



MATCH NOTES

Internazionali BNL d'Italia

ROME, ITALY

MAY 6 - 18, 2025 | WTA 1000 | \$6,911,032



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MATCH NOTES – SEMIFINALS – THURSDAY, MAY 15

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

SEMIFINALISTS	RANK	AGE	ROME W-L	YTD W-L	CAREER W-L	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES	2025 PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$
[4] Coco Gauff	3	21	16-5	23-7	223-92	0	9	\$2,235,821	\$23,817,810
[6] Jasmine Paolini	5	29	6-5	20-8	138-115	0	2	\$1,622,162	\$9,765,349
[8] Zheng Qinwen	8	22	10-2	13-7	121-64	0	5	\$612,745	\$8,924,322
Peyton Stearns	42	23	5-0	14-11	51-48	0	1	\$448,680	\$2,443,030

ROME ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS

SEMIFINALISTS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	APPEARANCES*
[4] Coco Gauff	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	6*
[6] Jasmine Paolini	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6*
[8] Zheng Qinwen	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3*
Peyton Stearns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1*

*includes 2025 Rome

WTA 1000 ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS (Since 2009)

SEMIFINALISTS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	APPEARANCES*
[4] Coco Gauff	-	5	11	8	8	6	1	2	42*
[6] Jasmine Paolini	4	9	7	8	2	1	0	1	33*
[8] Zheng Qinwen	1	6	6	4	6	1	1	0	26*
Peyton Stearns	2	10	3	2	1	-	-	-	19*

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[8] Qinwen Zheng (CHN #8) v. [4] Coco Gauff (USA #4)

Gauff leads 2-0

Zheng:

- Career best result at WTA-1000 events was R-Up at Wuhan 2024 (I. Sabalenka)
- Reached her first SF at Rome; is the second Chinese player after Li Na (2011 & 2012) to reach the Women's Singles semi-final at the Italian Open during the Open Era
- Owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, including her QF win over No.1 Aryna Sabalenka, which is also her second career win against world No.1 (first came at Paris Olympics defeating No.1 Swiatek)
- 3 of her 5 career tour-level titles have come on clay: 2023 Palermo, 2024 Palermo and 2024 Paris Olympics
- Zheng could become the second player from China to reach the singles final at the Italian Open after Li Na in 2012 during the Open Era
- With a win it would be her second time with multiple wins against Top 5 in the same tournament for the second time in her career after the WTA Finals 2024

Gauff:

- Gauff has won both previous matches against Qinwen Zheng at WTA level defeating her at Rome 2024 and WTA Finals 2024
- Through to her 3rd SF of the year, also her 3rd SF at Rome
- The youngest player to reach her third SF at Rome since Martina Hingis in 1999 and the youngest competing for the United States since Chris Evert in 1975
- Owns one singles title on clay at Parma 2021
- Has won 23 matches in 2025, ranked No.6 on tour for match wins
- Coco Gauff is the youngest player to reach the semi-finals at both Madrid and Rome the same season since the Madrid Open's inception in 2009
- Looking to become the youngest player to reach the final at both Madrid and Rome in the same season (currently Iga Swiatek in 2024)
- Only Gabriela Sabatini (27) has won more main draw matches at the Internazionali d'Italia before turning 22 than Coco Gauff in the Open Era (16, surpassing Martina Hingis)
- After entering the European clay-court swing at No.11 on PIF Race to WTA Finals Leaderboard, Gauff has solidified her position among the Top 8 with strong results during the swing – QF at Stuttgart (108 points), final in Madrid (650 pts) in addition this week's SF run in Rome
- Moves to No.2 in the PIF WTA Rankings after Rome, equaling her career-best ranking



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HOLOGIC
WTA TOUR

[6] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #5) vs. Peyton Stearns (USA #42)

First meeting

Paolini:

- Through to SF at a WTA 1000 for third time in career having won title at Dubai 2024 and reached SF at Miami 2025
- Is the fifth Italian player in the Open Era to reach the semifinals at the Italian Open after Laura Garrone (1985 and 1986), Raffaella Reggi (1985), Caterina Nozzoli (1985) and Sara Errani (2013 and 2014)
- With a win today would become third Italian to reach final at Rome after Raffaella Reggi (1985) and Sara Errani (2014)
- Is the oldest Italian player in the Open Era to reach the semi-finals at the Internazionali d'Italia men included - older than the previous, Adriano Panatta in 1978
- A two-time finalist on clay finishing as Runner-Up at Roland Garros 2024 and Palermo 2023; seeking first career clay court title
- Could become the third oldest player to reach their maiden final at Rome, younger only than Helga Masthoff in 1971 and Li Na in 2012
- With a win would register her 14th win in WTA-1000 events during the 2025 season, equaling her 2024 season for the most wins in such events during a single season.
- Entered the tournament at No.16 on the PIF Race to WTA Finals Leaderboard; projected to move to No.8 or No.9 on the Leaderboard after the tournament
- In regards to her ranking, could move to No.4 if she wins the title this week, otherwise will stay at No.5

Stearns:

- Through to first SF at a WTA 1000 event, is the 14th American to reach the SF at a WTA 1000 event
- With a win, would become the 11th American to reach the final at a WTA 1000
- Her previous best result at such events at Toronto (QF run, l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, defeating No.6 Madison Keys (Rome 2025) and No.8 Zheng (Dubai 2025)
- With a win today would become first player to make SF at her first main draw appearance at Rome since Alize Cornet in 2008 and the first American since Venus Williams in 1998.
- Her sole career singles title has come on clay at Rabat 2024
- Currently ranked at a career-high No.42 (achieved on May 5); this time last year was ranked No.82; projected to move to No.26 in the PIF WTA Rankings after Rome and could move into the Top 25 by reaching the final and into the Top 20 if she wins the title (at No.18). This sets up Stearns to earn a seed at Roland Garros, the first time she would be seeded at a Slam
- Stearns is the lowest ranked American to reach the semifinals in Women's Singles at the Italian Open since Corina Morariu in 2000 (#43) Currently ranked No.42, Stearns would become the lowest ranked American to reach the final at the Italian Open since Jennifer Capriati who was unranked in 2004
- Only Veronika Kudermetova in Madrid 2023 (58) and Elina Svitolina in Indian Wells 2019 (56) have dropped more games than Peyton Stearns in Rome 2025 (54) en route to a WTA-1000 semi-final since the format's introduction in 2009
- Stearns could become the first American to win all her first three WTA-level clay court semi-finals (Bogota 2023, Rabat 2024 and Rome 2025) since Serena Williams in 2002 (Berlin, Rome and Roland Garros)
- Stearns is the first player to win three WTA-level matches in a row via a third set tie break during the Open Era

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JASMINE
PAOLINI (6)
ITALY

42

PEYTON
STEARNS
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

1996-01-04	Date of Birth	2001-10-08
Bagni di Lucca, Italy	Residence	
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 4" (1.63m)	Height	5' 8" (1.73m)
4	Career-High Ranking	42
\$9,765,349	Career Prize Money	\$2,443,030
\$1,622,162	Season Prize Money	\$448,680
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
24-21 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	9-9 (Round of 16: 2023 US OPEN)
4-0 / 6-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	5-0 / 5-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
20-8 / 138-115	YTD / Career W-L	14-11 / 51-48

JASMINE
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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
4	4	2024	46	48
29	30	2023	43	53
44	59	2022	209	209
51	53	2021	347	392
93	95	2020	473	478
114	117	2019	520	520
130	190	2018	885	887
130	137	2017	-	-
244	245	2016	-	-
309	581	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. SUN (#46) 6-4 6-3 (1h 30m)
3r: d. O. JABEUR (#36) 6-4 6-3 (1h 11m)
4r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#18) 7-5 6-2 (1h 44m)
QF: d. D. SHNAIDER (#11) 6-7 6-4 6-2 (2h 22m)

