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

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Abstract

At the highest level of tennis, a player's mental skillset is as – if not, more – important than their physical and technical skillset. Do the elite players of the sport handle pressure situations 40 differently that sets them apart from the rest of the players? The goal of this paper is to 41 tackle this question by leveraging shot placement data (the exact coordinates of the ball using trajectory-tracking technology) collected during the French Open – the most prestigious clay 43 court tournament in the world. The data preparation process involved data scraping, detailoriented data cleaning and parsing, and joining and filtering functions. Using the processed data, my goal was to create meaningful visualizations that effectively illustrate how the best players in the world serve and return on the most important points. This paper will highlight that for these high-pressure points, the elite players tend to stick to their strengths and even 48 play more aggressively when serving, however, on the return of serve, elite players generally adopt a more conservative approach to their current strategy.

51 Introduction

In the game of tennis, its unique scoring system sets it apart from sports with more traditional scoring structures. Tennis scoring can be compared to a Chinese nesting doll: a player must win points to win a game, win games to win a set, and win sets to win a match. This layered system creates several natural "reset" points throughout a match (e.g., after the conclusion of a game or set), offering players a chance to regain momentum if they start poorly. However,

it also creates specific points that carry significantly more weight – particularly those late in a set when the score is close. These pressure points – referred to as *important points* later in the paper – are relatively rare but have a disproportionately large impact on the trajectory of an entire match.

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

While traditional tennis statistics – like first serve percentage or total winners – offer a highlevel view of performance, they rarely capture the nuances of tactical adaptations during
pressure points. As a solo sport, the gravitational pull of pressure during big moments is
intense, and some players have proven they can handle it better than others. While mental
toughness is often cited as the key to thriving under pressure, it has historically been difficult
to measure objectively. In Stephanie Kovalchik's study of clutch performance and mental
toughness among top tennis athletes, she points out that although mental toughness is frequently credited for strong performances in clutch moments, there has been little objective
evidence to back up this belief. This gap – the need to identify and visualize the tactical signs

- of mental resilience is precisely what this paper aims to explore.
- 79 The goal of this project is to move beyond simple outcome-based measures and use shot
- 80 placement data capturing the exact coordinates of ball trajectories to analyze how elite
- 81 players such as Federer, Nadal, and Djokovic adapt their strategies under pressure. Rather
- than asking whether players succeed in important moments, this project focuses on how they
- 83 succeed: by examining whether they alter their serve placement, shot selection, or return
- 84 tactics during critical points. Identifying these tactical shifts offers insight into the mental and
- 85 strategic adjustments that underlie elite performance.
- By leveraging tennis tracking technology, point importance scoring models, and visual anal-
- ysis, this paper brings a data-driven perspective to a topic traditionally discussed in broad,
- subjective terms. In doing so, it aims to provide objective evidence of how the greatest play-
- ers in tennis consistently manage to win the points that shape matches and, by extension,
- 90 careers. Through careful examination of their shot patterns under pressure, this work reveals
- 91 the subtle yet powerful ways that mental toughness and strategic clarity manifest themselves
- 92 during the *most important* moments in tennis.

93 Data and Methods

94 Data and Variables of Interest

95 CourtVision Data

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

102 trajectoryData Variable

This CourtVision data includes a uniquely important variable, aptly named trajectoryData, 103 which includes the exact coordinates (x, y, z) and position of every ball hit from the majority 104 of stadium-court and some satellite-court matches at the French Open. The x coordinate 105 represents the length of the court, the y coordinate represents the width of the court, the z 106 coordinate represents the height of the ball above the ground (see Figure 1), and position 107 refers to the location of the ball when the coordinates are tracked: either at contact (hit), 108 at the ball's peak (peak), when the ball crosses or hits the net (net), when the ball bounces 109 (bounce), and the last tracked location of the ball (last). All coordinates are measured in 110

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

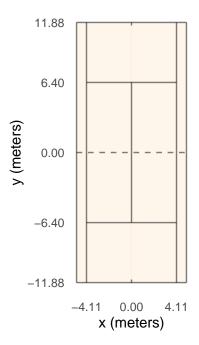


Figure 1: Bird's eye view of a tennis court. The dashed line represents the net. Refer to draw_court() in the Appendix for R code for drawing the scaled court.

