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US OPEN

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES

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DAY 8 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. Taylor Townsend (USA #96)

First meeting

SABALENKA				PLAYS				TOWNSEND			
Right-Handed								Left-Handed			
May 5, 1998 (28)				BIRTHDAY (AGE)				April 16, 1996 (30)			
116-29 (x4 titles)				CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORD (best result)				22-34 (x3 4r)			
37-6 (x2 titles)				US OPEN RECORD (best result)				13-10 (x3 4r)			
43-8 (x3 titles)				2026 RECORD (best result)				14-10 (x1 R-Up)			
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN			
RUP	QF	4r		2026	1r	1r	1r				
RUP	RUP	SF	WON	2025	1r	1r	1r	4r			
WON	QF		WON	2024	1r		1r	2r			
WON	SF	SF	RUP	2023	2r	1r		3r			
4r	3r		SF	2022		1r		1r			
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021							
1r	3r		2r	2020	2r			1r			
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019	1r	1r	2r	4r			
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018	1r	2r	2r	2r			
		2r		2017		2r		1r			
				2016		2r		1r			
				2015	1r	1r					
				2014		3r	1r	1r			

Sabalenka:

- The two-time defending champion returns for her ninth main draw appearance at the US Open, having reached the final in each of her last three visits; she won back-to-back titles in 2024 (d. Pegula in F) and 2025 (d. Anisimova in F), after finishing runner-up in 2023 (l. Gauff in F)
- Looking to become the first player to win three consecutive titles at the US Open since Serena Williams (2012-2014)
- Contesting her 34th career Grand Slam main draw; along with her two US Open titles, she also won back-to-back Australian Open titles in 2023 (d. Rybakina in F) and 2024 (d. Zheng Qinwen in F)
- Since the start of the decade, only Iga Swiatek (111) has claimed more main draw match wins at Grand Slam events than Sabalenka (108)



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- Since her US Open main draw debut in 2018, Sabalenka (37) has claimed the most US Open main draw match wins of any player at this event
- Seeking her 6th US Open QF (all consecutive, starting in 2021) and her 17th career Grand Slam QF overall
- Has a 16-4 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches, with a loss in her most recent Grand Slam 4r match (Osaka d. Sabalenka in 2026 Wimbledon 4r)
- She is 5-1 in US Open 4r matches – the one loss was to eventual champion Osaka in 2018
- At Grand Slam events, Sabalenka has won her last 41 matches against opponents ranked outside the Top 50 – her last such loss at a Grand Slam event was to No.115 Kaia Kanepi at the Australian Open 2022
- Spanning all tournament levels, her last loss to a player ranked outside the Top 50 was at Berlin last year to No.164 Vondrousova; her last such loss on hard court was to No.132 Anisimova at 2024 Toronto
- Is one of only two players on Tour to have won three titles this season (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami), alongside M. Andrejeva (Adelaide, Linz, Roland Garros)
- 21 of her 24 career WTA titles have come on hard court, including her three titles this year at Brisbane (d. Kostyuk in F), Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F) and Miami (d. Gauff in F)
- She has held the No.1 ranking since October 21, 2024; including the upcoming weeks at the US Open, she will hold the No.1 ranking for 99 consecutive weeks, bringing her career total to 107 weeks atop the rankings
- Sabalenka must win the title in order to have a chance of retaining the No.1 ranking after the US Open

Townsend:

- This is her 11th US Open main draw appearance; she is into the 4r here for the 3rd time (and 2nd straight year)
- Seeking her first career Grand Slam QF – her best Grand Slam results have all been achieved here at the US Open, reaching 4r in 2019 (l. eventual champion Andreescu), 2025 (l. Krejčíková) and this year
- On her US Open main draw debut in 2014, she fell to World No.1 Serena Williams in the 1r as a wild card
- Overall this is her 35th Grand Slam main draw; she made her first Grand Slam main draw appearances in 2014
- Won her first Grand Slam main draw matches of the season here this week after falling in 1r at each of the previous Slams in 2026 (l. Baptiste at Australian Open as lucky loser; l. Gauff at Roland Garros; l. Swiatek at Wimbledon)
- Defeated two seeded players en route to the 4r – No.20 seed Chwalinska in 1r and No.15 seed Shnaider in 3r
- Seeking her 4th career Top 10 win, and first of this year (0-4 vs. Top 10 players in 2026)
- Two of her three career Top 10 wins have been achieved at US Open (d. No.5 M. Andrejeva in 2025; d. No.4 Halep in 2019)
- Has an 0-2 career record vs. players ranked World No.1 at the time of their meeting (l. S. Williams at 2014 US Open; l. Halep at 2018 Roland Garros – both matches had identical 6-3, 6-1 scorelines, and both times Townsend lost to the eventual champion)
- Made the first Tour-level final of her career this season at Austin (as a WC, l. Stearns in F)
- Reached career-high ranking of No.46 in August 2024
- In doubles, is currently ranked No.2 and along with partner Siniakova were the first doubles pair to qualify for the 2026 WTA Finals Indian Wells



