

MATCH NOTES

ATX OPEN - AUSTIN, TX, USA

2025-02-24 - 2025-03-02 | \$ 275,094



FIRST

MEETING

4

JESSICA

PEGULA (1)

UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA

56

MCCARTNEY

(5) KESSLER

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AMERICA

1994-02-24	Date of Birth	1999-07-08
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
3	Career-High Ranking	47
\$16,989,271	Career Prize Money	\$810,236
\$419,220	Season Prize Money	\$222,124
0 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 2
49-24 (Runner-Up: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-4 (Round of 64: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2025)	YTD / Career AUSTIN W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2025)
12-4 / 219-112	YTD / Career W-L	12-5 / 20-15
Runner-Up: ADELAIDE, AUSTIN	YTD Best Result	Champion: HOBART

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	7	2024	63	68
3	5	2023	231	231
3	3	2022	948	948
18	18	2021	994	1009
59	62	2020	1217	1273
55	76	2019	775	1224
124	125	2018	896	1020
165	632	2017	938	939
135	165	2016	-	-
150	151	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. RUS (#90) 6-3 3-2 (57m)
2r: d. N. PARRIZAS DIAZ (#107) 6-1 6-3 (1h 5m)
QF: d. A. BLINKOVA (#74) 6-2 6-2 (58m)
SF: d. A. TOMLJANOVIC (#111) 6-1 4-6 6-3 (1h 58m)

Total time on court: 4h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Has beaten Arantxa Rus, Nuria Parrizas Diaz, Anna Blinkova and Ajla Tomljanovic to reach her second final this year
- Faces No.56 McCartney Kessler in F today
- Made her first final of the season at Adelaide, where she also played an all-American final (l. Keys)
- Owns 38-15 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 1-1 (d. Krueger and l. Keys both at Adelaide)
- Owns 61-64 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 1-0 (d. No.10 Kasatkina at Doha)
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 6-8
- Most recently lifted a title at Toronto in 2024; since then fell at three consecutive finals (l. Sabalenka at Cincinnati and US Open, and Keys at Adelaide)
- Five of her six career titles came on hard court
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 9 tournaments in her career
- Best result by a player from USA at Austin was SF run by Danielle Collins and Katie Volynets in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.4; this time last year was ranked No.5
- The last All-American final on American soil was 2017 US Open (Stephens d. Keys)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. GOLUBIC (#104) 6-2 7-5 (1h 36m)
2r: d. C. BUCSA (#99) 5-7 6-3 7-6 (2h 32m)
QF: d. S. CIRSTEANU (#120) 5-7 6-4 6-1 (2h 18m)
SF: d. G. MINNEN (#92) 7-5 6-4 (1h 34m)

Total time on court: 8h 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Has beaten Viktorija Golubic, Cristina Bucsa, Sorana Cirstea and Greet Minnen to reach her career third final, and the second this season
- Lifted titles at both of her previous finals - Cleveland in 2024 and Hobart in 2025
- Faces No.4 Jessica Pegula in F today; owns 1 win in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.3 Coco Gauff at Dubai 2025
- Owns 3-1 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 2-1 (d. Anisimova and Gauff at Dubai, l. Krueger at Abu Dhabi)
- Owns 8-5 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 5-2
- Both career titles came in on hard - Cleveland and Hobart
- Lowest ranked player (No.88) to reach F at Austin was Varvara Gracheva in 2023
- Having reached her career-high ranking of No.47 in Jan 2025, she is currently ranked No.56 ; this time last year was ranked No.120
- Has won 12 matches so far in 2025, and is already surpassing her most wins a season (won 8 main draw matches in 2024)

Is also set to play her first Tour level doubles final (w/ Zhang)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Noskova)
 - Made QF at Doha (l. Alexandrova)
 - Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Danilovic)
 - Opened 2025 with a R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Keys in F)
- Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Muchova)
 - Played 1r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
 - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (l. S. Zhang)
 - Won at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)
 - Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
39	27	Aces	29	42
61.4%	76	First serve %	63.6%	50
66.4%	38	First Serve points won %	63.7%	56
54.3%	4	Second serve points won %	51.7%	8
61.7%	7	Overall service points won %	59.4%	28
76.8%	10	Service games won %	70.7%	32
52.7%	71	Break points saved %	51.3%	82
38.4%	28	First serve return points won %	37.7%	38
55.7%	47	Second serve return points won %	55.7%	46
45.1%	56	Break points converted %	48.1%	35
39.5%	20	Return games won %	37.8%	33
44.9%	30	Return points won %	44.5%	37

