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2026 ASB CLASSIC SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)	AUCKLAND W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Ben Shelton (USA)	111-77 (3 Titles)	3-3 (2024 SF)
2	Casper Ruud (NOR)	298-157 (14 Titles)	0-3 (2023 2R)
3	Jakub Mensik (CZE)	62-43 (2025 Miami Title)	2-1 (2025 QF)
4	Luciano Darderi (ITA)	54-55 (4 Titles)	0-1 (2025 1R)
5	Cameron Norrie (GBR)	244-181 (5 Titles)	8-4 (2019, 2023 Finals)
6	Alex Michelsen (USA)	69-66 (3 Finals)	2-2 (2025 QF)
7	Sebastian Baez (ARG)	111-111 (7 Titles)	0-2 (2025 2R)
8	Nuno Borges (POR)	72-82 (2024 Bastad Title)	4-2 (2025 SF)

Tournament History 1969-1977, 1979-2020, 2023-Present (55th Edition in 2026)
Singles Final Saturday 17 January not before 2:00pm
Wild Cards (3) Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP), Alejandro Tabilo (CHI), James Watt (NZL)
Qualifiers (4) Hugo Gaston (FRA), Hamad Medjedovic (SRB), Emilio Nava (USA), Eliot Spizzirri (USA)
Special Exempts (1) Marcos Giron (Hong Kong SF)
Oldest Player Gael Monfils (39)
Youngest Player Jakub Mensik (20)
Tournament Records Most Titles – David Ferrer (4)
Most Wins – David Ferrer (32)
Youngest Champion – Bjorn Borg, 17, in 1974
Oldest Champion – Gael Monfils, 38, in 2025
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 (13)

United States (7) Jenson Brooksby, Marcos Giron, Aleksandar Kovacevic, Alex Michelsen, Emilio Nava, Ben Shelton, Eliot Spizzirri
France (6) Hugo Gaston, Adrian Mannarino, Gael Monfils, Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, Alexandre Muller, Valentin Royer
Argentina (5) Sebastian Baez, Francisco Comesana, Tomas Martin Etcheverry, Mariano Navone, Camilo Ugo Carabelli

Chile (1)	Alejandro Tabilo	**New Zealand (1)**	James Watt
Czechia (1)	Jakub Mensik	**Norway (1)**	Casper Ruud
Great Britain (1)	Cameron Norrie	**Serbia (1)**	Hamad Medjedovic
Hungary (1)	Fabian Marozsan	**Portugal (1)**	Nuno Borges
Italy (1)	Luciano Darderi	**Spain (1)**	Roberto Bautista Agut

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 ($)	106,460	62,115	36,520	21,155	12,285	7,510
Doubles Ranking Points	250	150	90	45	0	--
Doubles Prize Money ($)	37,030	19,900	11,640	6,450	3,810	--

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

2026 ASB CLASSIC DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	CAREER (BEST FINISH)	EVENT (BEST FINISH)
1	Yuki Bhambri (IND) Andre Goransson (SWE)	4-3 (0-1 in 2026) (2025 Vienna SF)	87-76 (4 Titles) 89-109 (3 Titles)	2-2 (2025 SF) 0-0 (Debut)
2	Francisco Cabral (POR) Lucas Miedler (AUT)	37-16 (4-0 in 2026) 4 Titles (1 in 2026)	99-76 (6 Titles) 110-83 (11 Titles)	0-0 (Debut) 2-3 (2023 SF)
3	Sadio Doumbia (FRA) Fabien Reboul (FRA)	113-93 (2-1 in 2026) 5 Titles (0 in 2026)	117-101 (5 Titles) 119-99 (5 Titles)	3-3 (2024 SF) 3-3 (2024 SF)
4	Robert Cash (USA) JJ Tracy (USA)	20-17 (0-1 in 2026) 1 Title (0 in 2026)	20-17 (1 Title) 24-20 (1 Title)	0-0 (Debut) 0-0 (Debut)

Doubles Final: Saturday 17 January at 11:30 am.

