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2025 ASB CLASSIC SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	AUCKLAND W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Ben Shelton (USA)	71-53 (2 Titles)	3-2 (2024 SF)
2	Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)	57-56 (2 Titles)	4-0 (2024 Title)
3	Sebastian Baez (ARG)	91-87 (6 Titles)	0-1 (2023 1R)
4	Francisco Cerundolo (ARG)	102-89 (3 Titles)	0-1 (2024 2R)
~~**5**~~	~~Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA)~~	~~21-16 (2 Titles)~~	~~0-0 (Debut)~~
6	Flavio Cobolli (ITA)	43-39 (2024 Washington Final)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Nuno Borges (POR)	41-51 (2024 Bastad Title)	1-1 (2024 2R)
8	Alex Michelsen (USA)	42-39 (3 Finals)	0-1 (2024 1R)
9	Jan-Lennard Struff (GER)	222-242 (2024 Munich Title)	4-2 (2019 SF)

Tournament History 1969-1977, 1979-2020, 2023-Present (54th Edition in 2025)
Singles Final Saturday 11 January not before 2:00pm
Wild Cards (3) Isaac Becroft (NZL), Gabriel Diallo (CAN), ~~Lucas Pouille (FRA)~~
Qualifiers (4) Nishesh Basavareddy (USA), Zizou Bergs (BEL), Sumit Nagal (IND), Luca Nardi (ITA)
Lucky Losers (4) Daniel Altmaier (GER), Francisco Comesana (ARG), Facundo Diaz Acosta (ARG), Adrian Mannarino (FRA)
Special Exempts (2) Alexandre Muller (Hong Kong Title), ~~Reilly Opelka (Brisbane Final)~~
Oldest Player Gael Monfils (38)
#NextGenATP (2) Jakub Mensik (19), Nishesh Basavareddy (19)
Tournament Records Most Titles **–** David Ferrer (4)
Most Wins **–** David Ferrer (32)
Youngest Champion **–** Bjorn Borg, 17, in 1974
Oldest Champion – Richard Gasquet, 36, in 2023
Highest-Ranked Champion **–** No. 5 David Ferrer in 2012-13
Lowest-Ranked Champion **–** No. 390 Danny Saltz in 1984
Last Home Champion – Chris Lewis in 1985

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (15)

Argentina (5) Sebastian Baez, Francisco Cerundolo, Francisco Comesana, Facundo Diaz Acosta, Mariano Navone
Italy (4) Flavio Cobolli, Luciano Darderi, Luca Nardi, Lorenzo Sonego
France (3) Adrian Mannarino, Gael Monfils, Alexandre Muller
United States (3) Nishesh Basavareddy, Alex Michelsen, Ben Shelton
Germany (2) Daniel Altmaier, Jan-Lennard Struff
Spain (2) Roberto Carballes Baena, Pedro Martinez
Belgium (1) Zizou Bergs
Canada (1) Gabriel Diallo
Chile (1) Alejandro Tabilo
China (1) Buyunchaokete
Czechia (1) Jakub Mensik
Great Britain (1) Cameron Norrie
India (1) Sumit Nagal
New Zealand (1) Isaac Becroft
Portugal (1) Nuno Borges

PIF ATP RANKINGS POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

ASB Classic	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	165	100	50	25*	0
Singles Prize Money ($)	103,445	60,350	35,480	20,555	11,935	7,295
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money ($)	35,980	19,330	11,310	6,270	3,700	--

***** Singles players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points

2025 ASB CLASSIC DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2024 (BEST FINISH)	AUCKLAND (BEST FINISH)
1	Nikola Mektic (CRO) Michael Venus (NZL)	1-1 (2025 Brisbane QF)	45-21 (5 Titles) 36-24 (3 Titles)	8-0 (2023-24 Titles) 12-10 (2016 Title)
2	Maximo Gonzalez (ARG) Andres Molteni (ARG)	77-48 (0-0 in 2025) 8 Titles (0 in 2025)	29-20 (2 Titles) 32-25 (2 Titles)	1-2 (2023-24 QF) 1-3 (2023-24 QF)
3	Julian Cash (GBR) Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)	10-5 (3-0 in 2025) 2 Titles (1 in 2025)	31-25 (3 Titles) 37-31 (2 Titles)	1-1 (2024 QF) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Sadio Doumbia (FRA) Fabien Reboul (FRA)	79-62 (2-1 in 2025) 4 Titles (0 in 2025)	38-27 (3 Titles) 38-23 (3 Titles)	2-2 (2024 SF) 2-2 (2024 SF)

Doubles Final: Saturday 11 January at 11:30 am.

