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DAY 5 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – ROUND ROBIN

GROUP 1

	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
q-Linda Noskova	2-0	4-0 (100%)	24-12 (66.7%)
Jessica Pegula	1-1	3-2 (60.0%)	26-25 (51.0%)
Coco Gauff	1-1	2-3 (40.0%)	24-25 (49.0%)
x-Marta Kostyuk	0-2	0-4 (00.0%)	13-25 (34.2%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS FOR THURSDAY – SINGLES GROUP 1

Noskova will advance out of the round robin stage with seeding to be determined by today's results.

Gauff and Pegula will compete for the other advancement position.

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GROUP 2

	W-L	SETS W-L	GAMES W-L
q-Errani/Paolini	2-0	4-2 (66.7%)	21-15 (58.3%)
Siniakova/Townsend	1-1	3-2 (60.0%)	20-20 (50.0%)
Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez	1-1	3-2 (60.0%)	20-14 (58.8%)
x-Perez/Schuurs	0-2	0-4 (00.0%)	13-25 (34.2%)

ADVANCEMENT SCENARIOS FOR THURSDAY – DOUBLES GROUP 2

Errani & Paolini will advance as group winner and Perez & Schuurs cannot advance.

Bucsa & Melichar-Martinez and Siniakova & Townsend will play for second in the group.

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[ALT] [9] MARTA KOSTYUK (UKR #10) vs. [4] COCO GAUFF (USA #4)

GAUFF LEADS 4-2

[4] Gauff d. [10] Kostyuk 6-2, 6-2 at Cincinnati 2026 QF
Kostyuk d. [3] Gauff 6-2, 7-5 at Doha 2025 R32
[4] Gauff d. [13] Kostyuk 6-4, 6-1 at Wuhan 2024 R16
Kostyuk d. [3] Gauff 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(6) at Stuttgart 2024 QF
[4] Gauff d. Kostyuk 7-6(6) 6-7(3), 6-2 at Australian Open 2024 QF
[3] Gauff d. Kostyuk 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 at Adelaide 2022 R16

Kostyuk:

- Kostyuk is making her WTA Finals debut this year after entering the competition as first alternate following the withdrawal of Rybakina
- After falling in her first two group matches to Noskova and Pegula, she can no longer progress to the semifinals
- Has faced the most Top 10 players this season with a record of 8-9; she has lost her four most recent such meetings, last winning over No.5 M.Andreeva at Cincinnati
- Owns two career wins over Gauff with one of those achieved on hard court at Doha last year
- Has hit 11 aces so far at the WTA Finals in Indian Wells; among Group 1 players, only Gauff has more with 12
- Following her two group losses, she is now on a six-match losing streak; only once in her career has she had such losing streak on Tour (six in a row between Rome and Washington last season)
- She is now 14-2 against players from USA this season, with her only losses to Gauff at Cincinnati and Pegula in her previous WTA Finals match
- 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 (19-13 on other surfaces); only Andreva (22) had more wins on clay
- Since making her Top 10 debut on Sep 14, 2026, she has remained at her career-high ranking of No.10
- 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 6-12 record against her group – 3-5 vs. Pegula, 2-4 vs. Gauff, 1-3 vs. Noskova

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)
- Won her opening group match over Pegula in the longest Group 1 match so far (2hr 39min), before falling to Noskova
- If both Gauff and Noskova win their matches today, Gauff will progress to the semifinals
- Looking to become the youngest player to reach her third semifinal at the WTA Finals (2023, 2024 and 2026) since Maria Sharapova (2004, 2005 and 2006)
- 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)
- This is her seventh career meeting with Kostyuk, with Gauff earning the most recent win at Cincinnati this year; Gauff also leads their overall tally on hard court 4-1 (Kostyuk won their only meeting on clay at 2024 Stuttgart)

- 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 6-7 vs. Top 10 opponents)
- Her record against players from Ukraine this season is 1-3, earning one win over Kostyuk (Cincinnati) and three losses to Svitolina (Rome, Dubai, Australian Open)
- Ten of her 12 career titles have come on hard court, most recently Cincinnati 2026
- Since making her Top 10 debut in September 2022, she has remained in the Top 10 and reached a peak ranking of No.2 in June 2024 for the first time
- She has spent a total of 7 weeks in her career as doubles World No.1 (most recently October 2023) and qualified in doubles for the WTA Finals in 2022 and 2023, both times with Pegula

GROUP 1

[5] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #5) vs. [8] LINDA NOSKOVA (CZE #8)

NOSKOVA LEADS 3-1

[8] Noskova d. [3] Pegula 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 at Berlin 2026 Final
[26] Noskova d. [5] Pegula 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(6) at Beijing 2025 SF
[1] Pegula d. Noskova 6-7(2), 7-5, 6-1 at Bad Homburg 2025 SF
Noskova d. [5] Pegula 6-3, 7-6(8) at Dubai 2025 R16

