



## 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 29 January

**(WC) THANASI KOKKINAKIS/NICK KYRGIOS (AUS)**  
v  
**MATTHEW EBDEN/MAX PURCELL (AUS)**

### Head-to-head: first meeting

A first meeting for the 2 teams – with all 4 players bidding to win their first Grand Slam titles.

This is the 50th all-Australian men's doubles final at the Australian Open in history – but just the 10th in the Open Era and the first since 1980, when Mark Edmondson/Kim Warwick defeated Peter McNamara/Paul McNamee in the final here.

This year's final is also the 16th all-Australian men's doubles final at a Grand Slam in the Open Era – in addition to the 9 previous all-Australian finals here in the Open Era, there have been 3 at Wimbledon (1968, 1970, 1977), 2 at Roland Garros (1968, 1969) and one at the US Open (1973).

This is the 15th time in the Open Era that a Grand Slam men's doubles final has been contested by 4 players from the host nation – in addition to the 9 all-Australian finals here, there have been 5 all-American men's doubles finals at the US Open. It is also the 24th time in the Open Era that all 4 players in a Grand Slam men's doubles final have come from the same nation – and the first time since 2016 Wimbledon, when Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut defeated Julien Benneteau/Edouard Roger-Vasselin in an all-French final.

The winners of today's final will become the first all-Australian team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde won their 2nd title here in 1997 – and the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Woodbridge/Woodforde won their 11th major title as a team at 2000 Wimbledon. They will also become the 13th different all-Australian pair to win the men's doubles title here in the Open Era and the 15th different all-Australian pair to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title in the Open Era.

Today's winners will also become just the 2nd and 3rd active Australian male players to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title – after John Peers, who won the doubles title here in 2017 alongside Finland's Henri Kontinen. They will become the 29th and 30th Australian men in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title.

### Road to the final

| KOKKINAKIS/KYRGIOS                                   | Time |                       | Time | EBDEN/PURCELL                                       |
|--|------|-----------------------|------|---|
| d. (WC) Alex Bolt/James McCabe 64 62                 | 1:11 | 1st round             | 1:32 | d. Jonathan Erlich/Andre Goransson 76(5) 63         |
| d. No. 1 Nikola Pietrangeli/Mate Pavic 76(8) 63      | 1:34 | 2nd round             | 1:59 | d. No. 4 Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah 36 63 75 |
| d. No. 15 Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar 64 46 64       | 1:55 | 3rd round             | 1:29 | d. No. 13 Raven Klaasen/Ben McLachlan 76(3) 63      |
| d. No. 6 Tim Puetz/Michael Venus 75 36 63            | 2:15 | Quarterfinals         | 2:14 | d. No. 10 Wesley Koolhof/Neal Skupski 36 64 76(6)   |
| d. No. 3 Marcel Granollers/Horacio Zeballos 76(4) 64 | 1:47 | Semifinals            | 1:33 | d. No. 2 Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury 63 76(9)          |
| total time on court                                  | 8:42 | <i>(Infosys time)</i> | 8:47 | total time on court                                 |

