

MATCH NOTES CHINA OPEN BEIJING, CHINA SEP 25 - OCT 6, 2024 | WTA 1000



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MATCH NOTES – SINGLES FINAL – SUN, OCT 6 2024

[4] C. Gauff (USA #6) vs. K. Muchova (CZE # 49)

Gauff leads 2-0

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[4] Coco Gauff	6	20	\$3,289,408	46-15	1	\$15,517,550	192-83	7
Karolina Muchova	49	28	\$1,123,670	18-5	0	\$7,633,833	117-58	1

*entering Final / ^Does not include current tournament

Gauff won both previous WTA meetings against Karolina Muchova, both in 2023 (Cincinnati's final and US Open's semi-finals). Unseeded player has won three of the previous four 96 draws WTA 1000 finals they have contested:

2018 IW - Osaka (won) 2019 IW - Andreescu (won) 2022 Miami - Osaka (lost) 2024 Miami - Collins (won)

After having defeated Aryna Sabalenka (#2) and Qinwen Zheng (#7), Karolina Muchova could become the first player since the tournament's inception in 2004 to defeat three Top 10 opponents at the China Open.

Karolina Muchova could become only the fourth player since 2020 to claim WTA Top 10 wins in the quarterfinal, semifinal and final at a WTA 1000 event after Ashleigh Barty (Miami 2021), Iga Swiatek (Doha 2022) and Barbora Krejcikova (Dubai 2023).

Since the event's inauguration in 2004, Karolina Muchova (#49) is the lowest-ranked player to reach the final at the China Open, surpassing Maria Kirilenko (won at #45) in 2005.

Karolina Muchova (#49) could become the lowest-ranked player to secure a WTA 1000 title since Danielle Collins in Miami earlier this season (#53).

Karolina Muchova is the fourth unseeded finalist in the past five editions of the China Open after Caroline Garcia (2017), Anastasija Sevastova (2018) and Liudmila Samsonova (2023).

Karolina Muchova is the second Czech player to reach the final at the China Open after Petra Kvitova in 2014 (I. Sharapova).

Karolina Muchova (28y, 46d) would be the third oldest player to win the singles title in Beijing – behind only Serena Williams (2013 at 32y, 10d), Caroline Wozniacki (2018 at 28y, 88d)

Since the format's introduction in 2009, Karolina Muchova (70.4%, 38-16) holds the highest winning percentage at WTA-1000 events among players yet to win a WTA-1000 event - minimum 10 matches.

Among players with 10+ matches on the surface this year, Karolina Muchova (85.7%, 12-2) now holds the highest winning percentage on hard court at WTA level in 2024.

Karolina Muchova is the player with the highest percentage of serving games won at the China Open 2024 (89.1%, 49/55).

Only Shuai Zhang (144) made more winners than Karolina Muchova (136) so far at the China Open 2024.

Only Qinwen Zheng (28) has made more aces than Karolina Muchova and Coco Gauff (20 both) at the China Open 2024.

Coco Gauff played her 100th WTA-1000 match in the semifinals against Paula Badosa, becoming the youngest player to reach this milestone since the format was introduced in 2009.

Coco Gauff has won 50 WTA-1000 hard court matches, becoming the youngest player to reach this milestone since the format was introduced in 2009.

Coco Gauff is the youngest player to reach the final at the China Open since Caroline Wozniacki in 2010.



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Coco Gauff is the second American player to reach the final at the China Open after Serena Williams in 2004 and 2013.

Coco Gauff (20y, 207d) could become the fourth player to win the China Open before turning 21, after Maria Kirilenko (2005 at 18y, 243d), Agnes Szavay (2007 at 18y, 268d) and Caroline Wozniacki (2010 at 20y, 91d).

Coco Gauff (9-1) is the player with the most wins at the China Open after their first 10 main draw matches since the event inception in 2004 (nine, level with Svetlana Kuznetsova).

Coco Gauff has won her only previous WTA-1000 final (in Cincinnati 2023): she could become the second-youngest player since the format was introduced to win her first two finals, older only than Bianca Andreescu (2019 Indian Wells, Toronto).

Coco Gauff has won 20 WTA-1000 matches in 2024 becoming the fifth player to secure 20+ wins in such events before turning 21 after Victoria Azarenka (20 in 2009), Agnieszka Radwanska (20 in 2009), Caroline Wozniacki (27 in 2010) and Iga Swiatek (22 in 2022).

Coco Gauff is the player with the most break points chances at the China Open 2024 (62, 12.4 on average per match), with a 40.3% of conversion rate (25/62).

Coco Gauff has saved the most break points in WTA-1000 events in 2024 (139, 5.0 on average per match).

Coco Gauff is the player with the joint-most comeback wins from a set down in WTA-1000 events in 2024 (five, level with Aryna Sabalenka and Mirra Andreeva).

Coco Gauff has won three consecutive WTA main draw matches after having lost the opening set for the first time in her career: she is the first player to do so in WTA-1000 events since Iga Swiatek in Indian Wells 2022, equalling the longest such streak in WTA-1000 events since the format was introduced in 2009.

		PIF RACE TO TH	E W7A FINALS
		SINGLES	
LEA	DEF	RBOARD AFTER BEIJING	
	1.	Iga Swiatek	8285 - QUALIFIED
	2.	Aryna Sabalenka	8091 - QUALIFIED
	3.	Elena Rybakina	4981
	4.	Jasmine Paolini	4930
4	5.	Coco Gauff	4618 (as finalist) // 4968 with title (moves to No.4)
(6.	Jessica Pegula	4586
	7.	Emma Navarro	3568
ł	8.	Zheng Qinwen	3460
9	9.	Danielle Collins	3177
	10.	Daria Kasatkina	2818
	11.	Paula Badosa	2714
	12.	Barbora Krejcikova	2696 **GS Champion qualifies if finishes in Top 20 of Leaderboard

>> Karolina Muchova entered Beijing No.39 on Leaderboard – as fnalist 1786 (No.26) or with title 2126 (No.21)