



2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN WOMEN'S WHEELCHAIR SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 28 January

NO. 1 DIEDE DE GROOT (NED) v NO. 2 YUI KAMIJI (JPN)

Head-to-head: De Groot leads 34-15

A 50th meeting between De Groot and Kamiji, and their 15th meeting at the Grand Slams. De Groot leads both their overall head-to-head (34-15) and their head-to-head at the Grand Slams (12-2) – Kamiji's 2 Grand Slam victories against De Groot came in the finals at the 2017 US Open and at 2018 Roland Garros.

All 14 of the pair's meetings at the Grand Slams have come in finals – including in the final here in 2018, 2019 and 2021, with De Groot winning on each occasion. The pair also met in the finals at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open in 2022.

This is the pair's 2nd meeting in 2023. De Groot won the pair's meeting in the final at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open last week, recording a 67(3) 61 62 victory.

De Groot is bidding to extend a 16-match winning streak against Kamiji, having not lost to her since the final of the 2021 Victorian Wheelchair Open. That victory was Kamiji's only win against De Groot in the pair's last 23 matches.

De Groot and Kamiji met in the women's doubles final here on Friday – No. 1 seeds De Groot and Aniek van Koot defeated No. 2 seeds Kamiji and Zhu Zhenzhen 63 62.

Between them, De Groot and Kamiji have won 22 of the last 23 Grand Slam singles titles – the only other player to have won a major title in that time was Van Koot at 2019 Wimbledon.

De Groot is bidding to win her 5th Australian Open title and claim sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles. Kamiji is bidding to win her 3rd title here and equal David Hall and David Wagner in 6th place on the list.

Most Australian Open wheelchair singles titles (all categories)

Player	Roland Garros singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	11
Esther Vergeer	9
Dylan Alcott	7
Diede de Groot	4
Peter Norfolk	4
David Hall	3
David Wagner	3
Gustavo Fernandez	2
Jiske Griffioen	2
Yui Kamiji	2

De Groot and Kamiji are, respectively, in 2nd and 3rd place on the list for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles, behind Esther Vergeer. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Esther Vergeer	21
Diede de Groot	16
Yui Kamiji	8
Jiske Griffioen	4
Aniek van Koot	3

Road to the final

DE GROOT	Time		Time	KAMIJI
d. Kgothatso Montjane 61 61	0:52	1st round	0:41	d. Lucy Shuker 60 60
d. Momoko Ohtani 64 60	1:01	Quarterfinals	0:51	d. Dana Mathewson 60 62
d. Manami Tanaka 60 60	0:44	Semifinals	0:59	d. No. 4 Jiske Griffioen 62 61
total time on court	2:37	(Infosys time)	2:31	total time on court

DE GROOT	v	KAMIJI
26	Age	28
1	Ranking	2
16	Grand Slam Singles Titles	8
69	Singles Titles	90
59-7	Grand Slam Record	65-27
15-2	Australian Open Record	20-8
377-67	Career Record	519-101
7-0	2022 Record	10-1

- **DE GROOT** is bidding to win her 5th Australian Open title. She defeated Kamiji to win the title here in 2018, 2019 and 2021, and defeated Aniek van Koot to win the title here last year.
- De Groot is bidding to win her **17th Grand Slam singles title**. In addition to her 4 titles here, she won the titles at Wimbledon in 2017 (d. Sabine Ellerbrock), 2018 (d. Van Koot), 2021 (d. Kgothatso Montjane) and 2022 (d. Kamiji), at the US Open in 2018 (d. Kamiji), 2019 (d. Kamiji), 2020 (d. Kamiji), 2021 (d. Kamiji) and 2022 (d. Kamiji), and at Roland Garros in 2019 (d. Kamiji), 2021 (d. Kamiji) and 2022 (d. Kamiji).
- De Groot is bidding to win a **9th consecutive Grand Slam title**. Her current streak of Grand Slam title victories is the 3rd-longest Grand Slam singles title winning streak, behind streaks of 12 and 11 titles set by Shingo Kunieda and Esther Vergeer, respectively.

Longest Grand Slam wheelchair singles title-winning streaks

Player	Length of streak	Years
Shingo Kunieda	12	2007-11
Esther Vergeer	11	2005-10
Diede de Groot	9??	2021-23??
Esther Vergeer	7	2010-12
Shingo Kunieda	6	2014-15
Dylan Alcott	5	2018-19
Dylan Alcott	5	2020-21
Peter Norfolk	5	2007-10

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.

