MATCH NOTES

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DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 2

	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
Aryna Sabalenka	1-0	2-0 (100%)	14-11 (56%)
Mirra Andreeva	1-0	2-0 (100%)	12-4 (75%)
Elina Svitolina	0-1	0-2 (0%)	4-12 (25%)
Karolina Muchova	0-1	0-2 (0%)	11-14 (44%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS – GROUP 1

If Sabalenka and Muchova win, Sabalenka advances as group winner, Svitolina is eliminated. Muchova and Andreeva would play for the No.2 spot on Friday. If Sabalenka wins in straight sets and Svitolina wins in three sets, Sabalenka advances with her position to be decided.

If Andreeva and Svitolina win, Andreeva advances as group winner. Muchova is eliminated, and Svitolina and Sabalenka will play for the No.2 spot on Friday. If Andreeva wins in straight sets and Muchova wins in three sets, Andreeva advances with her position to be decided.

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

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	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
Dabrowski/Stefani	1-0	2-0 (100%)	13-9 (59.09%)
Guo/Mladenovic	1-0	2-1 (66.7%)	10-7 (58.82%)
Hsieh/Ostapenko	0-1	1-2 (33.3%)	7-10 (41.18%)
Mertens/Zhang	0-1	0-2 (0%)	9-13 (40.91%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS – GROUP 2

Dabrowski/Stefani advance if they win in straight sets with their position to be decided. If Dabrowski/Stefani and Mertens/Zhang win, Dabrowski/Stefani advance as group winners and Hsieh/Ostapenko are eliminated. Mertens/Zhang and Guo/Mladenovic would play for second spot on Friday.

If Guo/Mladenovic and Hsieh/Ostapenko win, Guo/Mladenovic advance as group winners and Mertens/Zhang are eliminated. Dabrowski/Stefani and Hsieh/Ostapenko would play for second spot on Friday. Mertens/Zhang are eliminated with a straight sets loss.

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[6] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) vs. [7] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #7)

SVITOLINA LEADS 3-1
[7] Muchova d. [4] Svitolina 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 at Stuttgart 2026 SF
[22] Svitolina d. [15] Muchova 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 at Miami 2025 R32
[8] Svitolina d. Muchova 7-5, 6-4 at Wimbledon 2019 QF
[4] Svitolina d. Muchova 6-4, 6-2 at Doha 2019 QF

Svitolina:
- Making her fourth career appearance at the WTA Finals and her first since 2019, she reached back-to-back finals in 2018 and 2019, capturing the title in 2018 (d. Stephens in F) before finishing R-Up in 2019 (l. Barty)
- Fell in her opening group match this year to M.Andreeva and is now 2-2 in opening matches at the WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki in 2017; d. Kvitova in 2018 and Ka.Pliskova in 2019)
- Has defeated Muchova on three occasions and also won their only two meetings on hard court (Miami 2025 & Doha 2019)
- On her debut appearance in 2017, she became the first Ukrainian player since the inception of the event in 1972 to appear at the WTA Finals
- Looking to claim her ninth win against a Top 10 opponent in 2026; her other most successful seasons against Top 10 players in Tour matches was 2017 (10) and 2018 (9)
- She is one of two players in this year's eight-player field to have previously won the WTA Finals, alongside Coco Gauff, who lifted the trophy in 2024
- Pegula and Svitolina are the first pair of players to both appear at the WTA Finals after having turned 32 since Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova in 1988
- Having previously won the title indoors, Svitolina (Singapore 2018) and Gauff (Riyadh 2024) are bidding to become the third player since 1972 to win the title both indoors and outdoors, joining Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters
- Opened the 2026 season by capturing her 19th career Tour-level title at Auckland (d. Wang Xinyu in F); went on to claim her second title of the season and 20th career title at Rome during the clay court swing (d. Gauff in F), securing her fifth career WTA 1000 crown
- Finished runner-up at Dubai (l. Pegula) and reached four further semifinals at the Australian Open, Indian Wells, Stuttgart and Toronto
- Her run to the Australian Open semifinals marked her first at the tournament, having fallen in the quarterfinals on three previous occasions, and her fourth career Grand Slam semifinal overall
- This year she returned to the Top 10 of the PIF WTA Rankings for the first time since October 2021
- 12 of her 20 career WTA titles have come on hard court; most recently Auckland this year

