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Table 1 shows the summary of the **Top 30** performance in the Grand Slams of the 2018 season. The players have been sorted based on the **performance ranking** or **GPI ranking**, starting with the best performance, in this case **Rafael Nadal**. **Nadal** has achieved the best overall performance in the four (4) Grand Slams of the current season, followed by **Novak Djokovic** and **Juan Martin Del Potro**. This trio has stood out on the rest of notorious way. We will see this situation more ahead.

In the calculation of the **performance ranking** the number of matches played has an important weighting. Anyway, as you can see in some cases, those who play more matches will not necessarily get a better **performance ranking**. In this article I have exposed only the "**performance ranking**" and not the "**general performance index** or **GPI**". As I have explained in previous articles, the *Performance Index* or *General Performance Index* serves to sort them from highest to lowest and determine a "ranking". I thought that it is not necessary to expose the indexes. What really matters is to determine the **performance ranking** (independent of the **ATP ranking**) to know objectively where each player is positioned with respect to the others. Obviously, the ranking is calculated for all the players of the season, but for reasons of space I only expose the **Top 30** and the **Top 10**.

One aspect to consider, regarding the reliability of the calculation of the **performance ranking** in the different aspects could be appreciate in the players chosen to play the **Laver Cup**. Most of them are in the **Top 20** of the best performance. In the **Top 10** of the **performance ranking** there are five of them (Six if we add **Del Potro**).

Another aspect, already mentioned in previous articles, but is relevant to mention it again, is the relationship that exists between the **ATP ranking** and the **performance ranking** or **GPI ranking**. These two rankings do not necessarily have to coincide, but in general there is a positive correlation (Depending on the degree of regularity of the players taken in the sample. The more regular, the more correlated). In **Table 1** note that within the **TOP 10** of the **performance ranking** are included 8 from the **Top 10** of the **ATP**. The emblematic icon is **Rafael Nadal**, he has obtained the best **performance ranking** in the Grand Slams this season and is the No. 1 of the **ATP ranking** too, in this case these two rankings coincide due to the regularity of this exceptional player.

The true **performance ranking** or **GPI ranking** we can be calculated it at the end of the current season and at that time we will know which the best performances of 2018 will be taking as reference the totality of the players in the tournaments, **ATP**, **Grand Slams**, **Davis Cup** and **Laver Cup**.

To learn more about the calculation of the performance ranking or GPI ranking, click on the follows links please:

- [GENERAL PERFORMANCE INDEX \(GPI\) MARCH 2018 – ATP TOP 30](#)
- [GENERAL PERFORMANCE INDEX \(GPI\) OF THE 2017 SEASON – ATP TOP 100](#)

Next, are exposed the performance tables belong different aspects for the **Top 10** (Except **Table 1**)

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www.AustralianOpen.com
www.RolandGarros.com
www.Wimbledon.com
www.USOpen.org

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TABLE 1
General Performance Ranking³ of the TOP 30 in Grand Slams – 2018 Season

