When “consistency” comes to mind, what occurs to me? Do I think of myself doing Zumba dance fitness workouts and choreography seven days a week on my living room floor? Could it be when I get my office work done by the end of the week on Fridays so that I can start fresh on Mondays? According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, consistency is the quality of staying the same, even at contrasting times. I believe that the definition is a smooth fit in the sport of tennis.

Tennis is played between two individuals [singles] or two teams of two players each [doubles]. The game is played on a rectangular court divided by a net. The main goal is to hit the ball over the net and into the opponent’s court so that the opponent can’t return the ball. The court is marked for matches, with specific boundary white lines. The game is played on different surfaces, such as carpet, clay, grass, or hard courts, each of which changes the game strategy. The sport is scored in points, games, and sets. Points are awarded, based on the rallies, games are won by accumulating points, and sets are won by winning a specified number of games. The scoring system includes terms like “love” [zero points], “15”, “30”, “40”, and “deuce”. Matches are best-of-three sets for women and best-of-five sets for men in the Grand Slams. To win a set, a player must be the first to win six games with a margin of at least two games. If the set reaches a 6-6 tie, a tiebreaker is played to determine the winner of that set. The tiebreaker is the first player to reach seven points with an edge of at least two points.

My thesis statement showcases players and doubles teams reaching finals without dropping a set. It is an incredible achievement that highlights the skill, stability, and authority of individual players and doubles teams. The other key factors are skill, technique, awareness, fitness, and health. For me though, it doesn’t matter how many titles a player wins. I believe that reaching finals without dropping a set already makes a player a winner, because their stability is solid from start to finish. I chose to write about women’s singles, men’s singles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles. First, I added headings with the player’s name and team name. Next, I listed all the finals as my subheadings. For the results that are withdrawals, walkovers, and three-set finals, I’ll highlight the results in yellow with red text. I’ll either analyze certain matches from specific rounds, or I’ll sum up the main heading with all my subheadings.

# **SERENA WILLIAMS (USA)**

Serena is a baseline player. Her game is balanced around her powerful serve and forceful groundstrokes. Her greatest strength is her serve because it has quick pace and accurate placement. She possesses an accurate, stable ball toss, which lets her serve to any position and dominate a rally from the first stroke. She also holds effective, accurate kick-and-slice serves, which she uses on second serves, to minimize double faults. She hits both her forehand and backhand to create reliable powerful, heavy, dominating groundstrokes and create angles to hit winners from any. Her forehand is hit with heavy topspin, both crosscourt and down-the-line. She can hit her two-handed backhand flat with speed, power, and depth in the same way. She is a skilled net player and can frequently finish points at the net, either with clever touch, aggressive drive volleys, or stable, powerful, reliable overhead smashes. Her return game lets her defuse powerful first serves and attack weak second serves. She is an excellent defender because she can counterpunch against her opponents until she finds the opportunity to hit a winner. She is an exceptional athlete with her movement, speed, court coverage, agility, flexibility, balance, and footwork. Her on-court intelligence, shot selection, and point construction let her effectively execute her playing style. This helped her reach multiple finals on all four surfaces [carpet, clay, grass, and hard] with various partners, all without dropping a set:

**1999 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [RUNNERS-UP] SCORE**

**PARTNER – MAX MIRNYI (BELARUS)**

1. Rennae Stubbs (AUSTRALIA/Jim Grabbs (USA) 6-1 7-6[2]
2. Elena Likhovtseva (RUSSIA)/Jeff Tarango (USA) 6-4 6-4
3. Els Callen (BELGIUM)/Chris Haggard (SOUTH AFRICA) 6-3 6-4
4. Manon Bollengraf (NETHERLANDS)/Pablo Albano (ARGENTINA) 6-4 6-4
5. Mariaan De Swardt (SOUTH AFRICA)/David Adams (SOUTH AFRICA) 6-4 4-6 7-6[5]

**1999 FABER GRAND PRIX [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Anne-Gaëlle Sidot (FRANCE)/Elena Pampoulova (GERMANY) 6-1 6-1
2. Manon Bollengraf (NETHERLANDS)/Caroline Vis (NETHERLANDS) 6-1 6-4
3. Elena Likhovtseva (RUSSIA)/Ai Sugiyama (JAPAN) 6-2 7-6[8]
4. Alexandra Fusai (FRANCE)/Nathalie Tauziat (FRANCE) 5-7 6-2 6-2

**1999 OPEN GDF SUEZ [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Asa Svensson (SWEDEN) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Nathalie Tauziat (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Julie Halard-Decugis (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Semifinal Nathalie Dechy (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-4
5. Final Amélie Mauresmo (FRANCE) Win 6-2 3-6 7-6[4]

**1999 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Jessica Steck (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Round of 32 Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Round of 16 Cara Black (ZIMBABWE) Win 6-0 7-5
4. Quarterfinal Mary Pierce (FRANCE) Win 7-5 7-6[1]
5. Semifinal Sandrine Testud (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-0
6. Final Steffi Graf (GERMANY) Win 6-3 3-6 7-5

**1999 MIAMI OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Jessica Steck (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Round of 32 Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Round of 16 Cara Black (ZIMBABWE) Win 6-0 7-5
4. Quarterfinal Mary Pierce (FRANCE) Win 7-5 7-6[1]
5. Semifinal Sandrine Testud (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-0
6. Final Venus Williams (USA) Loss 6-3 3-6 7-5

**1999 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Amanda Coetzer (SOUTH AFRICA)/Inés Gorrochategui (ARGENTINA) 6-2 6-3
2. Amy Frazier (USA)/Katie Schlukebir (USA) 6-3 6-2
3. Vanessa Menga (BRAZIL)/Elena Pampoulova (GERMANY) 6-1 6-3
4. Els Callen (BELGIUM)/Rita Grande (ITALY) 6-0 7-5
5. Lindsay Davenport (USA)/Mary Pierce (FRANCE) 6-4 6-1
6. Martina Hingis (SWITZERLAND)/Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) 6-3 6-7[2] 8-6

**1999 GRAND SLAM CUP [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Quarterfinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-1
2. Semifinal Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Final Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-1 3-6 6-3

**2000 CANADIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Patty Schnyder (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Amy Frazier (USA) Win 6-0 6-1
4. Semifinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4
5. Final Martina Hingis (SWITZERLAND) Loss 0-6 6-3 3-0 RETIRED

**2000 TOYOTA PRINCESS CUP [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Tamarine Tanasugarn (THAILAND) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Jelena Dokic (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Semifinal Dája Bedáňová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-1 6-4
4. Final Julie Halard-Decugis (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-1

**2001 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Adriana Gerši (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 32 Gala León García (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-1
3. Round of 16 Magdalena Maleeva (BULGARIA) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Quarterfinal Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-1 6-2
5. Semifinal Venus Williams (USA) Won WALKOVER
6. Final Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 4-6 6-4 6-2

**2001 WTA FINALS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Silvia Farina Elia (ITALY) Win 6-0 6-2
2. Quarterfinal Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Win 6-3 7-6[5]
3. Semifinal Sandrine Testud (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-0
4. Final Lindsay Davenport (USA) Won WALKOVER

**2002 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Lilia Osterloh (USA) Win 7-5 6-1
2. Round of 32 Katarina Srebotnik (SLOVENIA) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Round of 16 Marissa Gould (USA) Win 6-1 6-4
4. Quarterfinal Martina Hingis (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-4 6-0
5. Semifinal Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-2 6-2
6. Final Jennifer Capriati (USA) Win 7-5 7-6[4]

**2002 GERMAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Barbara Schett (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Magdalena Maleeva (BULGARIA) Win 7-6[2] 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Amélie Mauresmo (FRANCE) Won WALKOVER
4. Semifinal Anna Smashnova (ISRAEL) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Loss 6-2 1-6 7-6[5]

**2002 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Evie Dominikovic (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 64 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Round of 32 Els Callens (BELGIUM) Win 7-6[5] 7-6[2]
4. Round of 16 Chanda Rubin (USA) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Quarterfinal Daniela Hantuchová (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Semifinal Amélie Mauresmo (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-1
7. Final Venus Williams (USA) Win 7-6[4] 6-3

**2002 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Corina Morariu (USA) Win 6-2 6-3
2. Round of 64 Dinara Safina (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Round of 32 Nathalie Dechy (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Round of 16 Dája Bedáňová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-1 6-1
5. Quarterfinal Daniela Hantuchová (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-2 6-2
6. Semifinal Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-3 7-5
7. Final Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-4 6-3

**2002 TOYOTA PRINCESS CUP [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Patricia Wartusch (AUSTRIA) Win 6-0 6-2
2. Quarterfinal Nicole Pratt (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Semifinal Amy Frazier (USA) Win 7-6[0] 6-3
4. Final Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 2-6 6-3 6-3

**2003 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Rita Grande (ITALY)/Patty Schnyder (SWITZERLAND) 6-3 6-1
2. Casey Dellacqua (AUSTRALIA/Nicole Sewell (AUSTRALIA) 6-3 6-2
3. Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUSSIA)/Martina Navratilova (USA) 6-2 6-3
4. Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM)/Ai Sugiyama (JAPAN) 6-4 7-5
5. Lindsay Davenport (USA)/Lisa Raymond (USA) 6-2 6-2
6. Virginia Ruano Pascual (SPAIN)/Paola Suárez (ARGENTINA) 4-6 6-4 6-3

**2003 OPEN GDF SUEZ [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Myriam Casanova (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-0 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Janette Husárová (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Semifinal Eleni Daniilidou (GREECE) Win 6-2 6-0
4. Final Amélie Mauresmo (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-2

**2003 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 7-5 6-1
2. Round of 32 Tatiana Panova (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-1
3. Round of 16 Iroda Tulyaganova (UZBEKISTAN) Win 6-0 6-4
4. Quarterfinal Marion Bartoli (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-2
5. Semifinal Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 6-4 6-2
6. Final Jennifer Capriati (USA) Win 4-6 6-4 6-1

**2003 CHARLESTON OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Dally Randriantefy (MADAGASCAR) Win 6-3 6-0
2. Round of 16 Conchita Martínez (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Jelena Dokic (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Semifinal Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-1 7-5
5. Final Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Loss 6-3 6-4

**2007 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Anastasia Rodionova (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 32 Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Round of 16 Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Quarterfinal Nicole Vaidišová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-1 6-4
5. Semifinal Shahar Pe’er (ISRAEL) Win 7-6[4] 6-1
6. Final Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Win 0-6 7-5 6-3

**2007 KREMLIN CUP [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Tatiana Perebiynis (UKRAINE) Win 7-5 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Nicole Vaidišová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 7-6[7]
3. Semifinal Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[2] 6-1
4. Final Elena Dementieva (RUSSIA) Loss 5-7 6-1 6-1

