

Nadal — Insights Report

Nadal vs Federer · Nadal-Federer: 4-6 6-3 1-6 6-3 3-6
hybrid mode

AI Analysis

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- **The performance was inconsistent across the match.** The time-series consistency measure was labeled **“Streaky”**, with a variance of **32.7**. In the sufficient-size stretches, Nadal had strong positive periods such as **G6 (+9; 20–11)** and **G13 (+5; 13–8)**, but also substantial declines in **G3 (–7; 5–12)**, **G10 (–7; 14–21)**, **G11 (–7; 7–14)**, and **G18 (–11; 9–20)**.

Recommendations (Q8)

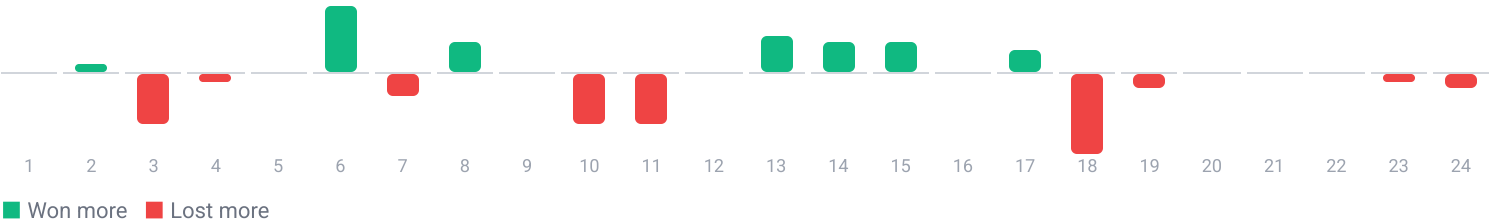
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4 · Net Game

Net points played	19
Net points won	7/19 (37% (7/19))
Volley (won / UE)	3 / 0
Overhead (won / UE)	0 / 0

Weak at net. 7/19 net points won (37%)

5 · Momentum & Consistency



Streaky — performance swung between stretches. Mean point differential -1.3/bucket, variance 32.7.

No significant better/worse stretches detected.

6 · Clutch Performance

High-pressure points won	78/163 (48% (78/163))
HP on serve / return	83 / 80
HP first serve in	72% (60/83)
Unforced-error rate	13% under pressure vs 19% overall
Break points	4/17 (24% (4/17))
Game points	16/26 (62% (16/26))

• Wasted break-point chances. 4/17 break points (24%)

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NET GAME

Volley technique and overhead tracking: 0 volley / 0 overhead errors — feed-and-volley reps with footwork focus.
↳ 7/19 net points won (37%)

MENTAL / TACTICAL

Return-game finishing: break-point conversion is low — drill aggressive return positioning on 2nd serves to convert chances.
↳ 4/17 break points (24%)

CONSISTENCY

Reduce performance swings: the match had streaky stretches — work on between-point routine and steady tactical selection to avoid droughts.
↳ Streaky — performance swung between stretches