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On court today...

- In the boys' singles semifinals today, Nicolai Budkov Kjaer aims to advance to his first major final, with the No. 2 seed still on track to become the first Norwegian player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final. In his way is Japan's Naoya Honda, who is bidding to emulate his compatriot Shintaro Mochizuki, the 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion. Meanwhile, Theo Papamalamis and Mees Rottgering will aim, respectively, to become the first French and Dutch players to reach the boys' singles final at Wimbledon since 2005 (Jeremy Chardy) and 2006 (Thiemo de Bakker). Papamalamis is the higher-ranked of the pair – but Rottgering has more experience at this stage of a Grand Slam tournament, having reached the boys' singles semifinals at the Australian Open this year.
- Renata Jamrichova and Emerson Jones are each just one win away from setting up a re-match of this year's Australian Open girls' singles final, with Jamrichova up against the unseeded Vendula Valdmannova and Jones facing American No. 6 seed Iva Jovic today. Jamrichova is aiming to emulate Alina Korneeva's 2023 achievement of winning 2 Grand Slam titles in a season. Should she defeat Valdmannova, she will become the 3rd Slovakian player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final. Should Valdmannova manage an upset win today, she will be the 11th Czech player to reach the girls' singles final here. Jovic is aiming to continue recent American dominance in this competition, with her compatriots Liv Hovde (2022) and Clervie Ngounoue (2023) winning the title here in the last 2 years. But Jones, who won her only previous match against Jovic, will be confident of a victory today that would see her become the first Australian in the girls' singles final at Wimbledon since Ashleigh Barty in 2011.

NO. 2 NICOLAI BUDKOV KJAER (NOR) v NAOYA HONDA (JPN)

Head-to-head: Budkov Kjaer leads 1-0

2022 J3 Dubrovnik (CRO) Clay (O) R32 Budkov Kjaer 75 62

A 2nd meeting for Budkov Kjaer and Honda – but their first at a Grand Slam or on grass. Budkov Kjaer won their only previous meeting, which came at Grade 3-level in 2022 – now equivalent to J100-level.

Road to the semifinals

BUDKOV KJAER	Time		Time	HONDA
d. Mae Malige 63 46 62	2:14	1st round	1:26	d. No. 11 Miguel Tobon 36 62 61
d. Zhang Tianhui 62 64	1:05	2nd round	2:18	d. Matthew Forbes 64 36 64
d. No. 15 Cooper Woestendick 61 64	1:01	3rd round	1:18	d. Henry Bernet 62 36 61
d. No. 10 Maxim Mrva 76(2) 64	1:12	Quarterfinals	1:15	d. Rafael Jodar 64 64
total time on court	5:32	IBM time	6:17	total time on court

Potential final head-to-heads

	Papamalamis	Rottgering
Budkov Kjaer	1-0	0-1
Honda	0-2	0-0

BUDKOV KJAER	v	HONDA
18	Age	18
4	ITF Junior Ranking	50
737	ATP Ranking	-
11-4	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	4-1
6-1	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-0
112-41	Career Record (Junior)	109-54
28-6	2024 Record (Junior)	25-10

- [BUDKOV KJAER](#) is bidding to become the first Norwegian player to win a Grand Slam singles title in any discipline, junior or professional. He is also bidding to become the 2nd Norwegian player to reach a Grand Slam singles final, after 3-time men's singles finalist Casper Ruud.
- Budkov Kjaer is **Norway's only Grand Slam champion in any discipline** – he won the boys' doubles title at 2024 Roland Garros, partnering Joel Schwaerzler.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Budkov Kjaer has equalled his **best Grand Slam singles result**. He also reached the semifinals at the Australian Open this year (l. Rei Sakamoto).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Budkov Kjaer fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Henry Bernet).
- **Last year here**, on his junior Grand Slam debut, Budkov Kjaer reached the 3rd round (l. Iliyan Radulov).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Budkov Kjaer reached the semifinals at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Maxim Mrva).
- Budkov Kjaer's **best result in 2024** is winning the title at J300 Beaulieu-sur-Mer (FRA) (d. Bernet). He also finished runner-up at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Sakamoto) and reached the semifinals at J500 Offenbach (GER) (l. Mrva) and J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Kim Jangjun)
- Budkov Kjaer **won his first 2 professional titles in 2024** – at M15 Antalya (TUR) in March (d. Niels Visser) and M15 Antalya (TUR) in May (d. Yanaki Milev).
- Budkov Kjaer made his **Davis Cup debut for Norway** in 2023, falling to both Juan Pablo Varillas and Ignacio Buse in the team's defeat to Peru in a World Group I tie in September. He recorded his first Davis Cup match-win during the team's World Group I Play-off victory against Latvia in February this year.

