



## 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 25 January

**NO. 3 SIMONE BOLELLI (ITA)/ANDREA VAVASSORI (ITA)**

v

**NO. 6 HARRI HELIOVAARA (FIN)/HENRY PATTEN (GBR)**

**Head-to-head: Tied 1-1**

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Wimbledon</b> | <b>Grass (O)</b> | <b>R64</b> | <b>Heliovaara/Patten</b> | <b>63 64</b> |
| 2024        | Beijing          | Hard (O)         | FR         | Bolelli/Vavassori        | 46 63 [10-5] |

A 3rd meeting for the 2 pairs – and their 2nd at a Grand Slam. Heliovaara/Patten defeated Bolelli/Vavassori in the 1st round at Wimbledon last year – their first victory en route to their first Grand Slam men’s doubles titles, either individually or as a team.

It is also the pairs’ 2nd meeting in a final. In their most-recent meeting, Bolelli/Vavassori recovered from a set down to defeat Heliovaara/Patten in the final at Beijing in October.

Bolelli/Vavassori are contesting their 2nd consecutive Australian Open men’s doubles final. The pair finished runners-up to Rohan Bopanna/Matthew Ebden here last year, and also finished runners-up at Roland Garros a few months later, falling to Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic in the final.

Bolelli/Vavassori are bidding to become the 3rd Italian team in history to win a Grand Slam men’s doubles title. Nicola Pietrangeli/Orlando Sirola won the men’s doubles title at 1959 Roland Garros, while Bolelli won the men’s doubles title here with Fabio Fognini 10 years ago, and the pair remain the only Italian players to have won a Grand Slam men’s doubles title in the Open Era. Should Bolelli/Vavassori win today, Bolelli will go top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men’s doubles title.

Heliovaara/Patten defeated Max Purcell/Jordan Thompson to win the men’s doubles title at Wimbledon last year. Should they win another major title today, Heliovaara would become the first Finnish player to win multiple Grand Slam men’s doubles titles, moving ahead of Henri Kontinen, who won the men’s doubles title here alongside John Peers in 2017. Patten would become the 4th British player in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam men’s doubles titles after Jamie Murray, Joe Salisbury and Roger Taylor.

**Road to the final**

| <b>BOLELLI/VAVASSORI</b>       |      | <b>Time</b>    |      | <b>Time</b>                         | <b>HELIOVAARA/PATTEN</b> |  |
|--------------------------------|------|----------------|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| d. Frantzen/Jebens 63 64       | 1:04 | 1st round      | 1:06 | d. Bollipalli/Seggerman 76(5) 61    |                          |  |
| d. Darderi/Hidalgo 76(3) 76(4) | 1:54 | 2nd round      | 1:24 | d. (WC) Polmans/Romios 76(2) 63     |                          |  |
| d. Martinez/Munar 63 76(6)     | 1:49 | 3rd round      | 1:21 | d. Krajicek/Ram 63 76(6)            |                          |  |
| d. Borges/Cabral 64 76(4)      | 1:36 | Quarterfinals  | 1:35 | d. No. 15 Nys/Roger-Vasselin 63 75  |                          |  |
| d. Goransson/Verbeek 26 63 64  | 1:52 | Semifinals     | 2:01 | d. No. 4 Krawietz/Puetz 64 36 76(7) |                          |  |
| total time on court            | 8:15 | (Infosys time) | 7:27 | total time on court                 |                          |  |

