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FINAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

[6] [WC] Leylah Fernandez (CAN #31) vs. Talia Gibson (AUS #63)

First meeting

Fernandez:

- Making her tournament debut
- Has won one WTA 500 title at 2025 Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F); she was also a WTA 500 R-Up at 2024 Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina in F)
- This is her 9th career Tour-level final and first final of this year – prior to this week, her most recent final came during her title run at Osaka in October 2025 (d. Valentova in F)
- Seeking her 6th career WTA title, and first of this year (holds a 5-3 record in Tour-level finals)
- Before this week, her best results of the year were 3 QF finishes, all on clay at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. eventual R-Up M.Andreeva), Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Strasbourg (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Holds a 13-7 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (including wins over Okamura and Parks this week)
- Her most recent meeting vs. an Australian was a loss to Joint at 2025 Montreal
- All of her 5 career WTA titles have been on hard court (Osaka 2025, Washington DC 2025, Hong Kong 2023, Monterrey 2021 & 2022); she was also R-Up at 2021 US Open on hard court for her best career Grand Slam result
- Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022

Gibson:

- Making her tournament debut
- This is her 4th career WTA 500 main draw appearance, and this week marks the first time she has won main draw matches at a WTA 500 event
- This week, she has reached the first Tour-level semifinal and final of her career
- She is one of 3 Australians contesting WTA finals this weekend (WTA 250 Seoul has an all-Australian final today between Birrell and Joint)
- Prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level result on hard court was her QF run at 2026 Indian Wells as a qualifier (l. Noskova) – that was also her first career Tour-level QF
- 14 of her 17 Tour-level wins this year have come on hard court, including her Indian Wells QF run and her R16 finish at Miami (also as a qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- Owns 10 wins in career over Top 50 players (all occurring this year), most recently No.33 Maria Sakkari in this week's QF
- Has an 0-1 career Tour-level record vs. players from Canada (l. eventual champion Mboko at 2025 Hong Kong)
- Made her Top 100 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings on March 16 of this year, following her Indian Wells result



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**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ (WC) (6)**
CANADA

63

**TALIA
GIBSON**
AUSTRALIA

2002-09-06	Date of Birth	2004-06-18
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence	
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76m)
13	Career-High Ranking	55
\$8,765,870	Career Prize Money	\$1,932,154
\$1,407,731	Season Prize Money	\$1,054,596
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-8 (Round of 64: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career SINGAPORE W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Finalist: 2026)
21-22 / 158-127	YTD / Career W-L	17-16 / 19-24



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2026	55	-
22	22	2025	105	136
23	31	2024	125	125
32	35	2023	301	301
13	40	2022	364	364
24	24	2021	1077	1200
88	88	2020	1052	1076
209	209	2019	-	-
451	487	2018	-	-
727	728	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. OKAMURA (#322) 6-2 6-3 (2h 19m)
2r: d. A. PARKS (#70) 6-4 6-3 (1h 30m)
QF: d. M. ANDREEVA (#5) 6-2 7-5 (1h 32m)
SF: d. M. CHWALINSKA (#25) 1-6 6-4 6-2 (2h 8m)

Total time on court: 7h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Her best performance at a WTA 500 event is winning the title at 2025 Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F); she was also a WTA 500 R-Up at 2024 Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina in F)
- Defeated Kyoka Okamura, Alycia Parks, No.1 seed Mirra Andreeva and No.5 seed Maja Chwalinska so far this week to reach her first final of the year
- This is her 9th career Tour-level final, and her first since her title run at Osaka in October 2025 (d. Valentova in F)
- Seeking her 6th career WTA title, and first of this year (holds a 5-3 record in Tour-level finals)
- Before this week, her best results of the year were 3 QF finishes, all on clay, at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. eventual R-Up M.Andreeva), Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Strasbourg (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Faces No.63 Talia Gibson in today's final; Fernandez is 13-7 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (including wins over Okamura and Parks this week)
- Her most recent meeting vs. an Australian was a loss to Joint at 2025 Montreal
- All of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, including 2 last year at Osaka (d. Valentova in F) and Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- She also achieved R-Up at 2021 US Open on hard court to post her best career Grand Slam result (l. qualifier Raducanu in all-teenage final)
- Only player from Canada to feature in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.31; this time last year was ranked No.25. Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. F. FERRO (#107) 6-3 6-3 (1h 13m)
2r: d. V. MORVAYOVA (#296) 7-6 7-6 (2h 18m)
QF: d. M. SAKKARI (#33) 6-1 4-6 6-2 (1h 56m)
SF: d. T. PROZOROVA (#180) walkover (0m)

