



2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN DAY 10 MEN'S NOTES Tuesday 21 January Quarterfinals Bottom Half

No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER) v No. 12 Tommy Paul (USA)
No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) v No. 7 Novak Djokovic (SRB)

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A look at the quarterfinalists...

Player	Age	Ranking	Tour-level titles won	Best Australian Open performance	Best Grand Slam performance
No. 1 Jannik Sinner (ITA)	23	1	18	Won title 2024	Won 2 titles
No. 2 Alexander Zverev (GER)	27	2	23	Semifinals 2020, 2024	Final 2 times
No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz (ESP)	21	3	16	Quarterfinals 2024, 2025	Won 4 titles
No. 7 Novak Djokovic (SRB)	37	7	99	Won 10 titles	Won 24 titles
No. 8 Alex de Minaur (AUS)	25	8	9	Quarterfinals 2025	Quarterfinals 5 times
No. 12 Tommy Paul (USA)	27	11	4	Semifinals 2023	SF 2023 Australian Open
No. 21 Ben Shelton (USA)	22	20	2	Quarterfinals 2023, 2025	SF 2023 US Open
Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	29	55	4	Quarterfinals 2025	QF 2025 Australian Open

On court today...

- In the first men's match of the day on Rod Laver Arena, Alexander Zverev faces Tommy Paul for a place in the last 4. Zverev is the higher-ranked of the pair – but Paul has won both of their previous meetings. Both men are bidding to equal their best result here, with Zverev seeking a 3rd semifinal here after reaching the last 4 in 2020 and 2024, and Paul aiming for a 2nd Australian Open semifinal appearance after his run in 2023. If Zverev records his 30th match-win at the Australian Open today, he will claim sole ownership of the all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles match-wins by a German player, ahead of Boris Becker. If Paul wins, he will become the 2nd active American player to reach multiple Grand Slam men's singles semifinals, after Frances Tiafoe, and could be joined by compatriot Ben Shelton should he defeat Lorenzo Sonego on Wednesday to reach his 2nd career Grand Slam semifinal.
- Four-time Grand Slam champion Carlos Alcaraz and 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic take to the court in the final match of the day on RLA. This is the first time they are meeting earlier than the semifinal stage of a tournament and is their first meeting at a hard court Grand Slam – which is significant because Alcaraz is yet to defeat Djokovic on a hard court, having lost to the 24-time major champion on their 2 previous meetings on hard courts, in the final at 2023 Cincinnati-1000 and the semifinals at the 2023 ATP Finals. Should Alcaraz defeat Djokovic today, he would become just the 2nd player in the Open Era to reach the men's singles semifinals at all 4 majors aged 21 or under – after Djokovic himself, who completed the set by reaching the semifinals as a 20-year-old en route to his first Grand Slam title at the 2008 Australian Open.

NO. 2 ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER) v NO. 12 TOMMY PAUL (USA)

Head-to-head: Paul leads 2-0

2020	Acapulco	Hard (O)	R16	Paul	63 64
2022	Indian Wells-1000	Hard (O)	R64	Paul	62 46 76(2)

A 3rd meeting for Zverev and Paul but their first at a Grand Slam. Paul won both their previous meetings, both on hard courts, in 2020 and 2022.

Zverev is facing a Top 20 player at the Australian Open for the 12th time. He has a 4-7 win-loss record against Top 20 players here, with his 4 victories coming against No. 16 Andrey Rublev and No. 15 Stan Wawrinka in the round of 16 and quarterfinals, respectively, in 2020, against No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz in the quarterfinals last year and against No. 14 Ugo Humbert in the round of 16 this year. He has a 13-22 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams overall.

Zverev has won 8 of the last 9 matches he has contested against Top 20 players. He defeated 4 Top 20 players en route to the title at 2024 Paris-1000, won his first 3 matches at the 2024 ATP Finals and defeated Humbert in the round of 16 here. His only defeat to a Top 20 player in that time came against No. 5 Taylor Fritz in the semifinals at the ATP Finals. He has a 106-102 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Paul is bidding to defeat a Top 20 player at a Grand Slam for the 2nd time. He has a 1-8 win-loss record against Top 20 players at the Grand Slams, with his only victory coming against No. 20 Grigor Dimitrov in the 2nd round here in 2020. He lost the only other match he has contested against a Top 20 player at the Australian Open, falling to No. 5 Novak Djokovic in the semifinals in 2023. He has a 26-43 win-loss record against Top 20 players at Tour-level overall.

