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MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

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[4] Alexander Zverev (GER) vs [3] Carlos Alcaraz (ESP) Zverev Leads 5-4

DAY 15 TALKING POINTS

- World No. 3 **Carlos Alcaraz** and No. 4 **Alexander Zverev** meet in the Roland Garros final to decide the 2024 men's singles champion. It is the first final between two players looking for the first Roland Garros title since 2016 (Djokovic d. Murray), guaranteeing a first-time Roland Garros champion for the first time since Djokovic won the title that year. It is also the first final between first-time Roland Garros finalists since 2005 (Nadal d. Puerta).

- **Carlos Alcaraz** is playing in his third Grand Slam final, looking to keep his perfect record in finals at this level after winning 2022 US Open and 2023 Wimbledon. He bids to become the seventh and youngest player to capture Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces. He would also join compatriot **Rafael Nadal** as the only players to lift the Roland Garros title before turning 22 years of age since 2000 (Nadal did it in 2005, 2006 and 2007).

Male Players to Win a Grand Slam Title on All Three Surfaces (Noted: First Title on the Surface)
Rafael Nadal - 22 years 7 months at 2009 Australian Open (HC) after 2005 Roland Garros (C) and 2008 Wimbledon (G)
Mats Wilander - 23 years 5 months at 1988 Australian Open (HC) after 1982 Roland Garros (C) and 1983 Aus. Open (G)
Jimmy Connors - 26 years 8 days at 1978 US Open* (HC) after 1974 Australian Open (G) and 1976 US Open (C)
Roger Federer - 27 years 9 months at 2009 Roland Garros (C) after 2003 Wimbledon (G) and 2004 Aus. Open (HC)
Novak Djokovic - 29 years 14 days at 2016 Roland Garros (C) after 2008 Aus. Open (HC) and 2011 Wimbledon (G)
Andre Agassi - 29 years 1 month at 1999 Roland Garros (C) after 1992 Wimbledon (G) and 1994 US Open (HC)
***** 1978 US Open was the first Grand Slam played on hard courts, Connors previously won US Open in 1974 on grass and 1976 on clay.
(C) = clay (G) = grass (HC) = hard court

- Four years after reaching his only previous Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open (l. to Thiem from 2 sets up), **Zverev** aims to capture his 1st Grand Slam title. The 27-year-old is on a 12-match winning streak after winning ATP Masters 1000 Rome in May and earning six wins on the way to his 1st Roland Garros final. He aims to become the first German man to capture the Roland Garros title and third to win a Grand Slam title in Open Era.

German Grand Slam Men's Singles Champions (Open Era)
Boris Becker – 6 (1985-86, 1989 Wimbledon, 1989 US Open, 1991, 1996 Australian Open)
Michael Stich – 1 (1991 Wimbledon)

- **Zverev** spent 19 hours and 27 minutes on the court to reach the final, including a 3h 5m battle against 14-time champion **Rafael Nadal** in 1R and fifth set wins over **Tallon Griekspoor** in 3R and **Holger Rune** in 4R. The German No. 1 is now 10-1 in fifth sets and 23-2 in tie-breaks, including 5-0 this year, at Roland Garros. He aims to become the third man born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title after **Dominic Thiem** (2020 US Open) and **Daniil Medvedev** (2021 US Open).

Longest Roads to the Roland Garros Final (since 1991 – start of recorded times)
19 hours 27 minutes – Alexander Zverev in 2024 (plays vs. Alcaraz)
18 hours 8 minutes – Rafael Nadal in 2022 (d. Ruud)
18 hours 2 minutes – Casper Ruud in 2022 (l. to Nadal)
17 hours 49 minutes – Andy Murray in 2016 (l. to Djokovic)
17 hours 44 minutes – Novak Djokovic in 2023 (d. Ruud)

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21 Acapulco (Mexico)	Hard	R32	Alexander Zverev	6-3 6-1
21 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	SF	Alexander Zverev	6-3 6-3
22 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	F	Carlos Alcaraz	6-3 6-1
22 Roland Garros (France)	**Clay**	**QF**	**Alexander Zverev**	**6-4 6-4 4-6 7-6(7)**
23 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid (Spain)	Clay	R16	Carlos Alcaraz	6-1 6-2
23 US Open (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	6-3 6-2 6-4
23 Nitto ATP Finals (Italy)	Hard	RR	Alexander Zverev	6-7(3) 6-3 6-4
24 Australian Open (Australia)	Hard	QF	Alexander Zverev	6-1 6-3 6-7(2) 6-4
24 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	QF	Carlos Alcaraz	6-3 6-1