			GRAND SLAM PERFORMANCE RANKING (GPI Ranking)													
			Total Grand Slams (4)		AUSTRALIAN OPEN			ROLAND GARROS			WIMBLEDON			US OPEN		
Name	Surname	Country	Performance Ranking	Ranking ⁴ ATP	Round	Performance Ranking	ATP Ranking ⁽³⁾	Round	Performance Ranking	ATP Ranking	Round	Performance Ranking	ATP Ranking	Round	Performance Ranking	ATP Ranking
Rafael	Nadal	Spain	1	1	Quarterfinal	5	1	Final (Champion)	1	1	Semifinal	4	1	Semifinal (retiro)	4	1
Novak	Djokovic	Serbia	2	3	4th Round	16	14	Quarterfinal	7	22	Final (Champion)	1	21	Final (Champion)	1	6
Juan Martín	Del Potro	Argentina	3	4	3rd Round	27	10	Semifinal	3	6	Quarterfinal	6	4	Final (Runner-up)	2	3
Marin	Cilic	Croatia	4	6	Final (Runner-up)	2	6	Quarterfinal	8	4	2nd Round	59	5	Quarterfinal	7	7
Roger	Federer	Switzerland	5	2	Final (Champion)	1	2	-	-	-	Quarterfinal	5	2	4th Round	16	2
Dominic	Thiem	Austria	6	8	4th Round	15	5	Final (Runner-up)	2	8	1st. Round	126	7	Quarterfinal	6	9
Kei	Nishikori	Japan	7	12	-	-	-	4th Round	9	21	Quarterfinal	7	28	Semifinal	3	19
John	Isner	United States	8	10	1st. Round	102	16	4th Round	12	10	Semifinal	3	10	Quarterfinal	8	11
Kevin	Anderson	South Africa	9	9	1st. Round	68	12	4th Round	15	7	Final (Runner-up)	2	8	4th Round	15	5
Diego	Schwartzman	Argentina	10	14	4th Round	13	26	Quarterfinal	5	12	2nd Round	55	11	3rd Round	18	13
Alexander	Zverev	Germany	11	5	3rd Round	21	4	Quarterfinal	6	3	3rd Round	31	3	3rd Round	20	4
Fabio	Fognini	Italy	12	13	4th Round	12	25	4th Round	10	18	3rd Round	32	16	2nd Round	36	14
Karen	Khachanov	Russia	13	25	2nd Round	35	47	4th Round	13	38	4th Round	12	40	3rd Round	32	26
Kyle	Edmund	Great Britain	14	16	Semifinal	4	49	3rd Round	22	17	3rd Round	18	17	1st. Round	84	16
Gael	Monfils	France	15	42	2nd Round	34	39	3rd Round	17	37	4th Round	14	44	2nd Round	33	39
Gilles	Simon	France	16	39	2nd Round	57	57	3rd Round	28	65	4th Round	13	53	2nd Round	55	40
David	Goffin	Belgium	17	11	2nd Round	54	7	4th Round	16	9	1st. Round	82	9	4th Round	13	10
Milos	Raonic	Canada	18	20	1st. Round	93	23	-	-	-	Quarterfinal	8	32	4th Round	10	24
Nick	Kyrgios	Australia	19	27	4th Round	9	17	-	-	-	3rd Round	25	18	3rd Round	22	30
Pablo	Carreno Busta	Spain	20	21	4th Round	10	11	3rd Round	24	11	1st. Round	69	12	2nd Round	34	12
Richard	Gasquet	France	21	24	3rd Round	23	31	3rd Round	26	32	1st. Round	122	31	3rd Round	21	25
John	Millman	Australia	22	37	2nd Round	37	122	1st. Round	88	59	2nd Round	57	56	Quarterfinal	5	55
Grigor	Dimitrov	Bulgaria	23	7	Quarterfinal	6	3	3rd Round	31	5	1st. Round	90	6	1st. Round	89	8
Jan-Lennard	Struff	Germany	24	50	2nd Round	52	55	2nd Round	55	71	3rd Round	29	64	3rd Round	31	58
Fernando	Verdasco	Spain	25	29	2nd Round	53	40	4th Round	14	35	1st. Round	110	34	3rd Round	29	32
Adrian	Mannarino	France	26	32	3rd Round	17	27	1st. Round	127	26	4th Round	9	26	1st. Round	75	29
Hyeon	Chung	South Korea	27	23	Semifinal	3	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	2nd Round	43	23
Tennys	Sandgren	United States	28	58	Quarterfinal	7	97	1st. Round	114	54	1st. Round	71	57	2nd Round	35	61
Julien	Benneteau	France	29	57	3rd Round	22	59	2nd Round	43	62	2nd Round	58	63	2nd Round	38	60
Nikoloz	Basilashvili	Georgia	30	31	3rd Round	30	61	1st. Round	72	77	1st. Round	111	74	4th Round	12	37

³ It is the "sorting" (ranking) from highest to lowest of the **General Performance Indexes (GPI)**. The indexes are not exposed in this article.

⁴ The **ATP Ranking** of this column correspond to the September 10th, 2018. The **ATP Ranking** of each Grand Slam corresponds to the first Monday of each.

Performance Ranking of the 4 Grand Slams

TABLE 2

TOTAL OF THE 4 GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	19
5	2	Roger	Federer	16
6	8	Dominic	Thiem	17
7	12	Kei	Nishikori	15
8	10	John	Isner	16
9	9	Kevin	Anderson	16
10	14	Diego	Schwartzman	14

TABLE 3

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	Matches
1	2	Roger	Federer	7
2	6	Marin	Cilic	7
3	58	Hyeon	Chung	6
4	49	Kyle	Edmund	6
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	5
6	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	5
7	97	Tennys	Sandgren	5
8	20	Tomas	Berdych	5
9	17	Nick	Kyrgios	4
10	11	Pablo	Carreno Busta	4

Table 2 shows the performance ranking of the Top10 in the four Grand Slams where the podium is formed by **Rafael Nadal** (1), **Novak Djokovic** (2) and **Juan Martín Del Potro** (3). In Table 3 **Roger Federer** (1) stands out as the best performing player in the **Australian Open**, followed by **Marin Cilic** (2).

