

1 Pressure Point Patterns: A Look Into Tennis Tactics
2 at The French Open

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40 **Abstract**

41 At the highest level of tennis, a player’s mental skillset is as – if not more – important than
42 their physical and technical abilities. This paper investigates whether elite players manage
43 pressure situations differently, and how those responses set them apart from their competition.
44 Using shot placement data from the French Open – captured via trajectory-tracking technology
45 – this study explores tactical decision-making on the most important points in a match. After
46 a rigorous data preparation process, including scraping, cleaning, and merging datasets, I
47 created effective visualizations of serve and return patterns under pressure. In this paper,
48 I examine six case studies that reveal how elite players rarely abandon their core strategies
49 under pressure. Instead, they refine them – choosing either increased aggression or tighter
50 consistency, depending on the situation. On serve, this often means doubling down on tried
51 and true patterns; on return, it typically involves minimizing risk. The ability to execute with
52 clarity and precision in these high-stakes moments, more than the strategy itself, is what ends
53 up separating great players from true champions.

54 **Introduction**

55 In the game of tennis, its unique scoring system sets it apart from sports with more traditional
56 scoring structures. Tennis scoring can be compared to a Chinese nesting doll: a player must
57 win points to win a game, win games to win a set, and win sets to win a match. This layered
58 system creates several natural “reset” points throughout a match (e.g., after the conclusion of

59 a game or set), offering players a chance to regain momentum if they start poorly. However,
60 it also creates specific points that carry significantly more weight – particularly those late in
61 a set when the score is close. These pressure points – referred to as *important points* later in
62 the paper – are relatively rare but have a disproportionately large impact on the trajectory of
63 an entire match.

64 The importance of handling these pressure moments cannot be overstated. In the words of
65 Roger Federer during his recent commencement address at Dartmouth College, he explained
66 to the audience that he – one of the the greatest champions in the history of tennis – has
67 only won 54% of the points he played, but he ended up winning nearly 80% of all his matches
68 throughout his career. Winning in tennis is not about dominance at every moment; it is about
69 winning the right points at the right time. This statistic – coming from Federer himself –
70 underscores the idea that the difference between the game’s legends and their competitors
71 often lies in their ability to excel in the moments that matter most.

72 While traditional tennis statistics – like first serve percentage or total winners – offer a high-
73 level view of performance, they rarely capture the nuances of tactical adaptations during
74 pressure points. As a solo sport, the gravitational pull of pressure during big moments is
75 intense, and some players have proven they can handle it better than others. While mental
76 toughness is often cited as the key to thriving under pressure, it has historically been difficult
77 to measure objectively. In Stephanie Kovalchik’s study of clutch performance and mental
78 toughness among top tennis athletes, she points out that although mental toughness is fre-
79 quently credited for strong performances in clutch moments, there has been little objective

80 evidence to back up this belief. This gap – the need to identify and visualize the tactical signs
81 of mental resilience – is precisely what this paper aims to explore.

82 The goal of this project is to move beyond simple outcome-based measures and use shot
83 placement data – capturing the exact coordinates of ball trajectories – to analyze how elite
84 players such as Federer, Nadal, and Djokovic adapt their strategies under pressure. Rather
85 than asking whether players succeed in important moments, this project focuses on how they
86 succeed: by examining whether they alter their serve placement, shot selection, or return
87 tactics during critical points. Identifying these tactical shifts offers insight into the mental and
88 strategic adjustments that underlie elite performance.

89 By leveraging tennis tracking technology, point importance scoring models, and visual anal-
90 ysis, this paper brings a data-driven perspective to a topic traditionally discussed in broad,
91 subjective terms. In doing so, it aims to provide objective evidence of how the greatest play-
92 ers in tennis consistently manage to win the points that shape matches – and, by extension,
93 careers. Through careful examination of their shot patterns under pressure, this work reveals
94 the subtle yet powerful ways that mental toughness and strategic clarity manifest themselves
95 during the *most important* moments in tennis.

96 **Data and Methods**

97 **Data and Variables of Interest**

98 **CourtVision Data**

99 The foundation and motivation for this project lies in the powerful data collected at the French
100 Open using Infosys CourtVision tracking technology. We scraped this data from the Roland
101 Garros (French Open) website from the years of 2019 through 2023. Every match recorded is
102 stored as an individual `.csv` file. In each `.csv` file, each row represents an individual point in
103 the match. In this project, there are data from 180 matches which I combined into one main
104 dataset I called `all_matches` which contains 45,672 rows.

105 **trajectoryData Variable**

106 This CourtVision data includes a uniquely important variable, aptly named `trajectoryData`,
107 which includes the exact coordinates (`x`, `y`, `z`) and `position` of every ball hit from the majority
108 of stadium-court and some satellite-court matches at the French Open. The `x` coordinate
109 represents the length of the court, the `y` coordinate represents the width of the court, the
110 `z` coordinate represents the height of the ball above the ground, and `position` refers to the
111 location of the ball when the coordinates are tracked: either at contact (`hit`), at the ball's
112 peak (`peak`), when the ball crosses or hits the net (`net`), when the ball bounces (`bounce`), and

113 the last tracked location of the ball (`last`). All coordinates are measured in meters from the
114 center of the court shown in Figure 1.

115 The primary focus of this project is on the *shot placement* of the serve and return of serve,
116 meaning we want to use the `x` and `y` coordinates at the `bounce` position on the first and second
117 `hit` of each point to get the serve location and return location, respectively.

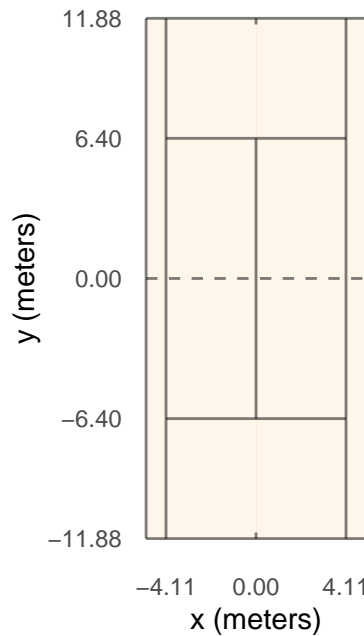


Figure 1: Bird's eye view of a tennis court. The dashed line represents the net. Refer to `draw_court()` in the Appendix for R code for drawing the scaled court.

118 Other Variables of Interest

119 `matchScore` is the score of the match after the point was played. this variable needed a
120 significant amount of processing to get it formatted for the importance joining (see Data
121 Processing section).

122 `atp_importance` and `wta_importance` are the calculated importance values of the current
 123 point based on the current score of the match. These importance values are calculated for every
 124 possible tennis score and stored in the `atp_importance` dataset in Kovalchik's `deuce` package.
 125 Importance values range from a minimum of 0.0001 and to a maximum of 0.5. Point importance
 126 is calculated differently for ATP and WTA matches since ATP French Open matches are best
 127 3 out of 5 sets while WTA French Open matches are best 2 out of 3 sets. Regardless, the
 128 calculation for point importance follows the same general probability equation:
 129 $P(\text{server wins the match} \mid \text{server wins the point}) - P(\text{server wins the match} \mid \text{receiver wins the point})$.
 130 To characterize points that pass a certain level of importance, I created `atp_is_important` and
 131 `wta_is_important` logical variables. I decided – somewhat arbitrarily – that all points with an
 132 importance value of 0.1 or higher are *important* (`atp_is_important = TRUE`) and all points
 133 with an importance value below 0.1 are *non-important* (`atp_is_important = FALSE`).
 134 `serverId`, `receiverId`, and `scorerId` are the unique identification numbers of the player
 135 serving, receiving, and who won the point, respectively. These values are used to join with
 136 Jeff Sackmann's player file to get player names instead of identification numbers.
 137 `breakPoint` is another important logical variable I used in this analysis. When the serving
 138 player is facing a break point (the server is a point away from getting their serve broken),
 139 `breakPoint = TRUE`, otherwise, `breakPoint = FALSE`. Break points typically have a high im-
 140 portance value, especially when the match score is close.

