

## Tennis Australia's Rising Star - Nick Kyrgios

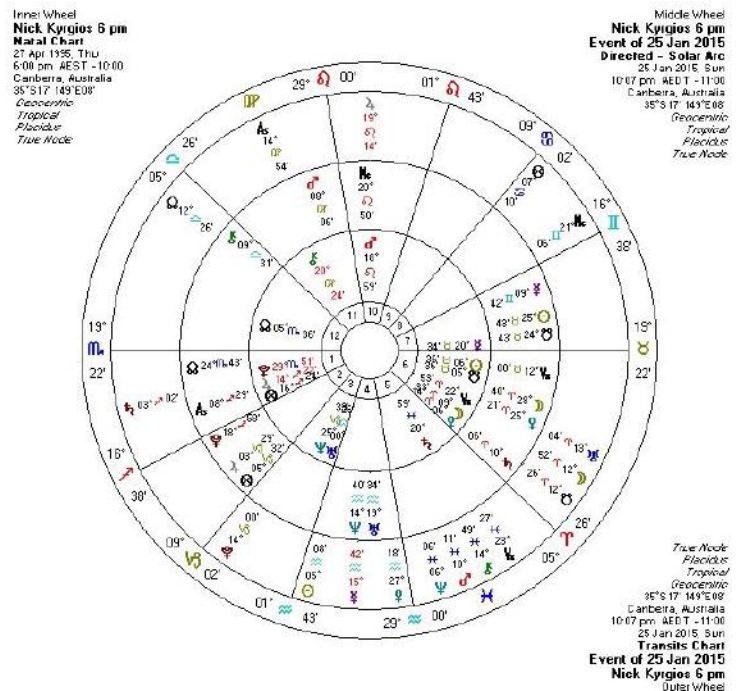
This impressive 19 year old first started to gain the media eye when he beat Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon on July 1 2014. His tennis is the most inspirational seen in decades, but even more interesting is the way he has changed his image from a talented but quite non-descript, and initially chubby Greek youngster, into a cool, social media savvy, idol for the generation he represents. Like most tennis lovers I was spell bound by his performance against Italian Andreas Seppi ( seeded 46)on the evening of January 25. Seppi had previously come to everyone's attention by beating Roger Federer(seeded 2) in his previous match. Kyrgios had been under a bit of a cloud through a back injury coming into the tournament, but had played well in his previous two matches to reach the round. He played rather erratically losing the first two sets, but managed to come back to take out the match in barnstorming fashion, egged on by incredible crowd support in Hi-sense Arena. I was



intrigued by the fact that I had been writing my facebook post for the following morning, and knew that there was a Moon Uranus conjunction going on in the sky, at the time of his victory. It fitted so perfectly with his persona and what was playing out on the court. Being a placement in Aries, it also fitted the competitive nature of the event. Kyrgios was using social media and crowd support, especially from his peer group of adoring fans, to create the environment he thrives on and needs to win.