- **HONDA** is bidding to become the 2nd Japanese player to win the Wimbledon boys' singles title – after Shintaro Mochizuki, who won the boys' singles title here in 2019.
- Honda is bidding to become the **3rd Japanese player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title** – after Mochizuki (2019 Wimbledon) and Sakamoto (2024 Australian Open).
- Honda is bidding to become the **5th Japanese player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final** – after Yuka Yoshida (1993 US Open girls' singles runner-up), Sachie Ishizu (2010 Wimbledon girls' singles runner-up), Mochizuki (2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion) and Sakamoto (2024 Australian Open boys' singles champion).
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, Honda has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. He made his junior Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros this year, falling to Federico Cina in the 1st round.
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Honda fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Henry Bernet).
- Honda's **best result in 2024** is reaching the final at J500 Blumenau (BRA) (l. Oliver Bonding). He also won 2 titles at J100 Manacor (ESP) events in February, defeating Nathan Trouve to win the first and defeating Marcos Castro Fabra to win the 2nd.
- Honda's **best result as a professional** came on his first professional appearance – as a qualifier at M15 Manacor (ESP), when he reached the quarterfinals (l. Abedallah Shelbayh). He has contested 3 M15 Manacor events in 2024, losing his opening match on 2 occasions and falling in the 2nd round on the other occasion.

NO. 16 THEO PAPAMALAMIS (FRA) v MEES ROTTGERING (NED)

Head-to-head: Papamalamis leads 1-0

2022 J4 Offenbach (GER) Hard (I) FR Papamalamis 60 61

A 2nd meeting for Papamalamis and Rottgering, but their first at a Grand Slam or on grass. Their only previous meeting came at a Grade 4-level in 2022 – now equivalent to J60-level.

Road to the semifinals

PAPAMALAMIS	Time		Time	ROTTGERING
d. Benjamin Gusic Wan 61 61	1:04	1st round	1:15	d. Andreas Timini 64 75
d. William Rejchtman Vinciguerra 62 63	1:18	2nd round	1:59	d. No. 7 Hayden Jones 64 36 64
d. No. 3 Federico Cina 62 06 63	2:07	3rd round	1:25	d. Charlie Robertson 76(5) 62
d. Jagger Leach 63 63	1:13	Quarterfinals	1:20	d. No. 1 Kaylan Bigun 76(3) 63
total time on court	5:42	IBM time	5:59	total time on court

Potential final head-to-heads

	Budkov Kjaer	Honda
Papamalamis	0-1	2-0
Rottgering	1-0	0-0

PAPAMALAMIS	v	ROTTGERING
18	Age	17
19	ITF Junior Ranking	28
954	ATP Ranking	1583
8-6	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	9-4
4-0	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	5-1
117-58	Career Record (Junior)	79-37
23-9	2024 Record (Junior)	18-5

