



# MATCH NOTES

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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## DAY 7 MATCH-UPS

| Head-to-Head                |            |                            |
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| [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) | <u>1-0</u> | AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #60) |

**Barty:** Recovered from 7-6 3-0 down to win previous encounter with Anisimova, in SF at 2019 Roland Garros... Since the start of the 2019 season, the Australian has advanced to the fourth round eight times at the majors, the joint most in that stretch (with Halep and Swiatek)... Lifted title at Adelaide 500 in the opening week of the season and has now won at least one title in six consecutive years (since 2017)... Has held in 58 straight service games, a streak dating back to Adelaide

**Anisimova:** Is making her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance as one of a tournament-leading 19 Americans in the draw... Saved two match points in previous round to end the reign of defending champion Osaka... The young American won her second career singles title in the opening week of the season at Melbourne 250... By reaching the fourth round, has extended her winning streak to a career-best eight matches... Five of these contests have been decided in three sets

| Head-to-Head                    |            |                                  |
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| [4] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #4) | <u>0-1</u> | [24] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #25) |

**Krejcikova:** Still has a chance to move to No.1 in singles after the Australian Open but will need to win the title with other results going in her favor... Overcame 6-2 3-1 deficit to defeat Ostapenko in previous round... The Czech has won 37 of her last 46 matches in a sequence that included back-to-back titles at Strasbourg and Roland Garros, while also winning at Prague and reaching the Sydney in the second week of 2022... Through to third round of doubles draw here with Siniakova

**Azarenka:** Overcame losing the first set to beat Krejcikova when they met in Ostrava at the end of last season... Is competing in her 56th Grand Slam main draw, tied for sixth most among active players... The Belarusian owns 32 wins over Top-5 ranked opponents, although only two of these have happened at the majors... Since making her Australian Open debut in 2006, has compiled a 42-11 record; in that stretch of time, only S.Williams (68-9) has won more matches at the tournament

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**MADISON KEYS (USA #51)**

Head-to-Head

**0-0**

**[8] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #6)**

**Keys:** Has struck 72 aces across her 10 matches this season... Battled past Q.Wang in previous round to score her ninth win of the campaign, just two shy of her total for the whole of 2021... The American owns 19 career Top-10 wins, although only three of these have come at Slam level.... Attempting to advance to the QF at a major for the first time since 2019 Roland Garros

**Badosa:** Has compiled a 51-18 record since the start of the 2021 season, a stretch highlighted by winning three titles, including last week in Sydney... Following her success here in Melbourne, coupled with Muguruza's early exit, will become the top-ranked Spanish woman after the Australian Open... Is also closing in on a Top-5 debut, having been outside the Top 20 as recently as last October

**[21] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #21)**

Head-to-Head

**0-2**

**[5] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #8)**

**Pegula:** All seven of her wins over Top-10 players have taken happened since the start of last season... Hard-fought first-round victory over Kalinina is the second-longest match of the tournament to date... Bidding to reach QF at Melbourne Park for the second year in a row... At least one American woman has advanced to the QF at the Australian Open every year since 2015

**Sakkari:** Saved six match points to beat Pegula last year in Miami... Bidding to become the first Greek woman to reach QF at Australian Open... One of three players in the top half yet to drop a set... Enjoying a Top-10 seeding at a Slam for the first time... Has reached SF at two of the past three majors... In her three matches so far, the 26-year-old has won 24 of her 27 service games

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