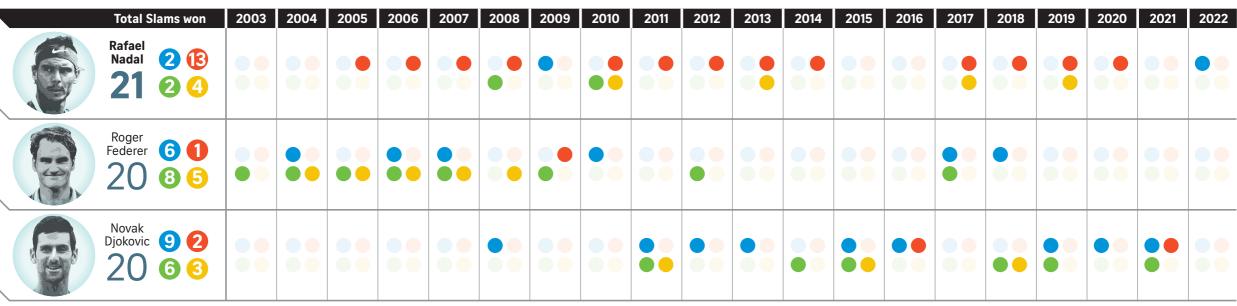# Rafael Nadal's race to history

Spanish ace Rafael Nadal set a record for the most Grand Slams in men's tennis after beating Daniil Medvedev in the Australian Open final yesterday to take his tally to 21, one more than Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. Here's how the race has played out between the trio.

Legend: 🔵 Australian Open · 🔴 French Open · 🟢 Wimbledon · 🟡 US Open

Player	Total Slams won	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rafael Nadal — 21 (🔵2 🔴13 🟢2 🟡4)				🔴	🔴	🔴	🔴🟢	🔵	🔴🟢🟡	🔴	🔴	🔴🟡	🔴			🔴🟡	🔴	🔴🟡	🔴		🔵
Roger Federer — 20 (🔵6 🔴1 🟢8 🟡5)		🟢	🔵🟢🟡	🟢🟡	🔵🟢🟡	🔵🟢🟡	🟡	🔴🟢	🔵		🟢				🔵🟢	🔵				
Novak Djokovic — 20 (🔵9 🔴2 🟢6 🟡3)							🔵			🔵🟢🟡	🔵	🔵	🟢	🔵🟢🟡	🔵🔴		🟢🟡	🔵🟢		🔵🔴	

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