Paul is bidding to defeat a Top 5 player at a Grand Slam for the first time on his 6th attempt. He has lost all 5 matches he has contested against Top 5 players at the Grand Slams, including to Djokovic in the semifinals here in 2023.

Paul has won one of the last 7 matches he has contested against Top 5 players at Tour-level. His only victory against a Top 5 player in that time came against No. 4 Daniil Medvedev in the round of 16 at 2024 Rome-1000. He has a 7-13 win-loss record against Top 5 players at Tour-level overall.

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

	Alcaraz	Djokovic
Zverev	6-5	4-8
Paul	2-4	0-1

Road to the quarterfinals

ZVEREV	Time		Time	PAUL
d. (WC) Lucas Pouille 64 64 64	2:21	1st round	4:00	d. Christopher O'Connell 62 36 61 67(5) 75
d. Pedro Martinez 61 64 61	1:54	2nd round	2:41	d. Kei Nishikori 67(3) 60 63 61
d. Jacob Fearnley 63 64 64	2:02	3rd round	2:23	d. Roberto Carballes Baena 76(0) 62 60
d. No. 14 Ugo Humbert 61 26 63 62	2:16	Round of 16	1:27	d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 61 61 61
total time on court	8:33	(Infosys time)	10:31	total time on court

ZVEREV

27
2
23
105-35
29-9
469-198
279-123
6-0
6-0
23-13
3
181-126
0-0

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Age
ATP Ranking
Titles
Career Grand Slam Record
Australian Open Record
Career Record
Career Record - Hard
2025 Record
2025 Record - Hard
Career Five-Set Record
Comebacks from 0-2 Down
Career Tiebreak Record
2025 Tiebreak Record

PAUL

27
11
4
37-21
15-5
182-126
132-87
6-1
6-1
8-5
1
65-72
1-3

- **ZVEREV** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the 3rd time and equal Tommy Haas's Open Era record for most Australian Open semifinal appearances by a German man. This is his 10th Australian Open appearance.

Australian Open semifinal appearances by a German man (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Tommy Haas	3
Alexander Zverev	3??
Boris Becker	2
Nicolas Keifer	1
Karl Meiler	1
Rainer Schuettler	1
Michael Stich	1

- Zverev is bidding to reach his 9th Grand Slam semifinal. He is in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a German man**. This is his 36th Grand Slam appearance.

Most Grand Slam semifinal appearances by a German man (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Boris Becker	18
Alexander Zverev	9??
Michael Stich	6
Tommy Haas	4
Rainer Schuettler	2

- Zverev is bidding to equal Daniil Medvedev and Stan Wawrinka in **3rd place on the list for most Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances among active players**.

Most Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	12??
Stefanos Tsitsipas	4
Daniil Medvedev	3
Stan Wawrinka	3
Alexander Zverev	3??
Marin Cilic	2

- Zverev is also bidding to equal Medvedev and Wawrinka in **2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances among active players**.

Most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	50??
Daniil Medvedev	9
Stan Wawrinka	9
Alexander Zverev	9??
Carlos Alcaraz	7??
Marin Cilic	6
Stefanos Tsitsipas	6

- Zverev is bidding to record his 30th Australian Open match-win and claim sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Australian Open match-wins by a German man**, ahead of Becker. By winning his opening 4 matches here, he equal Becker at the top of the list (29 Australian Open match-wins).
- Zverev is bidding to record his 106th Grand Slam match-win and claim sole ownership of **2nd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam match-wins by a German man**, ahead Haas. Becker (163 Grand Slam match-wins) is at the top of the list.
- The Australian Open is Zverev's **2nd-most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won, behind Roland Garros, and his joint-2nd most successful Grand Slam event in terms of semifinals reached, alongside the US Open. (see table overleaf)

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	0	29-9	3??
Roland Garros	0	34-9	4
Wimbledon	0	16-8	0
US Open	0	26-9	2