141 Data Processing

142 matchScore Parsing and Augmentation

143 The first stage of data processing was parsing the current match score from the `matchScore`
144 variable which initially is stored as a semi-structured data object. The following example
145 represents a score of 6-3, 6-3, 4-0, 40-15:

```
146 {'p1Set1Score': '6', 'p1Set2Score': '6', 'p1Set3Score': '4', 'p1Set4Score': '-1', 'p1Set5Score': '-1',  
147 'p1Set1TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set2TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set3TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set4TBScore': '-1',  
148 'p1Set5TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set1Score': '3', 'p2Set2Score': '3', 'p2Set3Score': '0', 'p2Set4Score':  
149 '-1', 'p2Set5Score': '-1', 'p2Set1TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set2TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set3TBScore': '-1',  
150 'p2Set4TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set5TBScore': '-1', 'p1GameScore': '40', 'p2GameScore': '15'}
```

151 I parsed this semi-structured data object to obtain the clean form required to join my main
152 `all_matches` dataset with the `atp_importance` dataset. The goal of this step in data pro-
153 cessing was to obtain a clean form of the score through a series of steps involving numeric
154 data parsing, filtering and lagging to fix the fact that `matchScore` initially represented the
155 score of the match after the point was played while also handling the issue of first and sec-
156 ond serves from the same point being separate rows in `all_matches`, controlling the data
157 types (e.g., having "GAME" and "AD" as part of the original `matchScore` variable posed sev-
158 eral issues), and correcting several small systematic errors in the endings of tiebreak sets (see
159 `clean_point_level()` in the Appendix for the R code). The resulting cleaned score from the
160 above example is illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1: Cleaned and separated match score.

situation	player1_score	player2_score
set1	6	3
set2	6	3
set3	4	0
game	40	15

161 Importance Joining

162 Once my `all_matches` dataset contained variables holding the cleaned score of the match,
 163 further score processing was required to obtain the score format needed to join with
 164 `atp_importance`. The following data processing steps allowed me to create the main
 165 `all_matches_importance` dataset with importance values for nearly every point in the
 166 `all_matches` dataset – apart from all 2019 matches where the `matchScore` variable was null.
 167 I corrected data inconsistencies in player names, augmented the overall match score using the
 168 previous set scores of the current match, and combined and reordered the server and receiver
 169 scores to follow the tennis scoring convention (i.e., the server’s score always comes first).
 170 Refer to the Importance Joining section in the Appendix for the R code. The resulting three
 171 variables (`game_score`, `set_score`, `match_score`) needed to uniquely identify the current
 172 score of the match from the example above are shown in Table 2, and as you might be able
 173 to tell from the score, the importance of this particular point is very low.

Table 2: Cleaned match score after joining for importance calculation.

game_score	set_score	match_score	atp_importance	atp_is_important
40-15	4-0	2-0	0.0018507	FALSE

174 **trajectoryData Parsing**

175 After cleaning the match score to calculate importance, the `all_matches_importance` dataset
176 is ready for the final step of data processing: `trajectoryData` parsing to obtain shot placement
177 data. The `trajectoryData` variable was initially stored as a JSON object. The following
178 example shows the trajectory data of a missed serve that crossed the net and landed outside
179 of the service box:

```
180 [{‘x’: 11.54, ‘y’: -1.039, ‘z’: 2.568, ‘position’: ‘hit’}, {‘x’: 11.54, ‘y’: -1.039, ‘z’: 2.568, ‘position’:  
181 ‘peak’}, {‘x’: 0.0, ‘y’: 0.915, ‘z’: 0.946, ‘position’: ‘net’}, {‘x’: 3.501, ‘y’: 3.428, ‘z’: 0.038,  
182 ‘position’: ‘bounce’}, {‘x’: 5.172, ‘y’: 4.968, ‘z’: 0.047, ‘position’: ‘last’}]
```

183 I parsed this JSON object using the clear delimiters to obtain the cleaner format illustrated
184 in Table 3 (see `clean_shot_level()` in Appendix for the R code).

Table 3: Formatted trajectory data after cleaning, measurements are in meters. For reference, the net height is 0.914 meters in the center ($x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0.914$).

Position	x	y	z
hit	11.540	-1.039	2.568
peak	11.540	-1.039	2.568
net	0.000	0.915	0.946
bounce	3.501	3.428	0.038
last	5.172	4.968	0.047

185 **filter_matches() Function**

186 For the purpose of this project, I focused on several case studies of elite champions and other
187 strong competitors. To do so, it was important to have a quick way to access certain matches

188 from the main `all_matches_importance` dataset. The `filter_matches()` function takes
189 player and year inputs to select the matches of interest from `all_matches_importance`, sets
190 the `atp_is_important` and `wta_is_important` logical variables, and creates the labels for the
191 visualizations (see `filter_matches()` section of the Appendix for the R code).

192 **Visualization**

193 The primary method of tactical analysis in this project involves visualizing shot placement on
194 the tennis court. The first step was to obtain the dimensions of a tennis court (Figure 1) to
195 preserve the scale and accurately depict the geometry of the tennis court in two dimensions
196 (see `draw_court()` for the R code I used to draw the tennis court). I then plotted the shot
197 placement data (for serves and returns) on top of the tennis court `ggplot` object. To visualize
198 the distribution of serve and return shot placement, I added a 2-dimensional density plot to
199 fill in the tennis court with a color scale corresponding to the concentration of shots.

200 Finally, I colored the points to compare a player's tactics based on situational importance
201 in two different ways: 1. color points by `atp_is_important` (or `wta_is_important`), and 2.
202 color points by `breakPoint`. Using both of these coloring techniques, I created effective visuals
203 to observe any strategic differences based on the match score and situation. Additionally,
204 I plotted a particular player's matches in a given tournament sequentially, allowing for an
205 opponent-specific strategic analysis as well (see Case Studies section for visuals).

206 Data Summary Statistics

207 The data I used for this project are relatively new since CourtVision has only been operational
 208 since 2019. In this analysis, I focus on the years of 2020-2023 since these years have fully
 209 operational and accurate `matchScore` and `trajectoryData` variables. Table 4 shows some
 210 summary statistics by year and in total.

Table 4: Year-by-year data summary statistics.

Year	Total Matches	Total Points	Important Points	% Important Points	Total Shots	Important Shots	% Important Shots
2019	29	5345	0	0.0%	29768	0	0.0%
2020	24	4361	864	19.8%	26168	5578	21.3%
2021	42	7848	1432	18.2%	39957	7389	18.5%
2022	49	9286	1975	21.3%	52393	10960	20.9%
2023	36	6804	1474	21.7%	37416	8145	21.8%
All Years	180	33644	5745	20.2%	185702	32072	20.6%

211 Out of the 180 total matches tracked in this dataset, a total of 33,644 points were recorded.
 212 Across those points, 185,702 shots were tracked – yielding an average rally length of approxi-
 213 mately 5.5 shots per point. However, not all points carry the same weight. Only 20.2% of all
 214 points reached the threshold to be classified as important (i.e., an importance value of 0.1 or
 215 higher), meaning just 1 in every 5 points played held greater implications for the outcome of a
 216 match. Within those 5,745 important points, players hit a combined 32,072 shots, averaging
 217 5.6 shots per point – a rally length nearly identical to the overall average. Similarly, only
 218 20.6% of all shots hit in the dataset occurred during important points. In short, important
 219 points are relatively few and far between, but they represent the critical moments that can
 220 ultimately decide the outcome of a match.

221 Case Studies

222 Serve Placement Analysis

223 While important points make up just a fraction of total points played, their outsized influence
224 on match outcomes makes them especially worthy of closer examination. To uncover how top
225 players respond in these high-pressure moments, we now shift focus from raw statistical counts
226 to tactical behaviors – beginning with how they use one of their most controlled weapons: the
227 serve.

228 One of the clearest opportunities a player has to control a point is on serve. At the professional
229 level, the serve is not just a way to start the point – it’s a weapon and often the first step in an
230 intentional tactical sequence. Under pressure, however, even the most elite servers must make
231 a choice: do they lean into their strengths, or do they adapt in response to the moment?

232 This section explores that decision through the lens of three standout performances at the
233 French Open: Rafael Nadal’s 2022 title run, Alexander Zverev’s 2021 semifinal campaign, and
234 Iga Świątek’s dominant 2023 championship. Each case study provides a unique perspective on
235 how elite players adjust their serving strategy – both in terms of placement and speed – on
236 important points compared to routine ones.

237 As we’ll see, some players double down on their current strategy and increase their aggression
238 under pressure while others choose to add margin. These serve placement visuals shed light on

239 how pressure shapes elite tactics and highlights how champions respond to critical moments
240 with clarity.

