


# 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN
# DAY 2 MEN'S NOTES
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**On court today…**

- 2021 Australian Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev returns to Rod Laver Arena today, with the world No. 2 taking on Switzerland's Henri Laaksonen in the 3rd match of the day. Medvedev is the highest-ranked player in the draw following Novak Djokovic's withdrawal and will know that he has an excellent opportunity to become the first Russian man to win the title here since Marat Safin in 2005. After winning his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year, he could also become the first man in the Open Era to win his 2nd major title on his next Grand Slam appearance. Laaksonen must record his first victory against a Top 5 player if he is to progress today.

- Two-time Australian Open semifinalist Stefanos Tsitsipas headlines the night session on RLA this evening, with the No. 4 seed up against Mikael Ymer. Tsitsipas dropped just 6 games when the pair met in the 3rd round here last year, and he will hope for a similarly emphatic performance this evening as he aims to advance to the 2nd round here for the 4th straight year. Like Laaksonen, Ymer is bidding to record his first victory against a Top 5 player in tonight's match.

- Five-time finalist Andy Murray plays his first match here since 2019 on John Cain Arena today, facing Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili for the 2nd time in a week. Murray won the pair's meeting in the 2nd round at Sydney last Wednesday and went on to reach his first Tour-level final since 2019, falling to Aslan Karatsev in the title match. Murray also won the pair's only other previous meeting at Wimbledon last year – and stands to make a piece of history should he record a 3rd victory against the Georgian today. Murray is aiming for his 49th match-win at the Australian Open, which would see him claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most victories here in the Open Era, ahead of Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl.

- Australia's Nick Kyrgios will contest the final match of the day on JCA, with the home favourite taking on British qualifier Liam Broady. Kyrgios has played sporadically since the pandemic hit, but remains capable of competing against the very best in the sport – and will hope for a strong run here this year after a narrow 5-set defeat to then-world No. 3 Dominic Thiem in the 3rd round in 2021. Kyrgios has lost in the 1st round here just once before, and has won his only previous match against a qualifier at the Australian Open, having recorded a comfortable win against qualifier Frederico Ferreira Silva at this stage last year.

# NO. 2 DANIIL MEDVEDEV (RUS) v HENRI LAAKSONEN (SUI)

**Tour-level head-to-head: Medvedev leads 1-0**

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| 2016 | Switzerland F2 Futures | Carpet (I) | QF | Medvedev | 36 63 64 |
| 2019 | Davis Cup Qualifiers | Hard (I) | M1 | Medvedev | 76(8) 67(6) 62 |

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Medvedev and Laaksonen. Medvedev won their only Tour-level meeting, the opening match of Russia's victory over Switzerland in the 2019 Davis Cup Qualifiers, and also won the only time the pair met below Tour-level, at a Futures event in 2016.

Medvedev has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as No. 91 Laaksonen on 3 occasions – to No. 131 Ernesto Escobedo in the 1st round on his Grand Slam debut here in 2017, to No. 266 Benjamin Bonzi in the 1st round at 2017 Roland Garros and to No. 124 Ruben Bemelmans in the 2nd round at 2017 Wimbledon.

| MEDVEDEV | v | LAAKSONEN |
|---|---|---|
| 25 | **Age** | 29 |
| 2 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 91 |
| 14 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 45-18 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 7-9 |
| 13-5 | **Australian Open Record** | 1-2 |
| 223-100 | **Career Record** | 44-60 |
| 183-65 | **Career Record - Hard** | 24-33 |
| 3-1 | **2022 Record** | 1-1 |
| 3-1 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 1-1 |
| 2-7 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 4-1 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 1 |
| 64-49 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 26-27 |
| 1-2 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-0 |

- 2021 runner-up **MEDVEDEV** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 5th consecutive year. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 20th Grand Slam overall.

- Medvedev has **lost in the 1st round here on one previous occasion** – on his Grand Slam debut in 2017, when he fell to Ernesto Escobedo in 4 sets. He has lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 5 other occasions – at Roland Garros in 2017 (l. Benjamin Bonzi), 2018 (l. Lucas Pouille), 2019 (l. Pierre-Hugues Herbert) and 2020 (l. Marton Fucsovics) and at the 2017 US Open (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- Last year here, Medvedev reached his **first Australian Open final**, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets. It was his 2nd appearance in a Grand Slam final, having also reached the final at the 2019 US Open (l. Rafael Nadal). He became the first Russian man to contest the Australian Open final since Marat Safin won the title here in 2005.

- Medvedev **won his first Grand Slam title** at the US Open last year, defeating Djokovic in straight sets. He became the 3rd Russian man in history to win a Grand Slam title – after Yevgeny Kafelnikov (who won the titles at 1996 Roland Garros and 1999 Australian Open) and Safin (2000 US Open, 2005 Australian Open).

- Medvedev is bidding to become the **first man in the Open Era to win a 2nd Grand Slam men's singles title on their next Grand Slam appearance**. He is also bidding to become the 6th player (man or woman) to achieve the feat – and the first since Naomi Osaka won her first 2 Grand Slam titles at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Medvedev reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the round of 16 at Wimbledon (l. Hubert Hurkacz) – his best performance at both events.

- Medvedev's **other 2021 highlights** were winning the titles at Marseille (d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert), Mallorca (d. Sam Querrey) and Toronto-1000 (d. Reilly Opelka). He also finished runner-up at Paris-1000 (l. Djokovic) and the ATP Finals (l. Alexander Zverev), reached the semifinals at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut) and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Pablo Carreno Busta).

- Medvedev topped the list for **most Tour-level match-wins in 2021** with a 63-13 win-loss record for the season – ahead of Zverev (59-15) and Casper Ruud (57-17).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Medvedev represented Russia at the ATP Cup, winning 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as the team reached the semifinals before falling to Canada. He fell to France's Ugo Humbert in his opening singles match of the event, before recording victories against Australia's Alex de Minaur, Italy's Matteo Berrettini and Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime.

- Medvedev won the first **5-set match** of his career at the Australian Open last year, defeating Filip Krajinovic in 5 sets in the 3rd round. He had previously lost all 6 five-set matches he had contested at Tour-level. He has a 1-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches here and a 2-7 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Medvedev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in March last year and plays here 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 led the Russian Tennis Federation team to their **3rd Davis Cup title** last year, winning all 5 matches he contested at the Finals. He has a 9-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. As defending champions, the RTF team have secured their place at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Medvedev is coached by Gilles Cervara.

- **LAAKSONEN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 10th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Laaksonen qualified for the main draw but fell to Salvatore Caruso in the 1st round.

- Laaksonen's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier on his main draw debut here in 2019. He recorded his first Grand Slam match-win by defeating Mirza Basic in the 1st round before falling to Alex de Minaur in 5 sets in the 2nd round.

- Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021, Laaksonen recorded his **best Grand Slam results** by reaching the 3rd round as a qualifier at both Roland Garros (l. Kei Nishikori) and the US Open (l. Peter Gojowczyk). He fell in the 1st round of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Oscar Otte).

- Laaksonen's **best Tour-level result in 2021** was reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Bastad, where he gave a walkover to Casper Ruud due to a groin injury. His only other Tour-level match-wins last season came in his 3rd round finishes at Roland Garros and the US Open, a 2nd round finish at Antwerp (d. Benoit Paire, l. Brandon Nakashima) and in Switzerland's Davis Cup World Group II victory against Estonia, where he defeated both Mattias Siimar and Daniil Glinka.

- Laaksonen also **won his 6th Challenger title** at the 2021 Orleans Challenger (FRA) (d. Dennis Novak). Elsewhere at Challenger-level last year, he finished runner-up at Braunschweig (GER) (l. Daniel Altmaier) and reached the semifinals at Nur-Sultan (KAZ) (l. Mackenzie McDonald) and Helsinki (FIN) (l. Joao Sousa).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Laaksonen reached the 2nd round as a lucky loser at Melbourne (d. Paire, l. Jaume Munar).

- Laaksonen is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time** on his 3rd attempt. He has lost both of his previous matches against Top 5 opposition – falling to No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro in the 1st round at 2013 Basel and to No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the 2nd round at 2019 Roland Garros. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 11 Roberto Bautista Agut in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.

- Laaksonen has won 4 of the five **5-set matches** he has contested. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against De Minaur in the 2nd round here in 2019.

- Laaksonen plays here at a **career-high ranking** of No. 91.

- Laaksonen reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 20 in March 2010. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2009 Roland Garros (l. Daniel Berta). His best result here was reaching the 2nd round (d. Ben McLachlan, l. Adrien Puget) in January 2009.

- Laaksonen has played **Davis Cup** for Switzerland since 2009 and has an 14-14 overall win-loss record in the competition. Switzerland host Lebanon in the 2022 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in March.

- Laaksonen is coached by Olli Leppanen

# NO. 4 STEFANOS TSITSIPAS (GRE) v MIKAEL YMER (SWE)

**Head-to-head: Tsitsipas leads 2-0**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2020 | Marseille | Hard (I) | R16 | Tsitsipas | 61 63 |
| **2021** | **Australian Open** | **Hard (O)** | **R32** | **Tsitsipas** | **64 61 61** |

A 3rd meeting for Tsitsipas and Ymer, and their 2nd at consecutive Australian Opens, with Tsitsipas having dropped just 6 games in a straight-sets victory when the pair met in the 3rd round here last year.

