

# Wimbledon 2025

JUN 30 – JUL 13

A quintessentially British tradition, the Wimbledon Championships are the world's oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament – synonymous with pristine lawn courts, royal patronage, dazzling white attire and, of course, beloved strawberries and cream

## Carlos Alcaraz

Defending champion arrives at Wimbledon as favourite for title. Extended winning streak to 18 matches – longest of his career – with title at Queen's Club

Alcaraz:  
Grass court record

**29** Wins (32 matches)

**04** Titles (Queen's 2, Wimbledon 2)

**77-24** Sets won / lost

Spaniard has higher win ratio on grass (90.6%) than clay courts (84.4%)

### UNDER THE SURFACE

Transition from clay to grass courts is notoriously difficult for players due to contrast in movement, bounce and overall gameplay. Alcaraz can emulate compatriot **Rafael Nadal** with titles at **Roland Garros**, **Wimbledon** and **Queen's Club** in same year

### Queen's Club-Wimbledon double:

John McEnroe USA	1981	1984
Jimmy Connors USA	1982	
Boris Becker GER	1985	
Pete Sampras USA	1995	1999
Lleyton Hewitt AUS	2002	
Rafael Nadal ESP	2008	
Andy Murray GBR	2013	2016
Carlos Alcaraz ESP	2023	

### Roland Garros-Wimbledon double:

Rod Laver AUS	1969	
Bjorn Borg SWE	1978	1979 1980
Rafael Nadal ESP	2008	2010
Roger Federer SUI	2009	
Novak Djokovic SRB	2021	
Carlos Alcaraz ESP	2024	

### Timeline of a British Institution

#### 1900s

**May Sutton** (USA, 1905) and **Norman Brookes** (AUS, 1907) are first foreign winners

#### 1922

Defending Ladies' champion **Suzanne Lenglen** (FRA, right) and **Gerald Patterson** (AUS) claim first titles on new Centre Court at **Church Road** grounds

**1924-29:** France's "Four Musketeers" – **René Lacoste**, **Jean Borotra**, **Henri Cochet** and **Jacques Brugnon** – dominate court

#### 1934-36

**Fred Perry** (GBR, left) wins three consecutive singles titles

**1937:** First television coverage by BBC

**1940:** Centre Court is bombed during World War II – damage not repaired until 1947

**1950s:** Teenager **Maureen Connolly** (USA) wins three successive trophies. **Althea Gibson** (USA) becomes first black champion

**1968:** Open Era begins as professional players return. **Rod Laver** (AUS) and **Billie Jean King** take titles

**1975** **Arthur Ashe** (USA, right) becomes first black player to win men's singles

#### 1976-80

Hearthrob **Bjorn Borg** wins five consecutive titles. **Virginia Wade** (GBR) triumphs in 1977, Queen's Silver Jubilee year

#### 1980s

Fan favourites **John McEnroe**, **Boris Becker** and **Martina Navratilova** are centre stage

#### 1990s

**Pete Sampras** and **Steffi Graf** (left) dominate proceedings

**2003:** **Roger Federer** wins first of eight trophies

**2008:** **Rafael Nadal** (ESP) beats **Federer** in arguably greatest Wimbledon final

**2009:** Retractable roof used for first time

#### 2012

Centre Court hosts Olympic Games, with **Andy Murray** (GBR) and **Serena Williams** winning singles gold medals

#### 2013

Crowd erupts as **Murray** (left) becomes first British Wimbledon men's champion for 77 years

