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SEMIFINALS – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

[6] [WC] Leylah Fernandez (CAN #31) vs. [5] Maja Chwalinska (POL #25)

First meeting

Fernandez:

- Making her tournament debut
- Owns 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 first semifinal of the year – prior to this week, her most recent SF was at 2025 Hong Kong (l. fellow Canadian and eventual champion Mboko in SF)
- 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)
- Seeking her 9th career Tour-level final, and her first since title run at Osaka in October 2025 (d. Valentova in F)
- Holds a 4-8 record vs. Top 25 players this year, with her most recent Top 25 win coming over No.5 Mirra Andreeva in yesterday's QF
- Has a 2-0 record vs. Polish players in 2026 - d. Frech at Strasbourg; d. Linette at Washington DC
- 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
- She is 2-4 vs. fellow left-handed players in Tour-level matches in 2026
- Winner of this match will face Talia Gibson in the final

Chwalinska:

- Making her tournament debut
- Contesting her 2nd career WTA 500 main draw in singles; she fell in her opening match at WTA 500 Monterrey last month (l. Parks)
- This is her 2nd career Tour-level semifinal appearance, and she is seeking her 2nd career Tour-level final, joining her 2026 Roland Garros runner-up finish (l. M.Andreeva in F)
- At 2026 Roland Garros, she became the second qualifier to make a Grand Slam final in the Open Era, following Emma Raducanu's title run at 2021 US Open (at that event, Raducanu d. Leylah Fernandez in all-teenage final)
- Owns 7 wins in career over Top 50 players, all of which have come in 2026 (her first Top 50 win was in 2026 Roland Garros 2nd round over Mertens, whom she also defeated yesterday for her first career Top 20 win)
- Holds a 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Canada (d. Marino at 2024 Merida)
- Prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level result on hard court was QF run at 2026 Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual R-Up Raducanu), which was also her first career Tour-level QF
- She is 2-2 vs. fellow left-handed players in Tour-level matches in 2026
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.21 in June of this year – she made her Top 100, Top 50 and Top 25 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings following her run to the Roland Garros final



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

MAJA CHWALINSKA (5) **25**
POLAND

2002-09-06	Date of Birth	2001-10-11
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence	Bielsko-Biala, Poland
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-Handed
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	5' 5" (1.64 m)
13	Career-High Ranking	21
\$8,765,870	Career Prize Money	\$2,868,958
\$1,407,731	Season Prize Money	\$2,119,426
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	7-5 (Runner-Up: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career SINGAPORE W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
20-22 / 157-127	YTD / Career W-L	13-7 / 17-13



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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	21	-
22	22	2025	121	133
23	31	2024	152	165
32	35	2023	156	349
13	40	2022	149	154
24	24	2021	213	343
88	88	2020	212	220
209	209	2019	192	220
451	487	2018	329	336
727	728	2017	578	588



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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)

Total time on court: 5h 21m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 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 and No.1 seed Mirra Andreeva so far this week to reach her first SF of the year
- Prior to this week, her most recent SF was at 2025 Hong Kong (l. fellow Canadian and eventual champion Mboko)
- 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.25 Maja Chwalinska in SF today; Fernandez is 4-8 vs. Top 25 players this year, with her most recent Top 25 win coming over No.5 Mirra Andreeva in yesterday's QF
- Owns 4-3 career Tour-level record against players from Poland (2-0 in 2026 - d. Frech at Strasbourg; d. Linette at Washington DC)
- Seeking her 9th career Tour-level final, and her first since her title run at Osaka in October 2025
- 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. R. SRAMKOVA (#146) 6-4 6-2 (1h 19m)
2r: d. O. OLIYNYKOVA (#47) 6-0 6-1 (59m)
QF: d. E. MERTENS (#19) 6-2 6-2 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 3h 47m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Contesting her 2nd career WTA 500 main draw in singles; she fell in her opening match at WTA 500 Monterrey last month (l. Parks)
- Defeated Rebecca Sramkova, Oleksandra Oliynykova and No.4 seed Elise Mertens so far this week to reach her 2nd career Tour-level SF
- Her QF victory over last year's WTA 250 Singapore champion Mertens was her first career Top 20 win
- This is her first SF since her R-Up finish at 2026 Roland Garros (l. M.Andreeva in F), where she became the 2nd qualifier in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam final (following Raducanu's title run at 2021 US Open)
- Faces No.31 Leylah Fernandez in SF today; Chwalinska owns 7 wins in career over Top 50 players, all of which have come in 2026 (her first Top 50 win was at 2026 Roland Garros over Mertens, whom she also defeated yesterday)
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Canada (d. Marino at 2024 Merida)
- Seeking her 2nd career Tour-level final, joining her 2026 Roland Garros R-Up showing
- Prior to this week, her career-best Tour-level result on hard court was QF run at 2026 Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual R-Up Raducanu), which was also her first career Tour-level QF
- Only player from Poland to feature in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.135. Reached career-high ranking of No.21 following 2026 Roland Garros (made Top 100, Top 50 and Top 25 debuts after that event)



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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. Townsend)
- Played 2r at Monterrey (after 1r bye, l. Parks)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Shnaider)
- Played 2r at Toronto (1r bye, l. Gibson)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (as WC, l. Sawangkaew)
- Made first Grand Slam final at Roland Garros (l. M.Andreeva in F) - 2nd qualifier to make Grand Slam final in Open Era
- Won WTA 125 clay-court title at Oeiras in April (d. Kraus in F)
- Opened 2026 season with QF at Cluj-Napoca (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Raducanu)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
106	43	Aces	17	134
62.1%	51	First serve %	70.5%	6
65.7%	40	First Serve points won %	60.7%	72
47.6%	24	Second serve points won %	49.6%	12
58.8%	26	Overall service points won %	57.4%	45
72.2%	19	Service games won %	66.7%	45
63.8%	3	Break points saved %	56.8%	37
33.5%	83	First serve return points won %	42.0%	1
53.2%	77	Second serve return points won %	56.1%	34
43.5%	66	Break points converted %	56.5%	1
31.2%	72	Return games won %	44.4%	2
41.2%	79	Return points won %	47.0%	5



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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)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2026 - ROLAND GARROS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	1r	3r	2026		RUP	1r	1r
3r	1r	2r	3r	2025	1r			
2r	3r	2r	1r	2024				
2r	2r	2r	1r	2023				
1r	QF		2r	2022			2r	
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
- 2025 highlights include second career WTA 125 singles title at Montreux (d. Semenistaja in F) and Australian Open main draw debut (as qualifier, l. Niemeier in 1r), hitting career-high No.121 on March 31; also won WTA 125 doubles title at Antalya #1 (w/Detiuc)
- In 2024, reached 2r at Merida (l. Zarazua), made semifinal at WTA 125 Warsaw and claimed her first WTA 125 title at Florianopolis to take her ranking to a career high of No.128 by December
- In 2023, reached semifinal at WTA 125 Kozarki
- Made Top 200 debut on August 12, 2019 at No.192
- Has won seven career ITF singles titles and 14 career ITF doubles titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2016 Katowice
- Had a successful junior career, including reaching the 2017 Australian Open junior doubles final with future World No.1 Iga Swiatek (l. Andreescu/Branstine)

- 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 Jaroslav Machovsky
- Started playing tennis at age 7
- Has been very open about her battle with depression, which kept her out of competition