Tsitsipas has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 86 Ymer once before – against No. 89 Thomas Fabbiano in the 1st round at 2019 Wimbledon. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Tsitsipas at the Australian Open is No. 50 Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round here in 2018.

| TSITSIPAS | v | YMER |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | **Age** | 23 |
| 4 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 86 |
| 8 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 33-17 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 7-8 |
| 10-4 | **Australian Open Record** | 3-2 |
| 193-96 | **Career Record** | 39-46 |
| 123-67 | **Career Record - Hard** | 25-29 |
| 1-1 | **2022 Record** | 2-1 |
| 1-1 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 2-1 |
| 6-6 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 5-1 |
| 2 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 82-62 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 7-18 |
| 1-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-1 |

- **TSITSIPAS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th straight year. This is his 5th Australian Open and his 18th Grand Slam overall.

- Tsitsipas has **lost in the 1st round here once before** – on his Australian Open debut in 2018, when he fell to Denis Shapovalov in straight sets.

- Last year here, Tsitsipas equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the semifinals. He recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Rafael Nadal in 5 sets in the quarterfinals before falling to Daniil Medvedev in straight sets in the last 4. He also reached the semifinals here in 2019, when he defeated Roger Federer in the round of 16 and Roberto Bautista Agut in the quarterfinals before falling to Nadal in the semifinals.

- Tsitsipas reached his **first Grand Slam final** at Roland Garros last year, falling to Novak Djokovic in 5 sets in the final despite holding a 2-0 lead. He became the first Greek player in history to reach a Grand Slam final and, at 22 years 305 days, also became the youngest Grand Slam finalist since Andy Murray (22 years 261 days) at the 2010 Australian Open.

- At 23 years 171 days, Tsitsipas is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Nadal won the title here in 2009 aged 22 years 243 days. Tsitsipas would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Juan Martin del Potro won the title at the 2009 US Open aged 20 years 355 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Tsitsipas reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he fell to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets, and fell to Frances Tiafoe in straight sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon.

- Tsitsipas' **best result in 2021** was winning his first Masters-1000 title at Monte Carlo-1000 (d. Andrey Rublev). He also won the title at Lyon (d. Cameron Norrie) and finished runner-up at Acapulco (l. Alexander Zverev), Barcelona (l. Nadal) and Roland Garros. In addition to his semifinal finish here last year, he also reached the semifinals at Rotterdam (l. Rublev), Toronto-1000 (l. Reilly Opelka) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Zverev).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Tsitsipas represented Greece at the ATP Cup. He fell to Argentina's Diego Schwartzman in his first singles match, before winning his 2nd singles match when Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili retired due to breathing difficulties while trailing 4-1.

- Tsitsipas contested his first 2 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open last year, defeating Thanasi Kokkinakis in the 2nd round and Nadal in the quarterfinals. He has a 7-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Tsitsipas reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in August last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 4.

- Tsitsipas is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles here in 2015 (l. Jurabek Karimov) and 2016 (l. De Minaur). His best result at a junior Grand Slam was reaching the semifinals of the boys' singles at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Shapovalov) and at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).

- Tsitsipas made his **Davis Cup** debut in September 2019 and has won all 6 singles matches he has contested in the competition since then. Greece will play at home to Jamaica in the 2022 World Group II Play-offs in March.

- Tsitsipas is coached by his father, Apostolos Tsitsipas.

- **YMER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd straight year. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Ymer recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the 3rd round, becoming the first Swedish man to reach the 3rd round at a Grand Slam since Robin Soderling at 2011 Wimbledon. He defeated Hubert Hurkacz and Carlos Alcaraz before falling to Tsitsipas. He also reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros last year, defeating Roberto Carballes Baena and Gael Monfils before falling to Jannik Sinner.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Ymer reached the 2nd round at Wimbledon (d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (Jenson Brooksby).

- Ymer's **best result in 2021** was finishing runner-up at Winston-Salem (l. Ilya Ivashka), where he became the first Swedish man to reach a Tour-level final since Soderling at 2011 Bastad. He also reached the quarterfinals at Gstaad (l. Vit Kopriva) and Kitzbuhel (l. Capser Ruud).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Ymer reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide I, defeating Benjamin Bonzi and Soonwoo Kwon before falling to Thanasi Kokkinakis.

- Ymer is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time** on his 4th attempt. He has lost all 3 of his previous matches against Top 5 opposition – falling to No. 5 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at 2019 Roland Garros, to No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros and to No. 2 Daniil Medvedev at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 15 Monfils in the 2nd round at Roland Garros last year.

- Ymer broke the Top 100 for the first time in September 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 67 in March 2020. He plays here at No. 86.

- Ymer has won 5 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested – his only defeat in a 5-set match came against Karen Khachanov in the 2nd round here in 2020. He has won the only other 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Hurkacz in 5 sets in the 1st round last year.

- Ymer's **older brother, Elias**, contested qualifying here this year but fell to Alejandro Tabilo in the final round of qualifying.

- Ymer has **won one Tour-level doubles title**. In 2016, he and brother Elias won the title as a wild card team at Stockholm (d. Mate Pavic/Michael Venus), becoming the first Swedish pair to win the Stockholm title since Nicklas Kulti/Mikael Tillstrom in 1998.

- Ymer had a **successful junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 and reached the final of the boys' singles at 2015 Wimbledon (l. Reilly Opelka) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the US Open in 2014 (l. Jan Choinski) and 2015 (l. Chung Yunseong). He reached the 2nd round on both of appearances in the boys' singles here – in 2014 (d. Kennosuke Nouchi, l. Matteo Berrettini) and 2015 (d. Blake Ellis, l. Sameer Kumar).

- Ymer has played **Davis Cup** for Sweden since 2015 and has a 12-6 win-loss in the competition. He won one of the 3 singles matches he contested as Sweden reached the quarterfinals at the Davis Cup by Rakuten Finals 2021. Sweden will host Japan in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Ymer is coached by Frederik Nielsen and Kalle Norberg.

# NO. 5 ANDREY RUBLEV (RUS) v GIANLUCA MAGER (ITA)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Rublev has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low No. 65 Mager twice before – when he fell to No. 81 Mackenzie McDonald in the 1st round here in 2019 and when he fell to No. 65 Sam Querrey in the 2nd round at 2019 Wimbledon.

| RUBLEV | v | MAGER |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | **Age** | 27 |
| 6 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 65 |
| 9 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 32-17 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 2-6 |
| 10-5 | **Australian Open Record** | 0-1 |
| 182-111 | **Career Record** | 24-33 |
| 137-83 | **Career Record - Hard** | 9-15 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Record** | 2-2 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 2-2 |
| 3-6 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 0-2 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 57-67 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 16-17 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-0 |

- **RUBLEV** is contesting his 50th Grand Slam match today.

- Rublev is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. He has **lost in the 1st round at a Grand Slam on 5 occasions** – including here in 2019, when he fell to Mackenzie McDonald in 4 sets in the 1st round. This is his 5th Australian Open and his 14th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Rublev equalled his **best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Daniil Medvedev). He also reached the quarterfinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Rafael Nadal) and 2020 (l. Medvedev) and at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).

- **Also in Grand Slam play in 2021**, Rublev reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon and the 3rd round at the US Open, losing 5-set matches to Marton Fucsovics and Frances Tiafoe, respectively, but fell to Jan-Lennard Struff (also in 5 sets) in the 1st round at Roland Garros. He has a 3-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall, but won the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, against David Ferrer in the 1st round in 2018.

- At 24 years 102 days, Rublev is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2011 aged 23 years 253 days. He would also become the youngest Grand Slam champion since Djokovic won the title at 2011 Wimbledon aged 24 years 42 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- Rublev's **best result in 2021** was winning his 8th Tour-level at Rotterdam (d. Fucsovics). He reached his first 2 Masters-1000 finals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Tsitsipas) and Cincinnati-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev), and also finished runner-up at Halle (l. Ugo Humbert). He reached the semifinals at Doha (l. Roberto Bautista Agut), Dubai (l. Aslan Karatsev), Miami-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and San Diego (l. Cameron Norrie).

- Rublev **withdrew from the Russian team for the ATP Cup** after testing positive for Covid-19 in late December. He is one of 14 players in the men's draw to have not contested an event prior to the Australian Open this year.

- Rublev reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 5 in September last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 6.

- Rublev is a **former junior world No. 1** having topped the boys' rankings for the first time in June 2014 after winning the boys' singles title at 2014 Roland Garros. He reached the quarterfinals at the 2014 Junior Australian Open (l. Stefan Kozlov) and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles with Kozlov at 2014 Wimbledon. He also won two medals at the Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing later that year, winning

boys' singles bronze and boys' doubles silver with Karen Khachanov. He was named 2014 ITF Junior World Champion.

- Rublev **won Olympic gold in mixed doubles** alongside Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova at Tokyo 2020 last year, with the pair defeating Karatsev/Elena Vesnina in the final. Along with Khachanov, who won men's singles silver, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.

- Rublev was a member of the Russian Tennis Federation team which won their **3rd Davis Cup title** last year, winning 4 of the 5 singles matches and both doubles matches he contested at the Finals. He has a 20-10 win-loss record in the competition overall. As defending champions, the RTF team have secured their place at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Rublev is coached by Fernando Vicente.

