

Keeping Score

Playing Favorites in the Australian Open

Tennis's Australian Open begins Monday. While most of the event's past champions enjoyed top seedings, it's not unusual for winners to emerge from the back of the pack. Below, distribution of past winners by seeding for the men's and women's brackets.

| MEN'S WINNERS, BY SEED | NO. OF CHAMPIONSHIPS | LAST WINNER AT THIS SEED (YEAR) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| No. 1 seed | 10 | Andre Agassi (2000) |
| No. 2 seed | 13 | Roger Federer (2004) |
| No. 3 seed | 2 | Mats Wilander (1988) |
| No. 4 seed | 5 | Marat Safin (2005) |
| No. 5 seed | 1 | Stefan Edberg (1985) |
| No. 6 seed | 2 | Andre Agassi (2001) |
| No. 8 seed | 1 | Brian Teacher (1980) |
| No. 10 seed | 1 | Yevgeny Kafelnikov (1999) |
| No. 16 seed | 1 | Thomas Johansson (2002) |
| Unseeded | 1 | Mark Edmondson (1976) |
| WOMEN'S WINNERS, BY SEED | NO. OF CHAMPIONSHIPS | LAST WINNER AT THIS SEED (YEAR) |
| No. 1 seed | 17 | Justine Henin-Hardenne (2004) |
| No. 2 seed | 11 | Lindsay Davenport (2000) |
| No. 3 seed | 3 | Martina Navratilova (1981) |
| No. 4 seed | 2 | Martina Hingis (1997) |
| No. 5 seed | 1 | Barbara Jordan (1979) |
| No. 7 seed | 1 | Serena Williams (2005) |
| No. 12 seed | 1 | Jennifer Capriati (2001) |
| Unseeded | 1 | Christine O'Neil (1978) |

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