



# MATCH NOTES

## BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

## BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

January 4-11, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,691,602



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## FINAL – SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

**[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [16] Marta Kostyuk (UKR #26)**

**Sabalenka leads 4-0**

***Sabalenka:***

- Making 4th appearance at this tournament, where she is the defending champion (d. P. Kudermetova in 2025 final)
- She is also the 2024 runner-up (I. Rybakina in final) and the 2023 champion (d. Noskova in final – 2023 edition of this tournament was held in Adelaide)
- Seeking the 22nd WTA Tour singles title of her career, and her sixth at WTA 500-level; her most recent WTA 500 title came here in Brisbane last year
- This is her 13th career WTA 500 final, and her first since Stuttgart last April (finished runner-up to Ostapenko)
- From the start of 2025 to present, Sabalenka has won 42 of her last 46 matches against players ranked outside the Top 20
- 18 of her 21 WTA titles have come on hard court, including four Grand Slam titles, six WTA 1000 titles and five WTA 500 titles on the surface
- Currently ranked PIF World No.1; has been ranked at the top spot for 64 consecutive weeks (since Oct. 21, 2024) and for a total of 72 weeks (including week of Jan. 5, 2026)

***Kostyuk:***

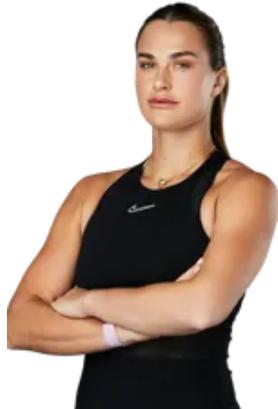
- Making her 4th main-draw appearance at this tournament and is into the final for the first time
- Has reached her 4th career WTA Tour singles final, and first since her R-Up showing at 2024 Stuttgart (I. Rybakina in final)
- Seeking her 2nd career WTA Tour singles title; her first WTA Tour title came on hard court at WTA 250 Austin in 2023 (d. Gracheva in final)
- This is her 3rd trip to a WTA 500 final, having already finished as runner-up at 2024 San Diego (I. Boulter in final) and 2024 Stuttgart (I. Rybakina in final)
- Seeking her 13th career Top 10 win, and fourth straight this week (d. No.3 Anisimova, No.9 Andreeva and No.6 Pegula in the last three rounds)
- This is the second time Kostyuk has posted three consecutive Top 10 wins at a tournament - she also beat three straight Top 10 players at 2024 Stuttgart (d. Zheng, Gauff and Vondrousova)
- Currently holds 0-4 record vs. players ranked World No.1 at the time of their meeting (two losses to Swiatek in 2024 and two losses to Sabalenka in 2025)
- She is the first Ukrainian finalist at Brisbane since Lesia Tsurenko finished runner-up in 2019 (I. Ka. Pliskova in final)
- Best result by Ukraine at Brisbane was Elina Svitolina's title-winning run in 2018



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SABALENKA (1)

**MARTA**  
**(16)** KOSTYUK **26**  
UKRAINE

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2002-06-28
	<b>Residence</b>	Chaiky, Ukraine
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	16
\$45,175,621	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,857,222
\$0	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$0
0 / 21	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
100-26 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	30-23 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 17-1 (Champion: 2025, 2023)	<b>YTD / Career BRISBANE W-L (best)</b>	4-0 / 7-3 (Finalist: 2026)
4-0 / 372-136	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-0 / 128-107



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	ROME	CLAY	4r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-1 7-6(8)	2h 5m
2025	MADRID	CLAY	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(4) 7-6(7)	2h 32m
2023	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-2	1h 11m
2022	DUBAI	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 6-1	1h 15m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	26	-
1	1	2025	18	26
1	1	2024	16	18
1	2	2023	32	39
2	5	2022	49	70
2	2	2021	50	50
10	10	2020	97	98
9	11	2019	116	155
11	11	2018	118	118
76	78	2017	491	518



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. C. BUCSA (#50) 6-0 6-1 (48m)  
3r: d. S. CIRSTEA (#41) 6-3 6-3 (1h 19m)  
QF: d. M. KEYS (#7) 6-3 6-3 (1h 29m)  
SF: d. K. MUCHOVA (#20) 6-3 6-4 (1h 29m)