- **MAGER** is bidding to record his first Australian Open match-win. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Mager fell to Aslan Karatsev in the 1st round. He competed in qualifying here in 2020, defeating Matthew Ebden before falling to Max Purcell in the 2nd round of qualifying.

- Mager's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Peter Gojowczyk, l. Jannik Sinner) and Wimbledon (d. Juan Ignacio Londero, l. Nick Kyrgios) in 2021.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Mager fell to Jordan Thompson in 5 sets in the 1st round at the US Open. He has lost both 5-set matches he has contested, having also fallen to Miomir Kecmanovic in 5 sets in the 1st round at the 2020 US Open.

- Mager's **best results in 2021** were reaching 4 Tour-level quarterfinals – at Delray Beach (l. Christian Harrison), as a qualifier at Belgrade I (l. Karatsev), and as a direct acceptance at both Kitzbuhel (l. Daniel Altmaier) and Sofia (l. Gael Monfils). He also won his 4th career Challenger title at Marbella (ESP) (d. Jaume Munar).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Mager reached the 2nd round at both Adelaide I (d. Francisco Cerundolo, l. Egor Gerasimov) and Adelaide II (d. Gerasimov, l. Karen Khachanov).

- Mager **won the only match he has previously played against a Top 10 player**. He defeated No. 4 Dominic Thiem in the quarterfinals at 2020 Rio de Janeiro.

- Mager has reached **one Tour-level final** – as a qualifier at 2020 Rio de Janeiro (l. Cristian Garin). He had recorded just 2 Tour-level singles match-wins prior to the tournament.

- Mager ended the 2021 season at a **career-high ranking** of No. 62 after qualifying at both Vienna and Paris-1000. He plays here 3 places lower at No. 65.

- Mager made his **Davis Cup** debut in March 2020, defeating Nam Ji-Sung in Italy's victory over Korea, Republic in the Qualifiers, but was not selected as part of Italy's team for the 2021 Finals. Italy will travel to Slovakia in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers.

- Mager is coached by Matteo Civarolo and Flavio Cipolla.

# NO. 8 CASPER RUUD (NOR) v ALEX MOLCAN (SVK)

## Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

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| 2018 | Seville Challenger (ESP) | Clay (O) | R16 | Molcan | 64 2-0 ret. (hip) |

A first Tour-level meeting for Ruud and Molcan. Molcan won the one match they contested below Tour-level, in the 2nd round at the 2018 Seville Challenger, when Ruud retired in the 2nd set due to a hip injury.

Ruud is bidding to extend a 6-match Tour-level winning streak against lefthanded players. He has not lost to a lefthander since falling to Jiri Vesely in the 2nd round at Melbourne II last year. He has a 15-10 win-loss record against lefthanders at Tour-level overall – but has lost both of his previous meetings with lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, falling to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 2nd round at 2018 Roland Garros and to Guido Pella in the 1st round at the 2018 US Open.

| RUUD | v | MOLCAN |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | **Age** | 24 |
| 8 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 74 |
| 6 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 14-13 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 2-1 |
| 4-3 | **Australian Open Record** | 0-0 |
| 120-71 | **Career Record** | 9-6 |
| 40-38 | **Career Record - Hard** | 4-4 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record** | 2-1 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 2-1 |
| 4-4 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 1-0 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 24-36 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 2-1 |
| 0-1 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-1 |

- **RUUD** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 3rd time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Ruud recorded his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the round of 16, where he retired due to an abdominal injury after the opening 2 sets of his match against Andrey Rublev.

- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play last year**, Ruud reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he defeated Benoit Paire and Kamil Majchrzak before falling to Alejandro Davidovich Fokina in 5 sets, and the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Yuichi Sugita, l. Botic van de Zandschulp), but fell to Jordan Thompson in 5 sets in the 1st round at Wimbledon.

- Ruud **won 5 Tour-level titles in 2021**, leaving him joint-2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles won last season alongside Novak Djokovic and just one behind Alexander Zverev. He won the title at Geneva (d. Denis Shapovalov) in May before becoming the first man to win 3 titles in 3 consecutive weeks since Andy Murray in October 2011 in July-August – winning the titles at Bastad (d. Federico Coria), Gstaad (d. Hugo Gaston) and Kitzbuhel (d. Pedro Martinez). He won his 5th title of the season at San Diego (d. Cameron Norrie).

- **Also in 2021**, Ruud reached the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Rublev), Munich (l. Nikoloz Basilashvili), Madrid-1000 (l. Matteo Berrettini) and the ATP Finals (l. Daniil Medvedev), and the quarterfinals at a further 7 Tour-level events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Ruud represented Norway at the ATP Cup in Sydney, winning 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested as Norway failed to advance from the group stages. He defeated Serbia's Dusan Lajovic and Chile's Cristian Garin but fell to Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

- Ruud has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Quentin Halys in the 1st round in 2018 but falling to Egor Gerasimov in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He has a 4-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- Ruud reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 8 in October last year and plays here at the same ranking. He is the highest-ranked Norwegian player in history, having surpassed his father Christian's career-high ranking of No. 39 after winning his first Tour-level title win at 2020 Buenos Aires.

- Ruud is a **former junior world No. 1**. He reached the top of the boys' world rankings in January 2016, becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the No. 1 ranking. His best result as a junior was winning the title at the Grade A Osaka Mayor's Cup in 2015 (d. Mate Valkusz). He never contested the junior event here.

- Ruud has played **Davis Cup** for Norway since 2015 and has a 20-8 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won all 5 singles matches he contested during the 2020-21 Davis Cup season, helping Norway to record their joint-best performance in the competition by reaching the Qualifiers. Norway will host Kazakhstan in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Ruud is coached by his father, Christian, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997, falling to Goran Ivanisevic in 5 sets.

- Lefthander **MOLCAN** is making his Australian Open debut today. This is his 2nd Grand Slam appearance.

- On his **only previous Grand Slam main draw appearance**, as a qualifier at the US Open last year, Molcan reached the 3rd round, defeating Cem Ilkel and Brandon Nakashima before falling to Diego Schwartzman. His only other appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam came at Wimbledon last year, when he fell to Antoine Hoang in 5 sets – despite holding a 2-0 lead – in the final round of qualifying.

- Molcan's recorded his **first Tour-level match-wins en route to the final at Belgrade II last year**. He qualified for the main draw before defeating Hamad Medjedovic, Pedja Krstin, Fernando Verdasco and Federico Delbonis to reach the final, where he fell to Novak Djokovic in straight sets. He broke the Top 200 for the first time as a result, rising from No. 255 to No. 181.

- Molcan won his **first 2 titles at Challenger-level in 2021** – at Liberec (CZE) (d. Tomas Machac) and Helsinki (FIN) (d. Joao Sousa). He also reached the final at the Prostejov Challenger (CZE) (l. Federico Coria) and the semifinals at 4 other Challenger events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Molcan reached the quarterfinals at Melbourne, defeating Andreas Seppi and David Goffin before falling to Emil Ruusuvuori.

- Molcan is bidding to record his **10th Tour-level match-win**. In addition to his runner-up finish at 2021 Belgrade II, his quarterfinal finish at Melbourne this month and his 3rd round finish at the 2021 US Open, his only other Tour-level match-wins came in a 2nd round finish as a qualifier at 2021 Hamburg (d. Gianluca Mager, l. Dusan Lajovic).

- Molcan is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 opponent for the first time** on his 2nd attempt. His lost his only previous match against a Top 10 player to No. 1 Djokovic in the final at Belgrade II last year. The highest-ranked player he has defeated is No. 39 Goffin in the 2nd round at Melbourne earlier this month.

- Molcan **broke the Top 100 for the first time** after winning the title at the Helsinki Challenger in November 2021. He plays here at a career-high ranking of No. 74.

- Molcan had a **good junior career**. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 18 in March 2015 and competed in the junior events at all 4 Grand Slam events. He reached the 2nd round of the boys' singles here in 2014 (d. Roman Safiullin, l. Petros Chrysochos) but fell in the 1st round in 2015 (l. Taylor Fritz).

- Molcan made his **Davis Cup** debut during Slovakia's victory against Chile in a World Group I tie in September 2021. He lost the opening match of the tie to Cristian Garin in the only match he contested.

- Molcan is coached by Laidislav Simon.

# NO. 9 FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME (CAN) v EMIL RUUSUVUORI (FIN)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

| AUGER-ALIASSIME | v | RUUSUVUORI |
|---|---|---|
| 21 | **Age** | 22 |
| 9 | **ATP Ranking** | 90 |
| 0 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 17-10 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 3-6 |
| 3-2 | **Australian Open Record** | 1-1 |
| 103-78 | **Career Record** | 36-36 |
| 65-51 | **Career Record - Hard** | 31-26 |
| 3-2 | **2022 Record** | 3-1 |
| 3-2 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 3-1 |
| 2-1 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 2-1 |
| 0 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 57-33 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 13-10 |
| 3-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 2-0 |

- **AUGER-ALIASSIME** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 11th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Auger-Aliassime recorded his best **Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 where he fell to Aslan Karatsev in the first 5-set match of his career, despite holding a 2-0 lead. He has won both of his subsequent 5-set matches, defeating Alexander Zverev in the round of 16 at Wimbledon and Roberto Bautista Agut in the 3rd round at the US Open last year.

