

# 2024 WIMBLEDON MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 13 July

NO. 15 MAX PURCELL (AUS)/JORDAN THOMPSON (AUS)

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## HARRI HELIOVAARA (FIN)/HENRY PATTEN (GBR)

### Head-to-head: first meeting

A first meeting for the 2 pairs with their current partners. There have been 2 occasions where 3 of the 4 players involved in today's final have contested matches – Purcell/Thompson defeated Patten and Julian Cash 46 64 [10-5] in the final at 2023 Houston, and Heliovaara/Patten defeated Purcell and Emil Ruusuvuori 63 64 in the quarterfinals at Eastbourne last month.

Purcell/Thompson have won 4 doubles titles together, 3 of which have come this year – at Dallas, Los Cabos and Houston. Heliovaara/Patten won the title in their first event as a team at Marrakech in April this year and won their 2nd title together at Lyon in May. The pairs in today's final are 2 of the 10 teams to have won multiple Tour-level men's doubles titles in 2024.

Teams to have won multiple Tour-level men's doubles titles in 2024

Player	Titles won this year	
Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic	3 (Hong Kong, Geneva, Roland Garros)	
Wesley Koolhof/Nikola Mektic	3 (Auckland, Rotterdam, Indian Wells-1000)	
Max Purcell/Jordan Thompson	3 (Dallas, Los Cabos, Houston)	
Simone Bolelli/Andrea Vavassori	2 (Buenos Aires, Halle)	
Rohan Bopanna/Matthew Ebden	2 (Australian Open, Miami-1000)	
Julian Cash/Robert Galloway	2 (Delray Beach, Mallorca)	
Sadio Doumbia/Fabien Reboul	2 (Montpellier, Bucharest)	
Maximo Gonzalez/Andres Molteni	2 (Cordoba, Barcelona)	
Harri Heliovaara/Henry Patten	2 (Marrakech, Lyon)	
Neal Skupski/Michael Venus	2 (Queen's, Eastbourne)	

This year is the 2nd time that all Wimbledon men's doubles matches are played as best-of-3 sets. Prior to 2023, Wimbledon men's doubles matches were played as best-of-5 sets.

#### Road to the final

PURCELL/THOMPSON	Time		Time	HELIOVAARA/PATTEN
d. Clarke/Willis 64 62	1:05	1st round	1:21	d. No. 5 Bolelli/Vavassori 63 64
d. Martin/Middelkoop 64 75	1:26	2nd round	1:32	d. Martinez/Munar 76(5) 63
d. Mies/Smith 64 63	1:26	3rd round	1:23	d. Matos/Melo 76(1) 62
d. No. 11 Gonzalez/Molteni 64 67(8) 63	2:28	Quarterfinals	2:23	d. No. 4 Arevalo/Pavic 46 76(5) 76(7)
d. No. 1 Granollers/Zeballos 64 64	1:11	Semifinals	1:24	d. No. 9 Skupski/Venus 64 76(1)
total time on court	7:36	IBM time	8:03	total time on court

- PURCELL/THOMPSON are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title in their 6th Grand Slam event as a team.
- Purcell/Thompson are bidding to become the 18th all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title

   and the 4th in the last 3 years, after Thanasi Kokkinakis/Nick Kyrgios won the title at the 2022 Australian Open,
   Matthew Ebden/Purcell won the title at 2022 Wimbledon and Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler won the titles at the 2023 Australian Open. They would become the 2nd all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde in 2000.
- Purcell/Thompson are bidding to become the 7th all-Australian team to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title in the Open Era.

#### Wimbledon men's doubles titles won by all-Australian teams (Open Era)

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	Team	No. of titles		
	Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde	6		
	John Newcombe/Tony Roche*	4		
	Peter McNamara/Paul McNamee	2		
Ross Case/Geoff Masters		1		
	Matthew Ebden/Max Purcell	1		
	Roy Emerson/Rod Laver	1		
	Max Purcell/Jordan Thompson??	1??		