ALEXANDER ZVEREV	vs	CARLOS ALCARAZ
27 (20 April 1997)	**Age (Birthdate)**	21 (5 May 2003)
No. 4 (No. 2 on 13 June 2022)	**PIF ATP Ranking (High)**	No. 3 (No. 1 on 12 Sep. 2022)
Hamburg, Germany	**Birthplace**	El Palmar, Murcia, Spain
34-9 (16-3)	**2024 W-L (Clay)**	24-5 (11-3)
428-186 (144-52)	**Career W-L (Clay)**	179-48 (75-17)
22 (8)	**Career Titles (Clay)**	13 (7)
94-32 (2020 US Open, 2024 Roland Garros Finals)	**Grand Slam W-L (Best Finish)**	51-10 (2022 US Open, 2023 Wimbledon Titles)
34-8 (2024 Final)	**Roland Garros W-L (Best Finish)**	17-3 (2024 Final)
23-11 (10-1)	**5th-Set W-L (Roland Garros)**	10-1 (2-0)
3	**Comebacks from 2 Sets Down**	0
168-112 (17-7)	**Career Tiebreak W-L (2024)**	63-38 (8-4)
$41,877,114 ($3,328,294)	**Career Prize Money (2024)**	$28,934,769 ($1,908,621)
Alexander Zverev Sr.	**Coach**	Juan Carlos Ferrero

ALEXANDER ZVEREV	Time	Round	Time	CARLOS ALCARAZ
[PR] Rafael Nadal 6-3 7-6 6-3	3:05	**1R**	1:51	[LL] J.J. Wolf 6-1 6-2 6-1
David Goffin 7-6 6-2 6-2	2:23	**2R**	3:09	[Q] Jesper de Jong 6-3 6-4 2-6 6-2
[26] Tallon Griekspoor 3-6 6-4 6-2 4-6 7-6	4:14	**3R**	2:39	Sebastian Korda 6-4 7-6 6-3
[13] Holger Rune 4-6 6-1 5-7 7-6 6-2	4:11	**4R**	2:20	Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-3 6-3 6-1
[11] Alex de Minaur 6-4 7-6 6-4	2:59	**QF**	2:15	[9] Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3 7-6 6-4
[7] Casper Ruud 2-6 6-2 6-4 6-2	2:35	**SF**	4:09	[2] Jannik Sinner 2-6 6-3 3-6 6-4 6-3
18-5 in 23 Sets	**19:27**	**Total**	**16:23**	**18-3 in 21 Sets**

ALEXANDER ZVEREV	2024 Roland Garros Stats	CARLOS ALCARAZ
64	Aces	22
23	Double Faults	**13**
93 of 110 (85%)	Service Games Won	78 of 95 (82%)
27 of 44 (61%)	Break Points Saved	22 of 39 (56%)
72%	1st-Serve Percentage	70%
74%	1st-Serve Points Won	70%
51%	2nd-Serve Points Won	**56%**
225 km/h (140 mph)	Fastest Serve Speed	219 km/h (136 mph)
205 km/h (127 mph)	Average 1st Serve Speed	188.2 km/h (117 mph)
167.4 km/h (104 mph)	Average 2nd Serve Speed	161.3 km/h (100 mph)
34%	1st-Serve Return Points Won	**38%**
53%	2nd-Serve Return Points Won	**56%**
33 of 87 (38%)	Break Points Converted	**37 of 80 (46%)**
147 of 225 (65%)	Net Points Won	**97 of 142 (68%)**
457 of 814 (56%)	Rallies Won (4 Shots or Less)	408 of 733 (56%)
170 of 333 (51%)	Rallies Won (5-8 Shots)	**188 of 335 (56%)**
124 of 247 (50%)	Rallies Won (9 Shots or More)	**79 of 152 (52%)**
272	Winners	226
212	Unforced Errors	**197**
+60	Winner-to-Unforced Error Ratio	+29

