

WTA FINALS RIYADH PRESENTED BY PIF RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA



NOVEMBER 2- NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | \$15,250,000

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WTA FINALS - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - SEMIFINALS

[7] Zheng Qinwen (CHN) vs [8] Barbora Krejcikova (CZE)

Zheng leads 1-0; only previous meeting came at 2023 Zhengzhou final 2-6, 6-2, 6-4

After losing the opening match to Sabalenka, Zheng defeated Rybakina and Paolini; in those matches Zheng produced nine service breaks while suffering only three

This year's WTA leader in aces, Zheng hit 12 aces in her win over Paolini along with 0 double faults; through the round robin stage she has served 26 aces with only nine double faults

An Olympic gold medalist, Zheng is the youngest player to make the semifinals at the WTA Finals in her first appearance since Petra Kvitova in 2011

Zheng is projected to move to No.6 in the final WTA Rankings of 2024 by reaching the SF this week and can improve her ranking to either No.5 (R-Up) or No.3 or No.4 with the title

Krejcikova qualified for the WTA Finals as a Grand Slam champion, finishing in Top 20 of the Race

In her opening match, Krejcikova was up a set and two breaks vs Swiatek, before Swiatek staged a comeback. Krejcikova then defeated Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff to advance to the semifinals

Krejcikova became the first player ranked outside the WTA Top 10 to win two matches at the Finals since Elena Dementieva in 2000

Krejcikova entered the WTA Finals ranked No.13; she will move into the Top 10 in the final 2024 rankings climbing to No.10 with SF, No.9 as runner-up or No.8 with title

DEBUTANTS TO REACH FINAL

2021	Anett Kontaveit	Lost	1996	Martina Hingis	Lost
2019	Ashleigh Barty	Won	1994	Lindsay Davenport	Lost
2018	Sloane Stephens	Lost	1981	Andrea Jaeger	Lost
2016	Dominika Cibulkova	Won	1979	Tracy Austin	Lost
2014	Simona Halep	Lost	1974	Evonne Goolagong	Won
2011	Petra Kvitova	Won	1972	Chris Evert	Won**
2004	Maria Sharapova	Won			
2001	Serena Williams	Won	**First	tournament	



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[1] Aryna Sabalenka vs [3] Coco Gauff (USA)

Series tied 4-4; this will be third meeting of 2024 with Sabalenka winning both – Wuhan (SF) and Australian Open (SF)...

A rematch of the 2023 US Open final won by Gauff in 3-sets

Since the summer – after not playing Wimbledon nor the Olympics – Sabalenka has won three titles – Cincinnati, US Open and Wuhan

Sabalenka has already secured the 2024 year-end No.1 ranking

Sabalenka is the first player to reach back-to-back semifinals at the WTA Finals as World No.1 since Serena Williams in 2013-2014

Sabalenka has won eight of her last nine matches against Top 10 players

Sabalenka is bidding for her 9th win at the WTA Finals – only Caroline Wozniacki (13) and Iga Swiatek (11) would have more at the event among active players

Sabalenka is the first player to reach the semi-finals at the WTA Finals for three consecutive seasons since Karolina Pliskova (2017-2019).

Aryna Sabalenka (40) has registered the most WTA match wins on hard court of any player so far in 2024, with Coco Gauff (33) claiming the next-most on the surface.

Sabalenka could become the first World No.1 to reach the final at the WTA Finals since Ashleigh Barty in 2019

Along with Iga Swiatek, Sabalenka holds the most wins over WTA top 10 opponents in 2024, with both on 11 such wins so far this year.

Gauff has won a career-high 52 matches this year, including Olympics and team events

At 20 years, 240 days old, Gauff is the youngest American to reach back-to-back semi-finals at the WTA Finals since Tracy Austin (1979-80)

Since the reintroduction of the round robin format in 2003, Gauff is only the third player to reach back-to-back semifinals at the WTA Finals before turning 21, along with Maria Sharapova (2004-06) and Caroline Wozniacki (2009-10)

Gauff would be the youngest player to reach the final at the WTA Finals since Caroline Wozniacki in 2010

At 20 years and 240 days, Coco Gauff could become the youngest player to defeat the World No.1 at the WTA Finals since Maria Sharapova, who defeated Lindsay Davenport in 2004 (RR2).

Gauff could become the third player in as many years to defeat the World No.1 to reach the final at the WTA Finals, along with Iga Swiatek (2023) and her next opponent, Aryna Sabalenka (2022).



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[6] N. Melichar-Martinez / E. Perez vs [2] G. Dabrowski / E. Routliffe

Melichar-Martinez/Perez (2-1):

- Team is making its second-consecutive appearance at the WTA Finals after finishing as runners-up last year
- Have been regular partners since April 2022
- Teamed up to win two WTA 500 titles this year (San Diego and Bad Homburg) and also reached finals at Linz and WTA 1000 Dubai
- This is the fourth time Melichar-Martinez will contest matches at the WTA Finals; along with her final last year, she played in 2018 (w/Peschke, lost opening match) and 2021 (made SF w/Schuurs)
- This is their second WTA Finals appearance as a team
- Perez hit a career-high ranking of No.7 earlier this year, and she has won 7 career WTA doubles titles

Dabrowski/Routliffe (3-0):

- The duo has teamed up for 25 events as part of their partnership, reaching the final 8 times, including 3 titles; in 2024 played 16 tournaments reaching five finals (1-4 in finals); won only title at Nottingham
- This is the second consecutive year they have qualified for the WTA Finals as a team; last year at the WTA Finals
 in Cancun they reached the semifinals after going 3-0 in round robin stage
- Together they reached the QF at each of the Slams they contested this year Australian Open (SF), Wimbledon
 (R-Up) and US Open (QF); Dabrowski was sidelined during clay court season; Routliffe reached R16 at Roland
 Garros (w/Leylah Fernandez)
- Routliffe won 51 matches across all levels in 2024 including an ITF W60 title at Burnie, Australia the week after the Australian Open
- Routliffe played 22 tournaments with six different partners this year
- Routliffe climbed to the top of the WTA Rankings in July and held the WTA World No.1 doubles ranking for 8
 weeks
- Dabrowski is making her sixth WTA Finals appearance, tied for most among this year's doubles field



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[8] K. Siniakova / T. Townsend vs [7] H. Chan / V. Kudermetova

Siniakova/Townsend (3-0):

- Siniakova has won 16 matches in doubles competition at the WTA Finals, the most among active players
- Most wins at WTA Finals in doubles: Martina Navratilova (28), Pam Shriver (26), Natasha Zvereva (17), Jana Novotna (17), Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (16) and Siniakova (16)
- Siniakova has secured the year-end No.1 doubles ranking; this will be her fourth year finishing as the year-end doubles No.1
- Siniakova captured five doubles titles this year, including two Grand Slams all with different partners
- As a team, Siniakova/Townsend captured the Wimbledon title
- Siniakova enters the WTA Finals as WTA World No.1 in doubles, a distinction she has held for 123 total weeks (as of October 28), good for sixth most in Tour history trailing only Natasha Zvereva (124), Lisa Raymond (137), Cara Black (163), Liezel Huber (199) and Martina Navratilova (237)
- Townsend won a total of three doubles titles in 2024, each with a different partner: Washington DC (w/Muhammad), Wimbledon (w/Siniakova), Adelaide (w/Haddad Maia)
- Townsend is making her WTA Finals debut, while Siniakova is making her 6th consecutive WTA Finals
 appearance; she previously teamed up with Barbora Krejcikova to compete at the WTA Finals 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

Chan/Kudermetova (2-1):

- Formed their partnership in April; won their second tournament as a team taking the title at Stuttgart; in 12 tournaments reached four finals
- The duo made back-to-back WTA 500 finals during the grass court swing at Berlin and Bad Homburg and also had strong results reaching semifinals at US Open and first WTA 1000 final at Beijing
- Chan is returning to the WTA Finals for the first time since 2019. All three of her previous appearances came alongside older sister Latisha
- Kudermetova has won 7 of 8 doubles matches at the WTA Finals to date: she won the title with a perfect 5-0 record alongside Elise Mertens in her only previous appearance in 2022





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1 WIN







BARBORA (8) KREJCIKOVA CZECH REPUBLIC

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	1995-12-18
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	Ivancice, Czech Republic
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10'' (1.78m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78m)
7	Career-High Ranking	2
\$6,006,577	Career Prize Money	\$14,790,633
\$3,254,555	Season Prize Money	\$3,735,340
3 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 8
26-12 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	42-17 (Champion: 2024 WIMBLEDON; 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)
2-1 / 2-1	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	2-1 / 2-4
49-17 / 107-56	YTD / Career W-L	21-15 / 142-84
31-11 / 71-36	YTD / Career Hard W-L	9-8 / 86-48
21-4 / 46-19	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	8-7 / 43-33
7-6 / 23-17	YTD / Career TB W-L	10-3 / 30-22
5-7 / 10-16	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	4-2 / 15-19
7-7 / 21-27	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	6-6 / 25-41
Champion: TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO	YTD Best Result	Champion: WIMBLEDON





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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	ZHENGZHOU	HARD	F	Qinwen Zheng	2-6 6-2 6-4	2h 26m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	2024	8	-
15	15	2023	10	10
25	25	2022	2	21
143	143	2021	3	5
324	324	2020	65	65
633	649	2019	115	135
933	933	2018	125	203
-	-	2017	121	126
-	-	2016	179	251
_	-	2015	140	187





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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: l to. A. SABALENKA (#1) 6-3 6-4 (1h 23m) GRP: d. E. RYBAKINA (#5) 7-6 3-6 6-1 (2h 24m) GRP: d. J. PAOLINI (#4) 6-1 6-1 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 4h 54m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making debut appearance at the WTA Finals
- Lost to Aryna Sabalenka in opening match, but defeated Elena Rybakina and Jasmine Paolini to finish 2nd place in the Purple Group (2-1 record) and advance to the semifinals
- Faces No.13 Barbora Krejcikova in SF today; owns 21 wins in career over Top 20 players including her two victories this week
- Owns 5-6 career tour-level record against players from the Czech Republic (4-2 in 2024)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 8-3 (5-1 this year)
- 2 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2023 Zhengzhou and 2024 Tokyo)
- Best result by a Chinese player at the WTA Finals was Li Na's runner-up finish in 2013 (l. Serena Williams)
- This week, Zheng became the second player from China to reach the semifinals of the WTA Finals after Li Na in 2013
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.7; this time last year was ranked No.15
- Has posted a 30-5 win-loss record since Wimbledon, which is the most WTA-level match-wins of any player during that time span
- This season's tour leader in total aces (432) and percentage of first-serve points won (76.1%)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: l to. I. SWIATEK (#2) 4-6 7-5 6-2 (2h 33m) GRP: d. J. PEGULA (#6) 6-3 6-3 (1h 9m) GRP: d. C. GAUFF (#3) 7-5 6-4 (1h 42m)

Total time on court: 5h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd singles appearance at the WTA Finals; she went 0-3 in the 2021 group stages
- Lost to Iga Swiatek in her opening match this week, but defeated Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff to win the Orange Group (2-1 record) and advance to the semifinals
- Secured a year-end Top 10 finish with her win over Gauff on Friday
- Faces No.7 Zheng Qinwen in SF today; owns 15 wins in career over Top 10 players including her two wins this week
- Owns 10-3 career tour-level record against players from China (2-0 in 2024)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 13-1; her only tour-level loss in a SF was to Sabalenka at 2020 Linz (Sabalenka was ranked No.11 and Krejcikova was ranked No.74 at the time)
- 5 of her 8 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2023 San Diego
- The most recent Czech singles champion at the WTA Finals is Petra Kvitova in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.10. Peaked at a career-high ranking of No.2 in 2022
- By beating Gauff, became the lowest-ranked player to claim a Top 5 win at the WTA Finals since No.14 Sandrine Testud defeated Jennifer Capriati in 2001 QF
- This week, claimed multiple Top 10 wins at a single event for only the third time in her career, along with 2023 Dubai and 2024 Wimbledon (on both of those previous occasions, she won the title)





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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2021	Result	Rank: 3 Seed: 2
1r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#4) 0-6 6-4 6-4
1r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#8) 6-3 6-4
1r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#5) 2-6 6-3 6-4





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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- · Won at Tokyo (d. Kenin in final)
- Reached finals at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Made SF at Beijing (l. Muchova)
- Reached consecutive QF at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Won gold medal in women's singles at Paris Olympics, becoming the first tennis player from China to win a singles medal at Olympics (d. Vekic in F)
- Successfully defended title at Palermo (d. Muchova in F)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Sun)
- Reached 2r at Berlin (l. Siniakova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Avanesyan)
- Reached QF at Rome for the second consecutive season (l. Gauff)
- Retired during 2r match at Madrid due to injury (l. Putintseva)
- Reached R16 at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up, Kostyuk)
- Contested 3r at Miami (l. Azarenka)
- After 1r bye, fell in 2r at Indian Wells (l. Yuan)
- Made QF at Dubai (l. Swiatek)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. Fernandez)
- Reached her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Started the 2024 season representing China in the 2024 United Cup, reaching the QF and going 2-1 in singles play (d. Vondrousova) (d. Danilovic) (l. Swiatek)

- Made QF at Ningbo (l. Mirra Andreeva, retired)
- Reached 2r at Wuhan (l. Baptiste)
- Contested 2r at Beijing (l. Cristian)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Ruse)
- Reached QF at Paris Olympics (l. Schmiedlova)
- Won second career Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. Paolini in F), after winning Roland Garros 2021
- Failed 1r at Eastbourne (l. Fernandez)
- · Reached QF at Birmingham (l.Potapova)
- Fell in the opening round of Roland Garros for the third consecutive year (l. Golubic)
- Played 1r at Strasbourg (l. Samsonova)
- Withdrew before start of Rome main draw due to illness
- After a 1r bye, played 2r at Madrid (l. Cristian); finished as runner-up in doubles (w/Siegemund)
- Fell in opening round at Stuttgart (l. Kudermetova)
- Made QF at Abu Dhabi (l. Samsonova)
- Reached her fourth career Grand Slam QF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka); also made QF in doubles w/Siegemund
- Opened 2024 season at Adelaide with 1r (l. Kalinskaya)





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SEASON 2024 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
432	1	Aces	121	40
52.5%	91	First serve %	62.2%	50
76.1%	1	First Serve points won %	67.1%	22
46.8%	34	Second serve points won %	44.9%	56
62.2%	5	Overall service points won %	58.7%	27
77.6%	5	Service games won %	68.8%	35
57.1%	38	Break points saved %	57.2%	36
38.0%	24	First serve return points won %	35.9%	64
55.4%	44	Second serve return points won %	53.7%	70
47.4%	25	Break points converted %	44.7%	53
36.9%	34	Return games won %	33.7%	56
44.5%	33	Return points won %	42.9%	60

Best win by ranking: No.4 vs Paolini in WTA FINALS GRP Longest match: 2h 52m vs Avanesyan in ROLAND GARROS 3r Shortest match: 59m vs Dodin in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 23 vs Osaka in BERLIN 1r

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Gauff in WTA FINALS GRP Longest match: 3h 14m vs Kudermetova in WIMBLEDON 1r Shortest match: 47m vs Sorribes Tormo in ABU DHABI 2r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 11 vs Pegula in WTA FINALS GRP

11 vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r





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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO 2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO

Runner-Up (4)

2024 - WUHAN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2023 - ZHUHAI 2022 - TOKYO

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2024 - WIMBLEDON

2023 - SAN DIEGO, DUBAI

2022 - OSTRAVA, TALLINN

2021 - PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - ZHENGZHOU, BIRMINGHAM

2022 - SYDNEY

2021 - DUBAI

2017 - NÜRNBERG

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (19)

2024 - PRAGUE (w/Siniakova)

2023 - SAN DIEGO (w/Siniakova), BIRMINGHAM (w/Kostyuk), INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova),

AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)

2022 - US OPEN (w/Siniakova), WIMBLEDON

(w/Siniakova), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)

2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), OLYMPICS

(w/Siniakova), ROLAND-GARROS (w/Siniakova),

MADRID (w/Siniakova), MELBOURNE 500

GIPPSLAND TROPHY (w/Siniakova)

2020 - SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)

2019 - LINZ (w/Siniakova), TORONTO (w/Siniakova)

2018 - WIMBLEDON (w/Siniakova), ROLAND

GARROS (w/Siniakova)

2015 - QUEBEC CITY (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (11)

2024 - MADRID (w/Siegemund)

2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)

2020 - DUBAI (w/Zheng)

2019 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova)

2018 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), MIAMI

(w/Siniakova), SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)

2017 - BASTAD (w/Irigoyen)

2016 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Dushevina)

2014 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Hradecka)





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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
RUP	3r	1r	QF	2024	QF	1r	WON	2r
2r	2r	1r	QF	2023	4r	1r	2r	1r
2r	4r	3r	3r	2022	QF	1r	3r	2r
				2021	2r	WON	4r	QF
				2020	2r	4r		
				2019				
				2018		1r		



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of year ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time
- Won maiden WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejcikova in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Broke into Top 20 for the first time on May 22, 2023
- Won WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2022; reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1, as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros
- Broke into Top 50 at No.46 after run to fourth round in Paris that year
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo
- Broke into Top 100 on January 31, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open
- Also won title at WTA 125K event in Valencia in June 2022
- Ended 2021 at No.143, her first Top 150 finish
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made further main draw appearances in 2021 at Moscow (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko in 1r) and Courmayeur (as qualifier, l. Vekic in 1r); also contested qualifying in Strasbourg
- Made WTA debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; gone on to amass nine ITF singles titles with 9-0 record in finals

- Reached four finals across 2023, winning first WTA 1000 title at Dubai (d. No.1 Swiatek in F) in addition to San Diego (d. Kenin in F), and finishing R-Up at Birmingham (l. Ostapenko) and Zhengzhou (l. Zheng Qinwen).
- Ended 2022 season in fine form, lifting back-toback titles at Tallinn (d. Kontaveit) and Ostrava (d. Swiatek). Also completed career doubles Slam by winning US Open w/Siniakova.
- Made strong start to 2022, finishing R-Up at Sydney (l. Badosa) and reaching QF at Australian Open (l. Keys) before missing several months w/arm injury.
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2021 Strasbourg, followed by sweep of singles and doubles titles at Roland-Garros. Roland Garros was just her fifth Slam main draw in singles; only two women have won a major with fewer main draw appearances to their name.
- Also won Prague title (d. Martincova in F), reached final at Dubai (l. Muguruza) and qualified for WTA Finals in singles for the first time. Recorded best results at US Open (QF) and Wimbledon (R16) last year
- Posted another record-breaking year in doubles across 2021 - in addition to singles title at Roland Garros, won doubles title too in Paris, along with Madrid, Gippsland Trophy, WTA Finals and the gold medal at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (all w/Siniakova)
- Enjoyed breakout year in singles in 2020, posting career-high ranking of No.65 (November 16) and making R16 at Roland Garros and reaching second WTA SF at Linz
- Also reached two doubles finals last year, finishing R-Up at Dubai (w/Zheng) and winning Shenzhen (w/Siniakova)
- In Mixed Doubles, defended Australian Open title (w/Pavic), having triumphed in Melbourne a year earlier with w/Ram
- In 2019, advanced to QF at Bucharest in addition to winning four ITF Circuit singles titles on clay in North America and Europe, winning 20 of her 21 matches during this stretch
- Also in 2019, posted second Top 20 doubles season highlighted by titles at Toronto and Linz, and R-Up finish at Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova).
 Won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Ram
- In 2018, won first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Siniakova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003; also became

- the first team ever to win the girls' (2013) and ladies' doubles title at SW19
- Rose to WTA doubles World No.1 on October 22, 2018
- Highlight of 2017 was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (l. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (l. Garcia). Only other tour-level appearances were 1r exits at Bucharest and Québec City
- Contested five WTA main draws in 2016, progressing to 2r at two events: Kuala Lumpur and Prague
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Québec City (w/Mestach)
- Advanced to first WTA doubles final at 2014 Luxembourg (w/Hradecka, l. Bacsinszky/Barrois)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (l. Hradecka)
- On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010

OTHER INFORMATION

- · Coached by Pere Riba;
- Trains in Barcelona
- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
- · Tennis idol is Roger Federer

- · Previously worked with Ales Kartus
- Started playing tennis aged 6 and was later coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna
- Highly ranked junior, won the Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open girls' doubles titles with Katerina Siniakova.





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COCO (3) GAUFF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1998-05-05	Date of Birth	2004-03-13
	Residence	Delray Beach, Fl. USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
1	Career-High Ranking	2
\$29,071,823	Career Prize Money	\$16,776,989
\$8,694,260	Season Prize Money	\$4,548,847
4 / 17	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 8
77-23 (Champion: 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	60-20 (Champion: 2023 US OPEN)
2-1 / 8-7 (Runner-Up: 2022)	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	2-1 / 4-6 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)
56-13 / 305-123	YTD / Career W-L	52-17 / 198-85
40-8 / 212-79	YTD / Career Hard W-L	33-10 / 128-56
13-9 / 90-65	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	12-8 / 55-30
8-4 / 63-43	YTD / Career TB W-L	8-7 / 43-25
5-4 / 19-20	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	1-5 / 8-23
Champion: WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Champion: BEIJING, AUCKLAND





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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	WUHAN	HARD	SF	Aryna Sabalenka	1-6 6-4 6-4	2h 26m
2024	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	SF	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(2) 6-4	1h 42m
2023	US OPEN	HARD	F	Coco Gauff	2-6 6-3 6-2	2h 6m
2023	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 6-0	1h 4m
2022	TORONTO	HARD	3r	Coco Gauff	7-5 4-6 7-6(4)	3h 11m
2021	ROME	CLAY	3r	Coco Gauff	7-5 6-3	1h 30m
2020	OSTRAVA	HARD	2r	Aryna Sabalenka	1-6 7-5 7-6(2)	2h 14m
2020	LEXINGTON	HARD	2r	Coco Gauff	7-6(4) 4-6 6-4	2h 48m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2024	2	-
1	2	2023	3	3
2	5	2022	4	7
2	2	2021	19	22
10	10	2020	47	48
9	11	2019	68	68
11	11	2018	874	875
76	78	2017	-	-
154	159	2016	-	-
539	548	2015	-	_



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. Q. ZHENG (#7) 6-3 6-4 (1h 23m) GRP: d. J. PAOLINI (#4) 6-3 7-5 (1h 30m) GRP: l. to E. RYBAKINA (#5) 6-4 3-6 6-1 (1h 41m)

Total time on court: 4h 34m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at WTA Finals, where she was runner-up in 2022 (l. Garcia) and made the SF last year (l. Swiatek)
- This week, won the Purple Group with a 2-1 record; defeated Zheng Qinwen and Jasmine Paolini to seal her spot in the SF before losing to Elena Rybakina on Wednesday
- Secured the year-end World No.1 ranking with her round-robin performance this week
- Sabalenka has reached the SF at the WTA Finals for the third consecutive year - the first player to do so since Karolina Pliskova (2017-19)
- Faces No.3 Coco Gauff in SF today; has a 10-13 career record vs. Top 3 players, with her most recent Top 3 win coming over Iga Swiatek at 2024 Cincinnati
- Owns 58-17 career tour-level record against players from the United States (14-2 in 2024)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 30-17 (7-1 in 2024)
- 15 of her 17 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Wuhan
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 20 tournaments in her career
- Is currently spending her 11th week overall at the World No.1 ranking
- Has won 56 matches so far in 2024 at Tour-level events; only Swiatek has more tour-level wins this year (59)
- Sabalenka is bidding for her 10th Top 10 win on hard court this season; she would become the fifth player in the last decade to do this in a single season, along with Swiatek, Serena Williams, Ashleigh Barty and Caroline Wozniacki

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. J. PEGULA (#6) 6-3 6-2 (1h 15m) GRP: d. I. SWIATEK (#2) 6-3 6-4 (1h 48m) GRP: l. to B. KREJCIKOVA (#13) 7-5 6-4 (1h 42m)

Total time on court: 4h 45m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at the WTA Finals, where she fell in the group stage in 2022 and reached the SF in 2023 (l. Pegula)
- This week, finished second place in the Orange Group with a 2-1 record to advance to the semifinals; defeated Iga Swiatek and Jessica Pegula, then lost to Barbora Krejcikova yesterday
- Her win over Swiatek was her 2nd win over the Pole in 13 attempts; it was also her first Top 5 win of the year
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in SF today; has a 2-9 career record vs. World No.1 players (d. Barty via ret. at 2021 Rome, and d. Swiatek at 2023 Cincinnati)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 9-15 (2-6 in 2024)
- Has won 7 of her 8 career WTA singles titles on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Beijing, where she became the first player in the Open Era to win all of her first 7 tour-level hard-court finals
- The most recent American to win the WTA Finals was Serena Williams in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.3. Peaked at a career-high No.2 earlier this year
- Has won 52 tour-level matches so far in 2024, which is third-most on tour this season, trailing only Iga Swiatek (59) and Aryna Sabalenka (56)
- This season's tour leader in percentage of return games won (45.9%) and return points won (48.5%)
- Since the reintroduction of the round-robin format in 2003, Gauff is only the second player to reach 3 or more consecutive WTA Finals before the age of 21, along with Maria Sharapova (2004-07)
- Since the event's inauguration in 1970, Gauff is only the third American to reach back-to-back semifinals at the WTA Finals before turning 21, joining Chris Evert (1972-74) and Tracy Austin (1979-80)





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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 1 Seed: 1
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#2) 6-3 6-2
1r	W	M. SAKKARI (#9) 6-0 6-1
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#5) 6-4 6-3
1r	W	E. RYBAKINA (#4) 6-2 3-6 6-3
2022	Result	Rank: 7 Seed: 7
F	L	C. GARCIA (#6) 7-6(4) 6-4
SF	W	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-2 2-6 6-1
1r	L	M. SAKKARI (#5) 6-2 6-4
1r	W	J. PEGULA (#3) 6-3 7-5
1r	W	O. JABEUR (#2) 3-6 7-6(5) 7-5
2021	Result	Rank: 2 Seed: 1
1r	L	P. BADOSA (#10) 6-4 6-0
1r	W	I. SWIATEK (#9) 2-6 6-2 7-5
1r	L	M. SAKKARI (#6) 7-6(1) 6-7(6) 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 3 Seed: 3
SF	L	J. PEGULA (#5) 6-2 6-1
1r	W	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-0 6-1
1r	L	I. SWIATEK (#2) 6-0 7-5
1r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#6) 5-7 7-6(4) 6-3
2022	Result	Rank: 4 Seed: 4
2022 1r	Result	Rank: 4 Seed: 4 C. GARCIA (#6) 6-4 6-3
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1r	L	C. GARCIA (#6) 6-4 6-3
1r 1r	L L	C. GARCIA (#6) 6-4 6-3 I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-3 6-0
1r 1r	L L	C. GARCIA (#6) 6-4 6-3 I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-3 6-0





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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Won her third consecutive career singles title at Wuhan Open (d. Qinwen Zheng in F)
- Reached QF at Beijing (l. Muchova)
- Won her third Grand Slam singles title and the first at US Open (d. Pegula in F)
- Claimed second title of the season at Cincinnati (d. Pegula in F)
- Finished QF at Toronto (l. Anisimova)
- Reached SF at Washington DC (l. Bouzkova)
- Withdrew from Wimbledon due to shoulder injury
- Made QF at Berlin(l. Kalinskaya, RET)
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. M. Andreeva)
- Reached back-to-back finals at Rome and Madrid, defeated by WTA World No.1 Swiatek on both occasions
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at Miami Open (l. Kalinina) and 4r at Indian Wells (l. Navarro)
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Vekic)
- Defended her Australian Open title and earned second Grand Slam career victory (d. Zheng)
- Achieved R-Up in her 2024 season opener at Brisbane (l. Rybakina)

- Reached SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion, Sabalenka)
- Won 2nd singles title (8th overall) of 2024 season at Beijing (d. Muchova in F)
- Made 4r at US Open (l. Navarro)
- After 1r bye played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Putintseva)
- Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Shnaider)
- Made 2r at Paris Olympics (l. Vekic)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon (l. Navarro)
- Made SF at Berlin(l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Reached 3rd straight Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek); also won 1st Grand Slam doubles title (w/Siniakova)
- Made SF at Rome (l. eventual champion Swiatek); also achieved R-Up in doubles w/Routliffe
- Contested 4r at Madrid (l. Keys)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)
- Made R16 at Miami (l. Garcia)
- · Reached SF at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- · Contested QF at Dubai (l. Kalinskaya)
- Following 1r bye, fell in 2r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached third Grand Slam SF of her career at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Won the title in her opening tournament of the 2024 season and her seventh title overall at Auckland (d. Svitolina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
307	3	Aces	242	8
62.7%	42	First serve %	57.4%	78
70.3%	9	First Serve points won %	72.1%	4
50.5%	4	Second serve points won %	44.0%	64
62.9%	4	Overall service points won %	60.1%	11
79.0%	3	Service games won %	73.7%	12
61.6%	8	Break points saved %	60.4%	11
36.1%	61	First serve return points won %	41.9%	2
59.1%	4	Second serve return points won %	58.9%	6
47.1%	29	Break points converted %	50.4%	6
39.0%	23	Return games won %	45.9%	1



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (17)

2024 - WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI,

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2023 - MADRID, AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE #1

2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI

2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA

2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN

2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (14)

2024 - ROME, MADRID, BRISBANE

2023 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS

2022 - WTA FINALS, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH,

STUTTGART

2021 - STUTTGART

2019 - SAN JOSE

2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO

2017 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Mertens)

2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens),

2r

INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens) 2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2024 - BEIJING, AUCKLAND

2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC,

AUCKLAND

2021 - PARMA

2019 - LINZ

Runner-Up (1)

2022 - ROLAND GARROS

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)

2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO

(w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally)

2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON

DC (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - ROME (w/Routliffe)

2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula)

2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART

(w/Zhang)

2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
WON	QF		WON	2024	SF	SF	4r	4r
WON	SF	SF	RUP	2023	4r	QF	1r	WON
4r	3r		SF	2022	1r	RUP	3r	QF
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021	2r	QF	4r	2r
1r	3r		2r	2020	4r	2r		1r
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019			4r	3r
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018				

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (l. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid.
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- Rose to career-high No.2 in rankings on August 23. 2021
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10
- Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round-robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (L. Mertens) and Eastbourne (L. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
- Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year,

- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023
 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d.
 Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles
 in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at
 Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at
 Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250
 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with
 Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA

- following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Member of Belarus Billie Jean King Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final - scored first Top-20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during final in Minsk
- · WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018
 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and
 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while
 finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l.
 Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles
 finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Anton Dubrov;
- Previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present; loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- Has a tiger tattoo on her left arm, which earned her the nickname "The Tiger"
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading; her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"

- Coached by Jean Christophe Faurel and Matt Daly
- Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in a track and field at Florida State University
- · Previously worked with Diego Moyano
- Started playing tennis at six
- Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
- Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
- Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
- Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
- Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer