

# U.S. Open 2021: Men's preview

Novak Djokovic could become the first man to complete the Grand Slam – by winning all four majors in a single season – since Rod Laver in 1969. Defending champion *Dominic Thiem* has withdrawn from this year's U.S. Open through injury

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

### Novak Djokovic

Aims to bounce back after bid for Golden Slam ended with loss to **Zverev** at Tokyo Olympics

### Daniil Medvedev

Finalist in 2019. Ruthless on this surface, racked up 11th hard court title in Toronto

### Stefanos Tsitsipas

Roland Garros finalist pushing for maiden major – semi-finalist at both Toronto and Cincinnati

### Alexander Zverev

Unbeaten in 11 matches. Suffered painful five-set loss to Thiem in 2020 final

PLAYER RECORD	Djokovic	Medvedev	Tsitsipas	Zverev
2021 win-loss	38-5	40-10	48-14	38-11
2021 titles	4	3	2	4
Career titles (total)	85	12	7	17
Grand Slams	20	0	0	0

**BIG THREE COMPARED:** With rivals *Roger Federer* and *Rafael Nadal* injured, Djokovic can edge ahead in Slam count with 21st major title