- Auger-Aliassime recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at the US Open last year, where he reached the semifinals (l. Daniil Medvedev). He became the 3rd Canadian man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam after Milos Raonic and Denis Shapovalov.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Auger-Aliassime reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Matteo Berrettini) but lost in the first round at Roland Garros (l. Andreas Seppi).

- Auger-Aliassime's **best results in 2021** were reaching 2 Tour-level finals – at Melbourne II (l. Daniel Evans) and Stuttgart (l. Marin Cilic). He has reached a total of 8 Tour-level finals but is yet to win a Tour-level title.

- Auger-Aliassime's **other highlights in 2021** were reaching the semifinals at Halle (l. Ugo Humbert) and Stockholm (l. Shapovalov), and the quarterfinals at Acapulco (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas), Barcelona (l. Tsitsipas), Cincinnati (l. Tsitsipas) and Vienna (l. Zverev).

- Prior the Australian Open Auger-Aliassime was a member of the **Canadian team which won the title at the ATP Cup in Sydney**, with the team defeating Spain in the final to win the 3rd edition of the competition. He won 3 of the 5 singles matches he contested – defeating Great Britain's Cameron Norrie, Germany's Zverev and Spain's Bautista Agut, but falling to USA's Taylor Fritz and Russia's Medvedev.

- Auger-Aliassime **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in November 2021, remaining at No.10 for one week before dropping outside again. He became the 3rd Canadian man after Raonic and Shapovalov to reach the Top 10. He re-entered the Top 10 in January this year and plays here at a career-high ranking of No. 9.

- Auger-Aliassime was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at the 2016 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic) and finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Geoffrey Blancaneaux). He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2016, falling to Kenneth Raisma in straight sets. He was also part of Canadian teams that reached back-to-back Junior Davis Cup Finals in 2015-16, defeating Germany to win the title in 2015 but finishing runner-up to Russia in 2016.

- Auger-Aliassime made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019, as the Canadian team reached the final for the first time. He withdrew from the Canadian team at the 2021 Finals due to injury. He has a 1-3 win-loss record in the competition overall. Canada will travel to Netherlands in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Auger-Aliassime is coached by Frederic Fontang and Toni Nadal.

- **RUUSUVUORI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Australian Open for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 7th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, on his Australian Open debut, Ruusuvuori reached the 2nd round. He defeated Gael Monfils in 5 sets before falling to Pedro Martinez.

- Ruusuvuori's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions. In addition to his 2nd round finish here last year, he also reached the 2nd round on his Grand Slam debut at the 2020 US Open, defeating Aljaz Bedene in 5 sets before retiring due to a right leg injury while trailing Casper Ruud 64 63 3-2 in the 2nd round, and again at the US Open last year (d. Kamil Majchrzak, l. Roberto Bautista Agut).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021,** Ruusuvuori lost in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Mackenzie McDonald) and Wimbledon (l. Marcos Giron).

- Ruusuvuori's **best results in 2021** were reaching the semifinals at Atlanta (l. Brandon Nakashima) and Winston-Salem (l. Ilya Ivashka). He also reached the quarterfinals at Nur-Sultan (l. Ivashka) and the round of 16 at Miami-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Ruusuvuori reached the semifinals at Melbourne, defeating Sebastian Baez, Jordan Thompson and Alex Molcan before falling to Rafael Nadal.

- Ruusuvuori is **one of 4 Finnish players to compete in the men's singles main draw at the Australian Open** – after Veli Paloheimo (1989-90), Aki Rahunen (1990-92) and Jarkko Nieminen (2002-15).

- Ruusuvuori is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 3rd time**. He has a 2-3 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition, having defeated No. 5 Dominic Thiem during Finland's 2019 David Cup Europe/Africa Group I defeat to Austria and No.7 Alexander Zverev in the 2nd round at Miami-1000 last year.

- Ruusuvuori reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 66 in August last year. He plays here at No. 90.

- Ruusuvuori was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in November 2017. He reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 US Open (l. Wu Yibing) and the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at the 2017 Australian Open (l. Corentin Moutet). He also defeated Wu to win the title at the 2017 ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu.

- Ruusuvuori has played **Davis Cup** for Finland since 2017 and has a 6-5 win-loss record in the competition. Finland will host Belgium in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Ruusuvuori is coached by Federico Ricci.

# NO. 11 JANNIK SINNER (ITA) v (LL) JOAO SOUSA (POR)

## Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2019 | Halle Qualifying Draw | Grass (O) | R16 | Sousa | 67(6) 63 64 |

A first Tour-level meeting for Sinner and Sousa. Sousa won their only meeting below Tour-level, in the 1st round of qualifying at Halle in 2019.

Sinner has lost Tour-level matches to players ranked as low as No. 140 Sousa on 3 occasions – falling to No. 270 Tristan Lamasine in the 1st round at 2019 Lyon, to No. 309 Jack Draper in the 1st round at 2021 Queen's and to No. 143 Andy Murray in the 2nd round at 2021 Stockholm. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Sinner at a Grand Slam is No. 67 Marton Fucsovics in the 2nd round here in 2020.

| SINNER | v | SOUSA |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | **Age** | 32 |
| 10 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 140 |
| 6 | **Titles** | 3 |
| 11-8 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 25-33 |
| 1-2 | **Australian Open Record** | 8-8 |
| 79-43 | **Career Record** | 198-237 |
| 59-27 | **Career Record - Hard** | 102-127 |
| 3-0 | **2022 Record** | 0-0 |
| 3-0 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 0-0 |
| 2-2 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 9-6 |
| 0 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 29-26 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 78-85 |
| 2-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-0 |

- **SINNER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 2nd time. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 9th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Sinner fell to Denis Shapovalov in the 1st round in the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open to date. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches

- Sinner's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the 2nd round on his debut here in 2020, when he recorded his first Grand Slam match-win by defeating Max Purcell before falling to Marton Fucsovics.

- Sinner recorded his **best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the quarterfinals at 2020 Roland Garros, falling to eventual champion Rafael Nadal in straight sets. Aged 19 years 56 days, he became youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros since Novak Djokovic (19 years 20 days) in 2006 and the youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Bernard Tomic (18 years 255 days) at 2011 Wimbledon.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Sinner reached the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (l. Nadal) and the US Open (l. Alexander Zverev) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics).

- Sinner won **4 Tour-level titles during 2021** – the joint-4th highest number on tour, alongside Daniil Medvedev. Only Zverev (6 Tour-level titles in 2021), and Djokovic and Casper Ruud (both 5) won more titles than Sinner. He won the titles at Melbourne I (d. Stefano Travaglia), Washington (d. Mackenzie McDonald), Sofia (d. Gael Monfils) and Antwerp (d. Diego Schwartzman).

- Sinner's **other highlights in 2021** were reaching his first Masters-1000 final at Miami-1000 (l. Hubert Hurkacz), the semifinals at Barcelona (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Vienna (l. Frances Tiafoe), and the quarterfinals at Marseille (l. Medvedev) and Dubai (l. Aslan Karatsev). He also competed as an alternate at the ATP Finals, winning one of the 2 matches he contested in the group stages.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sinner represented Italy at the ATP Cup in Sydney. He won all 3 singles matches he played as Italy were knocked out in the group stages – defeating Australia's Max Purcell, France's Arthur Rinderknech and Russia's Roman Safiullin.

- Sinner **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in November 2021 and became the youngest man in the year-end Top 10 since Juan Martin del Potro in 2008. He plays here at No. 10 one place lower than his career-high ranking of No. 9.

- 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 is coached by Riccardo Piatti and Andrea Volpini.

- Lucky loser **SOUSA** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 34th Grand Slam overall.

- Sousa defeated Manuel Guinard (FRA) 63 62 and Marc Polmans (AUS) 36 60 64 before falling to Radu Albot (MDA) 64 64 in the final round of **Australian Open qualifying**. He was one of 3 lucky losers to gain entry to the main draw.

- Sousa's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the 3rd round on 3 occasions – in 2015-16, when he fell to Andy Murray on both occasions, and 2019 (l. Kei Nishikori).

- Sousa's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at the 2018 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2019 Wimbledon (l. Rafael Nadal). He is the only Portuguese player, man or woman, to have reached the last 16 at a Grand Slam.

- Sousa **withdrew from the Australian Open last year** after testing positive for Covid-19. It was the first Grand Slam tournament he had missed since 2013 Wimbledon, ending a streak of 28 consecutive appearances at the Grand Slams.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Sousa lost in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Taylor Fritz) and Wimbledon (l. Taylor Fritz). He fell to Paolo Lorenzi in the 1st round of qualifying at the US Open – his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam since 2013 Wimbledon.

- Sousa recorded just **2 Tour-level match-wins in 2021** – in a 2nd round finish at Miami-1000 (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Ugo Humbert) and in Portugal's Davis Cup World Group I defeat to Romania, when he defeated Filip Cristian Jianu but fell to Marius Copil. He lost in the 1st round at the 12 other Tour-level events he contested last year.

- Sousa reached **2 Challenger-level finals in 2021** – at Brest (FRA) (l. Brandon Nakashima) and Helsinki (FIN) (l. Alex Molcan). He also reached the semifinals at the Alicante Challenger (ESP) (l. Constant Lestienne) and reached the quarterfinals at 3 further Challenger events.

