

# 2025 UNITED CUP - DAY 4 (30 DECEMBER 2024)

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## **2025 UNITED CUP – STANDINGS**

## PERTH – RAC ARENA

## Standings

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Ties</b>	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Sets</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>No. 1 Players</b>
[7] Canada	1-1	3-3	7-7	71-66	Auger-Aliassime, Fernandez
[1] United States	1-0	2-1	5-2	40-33	Fritz, Gauff
[18] Croatia	0-1	1-2	2-5	26-38	Coric, Vekic
Group C	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[9] Kazakhstan	1-0	2-1	4-3	29-30	Shevchenko, Rybakina
[3] Greece	1-0	2-1	4-4	30-34	S. Tsitsipas, Sakkari
[14] Spain	0-2	2-4	7-8	64-59	Carreno Busta, Bouzas Maneiro
Group E	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[5] China	1-0	3-0	6-1	43-28	Zhang Z., Gao X.
[11] Germany	1-0	3-0	6-1	38-31	Zverev, Siegemund
[13] Brazil	0-2	0-6	2-12	59-81	Monteiro, Haddad Maia

## SYDNEY - KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

Group B [8] Czechia [15] Norway [2] Poland	Ties 1-0 <b>0-1</b> 0-0	Matches 2-1 1-2 0-0	Sets 5-2 2-5 0-0	Games 41-30 <b>30-41</b> 0-0	<b>No. 1 Players</b> Machac, Muchova <b>Ruud, Helgø</b> Hurkacz, Swiatek
Group D	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[16] Switzerland	1-1	2-4	4-8	52-61	Stricker, Bencic
[4] Italy	1-0	3-0	6-0	37-19	Cobolli, Paolini
[10] France	0-1	1-2	2-4	24-33	Humbert, Paquet
Group F	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[17] Argentina	1-0	2-1	4-2	29-24	Etcheverry, Podoroska
[12] Australia	0-1	1-2	2-4	24-29	de Minaur, Gadecki
[6] Great Britain	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	B. Harris, Boulter

BOLD: Countries in bold are projected to play on today's schedule.



## SYDNEY - KEN ROSEWALL ARENA - MONDAY'S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

#### [6] GREAT BRITAIN vs [17] ARGENTINA – GROUP F

First Meeting at United Cup

#### **GROUP F SCENARIOS:**

Monday at United Cup	Group F Scenarios
Argentina d. GBR 3-0	Argentina wins the group, qualifies for QF
Argentina d. GBR 2-1	
GBR d. Argentina 3-0	Great Britain or Australia wins the group depending on Wednesday's score
GBR d. Argentina 2-1	All three teams still in contention to win the group

#### GREAT BRITAIN: 3rd Appearance (2023 HCF, 2024 RR) – 3-2 in ties (2-1 in 2023, 1-1 in 2024)

**2023** - 1st in Group D (2nd Australia, 3rd Spain); I. to United States 1-4 in Host City Finals (Sydney) **2024** – 3rd in Group C (1st Australia, 2nd United States)

#### ARGENTINA: 2nd Appearance (2023 RR) - 1-2 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 1-0 in 2025)

2023 - 3rd in Group F (1st Croatia, 2nd France) 2025 - d. Australia (2-1)

## Katie Boulter (GBR) vs Nadia Podoroska (ARG)

#### **First Meeting**

**Katie Boulter** | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 24 | Career-High No. 23 | 2024: 31-20 (2 titles) | Career: 115-89 (3 Titles) > Finished 2024 season ranked No. 24, her first year-end Top 50 finish

> In 2024, successfully defended title at Nottingham (d. Ka. Pliskova in F) and won San Diego (d. Kostyuk in F). Also made SF at Tokyo (I. Kenin) and wrapped up the year with a final run at Hong Kong (I. champion Shnaider)

> In 2023 captured first WTA singles title of career on home soil at Nottingham; made Top 50 debut at No.50 the week of September 11

> Top ranked British woman and one of three currently in Top 100 (along with No. 57 Emma Raducanu and No. 84 Sonay Kartal)

> Reached a career-high ranking of No.23 on November 4, 2024

> Recently announced engagement to Alex de Minaur, who plays for Australia in Group F at United Cup.