- By reaching his 4th Australian Open quarterfinal, Zverev has equalled Becker's **Open Era record for most Australian Open quarterfinal appearances by a German man**.
- Zverev has reached his 14th Grand Slam quarterfinal. He is in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a German man** – after Becker, who reached 23 Grand Slam quarterfinals.
- Last year here, Zverev equalled his **best Australian Open result** by reaching the semifinals, where he fell to Daniil Medvedev in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead. He also reached the semifinals here in 2020, where he fell to Dominic Thiem in 4 sets.
- Zverev is a **2-time Grand Slam finalist**. He finished runner-up at both the 2020 US Open, falling to Thiem in 5 sets despite holding a 2-0 lead, and 2024 Roland Garros, falling to Carlos Alcaraz in 5 sets.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Zverev reached the quarterfinals at the US Open and the round of 16 at Wimbledon, falling to Taylor Fritz on both occasions.
- If Zverev wins the title here on his 36th Grand Slam appearance, he will go **joint-2nd on the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a first Grand Slam men's singles title** – alongside Wawrinka, who won his first major title on his 36th Grand Slam appearance at the 2014 Australian Open. Goran Ivanisevic, who won his only major title at 2001 Wimbledon on his 48th Grand Slam appearance, is at the top of the list.
- If Zverev wins the title here on his 10th Australian Open appearance, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's singles title** – ahead of 1998 champion Petr Korda and 2014 champion Wawrinka, who both won the title here on their 9th Australian Open appearances.
- Zverev is bidding to become the **first German man to win a Grand Slam title since Becker at the 1996 Australian Open**. If he reaches the final here, he will become the 3rd German man in the Open Era to reach the final at the Australian Open – after Becker (1991 and 1996) and Rainer Schuettler (2003).
- Zverev's **best results in 2024** were winning the titles at Rome-1000 (d. Nicolas Jarry) and Paris-1000 (d. Ugo Humbert). He also won the United Cup with Team Germany, finished runner-up at Hamburg (l. Arthur Fils), and reached the semifinals at Los Cabos (l. Jordan Thompson), Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Halle (l. Hubert Hurkacz), Cincinnati-1000 (l. Jannik Sinner) and the ATP Finals (l. Fritz). He reached the quarterfinals at 6 other Tour-level events – including on his defence of the gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Lorenzo Musetti).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Zverev represented Germany at the United Cup, winning both singles matches he contested – against Brazil's Thiago Monteiro and China, P.R.'s Zhang Zhizhen.
- Zverev is bidding to win his **24th Tour-level singles title**. He is in 2nd place on the list for most Tour-level titles won among active players – behind Novak Djokovic (99 titles).
- Zverev contested 3 **five-set matches** at the Australian Open last year, recording 5-set victories against Lukas Klein in the 2nd round and Cameron Norrie in the round of 16 before falling to Medvedev in 5 sets in the semifinals. He has a 5-3 win-loss record in 5-set matches at the Australian Open and a 23-13 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Zverev rose to a **career-high ranking** of No. 2 in June 2022 after reaching the semifinals at Roland Garros. He plays here at the same ranking.
- Zverev **won Olympic singles gold for Germany** at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event in 2021, 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 Boris Becker/Michael Stich in men's doubles at Barcelona 1992.

- Zverev is **the only former junior Australian Open singles champion** to reach the quarterfinals from the 6 who started in the men's singles main draw. He defeated Stefan Kozlov to win the boys' singles title here in 2014. He also finished runner-up at 2013 Junior Roland Garros (l. 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.
- **PAUL** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the 2nd time and equal his best Grand Slam result. This is his 6th Australian Open appearance and his 22nd Grand Slam overall.
- Paul is bidding to become the **11th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – after Andre Agassi (6 Australian Open semifinal appearances), Pete Sampras (5), Andy Roddick (4), Arthur Ashe, Michael Chang, Jim Courier and Henry Pfister (all 3) and Jimmy Connors, Steve Denton and Johan Kriek* (all 2). (*NB Kriek represented South Africa on his first appearance in the semifinals here in 1981)
- Paul is bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal and become the **26th American man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Grand Slams on multiple occasions** – and the 2nd active American man to do so, after Frances Tiafoe, who reached the semifinals at the US Open in 2022 and 2024. (NB Ben Shelton is also bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal here)
- If Paul and Shelton both reach the semifinals here, **it will be the first time multiple American men have reached the semifinals at consecutive Grand Slams since 2002-03**, when Agassi and Sampras reached the semifinals at both the 2002 US Open and the 2003 Australian Open. Taylor Fritz and Frances Tiafoe both reached the semifinals at the US Open last year.
- If Paul and Shelton both reach the semifinals here, it will be the **first time that multiple American men have reached the semifinals at the Australian Open since 2003**, when Agassi and Roddick both reached the semifinals here.
- Paul is bidding to become the **7th active player to reach the Australian Open men's singles semifinals on multiple occasions** – after Novak Djokovic (who is bidding to reach his 12th semifinal here), Stefanos Tsitsipas (4), Daniil Medvedev and Stan Wawrinka (both 3) and Marin Cilic and Zverev (both 2). (NB Jannik Sinner is also bidding to reach his 2nd Australian Open semifinal this year)
- The Australian Open is Paul's **most successful Grand Slam event** in terms of matches won and semifinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	0	15-5	2??
Roland Garros	0	5-6	0
Wimbledon	0	9-3	0
US Open	0	8-7	0

