MATCH NOTES

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DAY 3 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 1

	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
Coco Gauff	1-0	2-1 (66.67%)	18-13 (58.06%)
Jessica Pegula	0-1	1-2 (33.33%)	13-18 (41.94%)
Linda Noskova	1-0	2-0 (100%)	12-6 (66.67%)
Marta Kostyuk	0-1	0-2 (0%)	6-12 (33.33%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS – GROUP 1

Noskova advances if she wins in straight sets, with her position in the group to be decided. If Noskova and Kostyuk win, Noskova advances as group winner and Pegula is eliminated. Kostyuk and Gauff would play for second spot on Thursday.

If Gauff and Pegula win, Gauff advances as group winner and Kostyuk is eliminated. Noskova and Pegula would play for second spot Thursday. Kostyuk is eliminated with a straight sets loss.

Any other combination of results will mean qualification comes down to the final matches.

GROUP 2

	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
Siniakova/Townsend	0-1	1-1 (50%)	7-11 (38.89%)
Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez	1-0	2-0 (100%)	12-4 (75%)
Perez/Schuurs	0-1	0-2 (0%)	4-12 (25%)
Errani/Paolini	1-0	1-1 (50%)	11-7 (61.11%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS – GROUP 2

Busca/Melichar-Martinez will advance if they win in straight sets, with their position in the group to be decided. If Busca/Melichar-Martinez and Perez/Schuurs win, Busca/Melichar-Martinez advance as group winners and Siniakova/Townsend are eliminated. Perez/Schuurs and Errani/Paolini would play for second spot on Thursday.

If Errani/Paolini and Siniakova/Townsend win, Errani/Paolini advance as group winners and Perez/Schuurs are eliminated. Busca/Melichar-Martinez and Siniakova/Townsend would play for second spot on Thursday. Perez/Schuurs are eliminated with a straight sets loss.

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[ALT] [9] MARTA KOSTYUK (UKR #10) vs. [5] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #5)

PEGULA LEADS 4-3

[26] Kostyuk d. [5] Pegula 6-1, 6-4 at Madrid 2026 R32
[16] Kostyuk d. [4] Pegula 6-0, 6-3 at Brisbane 2026 SF
[5] Pegula d. [23] Kostyuk 6-3, 6-7(4) 6-1 at Beijing 2025 R16
[4] Pegula d. [23] Kostyuk at Miami 2025 R16
[6] Kostyuk d. [1] Pegula at San Diego 2024 SF
[3] Pegula d. Kostyuk at Australian Open 2023 R32
[7] Pegula d. Kostyuk at Cincinnati 2022 R32

Kostyuk:

- Kostyuk entered the competition as first alternate after the withdrawal of Rybakina
- She is making her WTA Finals debut this year
- Has faced the most Top 10 players this season with a record of 8-8
- Following her first group match loss to Noskova, she is looking to break a five-match losing streak; only once in her career has she had a longer Tour level losing streak (six in a row between Rome and Washington last season)
- Won her only two matches against Pegula this year at Madrid and Brisbane
- She is 14-1 against players from USA this season, with her only loss to Gauff at Cincinnati
- Reached three finals in 2026 with both titles coming on clay – Rouen (WTA 250) and Madrid (first WTA 1000 title); was runner-up at Brisbane and reached the semifinals at a Slam twice (Roland Garros, Wimbledon)
- One of her three career titles was won on hard court: Austin 2023 (d. Gracheva in F)
- Overall won 35 matches in 2026, the most she's won in a season in her career (previous best, 34 in 2024)
- Posted a 16-1 record on clay in 2026 (19-12 on other surfaces); only Andreva (22) had more wins on clay
- Made her Top 10 debut on Sep 14, 2026
- Since 2003 when WTA Finals shifted to current format, alternates to win a match: Marion Bartoli (2007, 2011), Agnieszka Radwanska (2008, 2009) and Kiki Bertens (2019)
- Now owns a 6-11 record against her group – 3-4 vs. Pegula, 2-4 vs. Gauff, 1-3 vs. Noskova
- In each of the last two seasons at least one player who lost their first group match advanced to the semifinals (Zheng and Krejcikova in 2024; Anisimova in 2025)
- Currently No.10, could overtake Iga Swiatek at No.9 with two round robin match wins