> Making second appearance at United Cup after winning both matches in 2024 (defeated Jessica Pegula and Ajla Tomljanovic)

**NOTE**: Boulter reached a career-high ranking of No.23 on November 4, 2024; she is playing this week ranked No. 24... Boulter recorded her first career Top 5 win last year at United Cup with her win over No. 5 Pegula

Nadia Podoroska | Age: 27 | WTA World No. 100 | Career-High No. 36 | 2024: 10-25 (QF, Hua Hin #2) | Career: 135-111 (0 titles)

> 1 of 2 players from Argentina in WTA Top 100 (along with No. 84 Maria Lourdes Carle)

> In 2024 made quarterfinal at Hua Hin 2 and earned two WTA 125 titles at San Luis Potosi and Barranquilla (has won 3 WTA 125 titles throughout career)

> In 2023, reached semifinals at Budapest (I. eventual champion Timofeeva) and Ningbo (I. eventual champion Jabeur); also advanced to semifinals of three WTA 125 events

> A semifinalist at 2020 Roland Garros

> Won first career WTA title in doubles at 2016 Bogota (w/Haddad Maia)

> Making second United Cup appearance having lost both matches in 2023 (Caroline Garcia and Petra Martic)

**NOTE**: Podoroska and Maria Lourdes Carle finished the year in the Top 100; last year in March, it was the first time two Argentines graced the WTA Top 100 since 2008... Podoroska won her opening United Cup match with a win over Olivia Gadecki in straight sets

#### Billy Harris (GBR) vs Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)

24 London / Queen's Club (Great Britain) Grass R32 Billy Harris

Harris Leads 1-0 6-4 3-6 6-3

**Billy Harris** | Age: 29 | World No. 125 | Career-High No. 101 | 2024: 7-6 (Eastbourne SF) | Career: 8-7 (1 SF) > Broke into Top 500 in December 2021 and Top 200 in December 2023 and achieved career-high No. 101 in September 2024.



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> Earned biggest win of career over No. 32 Etcheverry to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 London/Queen's Club as WC, then reached 1st SF in Eastbourne the following week (d. No. 49 Cobolli in QF).

> Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2023 Sofia, defeating Huesler in 1R for first tour-level win of career.
 > Owns 50-55 Challenger record (0-1 in finals), reaching 1st SF and final at 2023 Les Franqueses Del Valles as Q and 172-131 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (5-6 in finals), winning most recent title at 2022 M25 Nottingham.
 > Spent first few years of professional career travelling around Europe in a transit van to save money while competing on the ITF World Tennis Tour.

**NOTE:** Harris is making his United Cup debut and became British No. 1 male player in the team after Draper withdrew due to hip injury. He looks for his 3rd Top 50 win on the ATP Tour after earning grass court wins over No. 32 Etcheverry at Queen's Club 1R and No. 49 Cobolli in Eastbourne QF, both in 2024.

**Tomas Martin Etcheverry** | Age: 25 | World No. 39 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 31-29 (Lyon F) | Career: 65-73 (3 Finals) > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in June 2021 and Top 100 in April 2022, achieving career-high No. 27 in February 2024.

> At 2023 Roland Garros, earned 1st two Top 20 wins of career over No. 19 de Minaur in 2R and No. 16 Coric in 3R en route to the quarter-finals without losing a set.

> Defeated clay-court champions Fognini, F. Cerundolo, Lajovic and Baez en route to 1st ATP Tour final at Santiago and J. Cerundolo and Garin en route to 2nd ATP Tour final at 2023 Houston.

> Earned personal-best 31 wins in 2024, highlighted by Lyon final, where he held 1 MP against Mpetshi Perricard.
> Posted Challenger records of 49-19 in 2021 and 41-16 in 2022, highlighted by clay-court titles at 2021 Perugia, 2021 Trieste and 2022 Concepcion-2.

**NOTE**: Etcheverry began 2025 season with 1-6 4-6 loss to No. 9 de Minaur, but teamed up with Carle to defeat Perez/Ebden 6-2 6-4 and win the tie. He is one of four Argentines in the Top 50 of PIF ATP Rankings – No. 27 Baez, No. 30 F. Cerundolo, **No. 39 Etcheverry**, No. 47 Navone.

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

## Katie Boulter / Charles Broom (GBR) vs Nadia Podoroska / Tomas Martin Etcheverry (ARG)

## [2] POLAND vs [15] NORWAY – GROUP B

First Meeting at United Cup

## **GROUP B SCENARIOS:**

Sunday at United Cup	Group D Scenarios
Poland d. Norway 3-0	Winner of Poland vs Czechia (Wednesday) wins the group and
Poland d. Norway 2-1	advances to QF
Norway d. Poland 3-0	
Norway d. Poland 2-1	All three teams still in contention to win the group

#### POLAND: 3rd Appearance (2023 SF, 2024 Final) - 7-2 in ties (3-1 in 2023, 4-1 in 2024)

**2023** - 1st in Group B (2nd Switzerland, 3rd Kazakhstan), d. Italy 3-2 in Host City Finals (Brisbane), I. to USA 0-4 in SF **2024** - 1st in Group A (2nd Spain, 3rd Brazil), d. China 3-0 in QF, France 3-0 in SF, I. to Germany 1-2 in the final

#### NORWAY: 3rd Appearance (2023 RR, 2024 QF) - 1-5 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 1-2 in 2024, 0-1 in 2025)

2023 - 3rd in Group E (1st Italy, 2nd Brazil)

2024 - 1st in Group F (2nd Croatia, 3rd Netherlands), I. to France 1-2 in QF

**2025** - I. to Czechia (1-2)



## Iga Swiatek (POL) vs Malene Helgø (NOR)

## **First Meeting**

**Iga Swiatek** | Age: 23 | WTA World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 59-9 (5 titles) | Career: 275-65 (22 Titles) > Claimed five titles in 2024, making it a three-peat at Roland-Garros and also winning Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid and Rome. Crossed \$30m in prize money and qualified for her fourth WTA Finals; also won bronze medal at 2024 Olympics

> In 2024 led Tour in match wins (59), titles (5), WTA 1000 match wins (30); also won a Tour-leading 26 matches on clay in 2024 (next most wins belong to Collins, 19)

> Held WTA World No.1 ranking for 50-consecutive weeks (from Nov 6, 2023 – Oct 20, 2024) bringing her career tally to 125 weeks at No.1

> Won six titles across 2023, including winning fourth Grand Slam title at Roland-Garros (d. Muchova in F) and going undefeated at the WTA Finals in Cancun (d. Pegula in F). Finished season as WTA World No.1 player for second consecutive year.

> Began working with Wim Fissette in preparation for 2025 season

> Making 3rd appearance at United Cup (8-1 record); won all five matches in 2023 at the event, dropping only one set

**NOTE:** Swiatek's last loss to a player ranked outside the Top 400 came at the ITF level in 2018 (I to. No.1192 Joanna Zawadzka; match ended in a retirement at 7-6, 3-1)

**Malene Helgo** | Age: 25 | WTA World No. 404 | Career-High No. 317 | 2024: 0-3 (38-21 across all levels) | Career: 0-8 (seeking 1st Tour-level main draw win)

> Earned three ITF singles titles, bringing her ITF career total tally to nine by the close of 2024

> Reached career-high ranking of No. 317 on January 30, 2023

> Aside from United Cup, only other WTA event has competed in is WTA 125 Bastad (2022, 2023)

> Making 3rd appearance for United Cup (0-5 record); In 2024, competed for Norway at falling in matches against Garcia, Vekic and Rus

**NOTE:** In her 3rd United Cup appearance, Helgo is seeking her first career main draw win at the Tour-level; she lost her opening match this week to Karolina Muchova

Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs Casper Ruud (NOR)				
22 Roland Garros (France)	Clay	R16	Casper Ruud	6-2 6
22 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal (Canada)	Hard	SF	Hubert Hurkacz	5-7 6
24 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo (Monac	o)Clay	R16	Casper Ruud	6-4 6

Ruud Leads 2-1 6-2 6-3 3-6 6-3

6-2 6-3 3-6 6-5-7 6-3 6-2 6-4 6-2

**Hubert Hurkacz** | Age: 27 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 40-19 (Estoril Title) | Career: 211-142 (8 Titles) > Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.

> Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.

> Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.

> Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.

> Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-3 in finals).

**NOTE**: Hurkacz is making his third consecutive United Cup appearance, earning a 5-4 singles record (0-3 vs. Top 20), including loss to No. 7 Zverev in 2024 final after holding 2 MPs. He is 17-32 vs. Top 10 in career and went 1-5 during 2024 season, earning lone win over No. 4 Zverev in Halle SF.

**Casper Ruud** | Age: 26 | World No. 6 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 51-25 (2 Titles) | Career: 259-140 (12 Titles) > Top-ranked Norwegian in history rose from No. 7 to career-high No. 2 after falling to Alcaraz in 2022 US Open final with No. 1 ranking at stake.

> First Norwegian to win an ATP Tour title (12), play at Nitto ATP Finals (2021-22, 2024), and reach a Grand Slam final (2022-23 Roland Garros, 2023 US Open) and an ATP Masters 1000 final (2022 Miami, 2024 Monte-Carlo).
 > Swept clay-court titles at Bastad, Gstaad and Kitzbuhel in July 2021 to become 1st player to win 3 titles in as many weeks since Murray at 2011 Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai.

> Former No. 1 junior leads ATP Tour since start of 2020 season in clay-court wins (116), finals (16) and titles (11), highlighted by the biggest title of career at 2024 Barcelona.

> Defeated World No. 1 Djokovic for biggest win of career en route to 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte-Carlo final.



**First Meeting at United Cup** 

**NOTE:** Ruud owns a 5-1 record at United Cup, including win over Machac on Sunday. He is one of 4 ATP Top 10 players in the field (also No. 2 Zverev, No. 4 Fritz, No. 9 de Minaur) and aims to record back-to-back wins for the first time since reaching US Open 4R in September.

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

## Iga Swiatek / Hubert Hurkacz (POL) vs Ulrikke Eikeri / Casper Ruud (NOR)

## PERTH – RAC ARENA – SUNDAY'S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

#### **GREECE vs KAZAKHSTAN – GROUP C**

**GREECE:** 3rd Appearance (2023 SF, 2024 QF) – 5-3 in ties (3-1 in 2023, 1-2 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025) 2023 – 1st in Group A (2nd Bulgaria, 3rd Belgium), d. Croatia 3-2 in Host City Finals (Perth), I. to Italy 1-4 in SF 2024 – 1st in Group B (2nd Chile, 3rd Canada), I. to Germany 1-2 in QF 2025 – d. Spain (2-1)

KAZAKHSTAN: 2nd Appearance (2023 RR) - 1-2 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 1-0 in 2025)

**2023** – 3rd in Group B (1st Poland, 2nd Switzerland) **2025** – d. Spain (2-1)

## **GROUP C SCENARIOS:**

Winner of Team Greece vs Team Kazakhstan tie wins the group and advances to the QF

### Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) First Meeting

**Stefanos Tsitsipas** | Age: 26 | World No. 11 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 45-22 (Monte-Carlo Title) | Career: 346-165 (11 Titles) > Top-ranked Greek of all time achieved career-high No. 3 in August 2021 and boasts 11 wins vs. Top-3 opponents (2 vs. No. 1, 4 vs. No. 2, 5 vs. No. 3).

> Six-time Grand Slam semi-finalist, highlighted by runs to 2021 Roland Garros and 2023 Australian Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions.

> Captured 2018 Next Gen ATP Finals title at age 20 and 2019 Nitto ATP Finals title at age 21, becoming youngest champion of latter since Hewitt, 20, in 2001.

> Won 11 ATP Tour titles, including 2021, 2022 and 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Monte Carlo, but still seeking 1st ATP 500 title (0-11 in finals).

> Youngest of 30 players to defeat Djokovic (2018 Toronto 3R), Federer (2019 Australian Open 4R) and Nadal (2019 Madrid SF), sweeping Big 3 before turning 21.

**NOTE:** Tsitsipas is 6-1 at United Cup in singles, lone loss to No. 7 Zverev in QF last year. Defeated Carreno Busta 6-4 4-6 6-3 in his opening match of the season and teamed w/Sakkari to defeat Spain in crucial mixed doubles tie.

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 24 | World No. 78 | Career-High No. 45 | 2024: 21-28 (4 QFs) | Career: 37-49 (1 Final) > Broke into Top 300 in March 2022, Top 200 in June 2022 and Top 100 in April 2023, achieving career-high No. 45 in February 2024 after defeating No. 7 Rune for biggest win of career to reach Rotterdam QF.

> Saved 2 MPs to earn 1st Top 10 win over No. 9 Fritz and reach 1st ATP Tour QF in Basel, then advanced to 1st SF and final in Metz to end his 2023 season.

> Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs in Montpellier, Rotterdam, Geneva and Almaty, all during 2024 season.

> Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Giustino) and 1st Grand Slam win at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Otte).

> Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava and 2nd title at 2023 Tenerife-1.

**NOTE:** Shevchenko is making his United Cup debut and lost to Carreno Busta 2-6 1-6 on Friday. The 24-year-old is 3-17 vs. Top 20 players, earning indoor hard court wins over No. 9 Fritz in 2023 Basel 2R, No. 15 Khachanov in 2023 Metz QF and No. 7 Rune in 2024 Rotterdam 2R (0-7 since).



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Rybakina Leads 3-1 3-6 7-5 6-1 7-5 6-4

> 6-0 6-7(4) 7-6(2) 7-5 6-7(4) 6-4

### Maria Sakkari (GRE) vs Elena Rybakina (KAZ)

2020	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD	`SF ´	RYBAKINA, ELENA
2022	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	QF	SAKKARI, MARIA
2023	WTA FINALS	HARD	R1	RYBAKINA, ELENA
2024	MIAMI	HARD	QF	RYBAKINA, ELENA

Maria Sakkari | Age: 29 | WTA World No. 32 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 23-15 (R-Up, Indian Wells) | Career: 274-197 (2 Titles)

> Finished 2024 season ranked No. 32, after finishing the previous three seasons in the Top 10

> Key result of 2024 was reaching Indian Wells final for the second time, losing to Swiatek who also defeated her in 2022 final. Other standout return came with SF run at Charleston. Did not play after US Open

> Has won two career singles titles – 2023 Guadalajara (WTA 1000) and 2019 Rabat

> In 2021 became first Greek woman to break into the Top 10 (at No.10, September 27) and climbed as high as No.3

in the rankings (March 21, 2022); maintained a Top 10 ranking from September 27, 2021 until February 19, 2024

> Qualified for WTA Finals three consecutive years (2021-23) with back-to-back SF finishes (2021, 2022)

> Making third appearance at United Cup (6-1 record)

**NOTE:** Sakkari is playing her first tournament since the 2024 US Open where she retired in her first round match; Sakkari lost her opening match this week at United Cup, falling to Bouzas Maneiro 6-2, 6-1... Sakkari has 22 wins vs Top 10 opponents on hardcourts (27 overall); her last Top 10 win came at 2024 Indian Wells

Elena Rybakina | Age: 24 | WTA World No. 6 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 42-11 (3 singles titles) | Career: 235-105 (8 Titles)

> Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage

> Tied for 4th most titles in 2024; only Swiatek (5), Sabalenka (4) and Shnaider (4) won more titles

> 1 of 9 players to win 40+ matches in 2024; posted a 15-2 record at WTA 500 level

> Served 358 aces – 2nd most on Tour – in 2024 (in 53 matches); also won 79.5% of service games in 2024; among year-end Top 30, only Swiatek (82.6%) posted a better service games won percentage

> Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (I. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023).

> Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)

> In preparation for 2025 season began working with Goran Ivanisevic

**NOTE:** Rybakina won 26 of her first 30 matches to start the 2024 season, including a 7-2 mark in Australia... Rybakina finished the 2024 season at the WTA Finals (1-2 in group stage), her only tournament after the US Open... Rybakina won her singles (d. Bouzas Maneiro) and doubles (w/Shevchenko) to open United Cup

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

#### Maria Sakkari / Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) vs Elena Rybakina / Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ)

#### CHINA vs GERMANY – GROUP E

#### First Meeting at United Cup

CHINA: 2nd Appearance (2024 QF) - 2-2 in ties (1-2 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025)

**2024** – 2nd in Group E (1st Serbia, 3rd Czechia), advanced to QF as 2nd-placed team in Perth, I. to Poland 0-3 in QF **2025** – d. Brazil (3-0)

#### GERMANY: 3rd Appearance (2023 RR, 2024 Title) - 5-3 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 4-1 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025)

2023 – 3rd in Group C (1st United States, 2nd Czechia)
2024 – 2nd in Group D (1st France, 3rd Italy), d. Greece 2-1 in QF, Australia 2-1 in SF and Poland 2-1 in the final
2025 – d. Brazil (3-0)

#### **GROUP E SCENARIOS:**

Winner of Team China vs Team Germany tie wins the group and advances to the QF



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## Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs Alexander Zverev (GER)

24 Hamburg (Germany)

Clay QF

**Zverev Leads 1-0** 6-4 6-3

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 28 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 25-29 (Hangzhou Final) | Career: 56-59 (1 Final) > Became the first Chinese player in PIF ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024, earning career-high No. 31 in July 2024.

Alexander Zverev

> Defeated Buyunchaokete in 1st all-Chinese ATP Tour SF to reach his first final at 2024 Hangzhou after earning silver medal in mixed doubles at 2024 Paris Olympics with Wang Xinyu.

> Won 3 consecutive matches in deciding set tie-breaks to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid and reached 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Rome.

> During 2023 season, reached 1st ATP Tour SF in Hamburg, then became 1st Chinese man to defeat a Top 5 opponent, beating No. 5 Ruud to advance to US Open 3R.

> Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joined fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.

> Equaled biggest win of career over No. 5 Medvedev in 2024 Halle 2R en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF and became the first Chinese man to reach a tour-level semi-final on grass in Open Era.

**NOTE:** Zhang defeated Monteiro 6-3 6-0 on Friday en route to Team China's 3-0 win over Brazil. The Chinese No. 1 is 3-11 vs. Top 10 players (2-6 vs. Top 5), looking for the biggest win of his career and become the first Chinese man to defeat a Top-3 player in PIF ATP Rankings history.

Alexander Zverev | Age: 27 | World No. 2 (Career-High) | 2024: 69-21 (2 Titles) | Career: 464-198 (23 Titles) > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.

> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and leads all players born since 1990 with 23 career titles, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals championships.
> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta

> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.

> Earned personal-best 69 wins during 2024 season, highlighted by Roland Garros final and ATP Masters 1000 titles in Rome and Paris.

> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 6 ATP Masters 1000 titles.
 > Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (3 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2 times).

**NOTE**: Zverev opened his 2025 season with 6-4 6-4 win over Monteiro to extend his singles record at United Cup to 5-3 (0-2 in 2023, 4-1 in 2024). He led the ATP Tour in aces (797) and tie-break wins (31-21) during 2024 season.

## Gao Xinyu (CHN) vs Laura Siegemund (GER)

## **First Meeting**

Gao Xinyu | Age: 27 | WTA World No. 175 | Career-High No. 164 | 2024: 1-3 in Tour-level main draw (35-19 across all levels) | Career: 16-29 (240-147 across all levels)

> 1 of 8 Chinese women ranked in Top 200

> Reached career-high ranking of No.164 on July 15, 2024

> In 2024, reached first career 2R on Hologic WTA Tour at Hua Hin 2 (as qualifier, I. Hartono). Also played qualifying at Roland Garros and Wimbledon for the first time in her career.

> Throughout career has played at eight WTA 125 tournaments; reached first career SF at WTA 125 Contrexeville in 2024

> Yet to face a Top 20 ranked opponent in career

**NOTE:** G.Xinyu notched her first career Top 20 win by defeating No. 17 Beatriz Haddad Maia in the opening round of United Cup, her first career meeting against a Top 20 ranked opponent

Laura Siegemund | Age: 36 | WTA World No. 80 | Career-High No. 27 | 2024: 17-16 (R-Up, Hua Hin 2) | Career: 226-182 (2 Titles)

> Currently the top-ranked German woman ahead of No. 86 Tatjana Maria and No. 89 Jule Niemeier

> Best results of 2024 came in the second half of the season achieving runner-up at Hua Hin 2 and reaching semifinal at Jiujiang. Also made quarterfinals across the season at Adelaide, Bogota and Rabat

> Contested main draw at all four Slams in 2024 (first time since 2019)

> Finished the year at No. 21 in doubles, her third consecutive Top 30 finish in doubles; won 15th career doubles title at 2024 Osaka (w/Shibahara)

> In the 2023 season reached a doubles career-high of No.5 and lifted doubles title at the GNP Seguros WTA Finals Cancun title (w/ Zvonareva)



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> Has won 2 singles titles in career – 2017 Stuttgart and 2016 Bastad

> Reached career-high of No. 27 in singles (August 29, 2016) and No. 15 in doubles (January 29, 2024)

NOTE: Siegemund defeated Haddad Maia in 3-sets in the opening match at United Cup

MIXED DOUBLES:

Gao Xinyu / Bai Yan (CHN) vs Laura Siegemund / Alexander Zverev (GER)