

## **2025 UNITED CUP - DAY 5 (31 DECEMBER 2024)**

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## 2025 UNITED CUP - STANDINGS

## **PERTH - RAC ARENA**

## **Standings**

Group A [7] Canada [1] United States [18] Croatia	Ties 1-1 1-0 0-1	Matches 3-3 2-1 1-2	Sets 7-7 5-2 2-5	Games 71-66 <b>40-33</b> <b>26-38</b>	No. 1 Players Auger-Aliassime, Fernandez Fritz, Gauff Coric, Vekic
Group C	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[9] Kazakhstan	2-0	5-1	10-4	63-56	Shevchenko, Rybakina
[3] Greece	1-1	2-4	5-10	56-68	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
[11] Germany	2-0	5-1	11-4	75-62	Zverev, Siegemund
*[5] China	1-1	4-2	9-6	74-65	Zhang Z., Gao X.
[13] Brazil	0-2	0-6	2-12	59-81	Monteiro, Haddad Maia

## **SYDNEY - KEN ROSEWALL ARENA**

Group B	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[8] Czechia	1-0	2-1	5-2	41-30	Machac, Muchova
[2] Poland	1-0	2-1	4-3	27-23	Hurkacz, Swiatek
[15] Norway	0-2	2-4	5-9	53-68	Ruud, Helgø
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	1-1	3-3	6-7	60-61	Etcheverry, Podoroska
[6] Great Britain	1-0	2-1	5-2	37-31	B. Harris, Boulter
[12] Australia	0-1	1-2	2-4	24-29	de Minaur, Gadecki

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

<sup>\*</sup> Team advances to QF as the best second-placed team in host city

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

## ITALY vs FRANCE - GROUP D

France Leads 1-0 at United Cup

2024 United Cup - Group Stage (Group D):

Team France d. Team Italy 3-0

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) d. Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) 6-4 6-4

Caroline Garcia (FRA) d. Jasmine Paolini (ITA) 6-4 5-7 6-4

Elixane Lechemia / Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA) d. Nuria Brancaccio / Flavio Cobolli (ITA) 7-6(5) 6-4

#### **GROUP D SCENARIOS:**

Italy wins the group if they win one of three ties, France wins the group with a 3-0 win over Italy.

ITALY: 3rd Appearance (2023 Final, 2024 RR) - 4-4 in ties (3-2 in 2023, 0-2 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025)

2023 - 1st in Group E (2nd Brazil, 3rd Norway); I. to Poland 2-3 in Host City Finals (Brisbane) and advanced to SF as

best losing HCF team, d. Greece 4-1 in SF, I. to United States 0-4 in the final **2024** - 3rd in Group D (1st France, 2nd Germany)

**2025** - d. Switzerland (3-0)

FRANCE: 3rd Appearance (2023 RR, 2024 SF) - 4-3 in ties (1-1 in 2023, 3-1 in 2024, 0-1 in 2025)

2023 - 2nd in Group F (1st Croatia, 3rd Argentina)

2024 - 1st in Group D (2nd Germany, 3rd Italy), d. Norway 2-1 in QF, I. to Poland 0-3 in SF

2025 - I. to Switzerland (1-2)

## Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs Ugo Humbert (FRA)

**First Meeting** 

Flavio Cobolli | Age: 22 | World No. 32 | Career-High No. 30 | 2024: 35-27 (Washington F) | Career: 42-38 (1 Final) > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, qualified for 2023 Next Gen ATP Finals and then achieved career-high No. 31 in September 2024 after reaching 1st ATP Tour final in Washington.

- > Earned biggest wins of career over Americans Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington and No. 13 Paul in 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati 1R.
- > Also in 2024, reached Australian Open 3R as Q (d. No. 18 Jarry in 1R) and US Open 3R as No. 31 seed.
- > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
- > Won Challenger titles at 2022 Zadar and 2023 Lisbon and reached finals at 2021 Rome-2, 2021 Barletta and 2023 Olbia.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

**NOTE**: Cobolli opened his 2025 season by defeating Stricker 6-3 7-6(2). He is 5-14 vs. Top 20 players, earning all 5 wins during 2024 season and seeks first Top 20 win since defeating No. 13 Paul at ATP Masters 1000 Cincinnati in August.

**Ugo Humbert** | Age: 26 | World No. 14 | Career-High No. 13 | 2024: 39-24 (2 Titles) | Career: 144-125 (6 Titles) > Broke into Top 20 in November 2023, then earned career-high No. 13 in April 2024 soon after winning Dubai, joining Gulbis and Klizan as the third player in Open Era to win 6th ATP Tour title in 6th final.

- > Upset No. 6 A. Zverev and No. 7 Rublev en route to 3rd of 6 career titles at 2021 Halle.
- > Went on a 13-match winning streak on French indoor hard courts, capturing titles at 2023 Metz and 2024 Marseille and equaling biggest win of career over No. 2 Alcaraz in 3R en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 final at 2024 Paris.
- > Won 1st ATP Tour title at 2020 Auckland as 21-year-old to become youngest French champion since Gasquet, 21, at 2007 Mumbai and saved 4 MPs vs. Evans en route to 2nd ATP Tour title at 2020 Antwerp.
- > Defeated former No. 3 Thiem 6-3 6-0 to win 7th Challenger title of career at 2022 Rennes and in May 2023 earned 8th and 9th Challenger titles at Cagliari and Bordeaux in a 3-week span.

**NOTE:** Humbert is making his United Cup debut and defeated Stricker 6-3 7-5 in his opening match. The Frenchman is playing in his first tournament since reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 final in Paris to end 2024 season (I. to Zverev).



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## Jasmine Paolini (ITA) vs Chloe Paquet (FRA)

2019 PALM HARBOR

CLAY R32 PAQUET, CHLOE

Paquet Leads 1-0

7-6(2) 6-3

Jasmine Paolini | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 4 | Career-High No. 4 | 2024: 41-20 (1 title) | Career: 186-160 (2 Titles) > Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4

- > Became first woman since Serena Williams to make the final at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same season. She is just the fifth woman since 1999 to complete the feat, joining Steffi Graf (1999), Serena Williams (2002, 2015 and 2016), Venus Williams (2002) and Justine Henin (2006)
- > In 2024, also won four doubles titles (all w/Errani) including a gold medal at the Olympics
- > Voted 2024 WTA Doubles Team of the Year with Sara Errani
- > Qualified for 2024 WTA Finals in singles and doubles; was first Italian woman to make appearance since 2015 (Flavia Pennetta)
- > Making 2nd appearance at United Cup; in 2024 went 1-1 with a win over Angelique Kerber and a loss to Caroline Garcia

**NOTE**: Paolini defeated Belinda Bencic in her United Cup opener... A fourth round finish at the Australian Open 2024, Paolini had not won a main draw match in Melbourne prior... Paolini ranks in Top 10 in singles (No.4) and doubles (No.10)

Chloe Paquet | Age: 30 | WTA World No. 123 | Career-High No. 96 | 2024: 7-6 (SF, Iasi) | Career: 67-108 (0 Titles)

- > No. 6 ranked Frenchwoman
- > 2024 season highlight was posting best Grand Slam result with run to 3r at Roland-Garros and best WTA Tour return with SF appearance at lasi; also reached QF at Palermo
- > Broke into the Top 100 for first time and achieved a new career-high ranking of No.96 in August 2024
- > Reached WTA 125 finals in singles (at Saint Malo) and doubles (Limoges)
- > In 2023, played qualifying at all four Slams with best Tour level result of the season achieved at Lausanne on clay with R16 (I. Avanesyan)
- > Throughout career has reached QF (or better) at the Tour-level four times all on clay

**NOTE:** Paquet lost to Belinda Bencic in her United Cup debut... Paquet is seeking her first career Top 10 win... Paquet finished the 2024 season ranked No.111, her best year-end ranking of her career

#### **MIXED DOUBLES:**

Sara Errani / Andrea Vavassori (ITA) vs Elixane Lechemia / Edouard Roger-Vasselin (FRA)

## PERTH - RAC ARENA - TUESDAY'S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

## **UNITED STATES vs CROATIA - GROUP A**

First Meeting at United Cup

UNITED STATES: 3rd Appearance (2023 Title, 2024 RR) - 7-1 in ties (5-0 in 2023, 1-1 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025)

2023 - 1st in Group C (2nd Czechia, 3rd Germany), d. Great Britain 4-1 in Host City Finals (Sydney), d. Poland 5-0 in SF and Italy 4-0 in the final.

2024 - 2nd in Group C (1st Australia, 3rd Great Britain)

**2025** - d. Canada (2-1)

CROATIA: 3rd Appearance (2023 HCF, 2024 RR) - 3-3 in ties (2-1 in 2023, 1-1 in 2024, 0-1 in 2025)

2023 - 1st in Group F (2nd France, 3rd Argentina), I. to Greece 2-3 in Host City Finals (Perth)

2024 - 2nd in Group F (1st Norway, 3rd Netherlands)

2025 - I. to Canada (1-2)

#### **GROUP A SCENARIOS:**

Tuesday at United Cup	Group F Scenarios
USA d. Croatia 3-0	Team United States wins the group, qualifies for QF
USA d. Croatia 2-1	
Croatia d. USA 3-0	Team Croatia wins the group, qualifies for QF
Croatia d. USA 2-1	Group winner decided by % of sets or games won



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Coric Leads 4-0

#### Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Borna Coric (CRO)

16 Roland Garros (France)	`Clay ´	R128	Borna Coric	6-3 6-1 6-3
18 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)	Hard	R16	Borna Coric	6-2 6-7(6) 6-4
19 's-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands)	Grass	R16	Borna Coric	4-6 6-3 6-3
20 Vienna (Austria)	Hard	R32	Borna Coric	6-4 6-4

Taylor Fritz | Age: 27 | World No. 4 (Career-High) | 2024: 53-23 (2 Titles) | Career: 284-190 (7 Titles)

- > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024, becoming the first American man since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 on year-end rankings.
- > At 2024 US Open, became the 1st American man in Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over No. 8 Ruud in 4R, No. 4 Zverev in QF and No. 20 Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
- > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
- > Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022 and 2023 and captured bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

**NOTE:** Fritz owns a 5-3 singles record at United Cup, including 4-1 in 2023 en route to the title with Team USA in the inaugural edition. He lost to Auger-Aliassime 6-4 5-7 3-6 on Sunday and teamed up w/Gauff in mixed doubles to take the tie. The 27-year-old attempts to avoid 0-5 start to a Lexus ATP Head2Head for the second time in career (0-10 vs. Djokovic). He held a 26-2 record vs. players ranked outside Top 50 during 2024 season (11-1 on hard courts).

**Borna Coric** | Age: 28 | World No. 90 | Career-High No. 12 | 2024: 12-19 (Montpellier Final) | Career: 223-194 (3 Titles) > Owns 11 wins vs. Top 5 and ended 2018 at career-high No. 12 after finishing 2015 as youngest player in Top 50 and 2014 as youngest player in Top 100.

- > As World No. 152, upset No. 3 Nadal en route to 2022 Cincinnati title, becoming lowest-ranked champion in tournament and ATP Masters 1000 series history.
- > Defeated Federer to win 2018 Halle title, ending Swiss' last run as World No. 1 and becoming youngest champion in tournament history at age 21.
- > Saved 5 MPs vs. Kohlschreiber for 1st ATP Tour title at 2017 Marrakech and 6 MPs vs. Tsitsipas en route to 1st Grand Slam QF at 2020 US Open.
- > Helped Croatia capture 2018 Davis Cup, but missed 12 months from March 2021-March 2022 including Davis Cup Finals due to right shoulder injury.

**NOTE:** Coric is making his third United Cup appearance and holds a 4-2 singles record at the event, including win over No. 29 Auger-Aliassime 0-6 6-4 6-4 on Saturday for Croatia's only win vs. Canada. The 28-year-old is 11-25 vs. Top-5 players and seeks first win since defeating No. 5 Tsitsipas at 2022 Vienna and record back-to-back wins above ATP 250 level for the first time since 2023 Roland Garros.

#### Coco Gauff (USA) vs Donna Vekic (CRO)

Vekic Leads 1-0

24 Paris Olympics (France) Clay R16 Donna Vekic 7-6(7) 6-2

**Coco Gauff** | Age: 20 | WTA World No. 3 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 54-17 (3 singles titles) | Career: 209-88 (9 titles) > Went 3-for-3 in finals in 2024, winning Auckland, Beijing and a historic first WTA Finals Riyadh title. Success in Saudi Arabia saw her win a record \$4.8m in prize money, the most ever awarded in women's professional sports, and defeated the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event.

- > Finished 2024 season strong winning 16 of last 19 matches; in addition to titles at Beijing and WTA Finals, also reached R16 at US Open and SF at Wuhan in that stretch
- > Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June 2024 after advancing to SF at Roland Garros
- > Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- > At 18 years old, made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (I. Garcia); has remained in the Top 10 every week since



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Rybakina Leads 5-1

**NOTE:** Gauff won 16 of her last 19 matches to close out the 2024 season, which included title runs at the WTA Finals and Beijing... Gauff defeated Leylah Fernandez in singles and teamed with Taylor Fritz to win USA's mixed doubles match against Canada

**Donna Vekic** | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 19 | Career-High No. 18 | 2024: 32-20 (R-Up, Bad Homburg; silver medal, Olympics) | Career: 289-247 (4 Titles)

- > Finished 2024 season ranked No. 19, equaling her career-best year-end ranking
- > In 2024, achieved best Grand Slam result reaching SF at Wimbledon (I. Paolini). Won Silver Medal at Paris Olympics (I. Zheng in F), the first Olympic medal in women's singles for Croatia. Finished runner-up at Bad Homburg (I. Shnaider in F), reached SF at Linz (I. Alexandrova).
- > Also reached career-high singles ranking on October 7, 2024 (at No. 18)
- > Most recent singles title came at 2023 Monterrey
- > Making third United Cup appearance; owns a 5-0 record at the event, including a 2-0 mark in 2024 with wins over Malene Helge (Norway) and Arantxa Rus (The Netherlands) both matches decided in 3-sets
- > Began working with 2018 WTA Coach of the Year Sascha Bajin in preparation for 2025 season

**NOTE:** Vekic has reached at least one singles final in each of the last four seasons (since 2021), including a runner-up finish at 2024 Bad Homburg and a title run at 2023 Monterrey... After going 5-0 in United Cup matches in her previous two matches, Vekic lost her opening match to Donna Vekic... Vekic's last Top 10 win came at the 2024 Olympics over then No.2 Gauff

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

Coco Gauff / Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Donna Vekic / Ivan Dodig (CRO)

## PERTH - WEDNESDAY UNITED CUP QUARTER-FINALS

#### **MORNING SESSION**

#### [9] Kazakhstan vs [11] Germany

Alexander Zverev (GER) vs Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) First Meeting

## Laura Siegemund (GER) vs Elena Rybakina (KAZ)

2019	LAUNCESTON	HARD	R16	RYBAKINA, ELENA	6-3 4-6 6-3
2019	LUXEMBOURG	HARD	Q	RYBAKINA, ELENA	6-0 6-4
2021	DOHA	HARD	R32	SIEGEMUND, LAURA	7-6(7) 7-6(5)
2022	BJK CUP QUALIFIERS	CLAY	R1	RYBAKINA, ELENA	6-0 6-1
2022	PORTOROZ	HARD	R32	RYBAKINA, ELENA	6-7(4) 6-4 7-6(8)
2024	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	R64	RYBAKINA, ELENA	6-3 3-6 6-3

#### **NIGHT SESSION**

**GROUP A WINNER vs [5] China**