

# ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2025

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#### 2025 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	ADELAIDE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Tommy Paul (USA)	176-125 (4 Titles)	9-5 (2020 SF)
2	Sebastian Korda (USA)	125-79 (2 Titles)	6-2 (2023-1 Final)
3	Tomas Machac (CZE)	51-42 (2024 Geneva Final)	<del>0-1 (2023-2 1R)</del>
4	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	82-66 (2 Titles)	5-0 (2024 Title)
5	Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN)	216-148 (5 Titles)	2-2 (2020 SF)
6	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	152-150 (4 Titles)	5-4 (2024 SF)
7	Brandon Nakashima (USA)	95-81 (2022 San Diego Title)	0-1 (2023-2 1R)
8	Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)	66-73 (3 Finals)	0-2 (2023-2, 2024 1R)
9	Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)	56-61 (2024 Hangzhou Final)	0-0 (2023-1 Q1)

**Tournament History** 

Singles Final

Wild Cards (3) Qualifiers (4) Oldest Player

Youngest Player
Tournament Records

2020-2024 (8th Edition) – 2 editions in 2022 and 2023; 2021 edition held in Melbourne

Saturday 11 January not before 6:00 pm

Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS), Tristian Schoolkate (AUS), Li Tu (AUS)

TBD on Monday 6 January Roberto Bautista Agut (36)

Arthur Cazaux (22)

Most Titles - Novak Djokovic, Thanasi Kokkinakis, Soonwoo Kwon, Jiri Lehecka,

Gael Monfils, Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner (1)

Most Wins - Thanasi Kokkinakis (12)

<u>Youngest Champion</u> – Jannik Sinner, 19, in 2021 <u>Oldest Champion</u> – Novak Djokovic, 35, in 2023-1

<u>Highest-Ranked Champion</u> – No. 5 Novak Djokovic in 2023-1 Lowest-Ranked Champion – No. 145 Thanasi Kokkinakis in 2022-2

Last Australian Champion: Thanasi Kokkinakis in 2022-2

## **COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (12)**

Australia (5) Thanasi Kokkinakis, Christopher O'Connell, Tristan Schoolkate, Li Tu, Aleksandar Vukic

United States (4) Marcos Giron, Sebastian Korda, Brandon Nakashima, Tommy Paul Spain (3) Roberto Bautista Agut, Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Jaume Munar

**Canada (2)** Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov **France (2)** Arthur Cazaux, Arthur Rinderknech

Argentina (1) Tomas Martin Etcheverry

Belgium (1)
China (1)
Czechia (1)
Japan (1)
Kazakhstan (1)
Serbia (1)
David Goffin
Zhang Zhizhen
Jiri Lehecka
Yoshihito Nishioka
Alexander Bublik
Miomir Kecmanovic
Roman Safiullin

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers TBD on Monday 6 January

#### PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Adelaide International	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	103,525	60,350	35,480	20,555	11,935	7,295
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	35,570	18,510	9,770	5,450	2,980	1,660

<sup>\*</sup> Singles and Doubles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points



#### 2025 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 W-L (BEST FINISH)	EVENT W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA)	47-20 (4 Titles)	48-20 (4 Titles)	3-2 (2023-2 Title)
I	Mate Pavic (CRO)	47-20 in 2024 (4 Titles)	48-22 (4 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Kevin Krawietz (GER)	85-41 (3 Titles)	45-20 (2 Titles)	0-1 (2020 1R)
	Tim Puetz (GER)	44-19 in 2024 (2 Titles)	44-19 (2 Titles)	2-1 (2023-2 QF)
3	Simone Bolelli (ITA)	52-28 (3 Titles)	42-20 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Andrea Vavassori (ITA)	42-20 in 2024 (3 Titles)	43-21 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Harri Heliovaara (FIN)	39-13 (4 Titles)	46-22 (4 Titles)	7-2 (2023 1R)
4	Henry Patten (GBR)	39-12 in 2024 (4 Titles)	43-21 (4 Titles)	0-2 (2023-2, 2024 1R)
5	Nathaniel Lammons (USA)	111-79 (9 Titles)	41-29 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2022-1 2R)
J	Jackson Withrow (USA)	41-29 in 2024 (4 Titles)	41-29 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2022-1 2R)
6	Matthew Ebden (AUS)	0-0	36-20 (3 Titles)	4-5 (2024 Final)
O	Joran Vliegen (BEL)	(Debut)	27-28 (Monte-Carlo Title)	1-2 (2022-2 QF)
7	Joe Salisbury (GBR)	13-5 (2018 Vienna Title)	23-20 (Adelaide Title)	6-2 (2024 Title)
′	Neal Skupski (GBR)	1-2 in 2024 (Madrid 2R)	40-26 (2 Titles)	8-4 (2022-2 Title)
8	Sander Gille (BEL)	0-0	27-28 (Monte-Carlo Title)	1-2 (2022-2 QF)
J	Jan Zielinski (POL)	(Debut)	31-25 (Acapulco Title)	3-4 (2024 SF)

