
No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 11:51

Come on... whats up with you lot.

The semis are here, and the womens looks almost as good as the men (Djokovic v Nadal and Federer v Monfils)

I suspect that it will end up as Kuznetsova v Ivanovic, but the second semi (Ivanovic v Jankovic) looks like being a classic.

In the mens, I really hope that Monfils gets through as he has the game to beat Nadal (IF HE gets through), but Federer was fantastic against Ancic.

And the Djokovic v Nadal will be frankly, fucking brilliant. If Djokovic is ever going to be number 1, he must win this.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 12:28

The females are doing their usual trick of saying 'no, you win this game' ' No, YOU win' and its a shambles. Safina got 2-0 up, and practically lay on the clay to allow Kuznetsova to walk (if indeed she was that energetic) over her.

GET IT TOGETHER you wenches! (sorry about the sexism, but FOR FUCKS SAKE)

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 12:31

Kuznetsova fucks up her service game, and Safina is beginning to believe... ie, she is actually hitting the ball. 3-1

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 12:52

Kuznetsova is a shambles. First set to Safina, and she isnt much better, but her forehand is starting to work. Miss K is looking as if that her nemesis (Henin) retiring, is more than an excuse. She is truly woeful.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 13:38

Safina appears not to want to win. She is serving for the match and just threw in (excellent) drop shot, but she looks tired, but has match point, so I will shut up

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 13:40

and she won! Marat can officially go fuck himself.

Kuznetsova was just abject. She will never play as bad as that again. If the Williams sisters dont turn up at Wimbledon, she is my bet (although Sharapova might come and stomp all over me)

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 13:53

ok. second semi time. And this pair MEAN it (with the stress on mean, as Jankovic looks as if she is going to eat the other).

3 sets, and possibly a tie break. My money is on Ivanovic. For once I hope I am wrong (SEXISM alert... Jankovic has the flattest visage I have ever seen.)

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:07

Jankovic has just broke Ivanovic. And is playing furiously. If the commentators would stop calling them Serbian sisters, it might show that they are both trying their asses off. Although Ivanovic is looking tired already. Expect a comeback.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:08

fuck me, what a backhand. Ivanovic

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:10

Finally, the commentator suggested, that, actually, no one gives a shit. Jankovic goes 3-0 up.

The crowd are finishing lunch.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:18

its kicked off... they both went to the net about a dubious call, and are kicking the crap out of each other.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:21

ok, perhaps that was ever so slightly incorrect. Its now 3-2, but back on serve. Ivanovic is absolutely vicious (I so wanted to type viscous then)

Jankovic... I dunno. I think she may have bottled it. (and sorry for people who know anything about it, I am not a writer, and ... she has)

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:26

Jankovic has just hit a forehand so hard, she has busted a linejudge's nose. 4-2. Fucking hell this is good.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:27

wow. Ivanovic is not pissing about.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:29

4-3 I may have to go to the toilet soon. This is spectacular stuff, and you are all missing it. Good. Does this make me an official glory hunter?

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Bafflin Smoke Signals - 05-06-2008 14:31

Jankovic has the flattest visage I have ever seen

Are you sure it's not Mikaël Silvestre in a wig?

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:33

4-4. Jankovic was just lazy.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:36

Ivanovic has just made it 5-4. Jankovic has possibly gone. The width and direction from Ivanovic's shots would fuck up anyone, so if she now holds her serve, its game over.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:41

first set to Ivanovic. If Jankovic does the same, she is Donald. If she doesnt, it will still be 6-2. Wake up Jelena.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:47

words will not describe what I am seeing... superb tennis. Ivanovic 1-0 in the second set.

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Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:52

Jankovic has gone. 2-0, but brilliant stuff. Jankovic has no 'Plan C'

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:54

2-1. Its not over.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 05-06-2008 14:59

Great serving but Ivanovic' clenched fistings is becoming annoying.

Too late for me to be a glory hunter.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by bovril - 06-06-2008 11:29

big day today...

1st game to Djokovic

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 06-06-2008 14:08

I'd almost forgotten how obnoxious the Djokovic family (especially the little brother) were at the Australian Open (not forgetting his supporters and the man himself).

Good to see Nadal crush him in straight sets after a scare in the third.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by bovril - 06-06-2008 14:51

he has let himself down a bit this year hasn't he?

i still fancy him for Wimbledon this year though

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 07-06-2008 14:50

"Aussie Ana" has proved she's not a choker.

6-4, 6-3.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Impact Substitute - 07-06-2008 16:02

Highly entertaining final. There was five breaks of serve in the first set, and rather than being evidence of poor play, it was rather a case of both just switching off at crucial moments and being punished for it. Plenty of games could have gone either way. Overall, Ivanovic was the better player.

Now for Nadal v Federer....

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by bovril - 07-06-2008 23:32

Really can't see anything but a straight sets win for Rafa.

Fed will have my admiration just for trying to compete.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Rogin the Armchair Fan - 08-06-2008 13:13

John Lloyd agrees with me that if Federer wins today he deserves to be considered the greatest player of all time.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 13:40

I agree with John Lloyd and Rogin.

Early break to Rafa.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 13:45

Make that 2 early breaks.

Fred Stolle (former French Open winner) and Wally Masur (former French Open semi finalist) are doing the Australian tv commentary. Both said Roger needed to win the first set. If that's true, he's in the shit already.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel van Basten - 08-06-2008 13:45

2 early breaks... this is looking very ominous.

Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel van Basten - 08-06-2008 13:49

this is going to be quick.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 13:52

3 breaks. First set 6-1.

Federer hasn't won a point on his second serve.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by gerontofiel van Basten - 08-06-2008 14:09

what a difference 20 minutes makes. 2-2 in the second, and federer starting to make shots.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 14:56

6-1, 6-3, 3-0.

It's a slaughter.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 15:06

6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Incredible.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 08-06-2008 15:25

Borg, the only other player to win it 4 times in a row, presents the trophy.

Where does this leave Federer? If he doesn't win Wimbledon, the 15 grand slams to beat Sampras could suddenly be in doubt.

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

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I ended up watching the Darts (v Barneveld beat Taylor 10-9) as I was embarrassed for Federer in the last set.

Nadal is unplayable on clay, but Federer should still win Wimbledon. Although it could be any one from three (Djokovic

and these two)

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Re:No French Open (tennis) thread?

Posted by Tony C - 08-06-2008 20:46

"but Federer should still win Wimbledon".

Don't be so sure. Nadal took him pretty much to the wire last time and clearly his confidence will be high this time. He's playing Queens to get his grass game in shape and he'll be well prepared. Plus, I'm not sure that Federer has fully recovered from that early season virus - he's never looked as sluggish on court as he did today, Nadal's brilliance notwithstanding.

I'm going for a Nadal win at Wimbledon.

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