



ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 - ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 - MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

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2021 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 - SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	ADELAIDE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Gael Monfils (FRA)	515-295 (11 Titles)	4-0 (2022 Title)
2	John Isner (USA)	458-288 (16 Titles)	0-0 (Debut)
3	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	177-137 (4 Titles)	6-2 (2022 Final)
4	Marin Cilic (CRO)	551-307 (20 Titles)	2-1 (2022 SF)
5	Llyod Harris (RSA)	62-55 (2 Finals)	4-1 (2020 Final)
6	Alexander Bublik (KAZ)	70-70 (4 Finals)	2-2 (2020-21 2R)
7	Frances Tiafoe (USA)	102-120 (1 Title)	0-1 (2022 1R)
8	Marton Fucsovics (HUN)	109-106 (1 Title)	0-1 (2022 1R)

Tournament History

2020-Present (4th edition – the 3rd edition was held last week. The 2021 tournament was held in Melbourne.)

Singles Final

Saturday 10 January

Qualifiers (4)

TBD on Monday 10 January

Lucky Loser (1)

TBD on Monday 10 January

Wild Cards (3)

Alex Bolt (AUS), Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS), Aleksandar Vukic (AUS)

Oldest Player

John Isner (36)

#NextGenATP (1)

Lorenzo Musetti (19)

Tournament Records

Most Titles – Gael Monfils, Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner (1)

Youngest Champion – Jannik Sinner, 19, in 2021

Oldest Champion – Gael Monfils, 35, in 2022

Highest-Ranked Champion: No. 18 Andrey Rublev in 2020

Lowest-Ranked Champion: No. 36 Jannik Sinner in 2021

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (13)

Australia (4)

Alex Bolt, Thanasi Kokkinakis, John Millman, Aleksandar Vukic

France (4)

Benjamin Bonzi, Gael Monfils, Benoit Paire, Arthur Rinderknech

United States (4)

John Isner, Mackenzie McDonald, Tommy Paul, Frances Tiafoe

Italy (2)

Gianluca Mager, Lorenzo Musetti

Croatia (1)

Marin Cilic

Germany (1)

Jan-Lennard Struff

Hungary (1)

Marton Fucsovics

Kazakhstan (1)

Alexander Bublik

Netherlands (1)

Botic van de Zandschulp

Russia (1)

Karen Khachanov

South Africa (1)

Lloyd Harris

South Korea (1)

Soonwoo Kwon

Spain (1)

Jaume Munar

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers and 1 lucky loser (TBD on Monday)

2021 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 - DOUBLES

SEED	TEAM	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	ADELAIDE W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Rajeev Ram (USA) Joe Salisbury (GBR)	361-272 (22 Titles) 133-73 (8 Titles)	2-1 (2020 SF) 2-1 (2020 SF)
2	Ivan Dodig (CRO) Marcelo Melo (BRA)	355-241 (16 Titles) 562-348 (35 Titles)	8-3 (2020, 2022 Final) 4-2 (2022 Final)
3	Wesley Koolhof (NED) Neal Skupski (GBR)	159-127 (8 Titles) 144-120 (7 Titles)	1-1 (2020 QF) 2-1 (2020 SF)
4	Sander Gille (BEL) Joran Vliegen (BEL)	69-59 (5 Titles) 69-60 (5 Titles)	0-1 (2022 1R) 0-1 (2022 1R)

5	Raven Klaasen (RSA) Ben McLachlan (JPN)	294-205 (18 Titles) 104-105 (7 Titles)	0-1 (2020 1R) 0-0 (Debut)
6	Ariel Behar (URU) Gonzalo Escobar (ECU)	48-58 (2 Titles) 47-42 (2 Titles)	2-1 (2022 SF) 2-1 (2022 SF)
7	Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) Andres Molteni (ARG)	299-287 (16 Titles) 114-110 (8 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)
8	Tomislav Brkic (BIH) Nikola Cacic (SRB)	52-37 (1 Title) 52-48 (3 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Adelaide International 2	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32
Singles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Singles Prize Money (\$)	43,180	30,885	27,710	14,255	9,180	5,370
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	20*	0
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	19,300	10,900	6,300	3,570	2,100	1,260

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

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 - SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	Gael Monfils (FRA)	Karen Khachanov (RUS)	6-4 6-4
2021	Jannik Sinner (ITA)	Stefano Travaglia (ITA)	7-6(4) 6-4
2020	Andrey Rublev (RUS)	Lloyd Harris (RSA)	6-3 6-0

BOLD: Player in 2022 Adelaide International 2 singles draw.