ALEXANDER ZVEREV

Roland Garros Stats

> Making 9th straight Roland Garros main draw appearance and is the only player to reach semi-finals in all past 4 editions (2021 l. to Tsitsipas, 2022 l. to Nadal, 2023 l. to Ruud, 2024 d. Ruud, plays vs. Alcaraz).
> Reached 1st Roland Garros final after defeating No. 11 de Minaur 6-4 7-6(5) 6-4 in QF, No. 7 Ruud 2-6 6-2 6-4 6-2 in SF, becoming the second German man to play in Roland Garros final in Open Era (Stich in 1996, l. to Kafelnikov).
> Defeated 14-time champion Rafael Nadal in 1R to mark the Spaniard's fourth defeat at the event (112-4) and become the first player to defeat Nadal in first three rounds of Roland Garros, then beat Goffin 7-6(4) 6-2 6-2 in 2R and recorded 5-set wins over No. 26 seed Griekspoor 3-6 6-4 6-2 4-6 7-6(3) in 3R and No. 13 seed Rune 4-6 6-1 5-7 7-6(2) 6-2 in 4R.
> Last year entered as No. 22 seed and earned wins over No. 12 Tiafoe in 3R and No. 29 Dimitrov in 4R en route to his third consecutive Roland Garros SF.
> In 2022, suffered a season-ending right ankle injury vs. Nadal in second set of semi-final.
> Reached 2021 SF after rallying from 2 sets down vs. countryman Otte in 1R (l. to Tsitsipas in 5 sets).
> Also advanced to Roland Garros QFs in 2018 (l. to Thiem) and 2019 (l. to No. 1 Djokovic).
> Owns 10-1 record in 5th sets at Roland Garros, including 3 consecutive wins in 2018 (d. Lajovic, Dzumhur, Khachanov)
> He is just behind Djokovic, Monfils and Wawrinka (11) for most 5-set wins at Roland Garros in Open Era (since 1968).
> Advanced to 2013 Roland Garros boys' singles final (l. to Garin).
> Playing in his 2nd Grand Slam final (2020 US Open), he aims to become the first German Roland Garros men's singles champion in Open Era (since 1968) and 3rd of all-time after von Cramm (1934, 1936) and Henkel (1937).
> He is 4-15 vs. fellow Top 10 players at Grand Slams after 0-11 start, previously earning wins over No. 6 Alcaraz at 2022 Roland Garros QF, No. 6 Sinner in 2023 US Open 4R, No. 2 Alcaraz at 2024 Australian Open QF.
> Aims to become the third German men's singles Grand Slam champion in Open Era, joining Becker (6) and Stich (1).
> He is on a 12-match winning streak, he aims to become the 8th man to win Rome & Roland Garros in the same year in Open Era and 10th active male player to win a Grand Slam title, 4th at Roland Garros (Djokovic, Nadal, Wawrinka).

Players to Win Both Rome & Roland Garros in a Single Season (Open Era)

Rafael Nadal – 2005-07, 2010, 2012-13, 2018-19	Bjorn Borg – 1974, 1978
Thomas Muster – 1995	Adriano Panatta – 1976
Jim Courier – 1992	Ilie Nastase – 1973
Ivan Lendl – 1986	

Career Highlights

> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 in June 2022 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal, returning in January 2023.
> Finished in Top 10 for 5 straight years from 2017-2021 with year-end best No. 3 in 2021. Returned to Top 10 in 2023 and qualified for Nitto ATP Finals for 6th time.
> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 22 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.
> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 6 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2021 Madrid QF).

Active Male Players with a Grand Slam Title

Novak Djokovic – 24	Stan Wawrinka – 3	Daniil Medvedev – 1
Rafael Nadal – 22	**Carlos Alcaraz – 2**	Jannik Sinner – 1
Andy Murray – 3	Marin Cilic – 1	Dominic Thiem – 1

