

Federer's Wimbledon reign in the balance

Roger Federer heads to Wimbledon anticipating a record sixth straight title and the very real prospect of another mighty clash with Rafael Nadal, who thrashed the Swiss number one in this year's French Open final

ROGER FEDERER
Switzerland



RAFAEL NADAL
Spain

26	Age	22
54	Singles titles	27
9	<i>Grass</i>	0
7	<i>Clay</i>	22
12	Grand Slams	4
Year-to-date performance		
32-8	Matches won-lost	44-7
1	Titles won	4

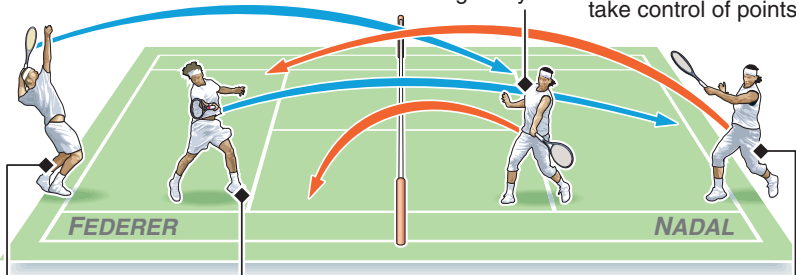
All-court play: Federer is versatile, with outstanding range of shots. Has exceptional court coverage, showing precision and consistency

PLAYING STYLES

Net game

Fine touch, hits winning drop volleys with regularity

Baseline play: Expect Nadal to be much more aggressive on grass than clay. Uses speed, strength and agility to take control of points



Serve: Well-placed and varied, with some power shots to keep opponent off-balance

Forehand
Formidable pace, depth and variety

Left-hand advantage: Powerful crosscourt forehand hit with heavy topspin at opponent's backhand, usually their weaker side

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Federer **6 - 11** Nadal

Grass court
Federer **2 - 0** Nadal

Clay court
Federer **1 - 9** Nadal

Hard court
Federer **3 - 2** Nadal