- By reaching their 2nd Australian Open quarterfinals, Paul and Shelton have become the **18th and 19th American men in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – and the first active American male players to do so.
- By reaching their 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinals, Paul and Shelton have become the **39th and 40th American men in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 3 or more occasions** – and the 3rd and 4th active American male players to do so, after Fritz (5 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Tiafoe (4).
- **Last year here**, Paul reached the 3rd round, defeating Gregoire Barrere and Jack Draper before falling to Miomir Kecmanovic in 5 sets.
- Paul's **best Grand Slam result** is reaching the semifinals here in 2023. He defeated Jan-Lennard Struff, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jenson Brooksby, Roberto Bautista Agut and Shelton before falling to Novak Djokovic in the last 4. He became the first American player to contest an Australian Open men's singles semifinal since Roddick in 2009.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Paul reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Carlos Alcaraz), the round of 16 at the US Open (l. Jannik Sinner) and the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Francisco Cerundolo).

- Paul **won 3 Tour-level titles in 2024** – at Dallas (d. Marcos Giron), Queen’s (d. Lorenzo Musetti) and Stockholm (d. Grigor Dimitrov). He also finished runner-up at Delray Beach (l. Fritz), reached the semifinals at Indian Wells-1000 (l. Daniil Medvedev) and Rome-1000 (l. Nicolas Jarry), and the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Draper), ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Sebastian Korda) and the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event (l. Alcaraz).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Paul reached the semifinals at Adelaide (l. Felix Auger-Aliassime).
- Paul has won 2 of the 3 **five-set matches** he has contested at the Australian Open – including his 5-set victory against O’Connell in the 1st round here this year. He also recorded 5-set victories against Dimitrov in the 2nd round here in 2020 and against Davidovich Fokina in the 2nd round in 2023 but fell to Kecmanovic in the 3rd round last year. He has an 8-5 win-loss record in 5-set matches at Tour-level overall.
- Paul broke the Top 20 for the first time in January 2023 after reaching the semifinals here. He plays here at a **new career-high ranking** of No. 11.
- Paul had a **successful junior career**. He won the 2015 Roland Garros boys’ singles title (d. Fritz), finished runner-up in the boys’ singles at the 2015 US Open (l. Fritz) and reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 3 in September 2015. He never competed in the junior event here.
- Paul has played **Davis Cup** for USA since 2020 and has a 5-5 overall win-loss record in the competition. He lost the only match he contested in the competition in 2024 as USA fell to Australia in the quarterfinals. USA play away against Chinese Taipei in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Paul is coached by Brad Stine.

NO. 3 CARLOS ALCARAZ (ESP) v NO. 7 NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SRB)

Head-to-head: Djokovic leads 4-3

2022	Madrid-1000	Clay (O)	SF	Alcaraz	67(5) 75 76(5)
2023	Roland Garros	Clay (O)	SF	Djokovic	63 57 61 61
2023	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	F	Alcaraz	16 76(6) 61 36 64
2023	Cincinnati-1000	Hard (O)	F	Djokovic	57 76(7) 76(4)
2023	ATP Finals	Hard (I)	SF	Djokovic	63 62
2024	Wimbledon	Grass (O)	F	Alcaraz	62 62 76(4)
2024	Paris 2024 Olympics	Clay (O)	F	Djokovic	76(3) 76(2)

An 8th meeting for Alcaraz and Djokovic, their 4th at a Grand Slam and their 3rd on a hard court. Alcaraz leads the head-to-head at the Grand Slams 2-1, but Djokovic has won both of their previous matches on hard courts. This is their first meeting before the semifinal stage of a tournament – all 7 of their previous meetings have come in either semifinals or finals.