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)
- Lost to Gauff in her opening round robin match before defeating Kostyuk to record her first win against a fellow Group 1 member this season (now 1-6 against players in her group in 2026)
- If Pegula wins today, she will secure a place in the semifinals; she can also advance if Noskova and Kostyuk both win
- Has defeated Noskova once before in her career, during her title run on grass at 2025 Bad Homburg
- Earned two titles this season, 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 Czech Republic is 2-1 with all three meetings coming on grass; her wins came over Vidmanova at Wimbledon and Siniakova at Berlin, while her loss came against eventual champion Noskova at Berlin
- 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 won 51 matches this season, her career-best single season total came in 2023, when she recorded 57 wins (second-most on Tour that year, behind Swiatek's 68)

- Her win over Kostyuk in her previous match marked her first match win since this year's US Open
- Has claimed the most Tour level wins this season on American soil (25)
- Is the oldest player to appear at the WTA Finals since Venus Williams in 2017 (runner up)
- 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
- She has claimed seven WTA Finals victories, all after having turned 29; in the history of the event, only Martina Navratilova (20), Serena Williams (14) and Virginia Wade (14) have more after turning 29
- Since 2000, only S.Williams (29), V.Williams (12) and Gauff (8) have now claimed more WTA Finals wins than Pegula (seven, equaling Lindsay Davenport) among player from USA
- Has a record of 8-8 vs. Top 10 players this year, with seven of those eight such wins coming on hard court
- Seven of her 11 titles were won on hard court, most recently Dubai this year
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.3 in October 2022

Noskova:

- Qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time in her career and after earning two round robin wins over Kostyuk and Gauff, has secured her place in this year's semifinals
- She is the youngest player to reach the WTA Finals semifinals on her tournament debut since compatriot Petra Kvitova in 2011
- She is the first player from Czech Republic to make semifinals at the event since Krejcikova in 2024
- Defeating Kostyuk in her opening group match saw her become the third-youngest Czech player to claim a victory at the WTA Finals since the event's inception in 1972, older only than Helena Sukova and Petra Kvitova
- This is her fifth career meeting against Pegula, winning both their previous meetings on hard court at Beijing and Dubai in 2025; also won their only meeting this year in the title match at Berlin
- 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 wins over No.10 Kostyuk and No.4 Gauff marked her fourth and fifth Top 10 wins of the season on Tour
- Her record this season against players from the USA stands at 7-2, with her only two losses coming against Anisimova at Cincinnati and McNally at Toronto
- She is second only to Rybakina (438) for number of aces hit this season (358)
- One of her three career titles was achieved on hard court at Monterrey in 2024 (d. Sun in F)

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

vs.

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

TIED 1-1

[1] Siniakova/Townsend d. [6] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez 6-4, 6-2 at US Open 2026 QF
[7] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez d. [2] Siniakova/Townsend 6-4 6-4 at Rome 2026 SF

Siniakova/Townsend:

- After falling to Errani/Paolini in their WTA Finals opening match and then defeating Perez/Schuurs, the winner of this match will secure their position in this year's semifinals
- Siniakova/Townsend and Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez are tied 1-1 in career meetings with Siniakova/Townsend earning the most recent and only previous meeting on hard court at US Open this year, on the way to claiming the trophy
- A win today would be their third straight WTA Finals semifinal appearance together after reaching the final in 2024 (l. Dabrowski/Routliffe) and semifinals 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)

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 their opening group match this week, before falling to Errani/Paolini and must now win over Siniakova/Townsend to secure a place in the semifinals
- The pair are tied 1-1 against Siniakova/Townsend earning the win in their first encounter at Rome this year on clay where they finished runner-up
- 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 where they were defeated by eventual champions Siniakova/Townsend
- 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

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

vs.

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

FIRST MEETING

Perez/Schuurs:

- Teaming up for the first time at the start of this season, Perez and Schuurs are competing in their WTA Finals debut together
- After falling in their first two group matches to Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez and Siniakova/Townsend, the pair can no longer progress to the semifinals
- This is the first time Perez has failed to advance beyond the WTA Finals group stage, while Schuurs has now been eliminated at this stage for a fourth time after 2025 (w/Muhammad), 2023 (w/Krawczyk) and 2018 (w/Mertens)
- The pair has eight previous WTA Finals appearances between them
- Perez has qualified for the WTA Finals for a third time after reaching the final in 2023 and semifinal in 2024 (both w/Melichar-Martinez)
- Schuurs is in her seventh WTA Finals, 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 (I. 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

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
- This year Errani/Paolini won both their opening round robin matches against Siniakova/Townsend and Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez to secure a place in the semifinals
- 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 (I. 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)
- Both Paolini and Errani have qualified for the WTA Finals in singles on two occasions each in their careers; Paolini competed in the group stage in 2024 and 2025, while Errani contested the group stage in 2012 and 2013