



PARIS 2024 PARALYMPIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS EVENT

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On court today...

- The men's singles gold medal match will be the final clash of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. After completing the career 'Golden Slam' in men's doubles by winning the gold medal with Gordon Reid yesterday, world No. 1 Alfie Hewett is bidding to complete the feat in men's singles today. If he does so he will match wheelchair tennis legend Shingo Kunieda, the only player to have completed the career 'Golden Slam' in wheelchair tennis in men's singles. But the man in Hewett's way is Japanese superstar teenager Tokito Oda, who is himself attempting to emulate Kunieda and become the 2nd Japanese player to win the Paralympics men's singles gold medal. Should he do so, he would become the youngest Paralympic men's singles champion ever, aged 18 years 123 days today, breaking the record set by Ricky Molier when he won the men's singles at Atlanta 1996 aged 20 years 70 days.
- History will be made regardless of the result in the men's singles bronze medal match between Spain's Martin de la Puente and Argentina's Gustavo Fernandez. Both men are bidding to become the first Paralympic singles medallist for their nation. If De La Puente wins, he will become the first Spanish player to win multiple Paralympic medals in wheelchair tennis, after winning the men's doubles bronze with Daniel Caverzaschi yesterday. If Fernandez wins, he will become the first Argentinian player to win a Paralympic medal, in any category, in singles or doubles, as well as the first South American Paralympic medallist in wheelchair tennis. Argentina would become the 15th nation to win a Paralympic medal in wheelchair tennis since it became a full-medal sport in 1992.

Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event medal table (after Friday 6 September)

Rank	Nation	Gold medals	Silver medals	Bronze medals	Total medals
1.	Netherlands	2	3	1	6
2.	Japan	2	1	0	3
3.	Great Britain	1	1	0	2
4=	China, P.R.	0	0	1	1
	Israel	0	0	1	1
	South Africa	0	0	1	1
	Spain	0	0	1	1

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – MEN’S SINGLES BRONZE MEDAL MATCH NO. 3 MARTIN DE LA PUENTE (ESP) v NO. 4 GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ (ARG)

Head-to-head: Fernandez leads 19-2

A 22nd meeting between De La Puente and Fernandez, and their 2nd at the Paralympics. Fernandez won 62 64 in the 2nd round at Rio 2016 in their 4th ever meeting.

This is their 2nd meeting at Stade Roland Garros, with Fernandez winning 64 61 in the quarterfinals at 2022 Roland Garros. It is their 11th meeting on clay overall, with Fernandez leading 8-2 in the head-to-head on the surface.

The last 8 meetings between De La Puente and Fernandez have come on clay. De La Puente won 46 61 62 in the final at Barcelona (ESP) last year, and their most recent meeting 76(4) 63 in the final at the Open International de Royan (FRA) this year. Prior to De La Puente’s win in Barcelona last year, Fernandez has won the pair’s first 13 meetings between 2014 and 2023.

Both men are bidding to become the first player from their nation to win a Paralympic singles medal, in any wheelchair tennis category. De La Puente is bidding to become the first Spanish player to win a Paralympic singles medal, while Fernandez is bidding to become the first Argentinian player to win a Paralympic singles medal.

Route to the bronze medal match

DE LA PUENTE	Time		Time	FERNANDEZ
BYE	-	1st round	-	BYE
d. Ezequiel Casco 62 60	1:05	2nd round	1:02	d. Frederic Cattaneo 61 64
d. No. 15 Maikel Scheffers 62 62	1:09	3rd round	0:45	d. No. 14 Alexander Cataldo 60 61
d. No. 7 Stephane Houdet 62 46 61	2:02	Quarterfinals	1:47	d. No. 5 Gordon Reid 60 76(5)
l. No. 1 Alfie Hewett 62 60	1:09	Semifinals	1:30	l. No. 2 Tokito Oda 62 75
total time on court	5:25	Time by Omega	5:04	total time on court

