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On court today…

- In the first men's match of the day on Rod Laver Arena, Wimbledon runner-up Matteo Berrettini faces Spain's Carlos Alcaraz, with the Italian looking to advance to the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 8th time. Should he do so, he will equal the Open Era record held by Fabio Fognini and Adriano Panatta for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Italian man. Alcaraz, meanwhile, is bidding to become the youngest man to reach the last 16 here since Rafael Nadal in 2005 – and the 18-year-old has good reason to believe that he can achieve that today, having won his only previous meeting against Berrettini at Vienna in October last year.

- Since reaching the last 16 as an 18-year-old here in 2005, Nadal has gone on to reach that stage on a total of 14 occasions – and he will aim to make that 15 when he plays Karen Khacahnov in the final match of the day on RLA. The pair are meeting for the first time since the group stages at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals, but they contested 7 matches over a 2-and-a-half-year period in 2017-19, with Nadal winning all 7 encounters for the loss of just one set. Khachanov must record a career-best victory at the Grand Slams if he is to progress today, having never defeated a Top 5 player at the majors. He is also bidding to end a 9-match losing streak against Top 5 opposition and record his first win over a Top 5 player since defeating No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the final at 2018 Paris-1000.

- The 2nd match of the day on Kia Arena is a battle between the No. 16 and No. 17 seeds, Cristian Garin and Gael Monfils. Garin has reached the 3rd round after winning 2 five-set matches, while Monfils has dropped just 10 games in a pair of straight sets victories. Monfils is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 20th time and become the 3rd Frenchman in the Open Era to make 20 appearances in the round of 16 at the Grand Slams, after Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Richard Gasquet. Garin is aiming to reach the last 16 at a major for the 3rd time and would also be the first Chilean man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since Fernando Gonzalez in 2010.

- Pablo Carreno Busta and Sebastian Korda both came through tough 5-set matches to reach the 3rd round, and the pair now face off for a place in the last 16 in the 3rd match on Court 3 today. Korda is looking to become the 4th man in the last decade to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut, after Marton Fucsovics and Tennys Sandgren in 2018 and Aslan Karatsev last year. Carreno Busta is aiming to advance to the round of 16 for the 3rd time – and will also record his 50th Grand Slam match-win should he be victorious today.

NO. 3 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v (Q) RADU ALBOT (MDA)

Head-to-head: Zverev leads 1-0

2019	US Open	Hard (O)	R128	Zverev	61 63 36 46 62

A 2nd meeting for Zverev and Albot. Zverev won in 5 sets on their only previous meeting, in the 1st round at the 2019 US Open, resisting a comeback from 0-2 down by Albot.

Zverev has won 9 of the 11 matches he has contested against qualifiers at the Grand Slams – including both of his previous matches against qualifiers at the Australian Open. His only defeats to qualifiers at the Grand Slams came both came at Wimbledon – in 2018, when he fell to Ernests Gulbis in the 3rd round, and 2019, when he fell to Jiri Vesely in the 1st round.

Zverev has never lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 124 Albot. The lowest-ranked player to defeat Zverev here is No. 58 Hyeon Chung in the 3rd round in 2018. He has lost Grand Slam matches to players ranked as low as Albot on 2 occasions – to No. 138 Gulbis at 2018 Wimbledon and to No. 124 Vesely at 2019 Wimbledon.

ZVEREV	v	ALBOT
24	**Age**	32
3	**ATP Ranking**	124
19	**Titles**	1
65-25	**Career Grand Slam Record**	14-23
18-6	**Australian Open Record**	5-4
314-141	**Career Record**	101-120
195-88	**Career Record - Hard**	64-75
4-1	**2022 Record**	2-0
4-1	**2022 Record - Hard**	2-0
16-10	**Career Five-Set Record**	7-4
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	4
123-80	**Career Tiebreak Record**	44-44
3-0	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	1-0

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 4th straight year. This is his 7th Australian Open appearance and his 26th Grand Slam overall.
- Zverev advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Daniel Altmaier 76(3) 61 76(1) and John Millman 64 64 60 in the opening 2 rounds here.
- **Last year here**, as No. 6 seed, Zverev reached the quarterfinals, falling to Djokovic in 4 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Zverev reached the semifinals at both Roland Garros and the US Open, losing 5-set matches to Stefanos Tsitsipas and Djokovic, respectively. He fell to Felix Auger-Aliassime in 5 sets in the round of 16 at Wimbledon. He has a 16-10 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.
- Zverev's **best Australian Open result** is reaching the semifinals in 2020, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in straight sets. It was the first time he had reached the semifinals at a Grand Slam.
- Zverev's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the final at the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. Aged 23 years 146 days, he became the youngest man to reach a major final since Djokovic finished runner-up at the 2010 US Open aged 23 years 113 days.
- At 24 years 285 days, No. 3 seed Zverev is looking to become the **youngest Grand Slam men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the Australian Open title in 2012 aged 24 years 252 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Zverev is also bidding to become the **5th German man to win a Grand Slam singles title** – and the first since Becker won the title here in 1996. Boris Becker, who also won the title here in 1991, is the only German man in history to have won the Australian Open title.

- Zverev **won Olympic singles gold for Germany** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event last year, defeating Russian Olympic Committee's Karen Khachanov in the final. It was Germany's 3rd Olympic gold medal in tennis – after Steffi Graf in women's singles at Seoul 1988 and Becker/Michael Stich in men's doubles at Barcelona 1992.

- Zverev **won a total 6 singles titles in 2021** – more than any other player on tour. In addition to his Olympic title, he also won the titles at Acapulco (d. Tsitsipas), Madrid-1000 (d. Matteo Berrettini), Cincinnati-1000 (d. Andrey Rublev), Vienna (d. Frances Tiafoe) and the ATP Finals (d. Daniil Medvedev).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Zverev represented Germany at the ATP Cup, winning 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested as Germany were knocked out in the group stages. He defeated both Great Britain's Cameron Norrie and USA's Taylor Fritz before falling to Canada's Auger-Aliassime.

- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in November 2017, becoming the youngest player to break the Top 3 since Djokovic in 2007. He plays here at the same ranking.

- Zverev is a **former junior Australian Open singles champion**. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (l. Christian Garin) and was named 2013 ITF Junior World Champion. Stefan Edberg is the only player to have won both the boys' singles and men's singles titles here in the Open Era.

- Zverev is coached by his father, Alexander Zverev Sr.

- Qualifier **ALBOT** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 24th Grand Slam overall.

- Albot advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Yoshihito Nishioka 63 64 46 62 and wild card Aleksandar Vukic 64 76(4) 64 in the opening 2 rounds here. His victory against Nishioka in the 1st round **ended a 4-match Grand Slam main draw losing streak**.

- As No. 5 seed in **Australian Open qualifying**, Albot defeated Filippo Baldi (ITA) 76(6) 62, Yosuke Watanuki (JPN) 61 26 62 and Joao Sousa (POR) 64 64 to advance to the main draw. It was his first appearance in qualifying at a Grand Slam since the 2017 US Open. It is the 5th time he has successfully qualified at a Grand Slam on his 18th appearance in qualifying and the first time that he had done so at the Australian Open.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Albot has equalled his **best Grand Slam performance**. He has reached the 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 3 previous occasions - as a qualifier at 2017 US Open (l. Sam Querrey), as a direct acceptance at 2018 Wimbledon (l. John Isner) and as a direct acceptance at the Australian Open last year, when he defeated Roberto Bautista Agut and Christopher O'Connell before falling to Casper Ruud.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Albot lost in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Federico Delbonis), Wimbledon (l. James Duckworth) and the US Open (l. Alexei Popyrin).