TABLE 4

ROLAND GARROS

Performance	Rkn ATP	Name	Surname	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	7
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	7
3	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	6
4	72	Marco	Cecchinato	6
5	12	Diego	Schwartzman	5
6	3	Alexander	Zverev	5
7	22	Novak	Djokovic	5
8	4	Marin	Cilic	5
9	21	Kei	Nishikori	4
10	18	Fabio	Fognini	4

TABLE 5

WIMBLEDON

Performance	Rkn ATP	Name	Surname	Matches
1	21	Novak	Djokovic	7
2	8	Kevin	Anderson	7
3	10	John	Isner	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	6
5	2	Roger	Federer	5
6	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	5
7	28	Kei	Nishikori	5
8	32	Milos	Raonic	5
9	26	Adrian	Mannarino	4
10	93	Jiri	Vesely	4

TABLE 6

US OPEN

Performance	Rkn ATP	Name	Surname	Matches
1	6	Novak	Djokovic	7
2	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	7
3	19	Kei	Nishikori	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	6
5	55	John	Millman	5
6	9	Dominic	Thiem	5
7	7	Marin	Cilic	5
8	11	John	Isner	5
9	20	Borna	Coric	4
10	24	Milos	Raonic	4

Table 4 shows the absolute evidence that **Rafael Nadal** is the player with the best performance on this surface (red clay) without a doubt. Tables 5 and 6 highlight **Novak Djokovic** as the leader in competitive performance. **Dominic Thiem**, **Marin Cilic**, **Kevin Anderson** and **Juan Martin Del Potro** are the other outstanding performance players in the 4 Grand Slams as finalists. Note that generally the best performing player in a Grand Slam is the champion, although the finalist also played the same number of matches (7). This is generally due (an exception could be existing), that in some aspect the champion had a better performance in the service, in the returns, in the break points, etc. Some aspect must have made the difference because the analysis was consistent and because the Grand Slams champions got the best tournament performance. It could be the case that the runner-up gets better performance in the tournament than the champion due to that the last one could have won the final not playing well, for example, winning tiebreaks or saving too many break points. The break points won and saved are part of the process of determining the **performance ranking**. When this situation takes place, we will mention it at that moment, until now, in this season this situation has not happened and those of better performance have been the champions of the respective Grand Slams.

Performance Ranking of ACES

Table 7 exposes the outstanding bombers of the circuit, here there are no secrets. They are the best servers of the moment, for their power, aim and regularity tournament after tournament. **Table 7** shows the total of aces in the four (4) Grand Slams of the season standing out first **John Isner** (1), followed by **Kevin Anderson** (2) and **Marin Cilic** (3) on the podium of the **performance ranking** (GPI ranking). Note that in this area the leadership is **John Isner** because he has obtained the highest **performance ranking** in aces in three of the four Grand Slams (**Roland Garros**, **Wimbledon** and **US Open**). **John Isner** is the best bomber of the Grand Slams as far as "aces" is concerned. Other outstanding servers are **Kevin Anderson**, **Marin Cilic**, **Juan Martin Del Potro** and **Milos Raonic**.

TABLE 7

ACES - TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	ACES	Matches
1	10	John	Isner	470	16
2	9	Kevin	Anderson	358	16
3	6	Marin	Cilic	299	19
4	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	267	21
5	20	Milos	Raonic	259	10
6	138	Ivo	Karlovic	249	6
7	27	Nick	Kyrgios	223	10
8	25	Karen	Khachanov	222	13
9	2	Roger	Federer	205	16
10	8	Dominic	Thiem	183	17

TABLE 8

ACES - AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	ACES	Matches
1	89	Ivo	Karlovic	126	3
2	6	Marin	Cilic	123	7
3	17	Nick	Kyrgios	97	4
4	2	Roger	Federer	95	7
5	28	Gilles	Muller	87	3
6	49	Kyle	Edmund	85	6
7	97	Tennys	Sandgren	68	5
8	5	Dominic	Thiem	65	4
9	4	Alexander	Zverev	63	3
10	20	Tomas	Berdych	52	5

TABLE 9

ACES – R. GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	ACES	Matches
1	10	John	Isner	95	4
2	7	Kevin	Anderson	76	4
3	4	Marin	Cilic	57	5
4	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	55	6
5	3	Alexander	Zverev	47	5
6	38	Karen	Khachanov	44	4
7	8	Dominic	Thiem	40	7
8	51	Benoit	Paire	37	2
9	72	Marco	Cecchinato	37	6
10	87	Pierre-Hugues	Herbert	32	3

TABLE 10

ACES - WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	ACES	Matches
1	10	John	Isner	213	6
2	8	Kevin	Anderson	183	7
3	32	Milos	Raonic	148	5
4	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	102	5
5	112	Ivo	Karlovic	97	2
6	40	Karen	Khachanov	88	4
7	18	Nick	Kyrgios	74	3
8	21	Novak	Djokovic	70	7
9	138	Ernesto	Gulbis	69	4
10	35	Stefanos	Tsitsipas	64	4

TABLE 11

ACES - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	ACES	Matches
1	11	John	Isner	138	5
2	24	Milos	Raonic	75	4
3	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	74	7
4	7	Marin	Cilic	71	5
5	9	Dominic	Thiem	71	5
6	5	Kevin	Anderson	64	4
7	30	Nick	Kyrgios	52	3
8	2	Roger	Federer	48	4
9	42	Nicolas	Jarry	42	2
10	17	Lucas	Pouille	41	3

Performance Ranking (-) of DOUBLE FAULTS

The ranking of double faults is a "negative" ranking in my opinion, because the one that gets the highest ranking is the one that committed the most double faults and that is not a merit, it is something to correct. Note that some of the "aces" leaders are also leaders in "double faults" such as **Kevin Anderson**, **Milos Raonic** and **Marin Cilic**. The leader in double faults in the four Grand Slams is **Marin Cilic** who is 3rd in number of "aces".

TABLE 12

DOBLES FALTAS - TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Ranking (-)	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	D. FAULTS	Matches
1	6	Marin	Cilic	83	19
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	83	17
3	7	Grigor	Dimitrov	73	10
4	34	Denis	Shapovalov	73	9
5	48	Matthew	Ebden	72	8
6	57	Julien	Benneteau	70	9
7	54	Benoit	Paire	69	8
8	42	Gael	Monfils	69	11
9	3	Novak	Djokovic	68	23
10	50	Jan-Lennard	Struff	67	10

TABLE 13

DOBLES FALTAS - AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Ranking (-)	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	D. FAULTS	Matches
1	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	43	5
2	32	Andrey	Rublev	42	3
3	39	Gael	Monfils	28	2
4	61	Nikoloz	Basilashvili	26	3
5	89	Ivo	Karlovic	25	3
6	59	Julien	Benneteau	25	3
7	14	Novak	Djokovic	24	4
8	6	Marin	Cilic	23	7
9	5	Dominic	Thiem	19	4
10	80	Marton	Fucsovics	19	4

TABLE 14

DOUBLE FAULTS – R. GARROS

Ranking (-)	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	Double Faults	Matches
1	8	Dominic	Thiem	34	7
2	3	Alexander	Zverev	22	5
3	160	Ernest	Gulbis	22	2
4	7	Kevin	Anderson	21	4
5	9	David	Goffin	21	4
6	1	Rafael	Nadal	20	7
7	4	Marin	Cilic	19	5
8	5	Grigor	Dimitrov	19	3
9	108	Guido	Andreozzi	19	2
10	51	Benoit	Paire	18	2

TABLE 15

DOUBLE FAULTS - WIMBLEDON

Ranking (-)	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	Doble Faults	Matches
1	8	Kevin	Anderson	28	7
2	32	Milos	Raonic	27	5
3	138	Ernest	Gulbis	26	4
4	51	Matthew	Ebden	25	3
5	47	Benoit	Paire	22	3
6	10	John	Isner	21	6
7	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	20	5
8	40	Karen	Khachanov	20	4
9	28	Kei	Nishikori	20	5
10	18	Nick	Kyrgios	19	3

TABLE 16

DOUBLE FAULTS - US OPEN

Ranking (-)	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	Double Faults	Matches
1	54	Matthew	Ebden	32	2
2	24	Milos	Raonic	30	4
3	58	Jan-Lennard	Struff	30	3
4	7	Marin	Cilic	29	5
5	28	Denis	Shapovalov	29	3
6	30	Nick	Kyrgios	28	3
7	37	Nikoloz	Basilashvili	26	4
8	74	Taylor	Fritz	24	3
9	60	Julien	Benneteau	24	2
10	85	Jaume	Munar	23	2

Performance Ranking of the First Serve In

The **Percentage (%) of First Services In** is one of the parameters that I like more to analyze. It measures the average percentage of the first services that enter in the service area. The podium of the four Grand Slams is made up of **Rafael Nadal** (1), **Novak Djokovic** (2) and **Juan Martin Del Potro** (3). Other outstanding players are **Roger Federer**, **Marin Cilic**, **Dominic Thiem**, **Marco Cecchinato** (at Roland Garros) and **Kevin Anderson**.

TABLE 17

% FIRST SERVICE IN - TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Rendim.	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% F. Serve	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	66%	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	67%	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	66%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	60%	19
5	10	John	Isner	71%	16
6	9	Kevin	Anderson	65%	16
7	8	Dominic	Thiem	60%	17
8	2	Roger	Federer	62%	16
9	12	Kei	Nishikori	62%	15
10	5	Alexander	Zverev	64%	14

TABLE 18

% FIRST SERVICE IN- AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% F. Serve	Matches
1	6	Marin	Cilic	63%	7
2	2	Roger	Federer	60%	7
3	58	Hyeon	Chung	66%	6
4	49	Kyle	Edmund	65%	6
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	71%	5
6	97	Tennys	Sandgren	71%	5
7	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	64%	5
8	20	Tomas	Berdych	57%	5
9	17	Nick	Kyrgios	69%	4
10	11	Pablo	Carreno Busta	68%	4