- **BOLELLI/VAVASSORI** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title as a team in their 3rd Grand Slam final together. This is their 7th Grand Slam event as a team overall.
- Bolelli/Vavassori are contesting their **3rd Grand Slam final**. They finished runner-up at both the Australian Open (l. Rohan Bopanna/Matthew Ebden) and Roland Garros (l. Marcelo Arevalo/Mate Pavic) in 2024.
- Bolelli/Vavassori are bidding to become the **3rd all-Italian team in history to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** – after Nicola Pietrangeli/Orlando Sirola, who won the men's doubles title at 1959 Roland Garros, and Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, who won the title here in 2015. Bolelli and Fognini are the only Italian players in history to have won a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the Open Era.
- If Bolelli/Vavassori win the men's doubles title and Jannik Sinner wins the men's singles title here, it will be the **first time that players from the same nation have won the men's singles and men's doubles titles at the Australian Open since 2000** – when USA's Andre Agassi won the men's singles title and fellow-American Rick Leach won the men's doubles title alongside South Africa's Ellis Ferreira. (NB written prior to Sinner's semifinal match on Friday)
- If Bolelli/Vavassori win the men's doubles title and Jannik Sinner wins the men's singles title here, it will be the **first time that players from the same nation have won the men's singles and men's doubles titles at a Grand Slam since 2002 Wimbledon** – when Australia's Lleyton Hewitt won the men's singles title and fellow-Australian Todd Woodbridge won the men's doubles title alongside Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman. (NB written prior to Sinner's semifinal match on Friday)
- If Bolelli/Vavassori win the men's doubles title and Sinner wins the men's singles title here, it will be the **first time all 3 players to win the men's singles and doubles titles at a Grand Slam are from the same nation since the 1995 Australian Open** – when USA's Agassi won the men's singles title and fellow-Americans Jared Palmer/Richey Reneberg won the men's doubles title.
- Bolelli is bidding to become the **19th man in the Open Era to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles**, after winning the title alongside Fognini here in 2015. He would also become the first man to win multiple Australian Open men's doubles titles since Bob and Mike Bryan won their 2nd title here in 2007.
- Bolelli is bidding to become the **7th man in the Open Era to win his first 2 Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the Australian Open** – after John Alexander (who won his first 2 Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the Australian Open in 1975 and 1982), Mark Edmondson (1980 and 1981), Rick Leach and Jim Pugh (both 1988 and 1989), Jonas Bjorkman (1998 and 1999) and Michael Llodra (2003 and 2004).
- If Bolelli wins his 2nd Grand Slam doubles title on his 28th appearance after winning his first at the 2015 Australian Open, he will go **top of the Open Era list for most attempts before winning a 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles title**.

**Most attempts before winning 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles title (Open Era)**

| Player                  | No. of attempts | First Grand Slam title      | 2nd Grand Slam title          |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Simone Bolelli??</b> | <b>28??</b>     | <b>2015 Australian Open</b> | <b>2025 Australian Open??</b> |
| Ivan Dodig              | 22              | 2015 Roland Garros          | 2021 Australian Open          |
| John Alexander          | 18              | 1975 Australian Open        | 1982 Australian Open          |
| Jared Palmer            | 17              | 1995 Australian Open        | 2001 Wimbledon                |
| Sherwood Stewart        | 17              | 1976 Roland Garros          | 1982 Roland Garros            |

NB Dick Crealy and Allan Stone won their first Grand Slam men's doubles titles at the 1968 Australian Championships, the final Grand Slam tournament of the amateur era. Crealy won his 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles title on his 20th attempt at the 1974 Australian Open. Stone won his 2nd Grand Slam men's doubles title on his 30th attempt at the 1977 Australian Open.

- Aged 39 years 111 days, Bolelli is bidding to become the **2nd-oldest man in the Open Era to win the Australian Open men's doubles title** – after Bopanna, who won the title here aged 43 years 329 days last year. He would become the 8th man in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title aged 39 or older. By reaching back-to-back finals here, he has become the first man in the Open Era to reach multiple Australian Open men's doubles finals aged 38 or older.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Bolelli/Vavassori reached the 3rd round at the US Open (l. Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz) but fell in the 1st round at Wimbledon (l. Heliovaara/Patten).

