

WTA STORYLINES

HARD COURT SWING / AUGUST

Setting The Scene – 2025's Hard Court Swing Champions

Tournament	Champion	Runner-Up
Washington DC	Leylah Fernandez (CAN)	Anna Kalinskaya
Prague	Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	Linda Noskova (CZE)
Montreal	Victoria Mboko (CAN)	Naomi Osaka (JPN)
Cincinnati	Iga Swiatek (POL)	Jasmine Paolini (ITA)
Monterrey	Diana Shnaider	Ekaterina Alexandrova
Cleveland	Sorana Cirstea (ROU)	Ann Li (USA)
US Open	Aryna Sabalenka	Amanda Anisimova (USA)

Off court storylines

- The **WTA Communications** department now has an **official X account**, which will be posting key announcements, marquee stats and media statements. [Click here](#) to view and follow **@WTA_Comms**
- In July the WTA and World Tennis published the **second annual report** into **online abuse and threats** directed at players across the Tours. The report, based on data from Signify Group's Threat Matrix service, secured the **removal of 66% of serious abusive posts** or comments and escalated 35 accounts to law enforcement. [Click here](#) to read more
- It was recently announced the **Indian Wells Tennis Garden** in California will host the 2026 **WTA Finals**. Tickets are on sale at [WTATennis.com/finals](https://wtatennis.com/finals)
- **ESPN** have revealed that Linda Noskova's win over Karolina Muchova in the first-ever all-Czech Wimbledon final was the network's **most-watched women's final** ever at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, **averaging 1.9 million viewers**

Partnerships and Corporate Communications

- On the eve of Wimbledon the **WTA partnered with TikTok** to host an [unforgettable evening](#) in London with **Amanda Anisimova**, bringing together voices from across sport, fashion and culture
- The WTA featured heavily in the [RAISE Global Women's Sport Power 100 list](#), with WTA Ventures **CEO Marina Storti**, WTA Ventures Chief Brand Officer **Sarah Swanson** and 23-time Grand Slam champion **Serena Williams** all given prominence
- Beginning in 2027, **CazéTV will broadcast WTA tennis across Brazil** having acquired the rights to the entire WTA Tour Driven by Mercedes-Benz, including all WTA 250, WTA 500, and WTA 1000 tournaments, under an agreement that runs through the end of 2030

Sabalenka's No.1 Century

- As of July 20, **Aryna Sabalenka** is now the **10th player** to spend **100 weeks** as the WTA World No.1 player since the WTA rankings were first published in 1975
- Sabalenka has now also held the World No.1 ranking for **92 consecutive weeks, surpassing Monica Seles (91)** for the outright sixth-most straight weeks
- Meanwhile in doubles, **Katerina Siniakova** continues to assert her dominance and has held the No.1 ranking for **192 weeks** (as of July 20), behind only Martina Navratilova (237) and Liezel Huber (199) on the list for most weeks in the top spot

Legends Milestones

- **Virginia Wade** has been awarded with the badge of **Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire** (CBE) in recognition of her outstanding services to British tennis and charity. A Grand Slam champion, WTA founding member and tireless advocate for the game, Wade's impact has **inspired generations** both on and off the court

Race to the WTA Finals Update

- Entering the 2026 Hard Court Swing, **Mirra Andreeva** tops the PIF Race to the Finals Leaderboard on 4,999 points with **Aryna Sabalenka** just under 55 points behind her
- **Karolina Muchova** (No.4, Bad Homburg champion, Wimbledon runner-up) and **Linda Noskova** (No.7, Berlin and Wimbledon champion) are also well positioned following their excellent results during the grass court swing
- In doubles, there's **less than 1000 points** separating the top three teams, with Katerina Siniakova & Taylor Townsend, Gabriela Dabrowski & Luisa Stefani and Anna Danilina & Aleksandra Krunic all **close to securing qualification**

WTA 125 Snapshot

- Former World No.2 **Paula Badosa** enjoyed a successful return to the WTA 125 circuit by lifting the title at the **Nordea Open** in Bastad in July. This provided a springboard for success back to the WTA Tour, reaching the final of the WTA 250 UniCredit Iasi Open the following week
- **Mayar Sherif** lifted her **10th clay court** WTA 125 title at Contrexeville (France) in mid-July before defeating Badosa in the Iasi final. The Egyptian owns a **superb record on clay**, and including WTA 125 events and higher owns 147-60 record on this surface (11-53 on grass and hard court)