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On court today...

- Home talent Pauline Deroulede opens the action on Court Philippe Chatrier on day two in Paris, and she will hope to avenge her doubles defeat at the hands of Colombia's Angelica Bernal and Zuleinny Rodriguez Trujillo as she takes on Bernal in singles. Both women are seeking a first ever Paralympic singles match-win, with Bernal attempting to do so on her 4th Paralympic appearance, while Deroulede is making her Paralympic debut here.
- Also on Court Philippe Chatrier, Roland Garros champion Guy Sasson of Israel faces Chile's Francisco Cayulef for a place in the quad singles quarterfinals. Both men are making their 2nd Paralympic appearance, but both are also competing in the quad category for the first time at the Paralympics, having previously contested the men's event once each.
- On Court Suzanne Lenglen, 5-time Roland Garros singles champion Diede de Groot gets her Paralympic gold medal defence underway against Katharina Kruger of Germany. It will be a tall order for Kruger to overcome the dominant world No. 1, who has won 162 of her last 164 singles matches and has not lost at Stade Roland Garros since 2020.
- Two more Frenchwomen close out the action on Court Suzanne Lenglen, with Emmanuelle Morch and Ksenia Chasteau looking to bounce back from doubles defeats on Friday as they take on Japan's Momoko Ohtani and Morocco's Samira Benichi respectively.

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – WOMEN’S SINGLES NO. 5 ANGELICA BERNAL (COL) v PAULINE DEROULEDE (FRA)

Head-to-head: Bernal leads 2-1

A 4th meeting between Bernal and Derouledede, and a 2nd on clay, after Bernal won their most recent meeting 64 67(3) 63 in the semifinals at the 2024 Swiss Open. Their other two meetings came on indoor hard courts, with one win for each player on that surface.

- **BERNAL** is bidding to record her first Paralympic match-win in singles. Her only previous victories at the Paralympics came in women’s doubles at London 2012, when she and Johana Martinez reached the quarterfinals (d. Francisca Mardones/Maria-Antonieta Ortiz, I. Marjolein Buis/Esther Vergeer), and here this year, when she and Zuleinny Rodriguez Trujillo defeated Ksenia Chasteau/Pauline Derouledede in the 1st round on Friday. She and Martinez fell in the 1st round at Tokyo 2020 (I. Kgothatso Montjane/Mariska Venter). She has fallen in the 1st round of the women’s singles in all 3 of her previous Paralympic appearances – at London 2012 (I. Daniela di Toro), Rio 2016 (I. Buis) and Tokyo 2020 (I. Jordane Whiley).
- Bernal is **bidding to become the first Colombian player to win a Paralympic match in wheelchair tennis singles**. She is one of 3 Colombian players to have played at least one wheelchair tennis singles match at the Paralympics prior to Paris 2024 – alongside women’s player Johana Martinez and men’s player Eliecer Oquendo Barrios. All 3 players have made 3 Paralympics singles appearances before Paris 2024, and lost on all 3 occasions. (NB fellow Colombian Rodriguez Trujillo is also competing in the women’s singles today)
- Bernal’s **best Grand Slam singles result** is reaching the semifinals at the 2020 US Open (I. Yui Kamiji). She has made 12 Grand Slam appearances in total, recording 3 match-wins in singles.
- Bernal’s **best result in 2024** is winning the Swiss Open (d. Macarena Cabrillana), an ITF1 Series event. She has also won 2 titles at ITF2 Series-level – at the Bolton Indoor Tournament (GBR) (d. Dana Mathewson) and the Kemal Sahin Cup (TUR) (d. Ksenia Chasteau).
- Bernal plays here at a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 6 after achieving the ranking for the first time this week.
- Bernal has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup for Colombia since 2010**. She has a 34-12 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition.
- Bernal is coached by Sigifredo Hidalgo.
- **DEROULEDE** is bidding to record her first Paralympic match-win. She is making her Paralympic debut here, and fell alongside Chasteau in the 1st round of the women’s doubles on Friday in her first ever Paralympic match (I. Bernal/Rodriguez Trujillo)
- Derouledede has made **5 Grand Slam appearances**. She has recorded one Grand Slam singles match-win, reaching the 2nd round at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Shiori Funamizu, I. Diede de Groot).
- Derouledede’s **best results in 2024** are finishing runner-up at the Megasaray Open (TUR) (I. Maria Florencia Moreno) and the German Open (I. Saki Takamuro) and reaching the semifinals at the Swiss Open (I. Bernal).
- Derouledede reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 13 in June last year. She plays here at No. 20.
- Derouledede has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup for France since 2021**. She has a 15-3 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition.
- Derouledede is coached by Herve Tassaró.

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – WOMEN’S SINGLES NO. 2 YUI KAMIJI (JPN) v MARISKA VENTER (RSA)

Head-to-head: Kamiji leads 2-0

A 3rd meeting for Kamiji and Venter. Kamiji won 60 60 when the pair met at the 2016 SA Open and won 61 61 when they met at the 2021 Wheelchair World Team Cup.

- **KAMIJI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 4th time. This is her 4th Paralympics appearance.
- Kamiji **won the singles silver medal at Tokyo 2020**, where she fell to Netherlands’ Diede de Groot in the gold medal match, becoming the first non-Dutch player to contest a Paralympic women’s singles final. She also the singles bronze medal at Rio 2016, where she fell to Aniek van Koot in the semifinals and defeat De Groot in the bronze medal match. She also won the doubles bronze medal at Tokyo 2020 alongside Momoko Ohtani, falling to De Groot/Van Koot in the semifinals before defeating Wang Ziyi/Zhu Zhenzhen in the bronze medal match.
- Kamiji is in **3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair women’s singles titles won** behind De Groot, who has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, and Esther Vergeer, who won 21 Grand Slam singles titles. She has won 8 Grand Slam titles – 4 at Roland Garros, and 2 each at the Australian Open and US Open.
- Kamiji is bidding to become the **3rd Japanese player to win a Paralympic gold medal in wheelchair tennis** – after Shingo Kunieda, who won the men’s singles at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Tokyo 2020, and Satoshi Saida, who won the men’s doubles alongside Kunieda at Athens 2004.
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Kamiji finished runner-up at the Australian Open (l. De Groot), reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (l. Van Koot) and reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (l. Ohtani).
- Kamiji’s **best results in 2024** are winning 7 titles – at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (AUS) (d. Van Koot), Busan (KOR) (d. Manami Tanka), Daegu (KOR) (d. Van Koot), the Japan Open (d. Van Koot), Kobe (JPN) (d. Shiori Funamizu), Barcelona (ESP) (d. Wang Ziyi) and Roehampton (GBR) (d. De Groot). She also finished runner-up at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS) (l. De Groot), the Australian Open, the Cajun Classic (USA) (l. De Groot) and the French Riviera Open (l. De Groot).
- Kamiji reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in May 2014, and most recently held the top ranking in June 2018. She has been ranked inside the Top 10 since June 2013, and has been ranked No. 2 since 2 September 2019.
- Kamiji was part of the **Japanese Wheelchair World Team Cup team that won the women’s event for the first time in 2022**. She made her debut in the competition in 2009, has a 61-16 win-loss record in the competition, and was also part of the Japanese teams which finished runners-up in the women’s event in 2010, 2012, 2015, 2019 and 2021.
- Kamiji is coached by Kenji Matsumoto.
- **VENTER** is bidding to record her first Paralympic singles match-win.
- Venter **made her Paralympic debut at Tokyo 2020**. She fell to Momoko Ohtani in the 1st round of the women’s singles and reached the quarterfinals of the women’s doubles alongside Kgothatso Montjane (d. Angelica Bernal/Johana Martinez, l. Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley).
- Venter’s **best results in 2024** are winning 5 titles at ITF Futures Series-level.
- Venter is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the first time on her 10th attempt**. She has lost all 9 matches she has previously contested against Top 5 players. The highest-ranked player she has defeated is No. 14 Maria Florencia Moreno at the 2019 Ath Open (BEL).
- Venter reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 27 in March 2014. She plays here at No. 32.
- Venter has **played Wheelchair World Team Cup for South Africa** since 2012 and has a 38-17 win-loss record in World Team Cup singles matches.
- Venter is coached by Gert Vanderlinden.