- Wild cards **KOKKINAKIS/KYRGIOS** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title in their 4th Grand Slam event as a team.
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are bidding to become the **first all-Australian men's doubles champions here** since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde won their 2nd title here in 1997 – and the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Woodbridge/Woodforde won their 11th major title as a team at 2000 Wimbledon. They are also bidding to become the 13th different all-Australian team to win the doubles title here in the Open Era.
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are bidding to become the **first wild card team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title in the Open Era**. They are the 2nd wild card team to have reached the men's doubles finals here in the Open Era – after Purcell/Luke Saville, who finished as runners-up here in 2020.
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are also bidding to become the **first wild card team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title** since Jonathan Marray and Frederik Nielsen won the title as a wild card team at 2012 Wimbledon.
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are bidding to become the **first unseeded team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title** since Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini won the title here in 2015. This is the first Australian Open men's doubles final to be contested between 2 unseeded teams since 2015, when Bolelli/Fognini defeated Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut.
- By reaching their first Grand Slam final, Kokkinakis/Kyrgios have recorded their **best Grand Slam doubles performances** – both individually and as a team. Prior to this year, they had both only recorded one Grand Slam doubles match-win together, when they reached the 2nd round here as a wild card team last year (d. Lloyd Harris/Julian Knowle, I. Wesley Koolhof/Lukasz Kubot).
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios **fell in the 1st round on their 2 other Grand Slam appearances as a team** – as wild cards here in 2013 (I. Rohan Bopanna/Rajeev Ram) and 2015 (I. Andrey Golubev/Denis Istomin).
- Kokkinakis is contesting his **9th Grand Slam doubles event** – and is making his 6th appearance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open. He has played alongside 5 different partners, including Kyrgios. His previous best performance in doubles at a Grand Slam is reaching the 3rd round as a wild card team with Lleyton Hewitt and 2015 Wimbledon (I. Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau).
- Kyrgios is contesting his **14th Grand Slam doubles event** – and is making his 7th appearance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open. He has played alongside 9 different partners, including Kokkinakis. His previous best performances in doubles at a Grand Slam are reaching the 3rd round on 2 occasions – at the 2016 US Open alongside Daniel Evans (I. Kubot/Alexander Peya) and at 207 Roland Garros alongside Jordan Thompson (I. Santiago Gonzalez/Donald Young).
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are **contesting their 5th Tour-level event as a team**. In addition to their 4 appearances together here, they also competed as wild cards at 2018 Atlanta, falling to Nicholas Monroe/John-Patrick Smith in the 1st round. Their only other appearance together at professional-level came at the 2019 Surbiton Challenger (GBR), where they reached the 2nd round (d. Dominik Koepfer/Tommy Paul, I. Evans/Lloyd Glasspool).
- Kokkinakis is bidding to win his **2nd Tour-level doubles title**. He won his only Tour-level doubles title to date as a wild card team with Jordan Thompson at 2017 Brisbane (d. Gilles Muller/Sam Querrey). He won his first Tour-level singles title at Adelaide II earlier this month (d. Arthur Rinderknech).
- Kyrgios is also bidding to win his **2nd Tour-level doubles title**. He won his only Tour-level doubles title to date alongside Jack Sock at 2018 Lyon (d. Roman Jebavy/Matwe Middelkoop). He has also won 6 Tour-level titles – most recently at 2019 Washington (d. Daniil Medvedev).
- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios **won the boys' doubles title together at 2013 Wimbledon**. The pair defeated Enzo Couacaud/Stefano Napolitano in the final. Kyrgios also won the boys' doubles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon alongside Andrew Harris in 2012. Kokkinakis/Kyrgios reached the quarterfinals on their only appearance together in the boys' doubles here in 2013 (I. Couacaud/Napolitano).

- Kokkinakis/Kyrgios are bidding to become the **first Grand Slam boys' doubles champion team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title as a team** since Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan, who won the boys' doubles title together at the 1996 US Open and went on to 16 Grand Slam men's doubles titles together.
- Kokkinakis and Kyrgios **contested the Australian Open boys' singles final in 2013**, with Kyrgios winning 76(4) 63. Kokkinakis also reached the US Open boys' singles final in 2013 (l. Borna Coric).
- **In the singles event here this year**, Kyrgios reached the 2nd round (d. Liam Broady, l. Medvedev) while Kokkinakis, who competed as a wild card, fell to Yannick Hanfmann in the 1st round.
- Kokkinakis' **best Australian Open singles performance** is reaching the 2nd round on 3 occasions – as a wild card on his Grand Slam debut in 2014 (d. Igor Sijsling, l. Nadal), and as a wild card in both 2015 (d. Ernests Gulbis, l. Sam Groth) and 2021 (d. Soonwoo Kwon, l. Stefanos Tsitsipas).
- Kokkinakis' **best Grand Slam singles performance** is reaching the 3rd round as a wild card on his Roland Garros debut in 2015. He defeated qualifier Nikoloz Basilashvili in the 1st round and recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Bernard Tomic in 5 sets in the 2nd round before falling to Novak Djokovic.
- Kyrgios' **best Grand Slam singles performance** is reaching the quarterfinals on 2 occasions – at 2014 Wimbledon, when as world No. 144 he defeated No. 1 Rafael Nadal in the round of 16 before falling to Milos Raonic in the last 8, and at the 2015 Australian Open, when aged 19 years 280 days he became the youngest man to reach the last 8 here since Andrei Cherkasov in 1990 before falling to Andy Murray.
- Kokkinakis' **best result in 2021** was winning his 4th Challenger title at Biella (ITA) (d. Couacaud). He recorded 2 Tour-level match-wins in 2021 – in 2nd round finishes at the Australian Open and as a qualifier at Miami-1000 (d. Shintaro Mochizuki, l. Marton Fucsovics).
- Kyrgios **played just 8 events in 2021**. He recorded 7 Tour-level match-wins in 2021 – in addition to his 2 victories at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon, he reached the 3rd round at Melbourne II, defeating Alexandre Muller and Harry Bourchier before falling to Borna Coric, and also reached the 2nd round at Atlanta (d. Kevin Anderson, l. Cameron Norrie).
- Prior to the Australian Open, Kokkinakis **won his first Tour-level singles title** at Adelaide II, defeating Rinderknech in the final. He also reached the semifinals as a wild card at Adelaide I in the first week of the season (l. Gael Monfils). He contested the doubles event as a wild card team with Alex Bolt at Adelaide I, falling to Benjamin Bonzi/Hugo Nys in the 1st round.
- Kyrgios is contesting his **first tournament of the 2022 season** at the Australian Open. He was due to compete at Melbourne but withdrew due to asthma and also withdrew from Sydney after testing positive for Covid-19.
- Kokkinakis has **struggled with injuries throughout his career**. He underwent right shoulder surgery in 2015, has had further pectoral and abdominal injuries, and recovered from glandular fever.
- Kokkinakis reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 69 after reaching the 3rd round at 2015 Roland Garros. He is currently ranked at No. 103 – his highest ranking since the final week of February 2016, when he was also ranked at No. 103. He reached a career-high doubles ranking of No. 137 in June 2015 and plays here at No. 434.
- Kyrgios reached a **career-high singles ranking** of No. 13 in October 2016. He dropped outside the Top 100 for the first time since June 2014 earlier this month and is currently ranked at No. 115. He reached a career-high doubles ranking of No. 68 in June 2017 and plays here at No. 259.
- Kokkinakis and Kyrgios have both **played Davis Cup for Australia**. Kyrgios made his debut in 2013, was a member of the Australian team which reached the semifinals in 2017 and has an 11-6 overall win-loss record in the competition. Kokkinakis made his debut in 2014, was a member of the Australian team which reached the semifinals in 2015 and has a 2-3 overall win-loss record in the competition.
- Kokkinakis has also **represented Australia at the Olympic Tennis Event**. He competed in singles at Rio 2016, falling to Gastao Elias in the 1st round.
- Kokkinakis is coached by Todd Langman and Joel Kerley. Kyrgios is currently without a permanent coach.