Other Variables of Interest

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

atp_importance and wta_importance are the calculated importance values of the current point based on the current score of the match. These importance values are calculated for every

- possible tennis score and stored in the atp_importance dataset in Kovalchik's deuce package.
- $_{121}$ Importance values range from a minimum of 0.0001 and to a maximum of 0.5. Point importance
- is calculated differently for ATP and WTA matches since ATP French Open matches are best
- 3 out of 5 sets while WTA French Open matches are best 2 out of 3 sets. Regardless, the
- calculation for point importance follows the same general probability equation:
- $P(\text{server wins the match} \mid \text{server wins the point}) P(\text{server wins the match} \mid \text{receiver wins the point}).$
- To characterize points that pass a certain level of importance, I created atp_is_important and
- wta_is_important logical variables. I decided somewhat arbitrarily that all points with an
- importance value of 0.1 or higher are important (atp_is_important = TRUE) and all points
- with an importance value below 0.1 are non-important (atp_is_important = FALSE).
- 130 serverId, receiverId, and scorerId are the unique identification numbers of the player
- serving, receiving, and who won the point, respectively. These values are used to join with
- 132 Jeff Sackmann's player file to get player names instead of identification numbers.
- breakPoint is another important logical variable I used in this analysis. When the serving
- player is facing a break point (the server is a point away from getting their serve broken),
- breakPoint = TRUE, otherwise, breakPoint = FALSE. Break points typically have a high im-
- portance value, especially when the match score is close.

137 Data Processing

138 matchScore Parsing and Augmentation

The first stage of data processing was parsing the current match score from the matchScore 139 variable which initially is stored as a semi-structured data object. The following example 140 represents a score of 6-3, 6-3, 4-0, 40-15: 141 {'p1Set1Score': '6', 'p1Set2Score': '6', 'p1Set3Score': '4', 'p1Set4Score': '-1', 'p1Set5Score': '-142 1', 'p1Set1TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set2TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set3TBScore': '-1', 'p1Set4TBScore': '-1', 143 'p1Set5TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set1Score': '3', 'p2Set2Score': '3', 'p2Set3Score': '0', 'p2Set4Score': '-1', 'p2Set5Score': '-1', 'p2Set1TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set2TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set3TBScore': '-1', 145 'p2Set4TBScore': '-1', 'p2Set5TBScore': '-1', 'p1GameScore': '40', 'p2GameScore': '15'} 146 I parsed this semi-structured data object to obtain the clean form required to join my main all matches dataset with the atp_importance dataset. The goal of this step in data pro-148 cessing was to obtain a clean form of the score through a series of steps involving numeric 149 data parsing, filtering and lagging to fix the fact that matchScore initially represented the 150 score of the match after the point was played while also handling the issue of first and sec-151 ond serves from the same point being separate rows in all matches, controlling the data 152 types (e.g., having "GAME" and "AD" as part of the original matchScore variable posed sev-153 eral issues), and correcting several small systematic errors in the endings of tiebreak sets (see clean_point_level() in the Appendix for the R code). The resulting cleaned score from the 155 above example is illustrated in Table 1. 156

Table 1: Cleaned and separated match score.

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

157 Importance Joining

Once my all matches dataset contained variables holding the cleaned score of the match, 158 further score processing was required to obtain the score format needed to join with 159 atp importance. The following data processing steps allowed me to create the main 160 all matches importance dataset with importance values for nearly every point in the 161 all matches dataset - apart from all 2019 matches where the matchScore variable was null. 162 I corrected data inconsistencies in player names, augmented the overall match score using the 163 previous set scores of the current match, and combined and reordered the server and receiver 164 scores to follow the tennis scoring convention (i.e., the server's score always comes first). 165 Refer to the Importance Joining section in the Appendix for the R code. The resulting three 166 variables (game_score, set_score, match_score) needed to uniquely identify the current 167 score of the match from the example above are shown in Table 2, and as you might be able 168 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

170 trajectoryData Parsing

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

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

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

Table 3: Formatted trajectory data after cleaning.

Position	X	у	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

181 filter_matches() Function

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

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

Visualization

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

Finally, I colored the points to compare a player's tactics based on situational importance

in two different ways: 1. color points by atp_is_important (or wta_is_important), and 2.

color points by breakPoint. Using both of these coloring techniques, I created effective visuals

to observe any strategic differences based on the match score and situation. Additionally,

I plotted a particular player's matches in a given tournament sequentially, allowing for an

opponent-specific strategic analysis as well (see Case Studies section for visuals).

Data Summary Statistics

The data I used for this project are relatively new since CourtVision has only been operational since 2019. In this analysis, I focus on the years of 2020-2023 since these years have fully operational and accurate matchScore and trajectoryData variables. Table 4 shows some 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%

Out of the 180 total matches tracked in this dataset, a total of 33,644 points were recorded. Across those points, 185,702 shots were tracked – yielding an average rally length of approxi-208 mately 5.5 shots per point. However, not all points carry the same weight. Only 20.2% of all 209 points reached the threshold to be classified as important (i.e., an importance value of 0.1 or 210 higher), meaning just 1 in every 5 points played held greater implications for the outcome of a 211 match. Within those 5,745 important points, players hit a combined 32,072 shots, averaging 212 5.6 shots per point – a rally length nearly identical to the overall average. Similarly, only 213 20.6\% of all shots hit in the dataset occurred during important points. In short, important 214 points are relatively few and far between, but they represent the critical moments that can 215 ultimately decide the outcome of a match.

217 Case Studies

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218 Rafael Nadal Serves (2022 Title Run)

Rafael Nadal Serve Locations – Important Points – 2022 Title Run Botic Van-De-Zandschulp R32 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 R16 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 R16 3-6, 6-3

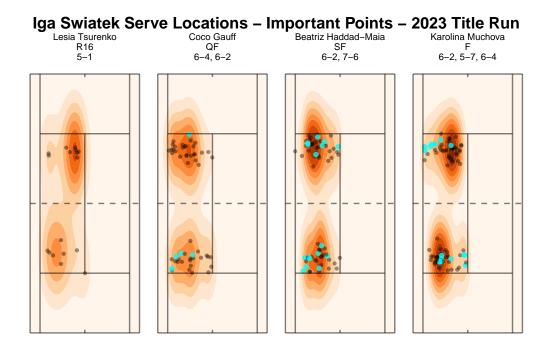
• Serves on break points: more margin, similar targets

221 Zverev Serves

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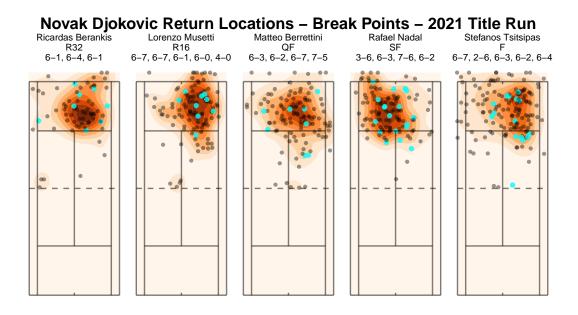
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1222 Iga Swiatek Serves (2023 Title Run)



• Consistent center targeting under pressure

Novak Djokovic (2021)



• Elite return depth and accuracy on important points

228 Someone else for returns

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Discussion (embed into Case Studies section, general discussion

can go into Conclusion)

- Tactical trends: aggression vs. safety, overall tactical change between important / nonimportant points
- Differences across ATP and WTA examples

234 Conclusion

- Players adapt differently under pressure:
- On **serve**, Nadal and Swiatek often maintain their strategy but play *more aggres-*sively on important points.
- On **return**, Djokovic prioritizes consistency in high-stakes moments.
- Only $\sim 20\%$ of all points are labeled as important, but they have a disproportionately large impact on match outcomes.
- Shot placement data allows us to visualize elite players' serve and return patterns in response to pressure, enabling more nuanced performance analysis.
- Future work rally shots instead of just serve/return

