

2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN
MEN'S SINGLES FINAL NOTES
Sunday 21 February

NO. 1 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB) v NO. 4 DANIIL MEDVEDEV (RUS)

Player	Age	Ranking	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Novak Djokovic (SRB)	33	1	Won 2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-20	Won 17 titles
No. 4 Daniil Medvedev (RUS)	25	4	Final 2021	Final 2019 US Open, 2021 Australian Open

An 18th major title for Djokovic…
Djokovic is bidding for his 18th Grand Slam title as he aims to close the gap on Federer and Nadal at the top of the list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles. He is also bidding for his 9th Australian Open title.

… or a first Grand Slam crown for Medvedev?
Medvedev is bidding for his first major title and to become the 3rd Russian man to win a Grand Slam title. He would become the 56th Grand Slam men's singles champion in the Open Era and the 151st in history.

Prize money
Today's champion receives $2,750,000 (AUD) in prize money, while the runner-up collects $1,500,000. In total, the men's singles prize fund for the men's singles at the 2021 Australian Open is $25,250,000 (AUD).

ATP rankings update
Djokovic will remain at No. 1 when the new rankings are published on Monday regardless of the result in tonight's match. He will claim ownership of the record for most weeks as world No. 1 when he spends his 311th week as No. 1 on Monday 8 March – surpassing Federer's record of 310 weeks.

By reaching the final here, Medvedev has already ensured that he will rise to a new career-high ranking of at least No. 3 on Monday. If he wins tonight, he will rise to No. 2 – becoming the first player apart from Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray or Rafael Nadal to have been ranked in the Top 2 since the week of 18 July 2005, when Lleyton Hewitt was ranked No. 2 behind Federer.

Projected rankings – if Djokovic wins

Rank	Player	Points
1.	**Novak Djokovic**	**12030**
2.	Rafael Nadal	9850
3.	**Daniil Medvedev**	**9735**
4.	Dominic Thiem	9125
5.	Roger Federer	6630
6.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	6595
7.	Alexander Zverev	5615
8.	Andrey Rublev	4609
9.	Diego Schwartzman	3480
10.	Matteo Berrettini	3480

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Who has the advantage?

Over the last 10 years, 5 of the men's singles champions here have played the first semifinal and 5 played the 2nd semifinal – so recent history would suggest that which semifinal a player contests makes no difference to the result in the final.

No. 1 v No. 4

This is the 6th meeting between the No. 1 seed and No. 4 seed in a Grand Slam men's singles final in the Open Era – and the first meeting between the No. 1 seed and No. 4 seed in the Australian Open men's singles final in the Open Era. Of the previous 5 Grand Slam finals between No. 1 and No. 4 seeds, No. 1 seeds have been victorious on 4 occasions.

If Djokovic wins today, it will be the 20th time in the Open Era that the No. 1 seed has won the men's singles title. Djokovic has won the title here as No. 1 seed on 3 previous occasions – in 2012, 2016 and 2019.

Medvedev is bidding to become the 6th No. 4 seed to win the Australian Open title in the Open Era – and the first since Marat Safin won the title as No. 4 seed in 2005. He would also become the first No. 4 seed to win a Grand Slam title since Nadal won the title as No. 4 seed at 2017 Roland Garros.

Defending the title

If Djokovic wins today and successfully defends his title, it will be the 15th time in the Open Era that the men's singles title here has been retained. It will also be the 5th time that Djokovic has successfully defended an Australian Open title – having done so in 2011-13 (2 successful defences), 2015-16 and 2019-20.

Historically, defending men's singles champions have had greater success at retaining the title at Roland Garros and Wimbledon (19 successful title defences at both events in the Open Era), with the Australian Open 3rd ahead of the US Open (12).

The three-peat

If Djokovic wins today and wins his 3rd consecutive title here, it will be the 2nd time in his career that he has won 3 consecutive Australian Open titles – he also won 3 straight titles here in 2011-13. He is one of 3 players to have recorded a streak of 3 consecutive titles here – alongside Jack Crawford, who won 3 straight titles in 1931-33, and Roy Emerson, who won 5 straight titles in 1963-67.

The Djokovic-Nadal duopoly

Between them, Djokovic and Nadal have won 9 of the last 10 Grand Slam titles (since 2018 Roland Garros), with Dominic Thiem the only other player to have won a major title in that time – Thiem claimed his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year. Djokovic has won 5 major titles in that time, with Nadal claiming 4 major titles.