This is Alcaraz and Djokovic's first meeting since the gold medal match at the Paris 2024 Olympics, when Djokovic defeated Alcaraz to win the gold medal and become the 5th player to complete the 'career Golden Slam'. They are 2 of the 4 players to reach the men's singles quarterfinals here this year to have won Olympic medals – alongside Tokyo 2020 men's singles gold medallist Alexander Zverev and Paris 2024 men's doubles bronze medallist Tommy Paul. Djokovic is a 2-time Olympic medallist, having also won the men's singles bronze medal at Beijing 2008.

This is the first meeting between 2 Top 10 players at the Australian Open this year. Alcaraz has lost both of his previous matches against Top 10 players at the Australian Open, falling to No. 7 Matteo Berrettini in the 3rd round in 2022 and No. 6 Alexander Zverev in the quarterfinals in 2024. The highest-ranked player he has defeated at the Australian Open is No. 18 Jack Draper in the round of 16 this year.

Alcaraz is bidding to extend a 5-match winning streak against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams, having not lost to a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam since falling to No. 6 Zverev in the quarterfinals here last year. He has an 11-6 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams and a 35-20 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Djokovic's defeat to No. 4 Jannik Sinner in the semifinals here last year ended a 14-match winning streak against Top 10 players at the Australian Open. He had not previously lost to a Top 10 player here since falling to No. 8 Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals in 2014. He has a 25-6 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Australian Open.

Djokovic is bidding to defeat a Top 10 player at a Grand Slam for the first time since the 2023 US Open final, when he defeated No. 3 Daniil Medvedev to win his 24th Grand Slam title. He lost both matches he contested against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams in 2024 – to No. 4 Sinner in the semifinals here and to No. 3 Alcaraz in the final at Wimbledon. He has a 69-33 win-loss record against Top 10 players at the Grand Slams and a 259-116 win-loss record against Top 10 players at Tour-level overall.

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

	Zverev	Paul
Alcaraz	5-6	4-2
Djokovic	8-4	1-0

Road to the quarterfinals

ALCARAZ	Time		Time	DJOKOVIC
d. Alexander Shevchenko 61 75 61	1:54	1st round	2:59	d. (WC) Nishesh Basavareddy 46 63 64 62
d. Yoshihito Nishioka 60 61 64	1:21	2nd round	3:00	d. (Q) Jaime Faria 61 67(4) 63 62
d. Nuno Borges 62 64 67(3) 62	2:55	3rd round	2:22	d. No. 26 Tomas Machac 61 64 64
d. No. 15 Jack Draper 75 61 0-0 ret.	1:35	Round of 16	2:39	d. No. 24 Jiri Lehecka 63 64 76(4)
total time on court	7:45	(Infosys time)	11:00	total time on court

ALCARAZ	v	DJOKOVIC
21	Age	37
3	ATP Ranking	7
17	Titles	99
64-11	Career Grand Slam Record	381-51
11-3	Australian Open Record	98-9
213-56	Career Record	1130-223
107-35	Career Record - Hard	710-129
4-0	2025 Record	6-1
4-0	2025 Record - Hard	6-1
12-1	Career Five-Set Record	40-11
0	Comebacks from 0-2 Down	8
73-48	Career Tiebreak Record	338-174
0-1	2025 Tiebreak Record	1-2

- **ALCARAZ** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the first time. This is his 4th Australian Open appearance and his 16th Grand Slam overall.
- Alcaraz is bidding to become **the 8th Spanish man in history to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open** – after Rafael Nadal (7 Australian Open semifinal appearances), David Ferrer (2) and Juan Carlos Ferrero, Andres Gimeno, Juan Gisbert, Carlos Moya and Fernando Verdasco (all one).
- Alcaraz is bidding to reach his 7th Grand Slam semifinal and claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the all-time list for most Grand Slam semifinal appearances by a Spanish man**, ahead of Ferrer and Ferrero.

