



MATCH NOTES

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MATCH NOTES – DAY 6 – SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

[5] Maria Sakkari (GRE #8) vs. [30] Anhelina Kalinina (UKR #31)

Tied 1-1

After splitting a pair of three-set matches, Sakkari and Kalinina will face off for the first time on clay... Sakkari (61) is five victories away from equaling her mother Angeliki Kanellopoulou (66) for the most WTA match-wins on clay of any Greek player in the Open Era... Sakkari reached the semifinals at 2019 Rome as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Karolina Pliskova)... Sakkari has won one WTA 1000 title, at 2023 Guadalajara, and has reached three more WTA 1000 finals, all on hard court... Kalinina reached her first WTA 1000 final here in Rome last year (retired in final due to left thigh injury)... Kalinina has posted four Top 10 wins, most recently beating No.2 Aryna Sabalenka at 2024 Miami... Kalinina is one of three Ukrainians to reach the third round this week (also Svitolina and Yastremska; all three are playing on Center Court today)

[32] Dayana Yastremska (UKR #33) vs. [2] Aryna Sabalenka (#2)

Yastremska leads 3-0

Yastremska has won all three of their previous encounters, but this will be their first meeting in more than four years... Yastremska has notched four previous Top 10 wins, including over Marketa Vondrousova en route to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal at this year's Australian Open... Yastremska saved two match points in her first win of the event against Laura Siegemund... Currently ranked No.33, Yastremska was ranked No.158 just 12 months ago... Sabalenka has won six of her last seven matches after reaching her third career Madrid final last week... Two of Sabalenka's 14 career titles have come on clay, both in Madrid in 2021 and 2023... Since the start of the 2020 season, Sabalenka (22) is one of only two players to register 20 or more WTA-1000 match wins on clay, along with Iga Swiatek (28)

[16] Elina Svitolina (UKR #19) vs. [23] Anna Kalinskaya (#26)

First meeting

Svitolina is making her 10th appearance at Rome, where she won back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018... Svitolina is a four-time WTA 1000 titlist, also taking the trophy at both Dubai and Toronto in 2017... Six of Svitolina's 17 WTA singles titles have come on clay... Kalinskaya has posted 13 wins over Top 20 players, most recently Jelena Ostapenko at 2024 Miami... Kalinskaya reached her first WTA 1000 final earlier this year in Dubai as a qualifier, where she beat No.9 Ostapenko, No.3 Gauff and No.1 Swiatek in succession... Overall, Kalinskaya is 5-0 against Top 10 players this year

Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP #47) vs [9] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #10)

Sorribes Tormo leads 2-0

Sorribes Tormo won the two previous meetings (including a win in 2014 at an ITF Circuit event); their last match-up came eight years ago at 2016 Linz... Sorribes Tormo is making her 24th WTA 1000 appearance; her best result at the WTA 1000 level has been a three-time quarterfinalist – 2021 Miami, 2021 Montreal and 2022 Madrid... Ostapenko is a two-time finalist at the WTA 1000 level (this is her 64th appearance); she was runner-up at 2016 Doha and 2018 Miami... Sorribes Tormo is 2-16 vs. Top 10 (1-7 mark on clay with lone win coming at 2020 at Billie Jean King Cup over Naomi Osaka)... A semifinalist last year, Ostapenko is defending 390 points; she will need to reach the QF to have a chance at staying in the Top 10

[13] Danielle Collins (USA #15) vs [22] Caroline Garcia (FRA #23)

Collins leads 4-0

Collins has won the four previous meetings in straight-sets, most recently at 2024 Miami en route to Collins title run... Both Collins (career-high of No.7) and Garcia (career-high of No.4) are former Top 10 players... This is Garcia's 85th WTA 1000 appearance, highlighted by three titles 2017 Wuhan, 2017 Beijing and 2022 Cincinnati... Collins is making her 35th WTA 1000 appearance, having won a title at 2024 Miami... Garcia has won three clay-court titles – 2014 Bogota, 2016 Strasbourg and 2022 Warsaw (all at the WTA 250 level); Collins has won two clay-court titles – 2021 Palermo (WTA 250) and 2024 Charleston (WTA 500)... Collins has won 17 of her last 19 matches with her only losses in that stretch coming against WTA World No.1 Iga Swiatek (Indian Wells) and World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka (Madrid)