ASB CLASSIC SINGLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2025	**Gael Monfils (FRA)**	Zizou Bergs (BEL)	6-3 6-4
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 2026 ASB Classic singles draw.

ASB CLASSIC DOUBLES FINALS (since 2010)

YEAR	CHAMPION	FINALIST	SCORE
2025	Nikola Mektic / Michael Venus	Christian Harrison / Rajeev Ram	Walkover
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 2026 ASB Classic doubles draw – no team remains intact.

LEXUS ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

CENTRE COURT

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs [Q] Eliot Spizzirri (USA) First Meeting

Adrian Mannarino | Age: 37 | World No. 69 | Career-High No. 17 | Career: 316-359 (5 Titles) | Auckland: 7-8 (2015 Final)
> Ended 13 straight years in Top 75 of PIF ATP Rankings (2013-25) and became the oldest man to break into Top 20 in PIF ATP Rankings history at age 35, achieving career-high No. 17 in January 2024.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in 7th final of career at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch, 2nd title in 11th final of career at 2022 Winston-Salem.
> Posted personal-best 43 wins in 2023, highlighted by ATP Tour titles in Newport, Astana and Sofia.
> Earned first Top 5 win over No. 5 Cilic to reach biggest final of career at 2017 Tokyo and biggest win of career over No. 3 Medvedev at 2023 ‘s-Hertogenbosch.
> Reached Australian Open 4R in 2022 and 2024 and Wimbledon 4R in 2013, 2017 and 2018, before posting win over No. 6 Shelton to reach 2025 US Open 4R for his 1st Top 10 win at Grand Slam in 23rd attempt.

NOTE: Mannarino is making his 9th main draw appearance in Auckland, reaching 2011 QF in his debut as Q and 1st of his 15 career ATP Tour finals in 2015 (l. to Vesely). 37-year-old aims to earn an ATP Tour win in an 18th different season (2008, 2010-15) and first main draw win in Auckland since defeating Pouille in 2015 SF (0-5 since).

Eliot Spizzirri | Age: 24 | World No. 89 | Career-High No. 87 | Career: 6-7 (1 QF) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 20 junior was unranked in July 2023, breaking into Top 200 in February 2025, Top 100 in October 2025 and achieved career-high No. 87 in November 2025 soon after run to 1st ATP Tour QF in Brussels as Q.
> Made ATP Tour debut as unranked WC at 2023 Newport, earned 1st win at 2024 Newport over Tu in 1R and recorded 1st ATP Masters 1000 win over B. Harris at 2025 Miami.
> Qualified for Grand Slam main draw debut at 2024 US Open as qualifying wildcard, defeating 2023 boys' singles champion Fonseca in Q3 (l. to Michelsen in 1R) and entered 2025 US Open as WC, defeating Dostanic in 1R.
> Owns 56-33 Challenger record (2-3 in finals), winning titles at 2025 San Diego and 2025 Jingshan.
> In final year as a junior, partnered w/Zink to take 2019 US Open boys’ doubles title, teaming up with Zink again to capture 2023 Lexington CH title as WCs.
> Played college tennis at University of Texas, becoming ITA National Player of the Year in both 2023 and 2024.

NOTE: Spizzirri qualified by defeating No. 4 seed Garin and No. 8 seed J. Cerundolo without losing a set and now aims to record the biggest win of his career (0-7 vs. Top 70 including Challenger level). He also looks for first tour-level win outdoors since defeating countryman Dostanic in US Open 1R last August.