Doubles Final: Saturday 11 January at 2:00 pm

#### ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Jiri Lehecka (CZE)	Jack Draper (GBR)	4-6 6-4 6-3
2023-2	Soonwoo Kwon (KOR)	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	6-4 3-6 7-6(4)
2023-1	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Sebastian Korda (USA)	6-7(8) 7-6(3) 6-4
2022-2	Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS)	Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)	6-7(6) 7-6(5) 6-3
2022-1	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Karen Khachanov	6-4 6-4
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Stefano Travaglia (ITA)	7-6(4) 6-4
2020	Andrey Rublev	Lloyd Harris (RSA)	6-3 6-0

BOLD: Player in 2025 Adelaide International singles draw.

#### ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	Rajeev Ram / Joe Salisbury	Rohan Bopanna / Matthew Ebden	7-5 5-7 [11-9]
2023-2	Marcelo Arevalo / Jean-Julien Rojer	Ivan Dodig / Austin Krajicek	W/O
2023-1	Lloyd Glasspool / Harri Heliovaara	Jamie Murray / Michael Venus	6-3 7-6(3)
2022-2	Wesley Koolhof / Neal Skupski	Ariel Behar / Gonzalo Escobar	7-6(5) 6-4
2022-1	Rohan Bopanna / Ramkumar Ramanathan	Ivan Dodig / Marcelo Melo	7-6(6) 6-1
2021	Jamie Murray / Bruno Soares	Juan Sebastian Cabal / Robert Farah	6-3 7-6(7)
2020	Maximo Gonzalez / Fabrice Martin	Ivan Dodig / Filip Polasek	7-6(12) 6-3

**BOLD**: Player in 2025 Adelaide International doubles draw – no team remains intact.

## LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

#### **CENTRE COURT**

Denis Shapovalov (CAN) vs [9] Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

Zhang Leads 1-0

23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)

Clay R64 Zhang Zhizhen

6-7(4) 6-4 7-6(1)

**Denis Shapovalov** | Age: 25 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 10 | Career: 207-173 (2 Titles) | Adelaide: 2-1 (2023-1 QF) > After becoming 1st Canadian US Open men's singles quarter-finalist in 2020, joined Raonic as 2nd Canadian man in history to break into Top 10.

> Defeated 2-time champion Murray and earned 5-set wins over Kohlschreiber and Khachanov en route to 1st Grand Slam SF at 2021 Wimbledon.



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7-5 4-6 6-4

- > Reached 2019 Paris final and 4 other ATP Masters 1000 SFs, including 2017 Montreal, where he upset No. 2 Nadal and became youngest semi-finalist in series history at age 18 (since 1990).
- > Beat Carreno Busta to begin 2022 ATP Cup final and Kokkinakis to begin 2022 Davis Cup final, helping Canada sweep both team titles.
- > Ended junior career with 2016 Wimbledon boys' singles title, then broke into Top 50 of PIF ATP Rankings less than 15 months later.

**NOTE**: Shapovalov is 6-3 vs. Top 50 since September (12-12 overall in 2024). He claimed his 2nd ATP Tour title in Belgrade in November before losing his opening match of 2025 to eventual runner-up Nishikori in Hong Kong.

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 28 | World No. 47 | Career-High No. 31 | Career: 56-61 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 0-0 (2023-1 Q1) > Became the first Chinese player in PIF ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024, earning career-high No. 31 in July 2024.

- > Won 3 consecutive matches in the deciding set tie-break to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid and also reached 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF on clay at 2024 Rome.
- > During 2023 season, reached 1st ATP Tour SF in Hamburg, then became 1st Chinese man to defeat a Top 5 opponent, beating No. 5 Ruud en route to 2023 US Open 3R.
- > Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joining fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.
- > Equaled biggest win of career over No. 5 Medvedev in 2024 Halle 2R en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF and became the first Chinese man to reach a tour-level semi-final on grass in Open Era.

**NOTE**: Zhang is 1-8 since reaching his first ATP Tour final in Hangzhou and looks for first Top 100 win since defeating No. 55 Carballes Baena at that event. He is the first Chinese main draw player in tournament history.

## Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) vs [WC] Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) First Tour-Level Meeting Other Meeting

14 US Open Q (U.S.A.)

Hard Q2 Yoshihito Nishioka

Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 29 | World No. 64 | Career-High No. 24 | Career: 136-149 (3 Titles) | Adelaide: 3-3 (2023-1 SF) > Japanese left-hander achieved career-high No. 24 in June 2023 after advancing to Grand Slam 4R at 2023 Australian Open and Roland Garros for the 1st time in career.

- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 2 Ruud en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2022 Seoul.
- > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.
- > Rallied from a set down 3 times en route to 2020 Delray Beach final and saved 1 MP vs. de Minaur en route to 2022 Washington final before winning 3rd title at 2024 Atlanta.
- > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.

**NOTE**: Nishioka started his 2025 season by reaching Brisbane 2R as Q, losing to eventual champion Lehecka in three sets. He defeated No. 11 Rune for most recent Top 20 win in 2023-Adelaide-1 1R (l. to Korda in SF).

**Thanasi Kokkinakis** | Age: 28 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 65 | Career: 76-96 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 12-4 (2022-2 Title) > Former Top-10 junior earned 1st ranking point 8 days after 15th birthday in 2011, achieved career-high No. 65 at age 27 in 2023, improving the career-high No. 69 he set at age 19 in 2015.

- > Captured 1st ATP Tour title in hometown at 2022 Adelaide-2 as 145th-ranked WC after reaching 1st QF, SF and final at 2017 Los Cabos as 454th-ranked WC.
- > Upset defending champion Federer in 2018 Miami 2R as 175th-ranked Q, becoming lowest-ranked player to beat World No. 1 since No. 178 Clavet beat Hewitt in 2003 Miami 2R.
- > Won 2022 Australian Open doubles title as 434th-ranked WC with countryman Kyrgios, defeating Ebden/Purcell in 1st All-Aussie Grand Slam doubles final since 1980 Australian Open.
- > Advanced to 3 Grand Slam junior finals in 2013, winning Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Kyrgios and finishing as boys' singles runner-up at Australian Open and US Open.

**NOTE**: Kokkinakis owns the most match wins in tournament history (12) and is one of two former champions in the draw alongside Lehecka (2024). He is 4-1 in Adelaide opening rounds, losing to Lajovic last year.



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#### **SHOW COURT 1**

Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) vs Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) Bautista Agut Leads 2-1

21 Rotterdam (Netherlands)
22 Doha (Qatar)

Hard R32 A. Davidovich Fokina 6-2 7-6(3)
Hard QF R. Bautista Agut 6-1 6-1

Adelaide-2 (Australia)

Hard QF R. Bautista Agut 6-3 6-2

- R. Bautista Agut | Age: 36 | World No. 51 | Career-High No. 9 | Career: 417-267 (12 Titles) | Adelaide: 4-2 (2023-2 Final)
- > Captured 12th ATP Tour title in Antwerp and 400th win of career in 2024 and ended 2019 at career-high No. 9.
- > Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam SF at 2019 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-9 record in Grand Slam 4R matches.
- > Defeated No. 1 Djokovic in 2016 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF, 2019 Doha SF and 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 4R, as well as No. 1 Medvedev in 2022 Mallorca QF.
- > Went 4-1 at 2022 ATP Cup and 6-0 at 2020 ATP Cup to lead Spain to finals after helping his country win 2019 Davis Cup.
- > Played football for Villarreal C.F. until he was 14 years old.

**NOTE**: Bautista Agut won 4 of his 12 ATP Tour titles in January (2016, 2018 Auckland, 2017 Chennai, 2019 Doha). He defeated Davidovich Fokina in QF en route to 2023 Adelaide-2 final (I. to Kwon).

Oldest Match Winners in Event History – Bautista Agut aims to be 1st 36-year-old to win a match in Adelaide.