- **DE LA PUENTE** is bidding to win the men’s singles bronze medal at the Paralympics for the first time. This is his 3rd Paralympics appearance.
- De La Puente is bidding to become the **first Spanish player to win a Paralympic singles medal in any wheelchair tennis category**.
- De La Puente is also bidding to become the **first Spanish player to win multiple Paralympic medals in any wheelchair tennis category**. He and Daniel Caverzaschi became the first Spanish players to win a Paralympic medal in any wheelchair tennis category, in singles or doubles, by winning the men’s doubles bronze medal on Friday, defeating Frederic Cattaneo/Stephane Houdet 46 64 [10-5] in the bronze medal match.
- By reaching the men’s singles bronze medal match, De La Puente has already **become the first Spanish player to contest a Paralympic singles medal match**.
- De La Puente is making his **3rd Paralympic appearance**, having made his Paralympic debut at Rio 2016. He reached the 3rd round at Tokyo 2020 (l. Houdet) and the 2nd round at Rio 2016 (d. Carlos Santos, l. Fernandez).
- De La Puente’s **best Paralympic singles result** is reaching the 3rd round at Tokyo 2020 (l. Stephane Houdet). He reached the 2nd round in the men’s singles on his Paralympic debut, at Rio 2016 (d. Carlos Santos, l. Gustavo Fernandez).
- De La Puente reached his **first Grand Slam singles final** at Wimbledon this year, falling to Hewett in the final.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams this year**, De La Puente fell in the 1st round at both the Australian Open (l. Gerard) and Roland Garros (l. Miki).
- De La Puente’s **best results in 2024** are winning 3 titles – at Munich (GER) (d. Gordon Reid), the Open International de Royan (FRA) (d. Fernandez), and the Swiss Open (d. Reid). He also finished runner-up at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (AUS) (l. Hewett), Barcelona (ESP) (l. Fernandez) and Wimbledon, reached the semifinals at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS) (l. Tokito Oda), Rotterdam (NED) (l. Gerard), the Georgia Open (USA) (l. Oda), the Cajun Classic (USA) (l. Oda), the Japan Open (l. Hewett), Rome (ITA) (l. Fernandez), the French Riviera Open (l. Hewett) and Roehampton (GBR) (l. Reid), and reached the quarterfinals at the Seoul Korea Open (l. Miki).

- De La Puente reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 a week after reaching his first Grand Slam singles final at Wimbledon in July, and plays here at the same ranking.
- De La Puente was a **member of the Spanish teams that finished runner-up at the Wheelchair World Team Cup in 2021, 2022 and 2024**, falling to Netherlands on the first 2 occasions and to Great Britain this year. He made his Wheelchair World Team Cup debut in 2015 and has a 46-20 overall win-loss record in the competition.
- De La Puente is coached by Fernando San Martin.
- **FERNANDEZ** is bidding to win a medal at the Paralympics for the first time. This is his 3rd Paralympics appearance.
- Fernandez is bidding to become the **first Argentinian player to win a Paralympic medal in any wheelchair tennis category**, in singles or doubles.
- Fernandez is bidding to become the **first player from the continent of South America to win a Paralympic medal in any wheelchair tennis category**, in singles or doubles.
- If Fernandez win's the singles bronze medal, Argentina will become the **8th different nation to win a Paralympic medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event**. Argentina will also become the 4th nation to win their first ever Paralympic medal in wheelchair tennis at Paris 2024 – after China, P.R., South Africa and Spain. Both would be joint records at a Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event. Argentina would also become the 15th nation to win a Paralympic medal in wheelchair tennis since it became a full-medal sport in 1992.

Nations to win medals at the Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event (entering Sat 7 September)

Games	Medal-winning nations	No. of medal-winning nations	No. of first-time medal-winning nations
Barcelona 1992	France, Germany, Netherlands, USA	4	4
Atlanta 1996	Australia , France, Netherlands, USA	4	1
Sydney 2000	Australia, Germany, Netherlands, USA	4	0
Athens 2004	Australia, France, Great Britain, Japan , Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand , USA	8	4
Beijing 2008	France, Great Britain, Israel , Japan, Netherlands, Sweden , USA	7	2
London 2012	France, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, USA	7	0
Rio 2016	Australia, Belgium , France, Great Britain, Japan, Netherlands, USA	7	1
Tokyo 2020	Australia, France, Great Britain, Japan, Netherlands	5	0
Paris 2024	China, P.R. , Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Argentina??	8??	4??