Jenson Brooksby (USA) vs [WC] James Watt (NZL) First Meeting

Jenson Brooksby | Age: 25 | World No. 48 | Career-High No. 33 | Career: 66-48 (1 Title) | Auckland: 3-1 (2023 SF)
> Achieved career-high No. 33 in June 2022, then defeated 6-time champion Isner at 2022 Atlanta en route to 3rd ATP 250 final on home soil.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title in Houston as Q, after saving 1 MP vs. Gomez in qualifying, 3 MPs vs. Tabilo in 2R and 1 MP vs. Paul in SF and as No. 507 became 3rd-lowest-ranked champion in ATP Tour history (since 1990).
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final in his grass-court debut at 2021 Newport, becoming 2nd-youngest finalist at age 20 in 46-year tournament history (Rusedski, 19, in 1993).
> Reached 2021 US Open 4R as 20-year-old WC, becoming youngest American in US Open 4R since Roddick, 20, in 2002 and defeated No. 3 Ruud for biggest win of career to reach 2023 Australian Open 3R.
> Qualified at 2019 US Open and ended former World No. 4 Berdych’s career for 1st tour-level win, then missed entire 2020 season due to toe injury.

NOTE: Brooksby returns to Auckland for first time since his run to the semi-finals three years ago (l. to Norrie). 25-year-old began last year as unranked before finishing as No. 53 on Year-End PIF ATP Rankings, earning 21 tour-level wins during the season, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour title in Houston.

James Watt | Age: 25 | World No. 642 | Career-High No. 569 | Career: 2-0 (Davis Cup) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Earned 1st ranking point in December 2022 and achieved career-high No. 569 in September 2025 soon after run to his 1st Challenger QF in Newport as Q.
> Made tour-level debut playing for New Zealand in Davis Cup vs. Georgia, defeating Tkemaladze and Bakshi, before his ATP Tour debut in singles at 2026 Auckland as WC after attending the event as a kid.

> Owns 20-30 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (0-2 in finals), highlighted by run to 2022 M15 Wellington final in his first professional event, losing to countryman Rai before advancing to 2024 M25 Darwin final.
> In doubles, partnered with Reynolds, winning 5 Challenger titles during 2025 season in Tyler, Cary, Granby,Tiburon and Jinan, to break inside Top 100 in October and achieving career-high No. 87 in November.
> Played 2025 Auckland in doubles main draw as a WC, partnering Daniell in countryman's last match of career.
> Attended and played college tennis for Saint Mary's College of California for five years until turning pro in 2023.

NOTE: Watt is making his ATP Tour debut in singles and looking for the biggest win of career in his first match vs. a Top 100 opponent. 25-year-old 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.

[5] Cameron Norrie (GBR) vs [Q] Hugo Gaston (FRA) — Norrie Leads 1-0

22 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)	Hard	R32	Cameron Norrie	6-3 7-5
Other Meeting				
25 Barcelona Q (Spain)	Clay	Q1	Cameron Norrie	6-2 6-3

Cameron Norrie | Age: 30 | World No. 28 | Career-High No. 8 | Career: 244-181 (5 Titles) | Auckland: 8-4 ('19, '23 Finals)
> Broke into Top 10 in April 2022 and achieved career-high No. 8 in September 2022, joining Henman, Murray and Rusedski as 4th Top-10 British man in history.
> Advanced to 13 ATP Tour finals from May 2021-February 2023, highlighted by 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells title to become 1st British champion in 46-year tournament history.
> Reached Grand Slam 4R, QF and SF for 1st time at 2022 Wimbledon, falling to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets and advanced to his 2nd Grand Slam QF at 2025 Wimbledon, losing to eventual finalist Alcaraz.
> Earned 52 wins in 2021 and defeated No. 1 Alcaraz at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Paris for biggest win of career.
> Born in South Africa to a Scottish father and Welsh mother, grew up in New Zealand, became No. 1 collegiate player in USA at Texas Christian University and has represented Great Britain since 2013.

NOTE: Norrie, who grew up in Auckland, is playing in his sixth Auckland main draw, highlighted by finals in 2019 (l. to Sandgren) and 2023 (l. to Gasquet). He is 6-0 vs. Frenchmen on ATP Tour since the start of last season, including saving 3 MPs to defeat Humbert in Brisbane 1R last week.

