



MATCH NOTES

WTA FINALS RIYADH PRESENTED BY PIF RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

NOVEMBER 2- NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | \$15,250,000



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WTA FINALS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ROUND ROBIN

WHITE GROUP

[2] Gabriela Dabrowski (CAN #5) / Erin Routliffe (AUS #2)

vs.

[7] Hao-Ching Chan (TPE #16) / Veronika Kudermetova (#18)

Rematch of the 2024 US Open quarterfinal won by Chan/Kudermetova

Dabrowski/Routliffe:

- The duo have teamed up for 25 events as part of their partnership reaching the final 8 times, including 3 titles; in 2024 played 16 tournaments reaching five finals (1-4 in finals); won only title at Nottingham
- This is the second consecutive year they have qualified for the WTA Finals as a team; last year at the WTA Finals in Cancun they reached the semifinals after going 3-0 in round robin stage
- Together they reached the QF at each of the Slams they contested this year – Australian Open (SF), Wimbledon (R-Up) and US Open (QF); Dabrowski was sidelined during clay court season; Routliffe reached R16 at Roland Garros (w/Leylah Fernandez)
- Routliffe won 51 matches across all levels in 2024 – including an ITF W60 title at Burnie, Australia the week after the Australian Open
- Routliffe played 22 tournaments with six different partners this year
- Routliffe climbed to the top of the WTA Rankings in July and held the WTA World No.1 doubles ranking for 8 weeks
- Dabrowski is making her sixth WTA Finals appearance, tied for most among this year's doubles field

Chan/Kudermetova:

- Formed their partnership in April; won their second tournament as a team taking the title at Stuttgart; in 12 tournaments reached four finals
- The duo made back-to-back WTA 500 finals during the grass court swing at Berlin and Bad Homburg and also had strong results reaching semifinals at US Open and first WTA 1000 final at Beijing
- Chan is returning to the WTA Finals for the first time since 2019. All three of her previous appearances came alongside older sister Latisha
- Kudermetova is unbeaten at the WTA Finals to date: she won the title with a perfect 5-0 record alongside Elise Mertens in her only previous appearance in 2022.



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[2] Iga Swiatek (POL #2) vs. [8] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE #13)

Series tied 2-2

Swiatek:

- Making her 4th appearance at the WTA Finals, where she is the defending champion
- After falling in the 2021 group stage and the 2022 semifinals, went 5-0 at last year's WTA Finals (10-0 in sets) to clinch the title and the year-end World No.1 ranking
- Won her first two meetings vs. Krejckikova, but Swiatek lost their two most recent encounters (both in finals)
- Owns 73 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.16 Liudmila Samsonova at the 2024 US Open
- Has 17-4 career tour-level record against players from the Czech Republic (4-1 in 2024)
- 12 of her 22 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Indian Wells this year
- 2 Polish players have won the WTA Finals singles title: Agnieszka Radwanska in 2015 and Swiatek last year
- Has won a Hologic WTA Tour-leading 57 matches this year
- Since the introduction of the Tier format in 1990, Swiatek (2022-24) could become the sixth player to achieve three or more consecutive 60-win seasons at WTA level after Stefanie Graf (1990-93), Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (1991-94), Martina Hingis (1997-01), Lindsay Davenport (1998-2001) and Caroline Wozniacki (2009-11)
- Also this year's tour leader in percentage of service games won (83.1%), percentage of service points won (64.9%) and percentage of break points saved (66.7%)
- Swiatek is currently ranked No.2, and she has spent 125 weeks in her career ranked World No.1. She and Aryna Sabalenka will battle in Riyadh for the year-end World No.1 ranking. With Sabalenka's opening round win, Swiatek will now need to win the title while winning at least two round robin matches.