- [PAPAMALAMIS](#) is bidding to become the 5th French player to win the Wimbledon boys' singles title – after Thierry Tulasne (1980), Olivier Mutis (1995), Gael Monfils (2004) and Jeremy Chardy (2005).
- Papamalamis is bidding to become the **first French player to reach the Wimbledon boys' singles final since 2005** – when Chardy won the title here.
- Papamalamis is bidding to become the **4th French player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title in the last 5 years** – after Harold Mayot (2020 Australian Open), Luca van Assche (2021 Roland Garros) and Gabriel Debru (2022 Roland Garros)
- By reaching the semifinals here, Papamalamis has recorded his **best Grand Slam result**. His previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the 3rd round at Roland Garros this year (l. Rei Sakamoto). He is making his Wimbledon debut this year.
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Papamalamis reached the 2nd round at the Australian Open (d. Justin Engel, l. Roy Horovitz).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Papamalamis reached the 3rd round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Maxim Mrva).
- Papamalamis' **best results in 2024** are reaching the semifinals J500 Offenbach (GER) (l. Luca Preda) and J300 Santa Croce Sull'Arno (ITA) (l. Reda Bennani).
- Papamalamis **competed in men's singles qualifying at Roland Garros this year**. As a wild card, he fell to Gregoire Barrere in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Papamalamis reached his **first professional final in March this year** – at M15 Poitiers (FRA) (l. Fabien Salle). His other highlights as a professional this season are reaching the semifinals at M15 Lannion (FRA) (l. Yanis Ghazouani Durand) and the quarterfinals at M25 Carnac (FRA) (l. Maxime Chazal).

- **ROTTGERING** is bidding to become the 2nd Dutch player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title – after Thiemo de Bakker, who won the boys' singles title here in 2006.
- Rottgering is bidding to become the **6th Dutch player to reach a Grand Slam boys' singles final** – after Eric Wilborts (1980 US Open boys' singles runner-up), Sjeng Schalken (1994 US Open boys' singles champion), Antal Van Der Duim (2005 Roland Garros boys' singles runner-up), Robin Haase (2005 Wimbledon boys' singles runner-up), and De Bakker (2006 Wimbledon boys' singles champion).
- Rottgering is bidding to become the **9th Dutch player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final**. In addition to the 5 Dutch players to have reached boys' singles finals at the Grand Slams, 3 Dutch players have reached Grand Slam girls' singles finals – Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (1988 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Michaella Krajicek (2003 US Open girls' singles runner-up and 2004 US Open girls' singles champion) and Arantxa Rus (2008 Australian Open girls' singles champion).
- **Rottgering's best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open this year (l. Jan Kumstat).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Rottgering fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Mae Malige).
- **Last year here**, on his junior Grand Slam debut, Rottgering reached the 2nd round (l. Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez).
- Rottgering **did not compete at J300 Roehampton (GBR)** last week. He is contesting his first grass court event since competing here last year.
- Rottgering's **best results in 2024** are reaching the semifinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Rei Sakamoto) and J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Kaylan Bigun).
- Rottgering reached his **first professional final in February this year** – at M15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (l. Philip Henning).

NO. 1 RENATA JAMRICOVA (SVK) v VENDULA VALDMANNOVA (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Road to the semifinals

JAMRICOVA	Time		Time	VALDMANNOVA
d. (Q) Christasha McNeil 62 63	1:12	1st round	1:02	d. Olivia Carneiro 61 61
d. Noemi Basiletti 62 61	1:16	2nd round	1:06	d. No. 14 Antonia Vergara Rivera 63 62
d. Sonja Zhiyenbayeva 75 64	1:15	3rd round	1:20	d. No. 4 Tyra Caterina Grant 63 75
d. Rositsa Dencheva 63 61	0:51	Quarterfinals	2:08	d. No. 10 Jeline Vandromme 36 63 64
total time on court	4:34	IBM time	5:36	total time on court

Potential final head-to-heads

	Jones	Jovic
Jamrichova	1-0	0-0
Valdmannova	0-0	1-1

JAMRICOVA	v	VALDMANNOVA
17	Age	16
2	ITF Junior Ranking	36
546	WTA Ranking	1048
26-7	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	8-3
8-2	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	5-1
115-40	Career Record (Junior)	92-48
13-1	2024 Record (Junior)	17-10

