



## 2026 UNITED CUP – DAY 3 (4 JANUARY 2026)

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## 2026 UNITED CUP – STANDINGS

### PERTH – RAC ARENA

#### Standings

Group A	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[14] Argentina	1-1	4-2	8-6	66-66	Baez, Sierra
[1] United States	1-0	2-1	5-2	39-24	Fritz, Gauff
[10] Spain	0-1	0-3	1-6	27-42	Munar, Bouzas Maneiro
Group C	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
<b>[16] Switzerland</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>43-34</b>	<b>Wawrinka, Bencic</b>
[8] France	0-1	0-3	2-6	34-43	Rinderknech, Jeanjean
<b>[3] Italy</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Cobolli, Paolini</b>
Group E	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[12] Greece	1-0	3-0	6-0	36-18	S. Tsitsipas, Sakkari
<b>[13] Japan</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0-6</b>	<b>18-36</b>	<b>Mochizuki, Osaka</b>
<b>[5] Great Britain</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>B. Harris, Raducanu</b>

### SYDNEY – KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

#### Standings

Group B	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
<b>[18] China</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>37-43</b>	<b>Zhang, Zhu</b>
[7] Belgium	0-1	1-2	4-4	43-37	Bergs, Mertens
<b>[2] Canada</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Auger-Aliassime, Mboko</b>
Group D	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[4] Australia	1-0	2-1	4-3	30-27	de Minaur, Joint
[17] Norway	0-1	1-2	3-4	27-30	Ruud, Helgo
[11] Czechia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Mensik, Krejckikova
Group F	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
<b>[6] Germany</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Zverev, Lys</b>
[9] Poland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Hurkacz, Swiatek
<b>[15] Netherlands</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Griekspoor, Lamens</b>

**BOLD:** Countries in bold are projected to play on today's schedule.

## SYDNEY – KEN ROSEWALL ARENA – SUNDAY'S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

### [6] GERMANY vs [15] NETHERLANDS – GROUP F

### First Meeting at United Cup

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

**2023** – 3rd in Group C (1st USA, 2nd Czechia)

**2024** – 2nd in Group D (1st France, 3rd Italy), advanced to QF as best 2nd-placed team in Sydney; d. Greece 2-1 in QF, d. Australia 2-1 in SF and d. Poland 2-1 in final

**2025** – 1st in Group E (2nd China, 3rd Brazil); l. to Kazakhstan in QF

**NETHERLANDS: 2nd Appearance (2024 RR) – 1-1 in ties**

**2024** – 3rd in Group F (1st Norway, 2nd Croatia)

### Eva Lys (GER) vs Suzan Lamens (NED)

**Tied 1-1**

#### Other Meetings

21 Johannesburg/Markspa (ITF)

Hard R16

Eva Lys

6-2 4-6 7-5

24 Osaka

Hard Q-R16

Suzan Lamens

7-5 6-3

**Eva Lys** | Age: 23 | WTA World No. 40 | Career-High No. 40 (Nov 2025) | 2025: 21-18 (2 QFs) | Career: 40-35 (0 titles)

> In 2025 achieved career-best result at a WTA 1000 event by reaching the quarterfinals at Beijing, registering her first Top 10 win along the way over No.10 Rybakina in 3r

> Reached 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time in 2025 at Australian Open as a lucky loser (l. Swiatek)

> Currently competing at her career high ranking of No.40

> Career-best Tour-level results are SF run three times: Cluj-Napoca 2023, Budapest 2024 and Monastir 2024

> Made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open 2023 as a qualifier

> Made WTA main draw debut at Stuttgart 2022 and reached 2r as a qualifier; defeated No.38 Viktoria Golubic in 1r while ranked No.342 (l. Swiatek in 2r)

**NOTE:** In Lys's only previous Tour-level, main-draw meeting against a Dutch player, she lost 6-2, 6-2 to Arantxa Rus in the 2023 Hamburg quarterfinals (which was Lys's first appearance in a WTA Tour quarterfinal).

**Suzan Lamens** | Age: 26 | WTA World No. 89 | Career-High No. 57 (Sept 2025) | 2025: 19-23 (SF Rouen) | Career: 30-32 (1 title)

> 2025 highlights include semifinal at Rouen (l. Danilovic) and quarterfinals at 's-Hertogenbosch and Seoul which led to reaching a peak ranking of No.57 on September 22

> Registered first and only career Top 20 win over No.19 Diana Shnaider at Seoul 2025

> Made Grand Slam debut appearances at all four majors in 2025 and registered first Grand Slam win at Australian Open (d. Erjavec in 1r)

> Also made debut WTA 1000 event appearance at Dubai 2025 as a qualifier, and registered first WTA 1000 win at Indian Wells 2025 (d. Bouzkova in 1r)

> Won sole career WTA title at Osaka 2024 as a qualifier (d. Birrell in F)

> Best career doubles results came in 2024 with semifinals at Auckland (w/Kessler) and 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Vedder)

**NOTE:** Lamens was 2-0 against German players during 2025 – both of those wins came over Tatjana Maria, at the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers and Seoul.

### Alexander Zverev (GER) vs Tallon Griekspoor (NED)

**Zverev Leads 8-2**

21 Wimbledon (Great Britain)

Grass R128

Alexander Zverev

6-3 6-4 6-1

23 Rotterdam (Netherlands)

Hard R16

Tallon Griekspoor

4-6 6-3 6-4

23 ATP Masters 1000 Toronto (Canada)

Hard R64

Alexander Zverev

6-4 7-6(3)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)

Hard R32

Alexander Zverev

7-6(7) 6-3

24 Roland Garros (France)

Clay R32

Alexander Zverev

3-6 6-4 6-2 4-6 7-6(3)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China)

Hard R32

Alexander Zverev

7-6(6) 2-6 7-6(5)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Paris (France)

Hard R32

Alexander Zverev

7-6(2) 6-3

25 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells (U.S.A.)

Hard R64

Tallon Griekspoor

4-6 7-6(5) 7-6(4)

25 Munich (Germany)

Clay QF

Alexander Zverev

6-7(6) 7-6(3) 6-4

25 Roland Garros (France)

Clay R16

Alexander Zverev

6-4 3-0 RET

25 Vienna (Austria)

Hard QF

Alexander Zverev

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**Alexander Zverev** | Age: 28 | ATP World No. 3 | Career-High No. 2 | 2025: 57-25 (Munich Title) | Career: 520-223 (24 Titles)  
> Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 2 after tearing 3 ligaments in right ankle during 2022 Roland Garros SF vs. Nadal.

> Led ATP Tour with 6 titles in 2021 and is tied with Alcaraz and Sinner for most titles among players born since 1990, defeating No. 1 Djokovic en route to 2018 Nitto ATP Finals, 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2021 Nitto ATP Finals titles.

> Reached 1st Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, rallying from 2-set deficit for 1st time to defeat Carreno Busta in SF before squandering 2-set lead for 1st time against Thiem in final.

> Earned wins over 14-time champion Nadal en route to 2024 Roland Garros final and 10-time champion Djokovic via RET to reach 2025 Australian Open final.

> Defeated Djokovic at 2017 Rome and Federer at 2017 Montreal for 1st and 2nd of his 7 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

> Joined Murray and Thiem as 3rd player to defeat Djokovic on hard (4 times), Federer on grass (2016 Halle SF) and Nadal on clay (2 times).

**NOTE:** Zverev is playing in his 4th United Cup and owns 6-3 singles record, including saving 1 championship point to defeat No. 9 Hurkacz in 2024 final. German No. 1 attempts to record 9 tour-level wins vs. a single opponent for the second time in career (9-0 vs. Mannarino) and is 8-1 in his last 9 matches vs. players outside Top 20 (l. to No. 54 Rinderknech in Shanghai 3R).

**Tallon Griekspoor** | Age: 29 | ATP World No. 26 | Career-High No. 21 | 2025: 30-23 (Mallorca Title) | Career: 123-117 (3 Titles)  
> Earned personal-best 36 wins in 2023, won 1st ATP Tour title in Pune and achieved career-high No. 21 in November.

> Posted 17-3 record on home soil in 2023-24, highlighted by 2023 's-Hertogenbosch title and advancing to Rotterdam SF in 2023 (d. No. 17 Zverev in 2R) and 2024 (d. No. 8 Hurkacz in 2R).

> Rallied from a set down for Rotterdam wins as WC over No. 13 Wawrinka in 2018, No. 11 Khachanov in 2019, No. 14 Karatsev in 2022, No. 17 A. Zverev in 2023 and for 's-Hertogenbosch win over No. 18 de Minaur in 2023 – earning first 5 of 17 career Top-20 wins on home soil.

> Upset No. 2 Zverev in 2025 Indian Wells 2R to become 1st Dutch ATP Masters 1000 quarter-finalist since 2018.

> Went 8-0 in finals and 42-7 overall on ATP Challenger Tour in 2021, setting single-season record for most titles and ending season with 25 straight wins.

**NOTE:** Griekspoor is 2-20 vs. Top 5 players, earning both wins at ATP Masters 1000 events last year over No. 2 Zverev in Indian Wells 2R and No. 2 Sinner in Shanghai 3R via RET. He seeks 1st win at United Cup after losing to No. 11 Ruud and No. 37 Coric in RR in his only prior appearance in 2024.

### MIXED DOUBLES:

**Laura Siegemund / Alexander Zverev (GER) vs Demi Schuurs / Tallon Griekspoor (NED)**

### [2] CANADA vs [18] CHINA – GROUP B

### First Meeting at United Cup

**CANADA: 3rd Appearance (2024-25 RR) – 2-2 in ties (1-1 in 2024, 1-1 in 2025)**

2024 – 3rd in Group B (1st Greece, 2nd Chile)

2025 – 2nd in Group A (1st USA, 3rd Croatia)

**CHINA: 3rd Appearance (2024-25 QF) – 3-4 in ties (1-2 in 2024, 1-2 in 2025, 1-0 in 2026)**

2024 - 2nd in Group E (1st Serbia, 3rd Czechia), advanced to QF as best 2nd-placed team in Perth, l. to Poland in QF

2025 - 2nd in Group E (1st Germany, 3rd Brazil), advanced to QF as best 2nd-placed team in Perth, l. to USA in QF

2026 - d. Belgium (2-1)

**\*China will win Group B and advance to quarterfinals if they defeat Canada**

**Victoria Mboko (CAN) vs Zhu Lin (CHN)**

**Zhu Leads 1-0**

22 Monastir 16

Hard F Zhu Lin

6-1 4-6 6-4

**Victoria Mboko** | Age: 19 | WTA World No. 18 | Career-High No. 18 (Nov 2025) | 2025: 20-10 (2 titles) | Career: 20-11 (2 titles)

> Competing in her first year on Tour in 2025, she lifted her first title at WTA 1000 Montreal – a fairytale run on home soil as an 18-year-old wildcard, registering her first career Top 10 win over No.2 Gauff along the way

> Went on to claim a second title in 2025 at WTA 250 Hong Kong

> Started the 2025 season ranked outside Top 300 and ended the season at a career-high ranking of No.18

> Won her first WTA main draw match in 2025 as a wild card at Miami (d. Osorio)

- > Best career Tour-level doubles result is QF run at Tokyo 2025 (w/Andreescu)
- > Voted 2025 WTA Newcomer of the Year

**NOTE:** Mboko is aiming to notch her sixth consecutive match-win on tour. She ended last season on a five-match winning streak, which resulted in her second WTA Tour title of the year at Hong Kong.

**Zhu Lin** | Age: 31 | WTA World No. 168 | Career-High No. 31 (Sept 2023) | 2025: 7-10 (QF Ningbo) | Career: 88-116 (1 title)

- > Owns one WTA singles title at Hua Hin 2023 and has reached a further two finals: Hua Hin 2024 and Osaka 2023
- > Reached a career-high singles ranking of No.31 in September 2023 after reaching the final at Osaka
- > Has played in the main draw at a Grand Slam on 22 occasions with her best result achieved at 2023 Australian Open with R16 (l. Azarenka)
- > Notched first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Kvitova at Tianjin 2017; now owns nine career wins over Top 20 players and 3 wins over Top 10 players (No.6 M.Andreeva at Ningbo 2025, No.7 Garcia at Cleveland 2023 and No.6 Sakkari at Australian Open 2023)
- > Owns one career WTA doubles title at Nanchang 2019 (w/Wang Xinyu)

**NOTE:** Zhu is seeking her 10th career Top 20 win today. She earned two Top 20 wins last year, besting Ekaterina Alexandrova at Montreal and Mirra Andreeva at Ningbo.

### Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

24 Marseille (France)

Hard R16 Zhang Zhizhen

### Zhang Leads 1-0

6-4 6-4

**Felix Auger-Aliassime** | Age: 25 | ATP World No. 5 (Career-High) | 2025: 50-24 (3 Titles) | Career: 265-171 (8 Titles)

- > Finished 2025 season at career-high No. 5 after winning titles in Adelaide, Montpellier and Brussels and advancing to US Open SF, Nitto ATP Finals SF and ATP Masters 1000 Paris final during the season.
- > Earned personal-best 60 wins during breakout 2022 season, including career-long 16-match win streak with 3 titles in as many weeks at Florence, Antwerp and Basel.
- > Also in 2022, won Rotterdam title to snap 0-8 start to career in singles finals, swept team titles at ATP Cup, Laver Cup and Davis Cup and recorded victories over No. 1 Alcaraz and former No. 1s Djokovic, Murray and Nadal.
- > At 2021 US Open, became 1st Canadian men's singles semi-finalist in tournament history (since 1881) and reached 2024 Madrid final to become 1st Canadian ATP Masters 1000 finalist on clay in series history (since 1990).
- > As an 18-year-old in 2019, became youngest Top-25 player since Hewitt, 18, in 1999, youngest ATP 500 finalist in series history at Rio de Janeiro (since 2009), and youngest semi-finalist in Miami tournament history (since 1985).

**NOTE:** Auger-Aliassime is playing in his third consecutive United Cup, playing 1 mixed doubles match in 2024 before going 1-1 in singles last year (d. No. 4 Fritz, l. to No. 90 Coric). He aims to win his opening match of the season for the first time since 2021 (0-4 since). Last year, earned 41 of 50 wins on hard-courts, trailing only de Minaur (43) on HC.

**Zhang Zhizhen** | Age: 29 | ATP World No. 410 | Career-High No. 31 | 2025: 5-12 (Marseille QF) | Career: 61-71 (1 Final)

- > Became the first Chinese player in PIF ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024, achieving career-high No. 31 in July 2024.
- > Also in 2024, defeated countryman Buyunchaokete in 1st all-Chinese ATP Tour SF to reach 1st final in Hangzhou and earned silver medal in mixed doubles at 2024 Paris Olympics with Wang Xinyu.
- > Won 3 consecutive matches in deciding set tie-breaks to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid and reached 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Rome.
- > Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joined fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.
- > First Chinese man in Open Era to reach ATP Tour SFs on clay and grass and earn Top 10 win at a Grand Slam event, defeating No. 5 Ruud for biggest win of career to reach US Open 3R in 2023.

**NOTE:** Zhang defeated Bergs 6-7(2) 7-6(3) 7-5 on Saturday and aims to record back-to-back wins for the first time since reaching Marseille QF last February. He is 3-14 vs. Top 10 in his career, aiming to equal the biggest wins of his career (d. No. 5 Ruud at 2023 US Open and No. 5 Medvedev at 2024 Halle).

### MIXED DOUBLES:

### Victoria Mboko / Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) vs Zhu Lin / Zhang Zhizhen (CHN)

## PERTH – RAC ARENA – SUNDAY'S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

### [5] GREAT BRITAIN vs [13] JAPAN – GROUP E

### First Meeting at United Cup

**GREAT BRITAIN: 4th Appearance (2023 Host City Finalists, 2024 RR, 2025 QF) – 4-4 in ties (2-1 in 2023, 1-1 in 2024, 1-2 in 2025)**

**2023** – 1st in Group D (2nd Australia, 3rd Spain); I. to USA in Sydney host city final

**2024** – 3rd in Group C (1st Australia, 2nd USA)

**2025** – 1st in Group F (2nd Australia, 3rd Argentina); I. to Poland in QF

**JAPAN: Debut Appearance – 0-1 in ties**

**2026** - I. to Greece (0-3)

*\*Japan will be eliminated if they lose to Great Britain*

### Billy Harris (GBR) vs Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN)

### First Meeting

**Billy Harris** | Age: 30 | ATP World No. 128 | Career-High No. 101 | 2025: 3-13 (Eastbourne QF) | Career: 11-20 (1 SF)  
> Broke into Top 500 in December 2021 and Top 200 in December 2023 and achieved career-high No. 101 in September 2024.

> Earned biggest win of career over No. 32 Etcheverry to reach 1st ATP Tour QF at 2024 London/Queen's Club as WC and advanced to his 1st SF in Eastbourne the following week (d. No. 49 Cobolli in QF).

> Qualified to make ATP Tour debut at 2023 Sofia, defeating Huesler in 1R for first tour-level win of career.

> Owns 76-74 Challenger record (1-2 in finals), winning 1st title at 2025 Cassis and 172-131 record on ITF World Tennis Tour (5-6 in finals), winning most recent title at 2022 M25 Nottingham.

> Spent first few years of professional career travelling around Europe in a transit van to save money while competing on the ITF World Tennis Tour.

**NOTE:** Harris looks for first tour-level win since defeating Lajovic in Wimbledon 1R and first at this event after going 0-3 in singles last year. 30-year-old is replacing World No. 10 Draper as British No. 1, who withdrew due to arm injury.

**Shintaro Mochizuki** | Age: 22 | ATP World No. 99 | Career-High No. 92 | 2025: 4-6 (Almaty QF) | Career: 7-26 (1 SF)  
> Former World No. 1 junior broke into Top 100 after reaching Almaty QF in October 2025 and achieved career-high No. 92 in November.

> At 2023 Tokyo, earned 1st ATP Tour win over Etcheverry in 1R after 0-11 start on tour-level and recorded biggest win of career over No. 10 Fritz en route to his 1st ATP Tour SF.

> Made his ATP Tour debut at 2021 Singapore as WC and Grand Slam debut at 2023 Wimbledon as Q.

> Also entered Grand Slam main draws at 2024 Australian Open as LL, 2024 Roland Garros as Q, 2025 Wimbledon as Q and 2025 US Open as Q.

> Owns 74-73 Challenger record (2-2 in finals), winning titles at 2023 Barletta and 2025 Noumea.

> Ended his junior career with a 119-45 record on ITF Junior Circuit, highlighted by 2019 Wimbledon boys' singles title, becoming the 1st Japanese player to win a Grand Slam boys' singles title.

> Considered quitting tennis and pursuing baseball at age 9 before moving to USA as a 12-year-old to further develop in tennis at IMG Academy.

**NOTE:** Mochizuki looks to record first win for Japan after they went 0-3 vs. Greece in their debut appearance at United Cup. He also seeks first ATP Tour win since defeating No. 26 Darderi to reach Almaty QF in October.

### Emma Raducanu (GBR) vs Naomi Osaka (JPN)

### Raducanu Leads 1-0

25 Washington DC

Hard R16 Emma Raducanu

6-4 6-2

**Emma Raducanu** | Age: 23 | WTA World No. 29 | Career-High No. 10 (July 2022) | 2025: 28-22 (SF Washington DC) | Career: 79-64 (1 title)

> Major career breakthrough came at the 2021 US Open (only her fourth Tour-level appearance), where she won the title as an 18-year-old ranked No.150 and became the first ever qualifier to win a Grand Slam title (d. fellow teenager Leylah Fernandez in final)

> Voted the 2021 WTA Newcomer of the Year and peaked at a career-high World No.10 on July 11, 2022

> Top 2025 results were SF run at Washington DC, and achieving career-best result at a WTA 1000 event by reaching Miami QF; also made first WTA Tour doubles SF at Washington DC w/Rybakina

> Additionally in 2025, reached singles quarterfinal on home soil at Queen's Club, London and finished the season ranked inside Top 30 for the second time (first time since 2021)



> Made debut WTA main draw appearance at 2021 Nottingham; followed up by making R16 in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2021 Wimbledon (became youngest British woman in the Open Era to reach Wimbledon R16)

**NOTE:** Raducanu is aiming for her first Top 20 win since she defeated Daria Kasatkina at Strasbourg last May (0-7 vs. Top 20 players since then).

**Naomi Osaka** | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 16 | Career-High No. 1 (Jan 2019) | 2025: 30-15 (2 R-Up) | Career: 216-118 (7 titles)

> Owns 7 singles titles, including four Grand Slam titles (2018 and 2020 US Open; 2019 and 2021 Australian Open); she holds a perfect 4-0 record in Grand Slam finals

> Her other singles titles are 2018 Indian Wells, 2019 Beijing and 2019 Tokyo Pan Pacific Open; all of her WTA Tour titles have come on hard court

> Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on January 28, 2019, following her 2019 Australian Open triumph; she spent a total of 25 weeks at the World No.1 spot

> In 2025, reached her first WTA Tour final since returning from maternity leave at Auckland; went on to make her sixth career WTA 1000 final at Montreal and reach the semifinals at US Open

> Following the 2025 US Open, returned to the Top 20 for the first time since January 2022, and posted a season-ending ranking of No.16 (best year-end ranking since No.13 in 2021)

**NOTE:** Osaka is attempting to obtain her first match-win since a Round of 16 victory over Team Netherlands' Suzan Lamens at Osaka last October.

#### MIXED DOUBLES:

**Olivia Nicholls / Neal Skupski (GBR) vs Nao Hibino / Yasutaka Uchiyama (JPN)**

### [3] ITALY vs [16] SWITZERLAND – GROUP C

**Italy Leads 1-0 at United Cup**

#### 2025 United Cup – Group Stage (Group D):

##### Team Italy d. Team Switzerland 3-0

Flavio Cobolli (ITA) d. Dominic Stricker (SUI) 6-3 7-6(2)

Jasmine Paolini (ITA) d. Belinda Bencic (SUI) 6-1 6-1

Sara Errani / Andrea Vavassori (ITA) d. Belinda Bencic / Dominic Stricker (SUI) 6-4 6-4

#### ITALY: 4th Appearance (2023 Runner-Up, 2024 RR, 2025 QF) – 5-5 in ties (3-2 in 2023, 0-2 in 2024, 2-1 in 2025)

**2023** – 1st in Group E (2nd Brazil, 3rd Norway); l. to Poland in Brisbane Host city final, advanced to SF as best-ranked Host city final runner-up; d. Greece in SF; l. to USA in final

**2024** – 3rd in Group D (1st France, 2nd Germany)

**2025** – 1st in Group D (2nd Switzerland, 3rd France); l. to Czechia in QF

#### SWITZERLAND: 3rd Appearance (2023, 2025 RR) – 3-2 in ties (1-1 in 2023, 1-1 in 2025, 1-0 in 2026)

**2023** - 2nd in Group B (1st Poland, 3rd Kazakhstan)

**2025** - 2nd in Group D (1st Italy, 3rd France)

**2026** - d. France (3-0)

**\*Switzerland will win Group C and advance to quarterfinals if they defeat Italy**

#### Jasmine Paolini (ITA) vs Belinda Bencic (SUI)

**Tied 2-2**

22 BJK Cup Finals (Group A)

Hard R32

Belinda Bencic

6-3 6-3

25 United Cup

Hard --

Jasmine Paolini

6-1 6-1

25 Ningbo

Hard QF

Jasmine Paolini

5-7 7-5 6-3

#### Other

18 Las Vegas (ITF)

Hard

R32

Belinda Bencic

6-3 6-3

**Jasmine Paolini** | Age: 30 | WTA World No. 8 | Career-High No. 4 (Oct 2024) | 2025: 43-21 (1 title) | Career: 159-125 (3 titles)

> Made first United Cup appearance in 2024 and went 1-1 in singles (d. Kerber, l. Garcia)

> Returned to United Cup in 2025 and went 2-1 in singles during Italy's QF run (d. Bencic and Paquet, l. Muchova)

> Has won 3 WTA Tour singles titles and 10 WTA Tour doubles titles during her career

> 2025 singles highlights include winning the Rome title on home soil and reaching another WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati

- > Doubles triumphs in 2025 (all with Sara Errani) include first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros and successful title defense at Rome; she is the first woman to sweep the Rome singles and doubles titles since Monica Seles in 1990, and the first Italian woman to do so since Raffaella Reggi in 1985
- > In 2025, qualified for WTA Finals in singles and doubles for second straight year
- > Career-best Grand Slam singles results include back-to-back finals at 2024 Roland Garros (l. Swiatek in final) and 2024 Wimbledon (l. Krejčíková in final)

**NOTE:** Last October, Paolini attained her 25th career victory over a Top 20 opponent by defeating Bencic in the Ningbo quarterfinals. She is seeking another today – which happens to be her 30th birthday.

**Belinda Bencic** | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 11 | Career-High No. 4 (Feb 2020) | 2025: 37-17 (2 titles) | Career: 282-179 (10 titles)

- > Ten time WTA Tour singles champion, winning her tenth title near the end of 2025 at Tokyo; she has also reached 10 additional WTA Tour singles finals
- > Has won two WTA Tour doubles titles, both in 2015 (Prague with Siniakova, and Washington DC with Mladenovic)
- > During 2025, skyrocketed from No.421 at the start of January to No.11 in the year-end ranking, in her first full season after maternity leave; went 2-0 in Tour finals, winning titles at WTA 500 events at Abu Dhabi and Tokyo, and also reached her second career Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon
- > Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year 2025
- > Played United Cup in 2023 (1-1 in singles, 1-0 in doubles) and 2025 (1-1 in both singles and doubles)
- > Won two medals for Switzerland at the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo, finishing as singles gold medalist (d. Vondroušová in final) and the doubles silver medalist (w/Golubic, l. Krejčíková/Siniakova in final)

**NOTE:** Bencic's 2025 United Cup match vs. Paolini was the Swiss player's first meeting with a Top 10 player since her return from maternity leave in October 2024. A month later, Bencic picked up the first Top 10 win of her return by beating Elena Rybakina in the Abu Dhabi semifinals, en route to the title.

### **Flavio Cobolli (ITA) vs Stan Wawrinka (SUI)**

24 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai (China) Hard R64 Flavio Cobolli

### **Cobolli Leads 1-0**

6-7(6) 7-6(4) 6-3

**Flavio Cobolli** | Age: 23 | ATP World No. 22 | Career-High No. 17 | 2025: 34-27 (2 Titles) | Career: 75-65 (2 Titles)

- > Broke into Top 200 in January 2022 and Top 100 in October 2023, achieving career-high No. 17 in July 2025 after defeating former finalist Cilic to reach 1st Grand Slam QF at Wimbledon.
- > Defeated clay-court champions Gasquet and Baez to win 1st ATP Tour title at 2025 Bucharest and former champion Rublev to capture biggest title of his career at 2025 Hamburg.
- > Earned wins over Shelton as No. 15 en route to 1st ATP Tour SF at 2024 Geneva and as No. 14 to reach 1st final at 2024 Washington and beat No. 9 Rune via RET for 1st Top 10 win at 2025 ATP Masters 1000 Madrid.
- > Saved 3 MPs vs. Giron to win ATP Tour main draw debut 3-6 7-6 7-6 at 2021 Parma as 429th-ranked WC.
- > Defeated former-World No. 3 Wawrinka at 2024 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai, 21 years after his father and coach, Stefano, defeated the Swiss at Brindisi Challenger in 2003.
- > Peaked at No. 8 in juniors and ended junior career by winning 2020 Roland Garros boys' doubles title w/Stricker.

**NOTE:** Cobolli went 2-1 in his United Cup debut last year, defeating Stricker and Humbert (saved 1 MP) in RR, before losing to Machac in QF. 23-year-old finished 2025 season by leading Team Italy to their 3rd straight Davis Cup title.

**Stan Wawrinka** | Age: 40 | ATP World No. 157 | Career-High No. 3 | 2025: 4-13 (4x 2R) | Career: 583-376 (16 Titles)

- > Achieved career-high No. 3 in 2014 and ended 2014-16 at No. 4 before undergoing 2 left knee surgeries in 2017 and 2 left foot surgeries in 2021.
- > Boasts 5 wins over World No. 1 at Grand Slams, including finals of 2014 Australian Open (d. Nadal), 2015 Roland Garros (d. Djokovic) and 2016 US Open (d. Djokovic).
- > One of 3 players to defeat Djokovic, Federer, Murray and Nadal at Grand Slams (also Berdych, Tsonga).
- > Owns 16 singles titles with 11 straight wins in finals from 2014-16, defeating fellow Swiss Federer for lone ATP Masters 1000 title at 2014 Monte-Carlo.
- > Won 2008 Beijing Olympics doubles gold medal w/Federer and helped Switzerland capture 2014 Davis Cup.

**NOTE:** Wawrinka defeated Rinderknech 5-7 7-6(5) 7-6(5) in 3 hours and 20 minutes on Saturday and now seeks consecutive ATP Tour wins for the first time since his run to 2024 Stockholm SF. He aims to earn a win over Cobolli, 22 years after defeating his father, Stefano, in 2004 Umag final round of qualifying.



**Most Seasons with a Tour-Level Win in Open Era (Men's Singles):**

Jimmy Connors – 25 (1970-1989, 1991-95)

Roger Federer – 24 (1998-2021)

Richard Gasquet – 24 (2002-25)

Rafael Nadal – 23 (2002-24)

**Stan Wawrinka - 23 (2003, 2005-26)**

Novak Djokovic – 22 (2004-25)

Feliciano Lopez – 22 (2001-21, 2023)

Gael Monfils – 22 (2004-25)

Guillermo Vilas – 22 (1968-89)

**MIXED DOUBLES:**

**Sara Errani / Andrea Vavassori (ITA) vs Belinda Bencic / Stan Wawrinka (SUI)**