- **Prior to competing in Australian Open qualifying**, Sousa attempted to qualify at Melbourne but fell to Maxime Cressy in the 1st round of qualifying.

- Sousa is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 13 of his previous meetings with Top 10 opposition at the Grand Slams, winning just 2 sets in those matches. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at a Grand Slam is No. 12 Pablo Carreno Busta, who retired due to a left thigh injury in the final set of their 2nd round match at the 2018 US Open. He has a 5-33 win-loss record against Top 10 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Sousa has **won 3 Tour-level singles titles**. He became the first Portuguese man to win a Tour-level title when he defeated Julien Benneteau at 2013 Kuala Lumpur. He also won the title at 2015 Valencia (d. Roberto Bautista Agut) before becoming the first Portuguese man to win a Tour-level title on home soil when he defeated Frances Tiafoe in the final at 2018 Estoril.

- Sousa reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 28 in May 2016. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since July 2013 in March last year and dropped as low as No. 182 in October. He plays here at No. 140.

- Sousa has played **Davis Cup** for Portugal since 2008 and has a 37-26 overall win-loss record in the competition. Portugal host Poland in a Davis Cup World Group I Play-off in March.

- Sousa is coached by Frederico Marques.

# NO. 13 DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN (ARG) v FILIP KRAJINOVIC (SRB)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

| SCHWARTZMAN | v | KRAJINOVIC |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | **Age** | 29 |
| 13 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 36 |
| 4 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 48-29 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 11-20 |
| 11-7 | **Australian Open Record** | 5-5 |
| 207-167 | **Career Record** | 103-102 |
| 106-87 | **Career Record - Hard** | 74-68 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record** | 2-1 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 2-1 |
| 6-6 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 4-2 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 1 |
| 54-61 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 31-43 |
| 0-1 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 1-0 |

- **SCHWARTZMAN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 6th straight year. This is his 8th Australian Open and his 30th Grand Slam overall.

- Schwartzman has **lost in the 1st round here on 2 occasions** – on his Australian Open debut in 2015 (l. Kevin Anderson) and in 2016, when he retired due to cramping in the 4th set of his match against John Millman.

- **Last year here**, Schwartzman reached the 3rd round, defeating Elias Ymer and Alexandre Muller before falling to Aslan Karatsev in straight sets.

- Schwartzman's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – in 2018 (l. Rafael Nadal) and 2020 (l. Novak Djokovic).

- Schwartzman's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the semifinals at 2020 Roland Garros, where he fell to Nadal in straight sets.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Schwartzman reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Nadal), the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Botic van de Zandschulp) and the 3rd round at Wimbledon (l. Marton Fucsovics).

- Schwartzman's **best result in 2021** was winning his 4th Tour-level title at Buenos Aires (d. Francisco Cerundolo). He also finished runner-up at Antwerp (l. Jannik Sinner) and reached the quarterfinals at Cordoba (l. Albert Ramos-Vinolas), Barcelona (l. Pablo Carreno Busta), San Diego (l. Andrey Rublev), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Cameron Norrie) and Vienna (l. Frances Tiafoe).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Schwartzman represented Argentina at the ATP Cup in Sydney. He won 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested, defeating Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili and Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas before falling to Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

- Schwartzman has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, defeating Dusan Lajovic in the 1st round in 2018 and Denis Kudla in the 2nd round in 2019. He has a 6-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Schwartzman broke the Top 10 for the first time in October 2020 after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros, reaching a **career-high ranking of No. 8**. He plays here at No. 13.

- Schwartzman has played **Davis Cup** for Argentina since 2015 and has a 6-7 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 2 matches he contested as Argentina defeated Belarus in a World Group I tie in September. Argentina will host Czech Republic in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Schwartzman is coached by former world No. 15 Juan Ignacio Chela, who reached the round of 16 here in 2006, and Alejandro Fabbri.

- **KRAJINOVIC** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th straight year. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, Krajinovic equalled his **best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the 3rd round. He defeated Robin Haase and Pablo Andujar before falling to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets. He has reached the 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 3 other occasions – at the 2019 Australian Open (l. Borna Coric), 2019 Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and the 2020 US Open (l. David Goffin).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Krajinovic reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Maximilian Marterer, l. John Isner) but lost in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Alex Bolt) and the US Open (l. Guido Pella).

- Krajinovic's **best result in 2021** was reaching his 4th Tour-level final at Hamburg (l. Pablo Carreno Busta). He also reached the semifinals at Sofia (l. Jannik Sinner) and the quarterfinals at Belgrade I (l. Matteo Berrettini), Munich (l. Jan-Lennard Struff), Umag (l. Carlos Alcaraz) and Kitzbuhel (l. Arthur Rinderknech).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Krajinovic represented Serbia at the ATP Cup in Serbia. He won 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested, defeating Norway's Viktor Durasovic and Chile's Alejandro Tabilo before falling to Spain's Carreno Busta.

- Krajinovic has **won one of his last 14 matches against Top 20 opposition**, with his only victory against a Top 20 player in that time coming against No. 4 Tsitsipas in the quarterfinals at Hamburg last year. He has a 12-38 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

- Krajinovic is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time**. He has a 1-7 win-loss record against Top players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 18 Marco Cecchinato in the 1st round here in 2019.

- Krajinovic has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Cecchinato in the 1st round in 2019 and defeating Quentin Halys in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2020. He fell to Medvedev in 5 sets in the 3rd round here last year. He has a 4-2 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Krajinovic reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 26 in April 2018. He plays here at No. 36.

- Krajinovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2014. He has a 9-8 overall win-loss record in the competition but won just one of the 3 matches he contested at the 2021 Finals as Serbia reached the last 4. Serbia have been awarded a wild card for the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Krajinovic is currently without a permanent coach.

# NO. 21 NIKOLOZ BASILASHVILI (GEO) v (WC) ANDY MURRAY (GBR)

### Head-to-head: Murray leads 2-0

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| **2021** | **Wimbledon** | **Grass (O)** | **R128** | **Murray** | **64 63 57 63** |
| 2022 | Sydney | Hard (O) | R16 | Murray | 67(4) 76(3) 63 |

A 3rd meeting for Basilashvili and Murray – and their 2nd in less than a week, with Murray winning their 2nd round clash in Madrid last Wednesday. Murray also won their only previous Grand Slam meeting in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year.

Basilashvili has won 10 of his last 12 matches against wild cards at Tour-level, with his only defeats to wild cards in that time both coming against Murray, at Wimbledon last year and at Sydney last week. He has a 2-2 win-loss record against wild cards at the Grand Slams and a 14-11 win-loss record against wild cards at Tour-level overall.

| BASILASHVILI | v | MURRAY |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | **Age** | 34 |
| 23 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 113 |
| 5 | **Titles** | 46 |
| 19-24 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 192-49 |
| 5-6 | **Australian Open Record** | 48-13 |
| 133-141 | **Career Record** | 695-216 |
| 79-84 | **Career Record - Hard** | 470-143 |
| 0-3 | **2022 Record** | 4-2 |
| 0-3 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 4-2 |
| 6-1 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 25-13 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 10 |
| 64-42 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 210-136 |
| 1-1 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 1-2 |

- **BASILASHVILI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 25th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Basilashvili fell to Tommy Paul in straight sets in the 1st round. It was his earliest defeat at the Australian Open since 2017, when he lost to Philipp Kohlschreiber in the 1st round.

- Basilashvili's best **Australian Open performance** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – in 2018 (l. Kyle Edmund) and 2019 (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).

- Basilashvili's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2018 US Open, where he defeated Aljaz Bedene, Jack Sock and Guido Pella before falling to Rafael Nadal. He is the only Georgian man to have won a match at all 4 Grand Slams.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Basilashvili reached the 3rd round at the US Open, defeating Sebastian Korda and Maxime Cressy before falling to Reilly Opelka, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Dusan Lajovic, l. Carlos Alcaraz), but fell to Murray in the 1st round at Wimbledon.

- Basilashvili **won 2 Tour-level titles in 2021** – at Doha (d. Roberto Bautista Agut) and Munich (d. Jan-Lennard Struff). He also reached his first Masters-1000 final at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Cameron Norrie)

- Basilashvili's **other highlights in 2021** were reaching the semifinals at Sardinia (l. Laslo Djere) and as a qualifier at Halle (l. Andrey Rublev) and the quarterfinals at Antalya (l. Alex de Minaur), Hamburg (l. Djere) and Metz (l. Gael Monfils). He recorded a career-best 33 Tour-level match-wins in 2021 but also lost his opening match at 15 of the 29 events he contested.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Basilashvili represented Georgia at the ATP Cup in Sydney, falling to Argentina's Diego Schwartzman and retiring due to breathing difficulties during his match against Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas. He also competed at Sydney but lost his opening match to Murray.

- Basilashvili has **won 5 Tour-level singles titles**. In addition to his 2 titles last year, he also won back-to-back titles at Hamburg in 2018 (d. Leonardo Mayer) and 2019 (d. Rublev) and won the title at 2018 Beijing (d. Juan Martin del Potro).

- Basilashvili reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 16 in May 2019. He plays here at No. 23.

- Basilashvili was a member of the ITF/GSDF European 14 & under team in Europe in 2006, funded by the Grand Slam Development Fund.

- Basilashvili is currently without a permanent coach.