- [JAMRICOVA](#) is bidding to become the 3rd Slovak player to reach a Wimbledon junior singles final – after Magdalena Rybarikova (who finished as girls' singles runner-up here in 2006) and Kristina Schmiedlova (who finished as girls' singles runner-up here in 2014).
- Jamrichova is bidding to win her **2nd Grand Slam title**. She would become the 2nd player in the last 10 years to win multiple Grand Slam girls' singles titles – after Alina Korneeva, who won the girls' singles titles at both the Australian Open and Roland Garros last year.
- Jamrichova became **4th Slovakian player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title** at the Australian Open this year, defeating Emerson Jones in the girls' singles final. She joined Martin Klizan (2006 Roland Garros boys' singles champion), Kristina Kucova (2007 US Open girls' singles champion) and Tereza Mihalikova (2015 Australian Open girls' singles champion) as Slovakian junior Grand Slam champions.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Jamrichova has equalled her **best Wimbledon result**. She also reached the semifinals here last year (l. Clervie Ngounoue). She is making her 3rd appearance in the girls' singles event here, having falling in the 1st round on her junior Grand Slam debut here in 2022 (l. Jasmine Conway).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Jamrichova reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Tereza Valentova).
- Jamrichova **did not compete at J300 Roehampton (GBR)** last week. Her only appearances at junior-level in 2024 have come at the Grand Slams. She competed on grass at W100 Ilkley (GBR) prior to Wimbledon, falling to Ranah Akua Stoiber in the 1st round.
- Jamrichova has **won 2 professional titles in 2024** – at W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (d. Elena-Teodora Cadar) and W15 Telde (ESP) (d. Maria Garcia Cid).
- Jamrichova made her **Billie Jean King Cup debut for Slovakia** in 2023 and has won both matches she has contested in the competition to date – against Argentina's Nadia Podoroska in the 2023 Play-offs and Slovenia's Veronika Erjavec in the Qualifiers this year.

- [VALDMANNOVA](#) is bidding to become the 11th Czech player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – but just the 3rd in the last 30 years, after 2010 champion Kristyna Pliskova and 2023 runner-up Nikola Bartunkova. She is also bidding to become the 13th Czech player, boy or girl, to reach a junior singles final Wimbledon.
- Valdmannova is bidding to become the **5th Czech player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – after Olga Miskova (1948), Andrea Holikova (1985), Andrea Strnadova (1989 and 1990) and Kristyna Pliskova (2010).
- Valdmannova is bidding to become the **5th Czech player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title in the last 10 years** – after Marie Bouzkova (2014 US Open), Linda Noskova (2021 Roland Garros), Lucie Havlickova (2022 Roland Garros) and Tereza Valentova (2024 Roland Garros).
- If Valdmannova wins the title here, after Valentova won the title at Roland Garros, it will be the **first time that multiple Czech players have won Grand Slam girls' singles titles since 2010** – when Karolina Pliskova won the title the Australian Open and Kristyna Pliskova won the title at Wimbledon.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Valdmannova has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the 3rd round at the Australian Open this year (l. Ena Koike).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Valdmannova reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Antonia Vergara Rivera, l. Ren Yufei).
- **Last year here**, as a qualifier on her junior Grand Slam debut, Valdmannova reached the 2nd round (l. Alina Koreneva).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Valdmannova fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Mingge Xu).
- Valdmannova's **best results in 2024** are winning the title at J200 Siauliai (LTU) (d. Linea Bajraliu) and reaching the quarterfinals at J300 Bamberg (GER) (l. Victoria Pohle).
- Valdmannova has contested **3 professional events in 2024**. Her best result is reaching the 2nd round at W35 Villach (AUT) (d. Julia Peer, l. Melisa Ercan).

NO. 3 EMERSON JONES (AUS) v NO. 6 IVA JOVIC (USA)

Head-to-head: Jones leads 1-0

2024 J300 Traralgon (AUS) Hard (O) FR Jones 75 61

A 2nd meeting for Jones and Jovic, but their first at a Grand Slam or on grass. Jones won in straight sets when they met in the final at J300 Traralgon, prior to the Australian Open this year.

