

Sinnerâ??s Roland Garros Nightmare: World No.1 Crashes Out in Heat-Stricken Shock

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Jannik Sinnerâ??s dream of completing a Career Grand Slam is over. The world No.1 crashed out of **Roland Garros 2026** in one of the most stunning upsets of the tournament, falling to Francisco Cerundolo 3â??6, 2â??6, 7â??5, 6â??1, 6â??1 in what became a painful five-set collapse under the blistering Paris sun. Sinner arrived in the French capital as the clear favourite, but a **Sinner Roland Garros 2026 exit** that almost nobody predicted has reshaped the entire draw overnight.

From Dominant to Defeated: How Sinnerâ??s Roland Garros 2026 Campaign Unravelled

The opening two sets were vintage Sinner â?? precise, clinical, relentless. He broke early in both, dictated play from the baseline, and had Cerundolo looking bewildered. At 5â??1 in the third set, the match seemed all but over. Then came the cramping.

What started as a slight hesitation in Sinnerâ??s movement grew into full muscular distress. Cerundolo, the World No.56, seized on every fraction of doubt. He reeled off five consecutive games to level the set 5â??7 â?? and from that moment, the script flipped entirely. Cerundolo went on to win 18 of the last 20 games of the match, storming through the fourth and fifth sets with a ferocity that left the Philippe-Chatrier crowd stunned.



Sinnerâ??s body language told the story as the cramps took hold mid-match. Â© FFT / Jean Catuffe

Sinner did not shy away from speaking about the physical collapse. â??I just couldnâ??t pull myself out of these difficulties,â?• he said in his post-match press conference. â??I donâ??t know exactly what

happened physically, but once the cramping started, everything changed. Cerundolo played an incredible level and deserved the win.â?•

Cerundolo, Djokovic, and Zverev Now Primed for Paris Glory

Cerundoloâ??s remarkable win is not just a personal milestone â?? it dramatically reshapes the Roland Garros 2026 title race. With Sinner gone, the Argentine will now face a quarter-final opponent without the pressure of the world No.1 in his half of the draw.

Attention now turns to Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev, who remain the two standout contenders for the title. Djokovic, a three-time Roland Garros champion, has looked sharp and hungry on the Parisian clay. Zverev, the 2024 French Open finalist, is also in ominous form and will fancy his chances in what is now a genuinely open tournament.

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Sinner had looked in command through the opening two sets before the physical setback hit. Â© FFT / Corinne Dubreuil

For Sinner, the road to recovery continues. His team has confirmed he will **skip the entire grass-court season** before Wimbledon, prioritising rest and recovery ahead of the Championships. It is a significant decision, but one that underlines the seriousness of his physical condition heading into the French

Open.

The loss also comes amid ongoing scrutiny over Sinnerâ??s fitness management. While the world No.1 has remained professional and reserved in his public statements, the Roland Garros collapse will inevitably fuel debate about how he handles the gruelling clay-court swing.

What This Means for the Roland Garros 2026 Title Race

With the top seed eliminated, Roland Garros 2026 has suddenly become one of the most unpredictable Grand Slams in recent memory. Cerundoloâ??s run â?? should it continue â?? would be among the great upsets of modern tennis. Beyond that, the French Open 2026 preview we published ahead of the tournament flagged the clay surface as Sinnerâ??s one remaining vulnerability, and Thursdayâ??s result proved it in the most dramatic fashion possible.

Keep across all the action in our Roland Garros 2026 Day 5 match report, where we covered the full story of Sinnerâ??s exit alongside results from Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff. You can also browse all the latest from the Sports section for tournament updates as the fortnight continues.

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