

# Roland Garros 2023: Men's preview

**Carlos Alcaraz** is set to arrive in Paris as World No.1, with crowds poised for an epic showdown with rival **Novak Djokovic** that could herald a seismic shift in men's tennis



## PLAYERS TO WATCH

May 28-Jun 11

### Carlos Alcaraz

Surprise defeat in Rome after titles in Barcelona and Madrid. Lost only two matches on clay in 2023

### Novak Djokovic

Struggling for form. Victory would surpass Rafael Nadal's record of 22 major titles

### Daniil Medvedev

Strong display in Rome should boost confidence on traditionally tricky surface for his game

### Casper Ruud

Aiming for maiden major after making Roland Garros and U.S. Open finals last year

| PLAYER RECORD*        | Alcaraz | Djokovic | Medvedev | Ruud  |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| 2023 win-loss         | 30-3    | 20-4     | 39-5     | 16-11 |
| 2023 titles           | 4       | 2        | 5        | 1     |
| Career titles (total) | 10      | 93       | 20       | 10    |
| Career titles (clay)  | 7       | 18       | 1        | 9     |
| Grand Slams           | 1       | 22       | 1        | 0     |

**YOUNG GUN:** Alcaraz could become youngest man to win multiple Grand Slam titles since **Nadal** (inset) – aged 20 years and 37 days on day of final – after winning U.S. Open last year

### Youngest two-time major champions (years-days)

|      |        |                          |                                |
|------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1986 | 18-266 | Boris Becker <i>GER</i>  | Wimbledon (2)                  |
| 1975 | 19-009 | Bjorn Borg <i>SWE</i>    | Roland Garros (2)              |
| 1983 | 19-111 | Mats Wilander <i>SWE</i> | Roland Garros, Australian Open |
| 2006 | 20-008 | Rafael Nadal <i>ESP</i>  | Roland Garros (2)              |

