

Wimbledon - Overview

The event was dealt a blow at the start when the No.1 seed, and defending champion, Rafael Nadal declared that a knee injury would rule him out of the tournament - Juan Martin Del Potro (No.5) took his place in the first quarter so as to even up the draw.

R1 proved easy for Del Potro along with Federer (No.2), Verdasco (No.7) and Simon (No.8) as each one advanced with straight sets victories but all the other top seeds were tested by obstinate opponents as Murray (No.3), Djokovic (No.4) and Roddick (No.6) were all taken to the fourth set.

On the whole, there weren't many big surprises in the rest of early matches with the main casualties, Marat Safin, James Blake and Feliciano Lopez, all struggling of late with their form. Their defeats were hardly unforeseen.

Even the first main seed to fall, Juan Martin Del Potro, in R2 wasn't a huge shock given that he lost to a former champion (Lleyton Hewitt). The rest of the fancied players had it much easier. Federer took just 90 minutes to see off Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Murray and Djokovic won in straight sets and both Roddick and Simon were never in much danger against Igor Kunitsyn and Thiago Alves respectively despite dropping a set. Fernando Verdasco had it tougher though, the Spaniard pushed to three tie-breaks by his opponent, Kristof Vliegen, before taking the match 6-4 in the fourth.

Match of the round was Marin Cilic against Sam Querrey, with the Croat winning a close five-setter, and there were other good wins for Robredo, Almagro and Kohlscheiber in matches which also went the distance.

Federer, Murray and Djokovic all continued to impress in R3, all winning with the minimum of fuss. They were joined in the last 16 by Roddick, Verdasco and Simon who all progressed with solid wins.

This round saw several high quality match-ups as Tomas Berdych defeated Nikolay Davydenko with ease (the Russian has never shown much form on grass), Juan Carlos Ferrero won a five-setter with Fernando Gonzalez and Ivo Karlovic out-served Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (one break of serve in 51 games).

There were also good wins for Lleyton Hewitt and Radek Stepanek along with Tommy Haas who overcame the stubborn resistance of Marin Cilic to eventually win their 4'28" match 10-8 in the deciding set.

The first week, taken as a whole, produced few major surprises as most of the top seeds won through without too much of a struggle but, as is always

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the case, Grand Slams are all about what happens in the second week - which was to begin with some entertaining encounters.

Andy Murray was pushed all the way by Stasos Papanicolaou before the Scot made the QF's, taking the match 6-3 in the fifth set, Lleyton Hewitt then came back from losing the first two sets against the Czech, Radek Stepanek, before reeling off the next three for the loss of just five games.

There was also a defeat for the No.7 seed, Fernando Verdasco, as he found Ivo Karlovic simply too strong - like Tsonga in R3, the Spaniard was unable to break the 6'10" Croat's serve during the entire match - and the No.8 seed, Gilles Simon, also fell, losing in straight sets to Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Roger Federer won a re-match of the French Open final, beating Soderling yet again, Novak Djokovic blew away the Israeli, Dudi Sela, for the loss of just seven games, Haas and Roddick also looked good in routine wins.

Plenty of grass court pedigree was on show in the QF's and they started with Andy Roddick surviving a thorough work-out by Lleyton Hewitt. Roddick levelled their career series at 6:6 with a 3'51" victory in what was a see-saw battle between two proven grass-courtiers. Andy Murray then beat Ferrero for the second time in a fortnight (having defeated the Spaniard at Queens) before Roger Federer finally found a way to see off Ivo Karlovic.

All those three matches went to form but the one big surprise came when Tommy Haas played a great match to oust Novak Djokovic - the German edging the first two sets and then finally sealing the win in the fourth.

In the SF's Haas was unable to repeat the dose. He had pushed Federer hard at the French Open a month before but here the Swiss player was the better man and duly reached another Wimbledon final. Andy Roddick then proved too strong for Andy Murray. The pair shared the first two sets but it was the American who prevailed, just, thanks to two tie-breaks.