ASB CLASSIC SINGLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	**Alejandro Tabilo (CHI)**	Taro Daniel (JPN)	6-2 7-5
2023	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	**Cameron Norrie (GBR)**	4-6 6-4 6-4
2021-22	**TOURNAMENT NOT HELD**		
2020	Ugo Humbert (FRA)	Benoit Paire (FRA)	7-6(2) 3-6 7-6(5)
2019	Tennys Sandgren (USA)	**Cameron Norrie (GBR)**	6-4 6-2
2018	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)	6-1 4-6 7-5
2017	Jack Sock (USA)	Joao Sousa (POR)	6-3 5-7 6-3
2016	Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP)	Jack Sock (USA)	6-1 1-0 RET
2015	Jiri Vesely (CZE)	Adrian Mannarino (FRA)	6-3 6-2
2014	John Isner (USA)	Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE)	7-6(4) 7-6(7)
2013	David Ferrer (ESP)	Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER)	7-6(5) 6-1
2012	David Ferrer (ESP)	Olivier Rochus (BEL)	6-3 6-4
2011	David Ferrer (ESP)	David Nalbandian (ARG)	6-3 6-2
2010	John Isner (USA)	Arnaud Clement (FRA)	6-3 5-7 7-6(2)

BOLD: Player in 2025 ASB Classic singles draw.

ASB CLASSIC DOUBLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2024	**Nikola Mektic** / Wesley Koolhof	Marcel Granollers / Horacio Zeballos	6-3 6-7(5) [10-7]
2023	**Nikola Mektic** / Mate Pavic	Nathaniel Lammons / Jackson Withrow	6-4 6-7(5) [10-6]
2021-22	**TOURNAMENT NOT HELD**		
2020	Luke Bambridge / Ben McLachlan	**Marcus Daniell** / Philipp Oswald	7-6(3) 6-3
2019	Ben McLachlan / Jan-Lennard Struff	Raven Klaasen / **Michael Venus**	6-3 6-4
2018	Oliver Marach / Mate Pavic	Max Mirnyi / Philipp Oswald	6-4 5-7 [10-7]
2017	Marcin Matkowski / Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi	Jonathan Erlich / Scott Lipsky	1-6 6-2 [10-3]
2016	Mate Pavic / **Michael Venus**	Eric Butorac / Scott Lipsky	7-5 6-4
2015	Raven Klaasen / Leander Paes	Dominic Inglot / Florin Mergea	7-6(1) 6-4
2014	Julian Knowle / Marcelo Melo	Alexander Peya / Bruno Soares	4-6 6-3 [10-5]
2013	Colin Fleming / Bruno Soares	Johan Brunstrom / Frederik Nielsen	7-6(1) 7-6(2)
2012	Oliver Marach / Alexander Peya	Frantisek Cermak / Filip Polasek	6-3 6-2
2011	Marcel Granollers / Tommy Robredo	Johan Brunstrom / Stephen Huss	6-4 7-6(6)
2010	**Marcus Daniell** / Horia Tecau	Marcelo Melo / Bruno Soares	7-5 6-4

BOLD: Player in 2025 ASB Classic doubles draw – no team remains intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Luciano Darderi (ITA) vs [7] Nuno Borges (POR) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

22 Barletta CH (Italy)	Clay	QF	Nuno Borges	1-6 7-6(4) 6-1

Luciano Darderi | Age: 22 | World No. 44 | Career-High No. 32 | Career: 25-29 (1 Title) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former Top 10 junior started 2024 season as No. 128, then broke into Top 100 in February, Top 50 in May and achieved career-high No. 32 in August.
> Captured his 1st ATP Tour title in Cordoba, defeating Bagnis in the third final between two qualifiers since the ATP Tour was established in 1990 in his third ATP Tour event of career.
> Also advanced to ATP Tour SFs at 2024 Houston (l. to Tiafoe) and 2024 Lyon (l. to Etcheverry).
> Owns an 86-58 Challenger record (3-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Todi, 2023 Lima-2 and 2024 Perugia.
> Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings in February 2020 after earning 3 singles and 3 doubles titles to start the season.
> Born in Argentina, started playing tennis at age 4 with his father Luciano Enrique, a former tennis player and current coach.