*Total time on court:* 5h 5m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at this tournament, where she is the defending champion (d. P.Kudermetova in 2025 final)
- Also was the 2024 R-Up (l. Rybakina in final) and won this tournament in 2023 (d. Noskova in final)
- After 1r bye, defeated Cristina Bucsa, Sorana Cirstea, No.5 seed Madison Keys and No.11 seed Karolina Muchova to make her 41st career WTA Tour singles final
- Seeking the 22nd WTA Tour singles title of her career, and first since 2025 US Open
- Seeking her sixth WTA 500 title; her most recent WTA 500 title is Brisbane last year
- This is her 13th career WTA 500 final, and first since Stuttgart last April (finished R-Up to Ostapenko)
- Faces No.26 Marta Kostyuk in today's final; Sabalenka is 4-0 vs. Kostyuk (8-0 in sets)
- From the start of 2025 to present, Sabalenka has won 42 of her last 46 matches against players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owes 15-6 career Tour-level record against players from Ukraine (3-0 in 2025, with 2 wins over Kostyuk and 1 win over Svitolina)
- 18 of her 21 WTA titles have come on hard court, including 4 Grand Slam titles, 6 WTA 1000 titles and five WTA 500 titles on the surface
- Is currently ranked PIF World No.1, has been ranked at the top spot for 64 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024) and for a total of 72 weeks (including week of Jan 5, 2026)
- During last year's Australian swing, won the title in Brisbane and reached the final at Australian Open (l. Keys)
- Won a Tour-leading four titles in 2025, including her 4th career Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Anisimova in final) as well as Madrid, Miami and Brisbane

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#74) 6-7 6-1 6-0 (1h 49m)  
3r: d. A. ANISIMOVA (#3) 6-4 6-3 (1h 31m)  
QF: d. M. ANDREEVA (#9) 7-6 6-3 (1h 47m)  
SF: d. J. PEGULA (#6) 6-0 6-3 (55m)

*Total time on court:* 6h 2m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main-draw appearance at this event and is into the final for the first time
- After 1r bye, defeated Yulia Putintseva, No.2 seed Amanda Anisimova, No.6 seed Mirra Andreeva and No.4 seed Jessica Pegula to reach her first final since finishing R-Up at 2024 Stuttgart (l. Rybakina)
- This is her 4th career WTA Tour singles final, and 3rd at WTA 500-level; she has twice been R-Up at WTA 500 events (2024 Stuttgart, l. Rybakina; 2024 San Diego, l. Boulter)
- Seeking her 2nd career WTA Tour singles title; her previous title came on hard court at WTA 250 Austin in 2023 (d. Gracheva in final)
- Faces World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in today's final; has yet to win a set off of Sabalenka in their 4 career meetings
- Kostyuk is seeking her 13th career Top 10 win, and fourth straight this week
- This is the 2nd time in her career Kostyuk has posted three consecutive Top 10 wins at a tournament - she defeated 3 straight Top 10 players at 2024 Stuttgart (d. Zheng, Gauff and Vondrousova)
- Currently holds 0-4 record vs. players ranked World No.1 at the time of their meeting (two losses to Swiatek in 2024 and two losses to Sabalenka in 2025)
- Best result by Ukraine at Brisbane was Elina Svitolina's title-winning run in 2018
- Kostyuk is the first Ukrainian to reach the Brisbane final since Lesia Tsurenko in 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova in final)
- Currently ranked No.26; reached career-high ranking of No.16 in 2024
- In last year's Australian swing, lost opening matches at Brisbane and Adelaide, then made Australian Open 3r (l. Badosa)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	W	P. KUDERMETOVA (#107)	4-6 6-3 6-2
SF	W	M. ANDREEVA (#16)	6-3 6-2
QF	W	M. BOUZKOVA (#44)	6-3 6-4
3r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#29)	7-6(2) 6-4
2r	W	R. ZARAZUA (#75)	6-4 6-0

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 1
F	L	E. RYBAKINA (#4)	6-0 6-3
SF	W	V. AZARENKA (#23)	6-2 6-4
QF	W	D. KASATKINA (#18)	6-1 6-4
3r	W	L. ZHU (#33)	6-1 6-0
2r	W	L. BRONZETTI (#52)	6-3 6-0

2023	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 2
F	W	L. NOSKOVA (#102)	6-3 7-6(4)
SF	W	I. BEGU (#34)	6-3 6-2
QF	W	M. VONDROUZOVA (#92)	6-3 7-5
2r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#20)	7-6(8) 7-6(3)

2025	Result	Rank: 18	Seed: 9
2r	L	Y. YUAN (#49)	6-4 6-3

2024	Result	Rank: 38	Seed: -
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#18)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	A. BOGDAN (#66)	4-6 6-3 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 69	Seed: -
QF	L	O. JABEUR (#2)	7-6(5) 7-5
2r	W	E. RYBAKINA (#21)	6-7(5) 6-2 6-3
1r	W	J. FOURLIS (#162)	6-1 3-6 6-4



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
6	29	<b>Aces</b>	10	17
70.6%	8	<b>First serve %</b>	66.2%	27
78.3%	3	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	74.4%	6
60.0%	1	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50.0%	21
72.9%	1	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	66.2%	4
93.8%	1	<b>Service games won %</b>	90.5%	2
50.0%	48	<b>Break points saved %</b>	75.0%	4
47.5%	2	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.1%	35
61.7%	17	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	73.9%	2
50.0%	34	<b>Break points converted %</b>	61.1%	15
60.0%	2	<b>Return games won %</b>	47.8%	11
53.7%	2	<b>Return points won %</b>	48.3%	13



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (21)

2025 - US OPEN, MADRID, MIAMI, BRISBANE

2024 - WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI,  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2023 - MADRID, AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE #1

2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI

2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA

2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN

2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (19)

