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- WHAT TO DO WITH 14-TIME CHAMPION RAFAEL NADAL
- ANALYSIS ON THE TOP ATP AND WTA PLAYERS
- BEST BETS TO MAKE ON THE TOURNAMENT

Tennis, anyone? Before joining the tremendous VSIN team, I had the pleasure of working with Tennis Channel as an editor for TENNIS.com. And I have maintained a working relationship with them, as I occasionally provide them with match previews and serve as a betting analyst on their show Tennis Bets Live. In my time working with the company, I fell in love with the sport. And it has easily turned into my favorite one to handicap.

I'm especially drawn to the fact that tennis is on at all hours of the day, and the offseason is extremely short. As a bettor, that means non-stop action and a world of opportunity. Well, I have tried to bring that over to VSIN with regular tournament previews and daily best bets. So far, the results have been excellent.

In 2023, I finished +47.53 units across all picks given out with Tennis Channel and VSIN. This year, I'm up a little over 20 units and every play has been given out on the new VSIN website. I'm hoping that I can continue to find success in providing winners as we approach the second half of the season, but that's obviously not a sure thing. However, one thing I can guarantee is that I'll continue to try and educate tennis bettors with my writeups. I do my best to explain my process and try to dissect the on-court matchups. That continues with the VSIN French Open Betting Primer, which includes:

- How to approach 14-time Roland Garros champion Rafael Nadal
- Analysis on the top ATP and WTA players in the world
- Tournament best bets from Zachary Cohen and Gill Alexander

Longtime VSIN subscribers know that Gill Alexander, host of A Numbers Game, has been providing profitable tennis picks for years. Gill's tennis plays are constantly placed on the VSIN Pro Picks page, and he often talks them through on the show. On top of that, Gill does in-depth tournament previews for some of the biggest events of the year on his Beating The Book podcast. He'll have a French Open episode up after the draw.

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Overall, we hope you enjoy our coverage of the 2024 French Open. If you do, we'll be here for Wimbledon and the US Open — and a bunch of other tournaments the rest of the season.

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WHY I'M

FADING RAFA

by Zachary Cohen



Over the last two years, VSiN has been pumping out more tennis content than ever. Whether it's through tournament previews or daily best bets, it has been our goal to help casual tennis bettors become knowledgeable and profitable. However, we recognize that Grand Slams will attract more new tennis bettors than anything. And considering the French Open is coming up — and being played in a slower part of the sports calendar — a lot of people can probably use a little guidance. Well, we're going to do everything we can to help people make some money on this prestigious tournament. But that starts with a little piece of advice that you probably weren't expecting to hear: Stay away from Rafael Nadal.

Nadal, who is known as the King of Clay, has won the French Open 14 times in his career. You only have to go back to 2022 to find the last time he was in the winner's circle. That year, Nadal earned a 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 win over Casper Ruud in the final, absolutely dominating after two weeks in which he played through a serious foot problem. The reality is that there isn't much that can make Nadal uncomfortable in Paris. The Spaniard is a ridiculous 112-3 in the matches he has played at Roland Garros, and beating Nadal at Court Philippe-Chatrier is one of the ultimate "final boss" measuring sticks in sports. Only Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka and Robin Soderling can tell the tale of what it took to beat Nadal in this tournament. But there will be another player that joins those three in 2024. And there's a pretty good chance it happens early in the tournament.

Nadal simply hasn't been the same player over the last two years, with bad luck in the health department being the main culprit. The Spaniard suffered a hip injury at the 2023 Australian Open, where he lost in straight sets to American Mackenzie McDonald in the second round. That injury required surgery that forced him out of action for the remainder of 2023. And since returning in 2024, Nadal hasn't looked like his former dominant self. That's especially true of his play on clay this year. Nadal didn't suit up for the Masters 1000 event in Monte Carlo, where he is an 11-time champion. He then lost in the Round of 32 at the Barcelona Open, a tournament he has won 12 times. Nadal produced some decent results in Madrid, winning three matches and bowing out in the Round of 16. But even that was a disappointing tournament for a five-time champion. Finally, Nadal got blasted off the court by Hubert Hurkacz in the Round of 64 at the Internazionali BNL d'Italia, which is a tournament he has won 10 times.

