



## SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC – ATP MEDIA NOTES PREVIEW & DAY 1 – MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022

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### 2022 SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC SINGLES

SEED	PLAYER	2021 W-L (BEST FINISH)	CAREER W-L (BEST FINISH)
1	Aslan Karatsev (RUS)	34-20 (2 Titles)	37-30 (2 Titles)
2	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)	33-27 (2 Titles)	131-140 (5 Titles)
3	Daniel Evans (GBR)	25-23 (Melbourne-2 Title)	101-105 (1 Title)
4	Reilly Opelka (USA)	21-23 (Toronto Final)	68-70 (2 Titles)
5	Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)	30-24 (Cagliari Title)	67-68 (2 Titles)
6	Dusan Lajovic (SRB)	18-28 (3 QFs)	152-197 (1 Title)
7	Fabio Fognini (ITA)	22-24 (Monte Carlo QF)	386-339 (9 Titles)
8	David Goffin (BEL)	14-15 (Montpellier Title)	292-198 (5 Titles)

**Singles Final** Saturday 15 January not before 7 pm  
**Wild Cards (3)** Nick Kyrgios (AUS), Andy Murray (GBR), Jordan Thompson (AUS)  
**Oldest Player** Andy Murray (34)  
**#NextGenATP (1)** Brandon Nakashima (20)

### COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (11)

**United States (4)** Maxime Cressy, Marcos Giron, Brandon Nakashima, Reilly Opelka  
**Argentina (3)** Facundo Bagnis, Federico Coria, Federico Delbonis  
**Australia (3)** Nick Kyrgios, Alexei Popyrin, Jordan Thompson  
**Spain (3)** Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Pedro Martinez, Albert Ramos-Vinolas  
**France (2)** Hugo Gaston, Adrian Mannarino  
**Great Britain (2)** Daniel Evans, Andy Murray  
**Italy (2)** Fabio Fognini, Lorenzo Sonego  
**Serbia (2)** Miomir Kecmanovic, Dusan Lajovic  
**Belgium (1)** David Goffin  
**Georgia (1)** Nikoloz Basilashvili  
**Russia (1)** Aslan Karatsev

NOTE: Country breakdown excludes 4 qualifiers (TBD on Monday 10 January)

### ATP RANKING POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

Sydney Tennis Classic	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 SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC DOUBLES

SEED	PLAYER	TEAM (BEST FINISH)	2021 (BEST FINISH)	CAREER (BEST FINISH)
1	Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO) Mate Pavić (CRO)	65-13 (9 Titles)	65-13 (9 Titles) 65-14 (9 Titles)	208-117 (17 Titles) 365-165 (26 Titles)
2	Juan Sebastian Cabal (COL) Robert Farah (COL)	313-179 (19 Titles)	39-20 (3 Titles) 39-20 (3 Titles)	356-214 (20 Titles) 322-188 (19 Titles)
3	John Peers (AUS) Filip Polasek (SVK)	17-7 (2021 Indian Wells Title)	36-20 (2 Titles) 40-21 (2 Titles)	326-199 (25 Titles) 271-179 (16 Titles)
4	Tim Puetz (GER) Michael Venus (NZL)	15-8 (2 Titles)	38-13 (4 Titles) 34-16 (3 Titles)	81-54 (6 Titles) 236-165 (16 Titles)
5	Jamie Murray (GBR) Bruno Soares (BRA)	168-84 (12 Titles)	28-21 (2 Titles) 25-16 (2 Titles)	472-338 (26 Titles) 532-308 (35 Titles)
6	Kevin Krawietz (GER) Andreas Mies (GER)	53-37 (4 Titles)	41-21 (2 Titles) 7-9 (3 QFs)	99-77 (6 Titles) 66-53 (4 Titles)
7	Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) Jean-Julien Rojer (NED)	2-2 (2022 Melbourne SF)	27-21 (Winston-Salem Title) 15-21 (2 Finals)	78-70 (2 Titles) 440-327 (29 Titles)
8	Andrey Golubev (KAZ) Franko Skugor (CRO)	1-1 (2022 Melbourne QF)	22-24 (2 Finals) 6-12 (Buenos Aires SF)	59-83 (3 Finals) 104-105 (6 Titles)

**Doubles Final:** Saturday 15 January at 3:30 pm

## ATP HEAD2HEAD: MONDAY FIRST-ROUND SINGLES MATCHES

### KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

#### [WC] Jordan Thompson (AUS) vs Marcos Giron (USA)

First Meeting

**Other meeting:**

14 Lexington Q (USA)

Hard

Marcos Giron

7-6(2) 6-1

**Jordan Thompson** | Age: 27 | World No. 75 | Career-High No. 43 | 2021: 21-21 (Newport SF)

- > Earned personal-best 26 tour-level wins, broke into Top 50 and achieved career-high No. 43 in 2019.
- > Ended 4-match losing streak in ATP Tour QFs by reaching 1st SF and final at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch.
- > Reached ATP Masters 1000 4R for 1st time at 2019 Miami and Grand Slam 4R for 1st time at 2020 US Open.
- > Upset World No. 1 and 5-time champion Murray at 2017 London/Queen's Club as LL, earning 1st tour-level win over Murray in 21 tries by an Aussie.
- > In 2018, went 1-11 on ATP Tour and 52-17 on ATP Challenger Tour (3-5 in finals), earning 2nd-most Challenger wins in a single season behind Berlocq's 57 wins in 2010.

**NOTE:** The Sydney-born beat countryman Christopher O'Connell in 1R in Melbourne last week before losing to Ruusuvuori.

**Marcos Giron** | Age: 28 | World No. 66 | Career-High No. 57 | 2021: 23-20 (Sofia SF)

- > Achieved career-high No. 57 and posted personal-best 23 wins in 2021, highlighted by 1st ATP Tour SF at Sofia.
- > Qualified en route to ATP Masters 1000 Paris 3R in both 2020 and 2021, earning biggest win of career over No. 10 Berrettini in 2020.
- > Also in city of Paris, rallied from 6-2, 6-4, 5-1 down and saved 3 MPs vs. Dimitrov en route to 2021 Roland Garros 3R.
- > Began 2019 with Orlando Challenger title as World No. 308 and ended 2019 with Houston Challenger title as World No. 123 (d. Karlovic after saving 6 MPs).
- > Turned pro in 2014 after winning NCAA singles title for UCLA, then underwent surgeries on both hips and missed 8+ months in 2016.

**NOTE:** Lost to qualifier Berankis last week in his first match of the season at the Melbourne Summer Set.

## [7] Fabio Fognini (ITA) vs [WC] Nick Kyrgios (AUS)

18 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.)Hard R32

Nick Kyrgios

## Kyrgios Leads 1-0

6-3 6-3

**Fabio Fognini** | Age: 34 | World No. 37 | Career-High No. 9 | 2021: 22-24 (Monte Carlo QF)

- > As a 32-year-old in 2019, became oldest player to break into Top 10 for 1st time, as well as 1st Italian in Top 10 since Barazzutti in 1979.
- > Also became 1st Italian ATP Masters 1000 champion, beating Nadal for 3rd time on clay en route to 2019 Monte Carlo title.
- > Earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Murray at 2017 Rome and 300th win of career over Monfils at 2018 Rome.
- > Broke through as a doubles player in 2015 by winning Australian Open, reaching 3 ATP Masters 1000 finals and qualifying for Nitto ATP Finals with countryman Bolelli.
- > Married to 2015 US Open women's singles champion Flavia Pennetta with 3 children – Federico, Farah and Flaminia.

**NOTE:** Was part of the Italian team competing at the ATP Cup here in Sydney last week, but did not play a match.

**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:** Making his season debut after withdrawing from the Melbourne Summer Set last Tuesday.

## COURT 1

## [8] David Goffin (BEL) vs Facundo Bagnis (ARG)

## First Meeting

**David Goffin** | Age: 31 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 7 | 2021: 14-15 (Montpellier Title)

- > Ended 2017 at career-high No. 7 after defeating No. 1 Nadal and No. 2 Federer en route to Nitto ATP Finals championship match.
- > First Belgian to break into Top 10, qualify for Nitto ATP Finals, defeat World No. 1 and reach an ATP Masters 1000 final (2019 Cincinnati).
- > Became 6th player to beat Nadal and Federer at same event (also Davydenko, Del Potro, Djokovic, Murray and Nalbandian).
- > Earned career-high 59 tour-level wins in 2017 after posting 67 total wins in 2014 (25 tour-level, 17 qualifying, 25 Challenger).
- > Led Belgium to Davis Cup finals in 2015 and 2017, then defeated No. 1 Nadal during 2020 ATP Cup QF.

**NOTE:** Lost to Molcan in his season-opening match in Melbourne last week.

**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:** Beat Andy Murray in his first match of the season last week before losing to Dimitrov.

## Hugo Gaston (FRA) vs [5] Lorenzo Sonego (ITA)

21 Montpellier (France)

Hard R32

Lorenzo Sonego

## Sonego Leads 1-0

6-3 6-7(7) 6-1

**Hugo Gaston** | Age: 21 | World No. 67 | Career-High No. 66 | 2021: 9-9 (Gstaad Final)

- > Qualified en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Paris QF, allowing him to break into Top 100, compete at Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals and end year at career-high No. 66.
- > Advanced to 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2021 Gstaad as World No. 155.
- > 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:** Idol growing up was fellow left-hander Rafael Nadal.

**Lorenzo Sonego** | Age: 26 | World No. 27 | Career-High No. 21 | 2021: 30-24 (Cagliari Title)

- > Earned personal-best 30 wins and achieved career-high No. 21 in 2021, winning the title in Cagliari to become 1st Italian champion on home soil in singles since 2006 and in doubles since 2005 (w/Vavassori).
- > Broke into Top 50 after saving championship point vs. Kecmanovic to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2019 Antalya.
- > Upset No. 1 Djokovic 6-2 6-1 en route to 2020 Vienna final, becoming 1st lucky loser to defeat Djokovic and equaling fewest games conceded to Djokovic in a match.
- > Saved 1 MP vs. Thiem en route to 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Rome SF, becoming 1st Italian semi-finalist at Foro Italico since 2007 and 2nd since 1978.
- > Defeated Fritz 7-6(5) 6-3 7-6(17) to reach 2020 Roland Garros 4R, winning longest men's singles TB in tournament history.

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