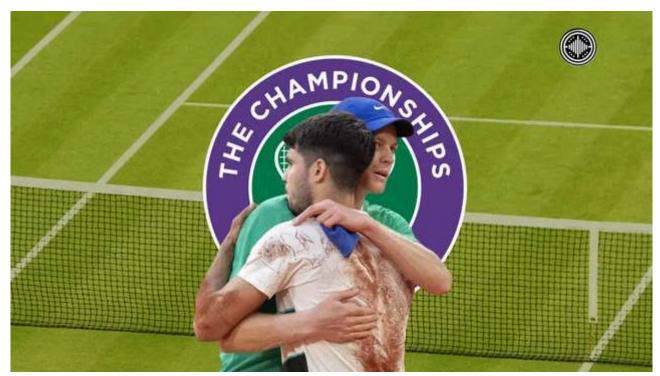
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## Sinner and Alcaraz Set for Wimbledon Final Showdown as Bookmakers Remain Split

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Wimbledon's ultimate showdown is set as tennis titans Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz face off in a Grand Slam final so evenly matched, even the bookies can't pick a favourite.

The world's top two men's tennis players, Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz, will meet on Centre Court this Sunday for what promises to be a thrilling conclusion to this year's Wimbledon Championships. The two young stars have already delivered one Grand Slam classic this year, a five-set epic in the French Open final, and now look set to do it all again.

Sinner, 23, booked his place in the final with a commanding semi-final win over Novak Djokovic, dispatching the seven-time Wimbledon champion in straight sets. It was a

statement performance from the Italian, who earlier overcame Ben Shelton and showed no signs of the elbow injury he sustained against Grigor Dimitrov in the fourth round. His form on grass this week has been arguably his most convincing yet.

Alcaraz, 22, had a slightly more turbulent route to the final. After breezing past Britain's Cameron Norrie in the quarter-finals, he was pushed to four sets by American Taylor Fritz in a high-intensity semi-final. Despite the challenge, the Spaniard held firm and secured his place in his third consecutive Wimbledon final, having beaten Djokovic in last year's title match.

## Rivalry Renewed

Sinner and Alcaraz have established one of tennis's most captivating rivalries, with Sunday's final set to be their 13th meeting. Alcaraz leads the head-to-head 8–4 and has won their last five encounters, including back-to-back Grand Slam victories at this year's French Open and the 2022 US Open. However, Sinner has fond memories of Wimbledon, having beaten the Spaniard on these lawns in 2022.

Their last showdown in Paris was a dramatic five-setter. Sinner stormed ahead by winning the opening two sets before Alcaraz mounted a remarkable comeback to take the title. Matches between the two are often defined by physical intensity, shot-making brilliance, and mental resilience, traits both men have displayed at the All England Club.

While Alcaraz is chasing his sixth Grand Slam title and second at Wimbledon, Sinner seeks to build on his Australian Open triumph earlier this year. A victory for either player would reinforce their dominance at the top of the men's game, continuing a streak in which the pair have accounted for seven of the last eight Grand Slam trophies. The only man to disrupt their run since early 2023 has been Novak Djokovic, who captured last year's U.S. Open.

With both players entering the final in top form, Sunday's contest promises to be a fitting conclusion to a compelling Wimbledon campaign.