241 **Rafael Nadal Serves (2022 Title Run)**

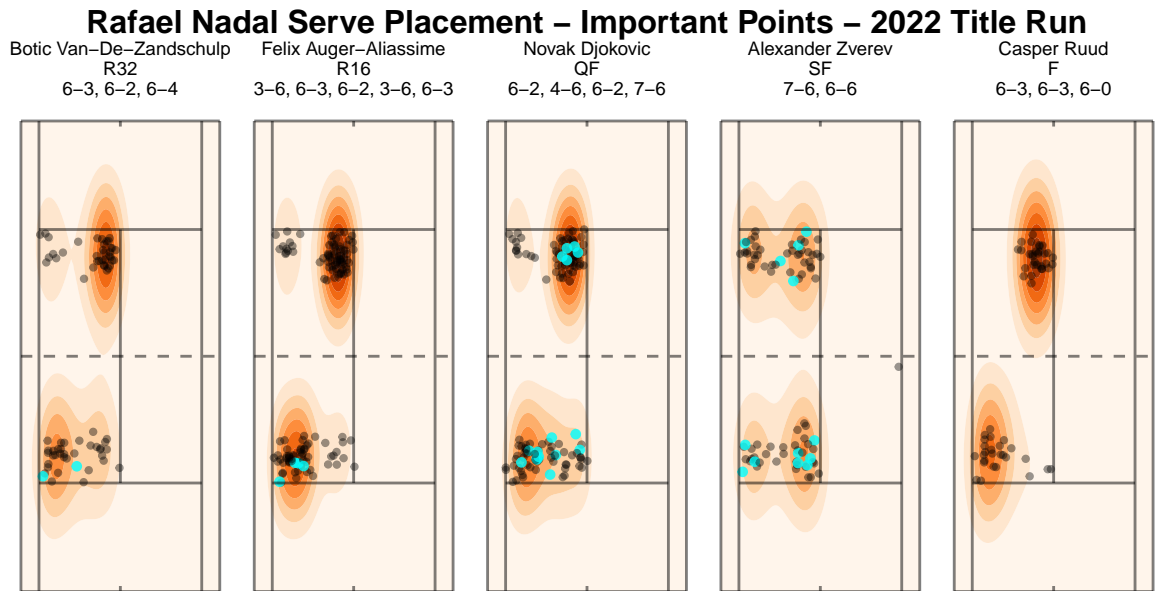


Figure 2: Rafael Nadal's serve placement in his last five rounds to the 2022 French Open title. Blue dots represent serves on important points; black dots represent serves on non-important points. Note that the dots above the net are all serves to the deuce court and the dots below the net are all serves to the ad court.

242 Nadal's serve placement throughout his 2022 French Open run offers a masterclass in tactical
243 consistency under pressure. His primary strategy is clear: relentlessly target his opponent's
244 backhand side. This approach is especially pronounced in the final against Casper Ruud, whose
245 backhand is a known weakness. The resulting score in the final (6-3, 6-3, 6-0) is reflective of

246 both the effectiveness of Nadal's strategy, his ability to execute this strategy to a tee, and his
247 dominant – and honestly intimidating – reputation on the red clay.

248 Across all matches in this 2022 title run (one out of his fourteen titles over the course of his
249 record-breaking career), Nadal largely sticks with his established patterns even on important
250 points – but he does so with greater precision and slightly more risk. This is most evident in
251 his quarterfinal match against Novak Djokovic, where his serve locations on important points
252 are clustered closer to the lines. However, against elite returners like Djokovic and Zverev,
253 Nadal's patterns show more variety, likely reflecting an awareness of their ability to anticipate
254 and redirect familiar serves. This subtle unpredictability under pressure is a hallmark of
255 Nadal's tactical brilliance and of his dominance on the red clay.

Alexander Zverev Serve Placement – Break Points – 2021 Semifinal Run

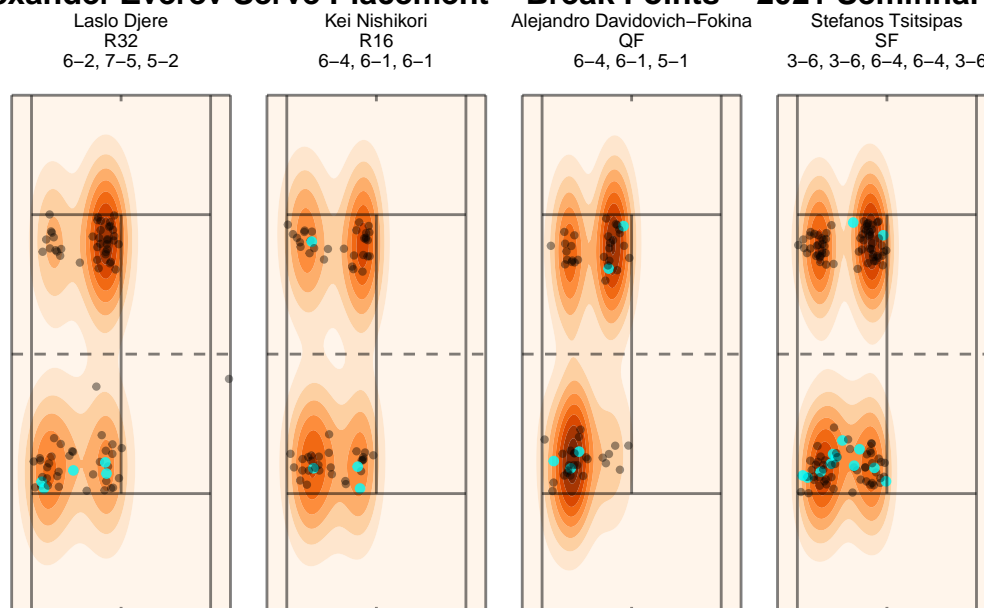


Figure 3: Alexander Zverev’s serve placement in his last four rounds to the 2021 French Open semifinal. Blue dots represent serves on break points; black dots represent serves on non-break points.

257 Zverev’s serve patterns present a sharp contrast to Nadal’s. Rather than favoring one side,
 258 Zverev displays a strikingly bimodal pattern, targeting both corners of the service box equally
 259 – a tendency especially apparent in his five-set semifinal against Stefanos Tsitsipas.

260 Like Nadal, however, Zverev does not deviate from his primary tactics on pressure points, but
 261 his locations get bolder. Not only does his placement hug the sidelines more tightly on break
 262 points, but his serve speed increases as well. On average, Zverev’s first serve speed jumps by
 263 about 5 km/h when facing break points – a sign that he’s leaning into his biggest weapon
 264 when it matters most (Table 5). In the men’s game, where just one break of serve can tilt an

entire set or match, this willingness to go bigger under pressure reflects a calculated risk that often pays off.

Table 5: Zverev’s 1st serve speed (km/h) from the 2021 French Open.

breakPoint	Average Serve Speed	Standard Deviation
FALSE	206.8	8.7
TRUE	212.0	4.5

Iga Świątek Serves (2023 Title Run)

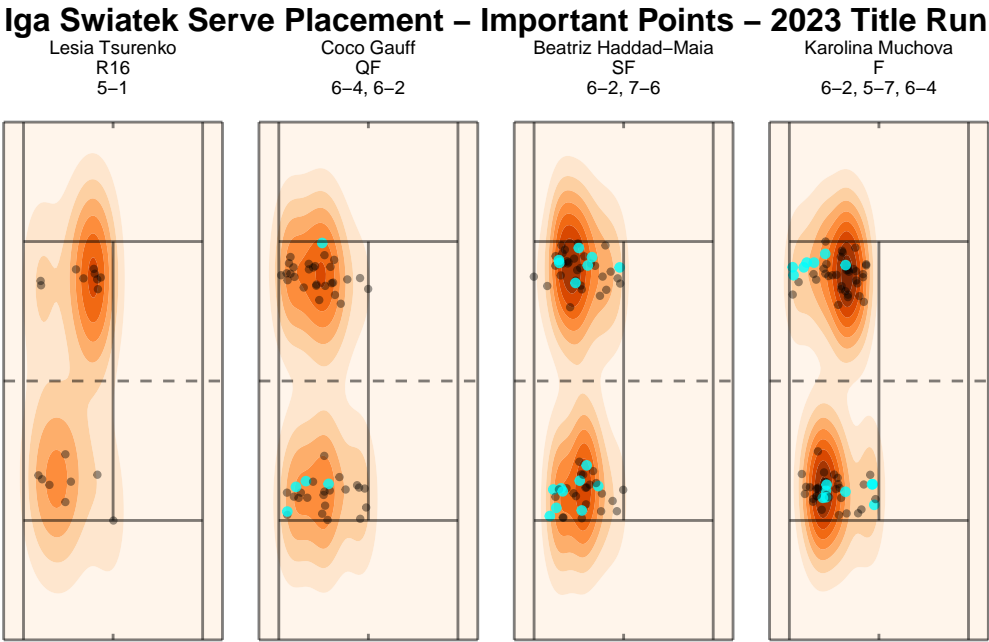


Figure 4: Iga Świątek’s serve placement in her last four rounds to the 2023 French Open title. Blue dots represent serves on important points; black dots represent serves on non-important points.

