



MATCH NOTES

MUBADALA DC OPEN

WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES

WTA

July 27 - August 2, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,637,982

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FINAL – SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

[1] Jessica Pegula (USA #3) vs. Alexandra Eala (PHI #28)

Pegula leads 1-0

Pegula:

- Making her 7th main draw appearance at Washington DC; she is a former champion, having captured her maiden Tour-level title here in 2019 (d. Giorgi in final)
- This is her 24th career Tour-level final, and she is attempting to claim her 12th career WTA title
- She has reached her 4th Tour-level final this year, after title runs at Dubai (d. Svitolina in F) and Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F), and R-Up finish at Berlin (l. Noskova in F)
- Seeking her 3rd WTA title this year, which would tie her with Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami) and M.Andreeva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide) for the most Tour-level titles won in 2026
- Seven of her 11 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court: Dubai 2026; Austin 2025; Toronto 2024; Seoul 2023; Montreal 2023; Guadalajara 2022; Washington DC 2019
- She is the No.1 seed this week and has won five of her 11 career titles as the top seed: Charleston 2025 & 2026, Austin 2025, Bad Homburg 2025 and Seoul 2023
- Pegula is 22-4 on hard courts in 2026, with her best result on the surface this year coming at WTA 1000 Dubai, where she captured the title
- Has recorded 38 match-wins in 2026, passing M.Andreeva (37) for the most Tour-level match-wins this year
- Defeated today's opponent Eala in their only previous meeting, a three-set semifinal at 2025 Miami

Eala:

- Making her tournament debut at Washington DC
- She has made her second career Tour-level final, after her runner-up finish at 2025 Eastbourne on grass (l. Joint in F)
- Bidding to become the first player from the Philippines to win a WTA Tour title
- This is the first time a player from the Philippines has contested the Washington DC main draw
- Owns 8 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Elina Svitolina in this week's QF (6 of Eala's 8 career Top 10 wins have occurred in 2026)
- This is her first hard court final at WTA Tour-level – prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level results on hard court were SF runs at 2026 Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu) and 2025 Miami (l. today's opponent Pegula)
- She is 16-7 so far this season on hard court at Tour-level, with her previous best hard court result this year being her SF run at Auckland
- Prior to this week, her career-best performance at a WTA 500-level event was reaching SF at 2026 Berlin on grass (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Currently ranked at a career-high of No.28; this time last year she was ranked No.65
- If she wins this title, Eala would be projected to move to World No.20 in the PIF WTA Rankings



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**JESSICA
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UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

**ALEXANDRA
EALA**
PHILIPPINES

28

1994-02-24	Date of Birth	2005-05-23
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
3	Career-High Ranking	28
\$25,333,584	Career Prize Money	\$2,649,015
\$3,465,949	Season Prize Money	\$1,297,661
2 / 11	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
66-30 (Runner-Up: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-6 (Round of 16: 2026 WIMBLEDON)
3-0 / 14-5 (Champion: 2019)	YTD / Career WASHINGTON DC W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Finalist: 2026)
38-9 / 293-137	YTD / Career W-L	27-17 / 42-44

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	MIAMI	HARD	SF	Jessica Pegula	7-6(3) 5-7 6-3	2h 26m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	28	-
3	6	2025	50	50
3	7	2024	143	158
3	5	2023	189	205
3	3	2022	214	219
18	18	2021	505	529
59	62	2020	-	-
55	76	2019	-	-
124	125	2018	-	-
165	632	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. FRECH (#48) 3-6 6-3 6-0 (1h 53m)
QF: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#20) 6-3 7-5 (1h 15m)
SF: d. D. SHNAIDER (#18) 7-5 6-4 (1h 27m)

Total time on court: 4h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 7th main draw appearance at Washington DC, she is a former champion, having captured her maiden Tour-level title here in 2019 (d. Giorgi in F)
- Four of her 11 career titles have come at the WTA 500 level: 2026 Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F), 2025 Bad Hamburg (d. Swiatek in F), 2025 Charleston (d. Kenin in F) and 2024 Berlin (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- This is her 4th Tour-level final this year, after title runs at Dubai (d. Svitolina in F) and Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F), and R-Up finish at Berlin (l. Noskova in F)
- Seeking her 3rd WTA title this year, which would tie her with Sabalenka and M.Andreeva for the most titles in 2026
- This is her 24th career Tour-level final, and she is bidding for her 12th career WTA title
- Faces No.28 Alexandra Eala in today's final; Pegula is 24-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Philippines (d. today's opponent Eala in their one previous meeting in 2025 Miami SF)
- Seven of her 11 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court; most recently 2026 Dubai
- She is the No.1 seed this week and has won five of her 11 career titles as the top seed: Charleston 2025 & 2026, Austin 2025, Bad Homburg 2025 and Seoul 2023
- Pegula is one of three players from USA to have won the title here at Washington DC, alongside Gauff (2023) and Stephens (2015)
- Is currently ranked at her career-high of No.3 (first reached in October 2022); this time last year was ranked No.4
- Pegula is 22-4 on hard courts in 2026, with her best result on the surface coming in Dubai, where she captured the title (d. Svitolina in F)
- Has recorded 38 Tour-level match-wins in 2026, passing M.Andreeva (37) for most match-wins on Tour this year

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Q. ZHENG (#123) 4-6 6-4 6-1 (2h 26m)
2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#34) 6-2 7-6 (1h 53m)
QF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#10) 6-3 6-4 (1h 34m)
SF: d. N. OSAKA (#13) 6-4 6-2 (1h 16m)

Total time on court: 7h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her main draw debut at Washington DC
- She has reached her second career Tour-level final, after runner-up finish at 2025 Eastbourne (l. Joint in F)
- Faces No.3 Jessica Pegula in today's final; Eala owns 8 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Elina Svitolina in this week's QF (6 of her Top 10 wins have come in 2026)
- Owns 4-8 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (2-4 in 2026)
- Lost to today's opponent Pegula in their only prior meeting, a three-set SF at 2025 Miami
- This is her first career Tour-level final on hard court
- Prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level results on hard court were SF runs at 2026 Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu) and 2025 Miami (l. Pegula)
- Bidding to become the first player from the Philippines to win a WTA Tour title
- This is the first time a player from the Philippines has contested the Washington DC main draw
- She is 16-7 so far this season on hard court at Tour-level, with her previous best hard court result this year being her SF run at Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Prior to this week, her best performance at a WTA 500-level event was reaching SF at 2026 Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Is currently ranked at a new career-high of No.28; this time last year was ranked No.65
- If she wins this title, Eala is projected to move to a new career-high of World No.20 in the PIF WTA Rankings



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 1
2r	L	L. FERNANDEZ (#36) 6-3 1-6 7-5	

2023	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 1
SF	L	M. SAKKARI (#9) 6-3 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#27) 4-6 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	P. STEARNS (#59) 6-3 6-4	

2022	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 1
2r	L	D. SAVILLE (#88) 7-5 6-4	
1r	W	H. BAPTISTE (#148) 6-2 6-2	

2019	Result	Rank: 79	Seed: -
F	W	C. GIORGI (#62) 6-2 6-2	
SF	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#160) 6-3 3-6 6-1	
QF	W	L. DAVIS (#75) 6-2 7-6(2)	
2r	W	I. SWIATEK (#66) 5-7 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#41) 6-4 6-3	