- Bolelli is contesting his **47th Grand Slam doubles event with his 8th different partner**. This is his 15th Australian Open appearance with his 6th different partner.
- Vavassori is contesting his **16th Grand Slam doubles event with his 6th different partner**. This is his 5th Australian Open appearance with his 4th different partner.
- Bolelli/Vavassori are contesting their **31st Tour-level event as a team**. They contested one match together at the 2021 ATP Cup and have played together as a team since June 2023.
- Bolelli/Vavassori's best results in 2024 were winning their **first 3 Tour-level titles as a team** – at Buenos Aires (d. Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos), Halle (d. Krawietz/Puetz) and Beijing (d. Heliovaara/Patten). They also reached the semifinals at Rio de Janeiro (l. Nicolas Barrientos/Rafael Matos), Indian Wells-1000 (l. Granollers/Zeballos) and Rome-1000 (l. Arevalo/Pavic).
- Prior to the Australian Open this year, Bolelli/Vavassori won their **4th Tour-level title as a team** at Adelaide, defeating Krawietz/Puetz in the final. Vavassori also represented Italy at the United Cup, winning all 3 mixed doubles matches he contested alongside Sara Errani as Italy reached the quarterfinals.
- Bolelli is bidding to win his **15th Tour-level doubles title**. In addition to his 4 titles alongside Vavassori, he has won doubles titles with 4 other partners – Fognini (6 titles), Maximo Gonzalez (2) and Zeballos and Andreas Seppi (one each).
- Vavassori is bidding to win his **8th Tour-level doubles title**. In addition to his 4 titles alongside Bolelli, he has won one title alongside each of Lorenzo Sonogo, Andrea Pellegrino and Marcelo Demoliner.
- Vavassori is a **Grand Slam mixed doubles champion**. He and Errani won the title at the 2024 US Open (d. Taylor Townsend/Donald Young), becoming the first all-Italian team in history to win a mixed doubles Grand Slam title. They also became the 3rd and 4th Italian players in history to win a mixed doubles Grand Slam title, after Nicola Pietrangeli at the 1958 French Championships and Rafaella Reggi at the 1986 US Open.
- Vavassori entered the **mixed doubles here** with Errani. As No. 1 seeds, they defeated wild cards Destanee Aiava/Omar Jasika before falling to Olivia Nicholls/Patten in the 2nd round.
- Bolelli plays here at a **new career-high doubles ranking** of No. 6. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 36 in February 2009 but is currently unranked.
- Vavassori reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 6 in October last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 7. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 128 in June 2023 and is currently ranked No. 292.
- Bolelli and Vavassori are **both Davis Cup champions with Italy**. Bolelli has played Davis Cup for Italy since 2007 and has a 24-22 win-loss record overall in the competition. He was part of the Italy squad that won their 2nd and 3rd Davis Cup titles in 2023 and 2024, but did not contest a match in the Final 8 in Malaga either year. Vavassori made his Davis Cup debut last year at the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage and has a 1-2 win-loss record in the competition. He was part of the Italy squad that won their 3rd Davis Cup title in 2024, but did not contest a match in the Final 8 in Malaga. As hosts, Italy have received a wild card to the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 Knockout Stage in Bologna in November.
- Bolelli is coached here by Michele Mangiafico. Vavassori is coached by Davide Vavassori, his father.
- **HELIOVAARA/PATTEN** are bidding to win their 2nd Grand Slam title in their 4th Grand Slam event as a team. They won their first Grand Slam men's doubles title – as individuals or a team – at 2024 Wimbledon. (d. Max Purcell/Jordan Thompson).
- Heliovaara is bidding to become the **first Finnish player in history to win multiple Grand Slam men's doubles titles**. Henri Kontinen, who won the men's doubles title alongside John Peers in 2017, is the only other Finnish player to have won a Grand Slam men's doubles title.
- Patten is bidding to become the **3rd British player in the Open Era to win the Australian Open men's doubles title** – after Jamie Murray, who won the title alongside Bruno Soares in 2016, and Joe Salisbury, who won the title alongside Rajeev Ram in 2020.

- Patten is bidding to become the **4th British player in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam men's doubles titles** – and the 3rd active player to do so, after Murray and Salisbury. (see table overleaf)

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

| Player              | Grand Slam doubles titles won |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Joe Salisbury       | 4                             |
| Jamie Murray        | 2                             |
| <b>Henry Patten</b> | <b>2??</b>                    |
| Roger Taylor        | 2                             |
| Jonathan Marray     | 1                             |
| Neal Skupski        | 1                             |