Pegula:

- Features at the WTA Finals for a fifth consecutive time, with her best result achieved in 2023 by reaching the final (l. Swiatek in F); she also made semifinal last year (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Fell to Gauff in her opening round robin match and is yet to claim a win this season against opponents in her group (0-6)
- Earned two titles this season by defeating players from Ukraine at Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F) and Dubai (d. Svitolina in F); reached a further three finals at Berlin, Washington DC and Cincinnati
- Her season record against players from Ukraine is 3-2 with both losses to Kostyuk
- At the Grand Slams she reached semifinals at US Open (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Rybakina) and quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Gauff)

- She has the second most Tour level wins this season (50) (level with M.Andreeva prior to her opening WTA Finals match and trailing Rybakina with 54)
- Both Kostyuk and Pegula are looking for their first match win since this year's US Open
- In the 16 events she has appeared in this season, she has lost her opening match on two occasions; at Roland Garros (l. Birrell) and Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Has claimed the most Tour level wins this season on American soil (24)
- Is the oldest player to appear at the WTA Finals since Venus Williams in 2017 (runner up)
- Pegula and Svitolina will be the first pair of players to both appear at the WTA Finals after having turned 32 since Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova in 1988
- Has a record of 7-8 vs. Top 10 players this year with her most recent such win over No.5 Swiatek at Cincinnati
- Seven of her 11 singles titles were won on hard court, most recently Dubai this year
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.3 in October 2022

GROUP 1

[4] COCO GAUFF (USA #4) vs. [8] LINDA NOSKOVA (CZE #8)

GAUFF LEADS 2-1

[13] Noskova d. [3] Gauff 6-4, 1-6, 7-6(5) at Madrid 2026 R16
[7] Gauff d. Noskova 6-4, 6-0 at Cincinnati 2023 R16
[6] Gauff d. Noskova 6-4, 6-3 at Indian Wells 2023 R32

Gauff:

- This is her fifth consecutive appearance at the WTA Finals; she claimed the title in 2024 (d. Q.Zheng in F) and reached semifinal in 2023 (l. Pegula)
- She won her opening group match this week over Pegula and has now won three (2023, 2024, 2026) or her five opening round robin matches at the WTA Finals
- She is the youngest player to appear at the WTA Finals for five consecutive editions since Martina Hingis (1996-2000) and the youngest American since Lindsay Davenport (1994-1998)
- Gauff, Sabalenka and Pegula are the first trio since the round robin format was reintroduced in 2003 to compete in five consecutive editions of the WTA Finals (2022-2026); they are also the first 3+ players to achieve this feat since 1997-2001, when Coetzer, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport, Tauziat and Testud all competed in five consecutive editions
- Having previously won the title indoors, Gauff (Riyadh 2024) and Svitolina (Singapore 2018) are bidding to become the third player since 1972 to win the title both indoors and outdoors, joining S.Williams and Clijsters
- She has faced Noskova on three occasions; Noskova has defeated Gauff in their only meeting this season, on clay at Madrid, but Gauff leads the head-to-head 2-1 after defeating Noskova twice in 2023 (both times on hard court), at Cincinnati and Indian Wells
- Her Cincinnati title was her only this season, with two further finals at WTA 1000 events Miami (l. Sabalenka in F) and Rome (l. Svitolina in F)
- Has won a Tour leading 27 matches at WTA 1000 level this year
- Her best Slam results of the season were semifinals at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muchova) and US Open (l. Rybakina)
- A player from United States of America has competed in 12 of the last 14 WTA Finals
- She is one of two players to win 45+ matches in each of the last four seasons along with Sabalenka

- Her win over No.5 Pegula in her opening match here marked her sixth Top 10 win of the season (now 6-6 vs. Top 10 opponents)
- Following her three-set victory over Pegula in her opening match here, Gauff has now recorded the most three-set wins on Tour in 2026 (19), drawing level with Pegula
- She is 5-3 this season against players from Czech Republic, most recent was her win over Bejlek during title run at Cincinnati
- Ten of her 12 career titles have come on hard court, most recently Cincinnati 2026
- Reached her career high ranking of No.2 in June 2024
- Qualified in doubles for the WTA Finals in 2022 and 2023, both times with Pegula

Noskova:

- Qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time in her career
- Noskova's win over Kostyuk in her opening group match saw her become the third-youngest Czech to claim a victory at the WTA Finals since the event's inception in 1972, older only than Helena Sukova and Petra Kvitova
- Secured two titles this season, both on grass, at Berlin (d. Pegula in F), closely followed by her maiden Grand Slam victory at Wimbledon (d. Muchova in F)
- Alongside her two finals, she also made semifinal at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), which marked her second career WTA 1000 semifinal appearance after achieving R-Up at 2025 Beijing
- Made her Top 10 debut in June this year and hit a peak ranking of No.6 in August
- Her opening win over No.10 Kostyuk marked her fourth Top 10 win of the season on Tour
- Her record this season against players from the USA stands at 6-2, most recently defeating Ann Li at US Open
- She is second only to Rybakina (438) for number of aces hit this season (349)
- Two Czech players (Noskova and Muchova) are appearing at the WTA Finals for the first time since 2021 (Karolina Pliskova and Barbora Krejcikova)
- The WTA Finals has been won by a player from Czech Republic on two occasions: Petra Kvitova in 2011 and Jana Novotna in 1997
- One of her three career titles was achieved on hard court at Monterrey in 2024 (d. Sun in F)

GROUP 2

[2] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #1) / TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #2)

vs.

[6] ELLEN PEREZ (AUS #20) / DEMI SCHUURS (NED #21)

SINIAKOVA/TOWNSEND LEAD 2-0

[3] Siniakova/Townsend d. [8] Perez/Schuurs 6-4, 6-4 at Indian Wells 2026 QF
[2] Siniakova/Townsend d. [8] Perez/Schuurs 7-5, 6-0 at Rome 2026 QF

Siniakova/Townsend:

- Siniakova and Townsend defeated Perez/Schuurs in both their previous meetings which were both WTA 1000 quarterfinals this year (Indian Wells and Rome)
- They posted their first team career loss to Errani/Paolini in their opening group match
- The team are making their third appearance at the WTA Finals and made the final in 2024 (l. Dabrowski/Routliffe) and SF last year (l. eventual champions Kudermetova/Mertens)