First-time medal-winning nations in **bold**

- By reaching the men's singles bronze medal match Fernandez has already become the **first Argentinian player to contest a Paralympic medal match**, and the first
- Fernandez reached the men's singles quarterfinals **on all 3 of his previous Paralympic appearances** – at Tokyo 2020 and Rio 2016, losing to Reid on both occasions, and on his debut at London 2012 (l. Stephane Houdet).
- Fernandez is in **3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair men's singles titles won** behind Shingo Kunieda (28 Grand Slam singles titles) and Alfie Hewett (9). He has won 5 Grand Slam titles – at Roland Garros in 2016 and 2019, at the Australian Open in 2017 and 2019, and at Wimbledon in 2019.
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Fernandez finished runner-up at Roland Garros (l. Tokito Oda) and reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Hewett). He missed the Australian Open on health grounds. It was the first time he had missed a Grand Slam tournament since making his Grand Slam debut at the 2013 Australian Open.
- Fernandez's **best results in 2024** are winning 2 titles – at Barcelona (ESP) (d. Martin de la Puente) and Roehampton (GBR) (received a walkover in the final against Hewett). He also finished runner-up at Rome (ITA) (l. Hewett), the Open International de Royan (FRA) (l. De La Puente), Roland Garros and Eastbourne (GBR) (l. Hewett), reached the semifinals at the Cajun Classic (USA) (l. Hewett), Munich (GER) (l. Reid), and Wimbledon, and reached the quarterfinals at the Georgia Open (USA) (l. Ruben Spaargaren) and the French Riviera Open (FRA) (l. Reid).

- Fernandez reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in July 2017 and most recently held the top ranking in January 2020. He has been ranked inside the Top 10 since May 2012 and inside the Top 5 since June 2016. He plays here at No. 4.
- Fernandez has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup** for Argentina since 2009 and has a 36-12 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition and a 59-29 win-loss record overall.
- Fernandez is coached by Jonathan Abadie.

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – MEN’S SINGLES GOLD MEDAL MATCH NO. 1 ALFIE HEWETT (GBR) v NO. 2 TOKITO ODA (JPN)

Head-to-head: Hewett leads 8-7

A 16th meeting for Hewett and Oda, their first at the Paralympics and their 2nd at Stade Roland Garros. Oda won 61 64 in the 2023 Roland Garros final to win his first Grand Slam title.

This is their 3rd meeting on clay, with Oda winning both previous meetings on the surface, in the 2023 Roland Garros final and 75 63 in their most recent meeting, on any surface, in the final at this year’s French Riviera Open.

Hewett and Oda have contested 4 of the last 7 Grand Slam finals, at the 2023 Australian Open, when Hewett won 63 61, at 2023 Roland Garros, at 2023 Wimbledon, when Oda won 64 62, and at the Australian Open this year, when Oda won 62 64.

This is the pair’s 13th meeting in the final of an event, overall and consecutively. Oda leads 7-5 in their head-to-head in finals, and 3-1 in Grand Slam finals.

Both men are bidding to become the 2nd player from their nation to win the Paralympic men’s singles gold medal. Hewett is bidding to become the 2nd British player to win the men’s singles at the Games, after Gordon Reid won gold at Rio 2016. Oda is bidding to become the 2nd Japanese player to win the men’s singles at the Games, after Shingo Kunieda, who won gold at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Tokyo 2020.

By both reaching the final, Hewett and Oda have guaranteed that either a British or Japanese player will win the men’s singles gold medal at a 5th consecutive Paralympic Games.

The 12 Grand Slam men’s singles titles since Tokyo 2020 have been shared equally between 3 players – Kunieda, Hewett and Oda. Hewett and Oda have won the last 8 Grand Slam titles between them stretching back to the 2022 US Open.

Most Grand Slam men’s singles titles since Tokyo 2020 (men)

Player	No. of Grand Slam titles
Shingo Kunieda	4
Alfie Hewett	4
Tokito Oda	4

Route to the gold medal match

HEWETT	Time		Time	ODA
BYE	-	1st round	-	BYE
d. Sergei Lysov 60 61	0:53	2nd round	1:27	d. Ben Bartram 62 76(4)
d. No. 16 Daisuke Arai 75 62	2:01	3rd round	0:52	d. Daniel Rodrigues 60 61
d. No. 10 Ruben Spaargaren 61 64	1:15	Quarterfinals	1:03	d. No. 6 Tom Egberink 64 61
d. No. 3 Martin de la Puente 62 60	1:09	Semifinals	1:30	d. No. 4 Gustavo Fernandez 62 75
total time on court	5:18	Time by Omega	4:52	total time on court

- **HEWETT** is bidding to win the men’s singles gold medal at the Paralympics for the first time. This is his 3rd Paralympics appearance.
- Hewett is bidding to become the **first player to win the Paralympic men’s singles and doubles gold medal at the same Games**. He would also become the 9th player to achieve the feat across all categories of wheelchair tennis since it became a full medal sport in 1992.

