By Sports Reporter

Thiem looks to bounce back from ‘devastating’ AO loss

Austrian top seed and US Open champ will face Australian Open semi-finalist Asian Karatsev in his Round of 16 clash

TODAY’S ORDER OF PLAY

French Open: Roland Garros 2021

By MikeShea

The third round of the Australian Open, last month, was a tough start for Dominic Thiem. After enduring a last-16 battle against Grigor Dimitrov in the fourth round, Thiem couldn’t repeat his performance and was eliminated after losing to 100% from his opponent’s service. Adding to the challenge, he was also unable to hit back against his rival’s service. Although he fought through a tough match, Thiem couldn’t find the level of performance that he needed to reach the semi-finals. As a result, Thiem is now looking to bounce back in the Round of 16 by facing Asian Karatsev. We’ll be watching closely to see how Thiem approaches the match and whether he can make a comeback.
Djokovic sets all-time record as world's top player

Djokovic reclaimed the top ranking from Nadal in February 2020.

ATP rankings as of March 8:

1. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 3,480
2. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 2,515
3. Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 2,375
4. Dominic Thiem (AUT) 2,360
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) 2,180
6. Roger Federer (SUI) 2,160
7. Alexander Zverev (GER) 2,155
8. Andrey Rublev (RUS) 2,050
9. Fabio Fognini (ITA) 2,030
10. Gael Monfils (FRA) 2,020

In head-to-heads, he leads Federer and Nadal.

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Austral 44-4 at the halfway point. On Sunday, they managed just two boundaries in the first 10 overs with opener Sharmi Gomathini, who top-scored Friday with 26, out this time for just six runs, caught and bowled by Curran.

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In all, 28 players made the cut at the Drive On Championship, which was held at the Ocala Golf Club in Florida. The field included 16 of the world’s top 50 players, including six of the top 10.

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