Sumit Nagal Defeated Seeded Player at Australian Open

Sumit Nagal, by defeating Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the opening round of the Australian **Open** became the **first Indian since 1989** to defeat a seeded player at a Grand Slam, following **Ramesh** Krishnan's victory over Mats Wilander at the Australian Open.

- Though he ended **an 11-major drought** by securing Indian representation in the Australian Open singles main draw after three years with a victory over Alex Molcan.
- Grand Slam tournaments, also called majors, are the four most important annual tennis events.
 - The Grand Slam itinerary consists of the Australian Open in mid-January, the French **Open** from around late May to early June, **Wimbledon** in June-July, and the **US Open** in August-September.
 - The Australian and United States tournaments are played on hard courts, the The Vision French on clay, and Wimbledon on grass.

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