

# Alcaraz braces for renewed Sinner

World number one Alcaraz prepares for a stronger Sinner after US Open defeat

- Alcaraz expects Sinner to change tactics
- Sinner admitted being “predictable”
- Each won two Slams this season

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World number one Carlos Alcaraz said yesterday that he will have to prepare for a new and improved Jannik Sinner after beating his great rival in the US Open final.

Italy's Sinner admitted he needed to overhaul his “predictable” game after losing to Alcaraz in New York earlier this month in the latest of a string of recent defeats to his Spanish nemesis.

Alcaraz is playing at the Japan Open in Tokyo this week, while Sinner will compete at the China Open in Beijing in his first appearance since the US Open.



Alcaraz and Sinner became the first pair to contest all four Grand Slam finals in a single season since Rod Laver and Roy Emerson in 1962

Alcaraz said he would need to be ready for a different Sinner next time he faces the world number two on the court.

“I know he’s going to change something from the last match,” said Alcaraz.

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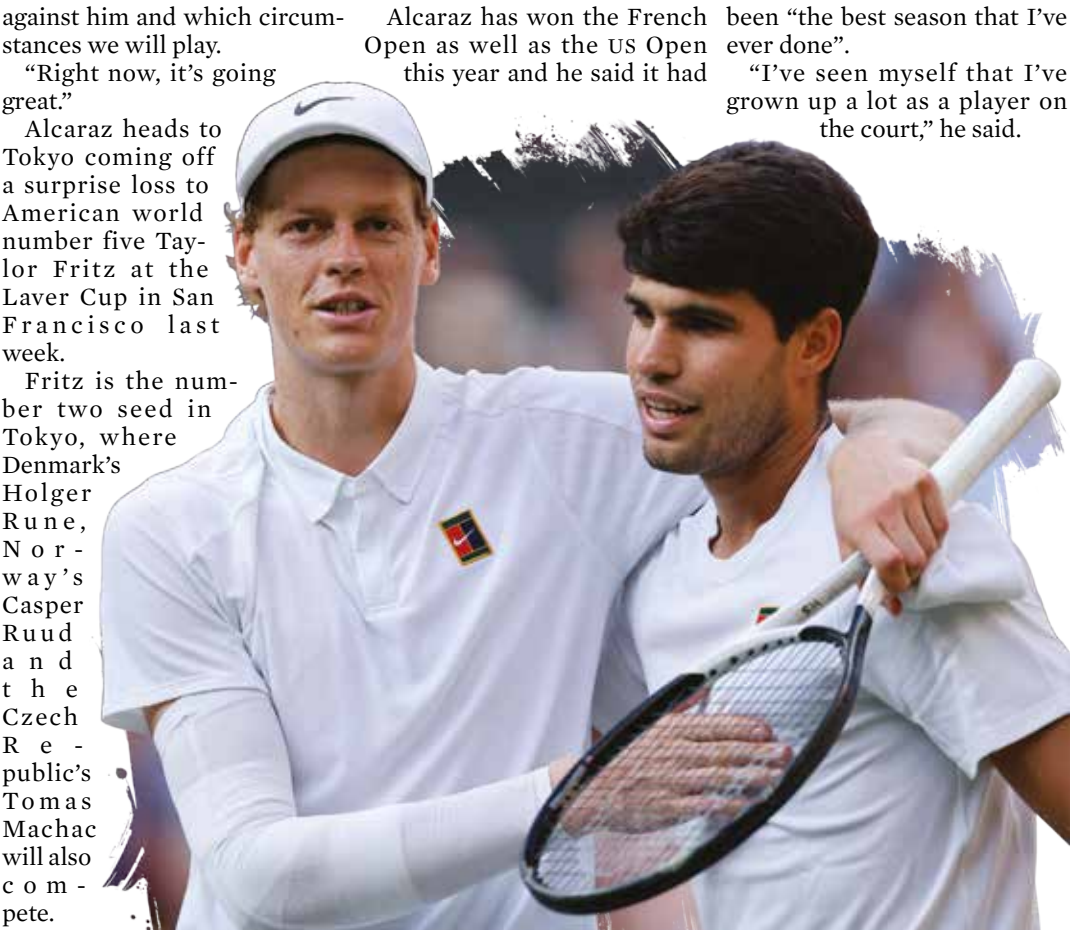
CARLOS ALCARAZ

Alcaraz and Sinner have dominated men’s tennis this season, with the pair contesting all four Grand Slam finals, winning two each.

Alcaraz is only 22 and Sinner is just two years older, and the two look set to monopolise the sport’s top titles for years to come.

“Our rivalry is getting better, which for me and for tennis I would say is great,” said Alcaraz.

“We will see in the future how many times I’m going to play



Jannik Sinner (L) greets Spain's Carlos Alcaraz during Wimbledon final (file photo)

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