Most Grand Slam semifinal appearances by a Spanish man (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Rafael Nadal	38
Manuel Santana	8
Carlos Alcaraz	7??
David Ferrer	6
Juan Carlos Ferrero	6

- Alcaraz is bidding to claim sole ownership of **5th place on the list for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances among active players**, ahead of Marin Cilic and Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Most Grand Slam semifinal appearances (active players)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	50??
Daniil Medvedev	9
Stan Wawrinka	9
Alexander Zverev	9??
Carlos Alcaraz	7??
Marin Cilic	6
Stefanos Tsitsipas	6

- Alcaraz is bidding to complete the set of semifinal appearances at the Grand Slam tournaments and become the **26th player in the Open Era to reach the men's singles semifinals at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments**. He would become the 4th active player to achieve the feat – after Djokovic, Cilic and Jannik Sinner. He would become the 2nd Spanish player to achieve the feat in the Open Era, after Nadal.
- Aged 21 years 266 days, Alcaraz is bidding to become the **2nd player in the Open Era to complete the set of semifinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments aged 21 or under** – after Djokovic, who completed the set of semifinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments by reaching the semifinals here for the first time aged 20 years 250 days in 2008. (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest player to reach the Australian Open men's singles semifinals since 2019**, when Tsitsipas reached the semifinals here aged 20 years 168 days.
- Alcaraz is bidding to claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinals reached aged 21 or under**, ahead of Andre Agassi, Bjorn Borg, Djokovic and Nadal. (see table overleaf)

Most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances aged 21 or under (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Boris Becker	8
Mats Wilander	8
Carlos Alcaraz	7??
Andre Agassi	6
Bjorn Borg*	6
Novak Djokovic	6
Rafael Nadal*	6
Stefan Edberg*	5
John McEnroe	5
Pete Sampras	5

*Borg, Nadal and Edberg all reached a semifinal during a Grand Slam tournament in which they turned 22
Those semifinal appearances are NOT included in the above totals

- The Australian Open is Alcaraz's **least successful Grand Slam event** in terms of titles won, matches won and semifinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	0	11-3	1??
Roland Garros	1	18-3	2
Wimbledon	2	18-2	2
US Open	1	17-3	2

- By reaching his 2nd Australian Open quarterfinal, Alcaraz has become the **5th Spanish man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open on multiple occasions** – after Nadal (14 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances), Ferrer (6) and Ferrero and Carlos Moya (both 2).
- By reaching his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal, Alcaraz has claimed sole ownership of **3rd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances by a Spanish man**, ahead of Ferrero and Manuel Orantes. Nadal (47 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances) and Ferrer (17) are the only Spanish men in the Open Era to have reached the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams more often than Alcaraz.
- By reaching his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal, Alcaraz has equalled the **Open Era record for most Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 21 or under**, held by Boris Becker, Borg and Mats Wilander.
- By reaching the quarterfinals here, Alcaraz has equalled his **best Australian Open result**. He reached the quarterfinals here for the first time last year, completing the set of quarterfinal appearances at all 4 Grand Slam tournaments. He fell to Alexander Zverev in the last 8.
- Alcaraz won his **3rd and 4th Grand Slam titles in 2024** – at Roland Garros (d. Zverev) and Wimbledon (d. Djokovic), becoming the 4th player in the Open Era to win 4 Grand Slam men's singles titles aged 21 or under after Becker, Borg and Wilander. His first 2 Grand Slam titles came at the 2022 US Open (d. Casper Ruud) and 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic).
- Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest Australian Open men's singles champion** since Djokovic won the title here in 2008 aged 20 years 250 days.
- Alcaraz is bidding to become the **youngest player in history to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles** – ahead of Don Budge, who completed the career Grand Slam at the 1938 French Championships aged 22 years 363 days. He would become the 9th player in history (and 6th player in the Open Era) to complete the career Grand Slam in men's singles. Nadal is the youngest player to achieve the feat in the Open Era, having completed the career Grand Slam at the 2010 US Open aged 24 years 32 days.
- Alcaraz **won 4 titles in 2024** and finished 2nd on the list for most Tour-level titles won last season – behind Sinner, who won 8 titles. In addition to his Roland Garros and Wimbledon titles, he also won the title at Indian Wells-1000 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and Beijing (d. Sinner).
- Alcaraz's **other highlights in 2024** were winning the silver medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics (l. Djokovic), reaching the semifinals at Buenos Aires (l. Nicolas Jarry), and reaching the quarterfinals at Miami-1000 (l. Grigor Dimitrov), Madrid-1000 (l. Andrey Rublev) and Shanghai-1000 (l. Tomas Machac).