- Albot's **best Tour-level result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals at Singapore, where he defeated John-Patrick Smith, Yannick Hanfmann and Adrian Mannarino before falling to Alexander Bublik. He recorded just 6 Tour-level match-wins last season – in addition to his semifinal finish at Singapore and his 3rd round finish here, he also reached the 2nd round at Umag (d. Holger Rune, l. Filip Krajinovic).

- Also in 2021, Albot won his **8th title at Challenger-level** – at Pau (FRA) (d. Jiri Lehecka). He also reached the quarterfinals at the Roanne Challenger (FRA) (l. Matthias Bourgue).

- **Prior competing in qualifying here**, Albot attempted to qualify at Adelaide I, but fell in the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Smith, l. Egor Gerasimov).

- Albot is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time**. He has lost both of his previous matches against Top 5 opposition, falling to Roger Federer twice in 2019 – in the 2nd round at Miami-1000, when Federer was ranked at No. 5, and in the 2nd round at Basel, when was ranked No. 3. The highest-ranked players Albot has defeated are No. 12 Pablo Carreno Busta in the 1st round at 2018 Wimbledon and No. 12 Denis Shapovalov in the 2nd round at 2020 Sofia.

- Albot is the **only player – man or woman – from Moldova to have contested a Grand Slam**.

- Albot is a **former Top 50 player**. He reached a career-high ranking of No. 39 in August 2019. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since November 2018 in August 2021 and ended the year at No. 125 – his lowest year-end ranking since 2014. He plays here one place higher at No. 124.

- Albot was a member of the ITF 16 & under Team to Europe in 2005, supported by the Grand Slam Development Fund.

- Albot has played **Davis Cup** for Moldova since 2007 and is the nation's most successful player in terms of singles wins and overall wins. He has a 28-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles and a 41-17 win-loss in Davis Cup overall.

- Albot is coached by Magnus Tideman.

NO. 6 RAFAEL NADAL (ESP) v NO. 28 KAREN KHACHANOV (RUS)

Head-to-head: Nadal leads 7-0

2017	**Wimbledon**	**Grass (O)**	**R32**	**Nadal**	**61 64 76(3)**
2017	Beijing	Hard (O)	R16	Nadal	63 63
2018	Monte Carlo-1000	Clay (O)	R16	Nadal	63 62
2018	Toronto-1000	Hard (O)	SF	Nadal	76(3) 64
2018	**US Open**	**Hard (O)**	**R32**	**Nadal**	**57 75 76(7) 76(3)**
2019	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	QF	Nadal	76(2) 76(2)
2019	Davis Cup Finals	Hard (I)	RR	Nadal	63 76(7)

An 8th meeting for Nadal and Khachanov – but their first in more than 2 years. All 7 of their previous meetings came in a 2-and-a-half-year period in 2017-19, including 2 Grand Slam meetings at Wimbledon and the US Open. Khachanov has won just one set in the pair's 7 previous matches.

NADAL	v	KHACHANOV
35	**Age**	25
5	**ATP Ranking**	30
89	**Titles**	4
293-41	**Career Grand Slam Record**	40-20
71-15	**Australian Open Record**	10-5
1033-209	**Career Record**	180-139
496-140	**Career Record - Hard**	120-95
5-0	**2022 Record**	6-2
5-0	**2022 Record - Hard**	6-2
22-13	**Career Five-Set Record**	6-9
3	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	2
251-163	**Career Tiebreak Record**	93-92
1-0	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	2-1

- 2009 Australian Open champion **NADAL** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open for the 15th time, and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Australian Open round of 16 appearances in the Open Era, ahead of Novak Djokovic. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance.

Most Australian Open men's singles round of 16 appearances (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	18
Rafael Nadal	**15??**
Novak Djokovic	14
Tomas Berdych	11
Stefan Edberg	11

- Nadal is also bidding **reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 51st time**. He is in 3rd place on the list for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances in the Open Era, behind Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. This is his 63rd Grand Slam appearance.

Most Grand Slam men's singles round of 16 appearances (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	69
Novak Djokovic	56
Rafael Nadal	**51??**
Jimmy Connors	43
Andre Agassi	42
Ivan Lendl	42

- Nadal advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Marcos Giron 61 64 62 and qualifier Yannick Hanfmann 62 63 64 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- Nadal is bidding to win his **21st Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. He is one of 6 players to win 20 or more

Grand Slam titles – alongside Margaret Court (24 Grand Slam singles titles), Serena Williams (23), Steffi Graf (22), Djokovic (20) and Federer (20). He was one of 5 Grand Slam champions to start the men's draw here.

- Nadal is bidding to become the **2nd man in the Open Era – and only the 4th man in history – to win each of the 4 Grand Slam titles twice**. Djokovic became the first man to achieve the feat by winning his 2nd title at Roland Garros last year. Roy Emerson and Rod Laver are the only other players to have won each Grand Slam on 2 or more occasions. (NB While Laver completed the feat in 1969, some of the titles were won before the start of the Open Era.) (see Preview page 2)

- At 35 years 241 days, Nadal is bidding to win his **7th Grand Slam title since turning 30** and close the gap on Djokovic at the top of the list for most Grand Slam titles won after turning 30 in the Open Era. Since celebrating his 30th birthday on 5 June 2016, Nadal has won 6 major titles – at Roland Garros in 2017-20 and at the US Open in 2017 and 2019. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- **Last year here**, Nadal reached the quarterfinals but fell to Stefanos Tsitsipas in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. It was the 3rd time in his career that he had lost a match in 5 sets after leading 2-0 – having also lost to Federer in the final at 2005 Miami and to Fognini in the 3rd round at the 2015 US Open. He has a 6-6 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 22-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Nadal's **best Australian Open performance** is winning the title in 2009 (d. Federer). He also reached the final in 2012, losing to Djokovic in the longest men's Grand Slam final on record at 5 hours 53 minutes, 2014 (l. Stan Wawrinka), 2017 (l. Federer) and 2019 (l. Djokovic). Of his 8 defeats in Grand Slam finals, 4 have come at the Australian Open.

- **Elsewhere at Grand Slams in 2021**, Nadal reached the semifinals at Roland Garros but fell to Djokovic in 4 sets. It was just his 3rd defeat at Roland Garros and his first since he fell to Djokovic in the quarterfinals in 2016. He missed Wimbledon due to fatigue and the US Open due to a foot injury.

- Nadal's **best results in 2021** were winning the titles at Barcelona (d. Tsitsipas) and Rome-1000 (d. Djokovic). He also reached the semifinals at Roland Garros and the quarterfinals at the Australian Open, Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Madrid-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev). He competed in just one event after Roland Garros – at Washington, where he reached the 3rd round – before ending his season due to a foot injury.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Nadal won his 89th Tour-level title at Melbourne, defeating Maxime Cressy in the final.

- Nadal is bidding to record his **72nd Australian Open match-win**. By winning his opening match here this year, he became the 3rd man to have record 70 match-wins here – after Federer (102 Australian Open match-wins) and Djokovic (82).

- Nadal is bidding to win his **24th Tour-level hard court title** and claim 7th place on the Open Era list for most Tour-level hard court titles won, ahead of Jimmy Connors. He equalled Connors after winning his 23rd hard court title at Melbourne earlier this month. Only Federer (71 Tour-level hard court titles), Djokovic (62), Andre Agassi (46), Pete Sampras (36), Andy Murray (34), Ivan Lendl (26) have won more Tour-level hard court titles than Nadal in the Open Era.