CARLOS ALCARAZ

Roland Garros Stats

> The 21-year-old makes his fourth consecutive appearance and owns a 17-3 record at Roland Garros, playing in his first final at the event.
> Defeated lucky loser J.J. Wolf 6-1 6-2 6-1 in 1R and qualifier de Jong 6-3 6-4 2-6 6-2 in 2R to reach 3R for the fourth time in as many Roland Garros appearances.
> Went on to beat No. 27 seed Korda 6-4 7-6(5) 6-3 in 3R, No. 21 seed Auger-Aliassime 6-3 6-3 6-1 in 4R and No. 9 Tsitsipas 6-3 7-6(3) 6-4 in QF and No. 2 Sinner 2-6 6-3 3-6 6-4 6-3 in SF.
> Last year became the youngest No. 1 seed at Roland Garros since Borg in 1976 and reached the semi-finals before losing to eventual champion Djokovic in 4 sets.
> In 2022, as a 19-year-old, he became youngest men's player to reach Roland Garros QF since Djokovic, 19, in 2006. The Spaniard lost to Zverev in 4 sets in QF.
> Qualified in 2021 en route to Roland Garros 3R at age 18 to become youngest men's player to reach 3R since Andrei Medvedev (17) in 1992.
> The only Spaniard left in the draw ensured Spanish presence in Roland Garros QFs for the 28th consecutive year (since 1997). A Spaniard was featured in Roland Garros QF lineup in 31 of last 32 editions (1993-95, 1997-2024).
> He is 5-4 vs. Top-5 players in Grand Slam events, 2-2 at Roland Garros, defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas in 2023 QF and No. 2 Sinner in 2024 SF.
> Alcaraz, who turned 21 last month, aims to win his 3rd Grand Slam title to become the first male player to win his first three titles on three different surfaces (2022 US Open on hard courts, 2023 Wimbledon on grass).
> Attempts to become the seventh different Spaniard to lift the Roland Garros title in Open Era, 21 years after his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero in 2003, a month after Alcaraz was born.
> Could become the first man in Open Era to win 3 Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces before turning 22 years of age and youngest man to win titles at three different Grand Slam events (currently Connors at 22 years 7 days).
> He would be the seventh man in Open Era to win in his first three Grand Slam finals and at 21 years and 1 months, the youngest man to win a Grand Slam title on all three surfaces.
> He is 13-4 in tour-level finals, including 2-0 in Grand Slam and 5-1 in ATP Masters 1000 finals.
> Aims to become the fifth active male player to win 3+ Grand Slam titles (Djokovic 24, Nadal 22, Murray & Wawrinka 3).

Career Highlights

> Youngest and first teenage World No. 1 and year-end No. 1 in PIF ATP Rankings history (since 1973), making record rise from No. 32 at end of 2021 to No. 1 at age 19 in September 2022, then remaining atop rankings through end of season.
> His 1st stint at No. 1 was for 20 weeks. After capturing 2023 Wimbledon crown with 5-set win over 7-time champion Djokovic, he remained at No. 1 until after the US Open for a total of 36 weeks in his young career.
> Became 3rd Spanish man to win Wimbledon after Nadal (2008, 2010) and Manuel Santana (1966).
> Beat Ruud in 2022 US Open final for No. 1 ranking, becoming youngest men's champion at US Open since Sampras, 19, in 1990 and at any Grand Slam event since Nadal, 19, at 2005 Roland Garros.
> Became youngest ATP 500 champion at 2022 Rio de Janeiro (since 2009) and 3rd-youngest ATP Masters 1000 champion at 2022 Miami (since 1990).
> Captured 9 titles as a teenager (9-3 in finals), behind Borg (17), Nadal (16), Wilander (14), Becker (12) and Agassi (10) and 6th-youngest to win 10 tour-level titles behind Wilander, Borg, Nadal, Becker and Agassi.
> Youngest player to defeat both Nadal and Djokovic and 1st to do so at same clay-court event, beating them on back-to-back days en route to 2nd ATP Masters 1000 title at 2022 Madrid.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam QF at 2021 US Open, becoming youngest men's quarter-finalist at US Open since Koch, 18, in 1963 (Amateur Era) and at any Grand Slam since Chang, 18, at 1990 Roland Garros.

Spanish Roland Garros Men's Singles Champions (All-Time)

Rafael Nadal – 14 (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)
Sergi Bruguera – 2 (1993, 1994)
Manuel Santana – 2 (1961, 1964)
Juan Carlos Ferrero – 1 (2003)
Albert Costa – 1 (2002)
Carlos Moya – 1 (1998)
Andres Gimeno – 1 (1972)

Players to Win Their First 3+ Grand Slam Finals in Open Era

Roger Federer – 7-0 (2003 Wimbledon, 2004 Australian Open, 2004 Wimbledon, 2004 US Open, 2005 Wimbledon, 2005 US Open) – l. to Nadal in 2006 Roland Garros final (finished career with 20-11 record in Grand Slam finals)
Stan Wawrinka – 3-0 (2014 Aus. Open, 2015 Roland Garros, 2016 US Open) – l. to Nadal in 2017 Roland Garros F (now 3-1)
Gustavo Kuerten – 3-0 (1997, 2000, 2001 Roland Garros) – finished career as 3-0 in Grand Slam finals
Stefan Edberg – 3-0 (1985, 1987 Australian Open, 1988 Wimbledon) – l. to Chang in 1989 Roland Garros final (6-5)
Bjorn Borg – 3-0 (1974-75 Roland Garros, 1976 Wimbledon) – l. to Connors in 1976 US Open F (11-5)
Jimmy Connors – 3-0 (1974 Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) – l. to Newcombe in 1975 Aus. Open F (8-7)