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## **Roland Garros is over with two phenomenal victories**

### **An historical record for Nadal !**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Grand Slam tournament of Paris Roland Garros has ended last Sunday with the victory of Rafael Nadal against Stan Wawrinka (6-2/6-3/6-1). The Spanish champion has won his tenth Musketeer's Cup. To celebrate this historical moment, the organizers have reserved for him a memorable surprise. His uncle Tony Nadal came on court with a retort of the trophée with his own name printed on it. He would be able to keep it forever. As usual, Nadal had celebrated his birthday during the fifteen. This year the female winner has also celebrated her birthday on her semi-final. Only twenty years old, Jelena Ostapenko from Lettonie who has prevented her opponent Simona Halep (4-6/6-4/6-3) to reach rank one while Serena Williams's away. Let's have a look at some points of these two historical weeks.

The tournament of Roland Garros is one of the most important rendez-vous for players in the year. As Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam on grass, Roland Garros crowns the season on clay. And Rafael Nadal has almost won all of them as Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Madrid and finishing with his tenth victory here in Paris. The only man who arrived to beat him was Dominic Thiem at Rome. A performance that his final opponent Stan Wawrinka could not do after a spectacular semi-final in almost five hours and five sets against number one Andy Murray. The Swiss has so shared the ceremony with fair play remembering that he has won the famous tournament two years ago challenging Novak Djokovic. The Serb, 2016's winner has been surprisingly defeated by the young Australian Dominic Thiem in only three small sets in quarter. But the promising player could that time do nothing against Rafael Nadal's enthusiasm on the semi-final.

### **An historical champion and a young phenomenal female player winner**

So the public could appreciate this part of tennis history by clapping and also uncoiling a splendid "Tifo" behind him and while listening with emotion his national hymn. The match was not the best of the tournament but at least the weather was sunny and really warm. It has changed from last year when people were freezing and the rain had stopped so many times the game. Only one day prevented the spectators to enjoy their day at Roland. Expecting to be modernized in the following years by an extension on the greenhouses of Auteuil with one more big court. The organizers and Director Guy Forget will be able to afford a central with a roof and there will be even more spaces to enjoy the souvenir's shop, restaurations points or enjoying matches in front of large screens as famous Musketeers's place. So Roland Garros would ever take place inside Paris at a few stations from the Eiffel Tower.

### **A gigantic tyrolienne from the second floor of the Eiffel Tower**

The Eiffel Tower who was welcoming a giant tyrolienne from the second floor to the Military school. This phenomenal event was organized by Perrier's partner to celebrate the tournament. During a few days, those taking part of the demonstration could enjoy refueling thrills at a speed of 100 kilometers. A specific operation that would maybe come back next year. Another symbolic event was taking place at the Longines's shop at Rue de Sèvres in the 6th area. On Saturday the 3th André Agassi has given to ten buyers the official beautiful watch from Roland Garros. It celebrates a long collaboration between the champion and the mark. The total amount of the sellings have been given to the André Agassi's association helping young American children in difficulties to promote education. A rare and privileged moment that would be kept in memories for the ten customers found of tennis. The wheelchairs day on Wednesday the 7th belongs also to the highest moments to remember and in presence of course to the new French President of the French Tennis Federation Bernard Giudicelli. who has decided before tournament not to give a wild card to Maria Sharapova.

### **Roland Garros is preparing the future**

This edition of the tournament will certainly not be remembered for spectacular matches. But we would keep on mind the "Au revoir" of some players as Paul-Henri Mathieu, many renunciations as David Goffin Belgian champion, the emergence of a young champion, the good performances of French girls Caroline Garcia and Mladenovic reaching the quarters. "Kiki" as surname given to her has loved to

express her thanks to the public of both court Lenglen and Philippe Chatrier. They gave some strenght to her as she was injured at the back on first days. On the American side, the tournament was too rude and even the great server John isner could not do a thing against specialists on the clay.

Roland Garros was a famous aviator and it seems that Paris and this place could warmly welcome the future Olympic games in 2024 welcoming of course tennis competitors and also Boxing. The hope of Paris 2024 ans one of its defender Tony Estanguet. But that's another story to follow.Now the eyes are turned to Wimbledon next grand slam's step before the last of the season At Flushing Meadows. The question would be to see if Roger Federer will itself be able to win the title and chase history some more.

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