

Next Best: On Tennis, New Winners

The generational shift is complete in men's and women's tennis

### Alcaraz's Full Circle Moment

Carlos Alcaraz's tennis life came full circle on Sunday. Three years ago, on these very courts in New York, the irresistible Spaniard secured his maiden Grand Slam trophy and became World No. 1 for the first time.

After four Majors elsewhere, the 22-year-old clinched his sixth with a rousing four-set victory over Jannik Sinner in the US Open final, regaining his position at the top of the sport.





### **Evolution in Alcaraz's Game**

### **Clinical Efficiency**

Traded spectacular, risky shotmaking for calculated precision and strategic play.

#### **Dominant Performance**

Did not lose a set until the final, showcasing remarkable consistency throughout the tournament.

#### **Defensive Mastery**

Faced just 10 breakpoints and surrendered serve only thrice during the entire championship.





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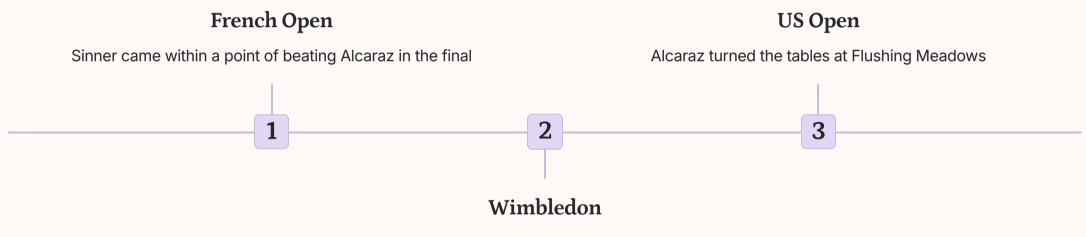
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## The Era-Defining Alcaraz-Sinner Rivalry

The rivalry between Alcaraz and Sinner has been pushed into uncharted territories. Prior to Roland-Garros, Sinner was deemed the better player on hard courts whilst Alcaraz dominated on clay and grass.



Italian eclipsed Alcaraz on grass courts

The two have swept the last eight Slams and met in three straight Major finals — an Open Era record for a calendar year.



### **Historic Dominance**

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**Grand Slams** 

**Straight Finals** 

Djokovic's Legacy

Consecutive Slams swept by Alcaraz and Sinner

Major finals between the two rivals - an Open

Era record

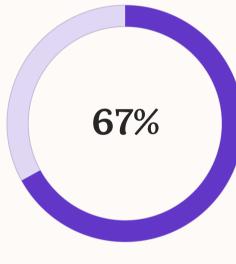
Slam titles now resembling vestiges of a glorious past

The likes of 24-time Slam winner Novak Djokovic now resemble the last vestiges of a once glorious past, as the new generation takes centre stage.

### Sabalenka's Hard Court Dominance

Aryna Sabalenka proved she was the numero uno on hard courts by defending her US Open crown and taking home a fourth hard court Major overall.

Starting 2023, the Belarusian has been in the final of the Australian Open and US Open all six times, winning four of those matches.



**Finals Win Rate** 

Four victories in six Major finals since 2023



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## Remarkable All-Court Consistency

During this period, Sabalenka has also reached two semifinals at Wimbledon, and a final and semifinal each at Roland-Garros, evidence of her remarkable consistency and fast-developing all-court nous.

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### **Tough Opposition**

Faced Amanda Anisimova, who was on an inspired run to her second consecutive Slam final

### **Quality Victories**

American had beaten No. 2 Iga Swiatek and outgunned four-time Major champion Naomi Osaka

### **Composed Performance**

Sabalenka stayed calm and collected, overcoming her tendency to let emotions override tennis

## **Promise of Many More**

# First triumph in three Major finals as World No. 1

Sabalenka's victory marked her first triumph in three Major finals as World No. 1, showcasing her growth as both a player and competitor. Her ability to stay calm and collected under pressure, having previously let emotions override her tennis, signals a new maturity in her game.

With the generational shift now complete in both men's and women's tennis, there is now the promise of many more thrilling battles ahead as these new champions establish their legacies.





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