- Aged 19 years 130 days, Alcaraz became the **youngest world No. 1 in history** after winning the title at the 2022 US Open. He plays here at No. 3.
- Alcaraz has won 12 of the 13 **five-set matches** he has contested at Tour-level. His only defeat in a 5-set match came against Berrettini in the 3rd round here in 2022 – the only 5-set match he has contested at the Australian Open. He has won the last 9 five-set matches he has contested, including the finals at 2023 Wimbledon (d. Djokovic) and 2024 Roland Garros (d. Zverev).
- Alcaraz has played **Davis Cup** for Spain since 2022 and has won 6 of the 8 matches he has contested in the competition. Spain play away against Switzerland in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 1-2 February.
- 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 (l. 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 is coached by former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero, whose best result here was reaching the semifinals in 2004.
- **DJOKOVIC** is bidding to reach the semifinals here for the 12th time and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the all-time list for most Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances, ahead of Jack Crawford. This is his 20th Australian Open appearance.

Most Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Roger Federer	15
Novak Djokovic	12??
Jack Crawford	11
John Bromwich	9
Stefan Edberg	8
Roy Emerson	8
Adrian Quist	8
Ken Rosewall	8

- Djokovic is bidding to reach his **50th Grand Slam semifinal** and extend his all-time record for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances. This is his 77th Grand Slam appearance.

Most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances (all-time)

Player	No. of appearances
Novak Djokovic	50??
Roger Federer	46
Rafael Nadal	38
Jimmy Connors	31
Ivan Lendl	28

- At 37 years 249 days, Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Australian Open aged 37 or older** – after Ken Rosewall (3 Australian Open semifinal appearances aged 37 or older) and Federer (who reached the semifinals here aged 38 years 178 days in 2020). (NB ages calculated at the end of the tournament)
- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 2nd Grand Slam semifinal since turning 37 and become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach multiple Grand Slam semifinals after turning 37** – after Rosewall (6 Grand Slam semifinal appearances aged 37 or older) and Federer (3).
- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 3rd Australian Open semifinal since turning 35 and equal Federer in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open semifinal appearances aged 35 or older**. (see table overleaf)

Australian Open men's singles semifinal appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Ken Rosewall	4
Novak Djokovic	3??
Roger Federer	3
Mal Anderson	1
Arthur Ashe	1
Colin Dibley	1
Rafael Nadal	1

- Djokovic is bidding to reach his 8th Grand Slam semifinal since turning 35. He is in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances aged 35 or older.**

Most Grand Slam men's singles semifinal appearances aged 35+ (Open Era)

Player	No. of appearances
Ken Rosewall	10
Novak Djokovic	8??
Roger Federer	6
Rafael Nadal	4
Jimmy Connors	2

- The Australian Open is Djokovic's **most successful Grand Slam event in terms** of titles and matches won. It is his least successful Grand Slam event in terms of semifinals reached.

Grand Slam	Titles won	Win-loss record	Semifinals reached
Australian Open	10	98-9	12??
Roland Garros	3	96-16	12
Wimbledon	7	97-12	13
US Open	4	90-14	13