- Nadal is also bidding to win his **90th Tour-level title**. Only Connors (109 Tour-level titles), Federer (103) and Lendl (95) have won more Tour-level titles in the Open Era than Nadal.

- Nadal has been **ranked in the Top 10 for 852 consecutive weeks**, having been ranked in the Top 10 since April 2005. He holds the record for most consecutive weeks ranked in the Top 10, having surpassed Connors' mark of 789 consecutive weeks in the Top 10 in November 2020. He has spent a total of 209 weeks as world No. 1. He is currently ranked at No. 6 – his lowest-ranking since he was ranked at No. 7 in April 2017.

- Nadal is a **4-time Davis Cup champion**. He made his debut in the competition in 2004 and was part of the Spanish teams which won the title in 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2019 – among active players, he holds the record for most Davis Cup titles, alongside Feliciano Lopez. Spain will host Romania in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Nadal is coached by Carlos Moya, who finished runner-up here in 1997, and Francisco Roig. He added Marc Lopez – with whom he won Olympic doubles gold at Rio 2016 – to his team ahead of the 2022 season.

- **KHACHANOV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 21st Grand Slam overall.

- Khachanov advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Denis Kudla 36 63 62 76(2) and Benjamin Bonzi 64 60 75 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round, Khachanov has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2019 (l. Roberto Bautista Agut), 2020 (l. Nick Kyrgios) and last year, when he defeated Aleksandar Vukic and Ricardas Berankis before falling to Matteo Berrettini

- Khachanov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions – at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Dominic Thiem) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Denis Shapovalov).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Khachanov reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Jiri Vesely, l. Kei Nishikori) but lost in the 1st round at the US Open, where he fell to Lloyd Harris in 5 sets. He has a 6-8 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall and a 1-1 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open.

- Khachanov **won the men's singles silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event** last year, falling to Alexander Zverev in the gold medal match. Along with Andrey Rublev, who won mixed doubles gold, he became the first tennis player to win medals at both the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games.

- Khachanov's **other highlights in 2021** were reaching the semifinals at Melbourne I (l. Jannik Sinner), Lyon (l. Cameron Norrie) and Moscow (l. Aslan Karatsev) and the quarterfinals at Rotterdam (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Marseille (l. Matthew Ebden).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Khachanov reached the final at Adelaide I, falling to Gael Monfils in straight sets. He also reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide II (l. Arthur Rinderknech).

- Khachanov is bidding to end a **9-match losing streak against Top 5 opposition**. He has a 2-18 win-loss record against Top 5 opposition, with both of his victories against Top 5 players coming en route to the title at 2018 Paris-1000, when defeated No. 5 Zverev in the quarterfinals and No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the final.

- Khachanov is also bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player at the Grand Slams for the first time**. He has lost all 6 of his previous matches against Top 5 opposition at the Grand Slams. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 9 Juan Martin del Potro in the round of 16 at 2019 Roland Garros.

- Khachanov has won **4 Tour-level titles**, all of which have come on hard courts. He won his first title at 2016 Chengdu (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas) and won 3 titles in 2018 – at Marseille (d. Lucas Pouille), Moscow (d. Adrian Mannarino) and Paris-1000 (d. Djokovic).

- Khachanov **broke the Top 10 for the first time** in June 2019 and reached a career-high ranking of No. 8 the following month. He dropped to No. 31 in October last year – his lowest ranking since he was ranked at No. 38 in August 2018 – and plays here one place higher at No. 30.

- Khachanov won the **boys' doubles silver medal** alongside Rublev at the 2014 Youth Olympic Tennis Event in Nanjing, China. The pair fell to Orlando Luz/Marcelo Zormann in the gold medal match. He fell to Nishioka in the 1st round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013.

- Khachanov was a member of the Russian Tennis Federation team which won their **3rd Davis Cup title** last year, but lost the only doubles match he contested at the Finals. He has a 9-13 win-loss record in the competition overall. As defending champions, the RTF team have secured their place at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Khachanov is coached by Jose Clavet and Vedran Martic.

NO. 7 MATTEO BERRETTINI (ITA) v NO. 31 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP)

Head-to-head: Alcaraz leads 1-0

2021	Vienna	Hard (I)	QF	Alcaraz	61 67(2) 76(5)

A 2nd meeting for Berrettini and Alcaraz. Alcaraz won their only previous meeting in a final-set tiebreak in the quarterfinals at Vienna in October last year.

BERRETINI	v	ALCARAZ
25	**Age**	18
7	**ATP Ranking**	31
5	**Titles**	2
36-14	**Career Grand Slam Record**	10-4
6-3	**Australian Open Record**	3-1
115-65	**Career Record**	35-18
50-41	**Career Record - Hard**	22-10
3-2	**2022 Record**	2-0
3-2	**2022 Record - Hard**	2-0
4-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	3-0
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
59-45	**Career Tiebreak Record**	14-10
3-1	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **BERRETTINI** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 2nd time and equal his best Australian Open result. This is his 5th Australian Open and his 16th Grand Slam appearance overall.

- Berrettini is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 8th time – and equal Fabio Fognini and Adriano Panatta's **Open Era record for most Grand Slam round of 16 appearances by an Italian man**. He is the only Italian man in history to have reached the round of 16 or better at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments.

- Berrettini advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Brandon Nakashima 46 62 76(5) 63 and wild card Stefan Kozlov 61 46 64 61 in the opening 2 rounds here. His 2nd round match against Kozlov was his **50th Grand Slam match**.

- Last year here, Berrettini recorded his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the round of 16 before giving a walkover to Tsitsipas due to an abdominal injury.

- Berrettini reached his **first Grand Slam final** at Wimbledon last year, falling to Novak Djokovic in 4 sets. He became the first Italian man to reach a Grand Slam final since Adriano Panatta at 1976 Roland Garros and the first Italian man to contest the final at Wimbledon.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Berrettini reached the quarterfinals at both Roland Garros and the US Open, falling to Djokovic in 4 sets on both occasions.

- Berrettini's **best results in 2021** were winning the titles at Belgrade I (d. Aslan Karatsev) and Queen's (d. Cameron Norrie). He also reached his first Masters-1000 final at Madrid-1000 (l. Alexander Zverev) and reached the quarterfinals at Antalya (l. Alexander Bublik) and Vienna (l. Carlos Alcaraz).

- **Prior to the Australian Open** Berrettini represented Italy at the ATP Cup in Sydney, winning one of the 3 singles matches he contested as Italy failed to advance from the group stages. He defeated France's Ugo Humbert but fell to both Australia's Alex de Minaur and Russia's Daniil Medvedev.

- Berrettini has won 4 of the 5 **five-set matches** he has contested – with his sole defeat coming in the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open, when he fell to Tennys Sandgren in the 2nd round here in 2020.

- Berrettini has won **5 Tour-level singles titles**, but none have come on hard courts. In addition to his titles at Belgrade I and Queen's last year, he also won the titles on clay at 2018 Gstaad (d. Roberto Bautista Agut) and 2019 Budapest (d. Filip Krajinovic), and on grass at 2019 Stuttgart (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime).

- Berrettini reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 7 in September last year and plays here at the same ranking.

- Berrettini made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2019 during Italy's victory against India in the 2019 Qualifiers and has a 2-3 win-loss record in the competition. He withdrew from the 2021 Finals due to a left oblique injury sustained at the ATP Finals. Italy will travel to Slovakia in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Berrettini is coached by Vincenzo Santopadre, Marco Gulisano and Umberto Rianna.