Closing in on a first title

Eight active male singles players have won Grand Slam titles – Federer and Nadal (both 20 Grand Slam titles), Djokovic (17), Murray and Stan Wawrinka (both 3), and Marin Cilic, Juan Martin del Potro and Thiem (all one).

Medvedev is one of 6 active players to have reached a Grand Slam men's singles final but who are yet to win their first Grand Slam titles.

If he wins today, Medvedev will become the 12th man in the Open Era to win his first Grand Slam at the Australian Open – and the first since Wawrinka won his first Grand Slam title here in 2014.

Active players to have reached Grand Slam men's singles finals without winning a title

Player	Grand Slam finals reached	Result
Kevin Anderson	2017 US Open 2018 Wimbledon	l. Rafael Nadal 63 63 64 l. Novak Djokovic 62 62 76(3)
Daniil Medvedev	2019 US Open **2021 Australian Open**	l. Rafael Nadal 75 63 57 46 64 **v Novak Djokovic**
Kei Nishikori	2014 US Open	l. Marin Cilic 63 63 63
Milos Raonic	2016 Wimbledon	l. Andy Murray 64 76(3) 76(2)
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	2008 Australian Open	l. Novak Djokovic 46 64 63 76(2)
Alexander Zverev	2020 US Open	l. Dominic Thiem 26 46 64 63 76(6)

Australian Open final appearances

By reaching the final here for a 9th time, Djokovic has extended his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances.

Most Australian Championships/Open finals (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	**9**
John Bromwich	7
Jack Crawford	7
Roy Emerson	7
Roger Federer	**7**

By reaching his first final here, Medvedev has become the 9th active player to reach an Australian Open men's singles final. Medvedev is the 54th man in the Open Era – and the 103rd in history – to reach the final here.

Most Australian Open final appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	**9**
Roger Federer	7
Andy Murray	5
Rafael Nadal	5
Marin Cilic	1
Daniil Medvedev	**1**
Dominic Thiem	1
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	1
Stan Wawrinka	1

Grand Slam final appearances

By reaching his 28th Grand Slam final, Djokovic has equalled Nadal in 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles finals reached.

Most Grand Slam men's singles finals (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	31
Novak Djokovic	**28**
Rafael Nadal	28
Ivan Lendl	19
Pete Sampras	18

By reaching his 2nd Grand Slam final, Medvedev has become the 10th active player to make multiple Grand Slam final appearances.

Most Grand Slam final appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	31
Novak Djokovic	**28**
Rafael Nadal	28
Andy Murray	11
Dominic Thiem	4
Stan Wawrinka	4
Marin Cilic	3
Kevin Anderson	2
Juan Martin del Potro	2
Daniil Medvedev	**2**
Kei Nishikori	1
Milos Raonic	1
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	1
Alexander Zverev	1

2021 leaders

Medvedev leads the Tour in matches won so far this season. Djokovic is bidding to record his 9th match-win of the season and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Tour-level matches won in 2021.

Most Tour-level matches won (2021)

Rank	Player	Tour-level win-loss
1.	**Daniil Medvedev**	**10-0**
2=	Matteo Berrettini	8-2
	Novak Djokovic	**8-0**
	Andrey Rublev	8-1
5=	Felix Auger-Aliassime	7-2
	Alex de Minaur	7-3
	Stefano Travaglia	7-3

Djokovic is joint-top of the list for most Tour-level matches won since the beginning of the 2020 season, with Medvedev in 3rd place on the list.

Most Tour-level matches won (2020-21)

Rank	Player	Tour-level win-loss
1=	**Novak Djokovic**	**49-5**
	Andrey Rublev	49-11
3.	**Daniil Medvedev**	**38-10**
4.	Stefanos Tsitsipas	35-15
5.	Alexander Zverev	33-14

Winning streaks

Medvedev is bidding to extend a 20-match Tour-level winning streak. He has not lost a Tour-level match since falling to Kevin Anderson in the quarterfinals at Vienna last October. Since then he won the titles at Paris-1000 and the ATP Finals without losing a match, won 4 matches during Russia's ATP Cup victory earlier this month and won the 6 matches he has contested at the Australian Open. It is the longest Tour-level winning streak of his career, surpassing the 12 consecutive matches he won in winning the title at Cincinnati-1000 through to finishing runner-up at the US Open in 2019.

By defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the semifinals for his 20th consecutive victory, Medvedev became the 25th man in the Open Era to record a Tour-level winning streak of 20 matches. He is one of 6 active players to have achieved the feat – after Del Potro, Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal.

Medvedev's current winning streak is the longest Tour-level winning streak since Djokovic recorded 29 consecutive victories from the 2019 Davis Cup Finals through the 3rd round at the 2020 US Open. Djokovic has recorded streaks of 20 or more consecutive victories on 6 occasions.

Beating the Top 10

Djokovic is bidding to extend an 11-match winning streak against Top 10 opposition at the Australian Open. He has not lost to a Top 10 opponent here since falling to No. 8 Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals in 2014. He has a 22-5 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Australian Open, a 54-28 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams and a 217-100 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Medvedev is bidding to extend a 12-match winning streak against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level. Since falling to No. 3 Thiem in the semifinals at the US Open last year, he has won all 11 matches he has played against Top 10 players – including his victories against No. 8 Andrey Rublev and No. 6 Tsitsipas in his last 2 matches here. He has a 21-19 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition overall.

During Medvedev's current winning streak against Top 10 opposition, he has recorded at least one victory against 8 of the other 9 current members of the Top 10 – with Federer, who has not competed since January 2020, the only Top 10 player he has not faced in that time.

Medvedev is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the 4th time. He has a 3-3 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at the Grand Slams, with his 3 victories coming against No. 3 Stan Wawrinka in the 1st round at 2017 Wimbledon, and against both No. 8 Rublev in the quarterfinals and No. 6 Tsitsipas in the semifinals here this year.

Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 4-3

2017	Davis Cup	Hard (I)	WG1R	Djokovic	36 64 61 1-0 ret.
2017	Eastbourne	Grass (O)	SF	Djokovic	64 64
2019	**Australian Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R16**	**Djokovic**	**64 67(5) 62 63**
2019	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	QF	Medvedev	63 46 62
2019	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Medvedev	36 63 63
2020	ATP Cup	Hard (O)	SF	Djokovic	61 57 64
2020	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Medvedev	63 63

An 8th meeting for Djokovic and Medvedev, their 6th on a hard court and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Djokovic leads their overall head-to-head (4-3), their hard court head-to-head (3-2) and won their only previous meeting at the Grand Slams, a 4-set victory in the round of 16 here in 2019.

Medvedev has won 3 of the pair's last 4 meetings, with Djokovic's only victory against Medvedev in that time coming in the 2nd match of Serbia's victory over Russia in the semifinals at the 2020 ATP Cup.

Medvedev is bidding to become the 11th player to record 4 or more Tour-level match-wins against Djokovic – after Nadal (27 Tour-level victories against Djokovic), Federer (23), Murray (11), Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Wawrinka (both 6), David Ferrer, Andy Roddick and Dominic Thiem (all 5), and Del Potro (4). Of the 10 players who have recorded 4 or more match-wins against Djokovic, only Roddick has a positive win-loss record against Djokovic, with Djokovic leading the head-to-head against the other 9 players on that list.

Medvedev has a 3-2 win-loss record against world No. 1s – all 3 of his victories against No. 1-ranked players have come against Djokovic. He lost his only previous meeting with a world No. 1 at the Grand Slams, falling to Djokovic in the round of 16 here in 2019.

Road to the final

DJOKOVIC	Time		Time	MEDVEDEV
d. Jeremy Chardy 63 61 62	1:31	1st round	1:47	d. Vasek Pospisil 62 62 64
d. Frances Tiafoe 63 67(3) 76(2) 63	3:30	2nd round	1:44	d. Roberto Carballes Baena 62 75 61
d. No. 27 Taylor Fritz 76(1) 64 36 46 62	3:25	3rd round	3:06	d. No. 28 Filip Krajinovic 63 63 46 36 60
d. No. 14 Milos Raonic 76(4) 46 61 64	2:56	Round of 16	1:29	d. Mackenzie McDonald 64 62 63
d. No. 6 Alexander Zverev 67(6) 62 64 76(6)	3:30	Quarterfinals	2:05	d. No. 7 Andrey Rublev 75 63 62
d. (Q) Aslan Karatsev 63 64 62	1:53	Semifinals	2:09	d. No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas 64 62 75
total time on court	16:45	*(Infosys time)*	12:20	total time on court