- Heliovaara and Kontinen are the **only 2 Finnish players in history to win Grand Slam doubles titles**. Both have won one Grand Slam men's doubles title and one mixed doubles title – in addition to their men's doubles titles at the Grand Slams, Heliovaara won the mixed doubles title at the 2023 US Open alongside Anna Danilina (d. Jessica Pegula/Austin Krajicek), while Kontinen won the mixed doubles title at 2016 Wimbledon alongside Heather Watson (d. Robert Farah/Anna-Lena Groenefeld).
- **Last year here**, Heliovaara and Patten both reached the 2nd round with other partners. Heliovaara reached the 2nd round alongside Peers (d. Alex Bolt/Luke Saville, I. Wesley Koolhof/Nikola Mektic), while Patten reached the 2nd round alongside Francisco Cabral (d. Tristan Schoolkate/Adam Walton, I. Santiago Gonzalez/Neal Skupski).
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2024**, Heliovaara/Patten reached the 3rd round at both Roland Garros (I. Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen) and the US Open (I. Koolhof/Mektic). Their first Grand Slam tournament as a team was at Roland Garros last year.
- By reaching the final here, Heliovaara has recorded his **best Australian Open performance**. He reached the 2nd round here on his 3 previous appearances here – alongside Lloyd Glasspool in both 2022 (d. Federico Coria/Albert Ramos-Vinolas, I. Murray/Soares) and 2023 (d. Nathaniel Lammons/Jackson Withrow, I. Rinky Hijikata/Jason Kubler), and alongside Peers last year.
- By reaching the final here, Patten has recorded his **best Australian Open performance**. He reached the 2nd round in both his previous appearances here – alongside Julian Cash in 2023 (d. Pedro Cachin/Guido Pella, I. Robin Haase/Matwe Middelkoop) and alongside Cabral last year.
- Heliovaara is contesting his **14th 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 4th Australian Open appearance.
- Patten is contesting his **9th 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 3rd Australian Open appearance.
- Heliovaara/Patten are contesting their **20th Tour-level event as a team**. They contested their first event together, at any level, at 2024 Marrakech, winning the title (d. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler), and have competed together exclusively since then (excluding Davis Cup or United Cup). They have a 46-14 win-loss record as a team at Tour-level.
- Heliovaara/Patten's best results in 2024 were winning their **first 4 Tour-level titles as a team**. In addition to their titles at Marrakech and Wimbledon, they also won the titles at Lyon (d. Yuki Bhambri/Albano Olivetti) and Stockholm (d. Petr Nouza/Patrik Rikl). They finished as runners-up at Bucharest (I. Sadio Doubbia/Fabien Reboul) and Beijing (I. Bolelli/Vavassori) and reached the semifinals at Eastbourne (I. Matthew Ebden/Peers), Vienna (I. Erler/Miedler) and the ATP Finals (I. Arevalo/Pavic).
- Heliovaara/Patten also **won 2 Challenger-level titles as a team in 2024** – at the Madrid Challenger (ESP) (d. Guido Andreozzi/Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela) and the Turin Challenger (ITA) (d. Andreas Mies/Skupski).
- **Prior to the Australian Open this year**, Heliovaara/Patten reached the semifinals at Adelaide (I. Krawietz/Puetz). They lost their opening match at Brisbane (I. James Duckworth/Aleksandara Vukic).
- Heliovaara is bidding to win his **9th Tour-level doubles title**. In addition to his 4 titles alongside Patten, he also won 3 Tour-level titles alongside Glasspool and one alongside Matwe Middelkoop.

- Patten is bidding to win his **5th Tour-level doubles title**. He had not won a title at Tour-level prior to partnering Heliovaara.
- Heliovaara entered the **mixed doubles here** with Danilina, defeating Gabriela Dabrowski/Sander Gille before falling to No. 8 seeds Asia Muhammad/Andres Molteni in the 2nd round.
- Patten entered the **mixed doubles here** with Olivia Nicholls, reaching the semifinals before falling to wild cards Kimberly Birrell/John-Patrick Smith.
- Heliovaara reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 7 in June 2023 and plays here at No. 14. 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 a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 12 in August last year. He plays here one place lower at No. 13. 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**, winning 3 of the 5 doubles matches he played in the competition that season. He made his debut in the competition in 2008, has played 30 ties, and has a 23-23 Davis Cup win-loss record. Finland play away against Austria in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Patten made his **Davis Cup debut from Great Britain** at the 2024 Finals Group Stage, winning the only match he contested, in doubles. Great Britain play away against Japan in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round on 31 January-1 February.
- Heliovaara is coached by Boris Chernov. Patten is coached by Calvin Betton.