**2008 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Tatiana Poutchek (BELARUS)/Anastasia Rodionova (AUSTRALIA) 6-0 6-3
2. Marta Domachowska (POLAND)/Aga Radwańska (POLAND) 6-0 6-4
3. Anabel Medina Garrigues (SPAIN)/Virginia Ruano Pascual (SPAIN) 6-1 6-4
4. Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)/Sania Mirza (INDIA) 6-4 6-3
5. Nathalie Dechy (FRANCE)/Casey Dellacqua (AUSTRALIA) 6-3 6-3
6. Lisa Raymond (USA)/Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA) 6-2 6-2

**2008 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Kateryna Bondarenko (UKRAINE) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Round of 64 Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Round of 32 Ai Sugiyama (JAPAN) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Round of 16 Séverine Beltrame (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2
5. Quarterfinal Venus Williams (USA) Win 7-6[6] 7-6[7]
6. Semifinal Dinara Safina (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
7. Final Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 6-4 7-5

**2009 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Virginie Razzano (FRANCE)/Aravane Rezaï (FRANCE) 6-3 6-3
2. Sabine Lisicki (GERMANY)/Aleksandra Wozniak (CANAD) 6-1 6-4
3. Yan Zi (CHINA)/Zheng Jie (CHINA) 6-0 6-0
4. Anna-Lena Grönefeld (GERMANY)/Vania King (USA) 6-2 7-5
5. Cara Black (ZIMBABWE)/Liezel Huber (USA) 6-1 6-2
6. Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA)/Rennae Stubbs (AUSTRALIA) 7-6[4] 6-4

**2010 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Michelle Larcher de Brito (PORTUGAL) Win 6-0 6-4
2. Round of 64 Anna Chakvetadze (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Round of 32 Dominika Cibulková (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-0 7-5
4. Round of 16 Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[9] 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Na Li (CHINA) Win 7-5 6-3
6. Semifinal Petra Kvitová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-6[5] 6-2
7. Final Vera Zvonareva (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2

**2011 US OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Bojana Jovanovski (SERBIA) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 64 Michaëlla Krajicek (NETHERLANDS) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Round of 32 Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-1 7-6[5]
4. Round of 16 Ana Ivanović (SERBIA): 6-3 6-4 Win 6-3 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Nastia Pavlyuchenkova (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 6-1
6. Semifinal Caroline Wozniacki (DENMARK) Win 6-2 6-4
7. Final Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA) Loss 6-2 6-3

The US Open is the fourth and final Grand Slam tournament of the year. It follows the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon. It starts on the last Monday of August and continues for two weeks, with the middle weekend on the US Labor Day holiday weekend. Like Wimbledon, it is the oldest tennis championship in the world. The tournament was played in 1881 on grass until 1974. From 1975 until 1977, it was switched to clay. Since 1978, the tournament has been played on acrylic hardcourts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, NY. The tournament uses standard tiebreakers [first to seven, win by two] in every set of a singles match. For the other three Grand Slam events, there are special scoring methods for a match that reaches six games all in the last possible set [third for women, fifth for men]. In the French Open, the decisive set continues until a player takes a two-game lead. At the other three remaining Grand Slams, an extended tiebreaker to 10 points is played.

Wozniacki is a defensive baseliner with a counterpunching playing style. She can cover the court with speed to turn defense into offense. She can use her backhand to oppose her opponents’ shots and redirect the ball. While her game is mainly based on defense, she can mix in offensive shots and flatten them out to take control of the points. The first set featured breaks in the fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth games. This was followed by three more breaks in the third, ninth, and 10th games of the second set.

**2012 CHARLESTON OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-4
2. Round of 16 Marina Erakovic (NEW ZEALAND) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Semifinal Sabine Lisicki (GERMANY) Win 4-1 RETIRED
5. Final Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-0 6-1

**2012 SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Nicole Gibbs (USA) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Chanelle Scheepers (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-4 6-0
3. Semifinal Sorana Cîrstea (ROMANIA) Win 6-1 6-2
4. Final Coco Vandeweghe (USA) Win 7-5 6-3

**2012 SUMMER OLYMPICS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-1
2. Round of 32 Urszula Radwańska (POLAND) Win 6-2 6-3
3. Round of 16 Vera Zvonareva (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-0
4. Quarterfinal Caroline Wozniacki (DENMARK) Win 6-0 6-3
5. Semifinal Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-1 6-2
6. Final Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-1

**2012 SUMMER OLYMPICS [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

**PARTNER – VENUS WILLIAMS (USA)**

1. Sorana Cîrstea (ROMANIA)/Simona Halep (ROMANIA) 6-3 6-2
2. Angelique Kerber (GERMANY)/Sabine Lisicki (GERMANY) 6-2 7-5
3. Sara Errani (ITALY)/Roberta Vinci (ITALY) 6-1 6-1
4. Maria Kirilenko (RUSSIA)/Nadia Petrova (RUSSIA) 7-5 6-4
5. Andrea Hlaváčková (CZECH REPUBLIC)/ Lucie Hradecká (CZECH REPUBLIC) 6-4 6-4

**2012 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Coco Vandeweghe (USA) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 64 María José Martínez Sánchez (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Round of 32 Katya Makarova (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-0
4. Round of 16 Andrea Hlaváčková (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-0 6-0
5. Quarterfinal Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 6-1 6-3
6. Semifinal Sara Errani (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-2
7. Final Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-2 2-6 7-5

**2012 WTA FINALS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Group Stage 1 Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Group Stage 2 Na Li (CHINA) Win 7-6[2] 6-3
3. Group Stage 3 Angelique Kerber (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-1
4. Semifinal Aga Radwańska (POLAND) Win 6-2 6-1
5. Final Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-3

**2013 BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Varvara Lepchenko (USA) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 16 Alizé Cornet (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Sloane Stephens (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
4. Semifinal Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win WALKOVER
5. Final Nastia Pavlyuchenkova (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-1

**2013 CHARLESTON OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Camila Giorgi (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-3
2. Round of 16 Mallory Burdette (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 6-1
4. Semifinal Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-1 6-2
5. Final Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 3-6 6-0 6-2

**2013 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Laura Robson (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-2 6-2
2. Round of 16 Dominika Cibulková (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-0
4. Semifinal Simona Halep (ROMANIA) Win 6-3 6-0
5. Final Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-1 6-3

**2013 SWEDISH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Sesil Karatantcheva (BULGARIA) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Anna Tatishvili (USA) Win 6-2 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Lourdes Domínguez Lino (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Semifinal Klára Koukalová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-0 6-4
5. Final Johanna Larsson (SWEDEN) Win 6-4 6-1

**2013 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Kirsten Flipkens (BELGIUM) Win 6-0 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Magdaléna Rybáriková (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Semifinal Aga Radwańska (POLAND) Win 7-6[3] 6-4
5. Final Sorana Cîrstea (ROMANIA) Win 6-2 6-0

**2013 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 64 Galina Voskoboeva (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-3 6-0
3. Round of 32 Slava Shvedova (KAZAKSHTAN) Win 6-3 6-1
4. Round of 16 Sloane Stephens (USA) Win 6-4 6-1
5. Quarterfinal Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-0
6. Semifinal Na Li (CHINA) Win 6-0 6-3
7. Final Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 7-5 6-7[6] 6-1

**2013 CHINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 32 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 6-4 7-5
3. Round of 16 Maria Kirilenko (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 7-5
4. Quarterfinal Caroline Wozniacki (DENMARK) Win 6-1 6-4
5. Semifinal Aga Radwańska (POLAND) Win 6-2 6-2
6. Final Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 6-2 6-2

**2014 BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Andrea Petkovic (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Dominika Cibulková (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Semifinal Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 7-6[7]
4. Final Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-4 7-5

The Australian Open series is a group of tune-up tournaments for the Australian Open. The Brisbane International is the first tournament in the Australian Open series. It takes place at the Queensland Tennis Center in Brisbane. Azárenka is a baseline player with all-around skills. She can move her opponents around until she finds the opportunity to hit an easy winner. Her movement, speed, court coverage, and footwork blend offense and defense together. Serena received serve in this match. In the first set, Serena broke in the seventh game. In the second set, Serena broke in the first and seventh games, while Azárenka broke in the fourth and sixth games. Serena was at risk of losing the second set when she dropped her first two service points in the 10th game. But she won four straight service points to a key hold. Then, Serena broke in the 11th game and successfully served out the match in the 12th game.

**2014 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Taylor Townsend (USA) Win 6-3 6-1
2. Round of 64 Vania King (USA) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Round of 32 Varvara Lepchenko (USA) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Round of 16 Kaia Kanepi (ESTONIA) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Quarterfinal Flavia Pennetta (ITALY) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Semifinal Katya Makarova (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-3
7. Final Caroline Wozniacki (DENMARK) Win 6-3 6-3

**2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Camila Giorgi (ITALY) Win 6-4 7-5
2. Round of 64 Su-Wei Hsieh (CHINESE TAIPEI) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Round of 32 Daria Kasatkina (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Round of 16 Margarita Gasparyan (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-1
5. Quarterfinal Maria Sharapova (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-1
6. Semifinal Aga Radwańska (POLAND) Win 6-0 6-4
7. Final Angelique Kerber (GERMANY) Loss 6-4 3-6 6-4

**2016 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Laura Siegemund (GERMANY) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 32 Yulia Putintseva (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 7-6[2] 6-0
3. Round of 16 Kateryna Bondarenko (UKRAINE) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Quarterfinal Simona Halep (ROMANIA) Win 6-4 6-3
5. Semifinal Aga Radwańska (POLAND) Win 6-4 7-6[1]
6. Final Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Loss 6-4 6-4

**2016 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Anna-Lena Friedsam (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 16 Christina McHale (USA) Win 7-6[7] 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-0
4. Semifinal Irina-Camelia Begu (ROMANIA) Win 6-4 6-1
5. Final Madison Keys (USA) Win 7-6[5] 6-3

**2017 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Belinda Bencic (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 64 Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 6-3
3. Round of 32 Nicole Gibbs (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Round of 16 Barbora Strýcová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-5 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Jo Konta (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-2 6-3
6. Semifinal Mirjana Lučić-Baroni (CROATIA) Win 6-2 6-1
7. Final Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-4 6-4

The Australian Open is held at Melbourne Park in Melbourne, Australia, from mid to late January. It is the first of the four Grand Slam tennis events held before the French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. It was first held in 1905 before it became a Grand Slam in 1924. It is the first Grand Slam to feature indoor play during inclement weather or extreme heat on Rod Laver Arena, John Cain Arena, and Margaret Court Arena with retractable roofs. Until 1988, it was played on grass courts. Since then, three types of hardcourt surfaces have been used – green-colored Rebound Ace up to 2007, blue Plexicushion from 2008 to 2019, and blue GreenSet since 2020.

When two tennis players reach the semifinals without dropping a set, it’s tricky to predict who will come out on top in their respective matches, because both players are in brilliant form. It’s not clear whether they’ll execute their game plan at that same level, because it adds extra pressure. So, maintaining that focus can be challenging. On umpteen occasions, both the champion and runner-up can reach a final without dropping a set. But I always find it difficult to decide on who I want to analyze in that tournament. So, I chose to make an easy win-win situation for myself and my readers to completely omit those finals. Serena and Venus both reached the semifinals without dropping a set. But Serena got the job done better than Venus when she won all 12 sets in six matches with her semifinal win against Lučić-Baroni, while Venus had to fight back from losing a first-set tiebreak against Vandeweghe. So, I chose to compare both their semifinal matches.

Venus has an aggressive playing style. She can hit the ball with pace and depth to put pressure on her opponents and set up the opportunities to finish points. She is an exceptional athlete with speed and quickness on the court. Her movement lets her cover the court to reach difficult shots. Vandeweghe has an aggressive playing style. Her serve has speed and placement, which lets her dictate the rallies from the first shot. The pace and depth on her groundstrokes let her control points. Her volleying skills at the net add flexibility to her playing style. In the first set, both players traded breaks in the first two games before Vandeweghe sealed the first-set tiebreak. Then, Venus broke in the third and fifth games of the second set. This was followed by two more breaks in the first and ninth games of the third set.

Lučić-Baroni has an aggressive playing style with her powerful baseline game. She likes to dictate points with her groundstrokes. The pace and depth on her groundstrokes let her control the rallies. Serena received serve in this match. In the first set, Serena broke in the third and fifth games. This was followed by three more straight breaks in the third, fifth and seventh games of the second set.

# **NOVAK DJOKOVIC (SERBIA)**

Djokovic is a baseline player. He has deep, penetrating groundstrokes on both wings. His strongest shot is his backhand down the line because he can hit it with pace and precision. His flexibility, agility, court coverage and mobility let him hit winners from unsustainable positions. His return of serve is a powerful weapon for him because he can use it both on defense and offense. He is efficient off both the forehand and backhand returns because he can frequently get the return in play deep with pace. He occasionally uses a backhand underspin drop shot and sliced backhand. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2007 ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round Robin Jan Hájek (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round Robin Alun Jones (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Paul Goldstein (USA) Win 6-4 7-5
4. Semifinal Joachim Johansson (SWEDEN) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Chris Guccione (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-7[6] 6-4

**2007 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Daniele Bracciali (ITALY) Win 7-6[4] 6-4
2. Round of 32 Michaël Llodra (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-1
3. Round of 16 Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-3
4. Quarterfinal Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Semifinal Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-0 6-1
6. Final Guillermo Cañas (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-2 6-4

**2008 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Benjamin Becker (GERMANY) Win 6-0 6-2 7-6[5]
2. Round of 64 Simone Bolelli (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-2 6-2
3. Round of 32 Sam Querrey (USA) Win 6-3 6-1 6-3
4. Round of 16 Lleyton Hewitt (AUSTRALIA) Win 7-5 6-3 6-3
5. Quarterfinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-3 7-5
6. Semifinal Roger Federer (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-5 6-3 7-6[5]
7. Final Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 4-6 6-4 6-3 7-6[2]

**2008 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-3 7-6[3]
2. Round of 32 Philipp Kohlschreiber (GERMANY) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Round of 16 Guillermo Cañas (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Quarterfinal Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-6[5] 6-2
5. Semifinal Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Final Mardy Fish (USA) Win 6-2 5-7 6-3

# **2008 CINCINNATI MASTERS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

# Round of 32 Simone Bolelli (ITALY) Win 7-6[2] 7-6[2]

1. Round of 16 Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Quarterfinal Ernests Gulbis (LATVIA) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Semifinal Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-5
4. Final Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Loss 7-6[4] 7-6[5]

**2008 THAILAND OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Simon Stadler (GERMANY) Win 6-1 6-3
2. Quarterfinal Robin Söderling (SWEDEN) Win 6-4 7-5
3. Semifinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-5 6-1
4. Final Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 7-6[4] 6-4

**2009 CINCINNATI MASTERS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Ivan Ljubičić (CROATIA) Win 7-6[5] 6-4
2. Round of 16 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 6-4 7-5
4. Semifinal Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-4
5. Final Roger Federer (SWITZERLAND) Loss 6-1 7-5

**2010 CHINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Gong Maoxin (CHINA) Win 6-1 6-3
2. Round of 16 Mardy Fish (USA) Win WALKOVER
3. Quarterfinal Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-2
4. Semifinal John Isner (USA) Win 7-6[1] 6-2
5. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4

**2011 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Denis Istomin (UZBEKISTAN) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 32 James Blake (USA) Win 6-0 6-2
3. Round of 16 Viktor Troicki (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-2
4. Quarterfinal Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-4 6-2
5. Semifinal Mardy Fish (USA) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Final Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 4-6 6-3 7-6[4]

**2011 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Nikolay Davydenko (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 6-1
2. Round of 16 Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win 7-5 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Semifinal Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 6-4 3-0 RETIRED
5. Final Mardy Fish (USA) Win 6-2 3-6 6-4

**2012 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Marcos Baghdatis (CYPRUS) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Round of 32 Viktor Troicki (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Round of 16 Richard Gasquet (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-3
4. Quarterfinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 7-6[1]
5. Semifinal Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-0 7-6[5]
6. Final Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-1 7-6[4]

**2012 SHANGHAI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Tommy Haas (GERMANY) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Semifinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 5-7 7-6[11] 6-3

**2013 DUBAI TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Viktor Troicki (SERBIA) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Round of 16 Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-6[4]
3. Quarterfinal Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-0 6-3
4. Semifinal Juan Martín Del Potro (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 7-6[4]
5. Final Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-5 6-3

**2014 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 32 Florian Mayer (GERMANY) Win WALKOVER
3. Round of 16 Tommy Robredo (SPAIN) Win 6-3 7-5
4. Quarterfinal Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-5 6-3
5. Semifinal Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win WALKOVER
6. Final Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-3

**2014 PARIS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Philipp Kohlschreiber (GERMANY) Win 6-3 6-4
2. Round of 16 Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-3 7-6[2]
3. Quarterfinal Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Semifinal Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-2 6-3
5. Final Milos Raonic (CANADA) Win 6-2 6-3

**2015 CHINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Simone Bolelli (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 16 Zhang Ze (CHINA) Win 6-2 6-1
3. Quarterfinal John Isner (USA) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-3
5. Final Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-2

**2015 SHANGHAI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Martin Kližan (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 16 Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Bernard Tomic (AUSTRALIA) Win 7-6[6] 6-1
4. Semifinal Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-1 6-3
5. Final Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-4

**2016 QATAR OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Dustin Brown (GERMANY) Win 6-2 6-2
2. Round of 16 Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Leonardo Mayer (ARGENTINA) Win 7-5 6-3
4. Semifinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 7-6[3]
5. Final Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-2

**2016 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Kyle Edmund (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 32 João Sousa (PORTUGAL) Win 6-4 6-1
3. Round of 16 Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Quarterfinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Semifinal David Goffin (BELGIUM) Win 7-6[5] 6-4
6. Final Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 6-3

**2016 MADRID OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Borna Ćorić (CROATIA) Win 6-2 6-4
2. Round of 16 Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Milos Raonic (CANADA) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Semifinal Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 7-6[4]
5. Final Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-2 3-6 6-3

**2016 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Gilles Müller (LUXEMBOURG) Win 7-5 7-6[3]
2. Round of 16 Radek Štěpánek (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-6[6] 6-4
4. Semifinal Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 7-5

**2017 ITALIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Aljaž Bedene (SLOVENIA) Win 7-6[2] 6-2
2. Round of 16 Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Juan Martín Del Potro (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-4
4. Semifinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-1 6-0
5. Final Sacsha Zverev (GERMANY) Loss 6-4 6-3

**2017 EASTBOURNE INTERNATIONAL [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Vasek Pospisil (CANADA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Quarterfinal Donald Young (USA) Win 6-2 7-6[9]
3. Semifinal Daniil Medvedev (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Final Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-4

**2018 QUEEN’S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 John Millman (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 16 Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-4 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Adrian Mannarino (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-1
4. Semifinal Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 7-6[5] 6-4
5. Final Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Loss 5-7 7-6[4] 6-3

**2018 SHANGHAI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-3 7-5
2. Round of 16 Marco Cecchinato (ITALY) Win 6-4 6-0
3. Quarterfinal Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 7-6[1] 6-3
4. Semifinal Sacsha Zverev (GERMANY) Win 6-2 6-1
5. Final Borna Ćorić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-4

**2018 ATP FINALS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round Robin Sacsha Zverev (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Round Robin Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win 7-6[7] 6-2
3. Round Robin John Isner (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
4. Semifinal Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-2 6-2
5. Final Sacsha Zverev (GERMANY) Loss 6-4 6-3

**2019 MADRID OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Taylor Fritz (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 16 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-1 7-6[2]
3. Quarterfinal Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win WALKOVER
4. Semifinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 7-6[2] 7-6[4]
5. Final Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-3 6-4

**2019 JAPAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Alexei Popyrin (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 16 Go Soeda (JAPAN) Win 6-3 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Lucas Pouille (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-2
4. Semifinal David Goffin (BELGIUM) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final John Millman (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-2

**2019 PARIS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Corentin Moutet (FRANCE) Win 7-6[2] 6-4
2. Round of 16 Kyle Edmund (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-6[7] 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-1 6-2
4. Semifinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 7-6[5] 6-4
5. Final Denis Shapovalov (CANADA) Win 6-3 6-4

**2022 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Aslan Karatsev (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Félix Auger-Aliassime (CANADA) Win 7-5 7-6[1]
4. Semifinal Casper Ruud (NORWAY) Win 6-4 6-3
5. Final Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-0 7-6[5]

**2022 TEL AVIV OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Pablo Andújar (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-3
2. Vasek Pospisil (CANADA) Win 7-6[5[ 6-3
3. Roman Safiullin (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 7-6[3]
4. Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-4

**2023 CINCINNATI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (SPAIN) Win 6-4 RETIRED
2. Round of 16 Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Taylor Fritz (USA) Win 6-0 6-4
4. Semifinal Sacsha Zverev (GERMANY) Win 7-6[5] 7-5
5. Final Carlos Alcaraz (SPAIN) Win 5-7 7-6[7] 7-

# **RAFAEL NADAL (SPAIN)**

Nadal was born right-handed but plays left-handed. His baseline game revolves around his heavy topspin groundstrokes, speedy footwork, and persistent court coverage, which makes him a counterpuncher. His athleticism and speed make him an excellent defender because he can construct winning shots from tough positions. His topspin forehand lets him hit deep and heavy shots as winners from defensive positions. He can use his backhand to redirect the ball with pace and accuracy. He can also finish points at the net with volleys and smashes when necessary. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

# **2004 AUCKLAND OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

# Round of 32 Sjeng Schalken (NETHERLANDS) Win 7-6[2] 6-4

# Round of 16 Mario Ančić (CROATIA) Win 7-6[0] 7-6[6]

# Quarterfinal Grégory Carraz (FRANCE) Win 2-1 RETIRED

# Semifinal Jiří Novák (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-1 6-3

# Final Dominik Hrbatý (SLOVAKIA) Loss 4-6 6-2 7-5

# **2004 ORANGE WARSAW OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

# Round of 32 Victor Hănescu (ROMANIA) Win 6-4 6-4

# Round of 16 Arnaud Di Pasquale (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-4

# Quarterfinal Franco Squillari (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-4

# Semifinal Félix Mantilla (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-1

# Final José Acasuso (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-4

**2005 MEXICAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Álex Calatrava (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Round of 16 Santiago Ventura Bertomeu (SPAIN) Win 7-6[0] 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Guillermo Cañas (ARGENTINA) Win 7-5 6-3
4. Semifinal Mariano Puerta (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-1
5. Final Albert Montañés (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-0

**2005 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Gilles Müller (LUXEMBOURG) Win 6-2 6-0
2. Round of 16 Dominik Hrbatý (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Agustín Calleri (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 3-0 RETIRED
4. Semifinal Radek Štěpánek (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-5 6-2
5. Final Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-6[4] 6-3

**2005 SWEDISH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 16 Alberto Martín (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Semifinal Tommy Robredo (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Final Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 2-6 6-2 6-4

**2005 STUTTGART OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Hugo Armando (USA) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Tomáš Zíb (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Semifinal Jarkko Nieminen (FINLAND) Win 6-2 7-5
5. Final Gastón Gaudio (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-3 6-4

**2007 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Kristof Vliegen (BELGIUM) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Thomas Johansson (SWEDEN) Win 6-1 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Potito Starace (ITALY) Win 6-2 7-5
4. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-1
5. Final Guillermo Cañas (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-4

**2007 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Juan Martín Del Potro (ARGENTINA) Win 7-5 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 64 Flavio Cipolla (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-1 6-4
3. Round of 32 Albert Montañés (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-3 6-2
4. Round of 16 Lleyton Hewitt (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-1 7-6[5]
5. Quarterfinal Carlos Moyá (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-3 6-0
6. Semifinal Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 7-5 6-4 6-2
7. Final Roger Federer (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-3 4-6 6-3 6-4

**2007 STUTTGART OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Alexander Waske (GERMANY) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 16 Philipp Kohlschreiber (GERMANY) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Semifinal Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-5
5. Final Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-4 7-5

**2008 MONTE CARLO MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Mario Ančić (CROATIA) Win 6-0 6-3
2. Round of 16 Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-1
3. Quarterfinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-5
4. Semifinal Nikolay Davydenko (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Roger Federer (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-5 7-5

**2008 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Potito Starace (ITALY) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 16 Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Juan Ignacio Chela (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-2
4. Semifinal Denis Gremelmayr (GERMANY) Win 6-1 6-0
5. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-1 4-6 6-1

**2008 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Thomaz Bellucci (BRAZIL) Win 7-5 6-3 6-1
2. Round of 64 Nicolas Devilder (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-0 6-1
3. Round of 32 Jarkko Nieminen (FINLAND) Win 6-1 6-3 6-1
4. Round of 16 Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-0 6-2
5. Quarterfinal Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-1 6-1
6. Semifinal Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-2 7-6[3]
7. Final Roger Federer (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-1 6-3 6-0

**2009 MONTE CARLO MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Juan Ignacio Chela (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-3
2. Round of 16 Nicolás Lapentti (ECUADOR) Win 6-3 6-0
3. Quarterfinal Ivan Ljubičić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Semifinal Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-2 7-6[4]
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-3 2-6 6-1

**2009 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Fred Gil (PORTUGAL) Win 6-2 6-2
2. Round of 16 Christophe Rochus (BELGIUM) Win 6-2 6-0
3. Quarterfinal David Nalbandian (ARGENTINA) Win WALKOVER
4. Semifinal Nikolay Davydenko (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 7-5

**2009 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-3
2. Round of 16 Robin Söderling (SWEDEN) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Quarterfinal Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Semifinal Fernando González (CHILE) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 7-6[2] 6-2

**2010 MONTE CARLO MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Thiemo De Bakker (NETHERLANDS) Win 6-1 6-0
2. Round of 16 Michael Berrer (GERMANY) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-2
4. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-3
5. Final Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-1

**2010 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Gianni Mina (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2 6-2
2. Round of 64 Horacio Zeballos (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-2 6-3
3. Round of 32 Lleyton Hewitt (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-4 6-3
4. Round of 16 Thomaz Bellucci (BRAZIL) Win 6-2 7-5 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 7-6[2] 7-6[3] 6-4
6. Semifinal Jürgen Melzer (AUSTRIA) Win 6-2 6-3 7-6[6]
7. Final Robin Söderling (SWEDEN) Win 6-4 6-2 6-4

**2010 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Teymuraz Gabashvili (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[4] 7-6[4] 6-3
2. Round of 64 Denis Istomin (UZBEKISTAN) Win 6-2 7-6[5] 7-5
3. Round of 32 Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-4 6-2
4. Round of 16 Feliciano López (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-4 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-3 6-4
6. Semifinal Mikhail Youzhny (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-3 6-4
7. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 5-7 6-4 6-2

**2011 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Daniel Gimeno Traver (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Round of 16 Santiago Giraldo (COLOMBIA) Win 6-3 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Gaël Monfils (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Semifinal Ivan Dodig (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4

**2012 MONTE CARLO MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jarkko Nieminen (FINLAND) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 16 Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-5 6-1
4. Semifinal Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-1

**2012 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Florian Mayer (GERMANY) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Round of 16 Marcel Granollers (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 7-5
4. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 7-6[6] 6-0
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 7-5 6-3

**2012 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Simone Bolelli (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 64 Denis Istomin (UZBEKISTAN) Win 6-2 6-2 6-0
3. Round of 32 Eduardo Schwank (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-3 6-4
4. Round of 16 Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-0 6-0
5. Quarterfinal Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 7-6[4] 6-2 6-3
6. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-2 6-1
7. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-3 2-6 7-5

**2013 CHILE OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Federico Delbonis (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Quarterfinal Daniel Gimeno Traver (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-4
3. Semifinal Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Final Horacio Zeballos (ARGENTINA) Loss 6-7[2] 7-6[6] 6-4

**2013 MEXICAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Diego Schwartzman (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-0
2. Round of 16 Martín Alund (ARGENTINA) Win 6-0 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Leonardo Mayer (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 7-5
4. Semifinal Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-4
5. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-2

**2014 MADRID OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-0
2. Round of 16 Jarkko Nieminen (FINLAND) Win 6-1 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 6-2
4. Semifinal Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-3
5. Final Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 2-6 6-4 3-0 RETIRED

**2015 ARGENTINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Facundo Argüello (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-0
2. Quarterfinal Federico Delbonis (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Semifinal Carlos Berlocq (ARGENTINA) Win 7-6[7] 6-2
4. Final Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-1

**2015 MADRID OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Steve Johnson (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 16 Simone Bolelli (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Semifinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 7-6[3] 6-1
5. Final Andy Murray (GREAT BRITAIN) Loss 6-3 6-2

**2017 MEXICAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP ] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Mischa Zverev (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 16 Paolo Lorenzi (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Yoshihito Nishioka (JAPAN) Win 7-6[2] 6-3
4. Semifinal Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win 6-1 6-2
5. Final Sam Querrey (USA) Loss 6-3 7-6[3]

**2017 BARCELONA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Rogério Dutra Silva (BRAZIL) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-3 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Hyeon Chung (SOUTH KOREA) Win 7-6[1] 6-2
4. Semifinal Horacio Zeballos (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-4 6-1

**2017 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Benoît Paire (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-4 6-1
2. Round of 64 Robin Haase (NETHERLANDS) Win 6-1 6-4 6-3
3. Round of 32 Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEORGIA) Win 6-0 6-1 6-0
4. Round of 16 Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-2 6-2
5. Quarterfinal Pablo Carreño Busta (SPAIN) Win 6-2 2-0 RETIRED
6. Semifinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-4 6-0
7. Final Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-3 6-2 6-1

**2018 MONTE CARLO MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Aljaž Bedene (SLOVENIA) Win 6-1 6-3
2. Round of 16 Karen Khachanov (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-0 6-2
4. Semifinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-4 6-1
5. Final Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 6-2

**2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 James Duckworth (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-3 7-5
2. Round of 64 Matthew Ebden (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-2 6-2
3. Round of 32 Alex De Minaur (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 6-2 6-4
4. Round of 16 Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-0 6-1 7-6[4]
5. Quarterfinal Frances Tiafoe (USA) Win 6-3 6-4 6-2
6. Semifinal Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-2 6-4 6-0
7. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Loss 6-3 6-2 6-3

Nadal’s run at the 2019 Australian Open was my favorite. He secured all 18 sets he played in six matches. My favorite match was his semifinal win against Tsitsipas. But one unique key I highlighted here was that I combined both Tsitsipas’s and Federer’s playing styles together.

Federer is an all-court player. He has a powerful, accurate smash and effectively performs rare elements of his game, such as the backhand smash and skyhook, half-volley, jump smash [slam dunk] and the SABR [Sneak Attack by Roger] return, which is a half-volley attack on his opponent’s second serve. He has efficient movement and footwork, which lets him hit inside forehands. The variety with his forehand lets him hit with either topspin or pace. He uses a one-handed backhand with slice to deliver passing shots. Despite his strengths, his backhand is his biggest weakness, because it causes him to go big on his shots too quickly. His two-handed backhand opponents can attack his one-handed backhand slice with ease and put it under pressure to take advantage of his missed opportunities and poor break point conversions. Like Federer, Tsitsipas is also a baseline player with an all-court playing style. He can create pace on his forehand to finish points off his serve. But besides his one-handed backhand being a weakness, he’s not a strong returner on second serves. His second serve lacks variety and accuracy, which leads him to being broken easily by strong two-handed backhand returners. When he faces these players, he has trouble changing direction to cover the court. Tsitsipas defeated Federer in a fourth round four-setter, where he saved all 12 break points that he faced. But when Tsitsipas lost to Nadal in the semifinals in straight sets, his game fell apart. Based on his win against Federer, Tsitsipas was expected to push Nadal to four, if not five, sets. But several people pointed out that Tsitsipas’s game matched up better with Federer than Nadal. I knew that if everyone said the same thing about Tsitsipas in this situation, there had to be some truth to it. But I also realized that this was the best opportunity for me to collect Tsitsipas’s match stats from both these matches to uncover the truth.

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| **PLAYER** | Tsitsipas | Federer |
| **1st SERVE %** | 60% [112 of 188] | 67% [105 of 156] |
| **ACES** | 20 | 12 |
| **DOUBLE FAULTS** | 1 | 0 |
| **WINNERS** | 62 | 61 |
| **UNFORCED ERRORS** | 36 | 55 |
| **1st SERVE POINTS WON** | 78% [87 of 112] | 79% [83 of 105] |
| **2nd SERVE POINTS WON** | 64% [49 of 76] | 61% [31 of 51] |
| **BREAK POINTS WON** | 33% [1 of 3] | 0% [0 of 12] |

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| **PLAYER** | Tsitsipas | Nadal |
| **1st SERVE %** | 69% [45 of 65] | 66% [40 of 61] |
| **ACES** | 5 | 5 |
| **DOUBLE FAULTS** | 2 | 0 |
| **WINNERS** | 17 | 30 |
| **UNFORCED ERRORS** | 22 | 14 |
| **1st SERVE POINTS WON** | 64% [29 of 45] | 85% [34 of 40] |
| **2nd SERVE POINTS WON** | 30% [6 of 20] | 71% [15 of 21] |
| **BREAK POINTS WON** | 0% [0 of 1] | 55% [6 of 11] |

Tsitsipas’s fourth-round win against Federer was a match between two all-court players. The first serve percentage, number of winners, first serve points won, and second serve points won were close in proximity. The lone break of serve of the match came in the 12th game of the third set. But when Tsitsipas lost to Nadal in the semifinals, his game came completely unglued. His winners-unforced errors ratio count was in the negative category, he only won 30% of his second serve points, and dropped serve six times. Nadal broke in the third and seventh games of the first set. Then, he secured the lone break of the second set in the ninth game. This was followed by three more breaks in the first, third, and fifth games of the third set. I was initially confused as to why the oddsmakers predicted that Tsitsipas would push Nadal to four, if not five sets. But after I collected his match stats, I could see why his game went downhill. Even though Tsitsipas had a higher first serve percentage and matched Nadal in the aces category, he was completely unprepared to deal with Nadal’s style and intensity and couldn’t find any opportunities to challenge him.

**2019 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 16 Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEORGIA) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Quarterfinal Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-0
4. Semifinal Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-0 4-6 6-1

**2020 MEXICAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Pablo Andújar (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Miomir Kecmanović (SERBIA) Win 6-2 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Soon-Woo Kwan (SOUTH KOREA) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Semifinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Taylor Fritz (USA) Win 6-3 6-2

**2020 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Egor Gerasimov (BELARUS) Win 6-4 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 64 Mackie McDonald (USA) Win 6-1 6-0 6-3
3. Round of 32 Stefano Travaglia (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-4 6-0
4. Round of 16 Sebastian Korda (USA) Win 6-1 6-1 6-2
5. Quarterfinal Jannik Sinner (ITALY) Win 7-6[4] 6-4 6-1
6. Semifinal Diego Schwartzman (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-3 7-6[0]
7. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-0 6-2 7-5

**2022 MELBOURNE SUMMER SET [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Ričardas Berankis (LITHUANIA) Win 6-2 7-5
2. Quarterfinal Tallon Griekspoor (NETHERLANDS) Win WALKOVER
3. Semifinal Emil Ruusuvuori (FINLAND) Win 6-4 7-5
4. Final Maxime Cressy (USA) Win 7-6[6] 6-3

**2022 MEXICAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Denis Kudla (USA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Stefan Kozlov (USA) Win 6-0 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Tommy Paul (USA) Win 6-0 7-6[5]
4. Semifinal Daniil Medvedev (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Final Cameron Norrie (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-4 6-4

# **MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUSSIA)**

Sharapova has a unique playing style. She can hit the ball early to take time away from her opponents and control the points. She can hit her shots with speed, power, depth, and sharp angles. She can also add both a drop shot and a sliced backhand to her style. She can attack the net to hit delicate volleys with increased symmetry. Her height lets her possess terrific speed, footwork, and court coverage. This helped her reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2003 JAPAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Kim Jin-Hee (SOUTH KOREA) Win 6-2 6-0
2. Round of 16 Akiko Morigami (JAPAN) Win 6-1 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Claudine Schaul (LUXEMBOURG) Win 7-5 7-6[1]
4. Semifinal Zheng Jie (CHINA) Win 6-3 7-5
5. Final Anikó Kapros (HUNGARY) Win 2-6 6-2 7-6[5]

**2004 KOREA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Emmanuelle Gagliardi (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-1 6-3
2. Round of 16 Miho Saeki (JAPAN) Win 6-3 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Semifinal Anne Kremer (LUXEMBOURG) Win 6-2 6-0
5. Final Marta Domachowska (POLAND) Win 6-1 6-1

**2005 QATAR OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Gisela Dulko (ARGENTINA) Win 6-1 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Marion Bartoli (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Semifinal Daniela Hantuchová (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-2 6-4
4. Final Alicia Molik (AUSTRALIA) Win 4-6 6-1 6-4

**2006 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Jamea Jackson (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 32 Lisa Raymond (USA) Win 6-4 6-0
3. Round of 16 Shahar Pe’er (ISRAEL) Win 7-6[2] 6-1
4. Quarterfinal Anna-Lena Grönefeld (GERMANY) Win 6-1 6-3
5. Semifinal Martina Hingis (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-6 6-3
6. Final Elena Dementieva (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-2

**2006 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Vasilisa Bardina (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Round of 16 Vera Zvonareva (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Mary Pierce (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Semifinal Patty Schnyder (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-5 6-4
5. Final Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 7-5 7-5

**2007 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Tamarine Tanasugarn (THAILAND) Win 6-1 6-3
2. Round of 16 Tatiana Golovin (FRANCE) Win 6-0 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Sania Mirza (INDIA) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Semifinal Anna Chakvetadze (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
5. Final Patty Schnyder (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-2 3-6 6-0

**2008 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Jelena Kostanić Tošić (CROATIA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 64 Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
3. Round of 32 Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-0
4. Round of 16 Elena Dementieva (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-0
5. Quarterfinal Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Win 6-4 6-0
6. Semifinal Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-1
7. Final Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 7-5 6-3

**2010 MEMPHIS OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Shenay Perry (USA) Win 6-0 6-2
2. Round of 16 Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Elena Baltacha (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-2 7-5
4. Semifinal Petra Kvitová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 6-3
5. Final Sofia Arvidsson (SWEDEN) Win 6-2 6-1

**2011 WIMBLEDON [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Anna Chakvetadze (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 64 Laura Robson (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
3. Round of 32 Klára Koukalová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Round of 16 Shuai Peng (CHINA) Win 6-2 6-4
5. Quarterfinal Dominika Cibulková (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-1 6-1
6. Semifinal Sabine Lisicki (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-3
7. Final Petra Kvitová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Loss 6-3 6-4

**2013 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-1
2. Round of 32 Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-3
3. Round of 16 Lara Arruabarrena (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-0
4. Quarterfinal Sara Errani (ITALY) Win 7-6[6] 6-2
5. Semifinal Maria Kirilenko (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-3
6. Final Caroline Wozniacki (DENMARK) Win 6-2 6-2

**2013 MIAMI OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Genie Bouchard (CANADA) Win 6-2 6-0
2. Round of 32 Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Round of 16 Klára Koukalová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Quarterfinal Sara Errani (ITALY) Win 7-5 7-5
5. Semifinal Jelena Janković (SERBIA) Win 6-2 6-1
6. Final Serena Williams (USA) Loss 4-6 6-3 6-0

**2013 MADRID OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Alexandra Dulgheru (ROMANIA) Win 7-5 6-2
2. Round of 32 Christina McHale (USA) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Round of 16 Sabine Lisicki (GERMANY) Win 6-2 7-5
4. Quarterfinal Kaia Kanepi (ESTONIA) Win 6-2 6-4
5. Semifinal Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-1
6. Final Serena Williams (USA) Loss 6-1 6-4

**2014 CHINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Kaia Kanepi (ESTONIA) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Round of 32 Elina Svitolina (UKRAINE) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Round of 16 Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 6-1 7-6[3]
4. Quarterfinal Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-4
5. Semifinal Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 6-0 6-4
6. Final Petra Kvitová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 4-6 6-2 6-3

**2015 BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Slava Shvedova (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-3
3. Semifinal Elina Svitolina (UKRAINE) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Final Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 6-7[4-7] 6-3 6-3

**2015 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jarmila Wolfe (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-2 3-1 RETIRED
2. Round of 16 Bojana Jovanovski Petrović (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-3 6-2
4. Semifinal Dasha Saville (AUSTRALIA) Win 7-5 6-3
5. Final Carla Suárez Navarro (SPAIN) Win 4-6 7-5 6-1

# **ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUSTRALIA)**

Barty has an all-court game with a crafty playing style. She is proficient in playing both offensive and defensive tennis. She is skilled at adapting her style, based on her opponents and match conditions. Her game lets her feel comfortable playing at the baseline, as well as approaching the net. Her ability to transition effortlessly between different playing styles makes her a well-rounded athlete. She can use her backhand as a slice to change the pace. Her mental toughness and composure on court help her stay calm under pressure to make smart decisions in tight situations. No matter what the result is, she shows no signs of panic, frustration, or anger. Even if she loses a point, she calmly walks away, as if nothing happened. She may look subdued, but her composure is an absolute gift to us umpteen millions of global tennis fans worldwide who love to watch this sport. This helped her win multiple titles without dropping a set:

**2019 BIRMINGHAM CLASSIC [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Donna Vekić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-4
2. Round of 16 Jennifer Brady (USA) Win 6-3 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
4. Semifinal Barbora Strýcová (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-4 6-4
5. Final Julia Görges (GERMANY) Win 6-3 7-5

**2021 CINCINNATI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Heather Watson (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-4 7-6[3]
2. Round of 16 Victória Azárenka (BELARUS) Win 6-0 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Barbora Krejčíková (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-4
4. Semifinal Angelique Kerber (GERMANY) Win 6-2 7-5
5. Final Jil Teichmann (SWITZERLAND) Win 6-3 6-1

**2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Lesia Tsurenko (UKRAINE) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 64 Lucia Bronzetti (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Round of 32 Camila Giorgi (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Round of 16 Amanda Anisimova (USA) Win 6-4 6-3
5. Quarterfinal Jessica Pegula (USA) Win 6-2 6-0
6. Semifinal Madison Keys (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
7. Final Danielle Collins (USA) Win 6-3 7-6[2]