Hugo Gaston | Age: 25 | World No. 94 | Career-High No. 58 | Career: 48-74 (2 Finals) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Broke into Top 100 after reaching 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF as Q, then achieved career-high No. 58 in July 2022.
> Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155 and competed at Next Gen ATP Finals to end season.
> Saved 2 MPs to beat defending champion Baez at 2024 Kitzbuhel en route to 2nd ATP Tour final.
> At 2020 Roland Garros, became 1st Frenchman to reach 4R in tournament debut since Dominguez in 1971, defeating 2015 champion Wawrinka in 5 sets before falling in 5 sets to 2-time finalist Thiem.
> As 239th-ranked WC, became lowest-ranked player to reach Grand Slam 4R since No. 248 Canas at 2004 Australian Open and Roland Garros 4R since No. 283 Di Pasquale in 2002.
> Ended 2018 as World No. 2 junior after winning gold medal in boys' singles and bronze medal in both boys' doubles and mixed doubles at Youth Olympics.

NOTE: Gaston looks for 1st Top 50 win since defeating No. 9 de Minaur for biggest win of career at 2024 Antwerp (0-10 since). 25-year-old secured his main draw debut in Auckland by earning straight set wins over New Zealand's Becroft in Q1 and Kopriva in Q2.

[Q] Emilio Nava (USA) vs [7] Sebastian Baez (ARG) — First Tour-Level Meeting

Other Meeting				
25 Rosario CH (Argentina)	Clay	R32	Sebastian Baez	6-3 6-3

Emilio Nava | Age: 24 | World No. 88 (Career-High) | Career: 9-22 (1 QF) | Auckland: 0-0 (Debut)
> Former World No. 5 junior broke into Top 200 in August 2022 and Top 100 in September 2025, achieving career-high No. 88 in November 2025 soon after advancing to 1st ATP Tour QF in Los Cabos.
> Qualified at 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami and 2022 Winston-Salem, before earning 1st tour-level win at 2022 US Open over Millman and defeating No. 46 Isner for lone Top 50 win at 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami.
> In 2025, went on a 19-0 run at Challenger level, picking up titles in Asuncion, Concepcion and Sarasota before losing in Tallahassee final to Rodesch.
> Two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up and two-time Grand Slam boys' doubles runner-up, finishing junior career as 2019 US Open boys' singles finalist.

> Also advanced to 2019 Australian Open boys' singles final, squandering 1 MP vs. Musetti and falling 4-6 6-2 7-6(12).

NOTE: Nava qualified for his Auckland debut after rallying from a set down to defeat 2019 semi-finalist Struff in final round of qualifying and now seeks first ATP Tour win since defeating Coric in ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R last August. He is 1-8 vs. Top 50 in his career*, earning lone win over No. 46 Isner in 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 1R.
* 1-12 including Challenger level

Sebastian Baez | Age: 25 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 18 | Career: 111-111 (7 Titles) | Auckland: 0-2 (2024 2R)
> Broke inside Top 20 in March 2024 after winning back-to-back ATP Tour titles in Rio de Janeiro and Santiago, then earned career-high No. 18 in June 2025.
> During 2023 season, went on a career-best 12-match winning streak, lifting titles in Kitzbuhel and Winston-Salem and reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at US Open.
> Captured 1st ATP Tour title at 2022 Estoril, then earned 2nd title on home soil at 2023 Cordoba after entering tournament with 6 straight losses and 17 losses in previous 18 matches.
> Broke into Top 300, 200 and 100 in 2021, posting 6-3 record in Challenger finals tied for 2nd-most titles in a season behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.
> Became World No. 1 junior in March 2018 and went on to reach Roland Garros boys' singles final and win boys' doubles gold medal at Youth Olympics w/Diaz Acosta in his hometown of Buenos Aires.

NOTE: Baez looks to record his first win in Auckland after losing his opening round matches to Shelton in 2023 1R and Diaz Acosta in 2R last year. He went 3-0 in United Cup last week, defeating Munar, Wawrinka and No. 9 Fritz for his first Top 10 win on hard courts (now 2-18 vs. Top 10, 1-10 on hard courts).

GRANDSTAND

Francisco Comesana (ARG) vs Valentin Royer (FRA) First Meeting