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[4] AUSTRALIA vs [17] NORWAY – GROUP D

First Meeting at United Cup

AUSTRALIA: 4th Appearance (2023 RR, 2024 SF, 2025 RR) – 3-4 in ties (1-1 in 2023, 2-2 in 2024, 1-1 in 2025)

2023 - 2nd in Group D (1st Great Britain, 3rd Spain)

2024 - 1st in Group C (2nd United States, 3rd Great Britain), d. Serbia 3-0 in QF, l. to Germany 1-2 in SF

2025 - 2nd in Group F (1st Great Britain, 3rd Argentina)

NORWAY: 4th Appearance (2023 RR, 2024 QF, 2025 RR) – 1-6 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 1-2 in 2024, 0-2 in 2025)

2023 - 3rd in Group E (1st Italy, 2nd Brazil)

2024 - 1st in Group F (2nd Croatia, 3rd Netherlands), l. to France 1-2 in QF

2025 - 3rd in Group B (1st Poland, 2nd Czechia)

Storm Hunter (AUS) vs Malene Helgo (NOR)

First Meeting

Storm Hunter | Age: 31 | WTA World No. 428 | Career-High No.114 (Apr 2024) | 2025: 2-2 | Career: 16-38 (0 titles)

> In 2025 made singles main draw appearances at Guadalajara 500 (as wildcard) and Chennai

> A two-time singles quarterfinalist in Tour-level events both coming in 2021 – Prague and Adelaide 500

> In 11 main draw appearances at the Grand Slams, best result came at 2024 Australian Open (R32 as a qualifier)

> In 2024 followed up career-best Grand Slam result, by advancing to singles final at WTA 125 Mumbai in Feb. 2024 and reaching the second round via qualifying at two WTA 1000 events (Dubai and Miami) helping propel her to a career-high ranking of No.114 in April 2024

> Currently ranked No.33 in doubles having reached three doubles finals in 2025; won the title at Wuhan (w/Siniakova) and finished as runner-up at Chennai (w/Niculescu) and Osaka (w/Krawczyk)

> Made singles main draw debut at 2014 Hobart at 19 years old

NOTE: Currently the No.18 ranked Australian in PIF WTA Rankings at No.428. Replaced Australia's top ranked WTA player Maya Joint in today's United Cup match-up. Has lost six-straight singles main draw matches at the Tour-level with last win coming at 2025 Guadalajara 500 (d. Siniakova)

Malene Helgo | Age: 26 | WTA World No. 532 | Career-High No. 317 (Jan 2023) | 2025: 0-2 | Career: 0-7 (0 titles)

> Only Tour-level main draw appearances of her career have been at United Cup (2023 and 2024) where she is yet to post a win

> From 2017-2025 earned nine ITF singles titles and eight ITF doubles titles

> Played first Tour-level qualifying event at Hobart 2023 (l. Zanevska in Q1); has since played in two other Tour-level qualifying events: Adelaide 2025 and Bogota 2025 (fell in Q1 at both)

> Competed for Norway in Billie Jean King Cup ties in 2023 and 2022, and Fed Cup ties in 2018 and 2017; posted a 7-7 record in BJKC and Fed Cup ties

> As a junior, reached No.29 in ITF rankings, contesting all four majors and reaching QF in junior doubles at Wimbledon in 2016 and Australian Open in 2017

NOTE: In 2025 posted her highest career win by ranking against No. 106 Aoi Ito at ITF W50 Santo Domingo. Her previous main draw meetings against Top 50 players all came at the United Cup including falling to No. 20 Caroline Garcia at the quarterfinal stage in 2024.