<sup>\*</sup>Also won a Wimbledon men's doubles title prior to Open Era

- Purcell is a Wimbledon men's doubles champion, having won the men's doubles title here alongside Ebden in 2022 (d. Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic). He has reached 2 other Grand Slam men's doubles finals – alongside Luke Saville at the 2020 Australian Open (l. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury) and alongside Ebden at the 2022 Australian Open (l. Kokkinakis/Kyrgios).
- Purcell is bidding to become the **8th Australian player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title on multiple occasions** after Woodbridge (9 Wimbledon men's doubles titles), Woodforde (6), John Newcombe and Tony Roche (both 4) and John Fitzgerald, Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee (all 2). (NB Newcombe and Roche also won a Wimbledon men's doubles title prior to the Open Era)
- Thompson is bidding to become the **15th Australian player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title**. He would become the 3rd Australian player to win the men's doubles titles here since 2005 after Ebden and Purcell, who became the first Australian players to win the men's doubles title here since Stephen Huss won the men's doubles title here alongside South Africa's Wesley Moodie by winning the title in 2022.
- By reaching the final here, Purcell/Thompson have recorded their best Grand Slam performance as a team.
  Their previous best Grand Slam performances were reaching the 3rd round at a Grand Slam on 2 occasions at
  2023 Wimbledon (I. Wesley Koolhof/Neal Skupski) and 2024 Roland Garros (I. Simone Bolelli/Andrea Vavassori).
  Thompson had never progressed beyond the 3rd round of the men's doubles event at a Grand Slam prior to
  Wimbledon this year.
- Purcell is contesting is **22nd Grand Slam doubles event with his 5th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Alex de Minaur as a wild card at the 2017 Australian Open. This is his 5th Wimbledon men's doubles appearance.
- Thompson is contesting his **25th Grand Slam doubles event with his 14th different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Benjamin Mitchell as a wild card at the 2014 Australian Open. This is his 7th Wimbledon men's doubles appearance.
- Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year, Purcell/Thompson reached the 2nd round at the Australian Open (d. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler, I. Hugo Nys/Jan Zielinski).
- Prior to Wimbledon, Purcell/Thompson reached the semifinals at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Koolhof/Mektic). Purcell also competed at Eastbourne alongside Emil Ruusuvuori, reaching the 2nd round (d. Ram/Salisbury, I. Heliovaara/Patten). Thompson also competed at Queen's alongside Peers, falling in the 1st round (I. Ivan Dodig/Austin Krajicek).
- Purcell/Thomspon won their 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tour-level doubles titles as a team at this year at Dallas (d. William Blumberg/Hijikata), Los Cabos (d. Gonzalo Escobar/Aleksandr Nedovyesov) and Houston (d. Blumberg/Peers) in April. They also won the title at Houston in 2023 (d. Julian Cash/Patten).

- Purcell is bidding to win his **8th Tour-level doubles title**. In addition to his 4 titles alongside Thompson, he has won 2 titles alongside Ebden and one title alongside Hijikata.
- Thompson is bidding to win his 7th Tour-level doubles title. In addition to his 4 titles alongside Purcell, he has
  won one title alongside both Kokkinakis and Sebastian Korda. He and Korda won the title at Madrid-1000 this year
  (d. Ariel Behar/Adam Pavlasek)
- Purcell's best Grand Slam singles performance is reaching the 2nd round on 2 occasions at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Thompson, I. Yoshihito Nishioka) and at the 2024 Australian Open (d. Mate Valkusz, I. Casper Ruud). He has contested the men's singles at the Grand Slams on 10 occasions. Elsewhere in Grand Slam singles play this year, he fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (I. Henri Squire) and Wimbledon (I. Otto Virtanen).
- Thompson's **best Grand Slam singles performance** is reaching the round of 16 at the 2020 US Open (I. Borna Coric). He has contested the men's singles at the Grand Slams on 36 occasions. In Grand Slam singles play this year, he reached the 2nd round at both the Australian Open (d. Aleksandar Vukic, I. Stefanos Tsitsipas) and Wimbledon (d. Pavel Kotov, I. Brandon Nakashima), but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (I. Maximilian Marterer).
- Purcell reached a career-high doubles ranking of No. 25 in April 2022 and plays here at No. 31. He reached a
  career-high singles ranking of No. 40 in October last year but is currently ranked at No. 68.
- Thompson reached at **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 32 last month and plays here at the same ranking. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 32 in February this year but is currently ranked at No. 40.
- Purcell and Thompson have both represented Australia at the Olympics. Purcell represented Australia at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event. He competed in both singles and doubles, reaching the 2nd round of the singles (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, I. Dominik Koepfer) but falling in the 1st round of the doubles alongside Peers (I. Krajicek/Tennys Sandgren). Thomspon represented Australia at the Rio 2016 Olympic Tennis Event in singles only, falling in the 1st round to Kyle Edmund.
- Purcell and Thompson were both part of the Australian Davis Cup team that finished as runners-up in 2022 and 2023. Purcell made his debut in the competition at the 2022 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage, has played in 8 ties, and has a 7-3 Davis Cup win-loss record. Thompson made his debut in the competition in 2017, has played in 12 ties, and has a 9-5 Davis Cup win-loss record.
- Purcell is coached by Blaz Kavcic. Thompson is coached by Marinko Matosevic.
- HELIOVAARA/PATTEN are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title in their 2nd Grand Slam event as a team.
- Patten is bidding to become the 3rd British player in the Open Era to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title

   after Jonathan Marray, who won the title alongside Frederik Nielsen in 2012, and Neal Skupski, who won the title alongside Wesley Koolhof last year.
- Heliovaara is bidding to become the first Finnish player in history to win the Wimbledon men's doubles title.
- Patten is bidding to become the 6th British player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title –
  and the 4th active player to do so, after Jamie Murray, Joe Salisbury and Skupski.

