



Wimbledon 2026 Day 7: Osaka Stuns Sabalenka as Fery Makes Grand Slam History

Description

Two days after Alexandra Eala stunned Iga Swiatek on Centre Court, **Wimbledon 2026 Day 7** delivered yet another seismic shock as Naomi Osaka ended Aryna Sabalenka's title defence with a magnificent straight-sets victory. Elsewhere, British wildcard Arthur Fery made history by reaching his first Grand Slam quarter-final, while Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic advanced with authoritative performances to set up a mouthwatering last eight at The Championships.

Wimbledon 2026 Day 7: Osaka Floors the Champion



Source: Lawn Tennis Association official website (lta.org.uk)

The match everyone had been waiting for ended in stunning fashion. Naomi Osaka – the four-time Grand Slam champion who has had an on-off relationship with the grass courts of SW19 – produced one of her finest grass-court performances to defeat world number one and defending champion Aryna Sabalenka in the Round of 16. With the roof closed and tension crackling inside Centre Court, Osaka

was simply irresistible, dictating rallies with the flat, penetrating ball-striking that has always been her hallmark. She won in straight sets.

It is the latest in a series of stunning exits that has blown the women's draw wide open. [Day 6 had already seen Elena's breathtaking defeat of Swiatek and Rybakina's shock exit](#), and now Sabalenka has joined them on the sidelines. The Wimbledon 2026 Day 7 women's results also saw Karolina Muchova beat defending champion Barbora Krejčíková in a high-quality three-setter; Jessica Pegula battle back against 18-year-old compatriot Iva Jovic to set up an all-American quarter-final against Coco Gauff; and Linda Noskova defeat Elise Mertens to complete the last eight.

Osaka will face Muchova for a place in the semi-finals. With Swiatek and Sabalenka both eliminated, the women's title is now genuinely anyone's to win and Osaka, in the form of her life on grass, must be one of the favourites.

British Hero Arthur Fery Rewrites the Wimbledon History Books

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In a summer of sport that has given British fans so much to cheer about, Arthur Feryâ??s name can now be added to the list of stories for the ages. The British wildcard â?? ranked outside the top 100 at the start of the tournament â?? continued his magnificent run on Wimbledon 2026 Day 7 with a victory over Grigor Dimitrov to reach his first-ever Grand Slam quarter-final. The scenes on Court 1 were

electric, with a partisan crowd roaring the 24-year-old through every critical moment.

Feryâ??s achievement ranks alongside some of the great British Wimbledon moments in recent memory. For a generation of fans who had grown accustomed to watching [the established order of Sinner and Djokovic dominate the menâ??s game](#), Fery represents something fresh, homegrown and gloriously unpredictable. His quarter-final opponent is yet to be confirmed, but whoever faces him inside the All England Club will know better than to take him lightly.

Sinner Cruises, Djokovic Stages Trademark Comeback

Order was maintained in the top of the menâ??s draw as world number one Jannik Sinner and seven-time champion Novak Djokovic both progressed with winning performances. Sinner defeated Japanâ??s Shintaro Mochizuki 6-3, 7-6(0), 6-3 in a match that showcased his complete mastery. He dominated the tiebreak 7-0 â?? winning the final six points without Mochizuki taking a single point â?? before comfortably serving out the match. Canadaâ??s Felix Auger-Aliassime also advanced in a gruelling five-set battle against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, while Jan-Lennard Struff reached the last eight after Hubert Hurkacz retired from their match.

But the defining menâ??s story of Day 7 belongs to Djokovic. Now 39 years old and chasing a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam title, the Serbian legend found himself in serious trouble against Roman Safiullin â?? trailing 2-5 in the opening set and facing two set points â?? before launching a remarkable comeback to take the first set in a tiebreak. From there, Djokovicâ??s relentless defence and ability to raise his level at critical moments proved decisive. He eventually won 7-6(6), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. It was a performance that encapsulated everything that has made him the greatest player of his generation.

A Quarter-Final Draw That Promises Fireworks

With the womenâ??s draw now free of its top seeds and the menâ??s half wide open behind Sinner and Djokovic, the Wimbledon 2026 quarter-finals have the ingredients for a truly memorable set of matches. The all-American clash between Gauff and Pegula on the womenâ??s side and the Osaka-Muchova match will be must-watch television. On the menâ??s side, the prospect of a Sinner-Djokovic semi-final â?? which was always the tournamentâ??s most anticipated encounter [from the moment the draw was made](#) â?? remains firmly on the cards.

And then there is Fery. Britainâ??s latest tennis hero, playing the Wimbledon of his life, standing on the threshold of a semi-final at SW19. Catch all the quarter-final action in our [Sports section](#).

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