



2025 UNITED CUP – DAY 1 (27 DECEMBER 2024)

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2025 UNITED CUP – STANDINGS

PERTH – RAC ARENA

Standings

Group	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
Group A					
[1] United States	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Fritz, Gauff
[7] Canada	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Auger-Aliassime, Fernandez
[18] Croatia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Coric, Vekic
Group C					
[3] Greece	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	S. Tsitsipas, Sakkari
[9] Kazakhstan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Shevchenko, Rybakina
[14] Spain	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Carreno Busta, Bouzas Maneiro
Group E					
[5] China	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Zhang Z., Gao X.
[11] Germany	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Zverev, Siegemund
[13] Brazil	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Monteiro, Haddad Maia

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Group B					
[2] Poland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Hurkacz, Swiatek
[8] Czechia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Machac, Muchova
[15] Norway	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Ruud, Helgø
Group D					
[4] Italy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Cobolli, Paolini
[10] France	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Humbert, Paquet
[16] Switzerland	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Stricker, Bencic
Group F					
[6] Great Britain	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	B. Harris, Boulter
[12] Australia	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	de Minaur, Gadecki
[17] Argentina	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	Etcheverry, Podoroska

BOLD: Countries in bold are projected to play on today's schedule.



PERTH – RAC ARENA – FRIDAY’S PROJECTED SCHEDULE

[9] KAZAKHSTAN vs [14] SPAIN – GROUP C

First Meeting at United Cup

KAZAKHSTAN: 2nd Appearance – in 2023, 3rd in Group B (1st Poland, 2nd Switzerland) – 0-2 in ties

SPAIN: 3rd Appearance – in 2023, 3rd in Group D (1st Great Britain, 2nd Australia); in 2024, 2nd in Group A (1st Poland, 3rd Brazil) – 1-3 in ties at United Cup (2023 – 0-2, 2024 – 1-1)

Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP)

Carreno Busta Leads 1-0

24 Winston-Salem (U.S.A.)

Hard

R32

Pablo Carreno Busta

6-2 6-2

Alexander Shevchenko | Age: 24 | World No. 78 | Career-High No. 45 | 2024: 21-28 (4 QFs) | Career: 37-48 (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. The 24-year-old earned 15 of 21 tour-level wins last season on hard courts and looks for his first tour-level win vs. Spaniards (0-3).

Pablo Carreno Busta | Age: 33 | World No. 196 | Career-High No. 10 | 2024: 8-8 (Winston-Salem SF) | Career: 276-220 (7 Titles)
> Winner of 7 singles and 4 doubles titles achieved career-high No. 10 in singles and No. 16 in doubles during 2017 season.
> Captured 2022 Montreal championship to become 15th different Spaniard to win an ATP Masters 1000 title since start of series in 1990.
> Defeated No. 1 Djokovic and No. 2 Medvedev en route to 2020 Tokyo Olympics bronze medal (held in 2021).
> Reached US Open SF and Roland Garros QF in both 2017 and 2020, as well as 2016 US Open doubles final with countryman Garcia-Lopez.
> Member of 2019 Davis Cup championship team and helped Team Spain reach ATP Cup finals in 2020 (5-1 in doubles) and 2022 (4-1 in singles).

NOTE: Carreno Busta looks for first tour-level win since defeating No. 29 Thompson in Davis Cup play in September. He was part of 2023 United Cup Spanish team but did not play a match due to injury.

Elena Rybakina (KAZ) vs Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (ESP)

First Meeting

Elena Rybakina | Age: 24 | WTA World No. 6 | Career-High No. 3 | 2024: 42-11 (3 singles titles) | Career: 235-105 (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 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

Jessica Bouzas Maneiro | Age: 22 | WTA World No. 54 | Career-High No. 54 | 2024: 10-11 (QF Guangzhou) | Career: 34-32 (0 Titles)
> Finished 2024 season ranked No. 55, her first year-end Top 100 finish (previous best was No.152 in 2023)
> Reached a career-high ranking of No. 54 on December 9, 2024 and is currently the second highest ranked Spanish woman (behind only No.12 Paula Badosa)
> In 2024 posted best career Grand Slam results with R32 at Wimbledon and US Open (at Wimbledon, she beat the defending champion Marketa Vondrousova in the opening round (also first career win over a Top 10 opponent), before falling to the eventual 2024 champion Barbora Krejčíková in R32)
> Reached first career QF at the Tour-level in Guangzhou
> In 2024, also claimed first WTA 125 title at Antalya
> Making second United Cup appearance; won her only singles match in 2023 to Olivia Gadecki

NOTE: Bouzas Maneiro recorded her first (and only to date) win over a Top 10 ranked opponent last year at Wimbledon as she defeated No. 6 Marketa Vondrousova in the opening round of the tournament...

