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Australian Open 2021: Men's preview

Novak Djokovic begins season aiming to retain World No.1 ranking as he bids to surpass rival Roger Federer's record of 310 weeks at the pinnacle of men's tennis

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Novak Djokovic

Targeting ninth Australian Open title. Holds formidable 20-7 record vs **Nadal** on hard courts

Rafael Nadal

Aiming to surpass **Federer's** tally of 20 Grand Slam crowns this season. Sole title in 2009.

Dominic Thiem

Secured maiden major at U.S. Open in 2020, after losing epic five-set Melbourne final to **Djokovic**

Daniil Medvedev

Beat **Thiem** to claim ATP Finals title – must improve Grand Slam form to challenge for title

PLAYER RECORD	Djokovic	Nadal	Thiem	Medvedev
2020 win-loss	41-5	27-7	25-9	28-10
2020 titles	4	2	1	2
Career titles (total)	81	86	17	9
Grand Slams	17	20	1	0

CHASING PACK

Despite Djokovic or Nadal securing nine of last 10 major titles, talent continues to thrive with Thiem (right), Medvedev, and rising stars **Alexander Zverev** and **Stefanos Tsitsipas** all threatening their superiority

2020 results

Australian Open Novak Djokovic **SRB**

bt Thiem **AUT** 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4

Roland Garros Rafael Nadal **ESP**

bt Djokovic **SRB** 6-0, 6-2, 7-5

U.S. Open Dominic Thiem **AUT**

bt Zverev **GER** 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6

ATP Finals Daniil Medvedev **RUS**

bt Thiem **AUT** 4-6, 7-6, 6-4