Road to the semifinals

JONES	Time		Time	JOVIC
d. Shiho Tsujioka 61 62	0:57	1st round	1:35	d. Julie Pastikova 61 75
d. Eliska Tichackova 62 62	1:28	2nd round	1:10	d. Charo Esquivia Banuls 60 62
d. No. 16 Iva Ivanova 61 62	0:49	3rd round	2:12	d. No. 11 Wakana Sonobe 46 75 60
d. Monika Stankiewicz 62 63	0:56	Quarterfinals	1:22	d. No. 15 Teodora Kostovic 63 62
total time on court	4:10	IBM time	6:19	total time on court

Potential final head-to-heads

	Jamrichova	Valdmanova
Jones	0-1	0-0
Jovic	0-0	1-1

JONES	v	JOVIC
16	Age	16
3	ITF Junior Ranking	6
630	WTA Ranking	394
12-5	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	9-4
6-1	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-0
103-38	Career Record (Junior)	111-26
25-5	2024 Record (Junior)	29-6

- [JONES](#) is bidding the first Australian player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final since Ashleigh Barty in 2011.
- Jones is bidding to become the **3rd Australian player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – after Debbie Freeman (1980) and Barty (2011). She is bidding to become the first Australian player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title since Barty here in 2011.
- Jones is also bidding to become the **8th Australian player to win a Wimbledon junior title**. In addition to Freeman and Barty, 5 Australian players have won a boys' singles title here – John Alexander (1968), Pat Cash (1982), Mark Kratzmann (1983), Todd Reid (2002) and Luke Saville (2011).
- Jones reached her **first junior Grand Slam final** at the Australian Open this year (l. Renata Jamrichova). She became the first Australian player to reach the Australian Open girls' singles final since 2008, when Jessica Moore finished as runner-up to Arantxa Rus. She also became the first Australian player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final since 2016, when Oliver Anderson won the boys' singles title.
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Jones fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Daria Shadchneva).
- **Last year here**, on her junior Wimbledon debut, Jones reached the 3rd round (l. Mika Stojsavljevic).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Jones reached the semifinals at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Teodora Kostovic).
- Jones' **other highlights in 2024** are winning the titles at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Jovic) and J500 Milan (ITA) (d. Tyra Caterina Grant).
- Jones' **best result as a professional in 2024** is reaching the semifinals at W35 Swan Hill (AUS) (l. Gabriella Da Silva Fick). She also competed as a wild card in women's singles qualifying at the Australian Open, but fell to Priscilla Hon in the 1st round of qualifying.

- **JOVIC** is bidding to become the 24th American player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – and the 6th in the last decade after Claire Liu and Ann Li (both 2017), Alexa Noel (2019), Liv Hovde (2022) and Clervie Ngounoue (2023).
- Jovic is bidding to become the **3rd consecutive American champion of the girls' singles event at Wimbledon** – after Hovde in 2022 and Ngounoue in 2023.
- Jovic is bidding to become the **16th American player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – but just the 5th in the last 40 years. Since Zina Garrison won the girls' singles title here in 1981, the only American players to win the girls' singles title here are Chanda Rubin (1992), Claire Liu (2017), Hovde (2022) and Ngounoue (2023).
- Jovic is bidding to become the **5th American player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title in the last 5 years**. In addition to the Wimbledon title-victories for Hovde and Ngounoue in the last 2 years, Robin Montgomery won the girls' singles title at the 2021 US Open and Katherine Hui won the girls' singles title at the 2023 US Open.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Jovic has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams is reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros this year (l. Laura Samson). She is making her junior Wimbledon debut here.
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Jovic fell in the 1st round at the Australian Open (l. Vendula Valdmanova).
- **Prior to Wimbledon**, Jovic finished runner-up at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Teodora Kostovic).
- Jovic's **best results in 2024** are winning the title at J300 San Diego (USA) (d. Kristina Penickova) and finishing runner-up at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Jones) and J300 Roehampton (GBR).
- Jovic has reached **2 professional finals in 2024** – she finished runner-up as a qualifier at W35 Spring, TX (USA) (l. Ena Shibahara) and as a wild card at W75 Zephyrhills, FL (USA) (l. Akasha Urhobo). She also competed as a wild card in women's singles qualifying at Indian Wells-1000, but fell to Taylor Townsend in the 1st round of qualifying.