- Wild card **MURRAY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 11th time. This is his 14th Australian Open and 53rd Grand Slam overall.

- Murray is bidding to record his **49th Australian Open match-win** and claim sole ownership of 5th place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins, ahead of Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl.

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

| Rank | Player | Australian Open win-loss |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Roger Federer | 102-15 |
| 2. | Novak Djokovic | 82-8 |
| **3.** | **Rafael Nadal** | **70-15** |
| 4. | Stefan Edberg | 56-10 |
| **5=** | Andre Agassi | 48-5 |
| | Ivan Lendl | 48-10 |
| | **Andy Murray** | **48-13** |

- Murray is bidding to record his **first Australian Open match-win since 2017** – when, as No. 1 seed, he reached the round of 16 (l. Mischa Zverev). He has made just one appearance here since then – in 2019, when he fell to Roberto Bautista Agut in 5 sets in the 1st round. He missed the tournament in 2018 (hip injury), 2020 (pelvic injury) and 2021, when he withdrew after testing positive for Covid-19.

- Murray is a **5-time Australian Open runner-up**. He reached his first final here in 2010 (l. Roger Federer), before falling to Novak Djokovic in the final in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016. He is in joint-3rd place on the list for most Australian Open men's singles final appearances in the Open Era, alongside Stefan Edberg and Rafael Nadal. Djokovic (9 Australian Open final appearances) and Federer (7) are the only men in the Open Era to have reached the final here more often than Murray.

- Murray is a **3-time Grand Slam champion**. He won the 2012 US Open title and became the first British man to win the Wimbledon singles title in 77 years in 2013, defeating Djokovic in the final on both occasions. He won a 2nd Wimbledon title in 2016 (d. Milos Raonic). He is one of 4 Grand Slam champions to start in the men's draw here.

- **At the Grand Slams in 2021**, Murray reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, defeating Basilashvili and Oscar Otte before falling to Denis Shapovalov, but fell to Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 1st round at the US Open. He withdrew from Roland Garros due to a groin injury.

- Murray's **best Tour-level results in 2021** were reaching the quarterfinals as a wild card at both Metz (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and Stockholm (l. Tommy Paul). He also reached the final at the Biella Challenger (ITA) (l. Illya Marchenko) in his 2nd appearance at Challenger-level since 2005.

- **Prior to coming the Australian Open**, Murray reached his first Tour-level final since 2019 Antwerp as a wild card at Sydney. He recorded victories over Viktor Durasovic, Basilashvili, David Goffin and Reilly Opelka before falling to Aslan Karatsev in the final. He also competed as a wild card at Melbourne, but fell to Facundo Bagnis in the 1st round.

- Murray has won 2 of the 6 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open. He has a 25-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Murray has won **46 Tour-level titles** – most recently at 2019 Antwerp (d. Wawrinka). He has won 8 Tour-level titles on grass – in addition to his 2 Wimbledon titles, he has also won 6 titles at Queen's.

- Murray is a **former world No. 1**. He became the 26th man, and first British man, to reach the No. 1 ranking in October 2016. He remained at No. 1 for 41 weeks, surrendering the top ranking in August 2017. He plays here at No. 113.

- Murray became the first player in history to successfully defend an **Olympic singles gold medal** after defeating Juan Martin del Potro in the final at the 2016 Rio Olympic Tennis Event. He defeated Federer in the final at the 2012 London Tennis Event. He also won a silver medal in mixed doubles at London alongside Laura Robson, falling to Victoria Azarenka/Max Mirnyi in the final. He withdrew from the singles event at Tokyo 2020, but reached the quarterfinals in men's doubles alongside Joe Salisbury (I. Marin Cilic/Ivan Dodig).

- Murray has played **Davis Cup** since 2005 and has a 40-8 win-loss record in the competition. He led Great Britain to their first title since 1936 in 2015, defeating Belgium in the final. Great Britain have been awarded Davis Cup Finals.

- Murray is coached by Jan de Witt.

# NO. 32 ALEX DE MINAUR (AUS) v LORENZO MUSETTI (ITA)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Musetti is facing a player at their home Grand Slam for the 3rd time – he faced 2 Americans at the US Open last year, defeating Emilio Nava before falling to Reilly Opelka.

| DE MINAUR | v | MUSETTI |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | **Age** | 19 |
| 42 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 60 |
| 5 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 19-17 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 4-3 |
| 5-4 | **Australian Open Record** | 0-0 |
| 110-83 | **Career Record** | 26-26 |
| 92-58 | **Career Record - Hard** | 10-15 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record** | 0-1 |
| 2-1 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 0-1 |
| 3-3 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 1-1 |
| 0 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 0 |
| 50-40 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 16-5 |
| 2-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 1-0 |

- **DE MINAUR** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 18th Grand Slam overall.

- Last year here, De Minaur equalled his **best Australian Open performance** by reaching the 3rd round, defeating Tennys Sandgren and Pablo Cuevas before falling to Fabio Fognini. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2019, when he defeated Pedro Sousa and Henri Laaksonen before falling to Rafael Nadal.

- De Minaur is bidding to end a **3-match Grand Slam losing streak**. He has not recorded a Grand Slam match-win since Roland Garros last year, where he reached the 2nd round (d. Stefano Travalglia, l. Marco Cecchinato). He fell in the 1st round at both 2021 Wimbledon (l. Sebastian Korda) and the 2021 US Open (l. Taylor Fritz).

- De Minaur's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 US Open, where he fell to eventual champion Dominic Thiem in straight sets.

- De Minaur's **best results in 2021** were winning the titles at Antalya, where Alexander Bublik retired due to a right ankle injury while trailing 2-0 in the final, and Eastbourne (d. Lorenzo Sonego). He also reached the semifinals at Queen's (l. Matteo Berrettini) and the quarterfinals at Stuttgart (l. Jurij Rodionov). He recorded just 5 Tour-level match-wins in 2021 after his title victory at Eastbourne.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, De Minaur represented Australia at the ATP Cup, where he won 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested. He defeated Italy's Matteo Berrettini and France's Ugo Humbert but fell to Russia's Daniil Medvedev. He withdrew from Sydney.

- De Minaur is the highest-ranked of the **10 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw. He is looking to become the first native champion to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- De Minaur has won both **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, having defeated Gerald Melzer in 5 sets in the 1st round in 2017 and Laaksonen in 5 sets in the 2nd round in 2019. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.

- De Minaur has **won 5 Tour-level titles**. In addition to his titles at Antalya and Eastbourne last year, he also won 3 titles in 2019 – at Sydney (d. Andreas Seppi), Atlanta (d. Fritz) and Zhuhai (d. Adrian Mannarino).

- De Minaur broke the Top 20 in October 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 15 in June last year. He plays here at No. 42 – his lowest-ranking since he was ranked at No. 45 in August 2018.

- 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 made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018 and has a 5-5 win-loss record in the competition. He defeated Hungary's Marton Fucsovics but fell to Croatia's Marin Cilic during the 2021 Davis Cup Finals. Australia will host Hungary in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- De Minaur is coached by Adolfo Gutierrez.

- **MUSETTI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 4th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Musetti fell to Botic van de Zandschulp in the 1st round of qualifying. He also fell in qualifying in his only other appearance in the men's draw at the Australian Open – in 2020, when he defeated Amir Weintraub and Marius Copil before falling to Tallon Griekspoor in the final round of qualifying.

- Musetti **reached the round of 16 on his Grand Slam debut at 2021 Roland Garros**. He won the first 2 sets in his round of 16 match against eventual champion Novak Djokovic before Djokovic won the 3rd and 4th sets and Musetti retired due to a lower back injury while trailing 4-0 in the 5th set.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Musetti reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Emilio Nava, l. Reilly Opelka) but fell to Hubert Hurkacz in the 1st round at Wimbledon.

- Musetti's **other highlights in 2021** were reaching the semifinals as a qualifier at Acapulco and as a direct acceptance at Lyon, falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas on both occasions, and the quarterfinals at Sardinia (l. Laslo Djere). He also reached **2 Challenger finals in 2021** – at Antalya (TUR) (l. Jaume Munar) and Biella (ITA) (l. Soonwoo Kwon).

- Musetti **qualified for the 2021 NextGen ATP Finals** – he won one of his 3 group stage matches at the event, defeating Hugo Gaston but falling to both Sebastian Baez and Sebastian Korda, and failed to advance to the semifinals.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Musetti competed at Adelaide I but fell to Taro Daniel in the 1st round.

- Musetti **broke the Top 100 for the first time** after reaching the semifinals at Acapulco in March last year. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 57 in September and plays here 3 places lower at No. 60.

- Musetti is one of 6 **former Australian Open boys' singles champions** in this year's men's main draw, having defeated Nava in the boys' singles final here in 2019. He became junior world No. 1 in June of the same year. He also finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the 2018 US Open (l. Thiago Seyboth Wild).

- Musetti is coached by Simone Tartarini.