Świątek’s serve strategy offers a compelling contrast to both ATP examples. Rather than consistently aiming for the corners, she targets the center of the box with “body serves” that

270 jam her opponent and reduce their return angles. This high-margin strategy is especially
271 visible in the early rounds of her 2023 title run.

272 Yet even Świątek exhibits a subtle shift under pressure. While she maintains her central
273 placement in most matches, her final against Karolína Muchová tells a slightly different story.
274 With the match hanging in the balance, Świątek opted to go out wide more frequently on
275 important points, a possible indication of both the heightened pressure and the need to disrupt
276 her opponent's rhythm. The fact that her serve strategy evolves in the final round, while
277 remaining grounded in her broader approach, highlights her tactical flexibility and mental
278 acuteness when the pressure mounts – an incredibly valuable trait that sets her apart from
279 the rest of the WTA.

280 Together, these case studies reveal a common thread: elite players rarely abandon their core
281 serving strategies under pressure. Instead, they double down with heightened precision, in-
282 creased aggression, or subtle unpredictability, depending on their opponent and the context.
283 But when players are on the receiving end, the question becomes: how do the game's best
284 adjust their return strategies when their opponents are serving even more aggressively when
285 the pressure is on? The next section explores this dynamic by analyzing return placement on
286 important points across several noteworthy case studies.

Return Placement Analysis

While the serve is about initiating control in the point, the return is about reclaiming it. Unlike on serve, where we observed elite players ramping up aggression under pressure, returners tend to embrace a different strategy: one rooted in discipline and consistency.

To highlight this, we'll analyze the return patterns of Novak Djokovic – debatably the greatest returner of all time – during his 2021 title run, Stefanos Tsitsipas in his 2021 final appearance, and Coco Gauff during her impressive journey to the 2022 French Open final. Their performances reveal a shared tactical blueprint: prioritize consistency, target high-percentage areas, and apply relentless pressure by simply keeping the ball in play on the biggest points – something that Novak Djokovic does at the highest level and has become a staple of his excellence on the tennis court.

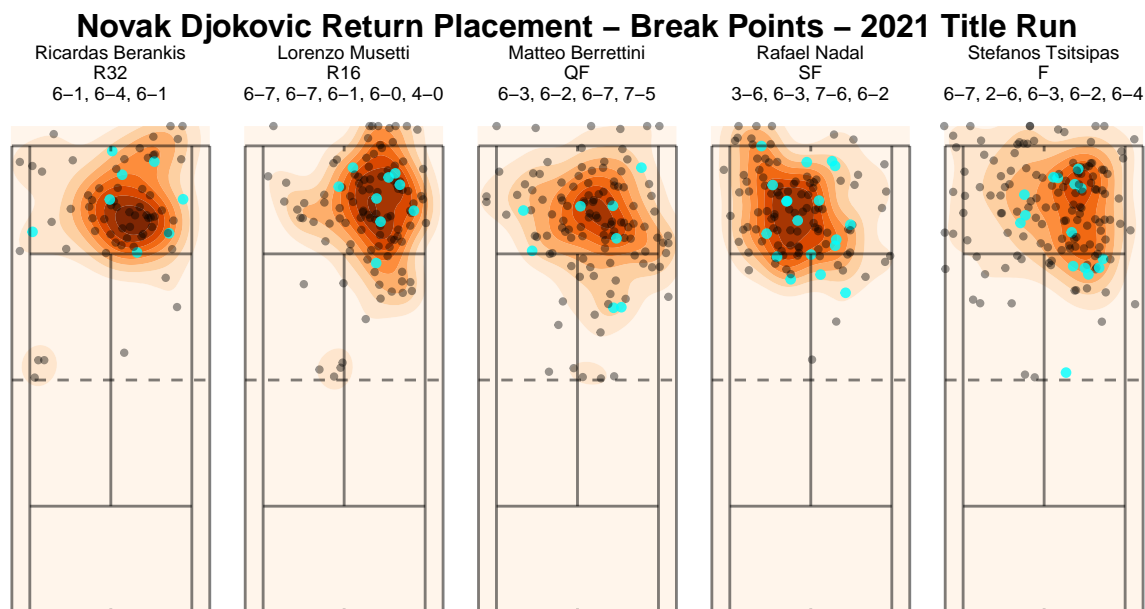


Figure 5: Novak Djokovic’s return placement in his last five rounds to the 2021 French Open title. Blue dots represent returns on break points; black dots represent returns on non-break points.

Novak Djokovic’s return game is legendary, and his 2021 French Open title run offers textbook examples of why. On break points – arguably the most pressure-filled moments for a returner – Djokovic didn’t miss a single return. Across 58 break point chances, he successfully put every return back into play (Table 6), applying immense pressure on his opponents to win the point outright. His returns weren’t just in – they were placed with surgical precision, often deep and toward the backhand side.

In matches against right-handed players like Berrettini and Tsitsipas, his returns frequently pinned opponents to their weaker backhand wing even though these opponents are known to

307 have some of the best serves in the sport. Against the left-handed Rafael Nadal, Djokovic
 308 adjusted his return placement to continue targeting the lefty's backhand, reflecting a high de-
 309 gree of tactical awareness and adaptability. This elite depth and accuracy – particularly under
 310 pressure – exemplify his ability to outmaneuver opponents mentally as well as physically.

Table 6: Novak Djokovic's returns on break points during the 2021 French Open.

Break Point	Returns Hit	Returns Made	Percent Returns in Play
FALSE	507	439	0.87
TRUE	58	58	1.00

311 **Stefanos Tsitsipas Returns (2021 Final Run)**

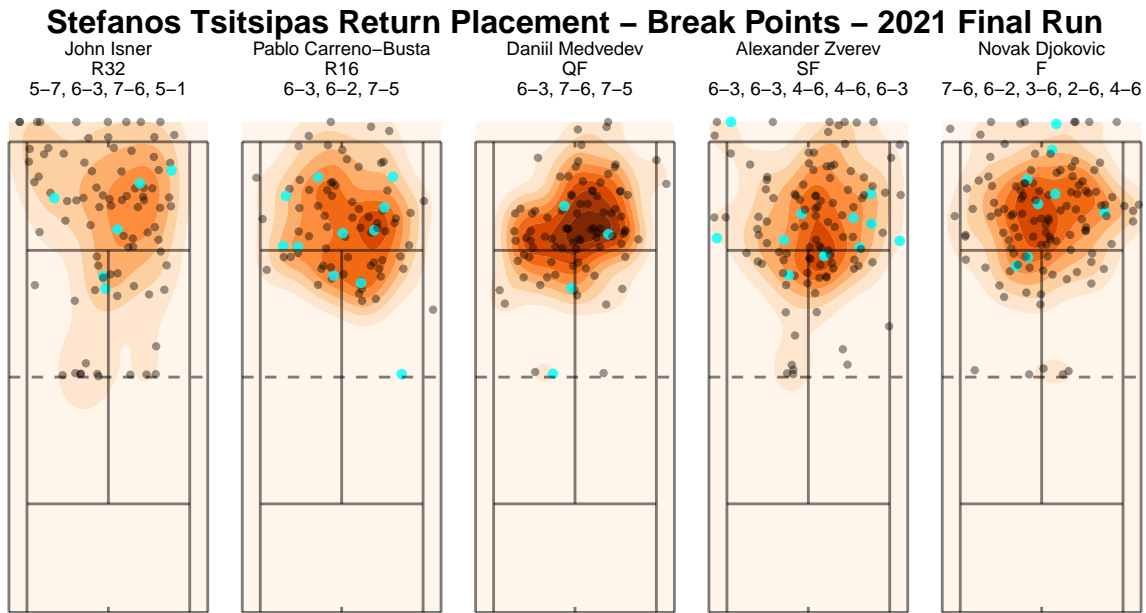


Figure 6: Stefanos Tsitsipas' return placement in his last five rounds to the 2021 French Open final. Blue dots represent returns on break points; black dots represent returns on non-break points.

312 Tsitsipas followed a similar return strategy during his run to the 2021 final, albeit with less
 313 precision than Djokovic. His returns often funneled through the middle of the court – an
 314 approach that limits angles and forces the server to generate offense from neutral positions.
 315 While not as deep or targeted as Djokovic’s, Tsitsipas’s returns still prioritized safety over
 316 risk.

