



ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 - MONDAY 3 JANUARY 2022

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2021 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 - SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	ADELAIDE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Gael Monfils (FRA)	511-295 (10 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
2	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	174-136 (4 Titles)	3-1 (2021 SF)
3	Marin Cilic (CRO)	549-306 (20 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
4	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	102-119 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
5	Marton Fucsovics (HUN)	109-105 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
6	Tommy Paul (USA)	51-51 (1 Title)	3-1 (2020 SF)
7	Laslo Djere (SRB)	75-82 (2 Titles)	1-2 (2020 2R)
8	Soonwoo Kwon (KOR)	37-32 (1 Title)	1-1 (2021 2R)

Tournament History 2020-Present (3rd Edition in 2022. The 2021 edition was held in Melbourne.)
Finals Sunday 9 January at 2:30 pm
Qualifiers (4) TBD on Monday 3 January
Wild Cards (3) Alex Bolt (AUS), Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS), Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)
Oldest Player Gael Monfils (35)
#NextGenATP (2) Lorenzo Musetti (19), Juan Manuel Cerundolo (20)
Tournament Records
Most Titles – Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner (1)
Youngest Champion - Jannik Sinner, 19, in 2021
Oldest Champion - Andrey Rublev, 22, in 2020
Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 18 Andrey Rublev in 2020
Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 36 Jannik Sinner in 2021

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (16)

Australia (4)	Alex Bolt, Thanasi Kokkinakis, John Millman, Aleksandar Vukic		
France (3)	Benjamin Bonzi, Gael Monfils, Corentin Moutet		
United States (3)	Steve Johnson, Tommy Paul, Frances Tiafoe		
Italy (2)	Gianluca Mager, Lorenzo Musetti		
Argentina (1)	Juan Manuel Cerundolo	Japan (1)	Yoshihito Nishioka
Brazil (1)	Thiago Monteiro	Russia (1)	Karen Khachanov
Croatia (1)	Marin Cilic	Serbia (1)	Laslo Djere
Czech Republic (1)	Jiri Vesely	South Korea (1)	Soonwoo Kwon
Germany (1)	Daniel Altmaier	Spain (1)	Roberto Carballes Baena
Hungary (1)	Marton Fucsovics	Sweden (1)	Mikael Ymer

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday)

2021 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 - DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	ADELAIDE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Marcelo Melo (BRA)	352-240 (16 Titles) 559-347 (35 Titles)	5-2 (2020 Final) 1-1 (2020 QF)
2	Sander Gille (BEL) Joran Vliegen (BEL)	69-58 (5 Titles) 69-59 (5 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
3	Ariel Behar (URU) Gonzalo Escobar (ECU)	46-57 (2 Titles) 45-51 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
4	Tomislav Brkic (BIH) Santiago Gonzalez (MEX)	50-36 (1 Title) 297-286 (16 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

5	Matthew Ebden (AUS)	82-99 (4 Titles)	2-1 (2021 SF)
	John-Patrick Smith (AUS)	61-76 (1 Title)	2-2 (2021 SF)
6	Jonathan Erlich (ISR)	410-338 (22 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
	Andre Goransson (SWE)	21-24 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
7	Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)	9-9 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)
	Harri Heliövaara (FIN)	21-16 (2 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
8	Nathaniel Lammons (USA)	7-21 (2 SFs)	0-0 (Debut)
	Jackson Withrow (USA)	32-44 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut)

FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Adelaide International 1	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	87,370	48,365	27,220	15,490	8,890	5,200
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	23,370	13,210	7,630	4,320	2,540	1,520

* Players who receive a bye in R32 and lose in R16 earn 0 ranking points.

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 - SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Stefano Travaglia (ITA)	7-6(4) 6-4
2020	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	Lloyd Harris (RSA)	6-3 6-0

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1 - DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
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

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Laslo Djere (SRB) vs Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) **Carballes Baena Leads 1-0**

18 Lyon (France) Clay R32 Roberto Carballes Baena 7-6(3) 6-7(4) 6-3

Other Meetings

14 Egypt F3 (Egypt) Clay R16 Roberto Carballes Baena 6-3 6-3
 16 Cortina CH (Italy) Clay SF Laslo Djere 7-6(3) 6-3
 17 Poprad Tatry CH (Slovakia) Clay SF Laslo Djere 6-2 7-5
 17 Cordenons CH (Italy) Clay SF Roberto Carballes Baena 5-1 ret
 17 Rome 2 CH (Italy) Clay QF Roberto Carballes Baena 6-3 6-1

Laslo Djere | Age: 26 | World No. 52 | Career-High No. 27 | Career: 75-82 (2 Titles) | Adelaide: 1-2 (2020 2R)
 > Former World No. 3 junior broke into Top 30 after winning 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Rio de Janeiro without dropping a set.

> Dedicated Rio title to his parents, Caba and Hajnalka, who both passed away from cancer.

> Defeated countryman Lajovic en route to 2nd title at 2020 Sardinia.

> Posted biggest wins of career over No. 8 Thiem (2019 Rio de Janeiro 1R) and No. 8 Del Potro (2019 Madrid 2R).

> Owns records of 61-37 on clay (.622), 12-39 on hard (.235) and 2-6 on grass (.250) with 18 of his 19 ATP Tour QFs coming on clay.

NOTE: Djere is looking for his 1st win since the end of September 2021 (d. Martinez in 1R Sofia).

Roberto Carballes Baena | Age: 28 | World No. 79 | Career-High No. 71 | Career: 63-78 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2021 1R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 71 on 15 November 2021 following previous career-high of No. 72 on 19 February 2018.
- > At 2018 Quito, became 1st Spanish qualifier to win an ATP Tour title since Almagro at 2006 Valencia.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 11 Shapovalov 8-6 in 5th after 5 hours to reach 2020 Roland Garros 3R.
- > Defeated Goffin for 1st ATP Tour win en route to 2014 Casablanca SF as Q.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in junior rankings and won 2011 Roland Garros boys' doubles title with countryman Artunedo Martinavarro.

NOTE: Carballes Baena seeks his 1st victory since defeating Olivo in 1R at the 2021 Indian Wells at the beginning of October 2021.

Steve Johnson (USA) vs Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting

20 Newport Beach CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Steve Johnson	7-6(6) 6-7(4) 7-6(4)
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Steve Johnson | Age: 32 | World No. 85 | Career-High No. 21 | Career: 179-181 (4 Titles) | Adelaide: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Achieved career-high No. 21 and became No. 1 American during 2016 season.
- > Won grass-court titles at 2016 Nottingham and 2018 Newport, as well as clay-court titles at Houston in 2017 and 2018, becoming 1st repeat champion at event since Roddick in 2001-02.
- > Posted 7 wins at 2016 Rio Olympics, finishing as doubles bronze medallist w/Sock and singles quarter-finalist (l. to eventual gold medallist Murray in 3rd-set TB).
- > Defeated then-No. 37 Dimitrov to reach 2016 Wimbledon 4R, but owns 1-9 record in Grand Slam 3R with all 9 losses to Top-15 players.
- > One of the greatest college tennis players of all time, sweeping 2009-12 NCAA team titles with USC, winning 2011-12 NCAA singles titles and ending career with 72 straight singles wins.

NOTE: Johnson is looking for his 1st win since defeating Marterer at the 2021 US Open.

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 25 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 156 | Career: 2-6 (2 2R) | Adelaide: 1-1 (2021 2R)

- > Enjoys a career-high ATP Ranking of No. 156 this week
- > Defeated Yen-Hsun Lu at the ATP 250 event in Melbourne in 2021 for his first Tour-level match win (l. to Sinner)
- > Made his Grand Slam debut as a qualifier at Roland Garros in 2020 where he fell to Martinez in straight sets in 1R.
- > Studied finance and played college tennis at University of Illinois from 2015-18. Was named a 3-time All-American and 2017 Big Ten Athlete of the Year.
- > Family emigrated to Australia from Montenegro, fleeing the war in the 1990s. Mother and brother left and father later escaped. Parents came to Australia with nothing and worked their way up.