# STEVE JOHNSON (USA) v JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Johnson is facing an Australian player at the Australian Open for the first time. He has already played 3 matches against Australian players this season, defeating Aleksandar Vukic in the 1st round at Adelaide I, and defeating Alex Bolt before falling to Vukic at Adelaide II. He has a 16-8 win-loss record against Australian players at Tour-level overall.

| JOHNSON | v | THOMPSON |
|---|---|---|
| 32 | **Age** | 27 |
| 104 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 73 |
| 4 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 30-36 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 14-25 |
| 5-8 | **Australian Open Record** | 3-8 |
| 181-183 | **Career Record** | 76-97 |
| 118-124 | **Career Record - Hard** | 49-61 |
| 2-2 | **2022 Record** | 2-2 |
| 2-2 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 2-2 |
| 9-9 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 4-9 |
| 3 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 1 |
| 104-116 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 36-46 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-1 |

- **JOHNSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and 36th Grand Slam overall.
- Johnson **did not compete here last year** for personal reasons. On his last appearance here, in 2020, he fell to Roger Federer in straight sets in the 1st round.
- Johnson is bidding to record his **first Australian Open match-win since 2017**, when he reached the 2nd round (d. Federico Delbonis, l. Stan Wawrinka). He has lost in the 1st round here on his 3 subsequent appearances – in 2018 (l. Denis Kudla), 2019 (l. Andreas Seppi) and 2020.
- Johnson's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – in 2015 (l. Kei Nishikori) and 2016 (l. David Ferrer).
- Johnson recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at Wimbledon in 2016. He reached the round of 16 after defeating Malek Jaziri, Jeremy Chardy and Grigor Dimitrov before falling to Federer.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Johnson reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, where he recorded 5-set victories against both Frances Tiafoe and Thiago Monteiro before falling to Pablo Carreno Busta, and the 2nd round at both Wimbledon (d. Dennis Novak, l. Taylor Fritz) and the US Open (d. Maximilian Marterer, l. Gael Monfils).
- Johnson's **best Tour-level results in 2021** were reaching the quarterfinals at Los Cabos (l Fritz) and Washington (l. Jannik Sinner).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Johnson reached the 2nd round as a direct acceptance at Adelaide I (d. Aleksandar Vukic, l. Karen Khachanov) and as a qualifier at Adelaide II (d. Alex Bolt, l. Vukic).
- Johnson has lost both the **5-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – to Nicolas Almagro in the 1st round in 2013 and to Adrian Mannarino in the 1st round in 2014. He has a 9-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Johnson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in July 2016. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since March 2014 on Monday and plays here at No. 104.
- Johnson won the **men's doubles bronze medal** alongside Jack Sock at the Rio 2016 Olympic Tennis Event after the pair defeated Daniel Nestor/Vasek Pospisil in the play-off for 3rd place.

- Johnson played **college tennis**. He was 2011 NCAA singles champion and led USC to 4 consecutive NCAA team titles in 2009-12. He won his final 72 matches in college.

- Johnson is coached by Peter Smith and Marc Lucero.

- **THOMPSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 27th Grand Slam overall.

- **Last year here**, Thompson retired due to a shoulder injury while trailing Casper Ruud 63 63 2-1 in the 1st round.

- Thompson's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – in 2017 (d. Joao Sousa, l. Dominic Thiem), 2019 (d. Feliciano Lopez, l. Andreas Seppi) and 2020 (d. Alexander Bublik, l. Fabio Fognini).

- Thompson's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2020 US Open. He defeated Stefano Travaglia, Egor Gerasimov and Mikhail Kukushkin before falling to Borna Coric in straight sets.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Thompson reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, where he defeated Ruud and Kei Nishikori before falling to Ilya Ivashka, and the 2nd round at the US Open, where he defeated Gianluca Mager in 5 sets before falling to Aslan Karatsev, also in 5 sets. He fell to Jaume Munar in the 1st round at Roland Garros. He has lost in the 1st round on 15 of his previous 26 Grand Slam appearances.

- Thompson's **best Tour-level result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals at Newport (l. Jenson Brooksby). He also reached the quarterfinals at Melbourne I (l. Thiago Monteiro), Mallorca (l. Pablo Carreno Busta), and in back-to-back weeks at Los Cabos and Atlanta, falling to Brandon Nakashima at both events.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Thompson reached the 2nd round at Melbourne (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Emil Ruusuvuori) and as a wild card at Sydney (d. Marcos Giron, l. Reilly Opelka).

- Thompson is one of **10 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Thompson has won one of the 4 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open, with his only victory in a 5-set match here coming in the 1st round in 2017, when he recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Sousa. He has a 4-9 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Thompson broke the Top 50 for the first time in June 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 43 the following month. He plays here at No. 73.

- Thompson played in the **boys' singles event at the Junior Australian Open** in 2011 and 2012, losing in the 1st round on both occasions. He finished as runner-up with Kyrgios in the boys' doubles at the 2012 US Open. He also represented Australia in the 2008 World Junior Tennis Finals and the 2010 Junior Davis Cup Finals.

- Thompson made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2017 and has a 7-4 overall win-loss record in the competition. Australia host Hungary in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Thompson is coached by Jaymon Crabb.

# ALEXEI POPYRIN (AUS) v ARTHUR RINDERKNECH (FRA)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Rinderknech is facing an Australian player in a Tour-level match for the 4th time – and for the 3rd time in 2022. He has a 2-1 win-loss record against Australians at Tour-level, recording victories against John Millman at Bastad last year and against James Duckworth at the ATP Cup earlier this month, but falling to Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final at Adelaide II last week.

| POPYRIN | v | RINDERKNECH |
|---|---|---|
| 22 | **Age** | 26 |
| 59 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 48 |
| 1 | **Titles** | 0 |
| 11-11 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 1-4 |
| 5-4 | **Australian Open Record** | 0-0 |
| 38-51 | **Career Record** | 23-20 |
| 31-36 | **Career Record - Hard** | 12-10 |
| 1-2 | **2022 Record** | 5-3 |
| 1-2 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 5-3 |
| 1-3 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 1-1 |
| 0 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 1 |
| 41-26 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 7-11 |
| 1-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 3-3 |

- **POPYRIN** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 4th straight year. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam overall.

- **As a wild card here last year**, Popyrin reached the 2nd round, defeating David Goffin in 5 sets before falling to Lloyd Harris, also in 5 sets. He has played 2 other 5-set matches in his career – falling to Lucas Pouille in the 3rd round here in 2019 and to Daniel Evans, despite holding a 2-0 lead, in the 3rd round at the US Open last year.

- Popyrin's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 3rd round on 4 occasions – including twice at the Australian Open. He reached the 3rd round as a wild card here in 2019 (l. Pouille) and as a direct acceptance in 2020 (l. Daniil Medvedev). He also reached the 3rd round at the US Open in 2019 (l. Matteo Berrettini) and last year (l. Evans).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams last year**, Popyrin fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Rafael Nadal) and Wimbledon (l. Kei Nishikori).

- Popyrin's best result in 2021 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Singapore, where he defeated Alexander Bublik in the final. He also reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Madrid-1000 (l. Nadal) and as a lucky loser at Paris-1000 (l. James Duckworth).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Popyrin reached the 2nd round at Melbourne (d. Stefano Travaglia, l. Tallon Griekspoor) but fell in the 1st round at Sydney (l. Pedro Martinez).

- Popyrin is one of **10 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw. He is looking to become the first home player to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Popyrin reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 59 in November last year. He plays here at the same ranking.

- Popyrin was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Nicola Kuhn) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 2. His best result in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was a 2nd round finish in 2017 (d. Ajeet Rai, l. Alexey Zakharov).

- Popyrin made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019, defeating Nerman Fatic during Australia's victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 2019 Qualifiers. He lost the only other match he has played in the competition, falling to Borna Gojo during Australia's defeat to Croatia at the 2021 Finals. Australia will host Hungary in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Popyrin is coached by Craig O'Shannessy and Fernando Bogajo.

- **RINDERKNECH** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 5th Grand Slam overall.

- **At the Australian Open last year**, Rinderknech reached the final round of qualifying, defeating Daniel Masur and Antoine Hoang before falling to Michael Mmoh. It was his only appearance in qualifying at the Australian Open.

- Rinderknech recorded his **first Grand Slam match-win** in a 2nd round finish at the 2021 US Open (d. Miomir Kecmanovic, l. Carlos Alcaraz). He has lost in the 1st round on his 3 other Grand Slam main draw appearances – as a wild card at Roland Garros in 2020 (l. Aljaz Bedene) and 2021 (l. Marin Cilic), and as a qualifier at 2021 Wimbledon (l. Oscar Otte).

- Rinderknech's **best Tour-level result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals at Kitzbuhel (l. Casper Ruud). He also reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier at Marseille (l. Ugo Humbert), as a lucky loser at Lyon (l. Cameron Norrie), as a qualifier at Bastad (l. Yannick Hanfmann), and as a direct acceptance at Gstaad (l. Laslo Djere), Antwerp (l. Jannik Sinner) and Stockholm (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- Also in 2021, Rinderknech **won his 3rd Challenger title** as a qualifier at Istanbul (TUR) (d. Benjamin Bonzi). He also reached the semifinals on at the Cherbourg Challenger (FRA) (l. Ruben Bemelmans), at the Ostrava Challenger (CZE) (l. Renzo Olivo) and the Rennes Challenger (FRA) (l. Bonzi).

- Prior to the Australian Open, Rinderknech reached his **first Tour-level final** at Adelaide II, falling to Thanasi Kokkinakis in 3 sets. He also represented France at the ATP Cup in Sydney, winning one of the 3 singles matches he contested, defeating Australia's James Duckworth but falling to both Russia's Roman Safiullin and Italy's Sinner.