DJOKOVIC	v	MEDVEDEV
33	**Age**	25
6'2''/1.88m	**Height**	6'6''/1.98m
1	**ATP Ranking**	4
$145,861,177	**Career Prize Money (USD)**	$14,707,309
81	**Titles**	9
Won 17 titles	**Best Grand Slam Result**	Final 19 US Open, 21 Aus Open
302-45	**Career Grand Slam Record**	31-15
Won 8 titles	**Best Australian Open Result**	Final 2021
81-8	**Australian Open Record**	13-4
942-192	**Career Record**	170-86
612-114	**Career Record - Hard**	142-56
8-0	**2021 Record**	10-0
8-0	**2021 Record - Hard**	10-0
33-10	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-6
4	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
266-143	**Career Tiebreak Record**	53-36
4-3	**2021 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to win his 9th Australian Open title and extend his all-time record for most men's singles titles here.

Most Australian Championships/Open men's singles titles (all-time)

Player	No. of title
Novak Djokovic	**9??**
Roy Emerson	6
Roger Federer	6
Andre Agassi	4
Jack Crawford	4
Ken Rosewall	4

- Djokovic is also bidding to win his **18th Grand Slam title** and close the gap on Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam men's singles titles.

Most Grand Slam men's singles titles (all-time)

Player	No. of titles
Roger Federer	20
Rafael Nadal	20
Novak Djokovic	**18??**
Pete Sampras	14
Roy Emerson	12

- Djokovic is bidding to become the **2nd man in history to win at least 9 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who has won 13 titles at Roland Garros. Federer, who has won 8 titles at Wimbledon, is the only other player to have won at least 8 men's singles titles at a single Grand Slam event.

Most men's singles titles at the same Grand Slam tournament (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam	Titles won	Years
Rafael Nadal	Roland Garros	13	2005-08, 2010-2014, 2017-20
Novak Djokovic	**Australian Open**	**9??**	**2008, 2011-13, 2015-16, 2019-20, 2021??**
Roger Federer	Wimbledon	8	2003-07, 2009, 2012, 2017
Bill Larned	US Championships	7	1901-02, 1907-11*
William Renshaw	Wimbledon	7	1881-86, 1889
Pete Sampras	Wimbledon	7	1993-95, 1997-2000
Richard Sears	US Championships	7	1881-87*
Bill Tilden	US Championships	7	1920-25, 1929

- Djokovic is aiming to become the **first man in the Open Era to win 3 Australian Open titles after turning 30**. Having won 2 titles here since his 30th birthday, Djokovic is one of 4 men to have won multiple Australian Open titles after turning 30 – alongside Federer, Andre Agassi and Ken Rosewall. By reaching the final here, he has become the first man in the Open Era to reach 3 Australian Open finals after turning 30.

Players aged 30+ to win the Australian Open men's singles title (Open Era)

Player	Age	Year	Result in final
Ken Rosewall	37 years 62 days	1972	d. Mal Anderson 76(2) 63 75
Roger Federer	36 years 173 days	2018	d. Marin Cilic 62 67(5) 63 36 61
Ken Rosewall	36 years 73 days	1971	d. Arthur Ashe 61 75 63
Roger Federer	35 years 174 days	2017	d. Rafael Nadal 64 36 61 36 63
Novak Djokovic??	**33 years 275 days**	**2021??**	**v Daniil Medvedev**
Andre Agassi	32 years 272 days	2003	d. Rainer Schuettler 62 62 61
Novak Djokovic	**32 years 256 days**	**2020**	**d. Dominic Thiem 64 46 26 63 64**
Novak Djokovic	**31 years 250 days**	**2019**	**d. Rafael Nadal 63 62 63**
Andre Agassi	30 years 274 days	2001	d. Arnaud Clement 64 62 62
John Newcombe	30 years 223 days	1975	d. Jimmy Connors 75 36 64 76(7)
Rod Laver	30 years 171 days	1969	d. Andres Gimeno 63 64 75
Petr Korda	30 years 9 days	1998	d. Marcelo Rios 62 62 62

- Djokovic is also bidding to win his **6th Grand Slam title since turning 30** and equal Nadal's Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles won after the age of 30. He is through to his 7th Grand Slam final

since turning 30. Federer, Nadal and Rosewall, who have all reached 8 Grand Slam finals after turning 30, are the only men in the Open Era to reach more Grand Slam finals after their 30th birthdays than Djokovic.