- **ALCARAZ** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam here for the first time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.

- Aged 18 years 270 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest man to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open since 2005**, when Rafael Nadal reached the last 16 here aged 18 years 241 days. By reaching the 3rd round here, he has become the youngest man to reach the 3rd round at the Australian Open since Bernard Tomic (18 years 101 days) in 2011. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)

- Alcaraz is also bidding to become the **15th man in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam on multiple occasions before his 19th birthday** – and the first since Nadal made his first 2 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances at the Australian Open and Roland Garros in 2005. (NB Nadal turned 19 on the day he played his semifinal match at 2005 Roland Garros)

- Alcaraz advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Alejandro Tabilo 62 62 63 and Dusan Lajovic 62 61 75 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round, Alcaraz has recorded his **best Australian Open performance**. Last year, on his only previous appearance here, he qualified for the main draw to make his Grand Slam debut and reached the 2nd round (d. Botic van de Zandschulp, l. Mikael Ymer). Aged 17 years 292 days, he was the youngest man to qualify at the Australian Open since Novak Djokovic (17 years 253 days) in 2005.

- Alcaraz's **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open last year, where he retired due to an upper leg injury while trailing Felix Auger-Aliassime 63 3-1. Aged 18 years 130 days, he became the youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at the US Open in the Open Era and the youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam since Michael Chang (18 years 108 days) at 1990 Roland Garros.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Alcaraz reached the 3rd round as a qualifier at Roland Garros, defeating Bernabe Zapata Miralles and Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to Jan-Lennard Struff, and the 2nd round as a wild card at Wimbledon (d. Yasutaka Uchiyama, l. Daniil Medvedev).

- Alcaraz's best result in 2021 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Umag (d. Richard Gasquet), becoming the youngest champion at Tour-level since Kei Nishikori at 2008 Delray Beach. He also reached the semifinals as a wild card at Marbella (l. Jaume Munar) and at both Winston-Salem (l. Mikael Ymer) and Vienna (l. Alexander Zverev).

- Alcaraz ended last season by **winning the title at the NextGen ATP Finals**, dropping just one set en route to the title and defeating Sebastian Korda in the final.

- Alcaraz is contesting his **first event of 2022** here. He is one of 14 players in the men's draw to have not contested an event prior to the Australian Open this year.

- Alcaraz is bidding to **defeat a Top 10 player for the 4th time**. He has a 3-4 win-loss record against Top 10 – since losing the first 3 matches he played against Top 10 opponents, he has won 3 of his 4 subsequent meetings with Top 10 players, with his victories coming against No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the 3rd round at the US Open last year, No. 7 Berrettini in the quarterfinals at Vienna last year and No. 9 Jannik Sinner in the 2nd round at Paris-1000 last year.

- Alcaraz has won all 3 **five-set matches** he has contested – defeating Uchiyama in 5 sets at Wimbledon last year and recording back-to-back 5-set victories against Stefanos Tsitsipas and Peter Gojowczyk in the 3rd round and round of 16 at the US Open last year.

- Alcaraz broke the Top 50 for the first time after reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open last year. He plays here at a **career-high ranking** of No. 31.

- Alcaraz **led Spain to victory at the 2018 Junior Davis Cup Finals** in Budapest, defeating France in the title match. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2019 Wimbledon (I. Martin Damm) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 22 in January 2020. He never contested the junior event at the Australian Open.

- Alcaraz was set to make his **Davis Cup** debut as part of Spain's team for the 2022 Finals but was forced to withdraw from the squad prior to the Finals after testing positive for Covid-19. Spain will host Romania in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Alcaraz is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, who reached the semifinals here in 2004.

NO. 14 DENIS SHAPOVALOV (CAN) v NO. 23 REILLY OPELKA (USA)

Tour-level head-to-head: first meeting

2017	Queen's Qualifying Draw	Grass (O)	R16	Shapovalov	63 36 76(6)

A first Tour-level meeting for Shapovalov and Opelka. Their only previous meeting came in qualifying at 2017 Queen's, with Shapovalov winning in a final-set tiebreak.

Opelka is facing a lefthanded player for the 2nd consecutive round, having defeated Dominik Koepfer in the 2nd round here on Wednesday. He has a 2-2 win-loss record against lefthanders at the Grand Slams and a 10-8 win-loss record against lefthanders at Tour-level overall.

SHAPOVALOV	v	OPELKA
22	**Age**	24
14	**ATP Ranking**	29
1	**Titles**	2
27-16	**Career Grand Slam Record**	12-12
7-4	**Australian Open Record**	4-4
139-111	**Career Record**	71-70
104-79	**Career Record - Hard**	61-52
5-1	**2022 Record**	4-2
5-1	**2022 Record - Hard**	4-2
8-6	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-4
1	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
60-65	**Career Tiebreak Record**	69-65
4-2	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	4-2

- Lefthander **SHAPOVALOV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 17th Grand Slam overall.

- Shapovalov advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Laslo Djere 76(3) 64 36 76(3) and Soonwoo Kwon 76(6) 67(3) 67(6) 75 62 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Shapovalov has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He also reached the 3rd round here in 2019, when he defeated Pablo Andujar and Taro Daniel before falling to Novak Djokovic, and last year, when he defeated Jannik Sinner and Bernard Tomic before falling to Felix Auger-Aliassime.

- Shapovalov's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon last year. He defeated Philipp Kohlschreiber, Pablo Andujar, who gave a walkover due to a rib injury, Andy Murray, Roberto Bautista Agut and Karen Khachanov, before falling to Djokovic in the last 4. Shapovalov is one of the 8 Canadian players in history, men or women, to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Shapovalov reached the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Lloyd Harris). He missed Roland Garros due to a shoulder injury.

- Shapovalov's **other highlights in 2021** were finishing runner-up at Geneva (l. Casper Ruud) and Stockholm (l. Tommy Paul and reaching the semifinals at Dubai (l. Harris) and Queen's (l. Cameron Norrie) and the quarterfinals at Doha (l. Taylor Fritz), Stuttgart (l. Marin Cilic), San Diego (l. Norrie) and St. Petersburg (l. Jan-Lennard Struff).

- Prior to the Australian Open Shapovalov **represented Canada at the ATP Cup**, winning 3 of the 4 singles matches he contested as the team defeated Spain in the final. He fell to Great Britain's Daniel Evans in his opening singles match of the event, before recording victories against Germany's Struff, Russia's Roman Safiullin and Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta.

- Shapovalov is one of **3 lefthanders** through to the 3rd round from the 20 who started the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year. The last lefthander to win the title here was Rafael Nadal in 2009.

- Shapovalov has **won one Tour-level title** – on hard courts at 2019 Stockholm (d. Filip Krajinovic).

- Shapovalov reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 after reaching the semifinals at Rome-1000 in September 2020. He plays here 4 places lower at No. 14.

- Shapovalov was a **successful junior**. He won the boys' singles title at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Alex de Minaur) and was a member of the Canadian team that defeated Germany to win the 2015 Junior Davis Cup title. He reached the 2nd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2015 (d. Hubert Hurkacz, l. Marc Polmans).

- Shapovalov was part of the Canadian team which reached the **Davis Cup** final for the first time in November 2019, but withdrew from the team ahead of last year's Finals. He made his debut in the competition in 2016 and has a 12-7 overall Davis Cup win-loss record. Canada will travel to the Netherlands for the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Shapovalov is coached by his mother, Tessa Shapovalova, and Jamie Delgado.

- **OPELKA** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance and his 13th Grand Slam overall.