Player	Age	Event/Result
Robin Haase	35	2023-2 – d. Bonzi in 1R, I. to Bautista Agut in 2R
Gael Monfils	35	2022-1 - d. J.M. Cerundolo in 2R, Paul in QF, Kokkinakis in SF, Khachanov in F
Pablo Cuevas	35	2021 – d. Andujar in 1R, Haase in 2R, I. to Hurkacz in 3R
Sergiy Stakhovsky	35	2021 – d. Safiullin in 1R, I. to Opelka in 2R

- A. Davidovich Fokina | Age: 25 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 21 | Career: 114-120 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 2-1 (2023-2 QF) > Achieved career-high No. 21 in August 2023, later improving year-end ranking for 8th consecutive year in 2023, finishing at No. 26.
- > Broke Djokovic 9 times in Monte Carlo 2R win, setting record for most breaks of Djokovic in a best-of-3-set match to defeat then-World No. 1 en route to 1st ATP Tour final of career at 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2021 Monte Carlo, highlighted by 5-set win over Ruud in Roland Garros 3R.
- > Ended junior career as World No. 2 after winning Wimbledon boys' singles title and posting 20-1 record in 2017.
- > Owns 2 cats and launched Adoptas.org in 2021, a pet adoption platform that aims to connect anyone looking to adopt or foster a pet with shelters and rescues across Spain.

**NOTE**: Davidovich Fokina earned 16 of 18 tour-level wins in 2024 on hard courts and went 3-12 vs. higher-ranked players, including wins over No. 9 Hurkacz at United Cup and No. 5 Medvedev at ATP Masters 1000 Montreal.

Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) vs Chris	stophe	er O'Co	onnell (AUS)	Series Tied 1-1
24 Adelaide (Australia)	Hard	R32	<b>Christopher O'Connell</b>	6-4 6-4
24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Arthur Rinderknech	6-3 6-4
Other Meetings				
20 Drummondville CH (Canada)	Hard	SF	Arthur Rinderknech	6-4 6-2
21 Halle Q (Germany)	Grass	Q2	Arthur Rinderknech	3-6 6-4 6-2
23 ATP Masters 1000 Paris Q (France)	Hard	Q1	Christopher O'Connell	4-6 7-6(5) 6-3
24 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal Q (Canada)	Hard	Q2	Arthur Rinderknech	2-1 RET

**Arthur Rinderknech** | Age: 29 | World No. 60 | Career-High No. 42 | Career: 74-82 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 4-3 (2022-2 Final) > Broke into Top 50 in January 2022 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final at Adelaide-2, then became No. 1 Frenchman and achieved career-high No. 42 in October 2022.

- > Playing on indoor hard courts in fall 2022, saved 1 MP vs. No. 17 Schwartzman in Tel Aviv 2R, 9 MPs vs. No. 15 Carreno Busta in Gijon QF and 2 MPs vs. No. 16 Cilic in Basel 1R.
- > In 2021, advanced to Kitzbuhel SF, reached 6 other ATP Tour QFs, and earned 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
- > Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary, 2021 Istanbul as Q, 2022 Poznan, 2023 Zug and 2024 Lille.



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> Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.

**NOTE**: Rinderknech advanced to his lone ATP Tour final in Adelaide in 2022 (I. to Kokkinakis). He looks to win his first ATP Tour match on Australian soil since beating No. 30 F. Cerundolo at 2023 United Cup.

Christopher O'Connell | Age: 30 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 53 | Career: 47-71 (2 SFs) | Adelaide: 3-4 (2024 QF) > Unranked to begin 2019, broke into Top 200 in September 2019 and ended 2022 season at No. 78, before reaching career-high No. 53 in September 2023 after winning 5th Challenger title at Shanghai without losing a set.

- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2022 San Diego after reaching 1st ATP Tour QF at 2021 Atlanta as Q.
- > Qualified at 6 tour-level events in 2022, including hometown tournament in Sydney.
- > Defeated No. 13 Schwartzman for biggest win of career and to reach 2022 Australian Open 3R as WC and No. 16 Zverev to reach 2nd ATP Tour SF at 2023 Munich.
- > Played 108 main draw and qualifying singles matches across all tours in 2019, posting 50-11 record on ITF World Tennis Tour with 3 titles in 10 finals.

**NOTE**: O'Connell defeated Rinderknech in 1R en route to his first ATP Tour QF on home soil in Adelaide last year (I. to Korda). Last week, he missed 1 MP vs. Michelsen in his opening match of the 2025 season.