# **ANDY MURRAY (GREAT BRITAIN)**

Murray plays an all-court, defensive baseline playing style. His two-handed backhand possesses dynamic stroke execution, while he primarily uses his passive forehand and sliced backhand to let his opponents play defense before he plays offense. His tactics involve passive exchanges from the baseline. He can inject unexpected pace into his groundstrokes to surprise his opponents. His return game lets him block back fast serves with his reach and ability of anticipation. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2008 ST. PETERSBURG OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Viktor Troicki (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 16 Ernests Gulbis (LATVIA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Janko Tipsarević (SERBIA) Win 7-6[3] 7-5
4. Semifinal Fernando Verdasco (SPAIN) Win 6-0 6-3
5. Final Andrey Golubev (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-1 6-1

**2009 QUEEN’S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Round of 16 Guillermo García López (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Mardy Fish (USA) Win 7-5 6-3
4. Semifinal Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4
5. Final James Blake (USA) Win 7-5 6-4

**2009 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 16 Juan Carlos Ferrero (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Nikolay Davydenko (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-4
4. Semifinal Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 6-4 7-6[8]
5. Final Juan Martín Del Potro (ARGENTINA) Win 6-7[4] 7-6[3] 6-1

**2011 CINCINNATI MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 David Nalbandian (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Round of 16 Alex Bogomolov (USA) Win 6-2 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-3
4. Semifinal Mardy Fish (USA) Win 6-3 7-6[8]
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 3-0 RETIRED

**2014 VIENNA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Vasek Pospisil (CANADA) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Jan-Lennard Struff (GERMANY) Win 6-2 7-5
3. Semifinal Viktor Troicki (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-3
4. Final David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 5-7 6-2 7-5

**2015 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Tommy Robredo (SPAIN) Win 6-4 7-5
2. Round of 16 Gilles Müller (LUXEMBOURG) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Semifinal Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 4-6 6-3

**2016 ITALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 16 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-0 6-4
3. Quarterfinal David Goffin (BELGIUM) Win 6-1 7-5
4. Semifinal Lucas Pouille (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-1
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-3 6-3

**2016 CINCINNATI MASTERS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Juan Mónaco (ARGENTINA) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Bernard Tomic (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Semifinal Milos Raonic (CANADA) Win 6-3 6-3
5. Final Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Loss 6-4 7-5

**2016 CHINA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Andreas Seppi (ITALY) Win 6-2 7-5
2. Round of 16 Andrey Kuznetsov (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Kyle Edmund (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-6[9] 6-2
4. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-3
5. Final Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-4 7-6[2]

**2017 QATAR OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Jérémy Chardy (FRANCE) Win 6-0 7-6[2]
2. Round of 16 Gerald Melzer (AUSTRIA) Win 7-6[6] 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 7-6[4] 7-5
4. Semifinal Tomáš Berdych (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Loss 6-3 5-7 6-4

**2022 STUTTGART OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Christopher O'Connell (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Round of 16 Alexander Bublik (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-3 7-6[4]
3. Quarterfinal Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
4. Semifinal Nick Kyrgios (AUSTRALIA) Win 7-6[5] 6-2
5. Final Matteo Berrettini (ITALY) Loss 6-4 5-7 6-3

# **JANNIK SINNER (ITALY)**

Sinner began skiing and playing tennis at the age of three. He won a national championship in giant slalom at age eight and was a national runner-up at the age of 12. When he was training in skiing, he gave up tennis at the age of seven. At the age of 13, he gave up skiing to pursue a tennis career. He credits his background in skiing for improving his tennis skills. He can create pace and topspin on his flat groundstrokes. His serve lets him set up opportunities to take control of the points. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2021 WASHINGTON OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Emil Ruusuvuori (FINLAND) Win 6-2 6-4
2. Round of 16 Sebastian Korda (USA) Win 7-6[3] 7-6[3]
3. Quarterfinal Steve Johnson (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
4. Semifinal Jenson Brooksby (USA) Win 7-6[2] 6-1
5. Final Mackie McDonald (USA) Win 7-5 4-6 7-5

**2022 CROATIA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Jaume Munar (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Roberto Carballés Baena (SPAIN) Win 6-4 7-6[5]
3. Semifinal Franco Agamenone (ITALY) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Final Carlos Alcaraz (SPAIN) Win 6-7[5] 6-1 6-1

**2023 OPEN SUD DE FRANCE [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Márton Fucsovics (HUNGARY) Win WALKOVER
2. Quarterfinal Lorenzo Sonego (ITALY) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Semifinal Arthur Fils (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Final Maxime Cressy (USA) Win 7-6[3] 6-3

**2023 VIENNA OPEN RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Ben Shelton (USA) Win 7-6[2] 7-5
2. Round of 16 Lorenzo Sonego (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Frances Tiafoe (USA) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Semifinals Andrey Rublev (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 7-6[5]
5. Final Daniil Medvedev (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[7] 4-6 6-3

# **Juan Martín del Potro (ARGENTINA)**

Del Potro is an offensive baseliner with deep, flat, topspin groundstrokes. His forehand is his strongest weapon. He can balance the pace of his two-handed backhand with a one-handed slice to move his opponents out of position and slow down the rallies to let him set up offensive shots with his forehand. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2008 AUSTRIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Josselin Ouanna (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 16 Sergio Roitman (ARGENTINA) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Nicolas Devilder (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Semifinal Victor Hănescu (ROMANIA) Win 6-3 7-6[5]
5. Final Jürgen Melzer (AUSTRIA) Win 6-2 6-1

**2011 DELRAY BEACH OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Ričardas Berankis (LITHUANIA) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Round of 16 Teymuraz Gabashvili (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Semifinal Mardy Fish (USA) Win 6-1 7-5
5. Final Janko Tipsarević (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-4

**2012 ESTORIL OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Rui Machado (PORTUGAL) Win 6-1 6-0
2. Quarterfinal Albert Montañés (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Semifinal Stan Wawrinka (SWITZERLAND) Win 7-6[2] 6-4
4. Final Richard Gasquet (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-2

**2013 CITI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Ryan Harrison (USA) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Round of 16 Bernard Tomic (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Kevin Anderson (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 7-6[0] 6-3
4. Semifinal Tommy Haas (GERMANY) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
5. Final John Isner (USA) Win 3-6 6-1 6-2

**2016 STOCKHOLM OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 John Isner (USA) Win 6-4 7-6[6]
2. Round of 16 Nicolás Almagro (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Ivo Karlović (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Semifinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-4 7-5
5. Final Jack Sock (USA) Win 7-5 6-1

**2018 AUCKLAND OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Denis Shapovalov (CANADA) Win 6-2 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Karen Khachanov (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
3. Semifinal David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Final Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Loss 6-1 4-6 7-5

**2018 LOS CABOS OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Marcos Giron (USA) Win 7-5 6-3
2. Quarterfinal Egor Gerasimov (BELARUS) Win 6-1 6-1
3. Semifinal Damir Džumhur (BOSNIA) Win 6-3 7-6[6]
4. Final Fabio Fognini (ITALY) Loss 6-4 6-2

**2018 CHINA OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Albert Ramos Viñolas (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-2
2. Round of 16 Karen Khachanov (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 7-6[4]
3. Quarterfinal Filip Krajinović (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-0
4. Semifinal Fabio Fognini (ITALY) Win WALKOVER
5. Final Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEORGIA) Loss 6-4 6-4

# **DANIIL MEDVEDEV (RUSSIA)**

Medvedev is a counterpuncher. Because of his height, he has a powerful first serve. He can hit long, flat groundstrokes to wear his opponents down during long baseline rallies. Even though he lacks power and spin, he can place the ball precisely between the lines. He has superb court sense to move the ball around and change the pace of the rally. He prefers to adopt a deep position at the back of the court to hit, which lets him hit full-swing groundstrokes rather than blocking the serve back into play. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2019 WASHINGTON OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Bjorn Fratangelo (USA) Win 6-3 6-4
2. Round of 16 Frances Tiafoe (USA) Win 6-2 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Marin Čilić (CROATIA) Win 6-4 7-6[7]
4. Semifinal Peter Gojowczyk (GERMANY) Win 6-2 6-2
5. Final Nick Kyrgios (AUSTRALIA) Loss 7-6[6] 7-6[4]

**2019 CANADIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Kyle Edmund (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-3 6-0
2. Round of 16 Cristian Garín (CHILE) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-1
4. Semifinal Karen Khachanov (RUSSIA) Win 6-1 7-6[6]
5. Final Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Loss 6-3 6-0

**2019 ST. PETERSBURG OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Evgeny Donskoy (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 6-3
2. Quarterfinal Andrey Rublev (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 7-5
3. Semifinal Egor Gerasimov (BELARUS) Win 7-5 7-5
4. Final Borna Ćorić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-1

**2019 SHANGHAI ROLEX MASTERS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Cameron Norrie (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-3 6-1
2. Round of 16 Vasek Pospisil (CANADA) Win 7-6[4] 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Fabio Fognini (ITALY) Win 6-3 7-6[4]
4. Semifinal Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 7-6[5] 7-5
5. Final Sascha Zverev (GERMANY) Win 6-4 6-1

**2021 OPEN 13 PROVENCE [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Egor Gerasimov (BELARUS) Win 6-2 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Jannik Sinner (ITALY) Win 6-2 6-4
3. Semifinal Matthew Ebden (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 3-0 RETIRED
4. Final Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRANCE) Win 6-4 6-7[4] 6-4

**2022 LIBEMA OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Gilles Simon (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-4
2. Quarterfinal Ilya Ivashka (BELARUS) Win 7-6[8] 6-4
3. Semifinal Adrian Mannarino (FRANCE) Win 7-5 7-5
4. Final Tim Van Rijthoven (NETHERLANDS) Loss 6-4 6-1

**2022 HALLE OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 David Goffin (BELGIUM) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Ilya Ivashka (BELARUS) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Roberto Bautista Agut (SPAIN) Win 6-2 6-4
4. Semifinal Oscar Otte (GERMANY) Win 7-6[3] 6-3
5. Final Hubert Hurkacz (POLAND) Loss 6-1 6-4

**2022 LOS CABOS OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Rinky Hijikata (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-3
2. Quarterfinal Ricardis Berankis (LITHUANIA) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Semifinal Miomir Kecmanović (SERBIA) Win 7-6[0] 6-1
4. Final Cameron Norrie (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-5 6-0

**2022 VIENNA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEORGIA) Win 6-2 6-2
2. Round of 16 Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Jannik Sinner (ITALY) Win 6-4 6-2
4. Semifinal Grigor Dimitrov (BULGARIA) Win 6-4 6-2
5. Final Denis Shapovalov (CANADA) Win 4-6 6-3 6-2

**2023 DUBAI TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Matteo Arnaldi (ITALY) Win 6-4 6-2
2. Round of 16 Alexander Bublik (KAZAKHSTAN) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Quarterfinal Borna Ćorić (CROATIA) Win 6-3 6-2
4. Semifinal Novak Djokovic (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-4
5. Final Andrey Rublev (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 6-2

# **SACSHA ZVEREV (GERMANY)**

Zverev has a powerful baseline game. His groundstrokes are hit with depth and pace, which lets him control points. His backhand can be hit either flat or with topspin. He can create a high level of pace and accuracy on his serve. He is an effective returner on second serves with his ability to capitalize on opponents’ weaker serves. His agility and court coverage allow him to defend against opponents' shots and retrieve balls effectively with his height. This helped him reach multiple finals without dropping a set:

**2018 MADRID OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Evgeny Donskoy (RUSSIA) Win 6-2 7-5
2. Round of 16 Leonardo Mayer (ARGENTINA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Quarterfinal John Isner (USA) Win 6-4 7-5
4. Semifinal Denis Shapovalov (CANADA) Win 6-4 6-1
5. Final Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-4 6-4

**2019 MEXICAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Alexei Popyrin (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-3 6-3
2. Round of 16 David Ferrer (SPAIN) Win 7-6[0] 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Alex De Minaur (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Semifinal Cameron Norrie (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 7-6[0] 6-3
5. Final Nick Kyrgios (AUSTRALIA) Loss 6-3 6-4

**2021 MEXICAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Carlos Alcaraz (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-1
2. Round of 16 Laslo Đere (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-3
3. Quarterfinal Casper Ruud (NORWAY) Win WALKOVER
4. Semifinal Dominik Koepfer (GERMANY) Win 6-4 7-6[5]
5. Final Stefanos Tsitsipas (GREECE) Win 6-4 7-6[3]

**2021 MADRID OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Kei Nishikori (JAPAN) Win 6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Dan Evans (GREAT BRITAIN) Win 6-3 7-6[3]
3. Quarterfinal Rafael Nadal (SPAIN) Win 6-4 6-4
4. Semifinal Dominic Thiem (AUSTRIA) Win 6-3 6-4
5. Final Matteo Berrettini (ITALY) Win 6-7[8] 6-4 6-3

**2022 OPEN SUD DE FRANCE [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Mackie McDonald (USA) Win 6-2 7-6[5]
2. Quarterfinal Adrian Mannarino (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-0
3. Semifinal Mikael Ymer (SWEDEN) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Final Alexander Bublik (KAZAKHSTAN) Loss 6-4 6-3

**2023 HAMBURG EUROPEN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Alex Molčan (SLOVAKIA) Win 6-0 6-3
2. Round of 16 Maximilian Marterer (GERMANY) Win 6-3 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Luca Van Assche (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Semifinal Arthur Fils (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-4
5. Final Laslo Djere (SERBIA) Win 7-5 6-3

# **MARTINA HINGIS (SWITZERLAND)/SANIA MIRZA (INDIA)**

Hingis possesses exceptional skills with her flexible playing style. Her coordination, placement, and timing help her rely on her groundstrokes to control the points. Her awareness lets her execute her strategic, intelligent play effectively. She can mix up her game with slices, drop shots, and lobs. Her quick reflexes and precise timing flare up her return game. This helped her reach multiple singles finals without dropping a set:

**1997 AUSTRALIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Barbara Rittner (GERMANY) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Round of 64 Lisa Raymond (USA) Win 6-4 6-2
3. Round of 32 Barbara Schett Eagle (AUSTRIA) Win 6-2 6-1
4. Round of 16 Ruxandra Dragomir Ilie (ROMANIA) Win 7-6[6] 6-1
5. Quarterfinal Irina Spîrlea (ROMANIA) Win 7-5 6-2
6. Semifinal Mary Joe Fernandez (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
7. Final Mary Pierce (FRANCE) Win 6-2 6-2

**1997 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Anne Kremer (LUXEMBOURG) Win 6-4 6-4
2. Round of 64 Olga Barabanschikova (BELARUS) Win 6-2 6-2
3. Round of 32 Nicole Arendt (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
4. Round of 16 Sabine Appelmans (BELGIUM) Win 6-1 6-3
5. Quarterfinal Denisa Chládková (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Semifinal Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-2
7. Final Jana Novotná (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 2-6 6-3 6-3

**1997 US OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Tami Whitlinger Jones (USA) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 64 Denisa Chládková (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Round of 32 Elena Likhovtseva (RUSSIA) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Round of 16 Florencia Labat (ARGENTINA)  Win 6-0 6-2
5. Quarterfinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Semifinal Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-2 6-4
7. Final Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-0 6-4

**1998 GERMAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Julie Halard-Decugis (FRANCE) Win 7-5 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Jennifer Capriati (USA) Win 6-1 6-3
3. Semifinal Barbara Schett Eagle (AUSTRIA) Win 6-2 6-2
4. Final Jana Novotná (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 7-5

**1999 CHARLESTON OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Conchita Martínez (SPAIN) Win 7-5 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Natalia Zvereva (BELARUS0) Win 6-0 7-6[0]
3. Semifinal Jana Novotná (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-2 6-3
4. Final Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-3

**1999 GERMAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Gala León García (SPAIN) Win6-3 6-2
2. Round of 16 Elena Likhovtseva (RUSSIA)Win 6-4 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Barbara Schett Eagle (AUSTRIA) Win7-5 7-5
4. Semifinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win6-4 6-0
5. Final Julie Halard-Decugis (FRANCE) Win6-0 6-1

**1999 FRENCH OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 128 Amanda Hopmans (NETHERLANDS) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Round of 64 Amélie Mauresmo (FRANCE) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Round of 32 Květa Peschke (CZECH REPUBLIC) Win 6-3 6-4
4. Round of 16 Ruxandra Dragomir Ilie (ROMANIA) Win 6-3 7-6[5]
5. Quarterfinal Barbara Schwartz (AUSTRIA) Win 6-2 6-2
6. Semifinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-3 6-2
7. Final Steffi Graf (GERMANY) Loss 4-6 7-5 6-2

**1999 CANADIAN OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Corina Morariu (USA) Win 6-0 6-3
2. Round of 16 Chanda Rubin (USA) Win 6-3 6-1
3. Quarterfinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-1
4. Semifinal Mary Pierce (FRANCE)Win 7-6[3] 6-3
5. Final Monica Seles (USA) Win 6-4 6-4

**1999 WTA FINALS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Sandrine Testud (FRANCE) Win 7-6[5] 7-6[5]
2. Quarterfinal Mary Pierce (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-2
3. Semifinal Venus Williams (USA) Win 6-4 7-6[2]
4. Final Lindsay Davenport (USA) Loss 6-4 6-2

**2000 PAN PACIFIC OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Lisa Raymond (USA) Win 6-3 7-5
2. Quarterfinal Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-2
3. Semifinal Chanda Rubin (USA) Win 7-6[2] 6-4
4. Final Sandrine Testud (FRANCE) Win 6-3 7-5

**2000 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Maureen Drake (CANADA) Win 6-1 6-4
2. Round of 32 Anne-Gaëlle Sidot (FRANCE) Win 6-0 6-3
3. Round of 16 Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 6-0 6-4
4. Quarterfinal Amanda Coetzer (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-3 6-1
5. Semifinal Monica Seles (USA) Win 6-0 6-0
6. Final Lindsay Davenport (USA) Win 6-3 6-2

**2000 LIBEMA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Jana Nejedly (CANADA)  Win 6-0 6-2
2. Quarterfinal Cara Black (ZIMBABWE) Win WALKOVER
3. Semifinal Jennifer Capriati (USA) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Final Ruxandra Dragomir Ilie (ROMANIA) Win 6-2 3-0 RETIRED

**2000 STUTTGART OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Justine Henin (BELGIUM) Win 6-3 3-0 RETIRED
2. Quarterfinal Dominique Monami (BELGIUM) Win 6-2 6-1
3. Semifinal Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (SPAIN) Win 6-1 6-0
4. Final Kim Clijsters (BELGIUM) Win 6-0 6-3

**2000 PHILADELPHIA CHAMPIONSHIPS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Elena Bovina (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-1
2. Quarterfinal Anna Kournikova (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-0
3. Semifinal Nathalie Tauziat (FRANCE) Win 6-1 6-2
4. Final Lindsay Davenport (USA) Loss 7-6[7] 6-4

**2002 PAN PACIFIC OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Marlene Weingärtner (GERMANY) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Quaterfinal Tamarine Tanasugarn (THAILAND) Win 6-3 6-2
3. Semifinal Silvia Farina Elia (ITALY) Win 6-0 6-4
4. Final Monica Seles (USA) Win 7-6[6] 4-6 6-3

**2002 INDIAN WELLS MASTERS [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 64 Silvija Talaja (CROATIA) Win 6-0 6-1
2. Round of 32 Elena Likhovtseva (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 6-3
3. Round of 16 Cara Black (ZIMBABWE) Win 6-0 6-3
4. Quarterfinal Amanda Coetzer (SOUTH AFRICA) Win 6-1 6-2
5. Semifinal Monica Seles (USA) Win 6-3 6-2
6. Final Daniela Hantuchová (SLOVAKIA) Loss 6-3 6-4

**2006 CANADIAN OPEN [RUNNER-UP] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Mara Santangelo (ITALY) Win 7-5 7-6[5]
2. Round of 16 Daniela Hantuchová (SLOVAKIA) Win 7-5 6-4
3. Quarterfinal Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUSSIA) Win 7-6[4] 6-3
4. Semifinal Anna Chakvetadze (RUSSIA) Win 6-3 3-1 RETIRED
5. Final Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Loss 6-2 6-3

**2006 KOLKATA OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 32 Melinda Czink (HUNGARY) Win 6-1 6-2
2. Round of 16 Tzipi Obziler (ISRAEL) Win 6-2 7-5
3. Quarterfinal Tamarine Tanasugarn (THAILAND) Win 7-5 6-2
4. Semifinal Sania Mirza (INDIA) Win 6-1 6-0
5. Final Olga Puchkova (RUSSIA) Win 6-0 6-4

**2007 PAN PACIFIC OPEN [CHAMPION] RESULT SCORE**

1. Round of 16 Nicole Pratt (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-1 7-5
2. Quarterfinal Sam Stosur (AUSTRALIA) Win 6-0 6-1
3. Semifinal Elena Dementieva (RUSSIA) Win 6-4 6-3
4. Final Ana Ivanović (SERBIA) Win 6-4 6-2

Hingis carried over her singles success with a productive partnership with Mirza. Mirza is an offensive baseline player. She relies on her strong baseline game to control the points. She has excellent volleying skills and is fearless to move forward to finish points at the net. She can set up attacks with sharp velocity off her groundstrokes. Hingis and Mirza’s contrasting playing styles helped them reach their first Grand Slam final without dropping a set:

**2015 WIMBLEDON [CHAMPIONS] SCORE**

1. Zarina Diyas (KAZAKHSTAN)/Zheng Saisai (CHINA) 6-2 6-2
2. Kimiko Date-Krumm (JAPAN)/Francesca Schiavone (ITALY) 6-0 6-1
3. Anabel Medina Garrigues (SPAIN)/Arantxa Parra Santonja (SPAIN) 6-4 6-3
4. Casey Dellacqua (AUSTRALIA)/Slava Shvedova (KAZAKHSTAN) 7-5 6-3
5. Raquel Kops-Jones (USA)/Abigail Spears (USA) 6-1 6-2
6. Katya Makarova (RUSSIA)/Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) 5-7 7-6[4] 7-5

Makarova is an all-court player with a strong baseline game. Her groundstrokes help her control the rallies from the baseline. She can finish points with well-executed volleys and smashes. Meanwhile, Vesnina is a flexible player. She has a well-rounded baseline game with her groundstrokes. Her strengths are her court coverage and net skills. When Hingis and Mirza faced Makarova and Vesnina in the title match, the Swiss-Miss Indian duo pulled off a comeback win against the Russians. In the first set, Makarova and Vesnina broke in the first and 11th games, while Hingis and Mirza broke in the second game. In the second set, both teams traded service holds for all 12 games, then Hingis and Mirza won the second set tiebreak. In the third set, Makarova and Vesnina broke in the fourth game. The eighth game was a **MUST-HOLD** game for Hingis and Mirza, because they were serving to stay in the match. Hingis and Mirza held in the eighth game to force Makarova and Vesnina to serve for the match in the ninth game. Instead of winning their third Grand Slam title, the Russians dropped serve in the ninth game and Hingis and Mirza held in the 10th game. After Hingis and Mirza held in the 10th game, the tournament officials briefly paused the match to close the roof on Centre Court. When both teams returned, Hingis and Mirza broke in the 11th game and steadily served out the match to love in the 12th game.

# **CASEY DELLACQUA (AUSTRALIA)/SlAVA SHVEDOVA (KAZAKHSTAN)**

Dellacqua and Shvedova formed a unique partnership with their playing styles. Dellacqua has a versatile playing style. She can create spins and angles on her lefty forehand. She has the capability to simmer and finish points at the net. Her court coverage and movement help her engage in baseline rallies. Meanwhile, Shvedova has a flexible playing style. Her serve lets her create power on her groundstrokes and add skill at the net. Her strength is her flat serve down the service line. This helped them reach their first Grand Slam final without dropping a set:

**2015 FRENCH OPEN [RUNNERS-UP] RESULT**

1. Chan Chin-Wei (CHINESE TAIPEI)/Lauren Davis (USA) 6-1 6-2
2. Alizé Cornet (FRANCE)/Madga Linette (POLAND) 6-2 6-1
3. Caroline Garcia (FRANCE)/Katarina Srebotnik (SLOVENIA) 6-1 6-1
4. Michaëlla Krajicek (NETHERLANDS)/Barbora Strýcová (CZECH REPUBLIC) 6-3 7-5
5. Katya Makarova (RUSSIA)/Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) 6-3 6-2
6. Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)/Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC) 3-6 6-4 6-2

# **Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)/Lucie Šafářová (CZECH REPUBLIC)**

Mattek-Sands and Šafářová formed a superb partnership with their playing styles. Mattek-Sands has an all-court game. She can control the points with her groundstrokes. She can move forward to finish points at the net with her volleying strength. She can use her serve to set up points. She can also mix in drop shots and slices to add variety to her game. Meanwhile, Šafářová has a strong, flat groundstroke game on her lefty forehand. Her groundstrokes let her control the points. This helped them win the 2016 Miami Open title without dropping a set:

**2016 MIAMI OPEN [CHAMPIONS] RESULT**

1. Sloane Stephens (USA)/Madison Keys (USA) 6-4 6-2
2. Daria Kasatkina (RUSSIA)/Elena Vesnina (RUSSIA) 6-3 6-2
3. Andrea Hlaváčková (CZECH REPUBLIC)/Lucie Hradecká (CZECH REPUBLIC) 7-5 6-3
4. Xu Yifan (CHINA)/Zheng Saisai (CHINA) 6-2 6-1
5. Tímea Babos (HUNGARY)/Slava Shvedova (KAZAKHSTAN) 6-3 6-4

# **GABY DABROWSKI (CANADA)/ROHAN BOPANNA (INDIA)**

Dabrowski and Bopanna formed a special partnership with their playing styles. Dabrowski has a determined approach to help her control the points. She is a skilled volleyer and has excellent touch at the net. Her quick reflexes and solid footwork let her set up opportunities for her game. She can also create significant power on her groundstrokes. Meanwhile, Bopanna has a powerful aggressive playing style. He can use his big serve as a weapon to win easy points. He uses his forehand to control the rallies and put his opponents on defense. This helped them reach their first mixed doubles Grand Slam final without dropping a set:

**2017 FRENCH OPEN [CHAMPIONS] RESULT**

1. Jessica Moore (AUSTRALIA)/Matt Reid (AUSTRALIA) 6-0 6-1
2. Chloé Paquet (FRANCE)/Benoît Paire (FRANCE) 6-3 6-2
3. Sania Mirza (INDIA)/Ivan Dodig (CROATIA) 6-3 6-4
4. Andrea Hlaváčková (CZECH REPUBLIC)/Édouard Roger-Vasselin (FRANCE) 7-5 6-3
5. Anna-Lena Grönefeld (GERMANY)/Robert Farah (COLOMBIA) 2-6 6-2 11-9

The French Open is held over two weeks at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France, in late May each year. The French Open is a premier clay court championship in the world and the only Grand Slam tournament held on this surface. It is the second Grand Slam tournament, after the Australian Open before Wimbledon and the US Open. The slow pace and high bounce, along with the best-of-five-set men's singles matches makes it a physically demanding tournament. The tournament was first played on grass in 1891. From 1892 until 1907, the tournament was played on sand. Since then, it has been played on clay. The 2017 mixed doubles edition was my favorite. Even though I was born and raised in the US, Canada and India are two countries with special places in my heart. One, my birthday is on July 1st, which is also Canada’s national holiday, Canada Day. Two, India is the country where my family is from.

# **EPILOGUE**

I know my readers will ask me one big million-dollar question. What do I learn from this thesis statement? Well, it’s neither easy nor hard, because I tend to learn easy things the hard way and hard things the easy way! But that’s where the beauty of this sport lies. No matter what the size of the accomplishment is, there’s always a unique form of truth to uncover.

When I created Serena’s heading for her legacy, she stood out to me by a mile. In her singles career, she never had more than 12 losses in a single because she always maintains stability with her strength, skills, and dedication. Regardless of whether it’s her serve, groundstrokes, or footwork, she is terrific at adapting to any surface and condition. She’s always willing to improve her fitness and modify her training and diet as needed. Her strength training, cardio exercises and plant-based diet help her stay 100% healthy as much as possible to avoid undergoing surgeries for injuries after the age of 30. If my readers were to ask me which tournaments I liked Serena the best, I would say the 2011 US Open, 2014 Brisbane International, and 2017 Australian Open.

After Serena won Wimbledon in 2010, she ended her season due to injuries and dropped out of the top 100 in the WTA rankings. When she made her comeback in 2011, she won two titles in Stanford and Toronto to secure a top 32 seed for the US Open. When Serena defeated Wozniacki in the semifinals, she dropped only 29 games in six straight matches. “11 months ago, I was in the hospital and struggling to walk. But now I just beat the number one player in the world. It meant a lot to me to come out here as an American and be in the final, especially on a special day for all of us here in the US on the 10-year anniversary of the September 11th attacks.”

When Serena defeated Azárenka in the 2014 Brisbane International final, she became the only player to win the Brisbane International without dropping a set both times in 2013 and 2014. She maintained a perfect lucky streak of 16 consecutive sets won and zero lost. Even though she chose not to participate at the tournament anymore after her title wins in 2013 and 2014, I think this was the best choice she made in her career. From the 2015 edition onwards, it was easy to believe that the rest of the players would have more freedom to play without Serena in their section of the draw. In my opinion, though, there were neither negatives nor positives that came out of this situation, because matching Serena’s rare feat was much easier said than done. No matter how hard they tried, sadly, it just wasn’t enough.

Since 2015, Serena took a slow path in winding down. She gradually reduced the number of tournaments she played each year. Nevertheless, she still managed to keep her losses low in the single digits. Her best success came at the 2017 Australian Open. This was the first Grand Slam final she reached without dropping a set **OR** being pushed beyond the 7-5 set scoreline at the age of 36. But little did I know that she was two months pregnant with her first daughter. “I took the pregnancy test and didn’t check it until a couple hours later, because I forgot about it. When I saw that it was positive though, I realized that I was starting at the first Grand Slam, and I was wondering whether I would be able to get through it. But my hubby [Alexis Ohanian, co-founder of Reddit] said we got the OK from the doctor, who said as long as I stay hydrated and listen to my body, I should be fine. I modified my playing style, so I could still be at my best, while I look out for the baby and get off court quickly as much as possible.” When I wrote about my challenge of both the Williams sisters reaching the semifinals without dropping a set, Venus had an easy top half draw with a day off in between both her quarterfinal and semifinal matches. I was initially worried about how Serena’s body would physically hold up since she was in the bottom half of a tough draw without a day off in between both her quarterfinal and semifinal matches. But I felt more relaxed when she secured all 12 sets she played in six matches after her semifinal win against Lučić-Baroni. I realized that this gave her plenty of extra time to squeeze in extra rest to have a smooth recovery as much as possible. After she won the title without dropping a set, she continued to hit the practice courts and gym for workouts every single day, while also following her 100% plant-based diet, to make sure her pregnancy was 100% healthy. She maintained this perfect balance for herself to make it easier for herself to make a comeback to the sport.

Once Serena took her time to slowly lighten up her schedule at her own pace, I was curious to know which women’s singles Grand Slam champions could take advantage of that to match her in terms of dominance and stability. But, based on how I’ve seen it, Sharapova and Barty are the only two who can match Serena in handling the expectations and pressure properly to balance those two key elements. Balancing confidence and ability in this sport is an inverse relationship that I see from two different angles. One is high-risk underestimating, while the other is low-risk overestimating. What I’ve seen with the currently active women’s singles Grand Slam champions is tons of confidence and very little ability. But Serena, Barty, and Sharapova are complete opposites. They always believe that they can improve and are careful not to look too far ahead of the finish line.