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 - DOUBLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2022	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 2022 Adelaide International 2 doubles draw.

ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

(ATP Rankings as of January 3, 2022)

CENTRE COURT

[6] Alexander Bublik (KAZ) vs [WC] Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) First Meeting

Alexander Bublik | Age: 24 | World No. 36 | Career-High No. 34 | Career: 70-70 (4 Finals) | Adelaide: 2-2 (2020-21 2R)

- > Achieved career-high No. 34 and earned personal-best 35 victories in 2021, including biggest win of career over No. 7 A. Zverev at Rotterdam.
- > Reached ATP Tour finals at 2019 Newport, 2019 Chengdu, 2021 Antalya and 2021 Singapore.
- > Advanced to ATP Masters 1000 QFs at 2021 Miami and 2021 Madrid.
- > Owns 6-0 career record in Challenger finals with titles in 2019 at Budapest, Pau and Monterrey.
- > In doubles, advanced to 2021 Roland Garros final with countryman Golubev and 2020 Australian Open SF with countryman Kukushkin.

NOTE: Bublik is seeking his first ATP title after having lost 4 finals.

Aleksandar Vukic | Age: 25 | World No. 156 | Career-High No. 156 | Career: 2-7 (2 2R) | Adelaide: 1-2 (2021 2R)

- > Currently enjoying a career-high ATP Ranking of No. 156
- > 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.

[7] Frances Tiafoe (USA) vs Tommy Paul (USA) Series Tied 1-1

20 Delray Beach (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Frances Tiafoe	7-5 7-6(4)
21 Stockholm (Sweden)	Hard	SF	Tommy Paul	5-7 7-6(5) 6-4

Other Meetings

15 U.S.A. F5 (U.S.A.)	Clay	QF	Frances Tiafoe	6-4 6-7(7) 6-1
16 Lexington CH (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Frances Tiafoe	6-3 6-1

Frances Tiafoe | Age: 23 | World No. 38 | Career-High No. 29 | Career: 102-120 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2022 1R)

- > Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 29 in 2019 and earned personal-best 33 victories in 2021, including biggest career win over No. 3 Tsitsipas en route to Vienna final.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title as 20-year-old at 2018 Delray Beach and remains youngest American champion since Roddick, 19, at 2002 Houston.
- > Defeated Dimitrov on 21st birthday to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2019 Australian Open, becoming youngest American Grand Slam quarter-finalist since Roddick, 20, at 2003 Wimbledon.
- > Advanced to US Open 4R in 2020 and 2021, becoming 1st American to do so in back-to-back years since Fish and Roddick in 2011 and 2012.
- > Parents emigrated from Sierra Leone in 1996 and father was Head of Maintenance at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland, where Frances and his twin brother Franklin trained as kids.

NOTE: Is currently the #4 American behind No. 23 Fritz, No. 24 Isner & No. 26 Opelka

Tommy Paul | Age: 24 | World No. 43 | Career-High No. 43 | Career: 53-52 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 5-2 (2020 SF)

- > Former World No. 3 junior earned personal-best 25 wins in 2021 and ended season at career-high No. 43.
- > Defeated former No. 1 Murray and junior rivals Fritz and Tiafoe en route to 1st ATP Tour final and title at 2021 Stockholm.
- > Upset No. 5 Rublev for biggest win of career and to reach 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells 4R.
- > After qualifying in men's singles at 2015 US Open, ended junior career there by reaching boys' singles final (d. de Minaur 6-0 6-0, l. to Fritz).
- > Grew up playing on clay courts in North Carolina, preparing him for run to 2015 Roland Garros boys' singles title (d. Fritz) and boys' doubles final w/Blumberg.