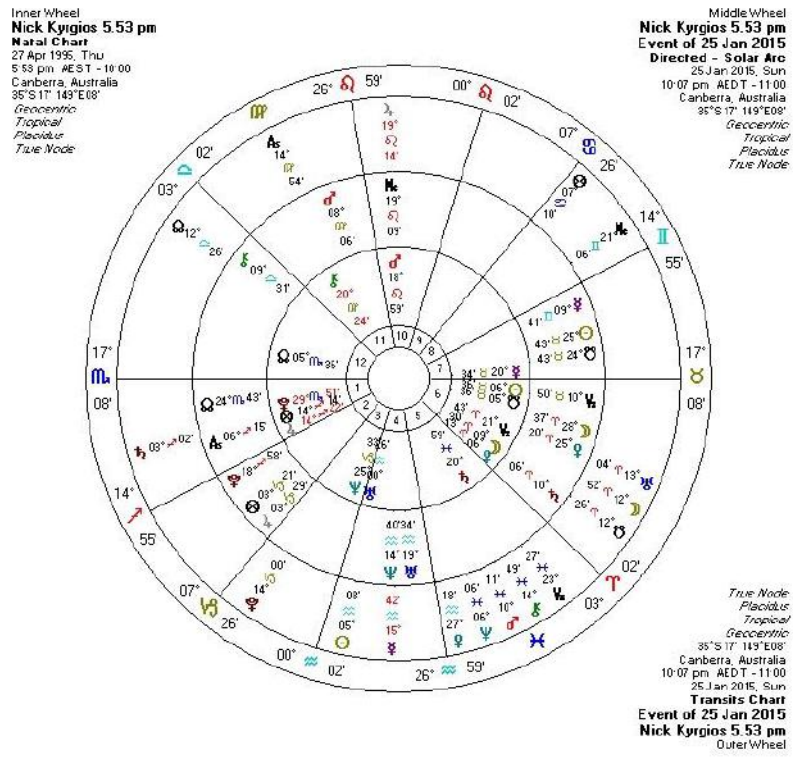
He is very active and engages with his fan base heavily through social media, especially twitter. It is reminiscent of the strategy used by Barack Obama in gaining support during the first US Election that he won against the more conservative Republicans. Indeed, Kyrgios has been criticised by the tennis establishment for his interaction with the crowd and temper in damaging his racquet in the losing stages of the match. His appearance is so out of tune with the old gentlemanly image of a tennis player. Nick shaves his head and eyebrows into patterns like tattoos and sports the brightest florescent shirts. How Aquarian can you get, I just had to get a look at his horoscope chart!

Inevitably, whilst his birthday of 27 April 1995 gives him a Taurus Sun, his Moon is in Aries, hence the competitive nature, hot temper and racquet smashing antics! Astro.com<sup>(1)</sup> had no time of birth and a couple of rectified times, for him of 9 am and 6 pm, with very little detail. However with a Malaysian Mother and a Greek Father, even his heritage falls into the category of being somewhat unexpected and unusual. I preferred the 6 pm chart with a Leo MC and his Mars in Leo falling in the 10<sup>th</sup> House of Vocation. His Moon Venus conjunction in Aries falls in the 6<sup>th</sup> House which is of course ruled by Mars, emphasizing the routines, practice and dedication needed to make a living in competition sport and his passion for success.



It also puts Uranus in its rulership in Aquarius, right on his IC, giving him that deeply rooted need to stand out as the unique individual he is, and as an archetype of the generation he is part of.

So I decided to look at the Transits and Solar Arc Directions for the match he had just won at 10.07 pm. By Transit Jupiter in Leo, accompanied by the Vertex for the event, was conjunct his Mars, applying by only 15', so his win was spectacularly written in the stars, the publicity it received around the world, strongly resonates with a tenth house placement. I like him having a Leo MC, and it closely opposing his Uranus, to demonstrate the Uranian flavour of the whole scenario. For 6 pm his Solar Arc MC at 20° and 50' would have passed his Mars at 18° and 59' almost 2 years ago, prior to even his success at Wimbledon. By moving his birth time back to 5.53 pm, his Solar Arc MC for the event moves to 19° and 09', which is only 10' past his natal Mars. This seems a very appropriate placement to illustrate his sudden rise to fame and bodes well for his progress through the rest of the competition. Likewise his Solar Arc Ascendant has moved to 6° and 15' of Sagittarius trining his Natal Venus in Aries by just 2', indicative of becoming known for being good at his passion. Nick's Natal Jupiter and Part of Fortune which would fall into the first house in Sagittarius, could be said to suggest global success and good fortune in a sporting field. By Solar Arc they would have moved forward into Capricorn in his second house demonstrating his ability to earn substantially more money and rapidly move up the ladder for Men's Seeds.



Without a doubt, whatever his time of birth he has a very strong chart for sporting success on a global basis. The placements I have suggested seem to work very well to describe the characteristics he has displayed to date, but time will tell if they are indeed correct. I hope we all remember that he is at the start of his career still a teenager and that he will not be held back by the Australian propensity to knock down our tall poppies. After all the current tennis scene desperately needs another "Rock Star" to liven things up and it looks like Australia is set to provide one. One who is capable of awesome tennis as well!

1. <http://www.astro.com/astro-databank/Kyrgios, Nick>

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