317 In his match against big-serving John Isner, Tsitsipas clearly focused on just making returns
 318 rather than placing them with intent, highlighting how overwhelming serve power can alter
 319 return strategy. However, like Djokovic on break points, Tsitsipas still elevated his consistency
 320 and margin for error (Table 7). Tsitsipas rarely risked going for the lines and instead aimed
 321 for high-percentage zones to build pressure and extend the rally.

Table 7: Stefanos Tsitsipas’ returns on break points during the 2021 French Open.

Break Point	Returns Hit	Returns Made	Percent Returns in Play
FALSE	457	404	0.88
TRUE	41	37	0.90

Coco Gauff Return Placement – Important Points – 2022 Final Run

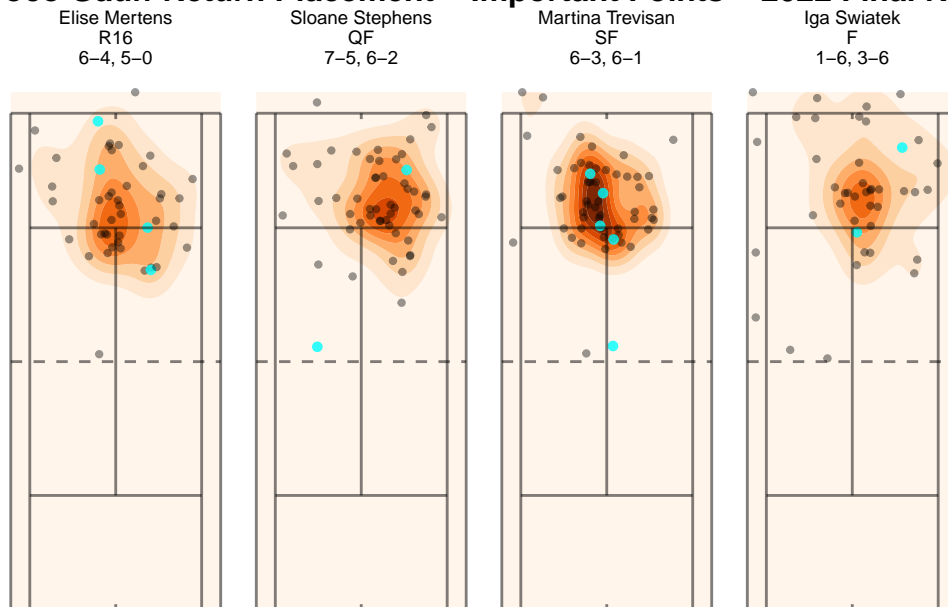


Figure 7: Coco Gauff's return placement in her last four rounds to the 2022 French Open final. Blue dots represent returns on important points; black dots represent returns on non-important points.

Coco Gauff's return patterns during her 2022 French Open final run mirror those of her ATP counterparts. Gauff, a young but tactically mature player, embraced the same middle-targeting strategy to limit return errors and neutralize the serve. Her returns on important points were focused and consistent – particularly in her semifinal win over Martina Trevisan, where her accuracy contributed to a dominant straight-sets victory.

However, in the final against Iga Świątek, Gauff's return execution wavered. Her shot distribution became noticeably scattered, despite her continued attempt to hit through the middle. This contrast underscores a key insight: the strategy itself may not change under pressure,

331 but a player’s ability to execute it consistently is what separates great competitors from elite
332 champions on the biggest stages.

333 **Conclusion**

334 While only about 20% of all points in this dataset meet the threshold to be classified as
335 important, their influence on match outcomes is undeniable. These are the moments when
336 the mental and tactical makeup of a player is put to the test. Through this primarily visual
337 analysis, we’ve seen how shot placement data – particularly from serves and returns – can
338 illuminate the subtle ways elite players navigate pressure differently than the great players
339 who haven’t yet broken through to greatness.

340 On serve, players like Rafael Nadal, Alexander Zverev, and Iga Świątek each responded to
341 pressure differently, yet they shared a commitment to their core strategies. Nadal demonstrated
342 unwavering consistency, pin-point precision, and selective risk-taking. Zverev chose to escalate
343 his aggression, both in placement and speed. Świątek embraced a high-margin, central strategy
344 that evolved when the stakes were highest. Together, these case studies showed that elite
345 servers generally don’t overhaul their approach under pressure – they refine it.

346 On return, the narrative was notably different. Novak Djokovic’s unmatched ability to neu-
347 tralize even the biggest serves – evidenced by his 100% return-in-play rate on break points in
348 his 2021 title run – underscored his status as one of the game’s greatest defenders. Tsitsipas
349 and Gauff mirrored his discipline, opting for safety and control rather than risk. Although,

350 as seen in Gauff’s final and Tsitsipas’ slight execution dips, even the best-laid strategies can
351 falter without precise execution.

352 Looking ahead, this type of shot placement analysis opens the door for further research into
353 pressure-driven tactical behavior across longer rallies. While this paper focused on serves and
354 returns (the two most consequential shots in tennis), future work could examine elite players’
355 shot-by-shot strategy during pressure-filled important points. This in-depth strategic analysis
356 could include – but is not limited to – directional changes mid-rally, transitions to the net, and
357 net clearance throughout the rally in response to the player’s contact location. These layers
358 would provide even deeper insights into how tactics evolve beyond the opening shots of each
359 point.

360 As discussed earlier, pressure rarely forces a complete overhaul of strategy – but it does de-
361 mand heightened mental acuity. What truly distinguishes elite champions from the game’s
362 top competitors is not just *what* they do under pressure, but *how* they execute their plan.
363 The ability to maintain clarity, focus, and precision in the most important moments is what
364 ultimately sets the legends apart.

