



## Jannik Sinner Hunts History At Italian Open 2026: One Win From All-Time Masters Record

### Description

Jannik Sinner arrived in Rome this week carrying the weight of history and on Wednesday, the weight only grew heavier. With a quarter-final place in the Italian Open 2026 secured, the world No. 1 stands just one victory away from outright ownership of the most coveted record in men's Masters tennis.

On Tuesday evening at the Foro Italice, Sinner dismantled compatriot Andrea Pellegrino 6-2, 6-3 in the round of 16, a clinical display that extended his ATP Masters 1000 consecutive winning streak to 31 matches. That number now sits level with Novak Djokovic's all-time record the benchmark every dominant player in the modern era has chased but none has surpassed. One more win at the **Jannik Sinner Italian Open 2026** campaign, and he rewrites the history books.



Sinner's lethal backhand has been on full display throughout the Italian Open 2026.  
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## The Record That Defines An Era

Context matters with a streak like this. Djokovic's record of 31 consecutive Masters 1000 wins was set across multiple tournaments between 2011 and 2012 – a period that marked the Serbian's ascent to undisputed world No. 1. Sinner's equivalent run has been built across the hard courts of Miami and Monte-Carlo, the clay of Madrid, and now the red dirt of Rome's Campo Centrale.

The wins have not all been routine. Sinner has dispatched top-10 opponents, navigated five-set scares, and recovered from shaky opening sets throughout the streak. Against Pellegrino, however, there was no drama – just precision. The world No. 1 broke early in both sets and never relinquished control, converting his chances with the ruthless efficiency that has made him the dominant force on tour this season.

The timing of the potential record-breaking win is not lost on anyone in Rome. The [Italian Open 2026](#) carries additional significance for Sinner beyond any individual match – it is the only ATP Masters 1000 title missing from his collection. A triumph here would complete what is known in tennis circles as the Career Golden Masters: winning all nine Masters 1000 events at least once.

## The One Trophy He Does Not Yet Own

Sinner has won in Miami, Monte-Carlo, Madrid, Cincinnati, Shanghai, Toronto, Paris, and Indian Wells. Eight of the nine. Rome has always been the outlier – a tournament where home pressure, clay form, and an unforgiving draw have conspired to deny him. This year, with the draw opening up following Carlos Alcaraz's pre-tournament withdrawal through injury, the stars may finally be aligned.

Alcaraz's absence removed the player most capable of beating Sinner on clay at full tilt. The Spaniard, a two-time French Open champion and the man who ended Sinner's previous Italian Open runs, will not be a factor in Rome. That changes the calculus for the home favourite considerably.

Sinner's quarter-final on Wednesday represents his most significant test of the fortnight. Get through that, and a semi-final and final stand between him and history – and between him and the Career Golden Masters.

## What The Rome Run Changes

For tennis fans across Asia, including Singapore's growing tennis community, Sinner's run in Rome arrives at a compelling moment in the season. The [French Open 2026](#) at Roland Garros begins on 25 May, and form on clay right now is everything. A deep run in Rome – or better still, a maiden Italian Open title – would send Sinner to Paris as not just the favourite on paper but the favourite in form, rhythm, and confidence.

The narrative arc of this tennis season has been remarkable. Sinner began the year under a cloud following a doping controversy that saw him cleared of wrongdoing but unsettled heading into the Australian Open. He won that too. Since then, his tennis has reached a level that is becoming difficult to contextualise in anything other than historical terms.

Thirty-one consecutive Masters wins. An imminent Career Golden Masters. Roland Garros on the horizon. Jannik Sinner, at 24 years old, is playing tennis that will be talked about long after the Foro

Italico clay is watered down for another year.

The question is no longer whether he can break Djokovic's record. It is how many more records he will break before his career is done.

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