The Spaniard has dealt with on-and-off pain since returning to action, and he has even hinted at skipping out on the French Open because of it. But the reality is that time is getting the best of Nadal, and the numbers show it. Nadal has a career hold percentage of 84.4% and a career break percentage of 42.7% on clay. But in his last eight clay-court matches, Nadal's hold percentage is just 75.9% and his break percentage is just 31.7%. Those are significant drops in two of the most important aspects of the sport. Nadal is also less willing to battle along the baseline, which is something that made him one of the best players in tennis history. Nobody on the planet was able to grind like peak Nadal, who could keep rallies alive for what felt like forever and then steal the point with on-the-run winners. Now, Nadal is trying to win points a little quicker, relying more on his power and less on his legs. Sadly, that's not something he wants to do. It's something he has to do.

The problem with Nadal's new playing style is that he doesn't have the skill set for it. According to TennisViz and Tennis Data Innovations, Nadal's forehand quality was 8.8 out of 10 and his backhand quality was 8.4 out of 10 from 2018 to 2022 — which were still years that were on the back end of his prime. In 2024, Nadal's forehand quality is down at 7.7 and his backhand quality is 7.0. When you combine that decline along the baseline with his struggles as both a server and a returner, you're no longer talking about one of the best clay-court players in the world. On top of that, some of Nadal's aura has worn off. Players used to be petrified of facing Nadal on clay, where his ability to pummel topspin forehands to the corners of the court made beating him a daunting challenge. But recent losses to Hurkacz, Jiri Lehecka and Alex de Minaur



prove that Nadal is now at risk of losing to any above-average player. Some of this might not seem all that shocking. Age eventually catches up to everybody. But the reason I'm flagging it is because Nadal is currently the fourth-most bet player at DraftKings Sportsbook, by both handle and tickets. And only six players in the world are listed above him on the odds board. People are making the mistake of assuming Nadal is capable of flipping a switch, turning back the clock and winning this event for the 15th time. But the numbers I referenced earlier don't lie. Nadal is no longer playing like an elite player, and he's really no longer playing like a top-25 player. TennisViz and Tennis Data Innovations have a catch-all metric called Performance Rating and Nadal's clay-court score in 2024 is 7.48. That's only good for the 37th-highest mark on tour. So, when looking to bet the Roland Garros futures market, you must go elsewhere.

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Nadal could also be a good player to fade in an individual matchup early on. Perhaps waiting a round makes sense, as Nadal should get a favorable draw and will likely get preferential treatment when it comes to match time and location. He'll also have a ton of adrenaline when he first gets out there, and the fans can probably get rowdy enough to will him to a win. We saw it happen multiple times in Serena Williams' final US Open run. But as far as I'm concerned, Nadal is on "upset watch" the second he steps foot on the gorgeous red clay. So, you're going to want to keep a close eye on how his draw shakes out.

This is also Nadal's first major since the 2023 Australian Open, meaning it's his first best-of-five tournament in over a year. His body has had trouble holding up in best-of-three events, and this will be an entirely different beast. Even if he turns in a good performance in his first match, there's a good chance he looks like a completely different player in the next one. But realistically, all it should take is a formidable opponent to do the honors of sending Nadal home. And while it might be emotional when that ultimately happens, you can make the moment a little more palatable by getting out in front of it and potentially cashing a ticket. After all, that's what it's all about.

FRENCH OPEN FAVORITES

by Zachary Cohen

IGA SWIATEK (-125)

Not only is Swiatek, a four-time French Open champion, 77-10 on clay at the WTA level and 28-2 at Roland Garros, but her overall game has gone to new heights in 2024. After beating Aryna Sabalenka in the final of the Internazionali BNL d'Italia, Swiatek is now 38-4 on the season. That's good for a career-high winning percentage of 90.5%, and her hold percentage is a career-high 83.3%. The latter is scary considering Swiatek's serve has been exploitable in the past. The better she gets with it, the more unbeatable she'll be.

On clay, there's not much you can do to make the Pole uncomfortable. There's some Novak Djokovic to Swiatek in the way she wins ugly, but there's also a Rafael Nadal-like inevitability. It's not always clear how she's going to do it, but you know she will find a way.