- **EBDEN/PURCELL** are bidding to win their first Grand Slam title in their 2nd Grand Slam event as a team.
- Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the **first all-Australian men's doubles champions here** since Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde won their 2nd title here in 1997 – and the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Woodbridge/Woodforde won their 11th major title as a team at 2000 Wimbledon. They are also bidding to become the 13th different all-Australian team to win the doubles title here in the Open Era.
- Ebden/Purcell are bidding to become the **first unseeded team to win the Australian Open men's doubles title** since Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini won the title here in 2015. This is the first Australian Open men's doubles final to be contested between 2 unseeded teams since 2015, when Bolelli/Fognini defeated Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut.
- If he wins the title here for the first time on his 13th Australian Open men's doubles appearance, Ebden will go joint-3rd on the Open Era list for **most attempts before winning the Australian Open men's doubles title**, alongside Mahut.

**Most attempts before winning Australian Open men's doubles title (Open Era)**

| <b>Player</b>          | <b>No. of attempts</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Leander Paes           | 17                     |
| Rajeev Ram             | 14                     |
| <b>Matthew Ebden??</b> | <b>13??</b>            |
| Nicolas Mahut          | 13                     |
| Oliver Marach          | 12                     |
| Ivan Dodig             | 11                     |
| Kevin Ullyett          | 11                     |
| Laurie Warder          | 11                     |

- By reaching the final here, Ebden/Purcell have recorded their **best Grand Slam performance as a team**. They reached the quarterfinals on their only previous appearance together as a team at any level – at the US Open last year (l. Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury).
- By reaching the final here, Purcell has equalled his **best individual Grand Slam doubles performance**. He also reached the final here alongside Luke Saville in 2020 (l. Ram/Salisbury). He and Saville fell to Ebden/John-Patrick Smith in the 2nd round here last year.
- By reaching the final here, Ebden has recorded his **best individual Grand Slam doubles performance**. His previous best performances in Grand Slam doubles events were reaching the quarterfinals on 3 occasions – with Ryan Harrison at 2012 Roland Garros (l. Max Mirnyi/Daniel Nestor), with Smith at the Australian Open last year (l. Ivan Dodig/Filip Polasek) and with Purcell at the US Open last year.
- **Elsewhere at the Grand Slams in 2021**, Ebden reached the 2nd round with Smith at Wimbledon (d. Tim Puetz/Michael Venus, l. Ariel Behar/Gonzalo Escobar) but fell in the 1st round with Smith at Roland Garros (l. Robin Haase/Jan-Lennard Struff). Purcell reached the 3rd round with Saville at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon, falling to Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah at both events.
- Ebden is contesting his **26th Grand Slam doubles event** – and is making his 13th appearance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open. He has played alongside 23 different partners, including Purcell. He has lost in the 1st round on 10 of his previous 12 appearances in the men's doubles here.
- Purcell is contesting his **12th Grand Slam doubles event** – and is making his 6th appearance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open. Of his 11 Grand Slam appearances, 9 came alongside Saville, with his other 2 partners being Ebden at the US Open last year and at the Australian Open this year, and Alex de Minaur, with whom he made his Grand Slam doubles debut here in 2017, falling to Pablo Carreno Busta/Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the 1st round.
- Purcell is contesting his **first doubles event, at any level, since the US Open last year**. Ebden has contested 2 doubles events since then, but has lost his opening match at both – alongside James Duckworth at Nur-Sultan last year (l. Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov) and alongside Smith at Adelaide I this year (l. Marton Fucsovics/Tommy Paul).