- By reaching his 15th Australian Open quarterfinal, Djokovic has equalled Federer's **all-time record for most quarterfinal appearances at the Australian Open.**
- By reaching his 61st Grand Slam quarterfinal, Djokovic has extended his **all-time record for the most quarterfinal appearances at the Grand Slams.**
- By reaching the quarterfinals here this year, Djokovic has become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Australian Open aged 37 or older** – after Rosewall (4 Australian Open quarterfinal appearances aged 37 or older) and Federer (who reached the quarterfinals here aged 38 years 178 days in 2020).
- By reaching his 3rd Grand Slam quarterfinal since turning 37, Djokovic has become the **3rd man in the Open Era to reach the quarterfinals at the Grand Slams on 3 or more occasions after turning 37** – after Rosewall (7 Grand Slam quarterfinal appearances after turning 37) and Federer (5).
- By reaching his 3rd Australian Open quarterfinal since turning 35, Djokovic has equalled Federer in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Australian Open men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35 or older.** Rosewall, who reached 5 Australian Open quarterfinals after turning 35, is at the top of the list.
- By reaching his 10th Grand Slam quarterfinal since turning 35, Djokovic has equalled Federer in **2nd place on the Open Era list for most Grand Slam men's singles quarterfinal appearances aged 35 or older.** Rosewall, who reached 11 Grand Slam quarterfinals after turning 35, is at the top of the list.
- Djokovic is contesting his 433rd Grand Slam match today. By contesting his 430rd Grand Slam match in the 2nd round here, he claimed sole ownership of the **all-time record for most Grand Slam singles matches contested, among men and women** – ahead of Federer (429 Grand Slam singles matches played). Serena Williams (423) is the only other player in the Open Era to have contested 400 or more Grand Slam singles matches.
- Last year here,** Djokovic reached the semifinals before falling to Jannik Sinner. Prior to that defeat, he had won his last 33 Australian Open matches since falling to Chung Hyeon in the round of 16 in 2018, winning the title here in 2019-21 and 2023. He did not compete here in 2022.

- Djokovic is bidding to win his **11th Australian Open title** and extend his all-time record for most Australian Open men's singles titles. He claimed sole ownership of the record, ahead of Roy Emerson and Federer, after defeating Rafael Nadal in the final here in 2019 to win his 7th Australian Open title – before going on to win the title here in 2020 (d. Dominic Thiem), 2021 (d. Daniil Medvedev) and 2023 (d. Stefanos Tsitsipas). His first 6 titles here came in 2008 (d. Jo-Wilfried Tonga), 2011 (d. Andy Murray), 2012 (d. Nadal), 2013 (d. Murray), 2015 (d. Murray) and 2016 (d. Murray).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd player in history to win at least 11 titles at any Grand Slam event** – after Nadal, who won 14 titles at Roland Garros, and Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open women's singles titles. Martina Navratilova, who won 9 Wimbledon women's singles titles, is the only other player to have won at least 9 titles at one Grand Slam event.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **25th Grand Slam title** and claim sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam singles titles, ahead of Court. He is also bidding to extend his record for most Grand Slam men's singles titles, ahead of Nadal (22 Grand Slam titles) and Federer (20).
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **oldest player in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's singles title** – and the 2nd man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title aged 37 or older, after Rosewall, who won the title at the 1972 Australian Open aged 37 years 62 days.
- Djokovic is bidding to become the **3rd man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open titles since turning 35** – after Rosewall and Federer, who both won 2 titles here aged 35 or older.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Djokovic finished runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Alcaraz), reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros (withdrew with a right knee injury) and the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Alexei Popyrin). It was the first season in which he failed to win a Grand Slam title since 2017.
- Djokovic became the **5th player to complete the career 'Golden Slam' in singles** by winning Olympic singles gold for Serbia at the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event, defeating Alcaraz in the final. He joined Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Nadal and Serena Williams as the only players to have achieved the feat. He also won Olympic singles bronze at Beijing 2008 and is the only player to have won a medal for Serbia in the Olympic Tennis Event.
- Djokovic's **other highlights in 2024** were finishing runner-up at Shanghai-1000 (l. Sinner) and reaching the semifinals at Monte Carlo-1000 (l. Casper Ruud) and Geneva (l. Tomas Machac).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Djokovic reached the quarterfinals at Adelaide (l. Reilly Opelka). At No. 293, Opelka was the 2nd lowest-ranked player to defeat Djokovic in a Tour-level match, after Djokovic's defeat by retirement to No. 310 Filip Krajinovic in the quarterfinals at 2010 Belgrade.
- Djokovic is bidding to win his **100th Tour-level singles title**. Only Jimmy Connors (109 Tour-level titles) and Federer (103) have won more Tour-level men's singles titles in the Open Era than Djokovic.
- Djokovic **holds the record for most weeks ranked at No. 1**, having been ranked No. 1 for a total of 428 weeks, most recently in June 2024. He plays here at No. 7.
- Djokovic has played **Davis Cup** for Serbia since 2004 and was a member of the team which defeated France in the 2010 final to win the nation's first Davis Cup title. He has a 41-8 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches and a 46-16 win-loss record in the competition overall. Serbia play away against Denmark in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Djokovic is coached by former world No. 1 and 3-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray, who finished runner-up here in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016, falling to Djokovic in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016.