- Rinderknech has won one of the 2 **five-set matches** he has played – he recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Kecmanovic in the 1st round at the US Open last year. He lost to Otte in a final-set tiebreak in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year.

- Rinderknech began the 2021 season ranked at No. 178, breaking the Top 100 for the first time in July and ending the year at No. 58. He **broke the Top 50 for the first time** after reaching the final at Adelaide II last week and plays here at a career-high ranking of No. 48.

- Rinderknech made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2021 Finals, falling to Great Britain's Cameron Norrie in the only singles match he contested. France will host Ecuador in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Rinderknech is coached by Sebastien Vilette.

# (Q) LIAM BRODY (GBR) v NICK KYRGIOS (AUS)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

Kyrgios has lost a Grand Slam match to a player ranked as low as No. 128 Broady once before – when he fell to No. 235 John Millman in the 1st round at the 2017 US Open. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Kyrgios at the Australian Open is No. 89 Andreas Seppi in the 2nd round in 2017.

Kyrgios won his only previous match against a qualifier at a Grand Slam, defeating Frederico Ferreira Silva in the 1st round here last year. He has an 11-5 win-loss record against qualifiers at Tour-level overall. (NB Kyrgios received a walkover against qualifier Kyle Edmund in the 2nd round at 2015 Roland Garros)

Broady is bidding to become the 2nd lefthander to defeat Kyrgios at a Grand Slam after Rafael Nadal. Kyrgios has an 8-2 win-loss record against lefthanded players at the Grand Slams, with both of his defeats coming against Nadal – in the 2nd round at 2019 Wimbledon and the round of 16 at the 2020 Australian Open. He has a 29-16 win-loss record against lefthanded players at Tour-level overall.

| BRODY | v | KYRGIOS |
|---|---|---|
| 28 | **Age** | 26 |
| 128 | **ATP Ranking (17 Jan)** | 115 |
| 0 | **Titles** | 6 |
| 2-5 | **Career Grand Slam Record** | 44-28 |
| 0-0 | **Australian Open Record** | 16-8 |
| 9-16 | **Career Record** | 169-106 |
| 5-4 | **Career Record - Hard** | 120-70 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Record** | 0-0 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Record - Hard** | 0-0 |
| 1-0 | **Career Five-Set Record** | 9-3 |
| 1 | **Comebacks from 0-2 Down** | 2 |
| 3-5 | **Career Tiebreak Record** | 119-80 |
| 0-0 | **2022 Tiebreak Record** | 0-0 |

- Qualifier **BRODY** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at a Grand Slam for the 3rd time on his Australian Open debut. This is his 6th Grand Slam overall.

- As No. 10 seed, Broady defeated Kacper Zuk (POL) 46 61 62, Jeffrey John Wolf (RUS) 36 64 64 and Roman Safiullin (RUS) 46 76(2) 62 in 3 rounds of **Australian Open qualifying**. It was the 2nd time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 17th attempt, having also qualified for the main draw at 2020 Roland Garros before falling to Jiri Vesely in the 1st round. It was his 5th attempt to qualify at the Australian Open.

- **At the Australian Open last year**, Broady fell to Constant Lestienne in the 1st round of qualifying. He had also fallen in the 1st round of qualifying here in 2018 (l. Matteo Berrettini) and 2020 (l. Ilya Ivashka), but he did reached the final round of qualifying here in 2015 before falling to Michael Russell.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Broady reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Wimbledon (d. Marco Cecchinato, l. Diego Schwartzman). He fell in the 2nd round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (d. Jason Jung, l. Safiullin) and the US Open (d. Tatsuma Ito, l. Marco Trungelliti).

- Broady's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions – in addition to his 2nd round finish at Wimbledon last year, he also reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Wimbledon in 2015 (d. Marinko Matosevic, l. David Goffin).

- Broady's **best Tour-level result in 2021** was reaching the 3rd round at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event, where he defeated Francisco Cerundolo and recorded a career-best victory against No. 12 Hubert Hurkacz before falling to Jeremy Chardy.

- **At 2019 Wimbledon**, as a wild card at qualifying, Broady fell to Gregoire Barrere in 5 sets in the final round of qualifying. On his last main draw appearance here, as a wild card in 2018, he fell to Milos Raonic in straight sets in the 1st round. He recorded 3 other Tour-level match-wins last season – in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at Sardinia (d. Marc-Andrea Huesler, l. Jan-Lennard Struff), and as a wild card at Eastbourne (d. Frances Tiafoe, l. Alex de Minaur) and Wimbledon.

- Broady **won his first Challenger title in 2021** – in his 8th final at Challenger-level – at Biel (SUI) (d. Huesler). He also reached the final at both the Potchefstroom I Challenger (RSA) (l. Benjamin Bonzi) and the Biella Challenger (ITA) (l. Andreas Seppi). He also reached the semifinals at the Potchefstroom II Challenger (RSA) (l. Teymuraz Gabashvili) and the Belgrade Challenger (SRB) (l. Roberto Carballes Baena).

- **Prior to competing in qualifying here**, Broady captained Great Britain's team at the ATP Cup, but did not contest a match at the event.

- Broady won the only **5-set match** he has contested at Tour-level, recovering from 0-2 down to defeat Matosevic in the 1st round at 2015 Wimbledon. He has played one other 5-set match, falling to Gregoire Barrere in 5 sets, despite holding a 2-0 lead, in the final round of qualifying at 2019 Wimbledon.

- Broady is one of **20 lefhanders** to start this year's men's singles main draw. Rafael Nadal is the last lefthander to win the title here in 2009.

- Broady reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 121 in November last year. He plays here at No. 128.

- Broady had a **good junior career**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 2 in March 2012. He finished runner-up in the boys' singles at 2011 Wimbledon (l. Luke Saville) and at the 2012 US Open (l. Filip Peliwo). He also won the boys' doubles titles at both 2010 Wimbledon with Tom Farquharson and the 2012 Australian Open with Joshua Ward-Hibbert. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2012 (d. Matteo Donati, l. Robin Stanek).

- Broady made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018, falling to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in Great Britain's 3-1 defeat to Spain in the World Group first round. It is the only match he has contested in the competition to date. He was a member of the team which reached the quarterfinals last year but did not play a match. Great Britain have been awarded a wild card for the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Broady is coached by David Sammel.

- **KYRGIOS** is bidding to reach the 2nd round here for the 8th time. This is his 9th Australian Open appearance and his 29th Grand Slam overall.

- Kyrgios has **lost in the 1st round of a Grand Slam on 7 occasions** – including here in 2019, when he fell to Milos Raonic in straight sets.

- **Last year here**, Kyrgios reached the 3rd round, defeating Frederico Ferreira Silva and Ugo Humbert before falling to Dominic Thiem in 5 sets, despite holding a 2-0 lead. He has a 3-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open but has won all 6 five-set matches he has contested elsewhere.

- At the 2015 Australian Open aged 19 years 280 days, Kyrgios equalled his **best Grand Slam result** by reaching the quarterfinals (l. Murray). He became the youngest man to reach the Australian Open quarterfinals since Andrei Cherkasov in 1990 and was only the 3rd Australian man to reach the quarterfinals here as a teenager after Brad Drewett and Pat Cash. He is the only Australian man to have reached the last 8 at the Australian Open since Lleyton Hewitt in 2005.

- Kyrgios **also reached the quarterfinals at 2014 Wimbledon** (l. Raonic). Ranked No. 144, he defeated world No. 1 Nadal in the round of 16 to become the lowest-ranked player to defeat a world No. 1 at a Grand Slam since No. 193 Andrei Olhovskiy defeated Jim Courier in the 3rd round at 1992 Wimbledon.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Kyrgios reached the 3rd round at Wimbledon, defeating Humbert and Gianluca Mager before retiring due to an abdominal injury during his 3rd round match against Felix Auger-Aliassime, but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Roberto Bautista Agut). He did not compete at Roland Garros.

- Kyrgios **played just 8 events in 2021**. He also played just 3 events in 2020 after deciding not to travel from March onwards due to concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic. He recorded 7 Tour-level match-wins in 2021 – in addition to his 2 victories at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon, he reached the 3rd round at Melbourne II, defeating Alexandre Muller and Harry Bourchier before falling to Borna Coric, and also reached the 2nd round at Atlanta (d. Kevin Anderson, l. Cameron Norrie).

- Kyrgios is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak**, having not recorded a victory at any level since defeating Anderson in the 1st round at Atlanta last year.

- Kyrgios is contesting his **first match of the 2022 season**. He was due to compete at Melbourne but withdrew due to asthma and also withdrew from Sydney after testing positive for Covid-19. He is one of 14 players in the men's draw to have not contested an event prior to the Australian Open this year.

- Kyrgios is one of **10 Australian men** to start this year's Australian Open main draw. He is looking to become the first native champion to win the Australian Open men's singles title since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

- Kyrgios reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 13 in October 2016. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since June 2014 last week and plays here at No. 115.

- Kyrgios is one of 6 **former Australian Open boys' singles champions** to start in the men's main draw. Kyrgios won the junior title in 2013, defeating compatriot Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final. He reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 1 in January 2013 after winning the boys' singles title here. He also won the boys' doubles title with Kokkinakis at 2013 Wimbledon.

- Kyrgios is currently without a permanent coach.