**FRENCH GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENT**

Upcoming French Open is due very soon and there is series of civil unrest incidents. But the national security threat is at a medium level. Hence you might pack your bag and head to watch the most exciting game of all, the French Open. It is also known as Roland Garros. It’s a major tennis event that will be played from 28th May 2023 to 11th June 2023. It is held at the Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France, since 1928. Roland Garros is the French aviator after whom the tournament and venue is named. This is the only Grand Slam tournament that is held on clay court. It is the second major tennis tournament that is held after the Australian Open.

**Official Roland Garros tournament poster**

Since the year 1980, French Tennis Federation has invited artists to create an official poster. This year the poster is created by French artist Maxime Verdier. It is a beautiful poster with a halo on court Philippe-Chatrier and tennis ball-stars in the night sky. It’s an inspiration to all the players. A beautiful thought presented artistically.

**Champions – Past and present**

The current men champion is Rafael Nadal(singles). He has fourteen French titles to his credit. And the current women champion is Iga Swiatek (singles). And the most doubles titles for men, won by Roy Emerson (six) and most doubles titles for female is with Margaret Court (four). The most Women’s singles titles (seven times),was won by Chris Evert. She also has won the Golden Slam in the year 1988. She has eighteen Grand Slam singles titles to her credit. Carlos Alcaraz, who is also a favourite, won the Italian Open to regain his number one spot and secured the top seeding in Roland Garros.

**Most successful French Open player**

There is only one question that all tennis lovers are asking, Is Nadal playing the French Open? Everyone is hopeful of seeing Rafael Nadal in this year’s French Open. He has 22 Grand Slam men’s singles titles under his belt. There has been a doubt regarding Rafael Nadal playing this French open after he sustained a hip injury. It is difficult to imagine a French Open without Rafael Nadal.

**Players for French Open**

A total of one hundred twenty-eight players will be playing in this year’s tournament, of which one hundred and four players will be through ranking, sixteen players through qualifying and eight players through wild card. A total of 32 men’s singles players will be seeded for this year’s French Open. This is done on the basis of current world ranking and their eligibility.

Watch out for Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Aryan Sabalenka, Carlos Alcaraz, Daniil Medvedev, Casper Ruud, Andrey Rublev, Iga Swiatek and many more popular players. Iga Swiatek will be looking to defend the Women’s Singles crown.

Do you know that the winners of the French Open actually does not get to keep the original trophy. They get a replica which is smaller and made of silver. This year the prize money for French open has increased by 12.3%. Also, the prize money for the qualifying competition has been increased by 11.8%. It must be a heartening news for all young tennis players who would like to make ‘playing tennis’ their career.

So, grab a racquet, practice and prepare for future. We here, at THE TIDKES, would like to be a part of your bright future by empowering you with the best tennis racquet and tennis balls.

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