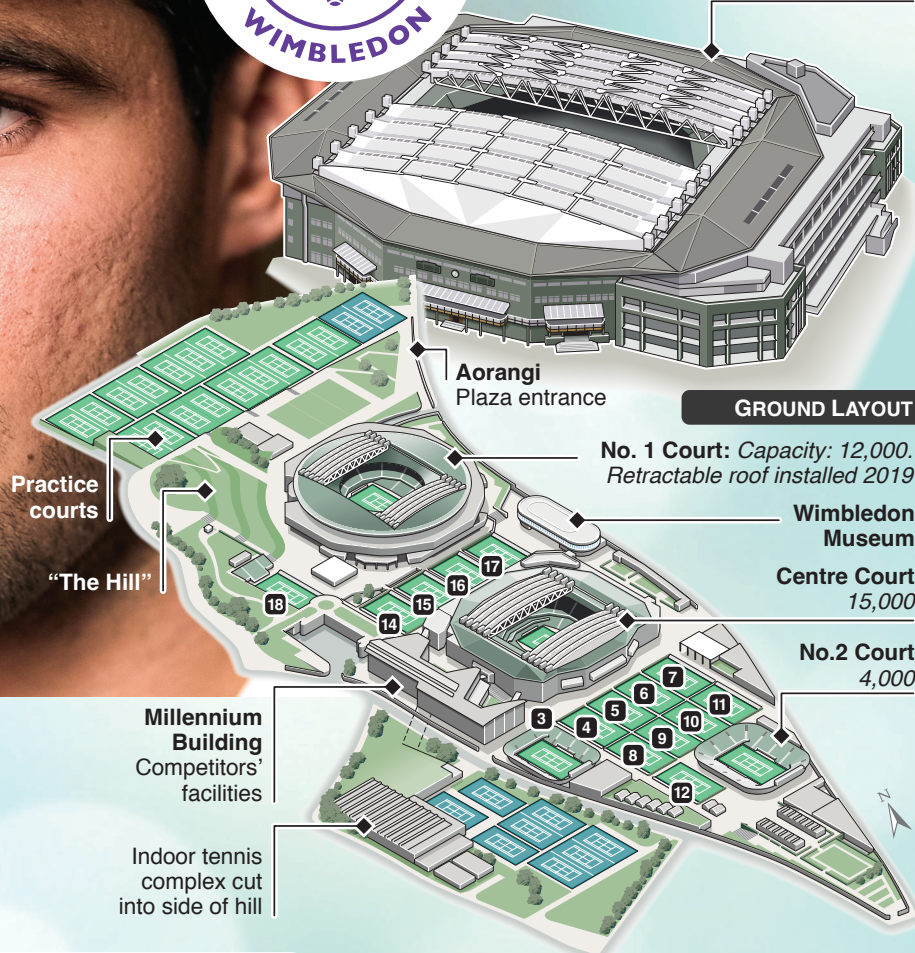
**2019:** **Novak Djokovic** beats **Federer** in longest Wimbledon final – 4 hours, 57 minutes

**2022:** Championships mark centenary of Centre Court, with play on **Middle Sunday** for first time



### 21st Century Renovation

**Centre Court:** Completion of retractable roof in 2009 allows play to continue in case of rain



### GRASS COURT MASTERS

**Novak Djokovic's** (right) quest to surpass **Margaret Court's** all-time Grand Slam record – for men or women – continues, with **last major title** at U.S. Open in 2023. While **Rafael Nadal's** superb legacy at Wimbledon is yet to be eclipsed

### Wins at Wimbledon (Open Era, men):

Roger Federer SUI	Matches W / L: 105 / 14
Novak Djokovic SRB	97 / 12
Jimmy Connors USA	84 / 18
Boris Becker GER	71 / 12
Pete Sampras USA	63 / 7

**QUEENS OF CENTRE COURT:** Sisters **Venus** and **Serena Williams** dominate early 2000s – winning 12 titles between them and playing each other in four finals

### Wins at Wimbledon (Open Era, women):

Martina Navratilova USA	Matches W/L: 120 / 14
Serena Williams USA	98 / 14
Chris Evert USA	96 / 15
Venus Williams USA	90 / 18
Steffi Graf GER	74 / 7

## Serena Williams

**Venus Rosewater Dish** First presented to champion of challenge round in 1886

Holds record for longest span between first and last titles at Wimbledon – 14 years

**1868:** All England Croquet Club is founded

#### 1877

Inaugural championships at **Worple Road** attract field of 22 men. **Spencer Gore** (GBR, right) is first winner

**1884:** Ladies' singles and men's doubles introduced. **Maud Watson** (GBR) is first female champion



### Roll call of champions

#### MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS (OPEN ERA)

1978, 79, 82-87, 90	Martina Navratilova USA	9	8	Roger Federer SUI	2003-07, 09, 12, 17
1988, 89, 91-93, 95, 96	Steffi Graf GER	7	7	Novak Djokovic SRB	2011, 14, 15, 2018-22*
2002, 03, 09, 10, 12, 15, 16	Serena Williams USA	7	7	Pete Sampras USA	1993-95, 1997-2000
2000, 01, 05, 07, 08	Venus Williams USA	5	5	Bjorn Borg SWE	1976-80
1968, 72, 73, 75	Billie Jean King USA	4	3	John McEnroe USA	1981, 83, 84
1974, 76, 81	Chris Evert USA	3	3	Boris Becker GER	1985, 86, 89

**Gentlemen's Singles Trophy** First presented in 1887

Roger Federer