



Roland Garros 2026 Day 5: Sinner Eyes 31st Straight Win as Sabalenka and Gauff Enter the Arena

Description

Roland Garros 2026 Day 5 brings the tournament’s most compelling storylines to a head. Jannik Sinner steps onto the Paris clay for his second-round contest carrying a 30-match winning streak, while Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff – two of the tournament’s most dangerous women – also enter the arena on a Thursday that crackles with anticipation from the first ball to the last.

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The day’s headline match is Sinner against Argentina’s Juan Manuel Cerundolo on Philippe Chatrier, with the world No. 1 looking to extend his remarkable run to 31 consecutive victories. Sinner arrived in Paris five days after completing his career Golden Masters in Rome – becoming the first player in the Open Era to win all nine Masters 1000 titles – and has been near-flawless in his Roland Garros opening. The Italian’s clay-court form this season has been exceptional, and with a potential second French Open title very much in his sights, he comes into Day 5 as overwhelming favourite.



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Cerundolo, the Argentine who reached the Roland Garros quarter-finals in 2022, is no push-over on clay. His heavy topspin forehand and natural comfort on the red dirt make him a credible test. But Sinnerâ??s all-court dominance and mental fortitude have been unmatched this season, and it would

take a career performance from the South American to derail the Italian express.

Sabalenka and Gauff Lead Women’s Day 5 Action

The women’s draw produces compelling second-round fixtures. Top seed Aryna Sabalenka faces France’s Elsa Jacquemot on Suzanne-Lenglen, with the Belarusian looking to maintain her title credentials against a local wildcard who will have the full force of the Parisian crowd behind her. Sabalenka, a two-time Australian Open champion who has never won the French Open title, has been clinical through her first round and enters Day 5 in full control of her game.

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Defending champion Coco Gauff returns to Court Suzanne-Lenglen to face Egypt's Mayar Sherif. Gauff's title defence began smoothly, and she brings the same aggressive baseline game that swept her to the trophy in 2025. The American has spoken openly about her desire to become a multi-

time Roland Garros champion, and nothing in her form so far suggests she will fall short of the latter rounds.

The Wider Picture: Djokovic, Osaka, and the Plot Thickening

Novak Djokovic, hunting a 25th Grand Slam title that would stand alone as the all-time record, showed sharp form in his opening round against Pierre Royer on Day 4. At 38, the Serb remains a force on clay, and his draw opens up reasonably into the second week. Night session matches on Day 5 also feature Matteo Berrettini and Arthur Rinderknech, two fan favourites who bring power and crowd energy to the evening programme.

Naomi Osaka continues her Roland Garros return, facing Paris 2024 Olympic silver medallist Donna Vekic in what promises to be a spellbinding second-round clash between two players with nothing to lose and everything to prove. Meanwhile, Ben Shelton's big-serving game will be tested on the slower clay, and young Canadian Victoria Mboko continues her encouraging run through the draw.

With the second week of Roland Garros 2026 in sight, the field is narrowing and the contenders are emerging. For everything that happened in the opening days, see our coverage from [Roland Garros 2026 Day 4](#) and the [Roland Garros 2026 women's draw analysis](#). For all the latest sports updates, visit our [Sports section](#).

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