Swiatek's ability to defend the baseline is in a league of its own on this surface, and it goes to another level on Court Philippe-Chatrier. It's simply hard to get the ball by Swiatek, who is also remarkable at turning defense into offense. Her big, heavy forehand is a huge weapon on this surface, especially with the topspin she gets on it. Clay also allows for Swiatek to have off days with the forehand, which does tend to happen with her. If she's not able to hit those for winners, she can just focus on finding the court and outlasting her opponents. Meanwhile, her backhand is always reliable.

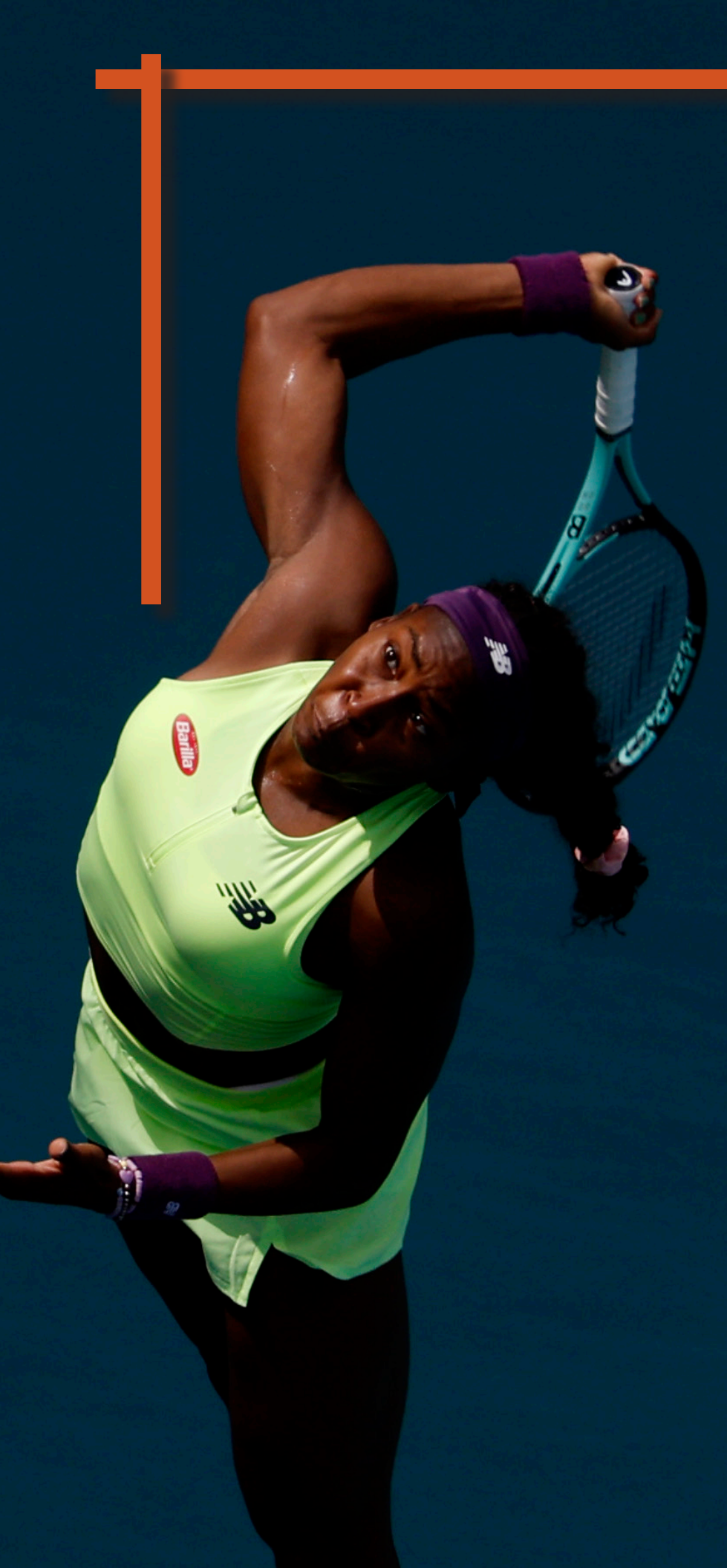
It's not often you see a player dominate a single tournament like this, but Swiatek's reign at Roland Garros likely isn't ending anytime soon. The title in Madrid was the start of it. The altitude there makes the conditions difficult for her, but she was able to win anyway. And she only gets stronger as the clay-court season progresses, as Rome and Roland Garros both play extremely slow. This is the best player in the world in the best setting imaginable.