Muchova:
- Making her WTA Finals after qualifying in 2023 but withdrew due to injury
- Fell in her opening group match this year to Sabalenka
- Faces Svitolina for the fifth time in her career; she took the win at their most recent encounter at Stuttgart on clay this year
- She has reached four finals across all three surfaces this season, winning titles at Bad Homburg (d. Osaka via ret.) and Doha (d. Mboko in F) and runner-up at Wimbledon (l. Noskova in F) and Stuttgart (l. Rybakina in F)
- Alongside her four finals, she also made semifinals at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff) and Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)

- Her 41 Tour match wins this year is the most she has achieved in a single season (previous best was 36 wins in 2023)
- Reached a career high ranking of No.6 in July 2026
- 2026 has been her most successful season against Top 10 players with six wins, surpassing her 2023 result of five Top 10 wins
- Looking to become the first player to win her maiden WTA Finals match after having turned 30 since Flavia Pennetta in 2015
- Has not lost three Tour matches in a row since 2022 between US Open and Roland Garros (she lost her two last matches in R16 at Wuhan and her opening WTA Finals match)
- Owns a career record of 6-3 against players from Ukraine with all three losses to Svitolina
- Two of her three career titles were won on hard court; Doha 2026 & Seoul 2019

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[2] ARYNA SABALENKA (#2) vs. [3] MIRRA ANDREEVA (#3)

SABALENKA LEADS 4-2

[9] Andreeva d. [1] Sabalenka 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 at Indian Wells 2025 Final
[1] Sabalenka d. [14] Andreeva 6-1, 6-2 at Australian Open 2025 R16
[1] Sabalenka d. [8] Andreeva 6-3, 6-2 at Brisbane 2025 SF
Andreeva d. [2] Sabalenka 6-7(5), 6-4, 6-4 at Roland Garros 2024 QF
[2] Sabalenka d. Andreeva 6-1, 6-4 at Madrid 2024 QF
[2] Sabalenka d. Andreeva 6-3, 6-1 at Madrid 2023 R16

Sabalenka:

- This is her sixth consecutive appearance at the WTA Finals (2021-2026) and she has reached the final twice; in 2025 (I. Rybakina) and in 2022 (I. Garcia)
- She also reached the semifinals in 2024 (I. Gauff) and 2023 (I. Swiatek)
- Her opening group match win over Muchova this week saw her claim a 13th career win at the WTA Finals; she now equals Mary Pierce for the most wins at the event as a non-champion since its inception in 1972
- This is her first match of the season against M. Andreeva; she owns four wins against the teenager with two of those on hard court (Australian Open 2025 & Brisbane 2025)
- She is the first player to appear at the WTA Finals for six consecutive editions (2021-2026) since Agnieszka Radwanska (2011-2016) and the first to make their first six appearances at the event consecutively since Elena Dementieva (2000-2005)
- She is looking to become the fourth player since 1972 to reach SF at the WTA Finals in five consecutive years, joining Gabriela Sabatini, Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf
- Seeking her 14th career match win at the WTA Finals today; since the round robin format introduction in 2003, only Serena Williams (23) and Maria Sharapova (21) have claimed more
- She has hit 1665 winners at Tour-level in 2026, only Elena Rybakina (1775) has hit more this season
- Owns the most wins in straight sets of any player this season (43)
- She is undefeated at the WTA Finals after claiming the opening set (11-0)
- Since 1972, Navratilova has appeared in (73) and won the most matches (60) of any player at the WTA Finals, while Sabalenka has appeared in (22) and won (13), the most of players featuring this year
- This year, she became the fifth player to complete the Sunshine Double (Indian Wells and Miami) since 1989 after Steffi Graf (1994 and 1996), Kim Clijsters (2005), Victoria Azarenka (2016) and Iga Swiatek (2022)

- She claimed three titles this season (Indian Wells, Miami, Brisbane) and reached a further two finals at US Open and Australian Open to earn the most Grand Slam match wins of any player this year (19)
- Holds an 8-3 record against Top 10 players this season falling to Rybakina in the finals at US Open and Australian Open and to Pegula at Berlin
- Currently ranked No.2 after Rybakina took over the No.1 position on September 14, 2026; Sabalenka had been ranked No.1 for 99 consecutive weeks and 107 weeks in total
- Qualified for the WTA Finals in doubles with Elise Mertens in 2019

Andreeva:

- Making her tournament debut in singles (was a singles alternate last year but did not play); qualified in doubles last year w/Shnaider
- Her win over Svitolina in her opening match this week saw her become the seventh teenager to win a WTA Finals match since the current round robin format was reintroduced in 2003, joining Maria Sharapova, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Ana Ivanovic, Agnieszka Radwanska, Caroline Wozniacki and Coco Gauff
- She faces Sabalenka today for the 7th time in her career, winning their most recent encounter at the Indian Wells final last year
- Four players (Kostyuk, Andreeva, Noskova and Muchova) are making their debut at the WTA Finals in the same edition of the event for the first time since 2022 (Pegula, Jabeur, Gauff and Kasatkina)
- Born in 2007, she is the first player born after 2005 to claim a WTA Finals match win
- She is looking to become the fifth teenager since 2003 to reach semifinals at the WTA Finals after Sharapova, Ivanovic, Wozniacki and Gauff
- Won three titles in 2026, including her first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros (d. qualifier Chwalinska in F), becoming the youngest Roland Garros champion since Monica Seles in 1992
- Her other 2026 titles came at WTA 500 events Adelaide (d. Mboko in F) and Linz (d. Potapova in F) and she finished runner-up at WTA 1000 events Madrid (l. Kostyuk) and Beijing (l. Q.Zheng)
- She has won 51 Tour-level matches this year - she is the youngest player to claim 50+ Tour-level wins in a year since Wozniacki won 68 in 2009
- Only Elena Rybakina (54) has claimed more Tour-level wins than Andreeva (51) this season
- She has recorded the second-most straight-sets wins on Tour this season (38), trailing only Sabalenka (43)
- She leads all players in clay court Tour-level match wins this year (22), which includes two title runs at Roland Garros and Linz, and R-Up at Madrid
- Alongside her Roland Garros title, her other Grand Slam results this season include a R16 appearance at Australian Open (l. Svitolina), R64 at Wimbledon (l. Krejcikova) and a career-first US Open QF (l. Gauff)
- Three of her six career titles have come on hard court, winning 2026 Adelaide (d. Mboko in F), 2025 Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2025 Dubai (d. Tauson in F)
- She holds a 2-5 record against Top 10 opponents this season, with her wins coming against No.6 Svitolina in her opening match here and No.4 Swiatek at Stuttgart
- Currently ranked at a new career-high of No.3 (reached October 12, 2026); she is the youngest player to enter the Top 3 since Maria Sharapova in 2005
- Also picked up her third career WTA doubles title this year, triumphing at WTA 1000 Rome alongside Shnaider (all of her 3 Tour-level doubles titles and 2 Tour-level doubles R-Ups have been with Shnaider)

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[1] GABRIELA DABROWSKI (CAN #3) / LUISA STEFANI (BRA #3)

vs.

[3] GUO HANYU (CHN #14) / KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #9)

GUO/MLADENOVIC LEAD 1-0

[10] Guo/Mladenovic d. [2] Dabrowski/Stefani 6-3, 7-5 at Wimbledon 2026 Final

Dabrowski/Stefani:

- The team are making their first appearance as a pair at the WTA Finals and earned their opening group win this week over Mertens/Zhang
- Today they face Guo/Mladenovic in a rematch of this year's Wimbledon final where Dabrowski/Stefani finished runner-up
- In 2026 the team has reached a total of eight finals and Guo/Mladenovic are one of the two teams to defeat them in a final this year (Wimbledon); Errani/Paolini defeated Dabrowski/Stefani in the Tokyo final
- This is Dabrowski's 8th appearance at the WTA Finals; she qualified three times with Xu Yifan (2017-19) and once more with Giuliana Olmos (2022), but her first trip to the semis and beyond came with Erin Routliffe in 2023
- Dabrowski won the WTA Finals trophy in 2024 with Routliffe, defeating Siniakova/Townsend in the final; also made SF in 2023 with Routliffe (l. Melichar-Martinez/Perez)
- Among this year's doubles field, Dabrowski is tied with Siniakova and Mertens for most WTA Finals appearances
- Stefani qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time in her career last year and went on to reach the final with Timea Babos (l. Mertens/Kudermetova in F)
- The pair have earned a total of 8 doubles titles in their career (six on hard court, one on clay, one on grass), including four WTA 1000 trophies (Wuhan, Beijing, Dubai in 2026 & Montreal in 2021)
- They have reached five additional Tour-level finals together in their careers, including one Grand Slam final at 2026 Wimbledon (l. Mladenovic/Guo in F)
- This season, they have won six titles together across all three surfaces including three WTA 1000 titles at Wuhan, Beijing, Dubai, one WTA 500 title at Strasbourg, and two WTA 250 trophies at Eastbourne and Sao Paulo
- Other top team results for 2026 included reaching the finals at Tokyo and Wimbledon and semifinals at Australian Open, Doha, Miami, Roland Garros and US Open
- Dabrowski has earned 26 women's doubles titles over her career including 2 Grand Slam women's doubles titles at 2025 US Open and 2023 US Open (both w/Routliffe); she has reached three additional Grand Slam women's doubles finals in her career, all at Wimbledon in 2026 (w/Stefani), 2024 (w/Routliffe) and 2019 (w/Xu)
- In mixed doubles, Dabrowski is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning titles at 2018 Australian Open with Mate Pavic (d. Babos/Bopanna in F) and 2017 Roland Garros with Rohan Bopanna (d. Gronefeld/Farah in F); she has also finished runner up three times in the Roland Garros mixed doubles event – in 2026 with Evan King (l. Errani/Vavassori in F), and 2018/2019 with Mate Pavic (l. Chan/Dodig in both finals)
- At the Olympics, Dabrowski won bronze in the mixed doubles at the 2024 Paris Olympics with Felix Auger-Aliassime (d. Dutch pair Schuurs/Koolhof in the bronze medal match)