It seemed fitting that Roger Federer would become the most successful player in the modern game after a truly memorable final. He beat Roddick 16-14 in the deciding set of their 4'16" match to eclipse the Pete Sampras record of 14 Grand Slam titles - *'I'm happy I broke the record here because this is the tournament that's meant the most to me'* he said afterwards. This 15th major title took Federer to 60:22 overall in ATP finals as he beat Roddick here in the final for the third time. The American played his part in a great match but this loss dropped him to 27:16 in tournament deciders.



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First Quarter

R128 Juan Martin Del Potro [5] 6 6 6
R128 Arnaud Clement 3 1 2
R128 Lleyton Hewitt 6 6 6
R128 Robby Ginepri 4 1 1
R128 Rajeev Ram 6 1 6 1
R128 Philipp Petzschner 2 6 7 6
R128 Mischa Zverev 6 6 3
R128 Dmitry Tursunov [25] retd. 4 2 0

R128 Radek Stepanek [23] 6 6 6
R128 Alejandro Falla 4 4 1
R128 Potito Starace 7 6
R128 Jose Acasuso retd. 6 3
R128 Fabio Fognini 1 6 6 3
R128 Denis Istomin retd. 6 7 4 1
R128 Kevin Kim 5 3 6 2
R128 David Ferrer [16] 7 6 4 6

R128 Nikolay Davydenko [12] 6 6 6
R128 Daniel Evans 2 3 3
R128 Victor Crivoi 4 6 7 2 6
R128 Bjorn Phau 6 1 6 6 3
R128 Frederico Gil 1 6 4 2
R128 Paul-Henri Mathieu 6 2 6 6
R128 Alex Bogdanovic 3 4 4
R128 Tomas Berdych [20] 6 6 6

R128 Jurgen Melzer [26] 6 6 6
R128 Wayne Odesnik 1 4 2
R128 Benjamin Becker 6 6 6
R128 Roko Karanusic 4 4 1
R128 Grigor Dimitrov retd. 6 0 0
R128 Igor Kunitsyn 3 6 4
R128 Jeremy Chardy 3 6 6 3
R128 Andy Roddick [6] 6 7 4 6

Second Quarter

R128 Andy Murray [3] 7 6 6 6
R128 Robert Kendrick 5 7 3 4
R128 Ricardo Ghedin 2 4 4
R128 Ernests Gulbis 6 6 6
R128 Taylor Dent 5 6 6 7 4
R128 Daniel Gimeno-Traver 7 7 4 6 6
R128 Brian Dabul 4 4 3
R128 Viktor Troicki [30] 6 6 6

R128 Stanislas Wawrinka [19] 7 6 6
R128 Eduardo Schwank 5 4 1
R128 Pablo Andujar 6 3 2 2
R128 Martin Vassallo Arguello 4 6 6 6
R128 Christophe Rochus 6 6 4 1 9
R128 Pablo Cuevas 3 4 6 6 1 1
R128 Jesse Levine 6 3 7 6
R128 Marat Safin [14] 2 6 6 4

R128 Frenando Gonzalez [10] 7 7 6
R128 Teimuraz Gabashvili 5 5 3
R128 Oscar Hernandez 0 0 3
R128 Leonardo Mayer 6 6 6
R128 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6 7 6
R128 Mikhail Youzhny 3 6 3
R128 Fabrice Santoro 6 6 6
R128 Nicolas Kiefer [33] 4 2 2

R128 Victor Hanesu [31] 6 6 6 6 1 2
R128 Ivan Navarro 3 7 4 7 1 0
R128 Nicolas Devilder 3 6 6 4 7
R128 Nicolas Lapentti 6 4 3 6 5
R128 Thiago Alves 6 2 6 2 6
R128 Andrei Pavel 3 6 1 6 1
R128 Bobby Reynolds 4 3 3
R128 Gilles Simon [8] 6 6 6

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Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter

<p>R128 James Blake [17] 5 4 6 R128 Andreas Seppi 7 6 7 R128 Adrian Mannarino 2 2 4 R128 Marc Gicquel 6 6 6 R128 Paul Capdeville 0 4 5 R128 Vincent Spadea 6 6 7 R128 Evgeny Korolev 6 6 4 6 R128 Igor Andrejev [29] 4 7 6 7</p> <p>R128 Tommy Haas [24] 6 7 6 6 R128 Alexander Peya 7 6 3 4 R128 Michael Llodra 4 7 6 3 6 R128 Joshua Goodall 6 6 4 6 4 R128 Sam Querrey 6 6 6 R128 Danai Udomchoke 3 4 4 R128 Alberto Martin 3 4 4 R128 Marin Cilic [11] 6 6 6</p> <p>R128 Tommy Robredo [15] 7 6 5 7 R128 Luka Gregorc 6 4 7 6 R128 Edouard Roger-Vasselin 5 3 6 6 3 R128 Stefan Koubek 7 6 4 3 6 R128 Dudi Sela 6 4 7 6 R128 Santiago Gonzalez 4 6 6 3 R128 Xavier Malisse 7 4 6 1 R128 Rainer Schuettler [18] 6 6 7 6</p> <p>R128 Mardy Fish [28] 6 6 4 R128 Sergio Roitman <small>retd.</small> 3 2 1 R128 Jan Hernych 4 4 6 R128 Janko Tipsarevic 6 6 7 R128 Simon Greul 6 6 7 R128 Michael Yani 4 2 5 R128 Julien Benneteau 7 6 2 4 R128 Novak Djokovic [4] 6 7 6 6</p>	<p>R128 Fernando Verdasco [7] 6 6 6 R128 James Ward 1 3 4 R128 Nicolas Mahut 3 6 7 7 4 R128 Kristof Vliegen 6 7 5 5 6 R128 Diego Junqueira 1 2 2 R128 Guillermo Canas 6 6 6 R128 Grega Zemlja 4 4 4 R128 Albert Montanes [32] 6 6 6</p> <p>R128 Ivo Karlovic [22] 6 7 6 R128 Lukas Lacko 3 6 3 R128 Steve Darcis 6 7 6 R128 Frank Dancevic 4 6 3 R128 Simone Bolelli 6 2 7 6 6 R128 Daniel Koellerer 7 6 5 4 4 R128 Andrey Golubev 3 7 6 6 R128 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga [9] 6 5 7 7</p> <p>R128 Robin Soderling [13] 6 7 6 6 R128 Gilles Muller 7 5 1 2 R128 Marcel Granollers 6 6 6 6 R128 Andreas Beck 2 4 7 2 R128 Nicolas Almagro 6 6 7 6 8 R128 Juan Monaco 7 7 6 4 6 R128 Karol Beck 1 7 6 4 10 R128 Feliciano Lopez [21] 6 5 3 6 8</p> <p>R128 Philipp Kohlschreiber [27] 7 6 6 R128 Florent Serra 6 1 4 R128 Ivo Minar 6 3 7 6 R128 Maximo Gonzalez 4 6 5 0 R128 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 6 6 6 R128 Agustin Calleri 2 3 2 R128 Yen-Hsun Lu 5 3 2 R128 Roger Federer [2] 7 6 6</p>
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R64	Juan Martin Del Potro	355	R64	Andreas Seppi	76656
R64	Lleyton Hewitt	677	R64	Marc Gicquel	54774
R64	Philipp Petzschner	47376	R64	Vincent Spadea	352
R64	Mischa Zverev	66660	R64	Igor Andreev	676
R64	Radek Stepanek	64646	R64	Tommy Haas	4
R64	Potito Starace	46263	R64	Michael Llodra	retd. 3
R64	Fabio Fognini	223	R64	Sam Querrey	66374
R64	David Ferrer	666	R64	Marin Cilic	47666
R64	Nikolay Davydenko	666	R64	Tommy Robredo	34676
R64	Victor Crivoi	442	R64	Stefan Koubek	66461
R64	Paul-Henri Mathieu	244	R64	Dudi Sela	766
R64	Tomas Berdych	666	R64	Rainer Schuettler	632
R64	Jurgen Melzer	767	R64	Mardy Fish	6366
R64	Benjamin Becker	636	R64	Janko Tipsarevic	4614
R64	Igor Kunitsyn	4262	R64	Simon Greul	514
R64	Andy Roddick	6636	R64	Novak Djokovic	766
R64	Andy Murray	676	R64	Fernando Verdasco	7676
R64	Ernesto Gulbis	253	R64	Kristof Vliegen	6764
R64	Daniel Gimeno-Traver	70635	R64	Guillermo Canas	4363
R64	Viktor Troicki	66167	R64	Albert Montanes	6646
R64	Stanislas Wawrinka	666	R64	Ivo Karlovic	766
R64	Martin Vassallo Arguello	322	R64	Stave Darcis	534
R64	Pablo Cuevas	21663	R64	Simone Bolelli	
R64	Jesse Levine	66446	R64	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	w/o
R64	Fernando Gonzalez	6666	R64	Robin Soderling	4767
R64	Leonardo Mayer	7444	R64	Marcel Granollers	6645
R64	Juan Carlos Ferrero	6666	R64	Nicolas Almagro	67337
R64	Fabrice Santoro	7343	R64	Karol Beck	46665
R64	Victor Hanescu	666	R64	Philipp Kohlschreiber	63468
R64	Nicolas Devilder	231	R64	Ivo Minar	46626
R64	Thiago Alves	7344	R64	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	224
R64	Gilles Simon	5666	R64	Roger Federer	666

	No. Matches	3/4/5 sets	Ave. Sets/Match	Ave. Games/Match
R128	64 matches	34-18-12	3.65	36.01
R64	32 matches	14-8-9	3.81	36.28
R32	16 matches	6-7-3	3.81	40.50
R16	8 matches	5-1-2	3.62	36.50

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R32	Lleyton Hewitt	776	R16	Lleyton Hewitt	42666
R32	Philipp Petzschner	563	R16	Radek Stepanek	66122
R32	Radek Stepanek	77356	R16	Tomas Berdych	643
R32	David Ferrer	55664	R16	Andy Roddick	766
R32	Nikolay Davydenko	232	R16	Andy Murray	26656
R32	Tomas Berdych	666	R16	Stanislas Wawrinka	63373
R32	Jurgen Melzer	6663	R16	Juan Carlos Ferrero	766
R32	Andy Roddick	7746	R16	Gilles Simon	632
R32	Andy Murray	666	R16	Igor Andreev	644
R32	Viktor Troicki	234	R16	Tommy Haas	766
R32	Stanislas Wawrinka	5766	R16	Dudi Sela	241
R32	Jesse Levine	7533	R16	Novak Djokovic	666
R32	Fernando Gonzalez	65464	R16	Fernando Verdasco	6736
R32	Juan Carlos Ferrero	47646	R16	Ivo Karlovic	7667
R32	Victor Hanescu	252	R16	Robin Soderling	466
R32	Gilles Simon	676	R16	Roger Federer	677
R32	Andreas Seppi	1666	QF	Lleyton Hewitt	37664
R32	Igor Andreev	6747	QF	Andy Roddick	66746
R32	Tommy Haas	7716 10	QF	Andy Murray	766
R32	Marin Cilic	5567 8	QF	Juan Carlos Ferrero	532
R32	Tommy Robredo	6565	QF	Tommy Haas	7746
R32	Dudi Sela	7727	QF	Novak Djokovic	5663
R32	Mardy Fish	444	QF	Ivo Karlovic	356
R32	Novak Djokovic	666	QF	Roger Federer	677
R32	Fernando Verdasco	4667			
R32	Albert Montanes	6146	SF	Andy Roddick	6477
R32	Ivo Karlovic	7677	SF	Andy Murray	4666
R32	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	6756	SF	Tommy Haas	653
R32	Robin Soderling	766	SF	Roger Federer	776
R32	Nicolas Almagro	644			
R32	Philipp Kohlschreiber	3271	RU	Andy Roddick	7666 14
R32	Roger Federer	6666	W	Roger Federer	5773 16

	No. Matches	3/4/5 sets	Ave. Sets/Match	Ave. Games/Match
QF	4 matches	2-1-1	3.75	28.75
SF	2 matches	1-1-0	3.50	40.00
F	1 match	0-0-1	5.00	77.00

Wimbledon - Bookmaker's Odds

Market Leaders	Odds
Roger Federer [2]	10/11
Andy Murray [3]	9/4
Novak Djokovic [4]	12/1
Andy Roddick [6]	20/1
Juan Martin Del Potro [5]	22/1
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	25/1
Robin Soderling	66/1
Fernando Verdasco [7]	66/1
Tommy Haas	80/1
Fernando Gonzalez	100/1
Marin Cilic	125/1
Lleyton Hewitt	125/1
Ivo Karlovic	125/1
James Blake	150/1
Tomas Berdych	200/1

Performance Of The Seeded Players

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2009	-	W	SF	QF	R2	RU	R4	R4
2008	RU	W	R2	R1	R3	R2	R1	R2
2007	W	RU	QF	SF	R3	R4	QF	-
2006	W	RU	R3	R3	R3	QF	QF	R3
2005	W	RU	SF	R2	R3	R2	-	R2
2004	W	RU	R2	-	QF	R3	QF	R3

Recent Winners/Leading Performers

	Winner	Runner-Up	Losing SF's
2009	Roger Federer (10/11)	Andy Roddick (20/1)	Haas-Murray
2008	Rafael Nadal (2/1)	Roger Federer (10/3)	Schuetzler-Safin
2007	Roger Federer (4/9)	Rafael Nadal (7/1)	Gasquet-Djokovic
2006	Roger Federer (4/7)	Rafael Nadal (20/1)	Bjorkman-Baghdatis
2005	Roger Federer (4/6)	Andy Roddick (5/1)	Hewitt-Johansson
2004	Roger Federer (5/4)	Andy Roddick (7/2)	Grosjean-Ancic

Betting - Wimbledon

Pre-Tournament Briefing :-

Rafael Nadal's no-show certainly opened up the top half of the draw. All eyes naturally fell onto Andy Murray (9/4) as the obvious alternative given his solid all-round play in 2009 and his recent success, on grass, at Queens - the negative was his lack of Grand Slam experience (just one previous final).

Andy Roddick (20/1) fitted the bill on that score but he had just pulled out at Queens with an injury - so was he 100% fit? Of the rest, Del Potro (22/1) lacked any form on the surface as did Davydenko (200/1) and Simon (500/1) - which explained huge prices for these top ten players - and several others like Lleyton Hewitt (125/1) and Tomas Berdych (200/1) simply hadn't been playing that well of late.

The bottom section revolved around Federer (10/11). Nadal in 2008 was the first player to do the French Open/Wimbledon double since Borg in 1980 so it was a tough ask for the Swiss player. However, chasing history he had to be considered at what, for him at Wimbledon, was a huge price.

Djokovic (12/1) was next best but still created an impression of not getting the job done in majors - beaten too often in matches he should win - making more credible alternatives Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (25/1), Marin Cilic (125/1) and both Soderling (66/1) and Haas (80/1) who had good enough recent form and had both shown an aptitude for grass - which many in this half didn't.

Post-Tournament Review :-

Federer, in many ways, was back to his very best here. Only Roddick pushed him and even then the Swiss player always seemed to have just enough in hand. Credit though goes to A-Rod as he again proved himself to be one of the very best grass court players in the game today.

Murray and Djokovic, compared to Federer and Nadal, showed why they're still some way behind those top two (losing matches they could have won) whilst Haas and Hewitt proved they could still compete at this level.

Pointers for 2010 :-

Top seeds clearly do well here but the key is grass court ability - if players have that they can compete here for years on end. Federer may find it hard to win here again but must be respected along with Nadal. Murray could struggle with home expectations and Djokovic remains disappointing so look to a new generation with Marin Cilic, Jo-Wilfried and Juan Martin Del Potro featuring strongly and don't discount the proven Andy Roddick.