- Opelka advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Yen-Hsun Lu 63 76(2) 63 and Dominik Koepfer 64 63 76(4) in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round, Opelka has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best performances here were reaching the 2nd round in 2019 (d. John Isner, l. Thomas Fabbiano) and last year (d. Yen-Hsun Lu, l. Taylor Fritz).

- Opelka recorded his **best Grand Slam result** at the US Open last year, where he reached the round of 16. As No. 22 seed, he defeated Soonwoo Kwon, Lorenzo Musetti and Nikoloz Basilashvili before falling to Lloyd Harris.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Opelka reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros, defeating Andrej Martin and Jaume Munar before falling to Daniil Medvedev, but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Koepfer).

- Opelka's **best result in 2021** was reaching his first Masters-1000 final at Toronto-1000 (l. Medvedev). He also reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Rafael Nadal) and the quarterfinals at Atlanta (l. Taylor Fritz).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Opelka reached the semifinals as No. 4 seed at Sydney (l. Andy Murray). He also competed at Melbourne but lost his opening match to Maxime Cressy.

- Opelka is bidding to end a **5-match losing streak against Top 20 opposition**. He has not defeated a Top 20 player since defeating No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the semifinals at Toronto-1000 last year. He has a 14-21 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Opelka has a 1-4 win-loss record in **5-set matches**, with all 4 of his defeats coming at the Australian Open – against David Goffin in the 1st round in 2017, Thomas Fabbiano in the 2nd round in 2019, Fabio Fognini in the 1st round in 2020 and Fritz in the 2nd round last year. His only victory in a 5-set match came against Wawrinka in the 2nd round at 2019 Wimbledon.

- Opelka has **won 2 Tour-level titles**, both of which have come on hard courts – at 2019 New York (d. Brayden Schnur) and 2020 Delray Beach (d. Yoshihito Nishioka).

- Opelka **broke the Top 20 for the first time** in September last year, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 19 the same month. He plays here at No. 29.

- Opelka was a **successful junior**, reaching a career-high junior ranking of No. 4 in July 2015. He won the boys' singles title at 2015 Wimbledon, defeating Mikael Ymer in the final, and finished runner-up in the boys' doubles event with Akira Santillan. He also reached the quarterfinals of the boys' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Michael Mmoh). He never competed in the junior event here.

- Opelka made his **Davis Cup** debut

- Opelka is coached by Jay Berger and Neville Godwin.

NO.16 CRISTIAN GARIN (CHI) v NO. 17 GAEL MONFILS (FRA)

Head-to-head: Monfils leads 1-0

2020	ATP Cup	Hard (O)	M2	Monfils	63 75

A 2nd meeting for Garin and Monfils. Their only previous meeting came prior to the Australian Open 2 years ago, with Monfils recording a straight-sets win during France's victory over Chile in the group stages at the first edition of the ATP Cup.

GARIN	v	MONFILS
25	**Age**	35
19	**ATP Ranking**	20
5	**Titles**	11
15-12	**Career Grand Slam Record**	116-57
3-2	**Australian Open Record**	31-16
83-71	**Career Record**	517-299
20-35	**Career Record - Hard**	339-175
3-2	**2022 Record**	6-1
3-2	**2022 Record - Hard**	6-1
7-3	**Career Five-Set Record**	18-18
3	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	2
36-37	**Career Tiebreak Record**	204-154
1-2	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	1-0

- **GARIN** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 3rd Australian Open appearance and his 13th Grand Slam overall.

- Garin is bidding to become the **3rd Chilean man in history to reach the round of 16 at the Australian Open** – after Marcelo Rios, who reached the round of 16 here in 1997-98 and 2002, and Fernando Gonzalez, who reached the round of 16 here in 2002, 2007 and 2009-10.

- Garin advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Facundo Bagnis 63 64 57 67(4) 63 and Pedro Martinez 67(1) 76(4) 26 62 62 in the opening 2 rounds here. They were the first **5-set matches he has contested at the Australian Open** and improved his win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level to 7-3.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Garin has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the 2nd round in 2020 (d. Stefano Travaglia, l. Milos Raonic). He did not compete here last year due to a left wrist injury.

- Garin's **best Grand Slam results** are reaching the round of 16 at both Roland Garros (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Wimbledon (l. Novak Djokovic) last year. At Roland Garros, he became the first Chilean man to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam since Gonzalez here in 2010.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Garin reached the 2nd round at the US Open (d. Norbert Gombos, l. Henri Laaksonen).

- Garin's **best result in 2021** was winning the title at Santiago (d. Facundo Bagnis), where he became the first Chilean player to win a Tour-level event on home soil since Gonzalez won the title at 2009 Vina del Mar. He also reached the quarterfinals at Estoril (l. Cameron Norrie), Madrid-1000 (l. Matteo Berrettini), Bastad (l. Federico Coria) and Gstaad (l. Hugo Gaston).

- Garin recorded just **2 victories on hard courts in 2021** – in his 2nd round finish at the US Open and in a 3rd round finish at Indian Wells-1000 after receiving a bye in the 1st round (d. Ernesto Escobedo, l. Alex de Minaur). Of his 83 Tour-level victories, just 20 have come on hard courts.

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Garin represented Chile at the ATP Cup in Sydney. He won one of the 3 singles matches he contested, defeating Serbia's Dusan Lajovic but falling to Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut and Norway's Casper Ruud.

- Garin is bidding to **defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the first time**. He has lost all 4 of his previous matches against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Grand Slams is No. 59 Reilly Opelka in the 1st round at 2019 Roland Garros.

- Garin has **won just one of his last 9 matches against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 3 Medvedev in the 3rd round at Madrid-1000 last year. He has an 8-20 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Garin has won **5 Tour-level singles titles**. In addition to victory at Santiago last year, he also won the titles at Houston (d. Casper Ruud) and Munich (d. Matteo Berrettini) in 2019, and at Cordoba (d. Diego Schwartzman) and Rio de Janeiro (d. Gianluca Mager) in 2020. All 5 of his titles have come on clay.

- Garin broke the Top 20 for the first time in February 2020 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 17 in September last year. He plays here 2 places lower at No. 19.

- Garin had a **successful junior career**. He won the boys' singles title at 2013 Roland Garros (d. Alexander Zverev) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 4. He reached the 3rd round on his only appearance in the boys' singles here in 2013 (l. Filippo Baldi).

- Garin has played **Davis Cup** for Chile since 2012 and has a 13-14 overall win-loss record in the competition. He won one of the 2 matches he played as Chile fell to Slovakia in a World Group I tie in September last year. Chile will host Slovenia in the 2022 Davis Cup World Group I Play-offs in March.

- Garin was a recipient of an International Player Grand Slam Grant, financed by the Grand Slam Development Fund in May 2017.

- Garin is currently without a permanent coach.

- **MONFILS** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 5th time. This is his 17th Australian Open appearance and his 58th Grand Slam overall.

- Monfils is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 20th time and become the **3rd Frenchmen in the Open Era to reach the round of 16 at the Grand Slams on 20 occasions** – after Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (25 Grand Slam round of 16 appearances) and Richard Gasquet (22). Monfils is currently level with Yannick Noah in 3rd place on the list with 19 appearances in the round of 16 at the Grand Slams.

- Monfils advanced to the 2nd round after defeating Federico Coria 61 61 63 and Alexander Bublik 61 60 64 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- **Last year here**, Monfils lost in the 1st round at the Australian Open for the 2nd time in his career, falling to Emil Ruusuvuori in 5 sets.