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375 **Appendix**

376 `clean_point_level()`

```
#' Clean Point Level
#'  
#' This is a function that cleans the Court Vision data to the
#' *point* level of granularity.
#'  
#' @param raw_data is a data frame of a single match of the raw
#' Court Vision data
#' @param player_of_interest is a string of the player's name we want
#' as player1 - first or last name (case insensitive)
#' @return returns a data frame with a row for each point played
#' in the match/matches of interest
#'  
#' @examples
#' nadal_final_2022 <- fetch_all_matches(player = "Nadal",
#'                                     year = "2022",
#'                                     round = "F")
#'  
#' clean_point_level(nadal_final_2022[[1]])
#'  
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export
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clean_point_level <- function(raw_data,
                              player_of_interest = "(.|\s)*\\S(.|\s)*") {

  all_players <- read_csv("inst/data/all_players.csv")

  second_serve_points <- raw_data |>
    ## must use fetch_all_matches(player, year, round) function to get dataset
    ## with match_id variable
    group_by(match_id) |>
    ## match_info parsing:
    separate(match_info, into = c("label",
                                  "round",
                                  "opponents",
                                  "year",
                                  "court_number",
                                  "file_ending"), sep = "_") |>
    separate(opponents, into = c("player1", "player2"), sep = "-vs-") |>
    mutate(player1 = sub("-", " ", player1),
           player2 = sub("-", " ", player2)) |>
    mutate(point_index = row_number()) |>
    ## pointId parsing:
    separate(pointId, into = c("set", "game", "point", "serve"), sep = "_") |>
    mutate(set = as.numeric(set),
           game = as.numeric(game),
           point = as.numeric(point),
           serve = as.numeric(serve)) |>
    ## matchScore parsing:
    mutate(matchScore = sub("^.", "", matchScore)) |>
    mutate(matchScore = sub(".$", "", matchScore)) |>
    separate(matchScore, into = c("player1_set1_score",
                                  "player1_set2_score",
                                  "player1_set3_score",
                                  "player1_set4_score",
                                  "player1_set5_score",
                                  "player1_set1_tbscore",
                                  "player1_set2_tbscore",
                                  "player1_set3_tbscore",
                                  "player1_set4_tbscore",
                                  "player1_set5_tbscore",
                                  "player2_set1_score",
                                  "player2_set2_score",
                                  "player2_set3_score",
                                  "player2_set4_score",
                                  "player2_set5_score",
                                  "player2_set1_tbscore",
                                  "player2_set2_tbscore",

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        "player2_set3_tbscore",
        "player2_set4_tbscore",
        "player2_set5_tbscore",
        "player1_game_score",
        "player2_game_score"), sep = ",") |>
separate(player1_set1_score,
         into = c("label", "player1_set1"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set2_score,
         into = c("label", "player1_set2"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set3_score,
         into = c("label", "player1_set3"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set4_score,
         into = c("label", "player1_set4"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set5_score,
         into = c("label", "player1_set5"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set1_tbscore,
         into = c("label", "player1_set1_tb"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set2_tbscore,
         into = c("label", "player1_set2_tb"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set3_tbscore,
         into = c("label", "player1_set3_tb"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set4_tbscore,
         into = c("label", "player1_set4_tb"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set5_tbscore,
         into = c("label", "player1_set5_tb"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set1_score,
         into = c("label", "player2_set1"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set2_score,
         into = c("label", "player2_set2"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set3_score,
         into = c("label", "player2_set3"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set4_score,
         into = c("label", "player2_set4"),
         sep = ": ") |>

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separate(player2_set5_score,
          into = c("label", "player2_set5"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set1_tbscore,
          into = c("label", "player2_set1_tb"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set2_tbscore,
          into = c("label", "player2_set2_tb"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set3_tbscore,
          into = c("label", "player2_set3_tb"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set4_tbscore,
          into = c("label", "player2_set4_tb"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set5_tbscore,
          into = c("label", "player2_set5_tb"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_game_score,
          into = c("label", "player1_game"),
          sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_game_score,
          into = c("label", "player2_game"),
          sep = ": ") |>
mutate(player1_set1 = parse_number(player1_set1),
       player1_set2 = parse_number(player1_set2),
       player1_set3 = parse_number(player1_set3),
       player1_set4 = parse_number(player1_set4),
       player1_set5 = parse_number(player1_set5),
       player2_set1 = parse_number(player2_set1),
       player2_set2 = parse_number(player2_set2),
       player2_set3 = parse_number(player2_set3),
       player2_set4 = parse_number(player2_set4),
       player2_set5 = parse_number(player2_set5),
       player1_game = sub("^.", "", player1_game),
       player1_game = sub(".$", "", player1_game),
       player2_game = sub("^.", "", player2_game),
       player2_game = sub(".$", "", player2_game)) |>
filter(serve == 2)

formatted_point_level <- raw_data |>
  ## must use fetch_all_matches(player, year, round) function to get dataset
  ## with match_id variable
  group_by(match_id) |>
  ## match_info parsing:
  separate(match_info, into = c("label", "round", "opponents",
                                "year", "court_number", "file_ending"),

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      sep = "_") |>
separate(opponents, into = c("player1", "player2"), sep = "-vs-") |>
mutate(player1 = sub("-", " ", player1),
       player2 = sub("-", " ", player2)) |>
mutate(point_index = row_number()) |>
## pointId parsing:
separate(pointId, into = c("set", "game", "point", "serve"), sep = "_") |>
mutate(set = as.numeric(set),
       game = as.numeric(game),
       point = as.numeric(point),
       serve = as.numeric(serve)) |>
## matchScore parsing:
mutate(matchScore = sub("^.", "", matchScore)) |>
mutate(matchScore = sub(".$", "", matchScore)) |>
separate(matchScore, into = c("player1_set1_score",
                             "player1_set2_score",
                             "player1_set3_score",
                             "player1_set4_score",
                             "player1_set5_score",
                             "player1_set1_tbscore",
                             "player1_set2_tbscore",
                             "player1_set3_tbscore",
                             "player1_set4_tbscore",
                             "player1_set5_tbscore",
                             "player2_set1_score",
                             "player2_set2_score",
                             "player2_set3_score",
                             "player2_set4_score",
                             "player2_set5_score",
                             "player2_set1_tbscore",
                             "player2_set2_tbscore",
                             "player2_set3_tbscore",
                             "player2_set4_tbscore",
                             "player2_set5_tbscore",
                             "player1_game_score",
                             "player2_game_score"), sep = ",") |>
separate(player1_set1_score, into = c("label", "player1_set1"),
       sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set2_score, into = c("label", "player1_set2"),
       sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set3_score, into = c("label", "player1_set3"),
       sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set4_score, into = c("label", "player1_set4"),
       sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set5_score, into = c("label", "player1_set5"),
       sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set1_tbscore, into = c("label", "player1_set1_tb"),

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        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set2_tbscore, into = c("label", "player1_set2_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set3_tbscore, into = c("label", "player1_set3_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set4_tbscore, into = c("label", "player1_set4_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_set5_tbscore, into = c("label", "player1_set5_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set1_score, into = c("label", "player2_set1"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set2_score, into = c("label", "player2_set2"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set3_score, into = c("label", "player2_set3"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set4_score, into = c("label", "player2_set4"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set5_score, into = c("label", "player2_set5"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set1_tbscore, into = c("label", "player2_set1_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set2_tbscore, into = c("label", "player2_set2_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set3_tbscore, into = c("label", "player2_set3_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set4_tbscore, into = c("label", "player2_set4_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set5_tbscore, into = c("label", "player2_set5_tb"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player1_game_score, into = c("label", "player1_game"),
        sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_game_score, into = c("label", "player2_game"),
        sep = ": ") |>
mutate(player1_set1 = parse_number(player1_set1),
        player1_set2 = parse_number(player1_set2),
        player1_set3 = parse_number(player1_set3),
        player1_set4 = parse_number(player1_set4),
