



MELBOURNE SUMMER SET – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022

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2022 MELBOURNE SUMMER SET SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Rafael Nadal (ESP)	24-5 (2 Titles)	1028-209 (88 Titles)
2	Reilly Opelka (USA)	21-23 (Toronto Final)	68-69 (2 Titles)
3	Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	24-18 (2 SFs)	346-230 (8 Titles)
4	David Goffin (BEL)	14-15 (Montpellier Final)	292-197 (5 Titles)
5	Benoit Paire (FRA)	13-30 (4 QFs)	237-269 (3 Titles)
6	Ilya Ivaska (BLR)	31-16 (Winston-Salem Title)	58-50 (1 Title)
7	Dominik Koepfer (GER)	22-26 (Acapulco SF)	34-39 (2021 Acapulco SF)
8	Mackenzie McDonald (USA)	18-19 (Washington Final)	41-56 (2021 Washington Final)

Singles Final
Wild Cards (3)
Oldest Player

Sunday 9 January at 7 pm
Nick Kyrgios (AUS), Christopher O'Connell (AUS), Andy Murray (GBR)
Kevin Anderson (35)

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (15)

Australia (4)	Nick Kyrgios, Christopher O'Connell, Alexei Popyrin, Jordan Thompson
United States (3)	Marcos Giron, Mackenzie McDonald, Reilly Opelka
France (2)	Adrian Mannarino, Benoit Paire
Germany (2)	Peter Gojowczyk, Dominik Koepfer
Netherlands (2)	Tallon Griekspoor, Botic van de Zandschulp
Spain (2)	Jaume Munar, Rafael Nadal
Argentina (1)	Facundo Bagnis
Belarus (1)	Ilya Ivashka
Belgium (1)	David Goffin
Bulgaria (1)	Grigor Dimitrov
Finland (1)	Emil Ruusuvuori
Great Britain (1)	Andy Murray
Italy (1)	Stefano Travaglia
Slovakia (1)	Alex Molcan
South Africa (1)	Kevin Anderson

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Tuesday 4 January)

FEDEX ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Melbourne Summer Set	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	--
Doubles Prize Money (\$)	23,370	13,210	7,630	4,320	2,540	--

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

2022 MELBOURNE SUMMER SET DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2021 (BEST FINISH)	CAREER (BEST FINISH)
1	Wesley Koolhoof (NED) Neal Skupski (GBR)	Team debut	24-19 (Munich Title) 29-24 (2 Titles)	156-127 (7 Titles) 141-120 (6 Titles)
2	Raven Klaasen (RSA) Ben McLachlan (JPN)	22-24 (2 Titles)	19-23 (Washington Title) 23-31 (Washington Title)	294-204 (18 Titles) 104-104 (7 Titles)
3	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Jean-Julien Rojer (NED)	0-1 (2021 Delray Beach 1R)	27-21 (Winston-Salem Title) 15-21 (2 Finals)	76-69 (2 Titles) 438-326 (29 Titles)
4	Andrey Golubev (KAZ) Franko Skugor (CRO)	Team debut	22-24 (2 Finals) 6-12 (Buenos Aires SF)	58-82 (3 Finals) 103-104 (6 Titles)
5	Dominic Inglot (GBR) Ken Skupski (GBR)	1-2 (2021 Moscow QF)	15-17 (Estoril Final) 14-16 (2 Titles)	248-208 (14 Titles) 138-153 (7 Titles)
6	Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ) Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (PAK)	Team debut	9-12 (3 SFs) 19-21 (2 Finals)	17-24 (3 SFs) 366-325 (18 Titles)
7	Romain Arneodo (MON) Andreas Mies (GER)	Team debut	10-14 (Cordoba Final) 7-9 (3 QFs)	35-44 (1 Title) 65-52 (4 Titles)
8	Matt Reid (AUS) Jordan Thompson (AUS)	1-2 (2016 Sydney QF)	7-10 (2SFs) 9-8 (Atlanta Final)	32-51 (3 SFs) 38-44 (1 Title)

Doubles Final: Sunday 9 January second match after 2 pm

ATP HEAD2HEAD: TUESDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

ROD LAVER ARENA

Facundo Bagnis (ARG) vs [WC] Andy Murray (GBR)

First Meeting

Facundo Bagnis | Age: 31 | World No. 76 | Career-High No. 55 | 2021: 11-12 (Santiago Final)

- > Achieved career-high No. 55 in 2016 and broke back into Top 100 in 2021 after advancing to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago.
- > Celebrated 31st birthday by competing in 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Cordoba as Q after earning 6 wins.
- > Advanced to Grand Slam 3R for 1st time at 2021 US Open after entering event with 1-10 record on hard courts.
- > Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2014 Roland Garros, qualifying before beating Benneteau 18-16 in 5th.
- > Owns 14 Challenger titles overall and went 6-0 in finals during 2016 season – tied for 2nd-most titles behind Griekspoor's 8 in 2021.

NOTE: The lefty is one of seven Argentineans in the Top 100.

Andy Murray | Age: 34 | World No. 134 | Career-High No. 1 | 2021: 15-14 (Metz, Stockholm QFs)

- > Became 1st British World No. 1 in singles at age 29 in 2016, making him 2nd-oldest player to debut at No. 1 behind Newcombe, 30, in 1974.
- > Ended 2016 on 24-match win streak, defeating No. 2 Djokovic at Nitto ATP Finals to clinch year-end No. 1 and ATP-best 9th title of season.
- > First British Grand Slam champion (2012 US Open) and Wimbledon champion (2013, 2016) since Perry in 1936 (Wimbledon, US Championships).
- > Also 1st player to win 2 Olympic gold medals in singles (2012 London, 2016 Rio), highlighted by 6-2 6-1 6-4 rout of No. 1 Federer in 2012 final on Wimbledon's Centre Court.
- > Only player with at least 7 victories over Federer, Nadal and Djokovic, including championship wins over all 3 among his 14 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

NOTE: Started working with German coach Jan De Witt during the pre-season.

Alex Molcan (SVK) vs [WC] Nick Kyrgios (AUS)

First Meeting

Alex Molcan | Age: 24 | World No. 88 | Career-High No. 87 | 2021: 7-6 (Belgrade-2 Final)

- > Broke into Top 100 and ended 2021 as No. 1 Slovakian at career-high No. 87 after winning 2nd Challenger title of season and career at Helsinki.
- > Earned 1st 4 ATP Tour main draw wins of career en route to 2021 Belgrade-2 final as 255th-ranked Q (l. to No. 1 Djokovic).
- > Defeated Nakashima in 5 sets to join 4 other qualifiers in 2021 US Open 3R.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger title at 2021 Liberec, defeating Jaziri 6-1 6-0 in SF and Machac 6-0 6-1 in final.
- > Peaked at No. 18 in junior rankings after reaching 2015 Australian Open boys' doubles final w/Hurkacz.

NOTE: Says that facing Novak Djokovic in 2021 Belgrade-2 final boosted his confidence and changed his career.

Nick Kyrgios | Age: 26 | World No. 93 | Career-High No. 13 | 2021: 7-8 (3 times 3R)

- > Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 50 at age 19 in 2015 and ended 2016 at career-high No. 13.
- > Joined countryman Hewitt as 1 of 2 players to win 1st meeting with Nadal (2014 Wimbledon), Federer (2015 Madrid) and Djokovic (2017 Acapulco).
- > Defeated Nadal en route to 1st Grand Slam QF (2014 Wimbledon), 1st ATP Masters 1000 final (2017 Cincinnati) and 2nd of 3 ATP 500 titles (2019 Acapulco).
- > Also saved 9 MPs vs. Gasquet during run to 2014 Wimbledon QF as 19-year-old WC ranked 144th.
- > Went on to reach 2015 Australian Open QF at age 19, becoming youngest quarter-finalist at his home Grand Slam event since Cherkasov, 19, in 1990.

NOTE: Kyrgios hasn't played a match since losing to Tsitsipas during Laver Cup in September 2021.

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Tallon Griekspoor (NED) vs [7] Dominik Koepfer (GER)

First Meeting

Tallon Griekspoor | Age: 25 | World No. 65 | Career-High No. 64 | 2021: 5-6 (4 times 2R)

- > Posted 42-7 Challenger record in 2021 and won 25 straight matches to finish season at career-high No. 64.
- > Went 8-0 in 2021 finals and set record for most single-season titles in ATP Challenger Tour history (since 1978).
- > Only loss in 28 matches since 31 August 2021 was to No. 1 Djokovic in US Open 2R.
- > Earned Rotterdam 1R wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018 and No. 11 Khachanov in 2019.
- > Twin brothers, Scott and Kevin, are 5.5 years older and peaked at No. 205 and No. 655 respectively in ATP Rankings.

NOTE: Griekspoor lists Melbourne as his favourite city on tour.

Dominik Koepfer | Age: 27 | World No. 54 | Career-High No. 50 | 2021: 22-26 (Acapulco SF)

- > Improved year-end ranking in 6 straight seasons (2016-21), breaking into Top 100 in 2019 and achieving career-high No. 50 in 2021.
- > Did not drop a set en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2021 Acapulco.
- > Qualified and made ATP Masters 1000 main draw debut at 2020 Rome, where he earned biggest win of career over No. 9 Monfils en route to 1st ATP Tour QF.
- > Posted 6 wins en route to 2019 US Open 4R as Q, then reached 3R at Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics and ATP Masters 1000 Paris in 2021.
- > Earned finance degree and was a 2-time All-American at Tulane University in New Orleans (2013-16).

NOTE: Favourite tournament is Australian Open and favourite city on tour is Melbourne.

COURT 13

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) vs Botic van de Zandschulp (NED)

First Meeting

Mackenzie McDonald (USA) vs Peter Gojowczyk (GER)

First Meeting

Other meeting:

21 Munich Q (Germany)

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Mackenzie McDonald

6-1 6-2