TABLE 19

% FIRST SERVICE IN- ROLAND GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% F. Serve	Matches
1	8	Dominic	Thiem	63%	7
2	72	Marco	Cecchinato	71%	6
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	61%	7
4	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	65%	6
5	22	Novak	Djokovic	68%	5
6	12	Diego	Schwartzman	64%	5
7	3	Alexander	Zverev	64%	5
8	4	Marin	Cilic	59%	5
9	10	John	Isner	69%	4
10	35	Fernando	Verdasco	68%	4

TABLE 20

% FIRST SERVICE IN- WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% F. Serve	Matches
1	21	Novak	Djokovic	71%	7
2	8	Kevin	Anderson	67%	7
3	10	John	Isner	76%	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	68%	6
5	28	Kei	Nishikori	67%	5
6	2	Roger	Federer	66%	5
7	32	Milos	Raonic	66%	5
8	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	63%	5
9	93	Jiri	Vesely	69%	4
10	103	Mackenzie	McDonald	67%	4

TABLE 21

% PRIMEROS SERVICIOS - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% F. Serve	Matches
1	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	69%	7
2	6	Novak	Djokovic	65%	7
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	67%	6
4	19	Kei	Nishikori	58%	6
5	11	John	Isner	68%	5
6	55	John	Millman	64%	5
7	7	Marin	Cilic	58%	5
8	9	Dominic	Thiem	57%	5
9	5	Kevin	Anderson	64%	4
10	34	Philipp	Kohlschreiber	62%	4

Performance Ranking of the First Service Won

The **Percentage (%) of First Services In** must be analyzed with the **Points Won** with the **First Service**. It is not enough to have a good percentage of first services in (they can be neutralized with winner returns), you must win the points also with the highest possible percentage. The "aim" and the "effectiveness" are like a thermometer of the performance of a tennis player, especially at the Grand Slam level, which are played in five sets. Note that **Rafael Nadal** is not listed within the bombers or great servers. I have my doubts, I believe that **Rafael Nadal** is one the best servers, although he is not the leader in aces, but he is a leader in winning points with the services, he has a lot of aim, effects and has a high effectiveness with his services. I do not have the statistics, but **Rafael Nadal** has a high percentage of winner services. **Rafael Nadal** has the best performance ranking in the services of the four Grand Slams, he is the best integral server, he does not serve spectacularly but again, he compensates it with his aim, effects and a great effectiveness regard the points won with his services. For this reason, he is the best tennis player in the world, at least until **Novak Djokovic** allows it because the last one is not going to stop until he reaches No. 1 of the **ATP ranking** again. Here I have talked about **Rafael Nadal**, but **Novak Djokovic** and **Juan Martin Del Potro** complete the podium of the best **performance ranking** regard effectiveness or points won with the first service. **Kevin Anderson**, **Dominic Thiem**, **John Isner** and **Marin Cilic** stand out in this category.

Remember, the **performance ranking** of the different aspects we analyze in this article weights the number of matches, for example, in **Table 22**, **Juan Martin Del Potro** has 78% of points won with the first service, while **Rafael Nadal** has a percentage of 72%, but **Rafael Nadal** averaged that 72% in 24 matches and **Juan Martin Del Potro** averaged 78% in 21 matches, the last one played three matches less. But it could be the case that this is not happen, when it happens I will mention it at the time, but it would be almost an exception. Anyway, tennis is a sport of percentages and probabilities where every event is possible with its corresponding associated likelihood.

TABLE 22

POINTS WON WITH THE FIRST SERVICE- TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	72%	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	74%	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	78%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	79%	19
5	8	Dominic	Thiem	78%	17
6	2	Roger	Federer	83%	16
7	10	John	Isner	82%	16
8	9	Kevin	Anderson	80%	16
9	12	Kei	Nishikori	74%	15
10	5	Alexander	Zverev	72%	14

TABLE 23

POINTS WON WITH THE FIRST SERVICE- AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	2	Roger	Federer	82%	7
2	6	Marin	Cilic	80%	7
3	49	Kyle	Edmund	76%	6
4	58	Hyeon	Chung	72%	6
5	20	Tomas	Berdych	77%	5
6	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	77%	5
7	97	Tennys	Sandgren	77%	5
8	1	Rafael	Nadal	70%	5
9	17	Nick	Kyrgios	80%	4
10	5	Dominic	Thiem	78%	4

TABLE 24

POINTS WON WITH THE FIRST SERVICE- R. GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	8	Dominic	Thiem	76%	7
2	1	Rafael	Nadal	74%	7
3	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	75%	6
4	72	Marco	Cecchinato	70%	6
5	4	Marin	Cilic	77%	5
6	3	Alexander	Zverev	68%	5
7	12	Diego	Schwartzman	68%	5
8	22	Novak	Djokovic	68%	5
9	10	John	Isner	85%	4
10	7	Kevin	Anderson	80%	4