- De Groot is contesting to her **20th Grand Slam final**. In addition to her 16 Grand Slam titles, she also finished runner-up at the 2017 US Open (l. Kamiji), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Kamiji) and 2019 Wimbledon (l. Van Koot).
- De Groot is bidding to extend a **28-match Grand Slam winning streak**. She has not lost a Grand Slam match since falling in the semifinals at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Whiley, l. Momoko Ohtani). She is making her 7th appearance at the Australian Open and is contesting her 24th Grand Slam overall.
- De Groot is also bidding to extend an **81-match Tour-level winning streak**. She has not lost a match since falling to Kamiji in the final at the 2021 Melbourne Wheelchair Open.

- De Groot **won the Golden Slam in 2021 and the Grand Slam in 2022** – in addition to winning the singles title at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments for the last 2 years, she also won Paralympic singles gold, defeating Kamiji in the final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Tennis Event in 2021. She and Van Koot also won the gold medal together in the women's doubles event, defeating Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley in the final.
- De Groot's **other highlights in 2022** were winning the titles at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (d. Kamiji), the Cajun Classic (d. Van Koot), the French Riviera Open (d. Kamiji), the British Grass Court Wheelchair Tournament (d. Kamiji), the Sardinia Open (d. Van Koot) and the Wheelchair Singles Masters (d. Kamiji).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, De Groot won the title at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open, defeating Kamiji in the final.
- De Groot is bidding to win her **70th singles title**. She has won 10 titles per season for the last 2 years.
- De Groot has also **won 62 doubles titles** – including 16 at the Grand Slams. She and Van Koot won their 4th Australian Open title together on Friday, defeating Kamiji/Zhu Zhenzhen in the final.
- De Groot is a **3-time Paralympic medallist**. In addition to her 2 gold medals at Tokyo 2020, she also won the silver medal in women's doubles at Rio 2016, alongside Marjolein Buis, falling to Jiske Griffioen/Van Koot in the gold medal match, and the bronze medal. She also lost to Griffioen in the semifinals of the singles at Rio 2016 and fell to Kamiji in the bronze medal match.
- De Groot first reached the **world No. 1 ranking** in March 2018. She has been ranked at No. 1 continuously since June 2018.
- De Groot is coached by Amanda Hopmans.
- **KAMIJI** is bidding to win her 3rd Australian Open title. She won the title here in both 2017 (d. Jiske Griffioen) and 2021 (d. Aniek van Koot).
- Kamiji is bidding to win her **9th Grand Slam singles title**. In addition to her 2 titles here, she also won the titles at Roland Garros in 2014 (d. Van Koot), 2017 (d. Sabine Ellerbrook), 2018 (d. Diede de Groot) and 2020 (d. Momoko Ohtani), and the titles at the US Open in 2014 (d. Van Koot) and 2017 (d. De Groot),
- Kamiji is contesting her **24th Grand Slam final**. She has a 2-5 win-loss record in finals at the Australian Open – compared to a 4-3 win-loss record in finals at Roland Garros, a 2-6 win-loss record in US Open finals and lost the only final she has contested at Wimbledon.
- Kamiji is making her **11th appearance at the Australian Open** and her 36th Grand Slam appearance overall. Last year here, she fell to Van Koot in the 1st round.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2022**, Kamiji reached the final at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open, falling to De Groot at each event.
- Kamiji's **best results in 2022** were winning the titles at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. Zhu Zhenzhen), Barcelona (d. Kgothatso Montjane), the Anecy Open (d. Momoko Ohtani), the Thailand Open (d. Zhu), the NSDF (d. Zhu), the Busan Open (d. Zhu) and the Daegu Open (d. Zhu). In addition to her runner-up finishes at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open, she also finished runner-up at the Wheelchair Singles Masters (l. De Groot).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kamiji won the title at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (d. Griffioen) and finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (l. De Groot).
- Kamiji has **won 90 singles titles**. She won a career-best 14 singles titles in 2017.
- Kamiji has also **won 78 doubles titles** – including 18 at the Grand Slams. Of her 18 doubles titles at the majors, 5 have come at the Australian Open – alongside Jordanne Whiley in 2014, 2015 and 2020, and alongside Marjolein Buis in 2016 and 2018. She and Zhu reached the doubles final here this year, falling to De Groot/Van Koot on Friday.

- Kamiji is a **3-time Paralympic medallist**. She won silver in the women's singles at Tokyo 2020 last year, falling to De Groot in the final – she become the first non-Dutch player to contest a Paralympic women's singles final. She also won bronze in women's doubles alongside Ohtani at Tokyo 2020 and won bronze in women's singles at Rio 2016.
- Kamiji reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in May 2014 and last held the No. 1 ranking in June 2018. She has been ranked at No. 2 since September 2019.
- Kamiji is coached by Hiroshui Masuda.