Total time on court: 6h 47m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Rome, where her previous best result was reaching 3r in 2020 (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Best career result at WTA-1000 events was title run at Dubai 2024
- After 1r bye, has beaten Lulu Sun, Ons Jabeur, Jelena Ostapenko and Diana Shnaider to reach 3rd SF at WTA-1000 events (Dubai 2024 en route to title, Miami 2025) and first on clay
- With a win today would become the third Italian to reach final at Rome after Raffaella Reggi (1985) and Sara Errani (2014)
- Faces No.42 Peyton Stearns in SF today; record against opponent outside Top 20 stands at 17-6 in 2025
- Owns 10-16 career record against players from United States of America(2-1 in 2025), playing today's opponent Stearns for the first time
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 8-8 (0-2 in 2025)
- Best career result on clay is Runner-Up at Roland Garros 2024 and Palermo 2023
- Is currently ranked No.5 and could move to No.4 if she wins the title; this time last year was ranked No.12

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. N. BRANCACCIO (#183) 6-3 6-2 (1h 13m)
2r: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#28) 6-2 6-3 (1h 13m)
3r: d. M. KEYS (#6) 2-6 6-2 7-6 (2h 23m)
4r: d. N. OSAKA (#48) 6-4 3-6 7-6 (2h 41m)
QF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#14) 6-2 4-6 7-6 (2h 38m)

Total time on court: 10h 8m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Rome main draw debut
- Has beaten Nuria Brancaccio, Anna Kalinskaya, Madison Keys, Naomi Osaka and Elina Svitolina to reach her first career SF at WTA-1000 events, surpassing her previous best result at such events at Toronto (QF run, l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Has been on court for more than 10 hours this week
- Faces No.5 Jasmine Paolini in SF today; owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, defeating No.6 Madison Keys at Rome 2025 and No.8 Zheng at Dubai 2025
- Owns 4-2 career record against players from Italy (1-1 in 2025), playing today's opponent Paolini for the first time
- Owns 12-28 career record against seeded opponents (5-7 in 2025)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-0 (Rabat 2024 en route to title, Bogota 2023)
- With a win today would become first player to make SF at her first main draw appearance at Rome since Alize Cornet in 2008 and the first American since Venus Williams in 1998.
- Her sole career singles title has come on clay at Rabat 2024
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach SF (also Gauff)
- Last American to win the title in Rome was Serena Williams (2016)
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.42 (achieved on May 5); this time last year was ranked No.82
- Projected to move to No.26 in the PIF WTA Rankings after Rome and could move into the Top 25 by reaching the final and into the Top 20 if she wins the title (at No.18)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
2r	L	M. SHERIF (#80) 7-6(4) 2-6 6-4	
2023	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
2r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#6) 7-6(4) 6-1	
1r	W	X. WANG (#60) 6-4 6-7(3) 6-2	
2022	Result	Rank: 55	Seed: -
1r	L	J. TEICHMANN (#29) 6-3 6-2	
2020	Result	Rank: 99	Seed: -
2r	L	S. HALEP (#2) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#46) 6-2 6-3	
2019	Result	Rank: 210	Seed: -
1r	L	S. KENIN (#37) 6-1 6-2	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Sakkari)
- Made SF at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Samsonova)
- Played 3r at Dubai (l. Kenin)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Opened 2025 representing Italy at United Cup with a 2-1 result in singles play (l. Muchova)

- Reached 4r at Madrid (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Played 2r at Charleston (l. Tomljanovic)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Mertens)
- Fell in 1r at Indian Wells (l. Linette)
- Played 1r at Austin (l. Gracheva)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Rybakina)
- Played 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual R-Up Bronzetti)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Navarro)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Badosa)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Brisbane (l. Kasatkina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
39	60	Aces	62	30
67.1%	10	First serve %	62.8%	37
61.3%	67	First Serve points won %	62.6%	54
48.2%	21	Second serve points won %	44.1%	62
57.0%	45	Overall service points won %	55.7%	59
66.9%	40	Service games won %	63.9%	55
52.4%	60	Break points saved %	59.3%	24
41.0%	4	First serve return points won %	36.1%	49
54.3%	49	Second serve return points won %	56.1%	19
48.9%	17	Break points converted %	44.6%	44
42.6%	6	Return games won %	35.6%	34
46.2%	10	Return points won %	44.0%	32