Total time on court: 5h 27m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- This is her 4th career WTA 500 main draw, and this week marks the first time she has won main draw matches at a WTA 500 event
- Defeated Fiona Ferro, Viktoria Morvayova and No.7 seed Maria Sakkari to reach her first career Tour-level SF, then advanced past Tatiana Prozorova via walkover to make her first career WTA final
- Faces No.31 Leylah Fernandez in today's final; Gibson owns 10 wins in career over Top 50 players (all occurring this year), most recently No.33 Maria Sakkari in this week's QF
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from Canada (l. eventual champion Mboko at 2025 Hong Kong)
- Prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level result on hard court was her QF run at 2026 Indian Wells as a qualifier (l. Noskova) - that was also her first career Tour-level QF
- 14 of her 17 Tour-level wins this year have come on hard court, including her Indian Wells QF run and her R16 finish at Miami (also as a qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- 1 of 3 players from Australia in this week's Singapore main draw, and the only one to advance beyond 1r (Kasatkina and Hunter lost 1r)
- 1 of 3 Australians contesting WTA finals this weekend (WTA 250 Seoul has an all-Australian final today between Birrell and Joint)
- Is currently ranked No.63; this time last year was ranked No.131. Reached career-high ranking of No.55 in May of this year
- Made her Top 100 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings on March 16 of this year, following her Indian Wells performance



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Pegula)
 - Played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Wang Xiyu)
 - Reached 4r at Toronto (l. Osaka)
 - Made 2r at Washington DC (l. Eala)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Tjen)
 - Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Wang Xinyu)
 - Played 1r at London (l. Boulter) and Nottingham (l. qualifier Sonmez)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Parks)
 - Reached QF at Strasbourg (l. Mboko)
 - Fell 2r at Rome (l. Masarova)
 - Made QF at Madrid (l. M.Andreeva)
 - Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Made 3r at Charleston (l. Shnaider)
 - Reached 3r at Miami (l. Pegula)
 - Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (l. Tjen)
 - Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
 - Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Shnaider) and Australian Open (l. Tjen)
 - Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Yastremska)
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Vekic)
 - Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka)
 - Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Alexandrova)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Bouzkova)
 - Fell 1r at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Keys)
 - Reached QF at Nottingham (l. Pliskova)
 - Fell 1r at Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Frech) and Roland Garros (l. Putintseva)
 - Played 2r at Rome (l. Shnaider)
 - Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Arango)
 - Made 4r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Noskova)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Shnaider)
 - Fell in 1r at Hobart (as WC, l. X.Wang)
 - Played 1r at Brisbane (as WC, l. Yastremska)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
108	43	Aces	156	25
62.1%	51	First serve %	57.5%	83
65.6%	41	First Serve points won %	67.5%	26
47.6%	26	Second serve points won %	45.2%	56
58.8%	28	Overall service points won %	58.0%	35
71.9%	20	Service games won %	68.0%	41
63.2%	4	Break points saved %	54.1%	64
33.6%	83	First serve return points won %	34.0%	80
53.4%	74	Second serve return points won %	53.2%	77
43.9%	59	Break points converted %	44.6%	48
31.5%	71	Return games won %	30.6%	77
41.3%	77	Return points won %	41.2%	81



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - OSAKA, WASHINGTON DC
2023 - HONG KONG
2022 - MONTERREY
2021 - MONTERREY
Runner-Up (3)
2024 - EASTBOURNE
2021 - US OPEN
2020 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)
2026 - QUEENS (w/Siegemund)
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
1r	1r	1r	3r	2026	2r	1r	1r	1r
3r	1r	2r	3r	2025	2r		1r	1r
2r	3r	2r	1r	2024				
2r	2r	2r	1r	2023	1r			
1r	QF		2r	2022				
1r	2r	1r	RUP	2021				
1r	3r		2r	2020				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won multiple Tour titles in a calendar year for the first time, finishing as champion at WTA 250 Osaka and WTA 500 Washington DC (her first title above WTA 250 level); also partnered Venus Williams to make US Open doubles QF as a wild card team
- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defense 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. 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)
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Registered first Tour-level win of her career at 2025 Australian Open (as a WC, d. Sonmez), lost 2r to Badosa. Qualified for first Wimbledon main draw (l. Osaka in 1r) and received a US Open main draw wild card (l. Frech in 1r). Also reached 2r at Cleveland as a qualifier and reached a career-high ranking of No.105 in August
- Broke into Top 200 on April 1, 2024 and Top 150 on September 16, 2024. Won three further titles on ITF circuit in 2024 and made it to the final round of qualifying at both Wimbledon and US Open
- In 2023 played first main draw Tour-level matches at Hobart and Australian Open
- In 2022 contested qualifying at Australian Open and claimed first ITF titles at W15 Rancho Santa Fe and W15 Caloundra (x2)
- Played first ITF tournaments in 2019 and 2020

- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior singles 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)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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
- 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

- Coached by Jarrad Bunt
- Started Tennis at age 5 at Blue Gum Park Tennis Club in Perth
- At a young age realized tennis "is such an awesome social sport, let alone the competitive, professional side of it."
- Started 2026 season with a goal of reaching Top 100 (achieved in March 2026)
- Powerful backhand and strong serve