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[3] Jessica Pegula (USA #3) vs. [16] Sorana Cirstea (ROU #17)

Pegula leads 3-1

2026 CINCINNATI HARD 4r PEGULA 6-2 4-6 7-5

2021 MADRID CLAY 1r PEGULA 7-6(5) 6-3

2015 MIDLAND HARD 1r PEGULA 6-3 6-3

2011 MIDLAND HARD 1r CIRSTEA 7-6(6) 6-3

PEGULA

CIRSTEA

Right-Handed	PLAYS	Right-Handed
February 24, 1994 (32)	BIRTHDAY (AGE)	April 7, 1990 (36)
69-30 (x1 R-UP)	CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORD (best result)	76-68 (x3 QF)
26-9 (x1 R-UP)	US OPEN RECORD (best result)	22-16 (x1 QF)
48-12 (x2 titles)	2026 RECORD (best result)	37-13 (x1 title)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
SF	1r	QF		2026	2r	QF	3r	
3r	4r	1r	SF	2025	1r		1r	2r
2r		2r	RUP	2024	1r	1r	1r	
QF	3r	QF	4r	2023	1r	1r	3r	QF
QF	QF	3r	QF	2022	4r	2r	2r	2r
QF	3r	2r	3r	2021	3r	4r	3r	2r
1r	1r		3r	2020	2r	1r		3r
	1r	1r	1r	2019	1r	2r	1r	3r
				2018	2r	1r	2r	2r
				2017	4r	2r	3r	2r
			1r	2016		1r	1r	1r
			2r	2015	1r			
				2014	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2013	3r	3r	2r	2r
				2012	3r	1r	3r	2r
				2011	2r	3r	1r	1r
				2010	2r	1r	1r	1r
				2009	1r	QF	3r	3r
				2008	1r	2r	2r	2r



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Pegula:

- Making her 10th main draw appearance at US Open (31st Grand Slam main draw appearance)
- Her best result at the US Open is R-Up finish in 2024 (l. Sabalenka); this is also her best result across all Slams
- Pegula's 26 main draw match-wins at the US Open is her highest career tally at a single Tour-level event
- Aiming to reach her 11th career Grand Slam QF, 4th US Open QF, and 3rd Grand Slam QF of this year
- At the Grand Slams this year, made SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina), fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Birrell) and reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Gauff)
- She has a 10-2 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches (3-1 in US Open 4r matches)
- Holds a 41-6 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 10
- 7 of her 11 career WTA titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard court title is 2026 Dubai (d. Svitolina in F for her 4th career WTA 1000 title)
- In addition to her Dubai title this season, she also won the title on clay at Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F)
- Has reached three additional finals this season at Cincinnati, Washington DC and Berlin – with 5 finals, she has the most Tour-level finals among all players in 2026
- Has claimed the most wins (48), hard court wins (32, level with Elena Rybakina) and wins on American soil (22) at WTA-level events this season
- Currently at her career-high ranking of No.3, which she reached for the first time in October 2022
- Remains in contention for the World No.1 ranking if she wins the title at the US Open

Cirstea:

- Making her 17th main draw appearance at US Open (made her US Open main draw debut in 2008)
- Her best result at the US Open is QF finish in 2023 (l. Muchova)
- Contesting her 69th career Grand Slam main draw; she trails only Venus Williams (96) and Serena Williams (82) and is tied with Victoria Azarenka (69) for most Grand Slam main draw appearances among active players
- Seeking her 4th career Grand Slam QF – her best results across the Grand Slams are three QF finishes, at US Open in 2023, and at Roland Garros in 2026 (l. eventual champion Andreeva) and 2009 (l. Stosur)
- She holds a 3-3 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches (1-0 in US Open 4r matches, d. Bencic in 2023)
- Has posted 24 Top 10 wins at Tour-level events in her career – she is 1-7 vs. Top 10 players this year, with the one win coming over World No.1 Sabalenka at Rome on clay
- She has earned three Top 5 wins at Grand Slam events, most recently over No.4 Rybakina at 2023 US Open
- Three of her four career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently on home soil at Cluj-Napoca earlier this season (d. Raducanu in F), becoming the oldest player to win a title this season
- She is 20-7 so far this season on hard court at Tour-level – as well as her title run at Cluj-Napoca, other highlights include 4r runs at Miami (l. eventual runner-up Gauff) and Cincinnati (l. eventual runner-up Pegula)
- In May of this year, she made her PIF WTA Rankings Top 20 debut after a semifinal run at Rome – at 36 years old, she became the oldest player to make a Top 20 debut in WTA Rankings history
- She is currently at her career-high ranking of No.17, reached for the first time on July 13 of this year



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[11] Marta Kostyuk (UKR #11) vs. [6] Linda Noskova (CZE #6)

Tied 1-1

2026 MADRID CLAY QF KOSTYUK 7-6(1) 6-0

2026 WIMBLEDON GRASS SF NOSKOVA 6-4 6-4

KOSTYUK				NOSKOVA			
Right-Handed		PLAYS		Right-Handed			
June 28, 2002 (24)		BIRTHDAY (AGE)		November 17, 2004 (21)			
43-26 (x2 SF)		CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORD (best result)		25-15 (x1 title)			
11-6 (x2 4r)		US OPEN RECORD (best result)		6-4 (x1 4r)			
35-8 (x2 titles)		2026 RECORD (best result)		32-13 (x2 titles)			
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	SF	SF	2026	3r	1r	WON	
3r	1r	1r	4r 2025	1r	1r	4r	3r
QF	2r	3r	3r 2024	QF	2r	2r	1r
3r	1r	3r	1r 2023		2r	1r	2r
3r	1r	2r	2r 2022		1r		1r
1r	4r	2r	1r 2021				
	1r		3r 2020				
			2019				
3r			2018				

Kostyuk:

- Making her 7th main draw appearance at the US Open; she has equaled her best result here after also reaching 4r last year (I. Muchova)
- She reached her first two Grand Slam semifinals this year, on the clay of Roland Garros (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva) and the grass of Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Has a 3-2 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches (0-1 in US Open 4r matches)
- Looking to reach a fourth career Grand Slam QF after SF runs at Wimbledon and Roland Garros in 2026, and QF finish at 2024 Australian Open (I. Gauff)
- Only Sabalenka (16), M.Andreeva and Gauff (14 each) have claimed more Grand Slam main draw wins than Marta Kostyuk (13) so far this season
- Has won two WTA titles this year, both on clay at Rouen (d. Podrez in first-ever all-Ukrainian WTA final) and WTA 1000 Madrid (her first career WTA 1000 title, d. M.Andreeva in final)
- Opened the 2026 clay court swing by winning 17 consecutive matches on that surface (at Tour-level and Billie Jean King Cup events) before her streak was ended by M.Andreeva in the Roland Garros semifinals
- Since the start of the clay season (Bogota and Charleston), Marta Kostyuk has claimed the most Tour-level main draw wins (30)
- One of 3 career WTA titles has come on hard court – first career WTA title at 2023 Austin (d. Gracheva in final)



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- This is her 15th meeting against a Top 10 player this season with a record of 8-6; her most recent such meeting was a loss to No.4 Gauff at Cincinnati. Her most recent Top 10 win came over No.6 M.Andreeva at Cincinnati
- She has claimed the joint-most Top 10 wins this season (eight, level with Elena Rybakina and Elina Svitolina)
- Holds a 14-6 record on hard court this year, with her best hard court result being R-Up run at Brisbane (l. Sabalenka in F)
- She is 1-1 against players from Czech Republic this season with both contests being against today's opponent Noskova at Madrid and Wimbledon
- Currently competing at a career-high ranking of No.11 which she reached after her run to the 2026 Wimbledon semifinals

Noskova:

- In her 5th US Open main draw, she has reached the 4r here for the first time in her career
- Won her first career Grand Slam title at 2026 Wimbledon (d. Muchova in all-Czech final), becoming the youngest Wimbledon champion since her fellow Czech player Petra Kvitova in 2011
- Seeking her third career Grand Slam QF today after title run at this year's Wimbledon and QF finish at 2024 Australian Open (l. Yastremska)
- She is 12-2 at Grand Slam events this year – this is her most Grand Slam match wins in a calendar year (previous best was 6 in 2024)
- Has won two titles this year, both on grass at Berlin (d. Pegula in F) and Wimbledon
- Since the start of the grass season (London and s'Hertogenbosch), only Jessica Pegula (20) has claimed more Tour-level main draw wins than Linda Noskova (17)
- Holds a 14-8 record on hard court this year, with her best hard court result SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Owns 9-7 record this season against Top 20 opponents, most recent was a loss to No.10 Anisimova at Cincinnati. Most recent Top 10 win came over No.9 Muchova in the Wimbledon final
- She is 2-2 against players from Ukraine this season, with wins over Kostyuk at Wimbledon and Oliynykova at Rome
- Made her Top 10 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings on June 22 of this year (following her 2026 Berlin title), and reached career-high ranking of No.6 on August 24
- Remains in contention to qualify for the WTA Finals as she is closing in on the Top 7; also as a Grand Slam champion is in position to secure the No.8 spot if she is not among the Top 7



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[21] Anna Kalinskaya (#23) vs. [26] Emma Navarro (USA #27)