Krejckikova:

- Making 2nd appearance at the WTA Finals; she went 0-3 in the 2021 group stage; qualifies for the WTA Finals as a Grand Slam champion finishing in Top 20 of the Race to WTA Finals Leaderboard
- Excluding alternates, at No.13, Krejckikova is the first player ranked outside the Top 10 to qualify for the WTA Finals since 2004 (Vera Zvonareva, at No.11)
- Lost her first two meetings vs. Swiatek, but Krejckikova won their two most recent encounters (both in finals)
- Owns 13 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Jasmine Paolini in this year's Wimbledon final, capturing her 2nd Grand Slam singles title in the process
- Has a 3-8 career win-loss record against players ranked inside the Top 2 at the time of their meeting (0-1 this year, falling to Aryna Sabalenka in the Australian Open QF)
- The most recent Czech singles champion at the WTA Finals is Petra Kvitova in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.10. Peaked at a career-high ranking of No.2 in 2022
- Krejckikova is aiming to become the first player ranked outside the Top 10 to claim a Top 5 win at the WTA Finals since Ai Sugiyama defeated Justine Henin in 2003



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[3] Coco Gauff (USA #3) vs. [6] Jessica Pegula (USA #6)

Pegula leads 4-1

Gauff:

- Making 3rd appearance at the WTA Finals, where she fell in the group stage in 2022 and reached the SF in 2023 (l. Pegula)
- Since the reintroduction of the round-robin format in 2003, Gauff is only the second player to reach 3 or more consecutive WTA Finals before the age of 21, along with Maria Sharapova (2004-07)
- Faces No.6 Jessica Pegula in their first match of the group stage today; owns 19 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Ons Jabeur at 2024 Berlin
- Holds 29-14 career tour-level record against her fellow players from the United States (6-4 in 2024)
- The most recent American to win the WTA Finals was Serena Williams in 2014
- Has won all of her 7 career WTA singles titles on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Beijing, where she became the first player in the Open Era to win all of her first 7 tour-level hard-court finals
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.3. Peaked at a career-high No.2 earlier this year
- Has won 50 tour-level matches so far in 2024, which is third-most on tour this season, trailing only Iga Swiatek (57) and Aryna Sabalenka (54)
- This season's tour leader in percentage of return games won (46.3%) and return points won (48.6%)

Pegula:

- Making 3rd appearance at the WTA Finals, where she lost in the group stage in 2022 before finishing runner-up last year (d. Gauff in SF, l. Swiatek)
- Faces No.3 Coco Gauff in their first match of the group stage today; owns 21 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.1 Iga Swiatek at the 2024 US Open
- This will be the first time two compatriots face each other head-to-head in consecutive years at the WTA Finals since Venus Williams and Serena Williams in 2008-09.
- Owns 37-13 career tour-level record against her fellow players from the United States (11-0 in 2024)
- The most recent American to win the WTA Finals was Serena Williams in 2014
- 5 of her 6 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Toronto this summer
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.5. Reached her career-high ranking of No.3 for the first time in 2022
- 30-year-old Pegula is aiming to become the oldest first-time WTA Finals singles champion, surpassing Jana Novotna, who won her sole WTA Finals title in 1997 at age 29
- In completed WTA matches over the past two seasons, only three players have more wins from one set down than Jessica Pegula (15) – Daria Kasatkina, Beatriz Haddad Maia and Zheng Qinwen (16 each).



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[4] Sara Errani (ITA #7) / Jasmine Paolini (ITA #10)

vs.

[5] Caroline Dolehide (USA #12) / Desirae Krawczyk (USA #11)

Rematch of the 2024 Rome semifinal won by Errani/Paolini

Errani/Paolini:

- The Italian duo played 14 tournaments together this year, winning three titles – Linz, Rome and Beijing; also finished as runner-up at Roland Garros
- Errani/Paolini also won the Gold Medal at this year's Olympics in Tokyo as Errani completed career Golden Slam in doubles
- The former WTA Doubles World No.1, Errani is competing at the WTA Finals for the first time since 2014. She is competing in doubles at the WTA Finals for the fourth time (also 2012, 2013, 2014) and also competed in singles in 2012, 2013
- Paolini is also competing in the singles competition at this year's WTA Finals and won her opening match of the WTA Finals defeating Rybakina and will face Zheng Qinwen on Monday
- Today will be Paolini's 105th match of the 2024 season – 47 doubles and 58 singles (includes Olympics)

Dolehide/Krawczyk:

- Teamed up to play 17 tournaments this year. The American duo reached back-to-back Grand Slam semifinals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, then lifted their first trophy as a team in Toronto
- Throughout her career Krawczyk has won 11 career doubles titles, while Dolehide has won two doubles titles
- Both players reached a career-high doubles ranking this year as Dolehide climbed to a career-high doubles ranking of No.9 this year and Krawczyk climbed to No.7 in August