

HYEON CHUNG

Seeing Chung beat Alexander Zverev and Novak Djokovic, reminds us of (14 and under) team to Europe in 2009.



Former junior world No.7 and runner-up of the boys' singles at Wimbledon in 2013, Chung was part of the three ITF Junior Touring teams financed by the Grand Slam Development Fund during the formative years of his tennis development.

He was a member of the ITF/ATF 14 & Under Junior Team to Europe in 2009, the Asian 16 & Under ITF/GSDF Team in Asia in 2012 and the International 18 & Under ITF/GSDF Team to Europe in 2012.

At the age of 13 Chung went to the United States to train at the IMG Academy in Florida, founded by Nick Bollettieri.

The 21-year-old Korean's breakthrough came in the year 2015, when he climbed 122 places in the world rankings. Chung concluded his season by finishing world No 51. **He was voted as the "Most Improved Player of the Year" by his fellow players in the annual Association of Tennis Professionals awards.**

Due to medical reasons in 2016, Chung's progress slowed. His career went back on track when he won his **first ATP World Tour title at the inaugural Next Gen ATP Finals in Milan 2017** by beating top seed Andrey Rublev of Russia 3-4(5), 4-3(2), 4-2, 4-2. **Chung became the first Korean to hoist an ATP World Tour singles trophy since Hyung-Taik Lee (2003).**

In **2017** he reached the semi-finals in Munich (beating World No. 16 Gael Monfils of France 6-2, 6-4) and the quarter-finals in Barcelona (where he lost to Rafael Nadal 7-6(1), 6-2).

2018 began with Chung losing the second round of Brisbane International to Britain's Kyle Edmund 7-6(3), 5-7, 6-4 and the quarter-finals in ATP Auckland Classic to Spain's David Ferrer 6-3, 6-2.

The biggest achievement of his season (2018) came at the **Australian Open Men Singles** when he **beat No.4 seed Alexander Zverev (GER) in five sets**. He won the final set 6-0 after winning 14 of the 17 points which he played from the baseline.

He then went on to **beat Novak Djokovic (SER), whom he outplayed 7-6(4), 7-5, 7-6(3) in the 4th round**. Chung lost in the **semi-finals** to eventual champion Roger Federer 6/1 5/2 RET.

Chung Hyeon became the first South Korean grand slam semi-finalist.



Chung took up tennis at age of six after his doctor recommended that looking at the green-coloured ball would help his weak eyesight. He has high-level astigmatism and must wear the glasses all the time even on court to see the ball properly. His bold playing style and quirky glasses have earned him a fun nicknames, such as "Giant Killer," "Iceman" and "The Professor."

Hyeon Chung is ranked 58th in the world now.