and 2024 (l. Rublev).
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, De Minaur has equalled his **best Grand Slam result**. He has reached the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 4 other occasions – at the 2020 US Open (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2024 (l. Jack Draper), and at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Alexander Zverev) and 2024 Wimbledon, where he gave a walkover to Djokovic due to a right hip injury.
- De Minaur won his **8th and 9th Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Acapulco (d. Casper Ruud) and 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sebastian Korda). He also finished runner-up at Rotterdam (l. Sinner), reached the semifinals at Vienna (l. Khachanov) and the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Djokovic), Antwerp (l. Hugo Gaston) and Paris-1000 (l. Holger Rune).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, De Minaur represented Australia at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested. He defeated Argentina’s Tomas Martin Etcheverry and Great Britain’s Billy Harris.
- De Minaur is the only **Australian man** to reach the quarterfinals 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 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and won the doubles event alongside Blake Ellis. He also finished runner-up in the boys’ singles event at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Denis Shapovalov).
- De Minaur led Australia to **back-to-back Davis Cup finals in 2022-23**, the team’s first appearances in the Davis Cup final since 2003. The team finished as runners-up to Canada in 2022 and to Italy in 2023. 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.

NO. 21 BEN SHELTON (USA) v LORENZO SONEGO (ITA)

Head-to-head: Tied 1-1

2022	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Shelton	76(5) 36 75
2023	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	R128	Sonego	64 36 63 63

A 3rd meeting between Shelton and Sonego, their 2nd at a Grand Slam and 2nd on a hard court. Both their previous meetings came in the 1st round of a tournament.

This is the 4th men's singles match between an Italian player and an American player at the Australian Open this year – after Shelton's victory against Lorenzo Musetti and Jannik Sinner's victory against Marcos Giron in the 3rd round, and Sonego's victory against Learner Tien in the round of 16.

This is the 53rd Australian Open men's singles match between an American player and an Italian player in the Open Era (Americans lead 30-22 in the 52 previous meetings). It is the 289th Grand Slam men's singles match between an American player and an Italian player in the Open Era (Americans lead 166-122 in the 288 previous meetings).

Shelton won his only previous match against an Italian player at the Australian Open – against Musetti in the 3rd round here this year. He has a 2-2 win-loss record against Italian players at the Grand Slams and a 6-10 win-loss record against Italian players at Tour-level overall.

Sonego has won all 3 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 and Tien in the round of 16 here this year. He has a 7-2 win-loss record against American players at the Grand Slams and a 20-17 win-loss record against American players at Tour-level overall.

Sonego is facing a lefthanded player for the 2nd consecutive match, having defeated Tien in the round of 16 here. He lost the only other match he has contested against a lefthanded player at the Australian Open – against Feliciano Lopez in the 2nd round here in 2021. He has a 6-3 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams and a 27-20 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

Sonego is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has lost both of the matches he has previously contested against Top 20 players here – against No. 11 Hubert Hurkacz in the 2nd round in 2023 and to No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the 2nd round in 2024. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 38 Daniel Evans in the 1st round last year.

Sonego is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams for the 3rd time. He has a 2-10 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with both of his victories coming at Roland Garros – against No. 7 Andrey Rublev in the 3rd round in 2023 and against No. 16 Ugo Humbert in the 1st round in 2024.

Sonego has won one of his last 13 matches against Top 20 players at Tour-level. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 16 Humbert in the 1st round at 2024 Roland Garros. His last victory against a Top 20 player on a hard court came at 2023 Shanghai-1000, when he defeated No. 13 Frances Tiafoe – he has lost all 9 matches he has contested against Top 20 players on hard courts since then. He has a 13-46 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

	Sinner	De Minaur
Shelton	1-4	0-0
Sonego	0-5	0-3

Road to the quarterfinals

SHELTON	Time		Time	SONEGO
d. Brandon Nakashima 76(3) 75 75	2:40	1st round	3:11	d. (WC) Stan Wawrinka 64 57 75 75
d. Pablo Carreno Busta 63 63 67(4) 64	2:36	2nd round	3:37	d. (Q) Joao Fonseca 67(6) 63 61 36 63
d. No. 16 Lorenzo Musetti 63 36 64 76(5)	2:52	3rd round	3:16	d. Fabian Marozsan 67(3) 76(6) 61 62
d. Gael Monfils 76(3) 67(3) 76(2) 1-0 ret.	2:57	Round of 16	2:25	d. (Q) Learner Tien 63 62 36 61
total time on court	11:05	(Infosys time)	12:29	total time on court

SHELTON	v	SONEGO
22	Age	29
20	ATP Ranking	55
2	Titles	4
23-9	Career Grand Slam Record	28-25
10-2	Australian Open Record	10-6
75-54	Career Record	148-157
59-35	Career Record - Hard	72-86
4-1	2025 Record	6-2
4-1	2025 Record - Hard	6-2
6-3	Career Five-Set Record	5-4
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	1
49-50	Career Tiebreak Record	86-81
4-3	2025 Tiebreak Record	4-3

- Lefthander **SHELTON** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.
- Shelton is bidding to become the **25th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – and the 2nd active American man to do so after Tommy Paul, who reached the semifinals here in 2023.
- Shelton is bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal and become the **26th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Grand Slams on multiple occasions** – and the 2nd active American man to do so after Frances Tiafoe, who reached the semifinals at the US Open in 2022 and 2024.
- At 22 years 109 days, Shelton is bidding to become the **5th-youngest American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – after Andy Roddick (20 years 149 days in 2003), Jimmy Connors (21 years 121 days in 1974), Jim Courier (21 years 162 days in 1992) and Pete Sampras (21 years 172 days in 1993). (NB ages calculated at end of tournament)
- Shelton is bidding to become the **8th American man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals aged 22 or under** – after Andre Agassi, Courier and Sampras (who all made 8 Grand Slam semifinal appearances aged 22 or under), John McEnroe (7), Roddick (6), Connors (5) and Michael Chang (3).
- The Australian Open is Shelton's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won.

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

- By reaching their 2nd Australian Open quarterfinals, Shelton and Paul (who fell to Alexander Zverev in the quarterfinals on Tuesday) have become the **18th and 19th American men in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – and the first active American male players to do so.
- By reaching their 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinals, Shelton and Paul have become the **39th and 40th American men in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 3 or more occasions** – and the 3rd and 4th active American male players to do so, after Taylor Fritz (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Tiafoe (4).
- **Last year here**, Shelton reached the 3rd round, defeating Roberto Bautista Agut and Christopher O'Connell before falling to Adrian Mannarino in 5 sets.
- By reaching the quarterfinals, Shelton has equalled his **best Australian Open** result. He also reached the quarterfinals on his debut here in 2023 (l. Paul). 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 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 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 the **only lefthander** to reach the quarterfinals 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.
- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the semifinals 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 **3rd Italian player, man or woman, to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – after Matteo Berrettini, who reached the semifinals here in 2022, and Jannik Sinner, who reached the semifinals here last year and is bidding to reach his 2nd Australian Open semifinal today.
- Sonego is bidding to become the **12th Italian man in history to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam**. He would become the 5th active Italian male player to reach a Grand Slam semifinal – after Sinner (who is bidding to reach his 5th Grand Slam semifinal here), Berrettini (3 Grand Slam semifinal appearances) and Marco Cecchinato and Lorenzo Musetti (both one).
- If Sonego and Sinner both reach the semifinals here, it will be the **2nd time in history that multiple Italian men have reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam** – after 1960 Roland Garros, when Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola both reached the semifinals.
- Aged 29 years 260 days, Sonego is bidding to become the **8th-oldest first-time Grand Slam men's singles semifinalist in the Open Era**. He would become the oldest man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time since Roberto Bautista Agut, who reached his first Grand Slam semifinal aged 31 years 91 days at 2019 Wimbledon. (NB ages calculated at end of tournament)
- Sonego is bidding to become the **5th-oldest first-time Australian Open men's singles semifinalist in the Open Era** – after Colin Dibley (who reached his first semifinal here aged 35 years 105 days in 1979), Andres Gimeno (31 years 177 days in 1969), Mark Woodforde (30 years 127 days in 1996) and Petr Korda (30 years 9 days in 1998).

- If he reaches the semifinals here for the first time on his 7th Australian Open appearance, Sonego will go **joint-2nd* on the list for most attempts before reaching a first Australian Open men's singles semifinal among active players**, alongside Grigor Dimitrov and Karen Khachanov. (*NB Alex de Minaur is bidding to reach his first Australian Open semifinal today on his 8th Australian Open appearance)

Most attempts before reaching Australian Open men's singles semifinals (active players)

Player	No. of attempts
Stan Wawrinka	9
Alex de Minaur??	8??
Grigor Dimitrov	7
Karen Khachanov	7
Lorenzo Sonego??	7??
Lucas Pouille	6
Milos Raonic	6

- If he reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 26th Grand Slam appearance, Sonego will go **joint-6th* on the list for most attempts before reaching a first Grand Slam men's singles semifinal among active players**, alongside Frances Tiafoe. Stan Wawrinka (who reached his first Grand Slam semifinal on his 35th attempt), Taylor Fritz (33rd), Nick Kyrgios (30th) and Roberto Bautista Agut and Ernests Gulbis (both 27th) are the Top 5 on the list. (*NB De Minaur is bidding to reach his first Grand Slam semifinal today on his 30th Grand Slam appearance)
- The Australian Open is Sonego's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	0	10-6	1??
Roland Garros	0	9-6	0
Wimbledon	0	6-6	0
US Open	0	3-7	0

- By reaching the quarterfinals here, Sonego has 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), Berrettini (2022) and Sinner (2022, 2024 and 2025).
- By reaching his first Grand Slam quarterfinal, Sonego has become the **21st Italian man in history to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam**. He is the 6th active Italian male player to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal – after Sinner (who is into his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal here), Berrettini (6 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Cecchinato, Fabio Fognini and Musetti (all one).
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, Sonego has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best result was reaching the round of 16 on 3 occasions – at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Diego Schwartzman) and 2023 (l. 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.

- Sonogo reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October 2021. He plays here at No. 55.
- Sonogo 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.
- Sonogo is coached by Fabio Colangelo.