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SEMIFINALS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

[5] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #5) vs. [3] MIRRA ANDREEVA (#3)

FIRST MEETING

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)
- Her group results this week were a loss to Gauff and then wins over Kostyuk and Noskova to finish Group 1 in the No.2 position
- Through to the third WTA Finals semifinal of her career and this is the first time she has progressed after losing her opening round robin match
- M.Andreeva is the only player among this year's WTA Finals singles field that she has never faced before
- In the 2000s, only Kim Clijsters (seven in 2003) and Lindsay Davenport (six in 2000 and 2004) have made more Tour level semifinals on American soil than Pegula in 2026 (five - Charleston, Washington, Cincinnati, US Open and WTA Finals)
- She has reached the most semifinals of any player this season with nine
- M.Andreeva or Pegula could reach a sixth final in 2026, equaling Rybakina (six) for the most finals this season
- In her group win over Noskova this week, she served 16 aces, setting a new career-high in a single Tour level match (surpassing the 14 she served against Noskova at Berlin this season)
- Since the event's inauguration in 1972, she has become the third player to reach consecutive semifinals at the WTA Finals after turning 30, after Martina Navratilova (1991-1992) and Serena Williams (2012-2014)
- 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
- 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 52 matches this season, her best career single season total came in 2023, when she recorded 57 wins (second-most on Tour that year, behind Swiatek's 68)
- Only Rybakina (54) and M.Andreeva (53) have more Tour match wins than Pegula (52) this year
- Is the oldest player to appear at the WTA Finals since Venus Williams in 2017 (runner up)
- Has a record of 9-8 vs. Top 10 players this year, with eight of those nine such wins coming on hard court
- 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
- If she reaches the final, Pegula will overtake Gauff and finish the year as the top-ranked American player
- The year-end No.2 ranking will belong to either Pegula or M.Andreeva; Pegula needs to win the title to move to No.2, otherwise it will be M.Andreeva

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 of her round robin matches in straight sets over Svitolina, Sabalenka and Shnaider (alternate who stepped in following the withdrawal of Muchova) to enter her first WTA Finals semifinals as winner of Group 2
- Since the reintroduction of the round robin format in 2003, she is the youngest player to reach the semifinals since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009
- Since the event's inauguration in 1972, she is the sixth player to win her first three career matches at the WTA Finals in straight sets after Chris Evert, Kerry Reid, Lindsay Davenport, Petra Kvitova and Serena Williams
- Conceded 11 games in her round robin matches, the fewest of any player since 2003 and equal to Justine Henin (11) in 2007
- Could become the youngest player and first teenager to reach the final at the WTA Finals since Maria Sharapova in 2004
- Could become the first teenager to reach six finals in a single season since Wozniacki (eight) in 2009
- Faces Pegula for the first time in her career today; her 2026 record vs. players from USA is 4-3 falling in her two most recent encounters to Gauff at US Open and Rome
- Holds a 3-5 record against Top 10 opponents this season, with wins over No.2 Sabalenka and No.6 Svitolina here this week and No.4 Swiatek at Stuttgart
- She could claim 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 53 Tour level matches this season, second only to Rybakina (54)
- 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)
- 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
- The year-end No.2 ranking will belong to either Andreeva or Pegula; Pegula will move to No.2 if she wins the title, otherwise it will be Andreeva
- 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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[8] LINDA NOSKOVA (CZE #8) vs. [6] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6)

NOSKOVA LEADS 3-1

[6] Noskova d. [7] Svitolina 6-3, 7-6(5) at BJKC Finals 2026 Final

[4] Svitolina d. Noskova 7-6(2), 7-5 at Stuttgart 2026 QF

[6] Noskova d. [5] Svitolina 6-4, 6-4 at Monterrey 2024 QF

Noskova d. [19] Svitolina 3-0 (ret.) at Australian Open 2024 R16

Noskova:

- Qualified for the WTA Finals for the first time in her career and progressed to the semifinals as top of Group 1
- Won her first two round robin matches over Kostyuk and Gauff, before falling to Pegula in 3-sets
- 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
- This is her fifth career meeting against Svitolina, most recently winning her singles match over Svitolina to win the title at the BJKC Finals with the Czech team in September this year
- Two players (Noskova and M.Andreeva) could meet in the final in their maiden appearance at the WTA Finals for the second time since 1972 (Chris Evert and Kerry Reid)
- Could claim three Top 10 wins at a single event for the first time in her career – previously achieved multiple Top 10 wins at two events, with both coming en route to respective finals (Adelaide 2023 and Beijing 2025)
- Her wins over No.10 Kostyuk and No.4 Gauff marked her fourth and fifth Top 10 wins of the season on Tour
- Could become the fourth player born this century to reach the final at Grand Slam, WTA 1000 and WTA Finals events after Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff and Zheng Qinwen – M.Andreeva can also achieve this feat
- Has a Tour record of 33-1 this year in matches where she claimed the first set; her only loss after winning the first set was to M.Andreeva at Brisbane in her first tournament of the season
- 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 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
- She is second only to Rybakina (438) for number of aces hit this season (367)
- One of her three career titles was achieved on hard court at Monterrey in 2024 (d. Sun in F)

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 (l. Barty)
- Fell in her opening group match this year to M.Andreeva before defeating Muchova and Sabalenka for a place in the semifinals
- Could reach the third WTA Finals final of her career; only S.Williams (five) will have reached more finals at the WTA Finals than Svitolina since 2003
- Since 1972, she could become the second player to reach 3+ finals at the WTA Finals to never hold the World No.1 ranking, along with Gabriela Sabatini

- Looking for her first career win over Noskova on hard court, after earning her only career win over the Czech player on clay at Stuttgart this year
- Has claimed ten wins over Top 10 opponents in 2026; she now equals Rybakina (10) for most Top 10 wins this season
- She is only player remaining in the field to have previously won the WTA Finals
- Could claim a 13th career match win at the WTA Finals, equalling Sabalenka (13) - only S.Williams (29) and V.Williams (14) will 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
- 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

[1] GABRIELA DABROWSKI (CAN #3) / LUISA STEFANI (BRA #3)
vs.
[2] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #1) / TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #2)

SINIAKOVA/TOWNSEND LEAD 2-0

[2] Siniakova/Townsend d. [3] Dabrowski/Stefani 4-6, 6-4, 10-3 at Miami 2026 SF
[1] Siniakova/Townsend d. [4] Dabrowski/Stefani 6-0 6-1 at Roland Garros 2026 SF

Dabrowski/Stefani:

- Dabrowski and Stefani have reached the WTA Finals semifinals in their first appearance as a pair
- The team won all three of their group matches over Mertens/Zhang, Guo/Mladenovic and Hsieh/Ostapenko
- The pair are looking for their first career win over Siniakova/Townsend after meeting at the semifinal stage at Miami and Roland Garros this year
- 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. V.Kudermetova/Mertens 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 Open 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)

Siniakova/Townsend:

- Siniakova and Townsend are through to the WTA Finals semifinals together for a third straight year after going 2-1 in the group stage
- 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
- The pair are looking for their first WTA Finals title as a team after reaching the final in 2024 (l. Dabrowski/Routliffe) and semifinals last year (l. eventual champions V.Kudermetova/Mertens)
- Siniakova/Townsend won both their previous career meetings against Dabrowski/Townsend in the semifinals at Miami and Roland Garros this season going on to win the title on both occasions
- At Miami this year Siniakova/Townsend defeated Dabrowski/Stefani in the semifinals, before defeating Errani/Paolini in the title match
- 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)

- 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 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 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)

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

vs.

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

ERRANI/PAOLINI LEAD 1-0

[1] Errani/Paolini d. Guo/Mladenovic 4-6, 7-5, 10-6 at Indian Wells 2026 QF

Guo/Mladenovic:

- Guo and Mladenovic have reached the semifinals on their WTA Finals debut as a team this year
- They earned a round robin record of 2-1 with wins over Hsieh/Ostapenko and Mertens/Zhang and loss to Dabrowski/Stefani
- The pair are looking for their first career win over Errani/Paolini after losing at Indian Wells this year
- 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, I. 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

Errani/Paolini:

- Errani and Paolini are through to the semifinals of the WTA Finals as a team for the first time after going 1-2 in the group stage 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
- The pair are looking for their second career win over Guo/Mladenovic after Indian Wells this season
- Errani/Paolini are now on a seven 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
- 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)
- 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