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – QUAD SINGLES NO. 3 GUY SASSON (ISR) v FRANCISCO CAYULEF (CHI)

Head-to-head: Sasson leads 2-0

A 3rd meeting between Sasson and Cayulef, and a 3rd on clay, after Sasson won 64 63 in the quarterfinals at the 2023 Barcelona Open (ESP), and 60 62 in the 2nd round at the 2024 French Riviera Open (FRA).

- **SASSON** is bidding to record his first Paralympic singles match-win.
- Sasson is making his **2nd Paralympic appearance – but his first in the quad category**. Sasson's only previous Paralympic appearance came at Tokyo 2020, when he fell to Daisuke Arai in the 1st round of the men's singles and, alongside Adam Berdichevsky, reached the 2nd round of the men's doubles (d. Rafael Medeiros/Mauricio Pomme, I. Tom Egberink/Maikel Scheffers).
- Sasson won his **first Grand Slam singles title at Roland Garros this year** (d. Sam Schroder). He has made 4 Grand Slam appearances, finishing runner-up on his Australian Open debut this year (I. Schroder), reaching the semifinals on his Wimbledon debut this year (d. Donald Ramphadi, I. Niels Vink), and reaching the quarterfinals on his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open (d. Tomas Masaryk, I. Schroder).
- Sasson's **other highlights in 2024** are winning 4 other titles – one at ITF Super Series-level, at the French Riviera Open (FRA) (d. Ahmet Kaplan), and 3 at ITF1 Series-level, at the Victorian Wheelchair Open (AUS) (d. Heath Davidson), the Georgia Open (USA) (d. Andy Laphorne), and the Seoul Korea Open (KOR) (d. Davidson). He also finished runner-up at the Japan Open (I. Schroder), reached the semifinals at the Cajun Classic (USA) (I. Vink), and the quarterfinals at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS) (I. Vink).
- Sasson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 3 in January this year and plays here at the same ranking.
- Sasson was **part of the Israeli team that finished as runners-up in the quad event at the Wheelchair World Team Cup in 2023**. He has played World Team Cup for Israel since 2017, playing in the men's category from 2017-22, and in the quad category since 2023. He has a 4-1 win-loss record in quad singles matches in the competition and a 14-10 win-loss record in the competition in singles overall across men's and quad singles.
- Sasson is coached by Ofri Lankri.
- **CAYULEF** is bidding to record his first Paralympic match-win. He fell in the quarterfinals of the quad doubles alongside Diego Perez on Friday (I. Donald Ramphadi/Lucas Sithole).
- Cayulef is making his **2nd Paralympic appearance – but his first in the quad category**. Cayulef's only Paralympic appearance prior to Paris 2024 came at Beijing 2008, when he fell to Stephen Welch in the 1st round of the men's singles and, alongside Robinson Mendez, fell to Suthi Khlongrua/Sumreng Kruamai in the 1st round of the men's doubles.
- Cayulef made his **Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open** and also competed at the 2024 Australian Open. Cayulef's best Grand Slam singles result is reaching the quarterfinals at the Australian Open this year (d. Gregory Slade, I. Niels Vink).
- Cayulef's **best singles result in 2024** is winning the title at the Open International De L'Ile De Re (FRA) (d. Ymanitu Silva). He also finished runner-up at the German Open and Swiss Open, falling to Robert Shaw at both events, and reached the semifinals at the Cajun Classic (USA) (I. Schroder).
- Cayulef reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 9 last month and is currently ranked one place lower at No. 10.
- Cayulef was **part of the Chilean team that won their first quad title at the Wheelchair World Team Cup earlier this year**, with the team defeating Brazil, Japan and South Africa in the group stage before defeating Australia in the semifinals and Turkiye in the final. He has played Wheelchair World Team Cup for Chile since 2005, playing in the men's category from 2005-2018, and in the quad category since 2023. He has an 8-2 win-loss record in quad singles matches in the competition and a 28-13 win-loss record in the competition in singles overall across men's and quad singles.