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2024 - DUBAI
2021 - PORTOROZ
Runner-Up (5)
2024 - WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS
2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)
2025 - DOHA (w/Errani)
2024 - BEIJING (w/Errani), OLYMPICS (w/Errani),
ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)
2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)
2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)

Runner-Up (2)
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - RABAT

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - BOGOTA

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				2025	1r			
4r	RUP	RUP	4r	2024	1r	3r	1r	3r
1r	2r	1r	1r	2023		3r	1r	4r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2022				1r
1r	2r	1r	2r	2021				
1r	2r		1r	2020				
	1r			2019				

**JASMINE
PAOLINI**

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (L. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (L. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (L. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (L. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (L. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (L. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (L. eventual champion Garcia)
- Also reached QF at Lyon (L. Yastremska), Portoroz (L. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (L. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (L. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (L. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (L. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (L. Golubic) Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg (w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (L. Kvitova)
- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at \$60KBrescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/Curtiba-BRA and \$100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (L. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15
- Posted first Top 50 season finish in 2024 (No.48), having won maiden title at Rabat (d. Sherif in F). Advanced to QF at Toronto (L. eventual champion Pegula) and Cleveland (L. Siniakova); reached 3r at Roland Garros (L. M.Andreeva) and US Open (L. Vekic).
- In 2023 advanced to first WTA career singles final at Bogota (L. Maria). Reached R16 at home Slam (US Open) □ L. Vondrousova. Also reached 3r at Roland Garros (d. former champion Ostapenko in 2r, L. Kasatkina). Broke into Top 50 for first time in September following the US Open.
- Finished 2022 season with 33-15 win-loss record (across all levels), reaching three ITF Circuit finals, including W25 titles at Austin and Florence
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut at 2022 US Open (as WC, L. Alexandrova in 3s)
- Defeated in 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2022 Cleveland (as WC, L. Begu)
- In 2021, contested qualifying at Cincinnati, US Open and Indian Wells.
- Played college tennis at the University of Texas at Austin, where she became the first Longhorn to win the NCAA Division I Women's Singles National Championship

Kasatkina, I. Zhang)

- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Part of Italy's Billie Jean King Cup team 2017-19
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish

- Previously worked with Tom Hill and Eric Hechtman
- Started playing tennis aged eight
- Majored in Applied Movement Science at the University of Texas
- Three-time All-American while playing for the University of Texas, helping the Longhorns capture back-to-back NCAA team titles; she became the first player in the program's history to win an NCAA Singles crown
- Favorite surface is hard

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8 **QINWEN
ZHENG (8)**
CHINA

**COCO
(4) GAUFF 3**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	2004-03-13
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	Delray Beach, FL. USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
5	Career-High Ranking	2
\$8,924,322	Career Prize Money	\$23,817,810
\$612,745	Season Prize Money	\$2,235,821
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 10
27-13 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	64-21 (Champion: 2023 US OPEN)
4-0 / 10-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	4-0 / 16-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2025, 2024, 2021)
13-7 / 121-64	YTD / Career W-L	23-7 / 223-92

QINWEN
ZHENG

COCO
GAUFF

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	WTA FINALS	HARD	F	Coco Gauff	3-6 6-4 7-6(2)	3h 4m
2024	ROME	CLAY	QF	Coco Gauff	7-6(4) 6-1	1h 48m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
5	5	2024	2	3
15	15	2023	3	3
25	25	2022	4	7
143	143	2021	19	22
324	324	2020	47	48
633	649	2019	68	68
933	933	2018	874	875

**QINWEN
ZHENG**

**COCO
GAUFF**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. O. DANILOVIC (#33) 6-1 6-4 (1h 30m)
3r: d. M. FRECH (#25) 6-3 6-2 (1h 29m)
4r: d. B. ANDREESCU (#121) 7-5 6-1 (1h 33m)
QF: d. A. SABALENKA (#1) 6-4 6-3 (1h 37m)