NOTE: Darderi owns 2-14 tour-level record on hard courts, earning wins over No. 21 Tabilo at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati in August and No. 318 Thiem in Vienna in October to end former-World No. 3's career. He earned 24 of 25 career tour-level wins in 2024, highlighted by run to Cordoba title in February.

Nuno Borges | Age: 27 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 30 | Career: 41-51 (1 Title) | Auckland: 1-1 (2024 2R)
> Became the 2nd Portuguese man to break inside Top 50 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973) in 2024, reaching career-high No. 30 in September 2024 after reaching US Open 4R.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2024 Bastad by joining Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Zeballos as the only men to defeat Rafael Nadal in an ATP Tour clay court final.
> Defeated No. 13 Dimitrov for biggest win of career to reach 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2024 Australian Open, becoming the first Portuguese in fourth round in tournament's history.
> Advanced to 10 Challenger finals, winning titles at 2021 Antalya-3, 2022 Barletta, 2023 Monterrey, 2023-24 Phoenix and 2023 Maia in his hometown.
> Five-time All-American during 4-year college career at Mississippi State University, posting 31-match win streak that ended in his last match (l. to Jubb in 2019 NCAA singles final).

NOTE: Borges began 2025 season by defeating Buyunchaokete in Hong Kong 1R (l. to Munar in 2R). He looks for 1st Top 50 win since defeating No. 33 Mannarino in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R in August (9-26 in career).

Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) vs [LL] Daniel Altmaier (GER) — Carballes Baena Leads 1-0

24 Geneva (Switzerland)	Clay	R32	R. Carballes Baena	7-6(2) 6-4
Other Meeting				
24 Seville CH (Spain)	Clay	F	R. Carballes Baena	6-3 7-5

R. Carballes Baena | Age: 31 | World No. 59 | Career-High No. 49 | Career: 118-147 (2 Titles) | Auckland: 2-1 (2024 QF)
> Former World No. 8 junior entered Top 50 at 30 years of age at career high No. 49 in April 2023 after rallying from a set down three times in five matches to win 2nd ATP Tour title in Marrakech.
> At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.
> Defeated No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R for 1st Top 20 win and defeated No. 4 Rune at 2023 US Open for 1st Top 10 win in 14th attempt.
> Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.
> Boasts 243-151 Challenger record (13-8 in finals), including clay-court titles at 2022, 2023 and 2024 Seville.

NOTE: Carballes Baena earned personal-best 25 wins during 2024 season, including run to 2nd of his 3 career ATP Tour QFs on hard courts in Auckland (l. to Shelton). He looks for 1st ATP Tour win since defeating No. 81 Koepfer in Antwerp 1R in October.

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 26 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 47 | Career: 44-82 (2 SFs) | Auckland: 2-1 (2024 QF)
> Made Top 50 debut a day before his 25th birthday in September, achieving career-high No. 47 in October 2023.
> In 2023, reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at Madrid as a LL and defeated No. 7 Rublev for biggest win of career en route to 2023 Hamburg QF.
> Ended 2022 season with 13 wins in his last 14 Challenger matches, including back-to-back titles at Lima-2 and Guayaquil.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.
> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R and defeated No. 9 Sinner en route to 2023 Roland Garros 3R.
> Hits a one-handed backhand and says that his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

NOTE: Altmaier entered the draw as LL (l. to Basavareddy in Q) after WC Pouille withdrew due to abdominal strain. The German No. 3 reached latest of 8 career ATP Tour QFs in Auckland last year (d. No. 27 Auger-Aliassime in 2R, l. to Fils).

Zizou Bergs (BEL) vs [WC] Isaac Becroft (NZL) First Meeting

Zizou Bergs | Age: 25 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 61 | Career: 24-38 (3 QFs) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 100 in June 2024 after earning biggest win of career over No. 24 Tabilo en route to Roland Garros 3R as Q and achieved career-high No. 61 in November 2024.
> Defeated Ramos-Vinolas for 1st ATP Tour win at 2020 Antwerp as 528th-ranked WC and advanced to ATP Tour QFs at 2023 Gstaad as Q, 2024 Antwerp and 2024 Metz.
> Earned 2022 Wimbledon WC after defeating former World No. 8 Sock for 2022 Ilkley Challenger title as Q.
> Also won Challenger titles at 2021 St. Petersburg-1 as Q, 2021 Lille as Q, 2021 Almaty, 2023 & 2024 Tallahassee, 2023 Drummondville and 2023 Yokkaichi.
> Went 90-45 on ITF Junior Circuit, but lost in 1R of all 4 Grand Slam boys' singles events in 2017.