- Monfils' **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the quarterfinals in 2016 on his 11th attempt (l. Milos Raonic), moving him into joint-2nd place with Mark Woodforde on the list for the most attempts before reaching the last 8 here in the Open Era.

- Monfils' **best Grand Slam performance** is reaching the semifinals at 2008 Roland Garros ranked No. 59 (l. Roger Federer), and at the 2016 US Open (l. Novak Djokovic).

- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2021**, Monfils reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he defeated Coria and Steve Johnson before falling to Jannik Sinner, and the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, l. Mikael Ymer) and Wimbledon (d. Christopher O'Connell, l. Pedro Martinez).

- Monfils' **best result in 2021** was reaching the final at Sofia (l. Jannik Sinner). He also reached the semifinals at Metz (l. Pablo Carreno Busta) and the quarterfinals at Toronto-1000 (l. John Isner).

- Prior to the Australian Open, Monfils **won his 11th Tour-level title** at Adelaide I, defeating Karen Khachanov in the final. He also competed at Adelaide II but retired due to a neck injury during the 3rd set of his opening match against Thiago Monteiro.

- Monfils is bidding to record his **117th Grand Slam match-win today**. He is in 2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam match-wins by a Frenchman. Tsonga (121 Grand Slam match-wins) is the only Frenchman to have recorded more Grand Slam match-wins than Monfils.

- Monfils has won just **one of his last 16 matches against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams.** His only victory against a Top 20 player at the Grand Slams in that time came against No. 13 Sam Querrey in the 3rd round at 2018 Wimbledon. He has a 13-31 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams overall.

- Monfils has also won just **one of his last 14 matches against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level**. His only victory against a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 18 Alex de Minaur in the 2nd round at Cincinnati-1000 last year. He has a 77-128 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Monfils has won one of his last 4 **five-set matches**. His only victory in a 5-set match during that time came against O'Connell in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year. He has a 3-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and an 18-18 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Monfils reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in November 2016. He plays here at No. 20.

- Monfils narrowly **missed out on achieving the Junior Grand Slam** in 2004 after winning the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His preparation for the junior US Open that year was hampered by a knee injury and he lost in the 3rd round to Viktor Troicki. He was named 2004 ITF Junior Boys' World Champion.

- Monfils is coached by Gunter Bresnik and Richard Ruckelshausen.

NO.18 ASLAN KARATSEV (RUS) v ADRIAN MANNARINO (FRA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Karatsev is facing a lefthanded player at the Grand Slams for the first time. He has won 4 of the 5 matches he has contested against lefthanded players at Tour-level, with his only defeat to a lefthander coming against Cameron Norrie in the 2nd round at Queen's last year.

KARATSEV	v	MANNARINO
28	**Age**	33
15	**ATP Ranking**	69
3	**Titles**	1
10-4	**Career Grand Slam Record**	36-46
7-1	**Australian Open Record**	9-12
43-30	**Career Record**	218-263
33-22	**Career Record - Hard**	151-176
6-0	**2022 Record**	2-2
6-0	**2022 Record - Hard**	2-2
3-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	10-3
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	1
9-13	**Career Tiebreak Record**	91-110
1-2	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	0-0

- **KARATSEV** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. This is his 2nd Australian Open appearance and his 5th Grand Slam overall.

- Karatsev advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Jaume Munar 36 76(1) 67(3) 64 64 and Mackenzie McDonald 36 62 62 63 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- As a qualifier at the Australian Open last year, Karatsev became the **first man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals on his Grand Slam debut**, falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. Ranked at No. 114, he also became the lowest-ranked man to reach the Australian Open semifinals since No. 114 Patrick McEnroe in 1991 and lowest-ranked man to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam No. 125 Goran Ivanisevic at 2001 Wimbledon. He was also the first qualifier to reach a Grand Slam semifinal since Vladimir Voltchkov at 2000 Wimbledon, and the first to do so at the Australian Open since Bob Giltinan in December 1977.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Karatsev reached the 3rd round at the US Open, where he Munar and Jordan Thompson before falling to Jenson Brooksby, and the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Brooksby, l. Philipp Kohlschreiber), but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Jeremy Chardy).

- Karatsev's best results in 2021 were **winning his first 2 Tour-level titles** – at Dubai (d. Lloyd Harris) and Moscow (d. Marin Cilic). He also reached the final at Belgrade I (l. Matteo Berrettini), the quarterfinals at San Diego (l. Grigor Dimitrov) and was a member of the Russian team which won the ATP Cup title prior to the Australian Open.

- Prior to the Australian Open, Karatsev **won his 3rd Tour-level title** at Sydney, defeating Andy Murray in the final. He withdrew from Russia's ATP Cup

- Karatsev has **recorded 40 of his 43 Tour-level match-wins since the beginning of the 2021 season**. Prior to last year, he had a 3-10 win-loss record at Tour-level, with his only Tour-level victories coming in 2nd round finishes as a qualifier at 2015 Moscow (d. Mikhail Youzhny, l. Kohlschreiber), as a wild card at 2020 St Petersburg (d. Tennys Sandgren, l. Karen Khachanov) and as a qualifier at 2020 Sofia (d. Taro Daniel, l. Alex de Minaur).

- Karatsev's 5-set victory against Munar in the 1st round here this year improved his win-loss record in **5-set matches** to 3-1. Both of his previous 5-set victories came after he lost the opening 2 sets – he recovered from 0-2 down to record 5-set victories against both Felix Auger-Aliassime in the round of 16 here last year and Thompson in the 2nd round at the US Open last year. His first defeat in a 5-set match came against Brooksby in the 3rd round at the US Open last year.

- Karatsev broke the Top 100 for the first time after reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open last year, rising from No. 114 to No. 42. He subsequently broke the Top 20 in October, reaching a **career-high ranking** of No. 15 the following month. He plays here at the same ranking.

- Karatsev **won a silver medal in mixed doubles** alongside Elena Vesnina at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event last year, falling to fellow Russian Olympic Committee pair Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova/Andrey Rublev.

- Karatsev was a member of the Russian Tennis Federation **Davis Cup** team which won the title for a 3rd time in 2021. He won 2 of the 3 doubles matches he played at the Finals, including a decisive doubles match alongside Rublev in the group stages. As defending champions, RTF have secured qualification for the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Karatsev is currently without a permanent coach.

- Lefthander **MANNARINO** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 13th Australian Open appearance and his 47th Grand Slam overall.

- Mannarino advanced to the 3rd round after defeating James Duckworth 64 26 36 62 61 and No. 10 seed Hubert Hurkacz 64 62 63 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round, Mannarino has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He has reached the 3rd round here on 2 previous occasions – in 2018, when he defeated Matteo Berrettini and Jiri Vesely before falling to Dominic Thiem, and last year, when he defeated Dennis Novak and Miomir Kecmanovic before falling to Alexander Zverev.

- Mannarino's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 at Wimbledon on 3 occasions – in 2013 (l. Lukasz Kubot), 2017 (l. Novak Djokovic) and 2018 (l. Roger Federer).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Mannarino reached the 2nd round at the US Open, (d. Pierre Hugues-Herbert, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) but fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Aljaz Bedene) and Wimbledon, where he retired prior to the 5th set of his match against Roger Federer due to a leg injury.

- Mannarino's **best result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals at Mallorca (l. Sam Querrey), He also reached the quarterfinals at Singapore (l. Radu Albot) and Moscow (l. Ricardas Berankis), and the 3rd round at Miami-1000 (l. Diego Schwartzman).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Mannarino fell in the 1st round at both Melbourne (l. Botic van de Zandschulp) and Sydney (l. Maxime Cressy).