2025 - WTA FINALS, ROLAND GARROS,  
STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2024 - ROME, MADRID, BRISBANE

2023 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS

2022 - WTA FINALS, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH,  
STUTTGART

2021 - STUTTGART

2019 - SAN JOSE

2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO

2017 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Mertens)

2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens),  
INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)

2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2023 - AUSTIN

Runner-Up (2)

2024 - STUTTGART, SAN DIEGO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Krejcikova)

2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Martincova)

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - TENERIFE (w/Kichenok)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
RUP	RUP	SF	WON	2025	3r	1r	1r
WON	QF		WON	2024	QF	2r	3r
WON	SF	SF	RUP	2023	3r	1r	3r
4r	3r		SF	2022	3r	1r	2r
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021	1r	4r	2r
1r	3r		2r	2020		1r	3r
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019			
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018	3r		
			2r	2017			

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KOSTYUK

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won a Tour leading four titles in 2025, including her 4th career Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Anisimova in final) as well as Madrid, Miami and Brisbane; also finished runner-up at WTA Finals, Australian Open, Roland Garros, Indian Wells and Stuttgart for a Tour leading nine finals overall
- Ended 2025 by finishing at World No.1 for the second straight year, posting the most Tour match wins of any player with 63 and setting a new WTA single-season record in prize money with \$15,008,519
- Reached seven finals across 2024, defending her Australian Open crown, winning the US Open and also won titles at Cincinnati and Wuhan. Recaptured the No.1 ranking in October and finished the season as the WTA Year-End No.1 for the first time in her career
- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (L. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (L. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10. Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the

- Best results in 2025 were three QF finishes all at WTA 1000 events: Doha (L. eventual champion Anisimova), Madrid (L. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Montreal. Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the second time in her career (after QF at 2024 Australian Open) at US Open (L. Muchova)
- Reached two WTA 500 finals in 2024 at San Diego and Stuttgart finishing runner-up at both. Also made first Grand Slam quarterfinal at Australian Open and first WTA 1000 semifinal at Indian Wells
- Earned five Top 10 wins in 2024, entered the year with only three in career and made Top 20 debut on May 6, 2024 finishing the year at No.18
- In 2023, won maiden singles title at Austin (d. Gracheva) and doubles title at Birmingham (w/Krejcikova)

Reached QF at two WTA 500 events; Adelaide 1 (L. Jabeur) and Washington (L. Samsonova). Achieved a peak singles ranking of No. 32 on August 7, 2023 and No. 27 in doubles on May 8, 2023

- Best result of 2022 was SF showing at Granby (L. Saville). Also made 3r at Australian Open and Eastbourne
- Highlights in second half of 2021 were QF at Chicago (L. Gracheva) and SF at Cluj-Napoca (L. Halep); broke into Top 50 on November 1, 2021, after Cluj-Napoca
- On clay, enjoyed career-best R16 run at Roland Garros (L. Swiatek) and advanced to SF at Istanbul (L. eventual champion Cirstea)
- Opened 2021 by reaching first career WTA SF, at Abu Dhabi (L. V. Kudermetova)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.97 on November 2, 2020, after reaching back-to-back finals on ITF Circuit in US
- Made 3r at 2020 US Open (L. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- In February 2020, picked up third ITF singles title of career, at a \$60k event in Cairo
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching first WTA QF, at Strasbourg (L. Garcia)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open and reached 3r, having received a WC into the qualifying event by virtue of winning the junior title there in 2017 (d. Masarova in F). Was first player born in 2002 to play in a Grand Slam main draw. Was also youngest player to reach the 3r at a major since 1997 US Open when Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (15 years, 182 days) reached this stage

- 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suarez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings. Entered Top 50 on April 16 after run to Lugano final, and Top 20 on August 27 following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifted WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko). WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, winning back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

- Scored two Top 50 wins in 2018, over No.27 Peng (Australian Open), No.26 Gavrilova (Fed Cup)
- Won first ITF Circuit title of career at \$25k ITF/Dunakeszi-HUN in 2017 (d. Pera in F)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2017 Mallorca (l. Kalinskaya in 1r)
- Made Fed Cup debut for Ukraine in 2018
- Won 2017 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Masarova in F) and ITF Junior Masters event in Chengdu, China in October 2017; rose as high as No.3 in junior rankings in June 2017
- Played first professional event at \$10k ITF/Kharkhiv-UKR in August 2016 (fell in 1r)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Anton Dubrov
- Previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present
- Loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- Has a tiger tattoo on her left arm, which earned her the nickname "The Tiger"
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading; her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"

- Currently coached by Sandra Zaniewska. Previously coached by Andrea Volpini. Consistently works with her mother Talina (a former professional)
- Currently trains in both Monaco and Kiev
- Father is Oleg; has two sisters, Zoryana and Mariya. Began playing tennis at age five
- One of first coaches was her uncle Taras Beyko, a respected player for the USSR and Ukraine in the late 1980s and early 1990s
- Currently managed by former ATP player Ivan Ljubicic
- Favorite shot is her serve