MIXED DOUBLES:

**Elena Rybakina / Alexander Shevchenko (KAZ) vs
Yvonne Cavalle-Reimers / Sergio Martos Gornes (ESP)**

[5] CHINA vs [13] BRAZIL – GROUP E

First Meeting at United Cup

CHINA: 2nd Appearance – in 2024, 2nd in Group E (1st Serbia, 3rd Czechia), advanced to QFs as best second-placed team in Perth, lost 0-3 in quarter-finals to Poland – 1-2 in ties at United Cup

BRAZIL: 3rd Appearance – in 2023, 2nd in Group E (1st Italy, 3rd Norway); in 2024, 3rd in Group A (1st Poland, 2nd Spain) – 1-3 in ties at United Cup (2023 – 1-1, 2024 – 0-2)

Gao Xinyu (CHN) vs Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA)

First Meeting

Gao Xinyu | Age: 27 | WTA World No. 175 | Career-High No. 164 | 2024: 1-3 in Tour-level main draw (35-19 across all levels) | Career: 15-29 (240-147 across all levels)
> 1 of 8 Chinese women ranked in Top 200
> Reached career-high ranking of No.164 on July 15, 2024
> In 2024, reached first career 2R on Hologic WTA Tour at Hua Hin 2 (as qualifier, I. Hartono). Also played qualifying at Roland Garros and Wimbledon for the first time in her career.
> Throughout career has played at eight WTA 125 tournaments; reached first career SF at WTA 125 Contrexeville in 2024
> Yet to face a Top 20 ranked opponent in career

NOTE: Today marks G.Xinyu's first career meeting against a Top 20 ranked opponent

Beatriz Haddad Maia | Age: 28 | WTA World No. 17 | Career-High No. 10 | 2024: 25-26 (Seoul title) | Career: 198-137 (4 titles)

> Won fourth career title at 2024 Seoul, her first WTA 500 title and finished runner-up in Cleveland. Also reached quarterfinals at the 2024 US Open for best career result in New York and ended the season at No.17, her third consecutive Top 20 finish
> In doubles in 2024, won seventh career title at Adelaide (with Taylor Townsend)
> Broke into Top 10 in June 2023 after a strong clay season with SF at Roland Garros and QF at Rome and Stuttgart; ended year at No.11
> Has also reached Top 10 in doubles (May 8, 2023) having won seven doubles titles throughout career

NOTE: Haddad Maia is making her third United Cup appearance; after posting a 2-0 record in 2023, the Brazilian went 1-1 in 2024 with lone loss coming at the hands of WTA World No.1 Iga Swiatek



Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs Thiago Monteiro (BRA)

24 ATP Masters 1000 Rome (Italy) Clay R16 Zhang Zhizhen

Zhang Leads 1-0

7-6(4) 6-3

Zhang Zhizhen | Age: 28 | World No. 45 | Career-High No. 31 | 2024: 25-29 (Hangzhou Final) | Career: 55-59 (1 Final)
> Became the first Chinese player in PIF ATP Rankings history to break into Top 100 in October 2022 and Top 50 in January 2024, earning career-high No. 31 in July 2024.

> Defeated Buyunchaokete in 1st all-Chinese ATP Tour SF to reach his first final at 2024 Hangzhou after earning silver medal in mixed doubles at 2024 Paris Olympics with Wang Xinyu.

> Won 3 consecutive matches in deciding set tie-breaks to become the 1st Chinese player in ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2023 Madrid and reached 2nd ATP Masters 1000 QF at 2024 Rome.

> During 2023 season, reached 1st ATP Tour SF in Hamburg, then became 1st Chinese man to defeat a Top 5 opponent, beating No. 5 Ruud to advance to US Open 3R.

> Qualified at 2021 Wimbledon and joined fellow qualifier Wu at 2022 US Open as 1st Chinese man to compete in main draw of both events in Open Era.

> Equaled biggest win of career over No. 5 Medvedev in 2024 Halle 2R en route to 2nd ATP Tour SF and became the first Chinese man to reach a tour-level semi-final on grass in Open Era.

NOTE: Zhang makes his second appearance at United Cup, going 1-2 in singles by defeating No. 31 Lehecka in RR and losing to No. 1 Djokovic in RR and No. 9 Hurkacz in QF. Last season, the 28-year-old earned silver medal at Paris Olympics in mixed doubles with Wang Xinyu.

Thiago Monteiro | Age: 30 | World No. 109 | Career-High No. 61 | 2024: 13-13 (2 QFs) | Career: 92-130 (2 SFs)

> Former World No. 2 junior achieved career-high No. 61 after going 18-6 at Challengers in 2022, highlighted by titles at Salzburg and Genoa.

> Reached 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2024 Madrid (d. No. 7 Tsitsipas in 2R) and 1st 4R at 2024 Rome in his following event.

> Defeated No. 9 Tsonga in ATP Tour debut at 2016 Rio de Janeiro as 338th-ranked WC for 1st Top 10 win of career and also beat a Frenchman to advance to 1st ATP Tour SF of career at 2018 Quito (d. Monfils).

> Ended 7-match losing streak at Grand Slams and reached 1st Grand Slam 3R at 2020 Roland Garros.

> Posted 86-33 record on ITF Junior Circuit, including 6-2 6-1 win over Kyrgios en route to 2011 Offenbach Grade 1 title and 6-1 6-1 win over Pouille en route to 2011 Charleroi Grade 1 title.

NOTE: Monteiro looks for first win at the event after losing to No. 16 Berrettini and No. 3 Ruud in 2023 RR play (did not play in 2024). He seeks first Top 50 win on hard courts since defeating No. 4 Rune in 2023 Davis Cup World Group 1 Play-Offs vs. Denmark (4-28 vs. Top 50 players on hard courts in career).

MIXED DOUBLES:

Zhang Shuai / Zhang Zhizhen (CHN) vs Beatriz Haddad Maia / Rafael Matos (BRA)