Grand Slam men's doubles titles won by British players (Open Era)

Player	Grand Slam doubles titles won
Joe Salisbury	4
Jamie Murray	2
Roger Taylor	2
Jonathan Marray	1
Henry Patten??	1??
Neal Skupski	1

Heliovaara is bidding to become the 2nd Finnish player in history to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title –
after Henri Kontinen, who won the 2017 Australian Open men's doubles title alongside John Peers (d. Bob
Bryan/Mike Bryan). He and Kontinen are the only 2 Finnish players to win Grand Slam doubles titles – Heliovaara
won the mixed doubles title at the 2023 US Open alongside Anna Danilina (d. Jessica Pegula/Austin Krajicek) and

Kontinen won the mixed doubles at 2016 Wimbledon alongside Heather Watson (d. Robert Farah/Anna-Lena Groenefeld).

- By reaching the final here, Heliovaara/Patten have recorded their best Grand Slam performance both as a team
  and as individuals. They reached the 3rd round in their only previous Grand Slam event as a team at Roland
  Garros last month, where they gave a walkover to Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen due to Heliovaara's shoulder injury.
- Heliovaara's previous best Grand Slam performance was reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions, both alongside Lloyd Glasspool – at 2022 Roland Garros (I. Rohan Bopanna/Matwe Middelkoop) and at the 2022 US Open (I. Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah).
- Patten's previous **best Grand Slam performance was reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions** alongside Julian Cash at the 2023 US Open (I. Bopanna/Ebden) and alongside Heliovaara at Roland Garros this year.
- By reaching the final here, Heliovaara has recorded his best Wimbledon performance. Heliovaara's previous best performances here were 3rd round finishes on both his 2 previous appearances here, both alongside Glasspool – in 2021, when they gave a walkover to Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo due to Glasspool's groin injury, and 2022 (I. Mektic/Pavic).
- By reaching the final here, Patten has recorded his **best Wimbledon performance**. Patten's only previous appearance here came as a wild card alongside Cash in 2022, falling in the 1st round (I. Santiago Gonzalez/Andre Molteni).
- Heliovaara is contesting is 12th Grand Slam doubles event with his 4th different partner. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Glasspool as a wild card at 2021 Wimbledon. This is his 3rd Wimbledon appearance.
- Patten is contesting his **7th Grand Slam doubles event with his 3rd different partner**. He made his Grand Slam debut alongside Cash as a wild card at 2022 Wimbledon. This is his 2nd Wimbledon appearance.
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Heliovaara/Patten reached the semifinals at Eastbourne (I. Ebden/Peers). Patten also competed at 's-Hertogenbosch alongside Ivan Dodig, falling in the 1st round (I. Andreas Mies/John-Patrick Smith).
- Heliovaara/Patten have won 2 Tour-level titles in 6 Tour-level events as a team prior to Wimbledon this year.
  They won their first Tour-level title in their first event as a team, at any level, at Marrakech (d. Erler/Miedler) in April this year and won their 2nd Tour-level title in their 4th Tour-level event as a team at Lyon (d. Yuki Bhambri/Albano Olivetti) in May. They are contesting their 7th Tour-level event as a team at Wimbledon this year.
- Heliovaara/Patten have also won 2 Challenger-level titles as a team. They won their 2nd title in their 2nd event
  as a team, at any level, at the Madrid Challenger (ESP) (d. Guido Andreozzi/Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela) in April
  this year, and won their 3rd title in their 6th event as a team, at any level, at the Turin Challenger (d. Mies/Skupski)
  in May. They are contesting their 10th event as a team at any level at Wimbledon this year.
- Heliovaara is bidding to win his **7th Tour-level doubles title**. In addition to his 2 Tour-level titles alongside Patten, he also won 3 Tour-level titles alongside Glasspool and one alongside Matwe Middelkoop.
- Patten is bidding to win his **3rd Tour-level doubles title**. He had not won a title at Tour-level prior to partnering Heliovaara this season.
- Heliovaara reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 7 in June 2023 and plays here at No. 37. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 194 in December 2011 but has not played singles at any level since January 2022.
- Patten reached at career-high doubles ranking of No. 42 last month and plays here at the same ranking. He
  reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 462 in September 2022 but has not played singles at any level since
  then.
- Heliovaara was part of the Finnish Davis Cup team that reached the semifinals of the competition for the
  first time in 2023. He won 3 of the 5 doubles matches he played in the competition in 2023. He made his debut
  in the competition in 2008, has played 27 ties, and has a 22-21 Davis Cup win-loss record.
- Heliovaara is coached by Boris Chernov. Patten is coached by Calvin Betton.