

# MATCH NOTES

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN - OSAKA, JPN  
2025-10-13 - 2025-10-19 | \$ 275,094



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**TEREZA  
VALENTOVA (Q)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**LEYLAH  
(4) FERNANDEZ**  
CANADA

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2007-02-20	Date of Birth	2002-09-06
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	Boynton Beach, Florida, USA
Right-Handed	Plays	Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 6" (1.68m)
75	Career-High Ranking	13
\$312,760	Career Prize Money	\$6,900,649
\$417,533	Season Prize Money	\$1,684,006
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 4
2-2 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	27-22 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-1 (Finalist: 2025)
9-3 / 9-3	YTD / Career W-L	26-22 / 132-103

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
258	261	2024	23	31
646	680	2023	32	35
1357	1357	2022	13	40
-	-	2021	24	24
-	-	2020	88	88
-	-	2019	209	209
-	-	2018	451	487
-	-	2017	727	728

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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. J. CRISTIAN (#47) 6-7 6-4 6-3 (2h 43m)  
QF: d. O. DANILOVIC (#49) 4-6 6-2 6-3 (2h 5m)  
1r: d. A. EALA (#54) 6-1 6-2 (1h 27m)  
2r: d. E. MERTENS (#21) 6-4 6-1 (1h 16m)

*Total time on court: 7h 31m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Is through to her first career tour-level final
- Bidding to become the seventh teenager to win a WTA title in 2025 after Mirra Andreeva (Dubai and Indian Wells), Maya Joint (Rabat and Eastbourne), Victoria Mboko (Montreal), Iva Jovic (Guadalajara) and Tiantsoa Rakotomanga Rajaonah (Sao Paulo)
- Faces No.47 Jaqueline Cristian in today's final; owns 4 wins in career over Top 50 players, three of which have come this week (d. No.21 Mertens, No.49 Danilovic and No.47 Cristian)
- First career meeting against a player from Canada
- Prior to this year's run to the final, her best career result on hard court had been SF run in Prague earlier this year
- Prior to Valentova's run to the final here, best result by Czech Republic at the Japan Women's Open was R-Up run by Katerina Siniakova in 2016
- Last time a player from Czech Republic reached the final at the Japan Women's Open was 2016 (Siniakova's run to the final)
- Best result by a qualifier at the Japan Women's Open was Champion run by Suzan Lamens in 2024 and Zarina Diyas in 2017
- Is currently ranked No.78; this time last year was ranked No.265. Reached a career-high ranking of No.75 in September this year
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in Q1 at Wuhan (L. Andreescu)
- Has won 9 matches so far in 2025; prior to the 2025 season she had never won a tour-level main draw match

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. S. CIRSTEA (#51) 6-1 2-6 6-4 (1h 55m)  
QF: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#65) 7-6 6-3 (1h 34m)  
2r: d. D. GALFI (#96) 6-1 6-4 (1h 19m)  
1r: d. H. BAPTISTE (#64) 6-2 7-5 (1h 33m)

*Total time on court: 6h 21m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Japan Open; on her previous showing in 2019 she qualified into the main draw, but fell in 1r to eventual champion Nao Hibino
- Competing in her eight career final (7th on hard court) and second of 2025 after claiming the title in Washington DC
- Bidding to claim fifth WTA title of her career after Washington DC 2025, Hong Kong 2023, Monterrey 2022 & 2021
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 4-3
- Faces No.78 Tereza Valentova in today's final; owns 17-6 record in 2025 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50, most recently defeated No.51 Cirstea in the semifinals here
- First meeting in 2025 against a player from Czech Republic; most recent career meeting was win over Karolina Muchova at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Owns 5-1 record in 2025 vs. qualifiers, with only loss coming against eventual champion Tatjana Maria in London
- The last qualifier Fernandez faced in a tour-level final was Emma Raducanu at 2021 US Open
- All four of her WTA titles have come on hard court
- Prior to Fernandez's run this year, best result by a player from Canada at the Japan Women's Open was R-Up by Eugenie Bouchard in 2013
- Is currently ranked No.27; this time last year was ranked No.34. Reached a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in 2r at Beijing (L. Gauff) and 1r at Wuhan (L. Osaka)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2019	Result	Rank: 236	Seed: -
1r	L	N. HIBINO (#146) 6-7(2) 7-6(5) 7-5	

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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- Reached SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Bouzkova)
- Won her second WTA 125 title of the season at Porto (d. Tatarudee in final)
- Won WTA 125 Grado (d. Palicova in final)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Gauff)

- Fell in 1r at Wuhan (l. Osaka)
- Played 3r at Beijing (l. Gauff)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Played 2r at Monterrey (l. Sramkova)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Fell in 1r at Montreal (l. Joint)
- Champion run at Washington DC (d. R-Up Kalinskaya in F)
- Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Siegemund)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Paolini)
- Reached QF at Nottingham (l. eventual R-Up Yastremska)
- Played 1r at London (l. eventual champion Maria)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Danilovic)
- Played 1r at Strasbourg (l. Parry)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Kostyuk)
- Played 2r at Vic 125 (l. Sasnovich)
- Played 2r at Madrid (l. Li)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Krueger)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Cristian)
- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2025 representing Canada at United Cup, with a 1-1 result in singles (l. Gauff)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
20	128	Aces	113	37
62.7%	0	First serve %	62.4%	30
62.2%	0	First Serve points won %	66.1%	29
47.4%	0	Second serve points won %	48.3%	15
56.7%	0	Overall service points won %	59.4%	17
64.5%	0	Service games won %	71.8%	16
52.2%	0	Break points saved %	58.9%	20
40.7%	0	First serve return points won %	33.9%	71
59.0%	0	Second serve return points won %	53.9%	55
52.3%	0	Break points converted %	43.6%	55
47.9%	0	Return games won %	29.9%	67

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2025 - WASHINGTON DC

2023 - HONG KONG

2022 - MONTERREY

2021 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - EASTBOURNE

2021 - US OPEN

2020 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (4)

2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)

2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI (w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
	2r		2r	2025	3r	1r	2r	3r
				2024	2r	3r	2r	1r
				2023	2r	2r	2r	1r
				2022	1r	QF		2r
				2021	1r	2r	1r	RUP
				2020	1r	3r		2r

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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024 won the French Open junior title in both singles and doubles w/Renata Jamrichova
- Played a handful of tournaments from 2021 to 2023 before a breakout year on the circuit in 2024 winning five ITF titles
- In 2023 reached the final at the US Open girl's singles (l. Katherine Hui)
- Began her professional career in 2021 playing on ITF circuit and also received a qualification wild card at WTA 250 Prague

- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defence made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/ Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova). Prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Other notable results where quarterfinals at Guadalajara (l. Kenin), Cleveland (l. Maria) and Auckland (l. Bonaventure). Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada.
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend).

In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris

- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros
- Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Also in 2020, earned first Top-100 win over No.5 Bencic in Billie Jean King Cup
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior's title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior

- Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (L. Watson in 2r)
- Member of Canadian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2019, 2021-22
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Salaba Libor
- Trains in Prague at TK Sparta Praha
- Likes playing basketball
- Studying economics
- Tennis idols: Novack Djokovic and Jannik Sinner

- Coached by Jorge Fernandez  
Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- 2020 Summer Olympic Games Participant for Canada and BJK Cup Team Member
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake