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FINAL – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

[6] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) vs. [3] MIRRA ANDREEVA (#3)

ANDREEVA LEADS 2-1

[3] Andreeva d. [6] Svitolina 6-4, 6-0 at WTA Finals 2026 RR
[12] Svitolina d. [8] Andreeva 6-2, 6-4 at Australian Open 2026 R16
[9] Andreeva d. [23] Svitolina 7-5, 6-3 at Indian Wells 2025 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) and finished R-Up in 2019 (I. Barty)
- Lost her opening round robin match to M.Andreeva before recording victories over Muchova and Sabalenka to secure her place in the semifinals. She then defeated Noskova in the semifinals to reach her third career WTA Finals singles final
- This will be the first time since 2021 (and the 8th time in history) that two players have met in both the round robin stage and the WTA Finals singles final, when Garbine Muguruza defeated Anett Kontaveit in both encounters
- Seeking her second WTA Finals title after lifting the trophy in 2018, Svitolina (8 years, 17 days) would surpass Serena Williams (7 years, 361 days; 2001–2009) for the longest gap between consecutive titles at the event since its inception in 1972
- She is one of five WTA Finals champions that hasn't won a Grand Slam title: Hanika (1982), Radwanska (2015), Cibulkova (2016), Svitolina (2018), Garcia (2022)
- Only Serena Williams (five) has reached more finals at the WTA Finals than Svitolina since 2003
- She is the second player since 1972 to reach at least three WTA Finals singles finals without ever attaining the World No.1 ranking, joining Gabriela Sabatini
- All three of her previous meetings with Andreeva have come on hard court, with her sole victory coming at this year's Australian Open
- The 12-year, 229-day age gap between Mirra Andreeva and Elina Svitolina will be the largest between finalists at the WTA Finals since Martina Navratilova and Monica Seles (17 years, 45 days) in 1991
- Since the event's inauguration in 1972, Elina Svitolina is the fourth player aged 32+ to reach the final at the WTA Finals after Martina Navratilova (1989, 1991-1992), Serena Williams (2013-2014) and Venus Williams (2017)
- Could become just the third player aged 30+ to win the WTA Finals since its inception in 1972, joining Martina Navratilova (1986) and Serena Williams (2012–2014)
- Has claimed 11 wins over Top 10 opponents in 2026; she now leads the Tour for most Top 10 wins this season, surpassing Rybakina's ten Top 10 victories
- Has now recorded 13 career wins at the WTA Finals, only S.Williams (29) and V.Williams (14) have claimed more at the event among currently active players

- 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
- Excluding team events, since 1990 only Serena Williams (2013 & 2014) has won both the WTA Finals and a title during the opening week of the following season in multiple years. Svitolina could become the second player to achieve this feat in multiple seasons, having previously done so in 2018 (Brisbane and WTA Finals)
- 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
- A win today would see her finish the year at No.4; which would equal her career-best year-end ranking (also No.4 in 2018). A R-Up finish would see her end the year at No.6
- She is seeking her 21st career Tour-level title today, and a 13th on hard court

Andreeva:

- Making her tournament debut in singles (was a singles alternate last year but did not play); qualified in doubles last year w/Shnaider
- Won all three round robin matches in straight sets against Svitolina, Sabalenka and Shnaider (who replaced Muchova following her withdrawal) to top Group 2, then defeated Pegula in their first career meeting to book her place in this year's final
- Has conceded just 18 games en route to this year's final, surpassing Henin (19 in 2007) and Swiatek (19 in 2023) for the fewest games dropped by a finalist since the reintroduction of the round robin format in 2003
- She is looking to become just the third player since the round robin format's reintroduction in 2003, to win the WTA Finals without conceding a set en route, after Serena Williams (2012) and Iga Swiatek (2023)
- Aged 19 years, 200 days at the end of the tournament, she is the second youngest player in WTA Finals history to win each of her first four matches at the event, behind only Chris Evert (17 years, 298 days) in the inaugural edition in 1972
- Since 1990, she is the fourth teenager to reach the WTA Finals singles final on her tournament debut, joining Lindsay Davenport (1994), Martina Hingis (1996) and Maria Sharapova (2004)
- Since the introduction of the Tier format in 1990, she is the fifth teenager to reach finals at Grand Slam, Tier I/WTA 1000 and WTA Finals level, joining Monica Seles, Martina Hingis, Kim Clijsters and Maria Sharapova. She could become just the fourth teenager to win titles at all three levels, after Seles, Hingis and Sharapova
- Looking to become just the third teenager to win the WTA Finals on her maiden appearance at the event, after Chris Evert (1972) and Maria Sharapova (2004) – Andreeva would also become the first teenager to win the event overall since Sharapova in 2004
- She is the first teenager to reach six finals in a single season since Wozniacki (eight) in 2009
- Holds a 4-5 record against Top 10 opponents this season, with three of those four wins coming this week, over No.5 Pegula, No.2 Sabalenka and No.6 Svitolina
- She has now claimed three Top 10 wins at a single event for the second time in her career, after her title run at Indian Wells last year (No.7 Rybakina, No.2 Swiatek and No.1 Sabalenka)
- Has won 54 Tour level matches this season, now equaling Rybakina for most Tour wins this season