Total time on court: 6h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Rome; reached QF in both of her previous showings in 2023 and 2024
- Career best result at WTA-1000 events was R-Up at Wuhan 2024 (l. Sabalenka)
- After 1r bye, has beaten Olga Danilovic, Magdalena Frech, Bianca Andreescu and Aryna Sabalenka to reach her first SF since R-Up at WTA Finals 2024
- Faces No.3 Coco Gauff in SF today; owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.1 Aryna Sabalenka at Rome 2025, which is also her second career win against world No.1 (first came at Paris Olympics defeating No.1 Swiatek)
- Owns 17-7 career record against players from United States of America (3-1), having played and lost to today's opponent Gauff in both of their previous meetings at Rome 2024 and WTA Finals 2024
- Owns 40-34 career record against seeded opponents (4-3 in 2025)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 10-3 (0-0 in 2025)
- 3 of her 5 career tour-level titles have come on clay: 2023 Palermo, 2024 Palermo and 2024 Paris Olympics
- Only player from China to reach SF
- Best result by China at Rome was Runner-Up run by Na Li in 2012
- Zheng has 40 wins in WTA-1000 from 64 matches, equalling Li Na for the least matches taken - 40 wins in such events amongst Chinese players since the format introduction in 2009
- Zheng could become the second Chinese player to reach a WTA-1000 final on clay and hard-court after Li Na since the format introduction in 2009
- Is currently ranked No.8; this time last year was ranked No.7

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. MBOKO (#156) 3-6 6-2 6-1 (1h 43m)
3r: d. M. LINETTE (#32) 7-5 6-3 (1h 41m)
4r: d. E. RADUCANU (#49) 6-1 6-2 (1h 19m)
QF: d. M. ANDREEVA (#7) 6-4 7-6 (1h 42m)

Total time on court: 6h 25m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Rome; her career-best tournament showings are SFs in 2021 and 2024 (l. to eventual champion Swiatek both times)
- Contesting her 42nd WTA 1000 main draw of career; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion (2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing)
- After 1r bye, defeated No.7 seed Mirra Andreeva, Victoria Mboko, No.32 seed Magda Linette and Emma Raducanu to reach her 3rd SF of the year, also her 3rd SF at Rome
- Faces No.8 Qinwen Zheng in SF today; owns 27 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Mirra Andreeva here at Rome 2025
- Coco Gauff is the youngest player to reach her third SF at Rome since Martina Hingis in 1999 and the youngest competing for the United States since Chris Evert in 1975
- Owns 12-1 career record against players from China (1-0 in 2025), having won both previous matches against today's opponent Zheng at Rome 2024 and WTA Finals 2024.
- Owns 63-62 career record against seeded opponents (12-3)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 12-15 (2-0 in 2025)
- Owns one singles title on clay at Parma 2021
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach SF (along with Stearns)
- The most recent American woman to win the Rome title is Serena Williams in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.3
- Has won 23 matches in 2025, ranked No.6 on tour for match wins
- Looking to become the youngest player to reach the final at both Madrid and Rome in the same season (currently Iga Swiatek in 2024)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
QF	L	C. GAUFF (#3) 7-6(4) 6-1	
4r	W	N. OSAKA (#173) 6-2 6-4	
3r	W	L. NOSKOVA (#29) 3-6 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	S. ROGERS (#398) 6-2 6-0	
2023	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 22
QF	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#12) 3-6 6-3 6-4	
4r	W	X. WANG (#75) 6-4 3-6 6-1	
3r	W	A. BONDAR (#93) 7-6(2) 6-4	
2r	W	A. CORNET (#64) 6-3 7-6(2)	