        player1_set5 = parse_number(player1_set5),
        player2_set1 = parse_number(player2_set1),
        player2_set2 = parse_number(player2_set2),
        player2_set3 = parse_number(player2_set3),
        player2_set4 = parse_number(player2_set4),
        player2_set5 = parse_number(player2_set5),
        player1_game = sub("^.", "", player1_game),
        player1_game = sub(".$", "", player1_game),
        player2_game = sub("^.", "", player2_game),
        player2_game = sub(".$", "", player2_game)) |>

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filter(serve == 1) |>
## lag the game score to get accurate game score:
mutate(player1_game_lag = lag(player1_game, default = "0"),
       player2_game_lag = lag(player2_game, default = "0")) |>
## fill in the second serve points:
bind_rows(second_serve_points) |>
arrange(set, game, point, serve) |>
fill(player1_game_lag, player2_game_lag, .direction = "down") |>
mutate(player1_game_score = if_else(player1_game_lag == "GAME" |
                                   player2_game_lag == "GAME",
                                   true = "0",
                                   false = player1_game_lag)) |>
mutate(player2_game_score = if_else(player1_game_lag == "GAME" |
                                   player2_game_lag == "GAME",
                                   true = "0",
                                   false = player2_game_lag)) |>

## fix tiebreak ending:
mutate(
  # Safely convert to numeric, assigning NA if conversion fails
  player1_score_numeric = suppressWarnings(
    as.numeric(player1_game_score)),
  player2_score_numeric = suppressWarnings(
    as.numeric(player2_game_score)),
  # Create a flag for the condition
  reset_scores = !(player1_game_score %in% c("0", "15", "30", "40")) &
    !(player2_game_score %in% c("0", "15", "30", "40")) &
    !is.na(player1_score_numeric) & !is.na(player2_score_numeric) &
    player1_score_numeric + player2_score_numeric >= 12 &
    abs(player1_score_numeric - player2_score_numeric) == 2,
  # Use the flag to set both scores
  player1_game_score = if_else(reset_scores, "0", player1_game_score),
  player2_game_score = if_else(reset_scores, "0", player2_game_score)) |>

## set score lag:
mutate(player1_set1_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
                                lag(player1_set1, 2, default = 0),
                                lag(player1_set1, default = 0)),
       player1_set2_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
                                lag(player1_set2, 2, default = 0),
                                lag(player1_set2, default = 0)),
       player1_set3_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
                                lag(player1_set3, 2, default = 0),
                                lag(player1_set3, default = 0)),
       player1_set4_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
                                lag(player1_set4, 2, default = 0),
                                lag(player1_set4, default = 0)),
       player1_set5_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,

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        lag(player1_set5, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player1_set5, default = 0)),
player2_set1_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
        lag(player2_set1, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player2_set1, default = 0)),
player2_set2_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
        lag(player2_set2, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player2_set2, default = 0)),
player2_set3_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
        lag(player2_set3, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player2_set3, default = 0)),
player2_set4_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
        lag(player2_set4, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player2_set4, default = 0)),
player2_set5_lag = ifelse(serve == 2,
        lag(player2_set5, 2, default = 0),
        lag(player2_set5, default = 0))) |>
mutate(player1_set_score = case_when(set == 1 ~ player1_set1_lag,
        set == 2 ~ player1_set2_lag,
        set == 3 ~ player1_set3_lag,
        set == 4 ~ player1_set4_lag,
        set == 5 ~ player1_set5_lag)) |>
mutate(player2_set_score = case_when(set == 1 ~ player2_set1_lag,
        set == 2 ~ player2_set2_lag,
        set == 3 ~ player2_set3_lag,
        set == 4 ~ player2_set4_lag,
        set == 5 ~ player2_set5_lag)) |>

# Replace serverId, scorerId, receiverId with player names instead of ids
left_join(all_players, by = c("serverId" = "id")) |>
mutate(serverId = fullName) |>
select(-fullName) |>
left_join(all_players, by = c("scorerId" = "id")) |>
mutate(scorerId = fullName) |>
select(-fullName) |>
left_join(all_players, by = c("receiverId" = "id")) |>
mutate(receiverId = fullName) |>

# Store original player names and scores
mutate(
  original_player1 = player1,
  original_player2 = player2,
  original_player1_game_score = player1_game_score,
  original_player2_game_score = player2_game_score,
  original_player1_set_score = player1_set_score,
  original_player2_set_score = player2_set_score) |>

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# Rearrange players and scores based on whether they match
# the player_of_interest
mutate(
  player1 = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest)) ~ original_player1,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest)) ~ original_player2),
  player2 = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest)) ~ original_player2,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest)) ~ original_player1),
  player1_game_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player1_game_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player2_game_score),
  player2_game_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player2_game_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player1_game_score),
  player1_set_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player1_set_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player2_set_score),
  player2_set_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player2_set_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2),
               str_to_lower(player_of_interest))
    ~ original_player1_set_score)) |>
relocate(set, player1_game_score, player2_game_score,
         player1_set_score, player2_set_score, player1, player2)

return(formatted_point_level)
}

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```

## Join all_matches and atp_importance
join_ready_df <- all_matches |>

## Correct Player Names
mutate(
  serverId = case_when(
    serverId == "Cori Gauff" ~ "Coco Gauff",
    serverId == "Alejandro Davidovich Fokina"
    ~ "Alejandro Davidovich-Fokina",
    serverId == "Tomas Martin Etcheverry" ~ "Tomas Martin-Etcheverry",
    serverId == "Beatriz Haddad Maia" ~ "Beatriz Haddad-Maia",
    serverId == "Pablo Carreno Busta" ~ "Pablo Carreno-Busta",
    serverId == "Bernabe Zapata Miralles" ~ "Bernabe Zapata-Miralles",
    serverId == "Anna Karolina Schmiedlova" ~ "Anna Karolina-Schmiedlova",
    serverId == "Jan-Lennard Struff" ~ "Jan Lennard-Struff",
    serverId == "Irina-Camelia Begu" ~ "Irina Camelia-Begu",
    serverId == "Juan Pablo Varillas" ~ "Juan Pablo-Varillas",
    serverId == "Sara Sorribes Tormo" ~ "Sara Sorribes-Tormo",
    serverId == "Botic Van De Zandschulp" ~ "Botic Van-De-Zandschulp",
    serverId == "Genaro Alberto Olivieri" ~ "Genaro Alberto-Olivieri",
    serverId == "Thiago Seyboth Wild" ~ "Thiago Seyboth-Wild",
    TRUE ~ serverId
  ),
  receiverId = case_when(
    receiverId == "Cori Gauff" ~ "Coco Gauff",
    receiverId == "Alejandro Davidovich Fokina"
    ~ "Alejandro Davidovich-Fokina",
    receiverId == "Tomas Martin Etcheverry"
    ~ "Tomas Martin-Etcheverry",
    receiverId == "Beatriz Haddad Maia" ~ "Beatriz Haddad-Maia",
    receiverId == "Pablo Carreno Busta" ~ "Pablo Carreno-Busta",
    receiverId == "Bernabe Zapata Miralles" ~ "Bernabe Zapata-Miralles",
    receiverId == "Anna Karolina Schmiedlova" ~ "Anna Karolina-Schmiedlova",
    receiverId == "Jan-Lennard Struff" ~ "Jan Lennard-Struff",
    receiverId == "Irina-Camelia Begu" ~ "Irina Camelia-Begu",
    receiverId == "Juan Pablo Varillas" ~ "Juan Pablo-Varillas",
    receiverId == "Sara Sorribes Tormo" ~ "Sara Sorribes-Tormo",
    receiverId == "Botic Van De Zandschulp" ~ "Botic Van-De-Zandschulp",
    receiverId == "Genaro Alberto Olivieri" ~ "Genaro Alberto-Olivieri",
    receiverId == "Thiago Seyboth Wild" ~ "Thiago Seyboth-Wild",
    TRUE ~ receiverId
  ),
  scorerId = case_when(

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    scorerId == "Cori Gauff" ~ "Coco Gauff",
    scorerId == "Alejandro Davidovich Fokina"
    ~ "Alejandro Davidovich-Fokina",
    scorerId == "Tomas Martin Etcheverry" ~ "Tomas Martin-Etcheverry",
    scorerId == "Beatriz Haddad Maia" ~ "Beatriz Haddad-Maia",
    scorerId == "Pablo Carreno Busta" ~ "Pablo Carreno-Busta",
    scorerId == "Bernabe Zapata Miralles" ~ "Bernabe Zapata-Miralles",
    scorerId == "Anna Karolina Schmiedlova" ~ "Anna Karolina-Schmiedlova",
    scorerId == "Jan-Lennard Struff" ~ "Jan Lennard-Struff",
    scorerId == "Irina-Camelia Begu" ~ "Irina Camelia-Begu",
    scorerId == "Juan Pablo Varillas" ~ "Juan Pablo-Varillas",
    scorerId == "Sara Sorribes Tormo" ~ "Sara Sorribes-Tormo",
    scorerId == "Botic Van De Zandschulp" ~ "Botic Van-De-Zandschulp",
    scorerId == "Genaro Alberto Olivieri" ~ "Genaro Alberto-Olivieri",
    scorerId == "Thiago Seyboth Wild" ~ "Thiago Seyboth-Wild",
    TRUE ~ scorerId
  )
) |>
group_by(match_id) |>
mutate(server_game_score = case_when(serverId == player1
    ~ player1_game_score,
    serverId == player2
    ~ player2_game_score),
    receiver_game_score = case_when(receiverId == player1
    ~ player1_game_score,
    receiverId == player2
    ~ player2_game_score),
    server_set_score = case_when(serverId == player1
    ~ player1_set_score,
    serverId == player2
    ~ player2_set_score),
    receiver_set_score = case_when(receiverId == player1
    ~ player1_set_score,
    receiverId == player2
    ~ player2_set_score)) |>
mutate(is_tiebreak = if_else(server_set_score == 6
    & receiver_set_score == 6,
    true = TRUE, false = FALSE)) |>
relocate(server_game_score, receiver_game_score,
    server_set_score, receiver_set_score, is_tiebreak) |>

mutate(
  server_game_score2 = case_when(
    (server_game_score == "AD" & receiver_game_score == "40") ~ "40",
    (server_game_score == "40" & receiver_game_score == "AD") ~ "30",
    TRUE ~ server_game_score
  ),

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receiver_game_score2 = case_when(
  (receiver_game_score == "AD" & server_game_score == "40") ~ "40",
  (receiver_game_score == "40" & server_game_score == "AD") ~ "30",
  TRUE ~ receiver_game_score
)
) |>
mutate(server_game_score = server_game_score2,
  receiver_game_score = receiver_game_score2) |>

mutate(server_game_score = as.numeric(server_game_score),
  receiver_game_score = as.numeric(receiver_game_score)) |>

## Calculate match scores
mutate(player1_match_score = 0,
  player2_match_score = 0) |>
mutate(player1_match_score = case_when(
  set == 1 ~ 0,
  (player1_set1_lag >= 6 & player1_set1_lag > player2_set1_lag)
  ~ (player1_match_score + 1),
  (player1_set2_lag >= 6 & player1_set2_lag > player2_set2_lag)
  ~ (player1_match_score + 1),
  (player1_set3_lag >= 6 & player1_set3_lag > player2_set3_lag)
  ~ (player1_match_score + 1),
  (player1_set4_lag >= 6 & player1_set4_lag > player2_set4_lag)
  ~ (player1_match_score + 1),
  (player1_set5_lag >= 6 & player1_set5_lag > player2_set5_lag)
  ~ (player1_match_score + 1),
  TRUE ~ player1_match_score)) |>
mutate(player2_match_score = case_when(
  set == 1 ~ 0,
  (player2_set1_lag >= 6 & player2_set1_lag > player1_set1_lag)
  ~ (player2_match_score + 1),
  (player2_set2_lag >= 6 & player2_set2_lag > player1_set2_lag)
  ~ (player2_match_score + 1),
  (player2_set3_lag >= 6 & player2_set3_lag > player1_set3_lag)
  ~ (player2_match_score + 1),
  (player2_set4_lag >= 6 & player2_set4_lag > player1_set4_lag)
  ~ (player2_match_score + 1),
  (player2_set5_lag >= 6 & player2_set5_lag > player1_set5_lag)
  ~ (player2_match_score + 1),
  TRUE ~ player2_match_score)) |>
mutate(server_match_score = case_when(serverId == player1
  ~ player1_match_score,
  serverId == player2
  ~ player2_match_score),
  receiver_match_score = case_when(receiverId == player1

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~ player1_match_score,
receiverId == player2
~ player2_match_score)) |>

mutate(score_diff = if_else(is_tiebreak == TRUE,
  if_else(pmax(server_game_score,
    receiver_game_score) > 6,
    pmax(server_game_score,
      receiver_game_score) - 6, 0),
  0)) |>
mutate(server_game_score = server_game_score - score_diff,
  receiver_game_score = receiver_game_score - score_diff) |>

## Flip server and receiver scores for game_score and set_score
mutate(
  # Preserve original values
  server_game_score_og = server_game_score,
  receiver_game_score_og = receiver_game_score,
  server_set_score_og = server_set_score,
  receiver_set_score_og = receiver_set_score,

  # Swap server and receiver scores
  server_game_score = receiver_game_score_og,
  receiver_game_score = server_game_score_og,
  server_set_score = receiver_set_score_og,
  receiver_set_score = server_set_score_og
) |>

## Combine scores
mutate(game_score = paste(server_game_score, receiver_game_score,
  sep = "-"),
  set_score = paste(server_set_score, receiver_set_score, sep = "-"),
  match_score = paste(server_match_score, receiver_match_score,
    sep = "-")) |>

## Handle AD-40 and 40-AD game scores:
mutate(game_score = case_when(game_score == "AD-40" ~ "40-30",
  game_score == "40-AD" ~ "30-40",
  set_score == "0-0" &
    !(game_score %in% c("0-0", "0-15",
      "0-30", "0-40",
      "15-0", "15-15",
      "15-30", "15-40",
      "30-0", "30-15",
      "30-30", "30-40",
      "40-0", "40-15",
      "40-30", "40-40"))

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      ~ "0-0",
      TRUE ~ game_score)) |>
relocate(server_game_score, receiver_game_score,
          game_score, server_set_score, receiver_set_score,
          set_score, server_match_score, receiver_match_score, match_score)

atp_importance_5 <- atp_importance |>
  filter(bestof == 5) |>
  distinct(point_score, game_score, set_score, .keep_all = TRUE) |>
  mutate(atp_importance = importance) |>
  select(-importance)

wta_importance_3 <- atp_importance |>
  filter(bestof == 3) |>
  distinct(point_score, game_score, set_score, .keep_all = TRUE) |>
  mutate(wta_importance = importance) |>
  select(-importance)

all_matches_importance <- join_ready_df |>
  left_join(atp_importance_5, by = c("game_score" = "point_score",
                                   "set_score" = "game_score",
                                   "match_score" = "set_score")) |>
  left_join(wta_importance_3, by = c("game_score" = "point_score",
                                   "set_score" = "game_score",
                                   "match_score" = "set_score")) |>
  relocate(game_score, set_score, match_score, atp_importance, wta_importance)

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378 **clean_shot_level()**

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#' Clean Shot Level Function
#'
#' This is a function that parses the trajectory data from the
#' Court Vision data - breaking the match/matches down to the
#' *shot* level of granularity.
#'
#' @param cleaned_data is a data frame of cleaned point-level data
#' @return returns a data frame with several rows (hit, net, peak, bounce) for
#' each shot in the match/matches of interest
#'
#' @examples
#' nadal_2022_cleaned <- clean_and_combine(nadal_2022,
#'                                         player_interest = "Nadal")

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#' on the tennis court, dashed line represents the net
#'
#' @examples
#' draw_court()
#'
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export

draw_court <- function() {
  list(
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 5.02, xend = 5.02,
      y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 4.11, xend = 4.11,
      y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = -5.02, xend = -5.02,
      y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = -4.11, xend = -4.11,
      y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 0, xend = 0, y = -6.4,
      yend = 6.4, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", y = 0, yend = 0,
      x = -5.02, xend = 5.02, linetype = 2, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", y = -11.88, yend = -11.88,
      x = -5.02, xend = 5.02, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", y = 11.88, yend = 11.88,
      x = -5.02, xend = 5.02, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", y = -6.4, yend = -6.4,
      x = -4.11, xend = 4.11, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", y = 6.4, yend = 6.4,
      x = -4.11, xend = 4.11, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 0, xend = 0,
      y = -11.88, yend = -11.6, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 0, xend = 0,
      y = 11.88, yend = 11.6, alpha = 0.5),
    theme_void(),
    coord_fixed()
  )
}

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#' Filter Matches Function
#'
#' This is a function that finds all matches of a specified player, year,
#' and/or round using the all_matches_importance data frame
#'
#' @param player is a string of the player's name,
#' first and last name (case sensitive)
#' @param year_of_interest is a string of the year the match was played,
#' between 2019 and 2023
#' @return returns a point-level data frame of all matches given the
#' specified player and year
#'
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export

filter_matches <- function(player = "(.|\s)*\\S(.\s)*",
                           year_of_interest = "(.|\s)*\\S(.\s)*") {

  filtered_df <- all_matches_importance |>
    # is_important variables
    mutate(atp_is_important = if_else(atp_importance >= 0.1, 1, 0),
           atp_is_important = as.logical(atp_is_important),
           wta_is_important = if_else(wta_importance >= 0.1, 1, 0),
           wta_is_important = as.logical(wta_is_important)) |>

  # Filter based on the parameters of the function
  filter(player1 == player | player2 == player) |>
  filter(year == year_of_interest) |>

  # Parse and combine match_score_overall for plot label
  mutate(
    set1_score = if_else(player == player1,
                        paste(player1_set1, player2_set1, sep = "-"),
                        paste(player2_set1, player1_set1, sep = "-")),
    set2_score = if_else(player == player1,
                        paste(player1_set2, player2_set2, sep = "-"),
                        paste(player2_set2, player1_set2, sep = "-")),
    set3_score = if_else(player == player1,
                        paste(player1_set3, player2_set3, sep = "-"),
                        paste(player2_set3, player1_set3, sep = "-")),
    set4_score = if_else(player == player1,
                        paste(player1_set4, player2_set4, sep = "-"),
                        paste(player2_set4, player1_set4, sep = "-")),
  )
}

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set5_score = if_else(player == player1,
                      paste(player1_set5, player2_set5, sep = "-"),
                      paste(player2_set5, player1_set5, sep = "-")),
match_score_overall = pmap_chr(
  list(set1_score, set2_score, set3_score, set4_score, set5_score),
  ~ str_c(
    discard(
      c(...),
      ~ str_count(.x, "-") != 1),
    collapse = ", "
  )
)
) |>

# Store original player names and scores
mutate(
  original_player1 = player1,
  original_player2 = player2,
  original_player1_game_score = player1_game_score,
  original_player2_game_score = player2_game_score,
  original_player1_set_score = player1_set_score,
  original_player2_set_score = player2_set_score) |>

# Rearrange players and scores based on whether they match the player
mutate(
  player1 = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player1,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2),
  player2 = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player1),
  player1_game_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player1_game_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2_game_score),
  player2_game_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2_game_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player1_game_score),
  player1_set_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))

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    ~ original_player1_set_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2_set_score),
  player2_set_score = case_when(
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player1), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player2_set_score,
    str_detect(str_to_lower(original_player2), str_to_lower(player))
    ~ original_player1_set_score)) |>

# Create plot_label variable
mutate(plot_label = str_c(player2, round, match_score_overall,
                          sep = "\n")) |>

# Add numeric round before grouping
mutate(round = factor(round,
                     levels = c("R64", "R32", "R16", "QF", "SF", "F")),
       round_num = as.numeric(round)) |>

# Create plot label and final plot label per match
mutate(plot_label = str_c(player2, round, match_score_overall,
                          sep = "\n")) |>

group_by(match_id) |>
mutate(plot_label_final = last(plot_label[!is.na(plot_label)])) |>
ungroup() |>
mutate(
  plot_label_final = as_factor(plot_label_final),
  plot_label_final = fct_reorder(plot_label_final, round_num)
) |>

relocate(plot_label_final, set, player1_game_score, player2_game_score,
         player1_set_score, player2_set_score, player1, player2)

return(filtered_df)
}

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