NOTE: Bergs qualified by rallying from a set down to defeat Carreno Busta in Q1 and Comesana in Q2 He is 6-1 in his opening rounds since August, lone loss to No. 19 Musetti in Beijing 1R and began 2025 season by reaching Hong Kong 2R (d. No. 169 Moro Canas in 1R, l. to No. 20 Fils).

Isaac Becroft | Age: 24 | World No. 979 | Career-High No. 845 | Career: 0-2 (Davis Cup) | Auckland: 0-0 (2024 Q1)
> Earned 1st PIF ATP Rankings point in June 2022, broke into Top 1000 in August 2022 and achieved career-high No. 845 in November 2023.
> After losing in 2024 Auckland qualifying to eventual champion Tabilo, he received a main draw wildcard the following year for his ATP Tour debut after winning the wildcard playoff event.
> Made tour-level debut in Davis Cup, losing to No. 51 Ruusuvuori in 2022 and No. 627 Jones in 2023.
> Owns 37-30 record on ITF World Tennis Tour, highlighted by final at 2023 M15 Caloundra (l. to L. Saville).
> Born in Wellington, he plays college tennis at Oklahoma State University and pursues degree in finance.

NOTE: Bercroft is making his ATP Tour debut and looking for the biggest win of career in his first match vs. Top 100 opponent since losing to eventual champion No. 82 Tabilo in last year's qualifying. He bids to be the first player representing New Zealand to record an ATP Tour win since Statham defeated No. 25 Chung in 2019 Auckland 1R.

[8] Alex Michelsen (USA) vs [Q] Sumit Nagal (IND) First Meeting

Alex Michelsen | Age: 20 | World No. 41 (Career-High) | Career: 42-39 (3 Finals) | Auckland: 0-1 (2024 1R)
> Broke into Top 100 in November 2023, Top 50 in August 2024 after reaching 3rd ATP Tour final in Winston-Salem and achieved career-high No. 41 in November 2024.
> Became the youngest American man in Grand Slam 3R since Young at 2007 US Open, reaching 3R at Aus. Open.
> Earned 1st ATP Tour win and reached 1st QF, SF and final at 2023 Newport, becoming youngest American ATP Tour finalist since Fritz at 2016 Memphis and reached 2nd final at 2024 Newport (held 1 MP vs. Giron in final).
> Defeated No. 9 de Minaur for the biggest win of career in 2024 Los Cabos 2R, before squandering 3 MPs in QF against eventual champion Thompson.
> Also reached 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati doubles final w/McDonald after defeating him in qualifying.
> Reached career-high No. 25 in ITF Juniors, highlighted by 2022 Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Gorzny.

NOTE: Michelsen earned 30 of 42 career tour-level wins on hard courts including saving 1 MP to defeat O'Connell in Brisbane 1R last week to begin 2025 season. He is one of three Americans in the field as they attempt to become the 4th American men's champion in Auckland this century after Isner (2010, 2014), Sock (2017) and Sandgren (2019).

Sumit Nagal | Age: 27 | World No. 96 | Career-High No. 68 | Career: 15-35 (1 QF) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point at age 16 in 2013, broke into Top 200 in 2019 and Top 100 in February 2024 by winning 5th Challenger title in Chennai, achieving career-high No. 68 in July 2024.
> Made ATP Tour debut on home soil at 2018 Pune as Q and Grand Slam debut at 2019 US Open as Q (l. to 5-time champion Federer in 1R), then reached 1st ATP Tour QF at 2021 Buenos Aires.
> Defeated Arnaldi in 2024 Monte-Carlo 1R as Q to become the first Indian to earn an ATP Masters 1000 win on clay.
> Owns 129-107 Challenger record (6-4 in finals), picking up titles at 2017 Bangalore, 2019 Buenos Aires, 2023 Rome, 2023 Tampere, 2024 Chennai and 2024 Heilbronn.
> Peaked at No. 23 in juniors in 2015 and went 88-53 in juniors with wins over future Top 10 players Berrettini, Hurkacz, Shapovalov and Tiafoe, ending junior career by winning 2015 Wimbledon boys' doubles title w/Ly.

NOTE: Nagal seeks 1st ATP Tour win since defeating No. 119 Klein in Kitzbuhel 1R (0-7 since). He is 3-14 vs. Top 50, including last year's wins over No. 27 Bublik in Australian Open 1R and No. 38 Arnaldi in ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo 1R. He bids to be the first Indian man to record a main draw win in Auckland since Krishnan in 1990.