

# Roland Garros

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## Arthur Fils

## Giovanni Mpetshi

## Perricard

Press Conference

FILS-MPETSHIPERRICARD/Banerjee-Colak

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. You obviously made history for France. How does that feel?**

ARTHUR FILS: Unbelievable because all four guys, four French, in semifinal of the French Open, never see that in my life. So unbelievable.

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Yeah, for sure for now it's amazing. But, yeah, tomorrow I will be more focused on my game. Maybe I doesn't care for it's four French guy in the semifinal.

**Q. Playing each other for a place in the Roland Garros final, is that something you would have signed up for at the start of the tournament?**

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Not really. I was focus on every match, every matches. I knew maybe I will play against Arthur in semi, but I wasn't focused about that.

**Q. Do you think there's a favorite of the four of you at this stage to go on and win the tournament?**

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: For now the favorite, maybe all of us.

ARTHUR FILS: One of us. It's really difficult to put a name on the favorite because we are all playing really good. So that will be the better on the court. We will see.

**Q. There's been quite a lot of talk about the men and women not performing as well as they have in previous years. With the juniors doing so well, do you think that shows there's a really bright future?**

ARTHUR FILS: Yeah, I think we will have a big



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generation, big generation is coming. With 2002, 2003, 2004, we are all playing really good in France. In boys, we can be all in top 100 in two, three years.

**Q. Only one French boy has won here since Gael Monfils in 2004. There's a chance now there will be another. What would it mean for either of you if you were to win? How special is it to win at Roland Garros?**

GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD: Yeah, for a French win Roland Garros, it's always a special thing for sure. I hope the one who will win this one is going to be Andrejic. Very, very good.

**Q. Arthur, you caused a bit of a stir by beating Bernard Tomic in the first round of men's qualifying. Did that give you confidence coming into this event? You must be quite confident as a result.**

ARTHUR FILS: Yeah, I knew I was playing good. I was playing good. I mean, when I saw I'm playing against Tomic, I said, Okay, it's a big match, a big match is coming. To win give me a lot of confidence I think because I knew I can play good.

But during a match it's not the same. Like I won, and after I did a good match against Polmans. That's give me a lot of confidence.

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