ARYNA SABALENKA (+600)

Sabalenka is pretty clearly the second-best clay-court player in the world, and she continues to make strides on this surface. Sabalenka's career clay-court winning percentage is 69.7% at the WTA level, but it's up at 76.2% over the last 52 weeks. The Belarusian has gotten stronger as a server, and her movement continues to get better and better. When you combine that with her raw power from the baseline, you're talking about somebody that is very difficult to beat on a slower court. She's one of the few players in the world with the ability to hammer winners through slow conditions, and the court speeds make her better than she normally is defensively.

The problem with backing Sabalenka to win at Roland Garros is the mere existence of Swiatek. The Pole's win over Sabalenka in Madrid was especially troubling, as those faster conditions were supposed to give the Belarusian an edge. But Swiatek found a way to emerge in an epic three-set match there, and she then beat up on Sabalenka in a 6-2, 6-3 win in the Rome final. Considering those conditions match what we'll see at Roland Garros, it's just hard to believe in Sabalenka. Swiatek is also 5-1 against Sabalenka in clay-court tournaments, and the one loss was in Madrid. So, we haven't seen the Belarusian take down Swiatek in a tournament like this one. But she still offers a better chance than anyone else.





COCO GAUFF (+850)

Gauff has had some ups and downs throughout the 2024 season. The American did make a run to the Australian Open semifinals, and her 25-8 record sure is impressive. But Gauff's hold percentage is down from 73.4% in 2023 to 69.9% in 2024. She has also seen her double-fault percentage go up from 5.1% last year to 8.9% this year. That slight dip in the serving department has made it hard for Gauff to win big matches, especially considering her inconsistency from the forehand side. But you can never rule out a Gauff run at a major, especially on a surface that suits her game nicely.

Gauff's clay-court winning percentage at the WTA level is 71.2%, which is higher than it is on any other surface. And it isn't hard to figure out why. Gauff is already one of the top returners in the world, and returning only gets easier on slower courts. On top of that, the slow courts give Gauff more time to load up and hit her forehand. So, her biggest weakness isn't as big of a problem on the dirt. And she's always capable of ripping her backhand, which is one of the best shots in the women's game.

The American is also coming into this tournament after having played an excellent match against Swiatek, losing 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals in Rome. That was a battle that was a lot closer than the final score would suggest. So, Gauff should head to Paris with her head held high, and she'll feel good about her chances of beating anyone. She just needs to keep it together from the forehand side, while also avoiding giving her opponents free points on her serve.

ELENA RYBAKINA (+900)

After a tough 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5) loss to Sabalenka in the Madrid semifinals, Rybakina withdrew from the Internazionali BNL d'Italia. It was a shame considering she was the defending champion in Rome, but Rybakina was only dealing with an illness. So, she should be ready to go when she arrives in Paris.

Rybakina won a title at Stuttgart in April, going through Veronika Kudermetova, Jasmine Paolini, Swiatek and Marta Kostyuk. The win over Swiatek was especially impressive, and the fact that she followed it up with a good showing in Madrid was nice. But those were two of the faster clay-court events of the season, and the slower conditions in Paris will make life tougher on Rybakina. Her biggest strengths are her ability to serve and go big from the baseline, but those are neutralized a bit by the court speeds. Rybakina also leaves a bit to be desired as an overall mover and baseliner on this surface.

All in all, Rybakina's serve gives her a shot in any given tournament. But there's a reason her career-best result at the French Open was a quarter-final run in 2021.

FRENCH OPEN FAVORITES

by Zachary Cohen

CARLOS ALCARAZ (+230)

Alcaraz is dealing with a pretty significant forearm injury right now. The Spaniard had to skip the Masters 1000 event in Monte Carlo, didn't attempt to defend his 500-level title in Barcelona and then lost to Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals in Madrid. Alcaraz also noted that he dealt with discomfort in Madrid, where he clearly pushed himself to compete in front of his family and friends. But the injury forced him to shut it down for Rome, and most of the recent footage of Alcaraz has featured the 21-year-old practicing without a racquet.