Players aged 30+ to win multiple Grand Slam men's singles titles (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam titles won aged 30+
Novak Djokovic	**6?? (2018-19 Wimbledon; 2018 US Open; 2019-20 Australian Open, 2021 Australian Open??)**
Rafael Nadal	6 (2017-20 Roland Garros; 2017, 2019 US Open)
Roger Federer	4 (2012, 2017 Wimbledon; 2017-18 Australian Open)
Rod Laver	4 (1969 Australian Open, 1969 Roland Garros, 1969 Wimbledon, 1969 US Open)
Ken Rosewall	4 (1968 Roland Garros, 1970 US Open, 1971-72 Australian Open)
Andre Agassi	2 (2001, 2003 Australian Open)
Jimmy Connors	2 (1982-83 US Open)
Stan Wawrinka	2 (2015 Roland Garros, 2016 US Open)

- Djokovic is bidding to win his **82nd Tour-level singles title**. He is in 5th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level men's singles titles won.

Most Tour-level titles (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles
Jimmy Connors	109
Roger Federer	103
Ivan Lendl	95
Rafael Nadal	86
Novak Djokovic	**82??**

- Djokovic has **won all 8 Australian Open finals he has previously contested**. He has won 5 of the last 6 Grand Slam finals he has contested, with his defeat to Nadal in the final at Roland Garros last year ending a 5-match winning streak in Grand Slam finals. He has a 17-10 win-loss record Grand Slam finals overall.

Djokovic's record in Grand Slam finals

Grand Slam	Result in final
2007 US Open	l. Roger Federer 76(4) 76(2) 64
2008 Australian Open	**d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 46 64 63 76(2)**
2010 US Open	l. Rafael Nadal 64 57 64 62
2011 Australian Open	**d. Andy Murray 64 62 63**
2011 Wimbledon	d. Rafael Nadal 64 61 16 63
2011 US Open	d. Rafael Nadal 62 64 67(3) 61
2012 Australian Open	**d. Rafael Nadal 57 64 62 67(5) 75**
2012 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 64 63 26 75
2012 US Open	l. Andy Murray 76(10) 75 26 36 62
2013 Australian Open	**d. Andy Murray 67(2) 76(3) 63 62**
2013 Wimbledon	l. Andy Murray 64 75 64
2013 US Open	l. Rafael Nadal 62 36 64 61
2014 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 36 75 62 64
2014 Wimbledon	d. Roger Federer 67(7) 64 76(4) 57 64
2015 Australian Open	**d. Andy Murray 76(5) 67(4) 63 60**
2015 Roland Garros	l. Stan Wawrinka 46 64 63 64
2015 Wimbledon	d. Roger Federer 76(1) 67(10) 64 63
2015 US Open	d. Roger Federer 64 57 64 64
2016 Australian Open	**d. Andy Murray 61 75 76(3)**
2016 Roland Garros	d. Andy Murray 36 61 62 64
2016 US Open	l. Stan Wawrinka 67(1) 64 75 63
2018 Wimbledon	d. Kevin Anderson 62 62 76(3)
2018 US Open	d. Juan Martin del Potro 63 76(4) 63
2019 Australian Open	**d. Rafael Nadal 63 64 62**
2019 Wimbledon	d. Roger Federer 76(5) 16 76(4) 46 13-12(3)
2020 Australian Open	**d. Dominic Thiem 64 46 26 63 64**
2020 Roland Garros	l. Rafael Nadal 60 62 75
2021 Australian Open	**v Daniil Medvedev**

- Djokovic is bidding to record his **303rd Grand Slam match-win**. By defeating Milos Raonic in the round of 16 here, he became the 2nd player to record 300 Grand Slam men's singles match-wins, after Federer.

Most Grand Slam men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Grand Slam win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	362-59
2.	**Novak Djokovic**	**302-45**
3.	Rafael Nadal	286-40
4.	Jimmy Connors	233-49
5.	Andre Agassi	224-53

- Djokovic is also bidding to record his **82nd Australian Open match-win** and close the gap on Federer at the top of the list for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins.

Most Australian Open men's singles match-wins (Open Era)

Rank	Player	Australian Open win-loss
1.	Roger Federer	102-15
2.	**Novak Djokovic**	**81-8**
3.	Rafael Nadal	65-14
4.	Stefan Edberg	56-10
5=	Andre Agassi	48-5
	Ivan Lendl	48-10
	Andy Murray	48-13

- The Australian Open is Djokovic's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of titles won, matches won and finals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
Australian Open	**9??**	**81-8**	**9**
Roland Garros	1	74-15	5
Wimbledon	5	72-10	6
US Open	3	75-12	8

- By reaching his **9th Australian Open final**, Djokovic has extended his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance.

