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# Roland Garros 2020 preview

The final Grand Slam tournament of the year takes place in Paris, as tennis returns to the clay courts of Roland Garros.

Traditionally played in May-June, the French Open was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic

**ENDURING RIVALRY:** *Nadal* returns to major action after missing U.S Open – with recent Rome Masters champion **Novak Djokovic** set to provide tough opposition for title

**Rafael Nadal**  
12-time  
winner in  
Paris

**W26**

**All-time meetings:**  
Nadal v Djokovic

**W29**

## Roland Garros battles:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Djokovic</b> | 7-5, 6-3, 6-1           | Quarter-final, 2015 |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4      | Final, 2014         |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-7, 9-7 | Semi, 2013          |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5      | Final, 2012         |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 6-4, 6-2, 7-6           | Semi, 2008          |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 7-5, 6-4, 6-2           | Semi, 2007          |
| <b>Nadal</b>    | 6-4, 6-4, <i>ret.</i>   | Quarter-final, 2006 |

## Simona Halep

2018 winner

### COMPETITIVE FIELD

**Halep** heads women's seeds following withdrawal of defending champion **Ashleigh Barty** – six different women have secured title since 2014



|      |                                    |           |                                |                      |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2019 | <b>Ashleigh Barty</b> <i>AUS</i>   | <i>bt</i> | Marketa Vondrousová <i>CZE</i> | <b>6-1, 6-3</b>      |
| 2018 | <b>Simona Halep</b> <i>ROM</i>     |           | Sloane Stephens <i>USA</i>     | <b>3-6, 6-4, 6-1</b> |
| 2017 | <b>Jelena Ostapenko</b> <i>LAT</i> |           | Simona Halep <i>ROM</i>        | <b>4-6, 6-4, 6-3</b> |
| 2016 | <b>Garbine Muguruza</b> <i>ESP</i> |           | Serena Williams <i>USA</i>     | <b>7-5, 6-4</b>      |
| 2015 | <b>Serena Williams</b> <i>USA</i>  |           | Lucie Safarova <i>CZE</i>      | <b>6-3, 6-7, 6-2</b> |
| 2014 | <b>Maria Sharapova</b> <i>RUS</i>  |           | Simona Halep <i>ROM</i>        | <b>6-4, 6-7, 6-4</b> |

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