- Mannarino is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player for the 2nd consecutive round. By defeating Hurkacz in the 2nd round here, Mannarino **recorded his first victory against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open** and ended a 12-match losing streak against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams. Mannarino has a 1-9 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition here, a 3-26 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at the Grand Slams and a 19-84 win-loss record against Top 20 opposition at Tour-level overall.

- Mannarino's 5-set victory against Duckworth in the 1st round here extended his **winning streak in 5-set matches to 7 matches**. He has not lost a 5-set match since falling to Andy Murray in the 2nd round at the 2015 US Open. He has an 10-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall.

- Mannarino is one of **3 lefthanders** through to the 3rd round from the 20 who started the men's main draw at the Australian Open this year. The last lefthander to win the title here was Rafael Nadal in 2009.

- Mannarino has **won one Tour-level title** – at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Jordan Thompson). He has reached 10 Tour-level finals – 7 of which have come on hard courts, most recently at 2020 Nur-Sultan (l. John Millman)

- Mannarino reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 22 in March 2018. He plays here at No. 69.

- Mannarino made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2018 but did not play another match in the competition until the 2021 Davis Cup Finals, where he defeated Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely but fell to Great Britain's Daniel Evans as France failed to advance from the group stages. He has a 2-2 win-loss record in the competition overall. France host Ecuador in the 2022 Davis Cup by Rakuten Qualifiers in March.

- Mannarino is coached by Erwann Tortuyaux.

NO.19 PABLO CARRENO BUSTA (ESP) v SEBASTIAN KORDA (USA)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Carreno Busta has lost an Australian Open match to a player ranked as low as No. 43 Korda once before – when he fell to No. 117 Denis Istomin in the 3rd round here in 2017.

CARRENO BUSTA	v	KORDA
30	**Age**	21
21	**ATP Ranking**	43
6	**Titles**	1
49-31	**Career Grand Slam Record**	8-5
14-8	**Australian Open Record**	2-0
235-184	**Career Record**	36-22
129-96	**Career Record - Hard**	22-15
6-1	**2022 Record**	2-0
6-1	**2022 Record - Hard**	2-0
7-11	**Career Five-Set Record**	1-1
2	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
102-89	**Career Tiebreak Record**	7-10
3-1	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	1-1

- **CARRENO BUSTA** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the 3rd time and equal his best Australian Open performance. This is his 9th consecutive Australian Open appearance and 32nd Grand Slam overall.

- Carreno Busta is bidding to record his **50th Grand Slam match-win** today. He would become the 16th Spanish man in history to record 50 victories at the Grand Slams and the 6th active Spanish player to do so – after Rafael Nadal (who is bidding for his 294th Grand Slam match-win today), Fernando Verdasco (113 Grand Slam match-wins), Tommy Robredo (107), Feliciano Lopez (98) and Roberto Bautista Agut (69).

- Carreno Busta advanced to the 3rd round after defeating qualifier Tomas Martin Etcheverry 61 62 76(2) and Tallon Griekspoor 63 67(6) 76(3) 36 64 in the opening 2 rounds here. His 5-set victory against Griekspoor in the 2nd round improved his win-loss record in **5-set matches** at the Australian Open to 3-3 and to 7-11 overall.

- **Last year here**, Carreno Busta reached the 3rd round, defeating Kei Nishikori and Jiri Vesely before retiring due to an abdominal injury while trailing Grigor Dimitrov 60 1-0.

- Carreno Busta's **best Australian Open performance** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – in 2018 (l. Marin Cilic) and 2019, when he fell to Nishikori in 5 sets.

- Carreno Busta equalled **his best Grand Slam performance** by reaching the semifinals at the US Open last year, where he fell to Alexander Zverev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He also reached the semifinals at the US Open in 2017 (l. Kevin Anderson).

- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2021**, Carreno Busta reached the round of 16 at Roland Garros (l. Stefanos Tsitsipas) but fell in the 1st round at both Wimbledon (l. Sam Querrey) and the US Open (l. Maxime Cressy).

- Carreno Busta's **best results in 2021** were winning the titles at Marbella (d. Jaume Munar) and Hamburg (d. Filip Krajinovic). He also finished runner-up at Metz (l. Hubert Hurkacz), reached the semifinals at Barcelona (l. Rafael Nadal) and Mallorca (l. Daniil Medvedev) and the quarterfinals at Cincinnati-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Winston-Salem (l. Ilya Ivashka).

- Carreno Busta won the **men's singles bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event last year**. He fell to Karen Khachanov in the semifinals before defeating Novak Djokovic in the bronze medal match.

- **Prior to the Australian Open,** Carreno Busta represented Spain at the ATP Cup in Sydney. He won 4 of the 5 singles matches he contested as Spain finished as runners-up. He defeated Chile's Alejandro Tabilo,

Norway's Viktor Durasovic, Serbia's Krajinovic and Poland's Jan Zielinski before falling to Canada's Denis Shapovalov in the opening match of the final.

- Carreno Busta has **won 6 Tour-level titles**. In addition to his 2 titles in 2021, he also won the titles at 2016 Winston-Salem (d. Roberto Bautista Agut), 2016 Moscow (d. Fabio Fognini), 2017 Estoril (d. Gilles Muller) and 2019 Chengdu (d. Alexander Bublik).

- Carreno Busta reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 10 in September 2017. He plays here at No. 21.

- Carreno Busta made his **Davis Cup** debut in 2016 and has a 5-6 win-loss record the competition. He was a member of the Spanish team that won their 6th Davis Cup title in 2019 and competed as Spain's No. 1 player at the 2021 Finals, winning 2 of the 3 matches he contested as the team fell in the group stages. Spain will host Romania in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Carreno Busta is coached by Samuel Lopez and Cesar Fabregas.

- **KORDA** is bidding to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 6th Grand Slam appearance overall.

- Korda is bidding to become the **4th man to reach the round of 16 on his Australian Open debut in the last 10 years** – after Marton Fucsovics and Tennys Sandgren in 2018 and Aslan Karatsev last year.

- Korda advanced to the 3rd round after defeating No. 12 seed Cameron Norrie 63 60 64 and Corentin Moutet 36 64 67(2) 75 76(6) in the opening 2 rounds here. His victory against Moutet was his **first victory in a 5-set match at Tour-level**, having lost his only previous 5-set match at Tour-level to Karen Khachanov in the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year.

- Korda **did not compete at the Australian Open in 2021**, choosing to compete in Challenger-level events rather than contesting qualifying – winning the title at the Quimper Challenger (FRA) (d. Filip Horansky) but falling in the 1st round at the Biella Challenger (ITA) (l. Dmitry Popko). His victory at the Quimper Challenger saw him break the Top 100 for the first time.

- Korda's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – on his Grand Slam debut at 2020 Roland Garros where, ranked at No. 213, he qualified for the main draw before defeating Andreas Seppi, John Isner and Pedro Martinez in the opening 3 rounds before falling to Rafael Nadal. He also reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon last year, falling to Khachanov in 5 sets.

- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play in 2021**, Korda lost in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Pedro Martinez) and the US Open, where he retired due to illness while trailing Nikoloz Basilashvili 62 2-1.

- Korda's best result in 2021 was winning his **first Tour-level title** at Parma (d. Marco Cecchinato). He also reached the final at Delray Beach (l. Hubert Hurkacz) and the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Halle (l. Ugo Humbert). He has contested one event at Challenger-level this season, winning the title at the Quimper Challenger (FRA) (d. Filip Horansky).