- By reaching his **28th Grand Slam final**, Djokovic has equalled Nadal in 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles final appearances in history. Federer, who has made 31 Grand Slam final appearances, is the only man to have reached more Grand Slam finals than Djokovic. This is Djokovic's 63rd Grand Slam appearance.

- By defeating Aslan Karatsev in the semifinals here, Djokovic maintained his **unbeaten record in Australian Open semifinals**, having won all 9 semifinals he has contested here. He has also won 14 of the last 15 Grand Slam semifinals he has contested, with his only defeat in a Grand Slam semifinal in that time coming against Dominic Thiem at Roland Garros last year. He has a 28-11 win-loss record in Grand Slam semifinals overall.

- Djokovic's victory against Taylor Fritz in the 3rd round here was his 33rd victory in a 5-set match. He is in **joint-3rd place on the all-time list for most 5-set matches won**, alongside Marin Cilic and Pete Sampras.

Most 5-set matches won (all-time)

Player	5-set match win-loss
Ilie Nastase	38-19
Ivan Lendl	36-22
Marin Cilic	33-17
Novak Djokovic	**33-10**
Pete Sampras	33-15

- Djokovic's victory against Fritz in the 3rd round here was his 30th victory in a 5-set match at the Grand Slams, equalling Federer's **record for most 5-set matches won at the Grand Slams**. He has a 7-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open. (see table overleaf)

Most 5-set matches won at the Grand Slams (all-time)

Player	5-set match win-loss
Novak Djokovic	**30-9**
Roger Federer	30-17
Pete Sampras	29-9
Marin Cilic	27-12
Lleyton Hewitt	26-19

- Djokovic has dropped 5 sets during his opening 6 matches here – is is the **highest-number of sets he has dropped prior to the final in the 28 occasions where he has reached the final at a Grand Slam**. Prior to this tournament, the highest-number of sets he had dropped when reaching a Grand Slam final was 4, which happened on 3 occasions – at the 2010 US Open, 2012 Roland Garros and 2014 Wimbledon.

- **Last year here**, Djokovic defeated Thiem in 5 sets in the final to win his 8th Australian Open title. He claimed sole ownership of the all-time record for most Australian titles, ahead of Roy Emerson and Federer, after defeating Nadal in the final here in 2019. He also won the title here in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).

- Djokovic is a **17-time Grand Slam champion**. In addition to his 8 titles here, he has also won 5 titles at Wimbledon (2011, 2014-15 and 2018-19), 3 titles at the US Open (2011, 2015 and 2018) and one title at Roland Garros (2016).

- **Elsewhere at Grand Slams in 2020**, Djokovic reached his 5th final at Roland Garros, but fell to Nadal 60 62 75. It was the first time that Djokovic had lost a set 60 in a Grand Slam final. He reached the round of 16 at the US Open but was defaulted during the first set of his match against Pablo Carreno Busta.

- **Also in 2020**, Djokovic won the titles at Dubai (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Raonic) and Rome-1000 (d. Diego Schwartzman). By winning the title at Cincinnati, he became the first player to win Masters-1000 events in 3 different decades and the first player to win all 9 Masters-1000 events on at least 2 occasions. He also reached the semifinals at the ATP Finals (l. Thiem) and the quarterfinals at Vienna (l. Lorenzo Sonego).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Djokovic represented Serbia at the ATP Cup. He won both singles matches he contested, defeating Canada's Denis Shapovalov and Germany's Alexander Zverev.

- Djokovic **is guaranteed to remain at No. 1 when the new rankings are published on Monday** regardless of the result in tonight's match. He has been ranked at No. 1 since winning the title here last year.

- Djokovic will claim ownership of the **record for most weeks as world No. 1** when he spends his 311th week as No. 1 on Monday 8 March – surpassing Federer's record of 310 weeks.

- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004. He won all 3 of the singles matches he contested as Serbia reached the quarterfinals at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals in Madrid, improving to a 34-7 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches. Serbia were awarded a wild card for the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been postponed to 2021.

- Djokovic is coached by Marian Vajda and Goran Ivanisevic, who reached the quarterfinals here in 1989, 1994 and 1997.

- **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to become the 3rd Russian man to win a Grand Slam singles title – after Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin.

