

Roland Garros 2026 Semifinals: Zverev Faces Mensik As Sabalenka And Kostyuk Eye Paris Final

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The Roland Garros 2026 semifinals are set â?? and Paris is bracing for four matches of genuine Grand Slam drama. After a fortnight of upsets, heat-stricken shocks and the shock exits of world No.1 Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic, the clay at Court Philippe-Chatrier now awaits four players with everything to play for. The Roland Garros 2026 semifinals begin on Thursday (women) and Friday (men), and they promise to be unmissable.



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Menâ??s Semifinals: Zverev vs Mensik â?? The Main Event

If the quarterfinals showcased the breadth of the draw, Fridayâ??s menâ??s semifinal between Alexander Zverev and Jakub Mensik is shaping up as the centrepiece of the entire fortnight. Both players earned their places emphatically, but their paths to the last four could not be more different in style.

Zverev, the world No.2 and three-time Grand Slam finalist, has been a model of clinical efficiency throughout this tournament. His 7-6, 6-1, 6-3 dismissal of 19-year-old Spanish phenom Rafael Jodar in the quarterfinals was particularly authoritative â?? the German weathered early pressure before unleashing the relentless groundstroke power that makes him so dangerous on clay. He has now reached the Roland Garros semifinal in five of his last six appearances, and with Sinner and Djokovic both gone, the Parisian crown has never felt closer.

And yet Mensik is no easy ride. The 20-year-old Czech, seeded 27th, shook off the electric atmosphere of a Chatrier night session and the considerable talent of Joao Fonseca to win 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(3) in what was a tactical masterclass from a player whose composed demeanour belies his age. His victory made him the first Czech man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal in nearly a decade â?? and the first to do so before turning 21.

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Zverev leads Mensik in their head-to-head having beaten him on clay this season â?? at Monte-Carlo and Madrid â?? but Mensik has shown a remarkable ability to elevate his level on the biggest stages. Expect a fierce baseline exchange, with Mensikâ??s big serve and clean return game making this anything but a foregone conclusion.

Womenâ??s Semifinals: Kostyukâ??s Clay Perfection And The Sabalenka Factor

The womenâ??s side of the draw has produced stories of equal power. Marta Kostyukâ??s run to the Roland Garros 2026 semifinals is one of the tournamentâ??s defining narratives. The 23-year-old Ukrainian entered Paris as Madrid champion and arrived at the quarterfinals on a 16-match clay winning streak that she extended to 17-0 with a tense 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 victory over compatriot Elina Svitolina in an emotionally charged duel â?? the first time two Ukrainian women had met in a Grand Slam quarterfinal in the Open era.



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After the match, a visibly emotional Kostyuk dedicated the victory to the Ukrainian people. â??I want to give this match to Ukrainian people and to their resilience,â?• she said courtside. She now faces eighth seed Mirra Andreeva â?? herself into a maiden Grand Slam semifinal â?? in a last-four clash that pits the tournamentâ??s emotional story against one of the tourâ??s brightest young talents.

In the other womenâ??s half, world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka is through her quarterfinal and will face whoever emerges from Wednesdayâ??s remaining matches. The Belarusian, who has been relentless throughout this clay season, remains the tournament favourite and will be desperate to add the one Grand Slam title missing from her growing collection.

Roland Garros 2026 Semifinals Schedule

Womenâ??s singles semifinals are scheduled for Thursday 4 June (not before 3.00pm local time), while the menâ??s singles semifinals take place on Friday 5 June. The Roland Garros 2026 womenâ??s final is set for Saturday 6 June, with the menâ??s final on Sunday 7 June.

With Sinner gone, the defending champions absent, and four genuinely hungry players in the final four, this could be one of the most open and memorable Roland Garros finales in recent memory. Follow LBRD Sports for full coverage as the drama unfolds on the Paris clay.

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