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249 Appendix

250 clean_point_level()

```
#' Clean Point Level
\ensuremath{\mbox{\#'}} This is a function that cleans the Court Vision data to the
#' *point* level of granularity.
# '
#' Cparam 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",</pre>
                                           year = "2022",
# 1
                                           round = "F")
# '
#' clean_point_level(nadal_final_2022[[1]])
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export
clean_point_level <- function(raw_data,</pre>
                               player_of_interest = "(.|\s)*\S(.|\s)*") {
  all_players <- read_csv("inst/data/all_players.csv")</pre>
  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",
                                    "vear",
                                    "court_number",
                                    "file_ending"), sep = "_") |>
    separate(opponents, into = c("player1", "player2"), sep = "-vs-") |>
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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(".$", "", matchScore)) |>
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                               "player1_set5_score",
                               "player1_set1_tbscore",
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  separate(player2_game_score,
           into = c("label", "player2 game"),
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         player1_game = sub(".$", "", 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"),
           sep = " ") |>
  separate(opponents, into = c("player1", "player2"), sep = "-vs-") |>
  mutate(player1 = sub("-", " ", player1),
         player2 = sub("-", " ", player2)) |>
  mutate(point_index = row_number()) |>
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separate(player2_set4_score, into = c("label", "player2_set4"),
         sep = ": ") |>
separate(player2_set5_score, into = c("label", "player2_set5"),
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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 == 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(
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# 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,
                                 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,
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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) |>
# 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),
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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)
```

251 Importance Joining

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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",
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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(
 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
```

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) |>
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
  ),
 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) |>
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mutate(player1_match_score = case_when()
  set == 1 \sim 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 \sim 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
                                         ~ 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
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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"))
                                ~ "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) |>
```

252 clean_shot_level()

```
#' 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")
#' clean_shot_level(nadal_2022_cleaned)
# '
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export
clean_shot_level <- function(cleaned_data) {</pre>
  formatted_shot_level <- cleaned_data |>
    ## trajectoryData parsing:
    mutate(trajectoryData = sub("^..", "", trajectoryData)) |>
    mutate(trajectoryData = sub("..$", "", trajectoryData)) |>
    separate_longer_delim(trajectoryData, delim = "}, {") |>
    group_by(point_index) |>
    mutate(shot_index = row_number()) |>
    separate(trajectoryData, into = c("x", "y", "z", "position"),
             sep = "\\,") |>
    mutate(x = parse_number(x),
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y = parse_number(y),
         z = parse_number(z),
         position = sub("^....", "", position)) |>
  mutate(position = gsub("'", "", position)) |>
  ## player hit variable construction:
 mutate(is_hit = if_else(position == "hit", true = 1, false = 0)) |>
  group_by(point_index) |>
 mutate(hit_count = cumsum(is_hit)) |>
 mutate(player_hit = if_else(hit_count %% 2 == 1, serverId, receiverId)) |>
  ## net_height and net_clearance variables:
 mutate(net_height = 0.00619 * (y^2) + 0.914) >
 mutate(net_clearance = z - net_height) |>
  relocate(player1_game_score, player2_game_score, player1_set_score,
           player2_set_score, player1, player2, x, y, z, position,
           hit_count, net_clearance)
return(formatted_shot_level)
```

253 draw_court()

```
#' Draw Court
# '
#' This is a function that draws the tennis court (dimensions are to scale)
#' Oreturn returns ggplot layers drawing solid lines representing the lines
#' on the tennis court, dashed line represents the net
# '
#' @examples
#' draw_court()
# '
#' @import tidyverse
#' @export
draw_court <- function() {</pre>
  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, x = -5.02,
             y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
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annotate(geom = "segment", x = -4.11, xend = -4.11,
             y = -11.88, yend = 11.88, alpha = 0.5),
    annotate(geom = "segment", x = 0, x = 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()
  )
}
```

254 filter_matches()

```
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 = "-")),
   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,
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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))
    ~ 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")) >
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