Russian Grand Slam men's singles champions (all-time)

Player	Grand Slam titles won
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	2 (1996 Roland Garros, 2000 Australian Open)
Marat Safin	2 (2000 US Open, 2005 Australian Open)
Daniil Medvedev	**1?? (2021 Australian Open??)**

- At 25 years 10 days, Medvedev is bidding to become the **youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here aged 24 years 252 days in 2012. By reaching the final, he has become the youngest Australian Open men's singles finalist since Djokovic in 2012.

- Medvedev is bidding to win his **10th Tour-level singles title** and equal Mikhail Youzhny in 4th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level men's singles titles won by a Russian man. He would also become the 17th active player to win 10 or more Tour-level titles.

Most Tour-level titles won by a Russian man (Open Era)

Player	Tour-level titles
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	26
Nikolay Davydenko	21
Marat Safin	15
Daniil Medvedev	**10??**
Mikhail Youzhny	10

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

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Finals reached
Australian Open	**1??**	**13-4**	**1**
Roland Garros	0	0-4	0
Wimbledon	0	5-3	0
US Open	0	13-4	1

- By reaching the final here, Medvedev has become the **3rd Russian man in history to reach the Australian Open final** – after Kafelnikov, who reached the final here in 1999-2000, and Safin, who reached the final here in 2002, 2004 and 2005.

- By reaching his 2nd Grand Slam final, Medvedev has also become the **3rd Russian man in history to reach multiple Grand Slam finals** – after Safin, who reached a total of 4 Grand Slam finals, and Kafelnikov, who reached 3 Grand Slam finals.

- By reaching the final here, Medvedev has equalled his **best Grand Slam performance**. He also reached the final at the 2019 US Open, where he fell to Rafael Nadal in 5 sets. He became the first Russian man to contest a Grand Slam final since Safin at the 2005 Australian Open. This is his 16th Grand Slam overall.

- By reaching the final, Medvedev has also recorded his **best Australian Open performance**. His previous best performances here were reaching the round of 16 in 2019 (l. Djokovic) and last year (l. Stan Wawrinka). This is his 5th Australian Open appearance.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2020**, Medvedev reached the semifinals at the US Open (l. Dominic Thiem) but fell to Marton Fucsovics in the 1st round at Roland Garros.

- Medvedev **won back-to-back titles to finish the 2020 season** – at Paris-1000 (d. Alexander Zverev) and the ATP Finals (d. Thiem). At the ATP Finals he defeated No. 1 Djokovic in the group stages before defeating No. 2 Nadal in the semifinals and No. 3 Thiem in the final to become the first player in the event's history to defeat the Top 3.

- Medvedev's **other highlights in 2020** were reaching the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Gilles Simon), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and Vienna (l. Kevin Anderson).

- Prior to the Australian Open Medvedev **helped Russia to victory at the ATP Cup**, with the team defeating Italy in the final to win the 2nd edition of the competition. He won all 4 matches he contested at the event, defeating Argentina's Diego Schwartzman, Japan's Kei Nishikori, Germany's Zverev and Italy's Matteo Berrettini.

- Medvedev's 5-set victory against Filip Krajinovic in the 3rd round here was his **first victory in a 5-set match**. He had previously lost all 6 five-set matches he had contested at Tour-level – including the only 5-set match he had contested at the Australian Open prior to this year, when he fell to Wawrinka in the round of 16 last year.

- By reaching the semifinals here, Medvedev is projected to rise to a **new career-high ranking of No. 3** when the new rankings are published on Monday. He will rise to No. 2 if he wins the title here – becoming the first player apart from Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray or Nadal to have been ranked in the Top 2 since the week of 18 July 2005, when Lleyton Hewitt was ranked No. 2 behind Federer.

- Medvedev's **previous career-high ranking** was No. 4. He first reached No. 4 after his runner-up finish at the 2019 US Open and has played here this year at the same ranking.

- Medvedev reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 13 in January 2014. His best performance in the boys' singles here was reaching the 2nd round in 2013 (d. Hong Seong Chan, l. Nikola Milojevic).

- Medvedev made his **Davis Cup** debut in February 2017 and has a 4-3 win-loss record in the competition. He was nominated for the Russian team for the 2019 Davis Cup Finals, but withdrew from the team due to fatigue prior to the competition. As semifinalists in 2019, Russia have secured a place at the 2020 Davis Cup Finals, which have been rearranged for 2021.

- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.