NOTE: Vukic qualified at the 2021 Indian Wells and defeated Andujar in 1R (l. to de Minaur) for his career-best result.

SHOW COURT 1

Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN) vs Soonwoo Kwon (KOR)

First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meetings

16 Kobe CH (Japan)	Hard	R32	Yoshihito Nishioka	6-4 6-2
18 Kobe CH (Japan)	Hard	QF	Yoshihito Nishioka	6-1 3-6 6-4

Yoshihito Nishioka | Age: 26 | World No. 81 | Career-High No. 48 | Career: 75-93 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 0-0 (Debut)

- > Broke into Top 50 in February 2020 and became No. 1 Japanese player in June 2021, ending Nishikori's 10-year reign as top player from Japan.
- > Saved 2 MPs vs. Shapovalov en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2018 Shenzhen as 171st-ranked Q.
- > Defeated countryman and World No. 5 Nishikori for biggest win of career en route to 2019 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati QF as Q.
- > Ended 0-6 start to career in Grand Slam 2R matches by beating Evans to reach 2020 Australian Open 3R.
- > Tore left ACL in 2017 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R vs. Sock and missed remainder of season following surgery.

NOTE: Nishioka seeks his 1st win since defeating Delbonis in 1R at the 2021 Indian Wells at the beginning of October.

Soonwoo Kwon | Age: 24 | World No. 53 | Career-High No. 52 | Career: 37-32 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 1-1 (2021 2R)
> Achieved career-high No. 52 after winning 1st ATP Tour title in 1st final at 2021 Nur-Sultan.
> Defeated Ivashka for 1st ATP Tour QF win in 8th attempt to reach 2021 Eastbourne SF as LL.
> Reached 2021 Roland Garros 3R after qualifying at Wimbledon and US Open in 2019.
> Went 35-14 at Challengers in 2019 with titles at Yokohama and Seoul, then captured 3rd Challenger title at 2021 Biella-2.
> Enjoys eating Kit Kat chocolate bars on court and going to the karaoke to sing with friends on off-days.

NOTE: Kwon won the ATP 250 tournament at Nur-Sultan in 2021 to become the second South Korean man to capture a tour-level crown in the Open Era, after 2003 Sydney champion Hyung-Taik Lee.

Thiago Monteiro (BRA) vs Daniel Altmaier (GER)

First Meeting

Thiago Monteiro | Age: 27 | World No. 89 | Career-High No. 74 | Career: 55-79 (2 SFs) | Adelaide: 4-1 (2021 SF)
> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 74 in 2017 and returned to career-high No. 74 in 2021.
> Defeated No. 9 Tsonga in ATP Tour debut at 2016 Rio de Janeiro as 338th-ranked WC, which remains biggest win of career.
> Also beat a Frenchman to advance to 1st ATP Tour SF of career at 2018 Quito (d. Monfils).
> Ended 7-match losing streak at Grand Slams and reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros.
> Went 12-4 in 2020 and 19-7 in 2021 at Challengers, winning titles at 2020 Punta del Este and 2021 Braga.

NOTE: Reached his 2nd career SF at this event last year where he defeated 3 Australian players in the process.

Daniel Altmaier | Age: 23 | World No. 84 | Career-High No. 84 | Career: 12-15 (2 SFs) | Adelaide: 0-0 (Debut)
> Finished at No. 100 in year-end rankings on 22 November 2021, then achieved career-high No. 84 on 29 November 2021 following 3rd Challenger title of season and career at Puerto Vallarta.
> Won Challenger titles on home clay at Braunschweig and Ludenscheid in summer 2021.
> Made Grand Slam qualifying debut at 2020 Roland Garros and earned 6th win of tournament over No. 8 Berrettini to reach 4R.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour SFs of career in back-to-back weeks at Umag and Kitzbuhel in July 2021.
> Hits a one-handed backhand and says his idols growing up were fellow one-handers Federer and Wawrinka.

NOTE: Made back-to-back SFs at Umag and Kitzbühel in 2021, his sole 2 career SFs so far.