- Korda **withdrew from the 2 pre-Australian Open events in Adelaide** after testing positive for Covid-19. He is one of 14 players to start the men's draw without having played an event this season.

- Korda broke the Top 50 for the first time in May last year and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 38 in October. He plays here 5 places lower at No. 43.

- Korda is a **former junior Australian Open singles champion**. He won the title here in 2018 (d. Tseng Chun Hsin) and became junior world No. 1 the following week. He also reached the semifinals of the boys' singles at Roland Garros the same year (l. Tseng).

- Korda is coached by his father, Petr Korda, who won the title here in 1998, Dean Goldfine and Theodor Devoty. His mother, Regina Rajchrtova, also played professional tennis and reached a career-high ranking of No. 26, while his sisters, Jessica and Nelly, are professional golfers on the LPGA Tour.

NO. 25 LORENZO SONEGO (ITA) v MIOMIR KECMANOVIC (SRB)

Tour-level head-to-head: Sonego leads 1-0

2017	Italy F30 Futures (ITA)	Clay (O)	QF	Kecmanovic	63 46 75
2017	Italy F31 Futures (ITA)	Clay (O)	QF	Sonego	75 64
2019	Geneva Qualifying Draw	Clay (O)	QF	Sonego	64 76(5)
2019	Antalya	Grass (O)	FR	Sonego	67(5) 76(5) 61

A 2nd Tour-level meeting for Sonego and Kecmanovic, and their 5th overall – but their first on a hard court at any level. Sonego won their only previous Tour-level meeting – in the final at 2019 Antalya – and also led their head-to-head below Tour-level 2-1.

SONEGO	v	KECMANOVIC
26	**Age**	22
26	**ATP Ranking**	77
2	**Titles**	1
12-13	**Career Grand Slam Record**	9-11
4-3	**Australian Open Record**	3-3
69-68	**Career Record**	58-62
28-35	**Career Record - Hard**	40-43
4-1	**2022 Record**	3-1
4-1	**2022 Record - Hard**	3-1
2-1	**Career Five-Set Record**	2-4
0	**Comebacks from 0-2 Down**	0
41-35	**Career Tiebreak Record**	26-28
2-0	**2022 Tiebreak Record**	2-0

- **SONEGO** is bidding to reach the round of 16 here for the first time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 14th Grand Slam overall.

- Sonego advanced to the 3rd round after defeating Sam Querrey 75 63 63 and Oscar Otte 26 62 63 61 in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round, Sonego has recorded his **best Australian Open result**. His previous best result here was reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions – on his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier in 2018 (d. Robin Haase, l. Richard Gasquet) and as No. 31 seed last year (d. Querrey, l. Feliciano Lopez).

- Sonego's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the round of 16 on 2 occasions – at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Diego Schwartzman) and at Wimbledon last year (l. Roger Federer).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Sonego fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (l. Lloyd Harris) and the US Open (l. Otte).

- Sonego's **best result in 2021** was winning his 2nd Tour-level title at Sardinia (d. Laslo Djere). He became the first Italian man to win a Tour-level title on home soil since Filippo Volandri won the title at 2006 Palermo. He also won the doubles title at Sardinia alongside Andrea Vavassori (d. Simone Bolelli/Andres Molteni).

- **Also in 2021**, Sonego finished runner-up at Eastbourne (l. Alex de Minaur), reached the semifinals at Rome-1000 (l. Novak Djokovic) and the quarterfinals at Montpellier (l. David Goffin) and San Diego (l. Casper Ruud).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Sonego reached the quarterfinals at Sydney, defeating Hugo Gaston and Sebastian Baez before falling to Aslan Karatsev.

- Sonego has **won 2 Tour-level titles** – at 2019 Antalya (d. Kecmanovic) and 2021 Cagliari (d. Laslo Djere).

- Sonego lost the only **5-set match** he has contested at the Australian Open, falling to Lopez in 5 sets in the 2nd round last year. He has won the other 2 five-set matches he has played – against Gilles Muller in the 1st round at the 2018 US Open and against Emilio Gomez in the 1st round at 2020 Roland Garros.

- Sonego reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 21 in October last year. He plays here at No. 26.

- Sonego made his **Davis Cup** debut at the 2021 Finals, winning 2 of the 3 singles matches he contested as Italy reached the quarterfinals. Italy will travel to Slovakia in the 2022 Davis Cup Qualifiers in March.

- Sonego is coached by Gipo Arbino.

- **KECMANOVIC** is bidding to reach the round of 16 at a Grand Slam for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 12th Grand Slam appearance overall.

- Sonego advanced to the 3rd round after defeating lucky loser Salvatore Caruso 64 62 61 and Tommy Paul 76(7) 75 76(8) in the opening 2 rounds here.

- By reaching the 3rd round here, Kecmanovic has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best results at the Grand Slams were reaching the 2nd round on 7 occasions.

- Last year here, Kecmanovic recorded his **first Australian Open match-win** by defeating Kamil Majchrzak in the 1st round before falling to Adrian Mannarino in the 2nd round.

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Kecmanovic reached the 2nd round at both Roland Garros (d. Daniel Evans, l. Laslo Djere) and Wimbledon (d. Facundo Bagnis, l. Roberto Bautista Agut) but fell in the 1st round at the US Open (l. Arthur Rinderknech).

- Kecmanovic's **best result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals at Buenos Aires (l. Diego Schwartzman. He also reached the quarterfinals at Melbourne I (l. Jannik Sinner) and Belgrade I (l. Djokovic).

- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Kecmanovic reached the 2nd round at Sydney (d. Stefano Travaglia, l. Aslan Karatsev). His victory against Travaglia ended a 5-match Tour-level losing streak – he had previously not recorded a Tour-level match-win since his 2nd round finish at Sofia last September (d. Adrian Andreev, l. Gianluca Mager).

- Kecmanovic has **won just one of the last 15 matches he has contested against Top 30 opposition at Tour-level**. His only victory against a Top 30 player in that time came against No. 27 Evans in the 1st round at Roland Garros last year – a result which was also his only victory against a Top 30 player at a Grand Slam. Kecmanovic has 1-5 win-loss record against Top 30 players at the Grand Slams and a 5-22 win-loss record against Top 30 players at Tour-level overall.

- Kecmanovic has lost the last 3 **five-set matches** he has contested, having not recorded a victory in a 5-set match since defeating Mager in the 1st round at the 2020 US Open. He has a 2-4 win-loss record in 5-set matches overall and has never contested a 5-set match at the Australian Open.

- Kecmanovic has **won one Tour-level title** – on clay at 2020 Kitzbuhel (d. Yannick Hanfmann).

- Kecmanovic broke the Top 50 in August 2019 and reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 38 in March last year. He dropped to No. 78 last week – his lowest ranking since June 2019 when he was ranked at No. 82 – but plays here one place higher at No. 77.

- Kecmanovic is a **former junior world No. 1**. He became the first player to win back-to-back titles at the Orange Bowl since Billy Martin in 1973-74, winning the title in both 2015 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and 2016 (d. Wu Yibing). He also reached the final at the 2016 US Open (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime) and was named ITF Junior World Champion that year. His best performance in the boys' singles at the Australian Open was reaching the 3rd round in 2016 (l. Yosuke Watanuki).

- Kecmanovic made his **Davis Cup** debut for Serbia at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals, falling to Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin in the only match he contested. Serbia have been awarded a wild card for the 2022 Davis Cup Finals.

- Kecmanovic is coached by David Nalbandian, who reached the semifinals here in 2006.