TABLE 25

POINTS WON WITH THE FIRST SERVICE- WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	8	Kevin	Anderson	81%	7
2	21	Novak	Djokovic	80%	7
3	10	John	Isner	82%	6
4	2	Roger	Federer	86%	5
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	72%	6
6	32	Milos	Raonic	85%	5
7	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	80%	5
8	28	Kei	Nishikori	74%	5
9	53	Gilles	Simon	78%	4
10	44	Gael	Monfils	78%	4

TABLE 26

P. WON WITH THE FIRST SERVICE - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	79%	7
2	6	Novak	Djokovic	73%	7
3	19	Kei	Nishikori	71%	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	71%	6
5	11	John	Isner	82%	5
6	9	Dominic	Thiem	80%	5
7	7	Marin	Cilic	76%	5
8	55	John	Millman	69%	5
9	24	Milos	Raonic	84%	4
10	2	Roger	Federer	80%	4

Performance Ranking of the Second Service In

In this section there are not comments because the protagonists are the same as in **Percentage (%) of First Services In**.

TABLE 27

% SECOND SERVICE IN- TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% S. Serve	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	93%	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	92%	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	94%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	92%	19
5	8	Dominic	Thiem	90%	17
6	2	Roger	Federer	94%	16
7	10	John	Isner	92%	16
8	9	Kevin	Anderson	91%	16
9	12	Kei	Nishikori	93%	15
10	5	Alexander	Zverev	92%	14

TABLE 28

% SECOND SERVICE IN- AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% S. Serve	Matches
1	6	Marin	Cilic	94%	7
2	2	Roger	Federer	93%	7
3	49	Kyle	Edmund	94%	6
4	58	Hyeon	Chung	90%	6
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	96%	5
6	97	Tennys	Sandgren	95%	5
7	20	Tomas	Berdych	94%	5
8	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	84%	5
9	76	Andreas	Seppi	94%	4
10	11	Pablo	Carreno Busta	94%	4

TABLE 29

% SECOND SERVICE IN- ROLAND GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% S. Serve	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	92%	7
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	88%	7
3	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	95%	6
4	72	Marco	Cecchinato	93%	6
5	22	Novak	Djokovic	94%	5
6	4	Marin	Cilic	93%	5
7	12	Diego	Schwartzman	91%	5
8	3	Alexander	Zverev	91%	5
9	21	Kei	Nishikori	95%	4
10	10	John	Isner	94%	4

TABLE 30

% SECOND SERVICE IN- WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% S. Serve	Matches
1	21	Novak	Djokovic	93%	7
2	8	Kevin	Anderson	91%	7
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	92%	6
4	10	John	Isner	89%	6
5	2	Roger	Federer	97%	5
6	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	92%	5
7	28	Kei	Nishikori	92%	5
8	32	Milos	Raonic	87%	5
9	53	Gilles	Simon	96%	4
10	26	Adrian	Mannarino	94%	4

TABLE 31

% SECOND SERVICE IN - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% S. Serve	Matches
1	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	95%	7
2	6	Novak	Djokovic	93%	7
3	19	Kei	Nishikori	93%	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	92%	6
5	11	John	Isner	94%	5
6	55	John	Millman	92%	5
7	9	Dominic	Thiem	92%	5
8	7	Marin	Cilic	89%	5
9	20	Borna	Coric	96%	4
10	5	Kevin	Anderson	93%	4

Performance Ranking of the Second Service Won

There is a high correlation between those who win points with the first service and with the second. They are the same protagonists and with the same performance ranking of points won with the first and second service. When the service in, the ranking of the percentage of effectiveness in the points won with the first service is the same as with the second. It would be necessary to analyze this issue for all the players. Surely this almost perfect correlation will not be maintained. Here we are only analyzing the **Top 10** performance in the Grand Slams. It is logical to think that if a player is in the **Top 10** of performance at the Grand Slams is due to that he has served as good with the first as with the second service, otherwise he would not appear in these tables. To obtain a top performance at a Grand Slams or at the four ones, the players need to play very well and that means serving right, returning right, have an excellent physical and mental state, etc. It is not necessary continue explaining more, the most outstanding players of the four Grand Slams this season are repeated page after page in this article and the tables are self-explanatory.

TABLE 32

POINTS WON WITH THE SECOND SERVICE- TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	59%	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	56%	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	52%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	53%	19
5	10	John	Isner	58%	16
6	2	Roger	Federer	57%	16
7	8	Dominic	Thiem	53%	17
8	9	Kevin	Anderson	54%	16
9	12	Kei	Nishikori	53%	15
10	5	Alexander	Zverev	55%	14

TABLE 33

POINTS WON WITH THE SECOND SERVICE- AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Points Won	Matches
1	2	Roger	Federer	60%	7
2	6	Marin	Cilic	54%	7
3	49	Kyle	Edmund	54%	6
4	58	Hyeon	Chung	53%	6
5	97	Tennys	Sandgren	55%	5
6	1	Rafael	Nadal	55%	5
7	20	Tomas	Berdych	49%	5
8	25	Fabio	Fognini	57%	4
9	76	Andreas	Seppi	56%	4
10	17	Nick	Kyrgios	56%	4