NOTE: Enjoys a career high ranking as No. 43 following his maiden title at Stockholm in October

John Millman (AUS) vs Jaume Munar (ESP)

21 Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)

Hard R16

John Millman

Millman Leads 1-0

6-4 6-7(5) 7-5

John Millman | Age: 32 | World No. 72 | Career-High No. 33 | Career: 110-131 (1 Title) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2022 1R)
> After undergoing right shoulder surgery in 2013 and groin surgery in 2017, achieved new career-high ranking 10 times in 2018 and peaked at No. 33.
> Saved 2 MPs vs. Paul en route to 1st ATP Tour title as 31-year-old at 2020 Nur-Sultan.
> Saved 3 MPs vs. Bedene en route to 1st final at 2018 Budapest and 3 MPs vs. Klahn en route to 2nd final at 2019 Tokyo as Q.
> Upset 5-time champion and World No. 2 Federer for biggest win of career and to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open.
> In his hometown of Brisbane, made ATP Tour debut in 2010 (l. to Stepanek), earned 1st career win in 2013 (d. Ito) and went 2-0 at 2020 ATP Cup (d. Auger-Aliassime, Pervolarakis).

NOTE: Is 1 of 4 Australian players in the singles main draw (Bolt, Kokkinakis, Vukic)

Jaume Munar | Age: 24 | World No. 77 | Career-High No. 52 | Career: 45-68 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 0-1 (2020 1R)
> Former World No. 3 junior achieved new career-high ranking 7 times in 2019, peaking at No. 52.
> Defeated countryman Alcaraz before falling to countryman Carreno Busta in 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Marbella.
> Qualified for 2018 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals, then upset World No. 3 A. Zverev for biggest win of career at 2019 Marrakech.
> Went 19-7 in 2020 and 20-6 in 2021 at Challengers, highlighted by titles at 2020 Lisbon and 2021 Antalya-1.
> Reached 2014 Roland Garros boys' singles final and won boys' doubles title in 2015 with countryman Lopez San Martin.

NOTE: Made the quarter-finals last week in Melbourne (d. Anderson & Laaksonen. l. to Cressy)

SHOW COURT 1

Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Arthur Rinderknech (FRA)

First Meeting

Mackenzie McDonald | Age: 26 | World No. 55 | Career-High No. 54 | Career: 42-57 (1 Final) | Adelaide: 0-0 (Debut)
> Achieved career-high No. 54 in 2021 after reaching No. 57 in 2019, undergoing right hamstring surgery and falling outside Top 250.
> Defeated former champions Kyrgios and Nishikori en route to 1st ATP Tour final at 2021 Washington.
> Also in 2021, qualified at Roland Garros and Wimbledon after reaching Australian Open 4R as No. 192, becoming lowest-ranked player in Australian Open 4R since No. 248 Canas in 2004.
> Posted biggest win of career over No. 4 Del Potro to reach 1st ATP Tour SF at 2019 Delray Beach.
> Qualified for 2013 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati at age 18 by defeating USC legend Johnson, then went on to win 2016 NCAA singles and doubles titles for UCLA.

NOTE: Last week in Melbourne defeated Gojowczyk, lost to van de Zandschulp

Arthur Rinderknech | Age: 26 | World No. 58 | Career-High No. 58 | Career: 19-20 (1 SF) | Adelaide: 0-0 (Debut)
> Ended 2021 at career-high No. 58 after advancing to Kitzbuhel SF, reaching 6 other ATP Tour QFs and earning 1st 18 tour-level wins of career.
> Rallied from 2 sets down vs. Kecmanovic for 1st Grand Slam main draw win at 2021 US Open after qualifying at 2021 Wimbledon and losing opener to Otte in 5th-set TB.
> Captured Challenger titles at 2020 Rennes, 2020 Calgary and 2021 Istanbul as Q.
> Five-time All-American at Texas A&M University (3 singles, 2 doubles), where he graduated from Mays Business School in 2018.
> Mother, Virginie Paquet, peaked at No. 208 in WTA; cousin, Benjamin Balleret, reached career-high No. 204 on ATP Tour.

NOTE: Is currently enjoying a career-high No. 58 ATP ranking