

Game, Set, Match

APCOMP215

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Problem Statement

Game, Set, Match is an online application that aims to predict the winner between two professional tennis opponents. The prediction model is trained on a large public data set of past matches and their results.

Target Audience

- **Professional tennis players and coaches:** The prediction model can be used for preparation and strategy in matches or tournaments.
- **Sports bettors:** The prediction model can be used to inform betting strategies for betting on individual matches.
- **Tennis hobbyist:** The prediction model can be used by anyone interested in tennis to pin your favorite player against random opponents.

Value Prop

- Prediction in sports has become a growing field in ML, whether internally for player training and strategy or externally for sports betting. The US sports betting market is projected to reach **\$17.1B** by 2029, with tennis accounting for over **\$1B** of the market.
- While there has been significant work on other sports (e.g. football, basketball), our team decided to develop a prediction model for a relatively underserved sport, tennis.

Features

- The application enables the user to pin two players head-to-head and generates a prediction and win likelihood for the match.
- The application enables the user to chat with an integrated LLM to ask questions about tennis and individual players as an additional resource.

Google


tennispredictor.com

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Game-Set-Match

Q Search Athlete


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Aleksandre Bakshi

Age: 27 (07/15/1997)
Country: Georgia
Weight: 161 lbs (73kg)
Height: 5'11" (180cm)

vs.



Alex De Minaur

Age: 25 (02/17/1999)
Country: Australia
Weight: 152 lbs (69kg)
Height: 6'0" (183cm)

78%

22%

In their last 5 meetings, Aleksandre Bakshi has beaten Alex De Minaur 4 times.
Additionally, Aleksandre Bakshi has won 9 of his last 11 matches.
We're betting on that hot streak to continue!

What is Alex De Minaur's record?

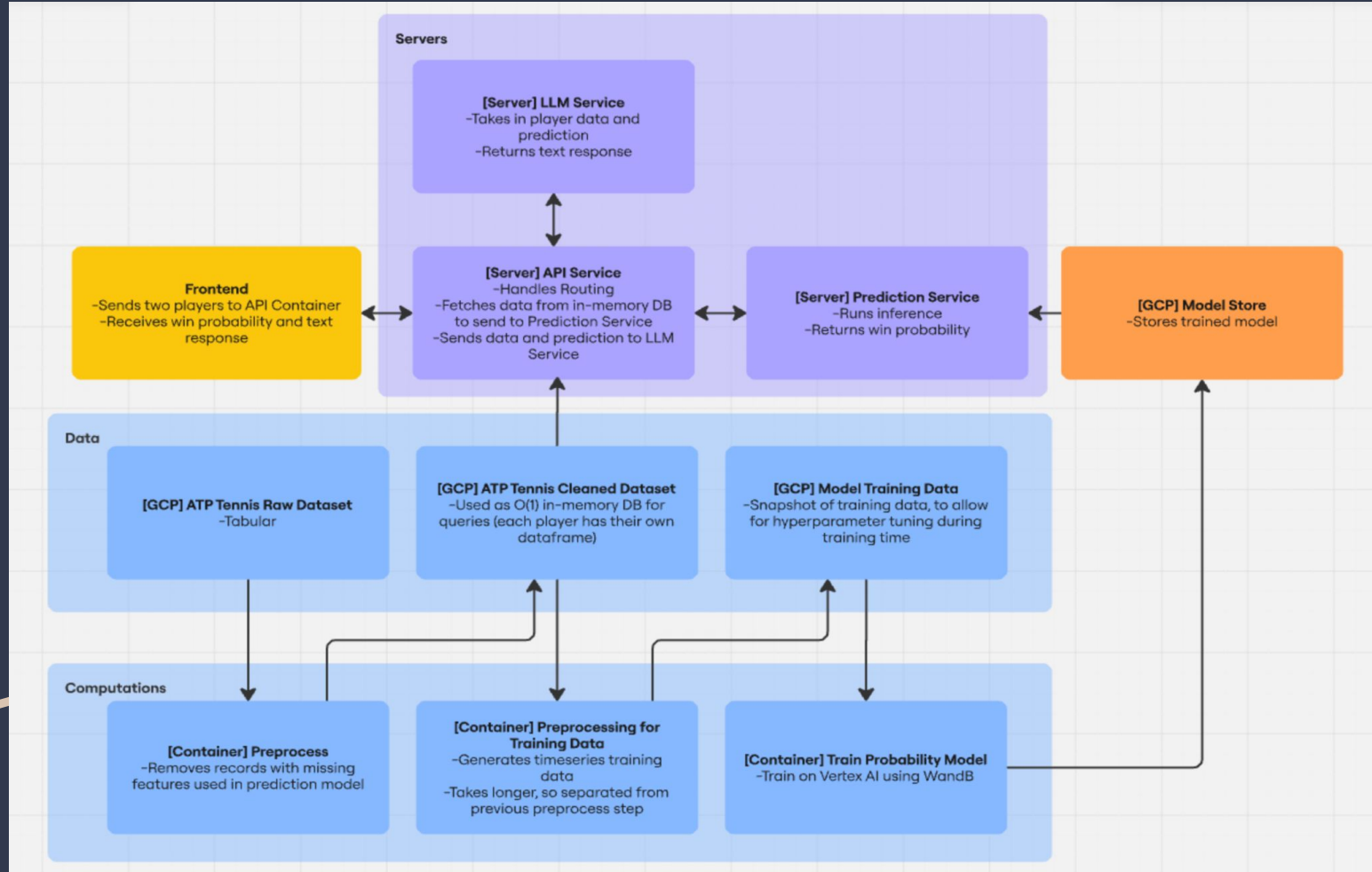
Alex De Minaur's record was 3-1 in 2024.
He was undefeated in 2023 with a record of 5-0.

When did he play his last match?

He played his last match on September 18th, 2024.

Message...>

Technical Design and Considerations



Model Data Details

- Two player IDs -> Fetch H2H stats and last 10 recent match results (for each player, regardless of opponent).
- H2H history stats
 - Win percentage
 - Total matches
- Last 10 match stats as proportion stats:
 $(\text{player_stat} - \text{opponent_stat}) / \text{opponent_stat}$
 - Rank
 - Height
 - Age
 - Aces
 - Double faults
 - Serve points
 - 1st serves in
 - 1st serve points won
 - 2nd serve points won
 - Number of serve games
 - Number of breakpoints saved
 - Number of breakpoints faced

Model Architecture Details

```
class TennisLSTM(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, num_layers, h2h_size):
        super(TennisLSTM, self).__init__()
        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(0.5)
        self.lstm = nn.LSTM(input_size, hidden_size, num_layers, batch_first=True, dropout=.4)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_size * 2 + h2h_size, 64)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(64, 1)
        self.relu = nn.ReLU()

    def forward(self, x1, x2, h2h):
        _, (h1, _) = self.lstm(x1)
        _, (h2, _) = self.lstm(x2)
        h1 = h1[-1]
        h2 = h2[-1]
        combined = torch.cat((h1, h2, h2h), dim=1)
        x = self.relu(self.fc(combined))
        x = self.dropout(x)
        output = torch.sigmoid(self.fc2(x))
        return output
```

- LSTM block shared between both players last 10 match history.
- Final hidden layers concatenated together with historical data.
- Linear layers with ReLU.
- Sigmoid produces probability that player in 1st position (corresponding to x1) will win.

Next Steps

- Connect all remaining components together to ensure a complete backend system.
- Develop the front end application and connect it to the backend.
- Deploy the various services to virtual machines in GCP.
- Test the end-to-end system and improve the model accordingly.

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