- Dabrowski currently shares the No.3 doubles ranking with Stefani; she reached a career-high ranking of No.2 in February earlier this season
- Stefani owns 19 career doubles titles, including 4 WTA 1000 trophies (all w/Dabrowski); she has reached one Grand Slam women's doubles final in her career, at 2026 Wimbledon (w/Dabrowski, l. Mladenovic/Guo in F)
- Stefani is a Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, winning 2023 Australian with Rafael Matos (d. Mirza/Bopanna in F); she also reached the mixed doubles final at 2025 Wimbledon with Joe Salisbury (l. Siniakova/Verbeek in F)
- Stefani is currently ranked at a new career-high in doubles at No.3 (first achieved in September this year)

Guo/Mladenovic:

- The team of Guo and Mladenovic are making their debut at the WTA Finals this year and secured their first group win this week over Hsieh/Ostapenko
- They meet Dabrowski/Stefani for the second time in their career after defeating the pair in the Wimbledon final this year to claim their first Grand Slam title as a team
- Guo is making her WTA Finals debut whilst Mladenovic makes her fifth appearance
- Mladenovic won back-to-back WTA Finals titles, both with Timea Babos, in 2018 (d. Siniakova/Krejcikova in F), and 2019 (d. Hsieh/Strycova in F); she also reached semifinal in 2016 (w/Garcia, l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova), and fell in the round robin stage on her debut in 2015 (w/Babos)
- Since pairing up at the start of the 2026 season, the team has reached two finals together, winning both titles this season at Auckland (d. Xu/Yang in F) and Wimbledon (d. Dabrowski/Stefani in F)
- Other highlights as a pair include SFs at London and Ningbo, as well as QFs at Indian Wells, Roland Garros, Cincinnati and Wuhan
- This season, they have reached the QF or beyond in eight of the 12 events they have contested together
- Guo has earned seven doubles titles over her career including one Grand Slam title at 2026 Wimbledon with Mladenovic (d. Dabrowski/Stefani in F)
- Guo captured two titles this year (both w/Mladenovic) – she only played with Mladenovic this season
- Currently ranked No.14 in doubles, Guo reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.9 after lifting the Wimbledon trophy in July of this year
- Mladenovic owns 31 career doubles titles, including seven Grand Slam titles (two Australian Open titles, four Roland Garros trophies and one Wimbledon crown)
- Mladenovic has reached an additional five Grand Slam women's doubles finals, finishing runner-up at 2024 US Open (w/Zhang), 2019 Australian Open (w/Babos), 2018 US Open (w/Babos), 2016 US Open (w/Garcia) and 2014 Wimbledon (w/Babos)
- Mladenovic captured two titles this year (both w/Guo) and has made three additional Tour-level semifinals, at Madrid (w/Krunic) and London and Ningbo (both w/Guo)
- Mladenovic is a three-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, winning 2022 Australian with Ivan Dodig (d. Fourlis/Kubler in F), 2014 Australian Open with Daniel Nestor (d. Mirza/Tecau in F), and 2013 Wimbledon with Daniel Nestor (d. Raymond/Soares in F)
- In singles, Mladenovic owns one career Tour-level title, winning 2017 St. Petersburg (d. Putintseva in F); she broke into the Top 10 singles rankings in October 2017

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[5] HSIEH SU-WEI (TPE #13) / JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #15)
vs.
[7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #10) / ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #5)

FIRST MEETING

Hsieh/Ostapenko:

- The team are making their second appearance as a pair at the WTA Finals, after reaching the semifinals last year (l. Babos/Stefani)
- Hsieh/Ostapenko fell in their opening WTA Finals group match for the first time (l. Guo/Mladenovic); in 2025 they went 3-0 in the group stage to reach the semifinal
- Hsieh is making her seventh WTA Finals appearance and has reached the final four times, including winning the title in 2013 (w/Peng); she finished runner-up in 2021 (w/Mertens), 2019 (w/Strycova) and 2014 (w/Peng), and also made semifinals last year (w/Ostapenko)
- Ostapenko is making her fourth WTA Finals appearance and has twice been a semifinalist, in 2022 (w/L. Kichenok) and 2025 (w/Hsieh); she lost in the group stage in 2024 (w/L.Kichenok)
- The pair teamed up at the start of the 2025 season and reached the final at the Australian Open (l. Siniakova/Townsend in F) in their second tournament together; they also made the Wimbledon final last year
- This season, they opened the year with a title run at Brisbane (d. Bucsa/Perez in F) and also reached the final at WTA 1000 Doha (l. Danilina/Krunic in F)
- Other top team results in 2026 include SFs at WTA 1000 events in Toronto and Cincinnati, as well as Grand Slam QFs at Australian Open and US Open
- Overall, they have won one team title (2026 Brisbane) and have reached four additional team finals, including two Grand Slam R-Ups at 2025 Australian Open and 2025 Wimbledon (l. V.Kudermetova/Mertens in F)
- They have played 9 events together in 2026 and have reached QF or better at all of them
- Hsieh has won a total of 36 career Tour-level doubles titles (one this year, her Brisbane title with Ostapenko)
- Hsieh spent a total of 54 weeks in her career as WTA Doubles World No.1 – she first reached the World No.1 ranking on May 12, 2014
- Hsieh is a 9-time doubles Grand Slam champion, winning seven women's doubles titles (Wimbledon 2013, 2019, 2021, 2023; Roland Garros 2014, 2023; Australian Open 2024) and 2 mixed doubles titles (Australian Open and Wimbledon 2024)
- Ostapenko has won 12 Tour-level doubles titles in her career (including Brisbane this season with Hsieh) and holds a career-high doubles ranking of No.3 (July 14, 2025)
- Ostapenko also made one other doubles final this season, finishing as Stuttgart R-Up (w/Zhang Shuai)
- Ostapenko has won one Grand Slam title in each discipline: singles (2017 Roland Garros), women's doubles (2024 US Open w/L. Kichenok) and mixed doubles (2026 Wimbledon w/Arevalo)

Mertens/Zhang:

- The team are making their first appearance as a pair at the WTA Finals
- They fell in their opening group match this week against Dabrowski/Stefani in the first career meeting between the two teams
- Mertens is making her eighth WTA Finals appearance; she has qualified for this event with six different partners, including with Hsieh in 2021 (reached final) and 2024 (group stage)
- Mertens has won this title twice, both times partnering Veronika Kudermetova, in 2022 (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and last year (d. Babos/Stefani in F); she also finished runner-up in 2021 (w/Hsieh; l. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and made SF in 2023 (w/Hunter)
- This is Zhang's third appearance at the WTA Finals after qualifying twice with Samantha Stosur; she made SF on her WTA Finals debut in 2019 and fell in the group stage in 2021
- Mertens and Zhang teamed up for the first time at 2019 Mallorca, reaching QF (l. Bencic/Kuzmova)
- They did not pair up again until 2022 and in their second and third team events, they made back-to-back finals on grass at 2022 Birmingham (l. Kichenok/Ostapenko via w/o) and 2022 Wimbledon (l. Krejcikova/Siniakova)
- Their third team final and first team title came this year when they claimed a Grand Slam trophy at the 2026 Australian Open (d. Danilina/Krunic in F); other top results in 2026 were SF at WTA 1000 Miami and QF at Berlin
- This is their first event as a pairing since 2r finish at 2026 Wimbledon (l. Hsieh/Wang)
- Mertens has won 24 career doubles titles, including 6 Grand Slam titles in women's doubles (2019 US Open; 2021 and 2025 Wimbledon; 2021, 2024 and 2026 Australian Open); her one title (and final) of this year was the Australian Open with Zhang
- Mertens is a former WTA Doubles World No.1; she reached the top ranking for the first time on May 10, 2021 and held the top spot for a total of 52 weeks (as recently as May 3 of this year)
- Zhang has won 19 career Tour-level doubles titles and reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.2 in July 2022
- Three of Zhang's doubles titles are Grand Slams: 2019 Australian Open, 2021 US Open (both w/Stosur) and 2026 Australian Open (w/Mertens)
- Zhang has won 4 doubles titles this year with 3 different partners: Australian Open w/Mertens, Linz w/Cirstea, and Toronto and Adelaide w/Siniakova