- The pair have earned a total of 8 doubles titles in their career including the US Open this year when they completed the career Grand Slam as a team
- Also this year, they earned titles together at Roland Garros, Madrid, Miami and Indian Wells
- This is their first tournament together since capturing the US Open title this year, and Townsend's first doubles appearance since then; following the US Open, Siniakova reached back-to-back doubles finals, finishing runner-up at Beijing (w/Zhang) and Wuhan (w/Hunter)
- Each of Townsend's two previous appearances at the WTA Finals were with Siniakova, while this is Siniakova's 8th WTA Finals appearance; she previously teamed up with Barbora Krejcikova five times: 2018 (R-Up), 2019 (RR), 2021 (Won), 2022 (R-Up) and 2023 (RR)
- Among this year's doubles field, Siniakova is tied with Gabriela Dabrowski and Elise Mertens for most WTA Finals appearances
- Both Siniakova and Townsend have spent time as the doubles World No.1 in their careers; Siniakova regained her No.1 doubles ranking on May 4, 2026 and has now spent a total of 208 weeks in the top position (as of November 9, 2026) - she has spent the second most number of weeks as No.1 in doubles history, trailing only Martina Navratilova (237)
- Townsend rose to the No.1 doubles ranking for the first time last season, spending a total of 8 weeks there beginning July 28, 2025
- Siniakova has earned 39 doubles titles over her career including 12 Grand Slams (3x Australian Open, 3x Wimbledon, 4x Roland Garros, 2x US Open) and reached three additional Grand Slam doubles finals, finishing runner-up at 2025 US Open (w/Townsend), 2021 Australian Open (w/Krejcikova) and 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka)
- Siniakova is also a mixed doubles Grand Slam champion, winning 2025 Wimbledon with Sam Verbeek (d. Salisbury/Stefani in F)
- At the Olympics, Siniakova is a two-time doubles gold medallist, winning the mixed doubles trophy with Tomas Machac at Paris 2024 (d. China's Wang/Zhang in F) and the women's doubles trophy at Tokyo 2020 with Barbora Krejcikova (d. Bencic/Golubic in F)
- In 2026 Siniakova has captured seven doubles titles, the most of any player this season
- Townsend owns 17 career doubles titles, with both of her Grand Slam doubles titles coming with Siniakova – Australian Open 2025, Wimbledon 2024; she has reached three additional Grand Slam doubles finals in her career, finishing runner-up at 2025 US Open (w/Siniakova), 2023 Roland Garros (w/Fernandez) and 2022 US Open (w/McNally)
- Townsend won a total of six doubles titles in 2026 – including two Grand Slam titles at US Open and Roland Garros (both w/Siniakova), three WTA 1000 titles at Madrid, Miami, Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova) and a WTA 250 trophy at Austin (w/Hunter)

Perez/Schuurs:

- After teaming up for the first time at the start of this season, Perez and Schuurs are now making their WTA Finals debut together
- The team fell in their opening group match this year to Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez
- The pair has 8 previous WTA Finals appearances between them
- Perez is making her third WTA Finals appearance after reaching the final in 2023 and semifinal in 2024 (both w/Melichar-Martinez)

- Schuurs is making her seventh WTA Finals appearance, reaching the semifinals in 2019 (w/Groenefeld), 2021 (w/Melichar-Martinez) and 2022 (w/Krawczyk); she has now qualified for this tournament with six different partners
- Their top result since pairing up was on grass at Bad Homburg this year when they made the final (l. Sutjiadi/Zvonareva in F)
- Other top team results include SF showings at Adelaide and Stuttgart, as well as Grand Slam QFs at Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- They have reached quarterfinals or better in 13 of their 22 team appearances this year
- Perez has won 8 career Tour-level doubles titles (most recently 2025 Abu Dhabi w/Ostapenko) and holds a career-high doubles ranking of No.7 (Apr. 22, 2024)
- The best tournament finishes in 2026 for Perez, are R-Up showings at Bad Homburg (w/Schuurs) and Brisbane (w/Bucsa)
- Schuurs has won 21 Tour-level doubles titles in her career (most recently 2025 London w/Muhammad) and holds a career-high doubles ranking of No.7 (Oct. 22, 2018)
- Schuurs best result of the year was her final run with Perez at Bad Homburg

GROUP 2

[4] CRISTINA BUCSA (ESP #11) / NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ (USA #8)

vs.

[8] SARA ERRANI (ITA #12) / JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #25)

TIED 1-1

[1] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez d. Errani/Paolini 7-5, 6-3 at Ningbo 2026 R16
[1] Errani/Paolini d. [7] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez 6-2, 1-6, 10-3 at Doha 2026 QF

Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez:

- The team of Bucsa and Melichar-Martinez are making their debut at the WTA Finals this year
- They defeated Perez/Schuurs in straight sets in their opening group match this week, increasing their 2026 team record to 26-14
- The pair has faced Errani/Paolini twice this season; both meetings were on hard court, with Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez winning their most recent encounter during their run to the final at WTA 500 Ningbo last month
- Bucsa is featuring in her first WTA Finals, while Melichar-Martinez is appearing for a fifth time after she reached the final in 2023 (w/Perez, l. Zvonareva/Siegemund in F), made semifinals in 2024 (w/Perez) and 2021 (w/Schuurs) and fell in the opening round on her tournament debut in 2018 (w/Peschke)
- The team paired up last season at 2025 Washington DC and have since won two titles together, at Guadalajara this year (d. Kobori/Plipuech in F) and Monterrey in 2025 (d. Guo/Panova in F)
- They have made further finals as a team at Ningbo (l. Krawczyk/Stollar in F) and Rome (l. Andreeva/Shnaider in F) this season, as well as semifinals at Indian Wells and Wuhan
- Their strongest Grand Slam result as a pair was quarterfinal at US Open this year
- Melichar-Martinez has earned 20 doubles titles over her career including two this year; Guadalajara (w/Bucsa) and Stuttgart (w/Samsonova)
- Bucsa has a total of 9 career doubles titles, also earning two this year at Guadalajara (w/Melichar-Martinez) and Merida (w/Jiang); at Merida, she swept both the singles and doubles titles to become one of two players to take both titles at the same event in 2026 along with Noskova at Berlin

- Bucsa posted her new career-high ranking of No.11 on November 2, 2026
- Melichar-Martinez has reached two Grand Slam women's doubles finals in her career, finishing runner-up at 2020 US Open with Xu Yifan (l. Siegemund/Zvonareva in F) and 2018 Wimbledon with Kveta Peschke (l. Siniakova/Krejcikova in F)
- Melichar-Martinez is also a mixed doubles Grand Slam champion, winning 2018 Wimbledon with Alexander Peya (d. Murray/Azarenka in F)
- Melichar-Martinez reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.6 in July 2023

Errani/Paolini:

- This is the Italian duos third straight year of qualifying for the WTA Finals as a team – they went 1-2 in the group stage in both 2024 and 2025
- Secured their first victory over Siniakova/Townsend in their opening group match, having previously held a 0-2 record against the Czech-American pairing
- Looking for their second career win over Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez after defeating them at Doha earlier this season
- The Italians teamed up for the first time at Billie Jean King Cup in 2019 and their second appearance as a team was at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics
- Overall, they have won 10 Tour-level titles as a team, including 2025 Roland Garros and the 2024 Olympic gold medal (staged at Roland Garros)
- In 2026, they became the final team to qualify for the WTA Finals by winning their first team title of the year at Tokyo (d. Dabrowski/Stefani in F)
- Their other notable team results this year include R-Up at WTA 1000 Miami (l. Siniakova/Townsend in F), as well as SFs at WTA 1000 events in Doha, Indian Wells and Wuhan
- Errani is making her sixth appearance at the WTA Finals; before her appearances with Paolini, Errani qualified three times in a row with Roberta Vinci during single-elimination draw years (2012-14), losing their opening match each time
- Errani is a former WTA Doubles World No.1, reaching that ranking for the first time on September 10, 2012. She spent a total of 87 weeks in the doubles top spot
- Errani has won a total of 37 career Tour level doubles titles, including Tokyo this year (w/Paolini)
- Errani has won 10 Grand Slam titles: 6 in women's doubles (2013-2014 Australian Open, 2012 and 2025 Roland Garros, 2014 Wimbledon and 2012 US Open) and 4 in mixed doubles (2025-2026 Roland Garros and 2024-2025 US Open)
- Errani is one of seven women to have won the career Golden Slam in women's doubles (all four Grand Slam titles and the Olympic gold medal)
- Along with her Tokyo title this year (w/Paolini), Errani reached three other finals in 2026, at Toronto, Berlin (both w/Melichar-Martinez) and Miami (w/Paolini)
- This is Paolini's third appearance at the WTA Finals after her group-stage performances with Errani in the last two seasons
- Paolini has won 11 career Tour-level doubles titles – 10 with Errani and one with Jil Teichmann (2021 Hamburg)
- In 2025, Paolini became the first woman to sweep the Rome singles and doubles titles since Monica Seles in 1990
- Paolini owns one Grand Slam title in women's doubles (2025 Roland Garros w/Errani), and holds a career-high doubles ranking of No.3 (Oct. 27, 2025)