Kalinskaya leads 2-0

2026 DOHA HARD R32 KALINSKAYA 7-5 2-6 6-2
2022 SAN DIEGO HARD QUALIFYING KALINSKAYA 6-4 7-6(3)

KALINSKAYA				NAVARRO			
Right-Handed		PLAYS		Right-Handed			
December 2, 1998 (27)		BIRTHDAY (AGE)		May 18, 2001 (25)			
28-23 (x2 QF)		CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORD (best result)		30-15 (x1 SF)			
11-7 (x1 4r)		US OPEN RECORD (best result)		10-4 (x1 SF)			
27-17 (x4 QF)		2026 RECORD (best result)		23-17 (x1 title)			
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	QF	3r	2026	1r	2r	3r	
	1r	2r	3r 2025	QF	1r	4r	3r
QF	2r	4r	3r 2024	3r	4r	QF	SF
1r			2r 2023		2r	1r	1r
	1r		2r 2022				
		1r	2021				1r
1r	1r		2r 2020				
1r		1r	2r 2019				
1r			1r 2018				

Kalinskaya:

- Making her 8th main draw appearance at US Open and has reached the 4r here for the first time after her previous best results being 3r runs in 2024 (l. Haddad Maia) and 2025 (l. Swiatek)
- Contesting her 24th career Grand Slam main draw; she is a two-time Major quarterfinalist, with QF finishes at 2026 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska) and 2024 Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Q. Zheng)
- Seeking her third career Grand Slam QF today
- Holds a 2-1 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches, most recent 4r win at a Major came over Potapova in three sets at 2026 Roland Garros
- Has posted 14 Top 10 wins in her career, one of which has been at a Grand Slam event – d. No.10 Sloane Stephens in 2019 US Open 1r (Kalinskaya was ranked No.127 at the time)
- Has won her last 8 consecutive matches against opponents ranked outside the Top 20, most recently defeating No.43 Wang Xinyu in the 2r here
- Her best career results on hard court are runner-up finishes at 2025 Washington DC (l. Fernandez in F) and 2024 Dubai (l. Paolini in F)
- She is 16-10 so far this season on hard court, her best results on the surface this year have been QF showings at Washington DC (l. eventual runner-up Pegula) and Doha (l. eventual champion Muchova)



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- During this year's North American summer hard court swing, reached QF at Washington DC (l. eventual R-Up Pegula), and 3r runs at Toronto (l. Shnaider) and Cincinnati (l. Cirstea)
- This is her fifth career main draw meeting against an American at the US Open; she holds a 3-1 record in such matches with wins over Ngounoue in 2025, Davis in 2024, Stephens in 2019, and a loss to Ahn in 2019
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.11 in October 2024

Navarro:

- Making her fifth main draw appearance at the US Open, with her best result across the Slams coming here when she made SF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut here at US Open in 2021 as a wild card – lost to McHale in 1r
- Contested qualifying here in 2019, falling to Rybakina in 1r
- This is her 16th Grand Slam main draw appearance – has made the QF stage at both Australian Open (2025, l. Swiatek) and Wimbledon (2024, l. eventual R-Up Paolini); at Roland Garros, made R16 in 2024 (l. Sabalenka)
- Holds a 3-2 career record in Grand Slam 4r matches (1-0 in US Open 4r matches, d. Gauff in 2024 4r)
- Seeking her fourth career Grand Slam QF after SF finish at US Open in 2024 and QF runs at 2025 Australian Open and 2024 Wimbledon
- She is 19-14 this season against opponents ranked outside the Top 20, most recent was a win over No.65 McNally in the 2r here
- Notched her 8th career win over a Top 10 player in the previous round after defeating No.7 Muchova
- Owns two hard court WTA titles, at 2025 Merida and 2024 Hobart; won her third career title earlier this year on clay at Strasbourg (d. Mboko in F). Also reached the final on the grass of Nottingham this year (l. Bouzkova in F)
- Entered US Open mixed doubles event with Paul, reaching QF (l. eventual champions Muchova/Mensik)
- Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2024



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ADDITIONAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

**Tatjana Maria (GER) / Zeynep Sonmez (TUR) vs.
[3] Anna Danilina (KAZ) / Aleksandra Krunic (SRB)**

First meeting

**Harriet Dart (GBR) / Maia Lumsden (GBR) vs.
[6] Cristina Bucsa (ESP) / Nicole Melichar-Martinez (USA)**

First meeting

**[7] Jiang Xinyu (CHN) / Zhang Shuai (CHN) vs.
Eudice Chong (HKG) / Yang Zhaoxuan (CHN)**

First meeting

**[16] Asia Muhammad (USA) / Fanny Stollar (HUN) vs.
Eri Hozumi (JPN) / Andreja Klepac (SLO)**

First meeting