If there wasn't any uncertainty surrounding Alcaraz heading into the tournament, he'd be a heavier favorite to win. Alcaraz has felt destined for a French Open title since he burst onto the scene a couple of years ago. He has the ability to hit a heavy topspin forehand, much like Rafael Nadal does. That's an extremely valuable asset on this surface. Alcaraz also has blazing all-court speed, so he's capable of tracking down any shot on a slower court. And the two-time Grand Slam champion can do a lot of things once he gets to the ball. He has massive power from the forehand and backhand wings, and he also possesses one of the best drop shots on tour.

The clay-court season also does a good job of masking one of Alcaraz's only weaknesses: his serve. He's able to do more damage with a kick serve here than he is elsewhere, especially on his second serve. In fact, his serve-and-volley game is extremely potent when it's bouncing higher and wider. Also, Alcaraz is one of the best returners on the planet. So, he's capable of taking advantage as the dirt drives his opponents crazy when it's their turn to serve.

Alcaraz also looked unbeatable before facing Novak Djokovic in the 2023 final, and we all know he struggled physically and mentally in that match. But Alcaraz ended up beating Djokovic in the Wimbledon final shortly after, and we haven't seen him pressing too much since. So, if he is able to stay healthy throughout this event, the moment shouldn't get too big for him. You just have to decide whether or not you're willing to back a rusty Alcaraz without knowing the state of his right arm. That's pretty risky with a right-handed player.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC (+300)

Djokovic isn't dealing with any injuries that we know about, but he is certainly lacking in confidence right now. Djokovic is just 12-5 since the start of the 2024 season, and the 24-time Grand Slam champion hasn't won a single event. Djokovic has also seen his hold percentage drop from 88.9% in 2023 to 83.1% in 2024, which is especially alarming when considering he parted ways with coach Goran Ivanisevic in March. Ivanisevic has been credited with taking Djokovic's serve to the next level.

Djokovic is so unsure of his game that he entered a 250-level tournament in Geneva before the French Open, as he wanted to spend some more time on the court. That's not exactly what you want when backing somebody at these odds, but perhaps it'll be exactly what Djokovic needs to get himself going and contend for his 25th Grand Slam title.





If one thing's for sure, doubting Djokovic is a risky proposition at a major. Losses to Luca Nardi and Alejandro Tabilo might be hard to ignore, but the fact that Djokovic is healthy while all of his peers are banged up has to count for something. Djokovic has also proven time and time again that he is capable of flipping the switch. That won't be any different at Roland Garros, where Djokovic has proven to be one of the best clay-court players in the history of the sport.

We have never seen a player defend the baseline like Djokovic, and his ability to serve and return have always made for a great transition to clay. So, if he can find his groove with the ball on his racquet, he might be able to make some things happen.

JANNIK SINNER (+400)

Sinner has been the best player in the world since the start of the 2024 season. And the reality is that it really isn't even close. The Italian won his first major at the Australian Open, defeating Novak Djokovic in the semifinals and coming back from two sets down to beat Daniil Medvedev in the final. Sinner is 28-3 since the start of 2024. He's also first in the world in hold percentage (92.9%), which is crazy considering he's also third in break percentage (31.6%).

According to TennisViz and Tennis Data Innovations, Sinner's Performance Rating is the highest of any player in the world this year. That's a catch-all metric that takes into account every aspect of the sport (kind of like QBR for a quarterback). And his Performance Rating is also the highest on clay, even though he didn't play many matches on it. Sinner's Shot Quality from the forehand and backhand wings was also the highest amongst top-30 players on the surface.

You might be wondering why a player like that is available at such favorable odds. Well, not only is Sinner a little unproven in Paris, but his status for this tournament is legitimately in question. The 22-year-old is dealing with a hip injury right now, and it was serious enough to prevent him from playing his home Masters in Rome. Sinner has since been advised to rest his hip in order to prevent the injury from becoming chronic. So, there's a decent shot he takes a long-term view and skips the French Open so he can win more tournaments later in the year. If he does, it'd be hard to blame him.