- Ebden is bidding to win his **4th Tour-level doubles title**. He won 2 titles with Harrison – at 2011 Newport (d. Johan Brunstrom/Adil Shamashin) and 2012 Atlanta (d. Xavier Malisse/Michael Russell) – and also won titles with Alex Bogomolov Jr at 2011 Atlanta (d. Matthias Bachinger/Frank Moser) and with Kevin Anderson at 2014 Acapulco (d. Feliciano Lopez/Mirnyi).
- Purcell is bidding to win his **first Tour-level doubles title**. He has reached 2 Tour-level doubles finals prior to the Australian Open this year – with Saville at both the 2020 Australian Open and 2020 Nur-Sultan (l. Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen).
- Ebden and Purcell both **attempted to qualify for the singles event here this year**. Ebden reached the final round of qualifying, defeating Mats Moraing and Dominic Stricker before falling to Norbert Gombos in a final-set tiebreak. Purcell reached the 2nd round of qualifying (d. Evgeny Donskoy, l. Jiri Lehecka).
- Ebden's **best Grand Slam singles performance** is reaching the 3rd round at 2018 Wimbledon (l. David Goffin). His best performance in the singles here is reaching the 2nd round on 4 occasions. He has made 22 Grand Slam singles appearances – but has not contested the singles main draw at a Grand Slam since 2019 Wimbledon.
- Purcell has **contested the singles main draw at a Grand Slam on 2 occasions** but fallen in the 1st round both times – as a qualifier here in 2020 and as a wild card at the US Open last year, losing to Jannik Sinner at both events.
- Ebden's **best doubles result in 2021** was reaching the final at Singapore alongside Smith (l. Gille/Vliegen). He also reached the semifinals at 3 further Tour-level doubles events.
- Ebden's **best singles results in 2021** were reaching the semifinals as a qualifier at Marseille, where he retired due to a right leg injury while trailing Daniil Medvedev 64 3-0, and the quarterfinals as a wild card at Singapore (l. Alexei Popyrin).
- Purcell's **best doubles results in 2021** were reaching the quarterfinals at Parma alongside Saville (l. Bolelli/Maximo Gonzalez), at Queen's alongside Aslan Karatsev (l. De Minaur/Cameron Norrie) and at the US Open alongside Ebden.
- Purcell's **best Tour-level singles result in 2021** was reaching the semifinals as a lucky loser at Eastbourne (l. Lorenzo Sonego). He also won the title at the Nur-Sultan Challenger (KAZ) (d. Jay Clarke) and reached the final at the Columbus Challenger (USA) (l. Stefan Kozlov).
- **Prior to competing in Australian Open qualifying**, Ebden attempted to qualify at Adelaide I but fell to Daniel Elahi Galan in the 1st round of qualifying. Purcell represented Australia at the ATP Cup in Sydney but lost the only match he contested to Sinner during Australia's victory over Italy in the group stages.
- Ebden entered the **mixed doubles here** as a wild card with Samantha Stosur. The pair defeated Asia Muhammad/Fabrice Martin in the 1st round before falling to Jaimee Fourlis/Jason Kubler in the 2nd round. Purcell did not contest the mixed doubles here.
- Ebden plays here at **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 55. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 39 in October 2018 but is currently ranked at No. 237.
- Purcell reached a **career-high doubles ranking** of No. 28 in October last year and plays here 6 places lower at No. 34. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 173 last week.
- Ebden has **played Davis Cup for Australia**. He made his debut in the competition in 2012 and has played in 5 ties. He has a 5-1 Davis Cup win-loss record.
- Purcell has **represented Australia at the Olympic Tennis Event**. He competed in both singles and doubles at Tokyo 2020, reaching the 2nd round of the singles (d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, l. Dominik Koepfer) but falling in the 1st round of the doubles alongside John Peers (l. Austin Krajicek/Tennys Sandgren).
- Purcell is coached by Peter Luczak. Ebden is currently without a permanent coach.