- 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). If she claims the title today, she equals Rybakina for most Tour-level titles won this season
- She could join a short list of players to win their first Grand Slam and first WTA Finals in the same year: Barty (2019), Kvitova (2011), Sharapova (2004), Seles (1990), Graf (1987), Navratilova (1978)
- 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)
- 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
- Following her win over Pegula in the semifinals, Andreeva will now finish the year ranked at a new career-high of No.2. Andreeva (19y, 201d) will be youngest year-end No.2 since Sharapova finished No.2 in 2006 (at 19yrs, 208d)
- 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)

[2] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #1) / TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #2)
vs.
[8] SARA ERRANI (ITA #12) / JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #25)

SINIAKOVA/TOWNSEND LEAD 2-1

[8] Errani/Paolini d. [2] Siniakova/Townsend 4-6, 6-1, 10-8 at WTA Finals 2026 RR
[3] Siniakova/Townsend d. [1] Errani/Paolini 6-2, 6-2 at Indian Wells 2026 SF
[2] Siniakova/Townsend d. [1] Errani/Paolini 6-4, 6-0 at Miami 2026 Final

Siniakova/Townsend:

- Siniakova and Townsend are through to the WTA Finals doubles final for the second time as a pairing after finishing runner-up in 2024 (l. Dabrowski/Routliffe in F)
- After falling to Errani/Paolini, they defeated Perez/Schuurs and Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez via retirement to secure position No.2 in Group 2 this week and make the semifinals for a third straight year, before defeating top seeds Dabrowski/Stefani in the semifinals to reach their second WTA Finals doubles final as a pair
- Prior to their defeat in this week's opening match, Siniakova/Townsend had won their first two previous meetings against Errani/Paolini, both coming this season, in the Indian Wells semifinals and Miami final
- Siniakova is contesting her fifth career WTA Finals doubles final today after winning the title in 2021 (w/Krejcikova, d. Hsieh/Mertens in F), and R-Up finishes in 2024 (w/Townsend, l. Dabrowski/Routliffe in F), 2022 (w/Krejcikova, l. V.Kudermetova/Mertens in F), and 2018 (w/Krejcikova, l. Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Townsend is contesting her second career WTA Finals doubles final after R-Up finish with Siniakova in 2024
- This is their 11th career Tour-level final as a pairing; they have earned a total of 8 doubles titles in their career
- They are 8-2 in Tour-level doubles finals; most recently winning 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)
- 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)
- Siniakova will end 2026 as the World No.1 doubles player for a record breaking sixth time in her career, overtaking Navratilova whose all-time year-end No.1 doubles record stands at five
- 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 medalist, 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 all of her four Grand Slam doubles titles coming with Siniakova (US Open 2026, Roland Garros 2026, 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)

Errani/Paolini:

- Errani and Paolini have made semifinals and beyond at this event for the first time as a pair after falling in the group stages in 2024 and 2025
- This year they have earned a 3-0 round robin record with wins over Siniakova/Townsend, Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez and Perez/Schuurs, before defeating Wimbledon champions Guo/Mladenovic in the semifinals to reach their first career WTA Finals doubles final as a pair, and as individuals
- They are bidding to become the first all-Italian pairing to win the WTA Finals doubles title, and the second Italian representatives to claim the crown after Flavia Pennetta won with Argentina's Gisela Dulko in 2010
- The pair are looking for their second career win over Siniakova/Townsend after defeating them in three-sets earlier this week
- Errani/Paolini are now on an eight match winning streak after claiming the WTA 500 Tokyo trophy in October

- 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
- Seeking their 11th career Tour-level title as a pair today
- 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)
- They are 10-4 in Tour-level doubles finals; most recently winning 2026 Tokyo
- 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)
- 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