It should, however, be noted that Sinner's coach, Darren Cahill, is in Paris. Sinner has also posted himself on Instagram practicing on clay, and the caption definitely hinted that he's considering giving it a go.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV (+800)

There isn't a player in the draw that enters this tournament with a better combination of health and form. Zverev, who has always been tremendous on the dirt, just won the Internazionali BNL d'Italia for the second time in his career. Along the way, Zverev earned wins over in-form versions of Taylor Fritz and Nicolas Jarry. He also outlasted a red-hot Alejandro Tabilo, who knocked out Novak Djokovic earlier in the tournament.

Zverev is just a fantastic player on slower clay courts, as he has a big enough serve to overcome the conditions and rack up holds. His forehand, which is normally a bit of a weakness, is also a little more dangerous in this type of event. Zverev is capable of hitting with shape, putting topspin-heavy shots deep in the court. That's something you want in your arsenal in Paris. He has also shown a bit more of a willingness to flatten it out on this surface. That gives him some much-needed balance, as opponents generally try to avoid Zverev's world-class backhand. He needs to be able to punish them from both wings.

It's also just easy to forget that Zverev was pushing Rafael Nadal in the French Open semifinals in 2022, but that was the match in which the German tore up his ankle ligaments. Well, Zverev is finally getting back to playing that same level of tennis, and his Performance Rating on clay backs it up. TennisViz and Tennis Data Innovations have Zverev ranked third in the field in that metric when it comes to clay this season. That said, he's a player that should be taken very seriously over the next few weeks.

ZACHARY COHEN'S

BEST BETS

IGA SWIATEK TO WIN (-110 - 2.5 UNITS)

I gave out Swiatek to win the French Open on the VSIN Pro Picks page last weekend and I'm going pretty big on it. Unfortunately, you won't be able to find a -110 after she steamrolled Aryna Sabalenka in the Internazionali BNL d'Italia final. However, I think this is a play that's good up to -150.

It's just really hard to imagine anybody but Sabalenka powering through Swiatek in Paris. Beating the Pole at Roland Garros is like beating The Undertaker at WrestleMania. It doesn't happen.

Swiatek and Sabalenka will also be on opposite sides of the draw, so there's a decent chance she isn't tested until the final day of the tournament. At that point, you'd be kicking yourself for not grabbing Swiatek at her pre-tournament odds. Also, she was as high as a -400 favorite against Sabalenka in Rome, so you should be able to hedge for guaranteed profits as long as Swiatek just gets there. And if she faces anybody outside of Sabalenka, you're looking at some crazy lopsided odds. The -400 also tells you what the oddsmakers think of Swiatek. She was given an 80.0% implied probability to beat the second-best player in tennis. That alone tells a story.

Let's just hope that Jelena Ostapenko is nowhere near Swiatek in the draw. She has weirdly had Swiatek's number in the past.

JANNIK SINNER TO WIN (+450)

I took Sinner to win at +450 odds a couple of weeks ago, so I'd feel bad completely ignoring the fact that I have it. Of course, with Sinner's status being a question mark heading into this tournament, things aren't looking all that great. However, Sinner has been the best player in the world this year, by far. So, the fact he's out there at +400 right now is a little interesting.

With Sinner teasing the possibility of playing on social media, it might make sense to throw a little something on him at these odds. I highly doubt he'll even take the court if he isn't comfortable with how his hip is feeling. So, maybe he withdraws before a single ball is hit and your bet gets voided (check the rules at whatever sportsbook you're using). But maybe he ends up going out there and you have a great number on an elite player. As far as I'm concerned, he's the player to beat if he's out there.

CASPER RUUD TO WIN (+1200)

Nobody on the planet has won more matches on clay than Ruud over the last 52 weeks. He's 25-7 in that span and he won a title in Barcelona in April (the biggest win of his career). Ruud is just a very sturdy player, and he has improved drastically since 2023. The Norwegian has increased his willingness to go big from the baseline, taking more chances — especially from the forehand side. Ruud has also made some real improvements as both a server and a defender. All of that makes him tempting as a pick to win the French Open.

Ruud has made it to back-to-back finals at Roland Garros, but he was unable to overcome Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic in those matches. Well, neither player is in the type of condition that should scare Ruud at this point, especially with the Norwegian having defeated Djokovic on his way to making the Monte Carlo final.

Ruud is also fourth in the field on clay when it comes to Performance Rating in 2024, according to TennisViz and Tennis Data Innovations. All in all, I think he's a good value play at his current number, especially considering he rarely gets bounced early in tournaments — at least ones that aren't played on grass.

GILL ALEXANDER'S

BEST BETS

WOMEN

It's very rare in sports betting when one can confidently take a stand on a favorite without fear of looking foolish. But, as trumpeted on ANG since 2020 — with some bets more famous than others — Iga Swiatek on clay, and specifically on the red clay of Roland Garros, is about as sure of a thing in sports as one is likely to have. Think Rafael Nadal at a similar stage in his career. Swiatek is seeking her fourth French Open singles title, her fifth Slam overall, and her 22nd singles title, all as the world No. 1 turns 23 years old during Round 3 of this tournament. (Rafa, to be fair, was busy winning his fourth title at Roland Garros just after his 22nd birthday.)

Her raw data of 115.0/113.9 (1 year/6 months) when it comes to her combined service and return points won on clay is consistent with her level on this surface from even before her ascension to the main tour and is nothing short of the stuff of legend. For context, world No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka, who Swiatek just dispatched in consecutive clay finals at Madrid and Rome, boasts an otherwise formidable 105.4/104.9 on this surface, numbers that would be taken seriously only in a clay tennis world where Iga didn't exist.

I bet Swiatek ML at -116 to win the French Open some time ago and am seeing it as high as -147 now so I'm contractually obligated not to recommend that. But let's just put it this way: if you did bet it, no one would laugh at you.

MEN

On the other hand, there's the men's side of things. For years pre-Swiatek/Sabalenka/Rybakina, tennis handicappers rightfully viewed women's Slams as largely a free-for-all when projecting a winner while the Federer/Nadal/Djokovic Big Three got the top-heavy distinction on the men's side. I don't believe we're at a free-for-all era on the ATP Tour, but we certainly are at this specific moment in time headed into Paris.

Nadal, the 14-time champ at Roland Garros, says he feels fine and will travel to Paris in hopes of playing in the tournament. Even if he does avoid any hiccups in training and is able to go, after a fourth-round loss to Jiri Lehecka in Madrid, one wonders what realistic level he can achieve in what most speculate will be his last appearance at the French.

Carlos Alcaraz, who revealed that he developed "muscle edema in his pronator teres", a consequence of a recent arm injury, pulled out of the Italian Open in Rome to get healthy for the clay Slam in Paris. What we can expect from Carlitos is anyone's guess.

Then there's the unassailable best player on the ATP Tour in the calendar year of 2024, Jannik Sinner, whose hip injury causes more concern than any injury in tennis right now. It is the view of many that Sinner would do better to think much more long term than simply the horizon of this one Slam when it comes to his overall health and that rest and only rest ought to be his North Star right now.

Finally, what of defending Roland Garros champion, Novak Djokovic, who had a fan's water bottle hit him on his head, promptly followed by one of the most uneven performances of Djokovic's career, a 68-minute 6-2, 6-3 drubbing at the hands of Alejandro Tabilo in Rome.

Thus, the smattering of quiniela bets for this tournament, all anchored by Swiatek on the ladies side. I have no interest in the great Nadal at this stage of his career, clay or not, nor do I trust that Sinner hip. But I can absolutely see either, or both, of Alcaraz and Djokovic showing up as if it's business as usual. And just in case I turn out to be overconfident about even their prognoses, I sprinkled some Swiatek with Casper Ruud, runner-up at the last two French Opens, and someone who the red clay of Roland Garros suits spectacularly, as well.

ALL BETS

Iga Swiatek To Win (-116)
PARLAY: Iga Swiatek To Win/Carlos Alcaraz To Win (+450)
PARLAY: Iga Swiatek To Win/Novak Djokovic To Win (+500)
PARLAY: Iga Swiatek To Win/Casper Ruud To Win (+2000)