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### 2025 UNITED CUP – DRAW

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### SYDNEY – KEN ROSEWALL ARENA – SEMI-FINALS

#### [9] KAZAKHSTAN vs [2] POLAND – SEMI-FINALS

Poland Leads 1-0 at United Cup

#### 2023 – Group Stage (Group B):

Team Poland d. Team Kazakhstan 4-1

Iga Swiatek (POL) d. Yulia Putintseva (KAZ) 6-1 6-3

Timofey Skatov (KAZ) d. Daniel Michalski (POL) 7-6(7) 6-2

Hubert Hurkacz (POL) d. Alexander Bublik (KAZ) 7-6(10) 4-6 6-3

Magda Linette (POL) d. Zhibek Kulambayeva (KAZ) 6-2 6-1

Iga Swiatek / Hubert Hurkacz (POL) d. Zhibek Kulambayeva / Grigoriy Lomakin (KAZ) 6-3 6-4

#### KAZAKHSTAN: 2nd Appearance (2023 RR, 2025 SF+) – 3-2 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 3-0 in 2025)

2023 – 3rd in Group B (1st Poland, 2nd Switzerland)

2025 – d. Spain (2-1) and Greece (3-0) to win Group C, then defeated Germany 2-1 in QF

#### Team Kazakhstan's Road To Semi-Finals:

##### d. Spain 2-1 in RR

Pablo Carreno Busta d. **Alexander Shevchenko** 6-2 6-1

**Elena Rybakina** d. Jessica Bouzas Maneiro 6-2 6-3

**Rybakina/Shevchenko** d. Cavalle Reimers/Carreno Busta 7-6(4) 6-7(2) [10-7]

##### d. Greece 3-0 in RR

**Alexander Shevchenko** d. Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4 7-6(0)

**Elena Rybakina** d. Maria Sakkari 6-4 6-3

**Kulambayeva/Nedovyesov** d. Papamichail/P. Tsitsipas 2-6 6-3 [10-6]

##### d. Germany 2-1 in QF

**Elena Rybakina** d. Laura Siegemund 6-3 6-1

**Alexander Shevchenko** d. Daniel Masur 6-7(5) 6-2 6-2

Siegemund/Puetz d. **Kulambayeva/Popko** 6-2 6-2



**POLAND: 3rd Appearance (2023 SF, 2024 Final, 2025 SF+) – 10-2 in ties (3-1 in 2023, 4-1 in 2024, 3-0 in 2025)**  
**2023** - 1st in Group B (2nd Switzerland, 3rd Kazakhstan), d. Italy 3-2 in Host City Finals (Brisbane), l. to USA 0-4 in SF  
**2024** - 1st in Group A (2nd Spain, 3rd Brazil), d. China 3-0 in QF, France 3-0 in SF, l. to Germany 1-2 in the final  
**2025** - d. Norway (2-1) and Czechia (2-1) to win Group B and defeated Great Britain 3-0 in QF

**Team Poland's Road To Semi-Finals:**

**d. Norway 2-1 in RR**

**Iga Swiatek** d. Malene Helgo 6-1 6-0  
 Casper Ruud d. **Hubert Hurkacz** 7-5 6-3  
**Swiatek/Zielinski** d. Eikeri/Ruud 6-3 0-6 [10-8]

**d. Czechia 2-1 in RR**

Tomas Machac d. **Hubert Hurkacz** 7-5 3-6 6-4  
**Iga Swiatek** d. Karolina Muchova 6-3 6-4  
**Swiatek/Hurkacz** d. Muchova/Machac 7-6(3) 6-3

**d. Great Britain 3-0 in QF**

**Hubert Hurkacz** d. Billy Harris 7-6(3) 7-5  
**Iga Swiatek** d. Katie Boulter 6-7(4) 6-1 6-4  
**Chwalinska/Zielinski** d. Nicholls/Broom 6-2 7-6(3)

**Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs Hubert Hurkacz (POL)**

|                                    |      |     |                |
|------------------------------------|------|-----|----------------|
| 23 Dubai (U.A.E.)                  | Hard | R32 | Hubert Hurkacz |
| 24 Marseille (France)              | Hard | R16 | Hubert Hurkacz |
| 24 ATP Masters 1000 Miami (U.S.A.) | Hard | R64 | Hubert Hurkacz |

**Hurkacz Leads 3-0**

3-6 6-3 7-6(7)  
 6-1 6-4  
 6-4 6-7(2) 6-3

**Alexander Shevchenko** | Age: 24 | World No. 78 | Career-High No. 45 | 2024: 21-28 (4 QFs) | Career: 39-49 (1 Final)  
 > Broke into Top 300 in March 2022, Top 200 in June 2022 and Top 100 in April 2023, achieving career-high No. 45 in February 2024 after defeating No. 7 Rune for biggest win of career to reach Rotterdam QF.  
 > Saved 2 MPs to earn 1st Top 10 win over No. 9 Fritz and reach 1st ATP Tour QF in Basel, then advanced to 1st SF and final in Metz to end his 2023 season.  
 > Also advanced to ATP Tour QFs in Montpellier, Rotterdam, Geneva and Almaty, all during 2024 season.  
 > Earned 1st ATP Tour win at 2023 Barcelona (d. Giustino) and 1st Grand Slam win at 2023 Roland Garros (d. Otte).  
 > Did not drop a set en route to 1st Challenger final and title at 2022 Bratislava and 2nd title at 2023 Tenerife-1.

**NOTE:** Shevchenko is making his United Cup debut, earning 2-1 singles record en route to the semi-finals. He is 4-17 vs. Top 20 players (2-8 in 2023, 1-9 in 2024, 1-0 in 2025), including win over No. 11 Tsitsipas in RR this week and bids to record consecutive Top 20 wins for the first time in career.

**Hubert Hurkacz** | Age: 27 | World No. 16 | Career-High No. 6 | 2024: 40-19 (Estoril Title) | Career: 212-144 (8 Titles)  
 > Top Polish men's player in history ended 2021 and 2023 at year-end career-high No. 9 after Nitto ATP Finals appearances and reached career-high No. 6 in August 2024.  
 > Entered 2021 Wimbledon on 6-match losing streak, then reached 1st Grand Slam SF by defeating 8-time champion Federer 6-3 7-6(4) 6-0 in final singles match of Swiss' career.  
 > Upset 5 seeds to win 2021 ATP Masters 1000 Miami title and saved a championship point to win 2023 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai after losing in the 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Montreal final.  
 > Also advanced to ATP Masters 1000 SFs at 2021 Paris, 2022 Miami and 2023 Cincinnati and captured ATP Masters 1000 doubles titles at 2020 Paris w/Auger-Aliassime and 2022 Miami w/Isner.  
 > Defeated No. 1 Medvedev 6-1 6-4 in 63 minutes to win 5th ATP Tour singles title in 5th final at 2022 Halle (now 8-3 in finals).

**NOTE:** Hurkacz is making his third consecutive United Cup appearance, earning a 6-6 singles record, but is 5-0 vs. players ranked outside Top 30 at this event. He went 0-2 in his singles group matches, losing 5-7 3-6 to No. 6 Ruud and 5-7 6-3 4-6 to No. 25 Machac. He is 28-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 50 in 2024, including win over No. 125 B. Harris in QF this week.



**Elena Rybakina (KAZ) vs Iga Swiatek (POL)**

**Rybakina Leads 4-2**

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|------|-----------------|------|-----|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2021 | OSTRAVA         | HARD | Q   | SWIATEK, IGA    | 7-6(5) 6-2         |
| 2023 | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | HARD | R16 | RYBAKINA, ELENA | 6-4 6-4            |
| 2023 | INDIAN WELLS    | HARD | S   | RYBAKINA, ELENA | 6-2 6-2            |
| 2023 | ROME            | CLAY | Q   | RYBAKINA, ELENA | 2-6 7-6(3) 2-2 RET |
| 2024 | DOHA            | HARD | F   | SWIATEK, IGA    | 7-6(8) 6-2         |
| 2024 | STUTTGART       | CLAY | S   | RYBAKINA, ELENA | 6-3 4-6 6-3        |

**Elena Rybakina** | Age: 24 | WTA World No. 6 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 42-11 (3 singles titles) | Career: 238-105 (8 Titles)

- > Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- > Tied for 4th most titles in 2024; only Swiatek (5), Sabalenka (4) and Shnaider (4) won more titles
- > 1 of 9 players to win 40+ matches in 2024; posted a 15-2 record at WTA 500 level
- > Served 358 aces – 2nd most on Tour – in 2024 (in 53 matches); also won 79.5% of service games in 2024; among year-end Top 30, only Swiatek (82.6%) posted a better service games won percentage
- > Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023).
- > Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- > In preparation for 2025 season began working with Goran Ivanisevic

**NOTE:** Rybakina is one of four players to record 4 wins vs. Swiatek along with Aryna Sabalenka, Jessica Pegula and Jelena Ostapenko... Rybakina won 26 of her first 30 matches to start the 2024 season, including a 7-2 mark in Australia... Rybakina finished the 2024 season at the WTA Finals (1-2 in group stage), her only tournament after the US Open... Rybakina owns 8 career wins over Top 2 ranked opponents, with 5 coming on hardcourts; she's won 5 of her last 6 vs. Top 2 opponents on hard courts

**Iga Swiatek** | Age: 23 | WTA World No. 2 | Career-High No. 1 | 2024: 59-9 (5 titles) | Career: 278-65 (22 Titles)

- > Claimed five titles in 2024, making it a three-peat at Roland-Garros and also winning Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid and Rome. Crossed \$30m in prize money and qualified for her fourth WTA Finals; also won bronze medal at 2024 Olympics
- > In 2024 led Tour in match wins (59), titles (5), WTA 1000 match wins (30); also won a Tour-leading 26 matches on clay in 2024 (next most wins belong to Collins, 19)
- > Held WTA World No.1 ranking for 50-consecutive weeks (from Nov 6, 2023 – Oct 20, 2024) bringing her career tally to 125 weeks at No.1
- > Won six titles across 2023, including winning fourth Grand Slam title at Roland-Garros (d. Muchova in F) and going undefeated at the WTA Finals in Cancun (d. Pegula in F). Finished season as WTA World No.1 player for second consecutive year.
- > Began working with Wim Fissette in preparation for 2025 season
- > Making 3rd appearance at United Cup (8-1 record); won all five matches in 2023 at the event, dropping only one set

**NOTE:** Between the two, they own six major titles between them, five belonging to Swiatek... Although Rybakina owns a 4-2 advantage in the head-to-head series, they have split their four matches on hardcourts, 2-2...

**MIXED DOUBLES:**

**Elena Rybakina / Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs Iga Swiatek / Hubert Hurkacz (POL)**

**[1] UNITED STATES vs [8] CZECHIA – SEMI-FINALS**

**USA leads 1-0 at United Cup**

**2023 – Group Stage (Group C):**

- Team United States d. Team Czechia 4-1
- Taylor Fritz (USA) d. Jiri Lehecka (CZE) 6-3 6-4
- Madison Keys (USA) d. Marie Bouzkova (CZE) 6-4 6-3
- Petra Kvitova (CZE) d. Jessica Pegula (USA) 7-6(6) 6-4
- Frances Tiafoe (USA) d. Tomas Machac (CZE) 6-3 2-4 RET
- Jessica Pegula / Taylor Fritz (USA) d. Marie Bouzkova / Jiri Lehecka (CZE) 2-6 6-3 [10-7]

**USA: 3rd Appearance (2023 Title, 2024 RR, 2025 SF+ ) – 9-1 in ties (5-0 in 2023, 1-1 in 2024, 3-0 in 2025)**

- 2023** - 1st in Group C (2nd Czechia, 3rd Germany), d. Great Britain 4-1 in Host City Finals (Sydney), d. Poland 5-0 in SF and Italy 4-0 in the final.
- 2024** - 2nd in Group C (1st Australia, 3rd Great Britain)
- 2025** - d. Canada (2-1) and Croatia (3-0) to win Group A and defeated China 3-0 in QF