TABLE 34

POINTS WON WITH THE SECOND SERVICE- R. GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Pts. Won	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	60%	7
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	53%	7
3	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	57%	6
4	72	Marco	Cecchinato	53%	6
5	22	Novak	Djokovic	58%	5
6	4	Marin	Cilic	56%	5
7	10	John	Isner	65%	4
8	3	Alexander	Zverev	52%	5
9	12	Diego	Schwartzman	48%	5
10	70	Maximilian	Marterer	59%	4

TABLE 35

POINTS WON WITH THE SECOND SERVICE- WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Pts. Won	Matches
1	8	Kevin	Anderson	56%	7
2	1	Rafael	Nadal	64%	6
3	21	Novak	Djokovic	54%	7
4	10	John	Isner	55%	6
5	2	Roger	Federer	61%	5
6	32	Milos	Raonic	59%	5
7	28	Kei	Nishikori	52%	5
8	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	51%	5
9	35	Stefanos	Tsitsipas	58%	4
10	138	Ernesto	Gulbis	57%	4

TABLE 36

POINTS WON WITH THE SECOND SERVICE - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Pts. Won	Matches
1	6	Novak	Djokovic	61%	7
2	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	55%	7
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	56%	6
4	19	Kei	Nishikori	55%	6
5	9	Dominic	Thiem	58%	5
6	55	John	Millman	58%	5
7	11	John	Isner	57%	5
8	7	Marin	Cilic	48%	5
9	34	Philipp	Kohlschreiber	57%	4
10	10	David	Goffin	57%	4

Performance Ranking of the First Return Points Won

Table 37 shows the **performance ranking** of the **Top 10** regarding the **First Return Points Won**. We can appreciate in the tables that, the great servers in general are also good returners. **Ivo Karlovic** and **Nick Kyrgios** among others do not appear here. **Milos Raonic** and **John Isner** obtained the **performance ranking** 5 and 6 respectively in **Wimbledon**, but in the other three Grand Slams do not appear in the **Top 10** of the best first service returners. The three players who won all the Grand Slams of the season have served and returned exceptionally, they are at the top of the **performance ranking** and the top of the **ATP ranking**: **Rafael Nadal** (1), **Roger Federer** (2), **Novak Djokovic** (3) and followed by **Juan Martin Del Potro** (4) and **Marin Cilic** (6), fortuity? No, not at all. In the Grand Slams, in the case of men, the **Top 5** of the **ATP ranking** is very correlated with the **Top 5** of the **performance ranking**, to such an extent that in **Table 2** the position five of the **performance ranking** that would have corresponded to **Alexander Zverev** was quickly covered by **Marin Cilic** with **ATP ranking** 6. **Table 2** is the summary of the **performance ranking** of the four Grand Slam and **Alexander Zverev** does not figure in it, something should do well in the season 2019 with **Ivan Lendl** to appear in the place that corresponds to him in the **TOP 10** or **Top 5**, otherwise he will be replaced by more regular and mental players. Of course, we are talking about a very high level, the best tennis in the world.

TABLE 37

FIRST RETURN POINTS WON - TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	3	Novak	Djokovic	37%	23
2	1	Rafael	Nadal	35%	24
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	30%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	33%	19
5	2	Roger	Federer	34%	16
6	8	Dominic	Thiem	31%	17
7	14	Diego	Schwartzman	37%	14
8	12	Kei	Nishikori	29%	15
9	13	Fabio	Fognini	33%	13
10	5	Alexander	Zverev	30%	14

TABLE 38

IRST RETURN POINTS WON - AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	2	Roger	Federer	31%	7
2	6	Marin	Cilic	31%	7
3	58	Hyeon	Chung	34%	6
4	20	Tomas	Berdych	36%	5
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	33%	5
6	49	Kyle	Edmund	27%	6
7	14	Novak	Djokovic	40%	4
8	26	Diego	Schwartzman	38%	4
9	97	Tennys	Sandgren	29%	5
10	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	29%	5

TABLE 39

FIRST RETURN POINTS WON – R. GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	41%	7
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	34%	7
3	22	Novak	Djokovic	38%	5
4	12	Diego	Schwartzman	36%	5
5	72	Marco	Cecchinato	30%	6
6	3	Alexander	Zverev	35%	5
7	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	29%	6
8	9	David	Goffin	40%	4
9	4	Marin	Cilic	31%	5
10	35	Fernando	Verdasco	37%	4

TABLE 40

FIRST RETURN POINTS WON - WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	21	Novak	Djokovic	36%	7
2	1	Rafael	Nadal	31%	6
3	8	Kevin	Anderson	25%	7
4	2	Roger	Federer	34%	5
5	32	Milos	Raonic	29%	5
6	10	John	Isner	23%	6
7	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	27%	5
8	28	Kei	Nishikori	25%	5
9	53	Gilles	Simon	29%	4
10	35	Stefanos	Tsitsipas	28%	4

TABLE 41

FIRST RETURN POINTS WON - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	6	Novak	Djokovic	36%	7
2	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	34%	7
3	19	Kei	Nishikori	37%	6
4	1	Rafael	Nadal	32%	6
5	7	Marin	Cilic	36%	5
6	55	John	Millman	32%	5
7	2	Roger	Federer	37%	4
8	9	Dominic	Thiem	28%	5
9	68	Joao	Sousa	34%	4
10	10	David	Goffin	32%	4

Performance Ranking of the Second Return Points Won

Finally, we see the tables corresponding to the performance of the **Return of the Second Service**, an aspect that coaches must work hard because it is about breaking the service to the rival. The protagonists are practically the same as in previous tables. In this article I have concentrated only on the **TOP 10**. I plan to develop an analysis like this at the end of the season considering all the tournaments and surfaces. In that report we will see the **performance ranking** of the entire season 2018 and who have been the true titans of the circuit.

While the actors are the same, from time to time there is a surprise as is the case of John Millman (AUS) who won to **Roger Federer** in the fourth round of the US Open. **John Millman** has performed in the **Top 10** of the **US Open** in the *Percentage of First and Second Services*, in the *Points Won with the First and Second Service* and in the *Returns of the First and Second Service*. The high performance that he has had in the **US Open** reaching the quarterfinals has placed him in the **TOP 30** of the **performance ranking** (22) with regard Grand Slams, although in the other three Grand Slams did not pass the second round. In the **US Open John Millman** served, won points with his services and won with the returns in an exceptional way, as he never should have done in his professional life, at least in a tournament of the highest level. We hope that he repeats this performance in the future. I finish my work here, I hope this information is useful for you. See you in the next delivery. I am thinking made this type of analysis for the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 of the 2018 season and extending it to the Top 20 to include more players. The annual **performance ranking** (GPI ranking) report is for the **Top 100** and the calculation includes 100% of the **ATP, Davis Cup, Grand Slams** and **Laver Cup** tournaments and is calculated by surfaces (Hard, clay and grass).

TABLE 42

SECOND RETURN POINTS WON - TOTAL GRAND SLAMS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	55%	24
2	3	Novak	Djokovic	56%	23
3	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	54%	21
4	6	Marin	Cilic	51%	19
5	8	Dominic	Thiem	52%	17
6	14	Diego	Schwartzman	58%	14
7	2	Roger	Federer	50%	16
8	5	Alexander	Zverev	55%	14
9	12	Kei	Nishikori	51%	15
10	9	Kevin	Anderson	46%	16

TABLE 43

SECOND RETURN POINTS WON - AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	6	Marin	Cilic	53%	7
2	2	Roger	Federer	51%	7
3	58	Hyeon	Chung	53%	6
4	49	Kyle	Edmund	52%	6
5	1	Rafael	Nadal	61%	5
6	20	Tomas	Berdych	56%	5
7	3	Grigor	Dimitrov	55%	5
8	11	Pablo	Carreno Busta	60%	4
9	97	Tennys	Sandgren	47%	5
10	17	Nick	Kyrgios	57%	4

TABLE 44

SECOND RETURN POINTS WON – R. GARROS

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	1	Rafael	Nadal	59%	7
2	8	Dominic	Thiem	58%	7
3	6	Juan Martín	Del Potro	56%	6
4	12	Diego	Schwartzman	63%	5
5	72	Marco	Cecchinato	51%	6
6	22	Novak	Djokovic	56%	5
7	3	Alexander	Zverev	50%	5
8	4	Marin	Cilic	50%	5
9	35	Fernando	Verdasco	56%	4
10	9	David	Goffin	55%	4

TABLE 45

SECOND RETURN POINTS WON - WIMBLEDON

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	21	Novak	Djokovic	56%	7
2	8	Kevin	Anderson	47%	7
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	53%	6
4	4	Juan Martín	Del Potro	55%	5
5	28	Kei	Nishikori	54%	5
6	10	John	Isner	44%	6
7	2	Roger	Federer	53%	5
8	32	Milos	Raonic	46%	5
9	53	Gilles	Simon	57%	4
10	26	Adrian	Mannarino	53%	4

TABLE 46

SECOND RETURN POINTS WON - US OPEN

Performance	ATP Rkn	Name	Surname	% Return	Matches
1	6	Novak	Djokovic	57%	7
2	3	Juan Martín	Del Potro	51%	7
3	1	Rafael	Nadal	48%	6
4	55	John	Millman	56%	5
5	19	Kei	Nishikori	46%	6
6	7	Marin	Cilic	53%	5
7	9	Dominic	Thiem	52%	5
8	10	David	Goffin	55%	4
9	11	John	Isner	42%	5
10	37	Nikoloz	Basilashvili	52%	4