Players winning singles and doubles at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event

Player	Category	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Randy Snow	Men’s	Barcelona 1992
Monique van den Bosch	Women’s	Barcelona 1992
Esther Vergeer	Women’s	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012
Jiske Griffioen	Women’s	Rio 2016
Dylan Alcott	Quad	Rio 2016
Diede de Groot	Women’s	Tokyo 2020
Niels Vink	Quad	Paris 2024
Yui Kamiji	Women’s	Paris 2024
Alfie Hewett??	Men’s	Paris 2024??

- Hewett is bidding to become the **5th player to win multiple Paralympic gold medals in wheelchair tennis in the men's category** – after Kunieda (4 Paralympic gold medals), Houdet (3), Reid and Robin Ammerlaan (2).
- Hewett is bidding to become the **2nd player to win the career 'Golden Slam' in men's singles** (winning a Paralympic gold medal and all 4 Grand Slams at least once) – after Kunieda, who won 28 Grand Slam singles titles and 3 Paralympic singles gold medals. He would also become the 4th player to achieve the feat in singles across all wheelchair tennis categories, after Kunieda, Diede de Groot in women's singles, and Dylan Alcott in quad singles, who completed the doubles career 'Golden Slam' in singles during his career (winning 2 Paralympic gold medals and all 4 Grand Slams at least twice).
- After winning the men's doubles gold medal here to complete the career 'Golden Slam' in doubles, Hewett is also bidding to become the **2nd player to win the career 'Golden Slam' in both men's singles and doubles** – after Kunieda, who won 22 Grand Slam doubles titles and one Paralympic doubles gold medal in addition to career 'Golden Slam' in doubles. He would also become the 4th player to achieve the feat in both singles and doubles across all wheelchair tennis categories, after Kunieda, Diede de Groot in women's singles and doubles, and Dylan Alcott in quad singles and doubles.
- By reaching the men's singles final, Hewett has guaranteed his 5th Paralympic medal, meaning he will **move into joint-3rd place on the all-time list for most Paralympic wheelchair tennis medals won in the men's category** – behind Kunieda and David Hall and alongside Houdet and Reid.

Most Paralympic medal all-time (men's)

Player	No. of medals	
	Before Sat 7 September	After Sat 7 September
Shingo Kunieda	6 (4 gold, 2 bronze)	–
David Hall	6 (1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)	–
Stephane Houdet	5 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)	–
Gordon Reid	5 (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)	–
Alfie Hewett	4 (1 gold, 3 silver)	+1 gold OR +1 silver
Stephen Welch	4 (1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze)	–
Michael Jeremiasz	4 (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze)	–

- By reaching the men's singles final here, Hewett has become the **5th player to reach multiple men's singles finals at the Paralympics** – after Shingo Kunieda (3 Paralympic singles finals appearances), Robin Ammerlaan, David Hall and Stephen Welch (all 2).
- By reaching the men's singles and doubles finals here, Hewett has become the **first player to reach the Paralympic men's singles and doubles finals at the same Games on multiple occasions.**

Players reaching the men's singles and doubles finals at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event

Player	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Randy Snow	Barcelona 1992
Stephen Welch	Atlanta 1996
David Hall	Sydney 2000
Alfie Hewett	Rio 2016, Paris 2024
Gordon Reid	Rio 2016
Tokito Oda	Paris 2024

- Hewett has also become the **6th player across all wheelchair tennis categories to reach the Paralympic singles and doubles finals at the same Games on multiple occasions.**

Players reaching the singles and doubles finals at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event at multiple Games

Player	Category	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Esther Vergeer	Women's	Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012
David Wagner	Quad	Athens 2004, London 2012
Aniek van Koot	Women's	London 2012, Rio 2016
Dylan Alcott	Quad	Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020
Sam Schroder	Quad	Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024
Alfie Hewett	Men's	Rio 2016, Paris 2024