**Team United States’s Road To Semi-Finals:**

**d. Canada 2-1**

**Coco Gauff** d. Leylah Fernandez 6-3 6-2  
 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. **Taylor Fritz** 4-6 7-5 6-3  
**Gauff/Fritz** d. Fernandez/Auger-Aliassime 7-6(2) 7-5

**d. Croatia 3-0**

**Taylor Fritz** d. Borna Coric 6-3 6-2  
**Coco Gauff** d. Donna Vekic 6-4 6-2  
**Gauff/Fritz** d. Marcinko/Dodig 6-2 6-3

**d. China 3-0 in QF**

**Coco Gauff** d. Zhang Shuai 7-6(4) 6-2  
**Taylor Fritz** d. Zhang Zhizhen 6-4 6-4  
**Krawczyk/Galloway** d. Zhang S./Sun 6-3 6-7(1) [10-3]

**CZECHIA: 3rd Appearance (2023-24 RR, 2025 SF+) – 3-4 in ties (1-1 in 2023, 0-2 in 2024, 2-1 in 2025)**

**2023** - 2nd in Group C (1st United States, 3rd Germany)

**2024** - 3rd in Group E (1st Serbia, 2nd China)

**2025** - d. Norway (2-1) and I. to Poland (1-2) and advanced to QF as best second-placed team in Sydney, then defeated Italy 2-1 in QF

**Team Czechia’s Road To Semi-Finals:**

**d. Norway 2-1**

**Karolina Muchova** d. Malene Helgo 6-2 6-2  
 Casper Ruud d. **Tomas Machac** 7-6(6) 5-7 6-4  
**Muchova/Machac** d. Eikeri/Durasovic 6-4 6-4

**I. to Poland 1-2**

**Tomas Machac** d. Hubert Hurkacz 7-5 3-6 6-4  
 Iga Swiatek d. **Karolina Muchova** 6-3 6-4  
 Swiatek/Hurkacz d. **Muchova/Machac** 7-6(3) 6-3

**d. Italy 2-1 in QF**

**Karolina Muchova** d. Jasmine Paolini 6-2 6-2  
**Tomas Machac** d. Flavio Cobolli 6-1 6-2  
 Errani/Vavassori d. **Knutson/Rikl** 7-5 3-6 [10-4]

**Coco Gauff (USA) vs Karolina Muchova (CZE)**

**Gauff Leads 3-0**

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|------|------------|------|---|-------------|---------|
| 2023 | CINCINNATI | HARD | F | GAUFF, COCO | 6-3 6-4 |
| 2023 | US OPEN    | HARD | S | GAUFF, COCO | 6-4 7-5 |
| 2024 | BEIJING    | HARD | F | GAUFF, COCO | 6-1 6-3 |

**Coco Gauff** | Age: 20 | WTA World No. 3 | Career-High No. 2 | 2024: 54-17 (3 singles titles) | Career: 210-88 (9 titles)  
 > Went 3-for-3 in finals in 2024, winning Auckland, Beijing and a historic first WTA Finals Riyadh title. Success in Saudi Arabia saw her win a record \$4.8m in prize money, the most ever awarded in women’s professional sports, and defeated the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event.

> Finished 2024 season strong winning 16 of last 19 matches; in addition to titles at Beijing and WTA Finals, also reached R16 at US Open and SF at Wuhan in that stretch

> Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June 2024 after advancing to SF at Roland Garros

> 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.

> At 18 years old, made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia); has remained in the Top 10 every week since

**NOTE:** Gauff is 3-0 in singles at United Cup with wins over No.31 Leylah Fernandez, No. 19 Donna Vekic and No.205 Zhang Shuai; she is also 2-0 in doubles with Taylor Fritz... Gauff won 16 of her last 19 matches to close out the 2024 season, which included title runs at the WTA Finals and Beijing

**Karolina Muchova** | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 22 | Career-High No. 8 | 2024: 21-7 (R-Up, Beijing, Palermo) | Career: 144-71 (1 Title)

> Finished 2024 season ranked No. 22

> Started 2024 season by reaching QF (l. Keys) at Eastbourne, her first event since US Open 2023. Reached two finals at Beijing (l. Gauff in F) and Palermo (l. Zheng in F). Made consecutive SF at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached another SF at Ningbo (l. M. Andrejeva, retired in 2nd set)



- > Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (I. Swiatek), debut WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati (I. Gauff) and made Top 10 debut in August. Also secured debut qualification for WTA Finals but did not compete due to injury
- > Defeated the World No.1 and No.2 during 2021, defeating No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.2 Osaka at Madrid (only other player to manage this was Badosa)
- > Won lone career singles title at 2019 Seoul
- > Currently the second highest ranked Czech player (behind only No.10 Barbora Krejčíková)

**NOTE:** Muchova won 14 of her last 17 matches in 2024 across the US Open (SF), Beijing (R-Up), and Ningbo (SF) and has started the 2025 season by posting a 2-1 mark this week at United Cup with a win over No. 4 ranked Jasmine Paolini and Malene Helgo with a loss to No.2 Iga Swiatek

### **Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Tomas Machac (CZE)**

20 Roland Garros (France)

Clay R128 Taylor Fritz

### **Fritz Leads 1-0**

7-5 7-6(2) 1-6 2-6 6-3

**Taylor Fritz** | Age: 27 | World No. 4 (Career-High) | 2024: 53-23 (2 Titles) | Career: 286-191 (7 Titles)

- > Former World No. 1 junior achieved career-high No. 4 in November 2024, becoming the first American man since Blake in 2006 to play in Nitto ATP Finals championship match and finish inside Top 5 on year-end rankings.
- > At 2024 US Open, became the 1st American man in Grand Slam final since 2009 after earning wins over No. 8 Ruud in 4R, No. 4 Zverev in QF and No. 20 Tiafoe in all-American semi-final.
- > Defeated No. 2 Nadal en route 2022 Nitto ATP Finals SF after beating him in 2022 ATP Masters 1000 Indian Wells final to become that event's 1st American men's champion since Agassi in 2001.
- > Advanced to 1st Grand Slam 4R at 2022 Australian Open and 1st Grand Slam QF at 2022 Wimbledon after entering season with 0-7 record in Grand Slam 3R matches.
- > Reached 1st ATP Tour final at 2016 Memphis as 18-year-old WC, becoming youngest American finalist since start of ATP Tour in 1990.
- > Clinched inaugural United Cup for Team USA in 2023, helped Team World capture Laver Cup in 2022 and 2023 and captured bronze medal at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's doubles w/Paul.

**NOTE:** Fritz owns a 7-3 singles record at United Cup, including 4-1 in 2023 en route to the title with Team USA in the inaugural edition. The 27-year-old aims to extend his perfect record vs. Czechs on tour-level (8-0).

**Tomas Machac** | Age: 24 | World No. 25 (Career-High) | 2024: 33-23 (Geneva Final) | Career: 51-41 (1 Final)

- > Former Top-20 junior broke into Top 100 in time for 2022 year-end rankings and achieved career-high No. 25 in October 2024 after defeating No. 2 Alcaraz to reach ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai SF (l. to No. 1 Sinner).
- > Upset No. 6 Rublev en route to 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Miami and earned biggest win of career over No. 1 Djokovic to reach 1st ATP Tour final in 2024 Geneva.
- > Representing Czech Republic, defeated Sousa to reach 2021 Tokyo Olympics 2R and earned wins over Zhang at 2024 Paris Olympics in men's singles 1R and mixed doubles final to win gold medal with Siniakova.
- > Boasts 110-54 Challenger record (6-5 in finals), including back-to-back titles in Orleans and Mouilleron le Captif in October 2023.
- > Says that his favourite sports team is Chicago Bulls and his hero is Michael Jordan, who played his last game as a Bull in 1998 – 2 years before Machac was born.

**NOTE:** Machac is making his second appearance at United Cup and went 2-1 in singles this week. He is 2-8 vs. Top 5, earning both wins last year over No. 1 Djokovic in Geneva SF and No. 2 Alcaraz in ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai QF (4-13 vs. Top 10).

### **MIXED DOUBLES:**

### **Coco Gauff / Taylor Fritz (USA) vs Karolina Muchova / Tomas Machac (CZE)**