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)
2024 - TORONTO, BERLIN
2023 - SEOUL, MONTREAL
2022 - GUADALAJARA
2019 - WASHINGTON DC
Runner-Up (10)
2025 - ADELAIDE
2024 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI
2023 - WTA FINALS, TOKYO, DOHA, UNITED CUP
2022 - MADRID
2020 - AUCKLAND
2018 - QUEBEC CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)
2023 - MIAMI (w/Gauff), DOHA (w/Gauff)
2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Gauff), TORONTO (w/Gauff),
WASHINGTON DC (w/Routliffe), DOHA (w/Gauff),
MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Muhammad)
Runner-Up (5)
2024 - WUHAN (w/Muhammad), SAN DIEGO
(w/Krawczyk)
2023 - ROME (w/Gauff), MADRID (w/Gauff)
2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Gauff)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - HOBART
2024 - CLEVELAND

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				2025	1r			
2r		2r	RUP	2024	2r		1r	1r
QF	3r	QF	4r	2023				
QF	QF	3r	QF	2022				
QF	3r	2r	3r	2021				
1r	1r		3r	2020				
	1r	1r	1r	2019				
				2018				
				2017				
			1r	2016				
			2r	2015				

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024, won two singles titles - Toronto (WTA 1000) and Berlin - en route to year-end ranking of No.7, her third-straight year-end Top 10 finish; two-time runner-up at Cincinnati and US Open; joined Rosie Casals (1970), Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1973) and Serena Williams (2013) as the only women in the Open Era to make the final at the Canadian Open, Cincinnati Open and US Open in the same season
- Also qualified for the 2024 WTA Finals (withdrew during round-robin play due to left knee injury)
- Won two titles in 2023, her second WTA 1000 tournament at Montreal and also WTA 250 Seoul. Also finished R-Up at Doha, Tokyo and at the WTA Finals in Cancun.

In doubles ascended to No.1 ranking (co-ranked with Coco Gauff) after 2023 US Open.

- Achieved career-high No. 3 in October 2022 after defeating four Grand Slam champions at Guadalajara, en route to ending three-year wait for second WTA title (d. Sakkari in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Fort Worth in both singles and doubles (w/Gauff), thus becoming the first Americans to debut in singles and doubles at the season-ending showpiece since Davenport in 1994
- Reached QF at three of the four majors in 2022, breaking into Top 10 after doing so at Roland Garros (June 6, 2022)
- One of seven players to win 40 or more matches in 2022, alongside Swiatek, Jabeur, Garcia, Sakkari, Kasatkina and Bencic
- In 2021, reached the QF or better on seven occasions, including at the Australian Open
- Broke into Top 20 on November 1, 2021
- Began 2020 with runner-up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams), other standout results were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland-Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland-Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and W100 ITF Circuit tournament in Midland-MI, USA

- 2024 saw a breakthrough year, making her Tour-level main draw debut at Auckland (as a qualifier, l. Lulu Sun), winning her first Tour-level main draw match at the Australian Open and claiming her maiden title at Cleveland. She also claimed her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and entered the Top 100 for the first time, peaking at No.63 on August 26, 2024.
- Reached WTA 125 series QF at Angers in 2023 (l. Yastremska)
- Lifted first ITF title in 2023 at Rome \$60K
- Played first Tour level matches as a wild card at 2023 US Open, where she won two qualifying matches before falling in the third and failed to make the main draw
- Reached first ITF final in 2021 at Lubbock \$15K
- Made ITF debut in 2016 at Charleston \$10K at the age of 17

- Highlights of 2018 included finishing R-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (L. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K Series tournament (L. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF Circuit events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top-20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (L. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, L. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with the coaching team of Mark Knowles and Mark Merklein
- Recently parted ways with coach David Witt; formerly with Michael Joyce
- Parents are Terrence (works in oil and gas) and Kim (business owner); her parents are principal owners of the Buffalo Bills (NFL), while Terry Pegula also owns hockey team the Buffalo Sabres (NHL)
- Brothers are Michael and Matthew, sisters are Laura and Kelly; also has three pets - Laura played Division I college tennis at the University of Pittsburgh
- Introduced to tennis by family at age 7
- Nickname is JP
- Favorite shot is backhand down the line; favorite tournament is the US Open
- Tennis idol was Martina Hingis
- One word to describe her would be "Determined"
- Owns her own skincare company called 'Ready 24'
- Also enjoys golf, sports, and design
- Married Taylor Gahagen in October 2021
- Passionate about new charity with her husband called A Lending Paw

- Coached by McClain Kessler