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DAY 2 – TUESDAY, JUNE 9

[WC] VICTORIA MBOKO (CAN) / SERENA WILLIAMS (USA) **vs.** [3] NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ (USA) / ERIN ROUTLIFFE (NZL)

FIRST MEETING

- Both Mboko & Williams and Melichar-Martinez & Routliffe are playing doubles as a team for the first time in their careers
- Both Williams and Routliffe have claimed the WTA No.1 ranking in doubles and both players spent a total of 8 weeks in the top spot
- Williams took the joint No.1 position with sister Venus this week 16 years ago, from June 7, 2010 to August 1, 2010
- Routliffe spent 8 weeks at No.1 from June 15, 2024 to September 8, 2024 and is the only woman from New Zealand to have reached World No.1 in doubles
- Williams has never faced Melichar-Martinez or Routliffe before in her doubles career

[WC] VICTORIA MBOKO (CAN) / SERENA WILLIAMS (USA)

	MBOKO	WILLIAMS
Plays	Right-Handed	Right-Handed
Height	5' 11" (1.8m)	5' 9" (1.75m)
Date of Birth (Age)	August 26, 2006 (19)	September 26, 1981 (44)
YTD / Career Doubles Titles	0 / 0	0 / 23
YTD Prize Money	\$1,778,168	\$0
Career Prize Money	\$3,284,767	\$94,816,730
Career-High / Current Rank in Doubles	No.132 (May 18, 2026) / No.133	No. 1 (June 7, 2010) / -
Career W-L in Doubles (all levels)	22-23	192-35
Career Highlights	QF (2026 – Indian Wells, 2025 Tokyo)	Won 23 titles (most recently 2016 Wimbledon)

MBOKO/WILLIAMS QUICK HITS:

- Mboko is competing in her sixth doubles tournament of the season; she equalled her best career result in doubles by reaching quarterfinal at Indian Wells w/M.Andreeva
- Mboko also reached quarterfinal last year at WTA 500 Tokyo w/Andreescu
- Williams returns to tennis four years after stepping away at the 2022 US Open
- Williams owns a total of 23 doubles titles beginning at Oklahoma City in 1998 and most recently at Wimbledon in 2016
- Williams won 22 of her doubles titles with sister Venus; the only title she won with a different partner was in 2002 at Leipzig with Alexandra Stevenson
- Among Williams' 23 titles, 14 are Grand Slam titles and three are Olympic titles
- Williams is the only player female or male to achieve a 'Career Golden Slam' by winning the singles and doubles at all four majors at some point, as well as gold medals in both singles (2012 London) and doubles (2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London, all with Venus)
- Williams only ever lost two doubles finals; Auckland in 2020, partnering Caroline Wozniacki and San Diego in 1999 with Venus Williams
- Williams first success at the majors actually came in mixed doubles, with titles at Wimbledon and the US Open in 1998, both with Max Mirnyi
- Among many records set, Williams remains the all time prize money leader in women's sports, earning more than \$94.8 million during her career across singles and doubles. She topped the annual WTA prize money charts on six occasions (2002, 2008-09, 2013-15). Her 2013 earnings of \$12,385,572 remained the WTA record for a single season until Aryna Sabalenka surpassed \$15 million in 2025

[3] NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ (USA) / ERIN ROUTLIFFE (NZL)

	MELICHAR-MARTINEZ	ROUTLIFFE
Plays	Right-Handed	Right-Handed
Height	5' 11" (1.81 m)	6' 2" (1.82m)
Date of Birth (Age)	July 29, 1993 (32)	April 11, 1995 (31)
YTD / Career Doubles Titles	1 / 19	0 / 12
YTD Prize Money	\$301,266	\$141,415
Career Prize Money	\$3,885,903	\$3,706,660
Career-High / Current Rank in Doubles	No.6 (June 3, 2023) / No.15	No.1 (June 15, 2024) / No.11
Career W-L in Doubles	478 - 367	322-208
Career Highlights	Won 19 titles (most recently 2026 Stuttgart)	Won 12 titles (most recently 2025 US Open)

MELICHAR-MARTINEZ/ROUTLIFFE QUICK HITS:

- Melichar-Martinez and Routliffe have 31 doubles titles between them, but pair up for the first time as a team at Queen's Club this week
- Melichar-Martinez has claimed one doubles title already this season at WTA 500 Stuttgart on clay with Liudmila Samsonova
- Among her 19 WTA Tour level titles only one of Melichar-Martinez's has come on grass; 2024 Bad Homburg with Ellen Perez
- Also this season Melichar-Martinez reached the final at WTA 1000 Rome and semifinal at WTA 1000 Indian Wells, both with Bucsa; Melichar-Martinez and Bucsa now sit at No.6 in PIF Race to the WTA Finals ranking
- Routliffe's career highlights include winning US Open in 2023 and 2025, as well as the WTA Finals in 2024, all partnering Gabriela Dabrowski
- Routliffe owns one grass court title which she won with Dabrowski at 2024 Nottingham
- After pairing with a number of different players this season, her best results so far have been quarterfinals at Adelaide (w/Muhammad), Miami (w/Muhammad) and Charleston (w. Brady), as well as R16 at Australian Open (w/Muhammad)
- Melichar-Martinez and Routliffe have faced each other on opposite sides of the court many times including the 2023 Austin final when Routliffe/Sutjiadi defeated Melichar-Martinez/Perez
- Also in 2023, Melichar-Martinez/Perez defeated Dabrowski/Routliffe in the semifinal at the WTA Finals