2016	Result	Rank: 173	Seed: -
SF	L	L. DAVIS (#122) 6-2 6-3	
QF	W	S. STOSUR (#14) 7-6(4) 6-3	
2r	W	C. MCHALE (#63) 7-5 6-2	
1r	W	A. WOZNIAK (#472) 6-2 6-2	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Gauff)
 - Finished Runner-Up at Berlin (l. Noskova)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Birrell)
 - Reached QF at Rome (l. Swiatek)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Kostyuk)
 - Won the title at Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F)
 - Made QF at Miami (l. Rybakina)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
 - Champion run at Dubai (d. Svitolina in F)
 - Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Paolini)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Mertens)
 - Reached SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
 - Made 2r at London (l. Jovic)
 - Won title at WTA 125 Birmingham (d. Bartunkova in F)
 - Fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Oliynynkova) and Roland Garros (l. Jovic)
 - Played 3r at Rome (l. Rybakina)
 - Made 2r at Madrid (l. Mertens)
 - Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. Fernandez)
 - Played 2r at Linz (l. Ostpenko)
 - Made 4r at Miami (l. Muchova)
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
 - Reached QF at Dubai (l. Gauff)
 - Played 1r at Doha (l. Valentova)
 - Made QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Parks)
 - Reached SF at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up, X.Wang)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
207	4	Aces	61	56
62.4%	56	First serve %	63.0%	51
70.4%	10	First Serve points won %	62.3%	64
51.6%	3	Second serve points won %	47.7%	26
63.3%	4	Overall service points won %	56.9%	49
78.3%	6	Service games won %	66.6%	49
60.4%	17	Break points saved %	55.3%	51
38.9%	16	First serve return points won %	36.4%	47
55.8%	37	Second serve return points won %	57.2%	25
41.8%	80	Break points converted %	41.3%	82
37.8%	24	Return games won %	36.5%	37
45.3%	22	Return points won %	44.4%	36



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

2026 - CHARLESTON, DUBAI
2025 - BAD HOMBURG, CHARLESTON, AUSTIN
2024 - TORONTO, BERLIN
2023 - SEOUL, MONTREAL
2022 - GUADALAJARA
2019 - WASHINGTON DC

Runner-Up (12)

2026 - BERLIN
2025 - WUHAN, MIAMI, ADELAIDE
2024 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI
2023 - WTA FINALS, TOKYO, DOHA
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

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - EASTBOURNE

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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
SF	1r	QF		2026	1r	1r	4r	
3r	4r	1r	SF	2025		1r	1r	2r
2r		2r	RUP	2024				
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

- Won three singles titles in 2025 across all three surfaces - Bad Homburg (grass), Charleston (clay) and Austin (hard); also had runner-up finishes at Wuhan, Miami and Adelaide
- Qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals for a fourth consecutive year and reached the semifinals for the second time after 2023
- 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 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 in 1r on main draw debut at Roland-Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and
- Breakout 2025 season saw her break into the Top 100 after SF run at WTA 1000 Miami; as a wild card she registered back-to-back Top 10 wins over No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek. Went on to reach maiden Tour final at Eastbourne and then won her first WTA 125 title Guadalajara. Her year-end ranking was a career high No.50
- Following her Miami 2025 result, she made history by becoming the first player from the Philippines to reach a WTA 1000 semifinal and the first to enter the WTA World Top 100 ranking
- In 2024 made 2r at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Cirstea) as well as playing main draw at Abu Dhabi, Guadalajara, Wuhan, Guangzhou and Jiujiang. Earned fourth ITF career title at W100 Vitoria-Gasteiz and reached a career high ranking of No.143 in July
- Entered first Grand Slam in 2023 at Australian Open qualifying (l. Doi in Q1). As a qualifier reached main draw at Hua Hin (l. Maria), Osaka (l. Sakatsume), Guangzhou (l. Maria) and Monastir (l. Mertens) taking her ranking into Top 200 for first time
- Claimed first ITF title in 2022 at Chiang Rai \$25K and also played WTA Miami opening main draw match (l. Brengle) and qualifying at Madrid (l. Bondar).
- In 2021 played first Tour level match at Miami qualifying (l. Kuzmova) and reached 2r at Cluj Napoca on clay (l. Sherif).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14

- Wimbledon (I. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, I. 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
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing R-Up as a qualifier at Quebec City (I. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K Series tournament (I. 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 (I. Davis)
- Reached 2r in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, I. 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"
- Owens 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 Joan Bosch
- Started playing tennis aged four
- Competed in the WTA Future Stars event in 2016 and 2017 in Singapore (first time at age 11 and won the Li Na Inspiration Award)
- Made WTA Tour debut at 2021 Miami in qualifying
- Trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca
- Preferred surface is hard
- Parents are Mike and Rizza (who was a professional swimmer who competed at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games); brother is also a budding tennis player
- Enjoys upbeat Spanish music and watching comedy and horror movies
- Loves ice cream, rice and milk tea