COURT PHILIPPE CHATRIER – WOMEN’S SINGLES DANA MATHEWSON (USA) v LI XIAOHUI (CHN)

Head-to-head: first meeting

- **MATHEWSON** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 3rd time. This is her 3rd Paralympics appearance.
- Mathewson’s **best Paralympic singles result** is reaching the quarterfinals at Tokyo 2020 (l. Jordanne Whiley). She reached the 2nd round on her Paralympic debut at Rio 2016 (d. Louise Hunt, l. Aniek van Koot). She has contested the women’s doubles at the Paralympics twice before, reaching the quarterfinals alongside Kaitlyn Verfueth at Rio 2016 (d. Rejane Candida/Natalia Mayara, l. Marjolein Buis/Diede de Groot) but falling in the 1st round alongside Shelby Baron at Tokyo 2020 (l. Wang Ziyang/Zhu Zhenzhen).
- Mathewson has made **16 Grand Slam appearances between 2017 and 2024**, winning 7 singles matches – she reached the semifinals at the 2019 US Open (d. Kgothatso Montjane, l. De Groot).
- Mathewson’s **best result in 2024** is winning the title at the Bolton Indoor ITF3 Series Wheelchair Tennis Tournament (GBR) (d. Zhu). She also finished runner-up at the Georgia Open (USA) (l. Lizzy de Greef), an ITF1 Series event, and at the Bolton Indoor ITF2 Series Wheelchair Tennis Tournament (GBR) (l. Angelica Bernal), reached the semifinals at Eastbourne (GBR) (l. Jiske Griffioen), an ITF2 Series event, and the quarterfinals at 8 other events at ITF3 Series level and above.
- Mathewson reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 7 in January 2022. She plays here at No. 9.
- Mathewson has **played World Team Cup for USA** since 2009 and has a 24-10 win-loss record in World Team Cup singles matches.
- Mathewson is coached by John Devorss.
- **LI** is making her Paralympic debut .
- **Li made her Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open this year**. She reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon on her debut there (d. Bernal, l. Van Koot), but fell in the 1st round at the Australian Open (l. Zhu) and Roland Garros (De Groot).
- Li’s **best result in 2024** is reaching the semifinals at ITF1 Series events the Daegu Open (KOR) (l. Van Koot) and Barcelona (ESP) (l. Wang). She also reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, at the French Riviera Open (l. Yui Kamiji), an ITF Super Series event, and 3 other quarterfinals at ITF1 Series-level - the Seoul Korea Open (KOR) (l. Manami Tanaka), the Open International de Royan (FRA) (l. Zhu), and Roehampton (GBR) (l. Kamiji).
- Li became the **first player to defeat world No. 1 Diede de Groot in singles in more than 3 years** when she defeated her at the Wheelchair World Team Cup in May this year. She ended De Groot’s 145-match winning streak by defeating her 63 62 to seal victory for China, P.R. against Netherlands in the final. Prior to that defeat, De Groot’s last defeat came against Kamiji in the final at the 2021 Melbourne Wheelchair Open. Li is one of 2 players to defeat De Groot in the Dutchwoman’s last 164 singles matches prior to the Paralympics, as Kamiji also defeated De Groot in the final at Roehampton in July this year.
- Li reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 12 in April 2024. She plays here at No. 13.
- Li was part of the **Chinese Wheelchair World Team Cup team that won the women’s event for the 2nd time in 2024**. She made her debut in the competition and has a 4-0 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition.
- Li is coached by Dong Fu-Li.

COURT SUZANNE LENGLEN – WOMEN’S SINGLES NO. 1 DIEDE DE GROOT (NED) v KATHARINA KRUGER (GER)

Head-to-head: De Groot leads 10-2

A 13th meeting for De Groot and Kruger. Kruger won the pair’s first 2 meetings in 2013, but De Groot has won all 10 matches they have contested since then and has not dropped a set against Kruger since 2016. De Groot won the pair’s only Grand Slam match in the 1st round at the 2018 Australian Open. Their last meeting came in the semifinals at the 2023 European Para Championships, with De Groot winning 63 60.

- **DE GROOT** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 3rd time. This is her 3rd Paralympics appearance.
- De Groot **won the singles and doubles gold medals at Tokyo 2020**, where she defeated Yui Kamiji in the singles gold medal match and, alongside Aniek van Koot, defeated Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley in the doubles gold medal match. On her Paralympic debut at Rio 2016, she finished in 4th place in singles, falling to Jiske Griffioen in the semifinals and to Kamiji in the bronze medal match, and won the silver medal in doubles alongside Marjolein Buis (I. Griffioen/Van Koot).
- De Groot is in **first place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair women’s singles titles won**, ahead of Esther Vergeer, who won 21 Grand Slam singles titles. She overtook Vergeer by winning her 22nd Grand Slam singles title at 2024 Roland Garros. She has won 23 Grand Slam titles – 6 at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open, and 5 at Roland Garros.
- De Groot is in **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles won**, only behind Shingo Kunieda, who won 28 Grand Slam men’s singles titles.
- De Groot is currently on an active streak of **15 consecutive Grand Slam titles**, an all-time record for the longest Grand Slam singles title winning streak. She claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Shingo Kunieda, by winning her 13th consecutive Grand Slam title at the Australian Open this year.
- De Groot has won **162 of her last 164 Tour-level matches**. Her 145-match winning streak ended at the World Team Cup in May, when she fell to China, P.R.’s Li Xiaohui – prior to that defeat, her last defeat came against Kamiji in the final at the 2021 Melbourne Wheelchair Open. She also lost to Kamiji in the final at Roehampton in July. Her streak of 145 match-wins is the 2nd-longest winning streak in wheelchair tennis history. Vergeer holds the record for the longest winning streak in wheelchair tennis history, having ended her career in 2013 on a 470-match winning streak.
- De Groot is bidding to become the **2nd player in history to compete the double career ‘Golden Slam’** (winning all 4 Grand Slam titles at least twice each and the Paralympic gold medal twice) in wheelchair singles – after Dylan Alcott, who achieved the feat in quad singles.
- De Groot is bidding to become the **2nd player to retain the Paralympic gold medal in women’s singles** – after Vergeer, who won 4 consecutive women’s singles gold medals from Sydney 2000 through London 2012.
- De Groot is bidding to become the **4th player to win 3 or more Paralympic gold medals in women’s singles** – after Vergeer (7 gold medals), and Maaïke Smit and Monique van den Bosch (both 3). (NB Aniek van Koot it also bidding to win her 3rd Paralympic gold medal at Paris 2024)
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, De Groot won the title at the Australian Open (d. Kamiji), Roland Garros (d. Zhu Zhenzhen) and Wimbledon (d. Van Koot).
- De Groot’s **other highlights in 2024** are winning 5 other titles – at the Melbourne Wheelchair Open (AUS) (d. Kamiji), Rotterdam (NED) (d. Jiske Griffioen), the Cajun Classic (USA) (d. Kamiji), Rome (ITA) (d. Angelica Bernal) and the French Riviera Open (d. Kamiji). She also finished runner-up at Roehampton (GBR) (I. Kamiji).
- De Groot reached the **world No. 1 ranking** for the first time in March 2018. She has been ranked No. 1 continuously since 11 June 2018.
- De Groot is a **6-time Wheelchair World Team Cup champion**. She made her debut in the competition in 2015, has a 43-3 win-loss record in the competition, and was part of the Dutch teams which won the women’s event in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023.

- De Groot is coached by Amanda Hopmans.
- **KRUGER** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 4th time. This her 5th Paralympic appearance.
- Kruger's **best Paralympic result** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – at Beijing 2008 (d. Agnieszka Wysocka, I. Vergeer), London 2012 (d. Maria Antonieta Ortiz, I. Vergeer) and Rio 2016 (d. Lola Ochoa, I. Huang Huimin). She fell in the 1st round at Tokyo 2020 (l. Aniek van Koot). She has contested the women's doubles at the Paralympics once before, reaching the quarterfinals alongside Sabine Ellerbrock at London 2012 (l. Lucy Shuker/Jordanne Whiley).
- Kruger has made **13 Grand Slam appearances between 2009 and 2023**, winning 2 singles matches – she reached the quarterfinals at the 2022 US Open (d. Pauline Deroulede, I. Van Koot) and 2023 Roland Garros (d. Maria Florencia Moreno, I. Yui Kamiji).
- Kruger's **best results in 2024** are reaching the semifinals at the Megasaray Cup (TUR) (l. Moreno) and the quarterfinals at the Kemal Sahin Cup (TUR) (l. Shuker).
- Kruger is bidding to **defeat a world No. 1 for the first time on her 18th attempt**. She has lost all 17 of her previous matches against No. 1-ranked players. The highest-ranked player she has defeated is No. 3 Van Koot, who retired during their semifinal match at the 2018 Belgian Open.
- Kruger reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 6 in August 2009. She plays here at No. 27.
- Kruger has **played Wheelchair World Team Cup for Germany** since 2007 and has a 26-24 win-loss record in World Team Cup singles matches. She was a member of the German team which finished as runners-up to Netherlands in 2011.
- Kruger is coached by Niklas Hofken.

COURT SUZANNE LENGLEN – QUAD SINGLES NO. 4 ANDY LAPTHORNE (GBR) v DIEGO PEREZ (CHI)

Head-to-head: Laphorne leads 1-0

Laphorne won the pair's only previous meeting, recording a 64 76(1) victory in the 1st round at the Australian Open this year

- **LAPTHORNE** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 3rd time. This is his 4th Paralympics appearance.
- Laphorne **won the quad singles silver medal at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Event**, falling to Dylan Alcott in the final. He fell in the 1st round in singles on his Paralympic debut at London 2012 (l. Anders Hard) and reached the quarterfinals in singles at Tokyo 2020 (d. Robert Shaw, l. Niels Vink).
- Laphorne is also a **2-time medallist in quad doubles**. He won the silver medal alongside Peter Norfolk at London 2012 (l. Nicholas Taylor/David Wagner) and won the bronze medal at Rio 2016 alongside Jamie Burdekin, falling to Alcott/Heath Davidson in the semifinals before defeating Itai Erinlib/Shraga Weinberg in the bronze medal match. He and Anthony Cotterill finished in 4th place at Tokyo 2020, falling to Sam Schroder/Vink in the semifinals and to Mitsuteru Moroishi/Kogi Sugeno in the bronze medal match.
- Laphorne is a **2-time Grand Slam singles champion**, winning the quad singles title at the US Open in 2014 (d. Wagner) and 2019 (d. Alcott).
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Laphorne reached the semifinals at Wimbledon (d. Wagner, l. Schroder) and the quarterfinals at the Australian Open (d. Perez, l. Schroder) but fell in the 1st round at Roland Garros (l. Schroder).
- Laphorne has **won 2 singles titles in 2024** – at the Bolton ITF2 Series Indoor Tournament (GBR), where he received a walkover in the final against Andrew Bogdanov, and the Austrian Open (d. Tomas Masaryk). He also finished runner-up at the Georgia Open (USA) (l. Guy Sasson) and Eastbourne (GBR) (l. Davidson).
- Laphorne is a **former quad singles world No. 1**, reaching the top ranking in January 2020. He plays here at No. 4.
- Laphorne has **played World Team Cup for Great Britain** since 2009 and has a 28-7 singles win-loss record in the competition. He was a member of the British teams that won the quad title in 2014 (d. USA) and 2017 (d. Israel).
- Laphorne is coached by Imran Aswat in singles and Martyn Whait in doubles.
- **PEREZ** is bidding to record his first Paralympic singles match-win.
- Perez is making his **2nd Paralympic appearance – but his first in the quad category**. His only previous Paralympic appearance came at London 2012, when he fell to Michael Jeremiasz in the 1st round of the men's singles and, alongside Robinson Mendez, to Martin Legner/Thomas Messier in the 1st round of the men's doubles.
- Perez **made his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open** and also competed at the 2024 Australian Open, falling in the 1st round of singles at both events – to Kogi Sugeno and Laphorne, respectively. He reached the semifinals in quad doubles alongside Francisca Cayulef at the US Open last year (d. Bogdanov/David Wagner, l. Schroder/Niels Vink) but fell to Schroder/Vink in the 1st round at the Australian Open this year.
- Perez's **best singles results in 2024** are winning the titles at the Busan Open (KOR) (d. Wagner) and the Kobe Open (JPN) (d. Leandro Pena). He also finished runner-up at the Daegu Open (KOR) (l. Heath Davidson).
- Perez is bidding to **defeat a Top 5 player for the 4th time**. He has a 3-6 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.
- Perez reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 9 in April and is currently ranked at No. 12.
- Perez was a member of the **Chilean team which won their first quad title at the Wheelchair World Team Cup** earlier this year, with the team defeating Brazil, Japan and South Africa in the group stage before defeating Australia in the semifinals and Turkiye in the final.

COURT SUZANNE LENGLEN – WOMEN’S SINGLES EMMANUELLE MORCH (FRA) v MOMOKO OHTANI (JPN)

Head-to-head: Ohtani leads 4-0

A 5th meeting between Morch and Ohtani, and a 2nd on clay, after Ohtani won 60 62 in the 2nd round at the 2020 French Riviera Open. Ohtani has also won all 3 of their other matches, all on outdoor hard courts.

- **MORCH** is bidding to record her 2nd Paralympic match-win in either singles or doubles. Her only previous victory at the Paralympics came in women’s singles at Tokyo 2020, when she reached the 2nd round (d. Liudmila Bubnova, I. Aniek van Koot). She fell in the 1st round at Rio 2016 (l. Huang Huimin) and has fallen in the 1st round of the women’s doubles in all 3 of her Paralympic appearances – at Rio 2016 alongside Charlotte Famin (l. Shelby Baron/Emmy Kaiser), at Tokyo 2020 alongside Charlotte Fairbank (l. Bubnova/Viktoriia Lvova), and here this year alongside Fairbank, falling to Kgothatso Montjane/Mariska Venter on Friday.
- Morch has made **4 Grand Slam appearances in total**, every year at Roland Garros from 2021-24. She has a 0-4 Grand Slam win-loss record in singles, entering as a wild card each year, with her only Grand Slam match-wins coming in doubles, reaching the semifinals alongside Macarena Cabrillana in 2022 (d. Angelica Bernal/Jiske Griffioen, I. Yui Kamiji/Kgothatso Montjane) and alongside Pauline Deroulede in 2023 (d. Dana Mathewson/Lucy Shuker, I. Kamiji/Montjane).
- Morch’s **best results in 2024** are reaching the semifinals at 2 ITF3 Series events – the Indian Wells Tennis Garden Wheelchair Championships (USA) (l. Saki Takamuro) and Turkiye ITF3 Series 2 (l. Shiori Funamizu). She also reached the quarterfinals at 3 ITF2 Series events - the XII Torneo Fundacion Emilio Sanchez Vicario (ESP) (l. Shuker) and the International De L’Ile De Re, and the German Open (l. Funamizu), and at 2 ITF3 Series events – Turkiye ITF3 Series 1 (l. Funamizu), the Megasaray Cup (TUR) (l. Maria Florencia Moreno).
- Morch reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 17 in June 2022. She plays here at No. 26.
- Morch has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup for France since 2015**. She has a 15-18 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition.
- Morch is coached by Herve Tassarot.
- **OHTANI** is bidding to reach the 2nd round at the Paralympics for the 2nd time. This is her 2nd Paralympics appearance.
- Ohtani **reached the women’s singles quarterfinals in her only other Paralympic appearance**, at Tokyo 2020 (l. Diede de Groot). She also won the doubles bronze medal at Tokyo 2020 alongside Yui Kamiji, falling to De Groot/Van Koot in the semifinals before defeating Wang Ziyang/Zhu Zhenzhen in the bronze medal match.
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Ohtani reached the semifinals at Roland Garros (l. Zhu), but fell in the 1st round at the Australian Open (l. Montjane) and Wimbledon (l. De Groot).
- Ohtani’s **best result in 2024** is a runner-up finish at the Open International de Royan (FRA) (l. Wang). She also reached the semifinals at the Japan Open (l. Van Koot) and Roland Garros, and the quarterfinals at Roehampton (GBR) (l. Griffioen).
- Ohtani reached a **career-high ranking** of No. 4 in June last year. She plays here at No. 10.
- Ohtani was part of the **Japanese Wheelchair World Team Cup team that won the women’s event for the first time in 2022**. She made her debut in the competition in 2017, has a 17-6 win-loss record in the competition, and was also part of the Japanese teams which finished runners-up in the women’s event in 2019 and 2021.
- Ohtani is coached by Kenji Matsumoto.

COURT SUZANNE LENGLEN – WOMEN’S SINGLES KSENIA CHASTEAU (FRA) v SAMIRA BENICHI (MAR)

Head-to-head: first meeting

- **CHASTEAU** is bidding to record her **first Paralympic match-win**. She is making her Paralympic debut here, and fell alongside Pauline Deroulede in the 1st round of the women’s doubles on Friday in her first ever Paralympic match (l. Angelica Bernal/Zuleinny Rodriguez Trujillo).
- Chasteau won the inaugural **girls’ wheelchair singles title at Roland Garros** this year (d. Maylee Phelps). She is yet to make her professional Grand Slam debut.
- Chasteau’s **best result in 2024** is winning an ITF3 Series title at the Commit Open (ITA) (d. Maria Florencia Moreno). She also reached the final at the Kemal Sahin Cup (TUR) (l. Bernal) and reached the semifinals at the Swiss Open (l. Macarena Cabrillana).
- Chasteau reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 21 in July this year, and plays here at the same ranking.
- Chasteau made her **Wheelchair World Team Cup debut for France this year**. She lost the only match she has contested in singles in the competition so far, to Aniek van Koot.
- Chasteau is coached by Herve Tassaró.
- **BENICHI** is bidding to record her **first Paralympic match-win**. She is making her Paralympic debut here, and lost alongside Najwa Awane in the 1st round of the women’s doubles on Friday in her first ever Paralympic match (l. Guo Luoyao/Wang Ziying).
- Benichi is **yet to make her Grand Slam debut**.
- Benichi has **mainly played ITF Futures Series events in 2024**. Her best result is a runner-up finish at the Morocco Wheelchair Open (l. Awane) and she has reached the semifinals at 4 other ITF Futures Series events – at the Vemp Wheelchair International Open (NGR) (l. Kafayat Omisore), the IDMAJ Casa Open 1 (MAR) (l. Wendi Schutte), the IDMAJ Casa Open 2 (MAR) (l. Schutte) and the Marrakech Wheelchair Tennis Open (MAR) (l. Britta Wend).
- Benichi plays here at a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 35.
- Benichi has played **Wheelchair World Team Cup for Morocco since 2018**. She has a 13-6 win-loss record in singles matches in the competition.
- Benichi is coached by Pablo Augusto Arria Noguera.