- Hewett **won the singles silver medal at Rio 2016**, where he fell to Reid in the gold medal match. He also finished in 4th place at Tokyo 2020, where he fell to Tom Egberink in the semifinals and to Reid in the bronze medal match. He is making his 3rd Paralympic appearance here.
- Hewett is in **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair men's singles titles won** behind Kunieda, who won 28 Grand Slam singles titles. He has won 9 Grand Slam titles – 4 at the US Open, 3 at Roland Garros, and one each at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Hewett won the title at Wimbledon (d. De La Puente), finished runner-up at the Australian Open (l. Oda) and reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Gustavo Fernandez).
- Hewett's **other highlights in 2024** are winning 6 other titles – at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (AUS) (d. De La Puente), Rotterdam (NED) (d. Gerard), the Georgia Open (USA) (d. Oda), the Cajun Classic (USA) (d. Oda), Rome (ITA) (d. Fernandez), and Eastbourne (GBR) (d. Fernandez). He also finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS) (l. Oda), the Japan Open (l. Oda), the French Riviera Open (FRA) (l. Oda) and Roehampton (GBR), where he gave a walkover to Fernandez.
- Hewett reached the **world No. 1 singles ranking** for the first time in January 2018, and plays here at No. 1.
- Hewett is a **4-time Wheelchair World Team Cup champion**. He was a member of the British teams which won the men's event in 2015 (d. France), 2019 (d. France), 2023 (d. Netherlands) and 2024 (d. Spain). He made his debut in the competition in 2015 and has a 44-4 win-loss record in the competition.
- Hewett is coached by Craig Allen in singles.
- Lefthander **ODA** is bidding to win the men's singles gold medal on his Paralympic debut.
- Aged 18 years 123 days, Oda is bidding to become the **youngest player ever to win the Paralympic men's singles gold medal**. Netherlands' Ricky Molier won men's singles gold at Atlanta 1996, aged 20 years 70 days. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament).
- Oda is bidding to become the **3rd Japanese player to win a Paralympics singles gold medal in any wheelchair tennis category**, after Shingo Kunieda, who won the men's singles gold medal at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Tokyo 2020, and Yui Kamiji, who won the women's singles gold medal here at Paris 2024.
- By reaching the men's singles final, Oda has become the **2nd Japanese player to reach the men's singles final at the Paralympics**, after Kunieda, who reached the men's singles final at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Tokyo 2020, winning the gold medal on all 3 occasions.
- Oda has also become the **2nd Japanese player to reach a Paralympic singles and doubles final at the same Games** – after Yui Kamiji, who won the women's doubles gold medal on Thursday and the women's singles gold medal on Friday.
- Oda has also become the **3rd Japanese player to reach a Paralympic singles final in any wheelchair tennis category** – after Kunieda, and Kamiji.
- Oda has also become the **6th player to reach the Paralympic men's singles and doubles finals at the same Games**.

Players reaching the men's singles and doubles finals at the same Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event

Player	Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event
Randy Snow	Barcelona 1992
Stephen Welch	Atlanta 1996
David Hall	Sydney 2000
Alfie Hewett	Rio 2016, Paris 2024
Gordon Reid	Rio 2016
Tokito Oda	Paris 2024

- Oda is making his **Paralympic debut** at this event. He won the men's doubles silver medal alongside Takuya Miki on Friday.
- Oda is a **4-time Grand Slam singles champion**. He won his first Grand Slam title at 2023 Roland Garros, and won the titles at 2023 Wimbledon and the 2024 Australian Open, defeating Alfie Hewett in the final on those 3 occasions, and at 2024 Roland Garros (d. Gustavo Fernandez).

- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams this year**, Oda reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (I. Martin de la Puente).
- Oda's **other highlights in 2024** are winning 3 other titles – at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS), the Japan Open, and the French Riviera Open (FRA), defeating Hewett in the final on all 3 occasions. He also finished runner-up to Hewett at the Georgia Open (USA) and the Cajun Classic (USA).
- Aged 17 years 35 days, Oda became the **youngest man in history to hold the No. 1 ranking in any senior tennis discipline** after winning his first Grand Slam title at 2023 Roland Garros. He is currently ranked No. 2. He reached a career-high doubles ranking of No. 3 in March this year and plays here at the same ranking.
- Oda **led Japan to victory in the boys' event at the 2021 Wheelchair World Team Cup in Alghero**, defeating Great Britain in the title match. He remains eligible to compete in junior Grand Slam tournaments and is still the junior world No. 1, but has never contested a junior Grand Slam event.
- Oda has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup** for Japan since 2022 and has a 10-4 win-loss record in the competition.
- Oda is coached by Yosuke Inaba and Hiroya Kumada.