2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-4 6-3	
QF	W	Q. ZHENG (#7) 7-6(4) 6-1	
4r	W	P. BADOSA (#126) 5-7 6-4 6-1	
3r	W	J. CRISTIAN (#68) 6-1 0-6 6-3	
2r	W	M. FRECH (#55) 6-3 6-3	
2023	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 6
3r	L	M. BOUZKOVA (#38) 4-6 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#51) 6-0 6-1	
2022	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 15
3r	L	M. SAKKARI (#4) 6-4 7-5	
2r	W	M. BRENGLE (#61) 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	A. KERBER (#19) 6-1 6-4	
2021	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#15) 7-6(3) 6-3	
QF	W	A. BARTY (#1) 4-6 1-2	
3r	W	A. SABALENKA (#4) 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	M. SAKKARI (#19) 6-1 1-6 6-1	
1r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#34) 7-5 4-6 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 53	Seed: -
2r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#17) 7-6(3) 3-6 6-3	
1r	W	O. JABEUR (#34) 6-4 6-3	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
 - Reached QF at Charleston (l. Alexandrova)
 - Reached QF at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (l. Swiatek)
 - Played 2r at Dubai (after 1r Bye, l. Stearns)
 - Played 2r at Doha (after 1r Bye, l. Jabeur)
 - Opened 2025 with 2r at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)
- R-Up finish at Madrid (l. champion Sabalenka in F)
 - Made QF at Stuttgart (l. Paolini)
 - Reached 4r at Miami (l. Linette)
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (after 1r Bye, l. Kessler)
 - Played 2r at Doha (after 1r Bye, l. Kostyuk)
 - Reached QF at Australian Open (l. Badosa)
 - Opened 2025 becoming United Cup Champion representing the US (5-0 in singles play)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
97	16	Aces	101	14
54.8%	84	First serve %	62.2%	42
71.3%	4	First Serve points won %	72.1%	3
46.9%	36	Second serve points won %	42.4%	74
60.3%	11	Overall service points won %	60.8%	9
72.4%	15	Service games won %	73.6%	12
50.5%	72	Break points saved %	54.3%	49
37.2%	29	First serve return points won %	44.2%	1
55.1%	37	Second serve return points won %	54.9%	39
47.7%	29	Break points converted %	53.3%	3
37.4%	25	Return games won %	43.9%	3
44.2%	29	Return points won %	48.2%	2

MATCH NOTES

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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO

2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - WTA FINALS, WUHAN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2023 - ZHUHAI

2022 - TOKYO

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - UNITED CUP

2024 - WTA FINALS, BEIJING, AUCKLAND

2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC, AUCKLAND

2021 - PARMA

2019 - LINZ

Runner-Up (2)

2025 - MADRID

2022 - ROLAND GARROS

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)

2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO

(w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally)

2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON DC (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - ROME (w/Routliffe)

2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula)

2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				2025	QF			
RUP	3r	1r	QF	2024	SF	SF	4r	4r
2r	2r	1r	QF	2023	4r	QF	1r	WON
2r	4r	3r	3r	2022	1r	RUP	3r	QF
				2021	2r	QF	4r	2r
				2020	4r	2r		1r
				2019			4r	3r

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open, winning titles at Tokyo and Palermo, contesting the title match at her home tournament in Wuhan and closing out the season at her first WTA Finals, losing to Gauff in the final

An outstanding 2024 also saw her make her Top 10 and Top 5 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings and the gold medal placed around her neck at the 2024 Paris Olympics

- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of year ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time
- Won maiden WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Broke into Top 20 for the first time on May 22, 2023
- Won WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2022; reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1, as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros
- Broke into Top 50 at No.46 after run to fourth round in Paris that year
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo
- Broke into Top 100 on January 31, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open
- Also won title at WTA 125K event in Valencia in June 2022
- Ended 2021 at No.143, her first Top 150 finish
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made further main draw appearances in 2021 at Moscow (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko in 1r) and Courmayeur (as qualifier, l. Vekic in 1r); also contested qualifying in Strasbourg
- Made WTA debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; gone on to amass nine ITF singles titles with 9-0 record in finals

- Went three for three 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 defeat the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event. Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June
- 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.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l.

- eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Pere Riba;
- Trains in Barcelona
- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer

- Coached by Jean Christophe Faurel and Matt Daly
- Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in a track and field at Florida State University
- Previously worked with Diego Moyano
- Started playing tennis at six
- Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
- Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
- Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
- Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
- Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer