



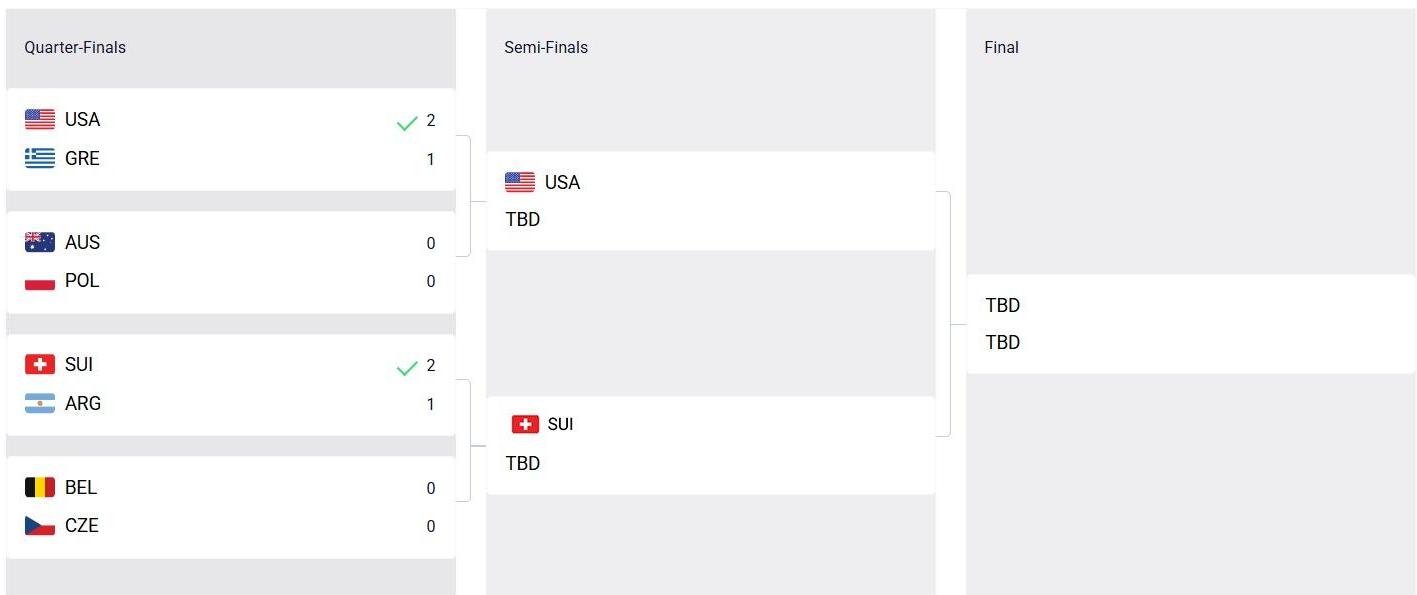
2026 UNITED CUP – DAY 7 (8 JANUARY 2026)

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2026 UNITED CUP – DRAW



SYDNEY - KEN ROSEWALL ARENA - THURSDAY'S QUARTER-FINAL

[7] BELGIUM vs [11] CZECHIA - QUARTER-FINAL

First Meeting at United Cup

BELGIUM: 2nd Appearance (2023 RR) – 1-3 in ties (0-2 in 2023, 1-1 in 2026)

2023 – 3rd in Group A (1st Greece, 2nd Argentina)

2026 – I. China (1-2) & d. Canada (3-0) to win Group B and advance to QF

Team Belgium's Road to Quarter-Finals:

I. to China 1-2

Elise Mertens d. Lin Zhu 6-2 6-2

Zhang Zhizhen d. **Zizou Bergs** 6-7(2) 7-6(3) 7-5

Zhu/Zhang d. **Mertens/Bergs** 5-7 7-6(5) [10-6]

d. Canada 3-0

Zizou Bergs d. Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4 6-2

Elise Mertens d. Victoria Mboko 6-3 3-6 6-3

Mertens/Bergs d. Mboko/Harper 6-3 3-6 [10-5]

CZECHIA: 4th Appearance (2023-24 RR, 2025 SF) – 4-6 in ties (1-1 in 2023, 0-2 in 2024, 2-2 in 2025, 1-1 in 2026)

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

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

2025 – 2nd in Group B (1st Poland, 3rd Norway), advanced to QF as best 2nd-placed team in Sydney, d. Italy in QF (2-1), I. to United States in SF (0-3)

2026 – d. Norway (3-0) & I. to Australia (1-2), advanced to QF as best 2nd-placed team in Sydney

Team Czechia's Road to Quarter-Finals:

d. Norway 3-0

Barbora Krejcikova d. Malene Helgo 6-4 6-3

Jakub Mensik d. Casper Ruud 7-5 7-6(6)

Krejcikova/Pavlasek d. Ekeri/Durasovic 7-5 6-2

I. to Australia 1-2

Barbora Krejcikova d. Maya Jant 6-4 6-1

Alex de Minaur d. **Jakub Mensik** 6-4 6-1

Hunter/de Minaur d. Skoch/Svrcina 6-2 6-3



Elise Mertens (BEL) vs Barbora Krejcikova (CZE)

First Meeting

Elise Mertens | Age: 30 | WTA World No. 19 | Career-High No. 12 (Nov 2018) | 2025: 36-20 (2 titles) | Career: 293-188 (10 titles)

- > Won two titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch to mark ninth and tenth career singles WTA titles; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year
- > Finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fourth year after 2018, 2019 and 2020
- > Career best Grand Slam result is semifinal at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- > The former doubles World No.1 (May 2021) ended the 2025 season with a doubles ranking of No.5
- > Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- > Owns 23 doubles titles including five Grand Slams and two WTA Finals

NOTES: Both players have previously climbed to the top of the PIF WTA Doubles Rankings – Krejcikova for 19 weeks and Mertens for 39 weeks. In United Cup, has defeated Zhu Lin (straight-sets) and Victoria Mboko (3-sets); in mixed doubles (w/Bergs) lost to China and later defeated Canada

Barbora Krejcikova | Age: 30 | WTA World No. 63 | Career-High No. 2 (Feb 2022) | 2025: 16-9 (3 QFs) | Career: 155-92 (8 titles)

- > Owns 8 career singles trophies including two Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon 2024 and Roland Garros 2021
- > Missed first 5 months of 2025 due to back injury and made season debut at Strasbourg in May; in singles, posted three QF finishes at Eastbourne, US Open and Seoul. In doubles, won 20th career Tour title at Seoul (w/Siniakova)
- > Finished 2024 at No.10 in the year-end rankings for a 2nd consecutive and qualified for the WTA Finals where she advanced to the semifinals (l. Zheng); reached a career-high ranking of No.2 in February 2022
- > She has completed the Career Golden Slam in doubles after winning 2018 Roland Garros, 2018 Wimbledon, 2021 Tokyo Olympics, 2022 Australian Open and 2022 US Open (all w/Siniakova)
- > Owns 20 WTA doubles titles including seven Grand Slam trophies as well as 3 mixed doubles Grand Slam titles (all at Australian Open - 2019, 2020 and 2021); also won the 2021 WTA Finals with Siniakova
- > Rose to WTA Doubles World No.1 for the first time on October 22, 2018

NOTES: Was 2-4 vs. Top 20 opponents in 2025 with both wins coming against players ranked. Making United Cup debut this year. In United Cup, defeated Maya Jant and Malene Helgo (both in straight-sets); in mixed doubles (w/Pavlasek) picked up a win vs. Norway. Of 16 main draw match wins in 2025, 11 came on hardcourts, highlighted by quarterfinal run at US Open.

Zizou Bergs (BEL) vs Jakub Mensik (CZE)

First Meeting

Zizou Bergs | Age: 26 | World No. 42 | Career-High No. 39 | 2025: 31-27 (2 Finals) | Career: 55-65 (2 Finals)

- > Former World No. 12 junior broke into Top 200 in July 2021, Top 100 in June 2024 and achieved career-high No. 39 in October 2025 after reaching 1st ATP Masters 1000 QF in Shanghai.
- > Advanced to 2024 Roland Garros 3R as Q, 2025 US Open 3R and earned Top 10 wins over No. 9 Rublev to reach 1st ATP Masters 1000 3R at 2025 Miami and No. 5 Auger-Aliassime to help Belgium to 2025 United Cup QF.
- > Defeated Ramos-Vinolas for 1st ATP Tour win at 2020 Antwerp as 528th-ranked WC and advanced to ATP Tour finals at 2025 Auckland and 2025 's-Hertogenbosch.
- > Earned 2022 Wimbledon WC after defeating former World No. 8 Sock for 2022 Ilkley Challenger title as Q.
- > Also won Challenger titles at 2021 St. Petersburg-1 as Q, 2021 Lille as Q, 2021 Almaty, 2023 & 2024 Tallahassee, 2023 Drummondville and 2023 Yokkaichi.

NOTE: Bergs earned the biggest win of career over No. 5 Auger-Aliassime on Tuesday to help Belgium win Group B. 26-year-old is 3-16 vs. Top 20, aiming to record multiple Top 20 wins in one event for the first time in his career.

Top 20 Wins by Zizou Bergs (W-L 3-16):

Win Over	Tournament
No. 9 Andrey Rublev	2025 ATP Masters 1000 Miami
No. 12 Casper Ruud	2025 ATP Masters 1000 Shanghai
No. 5 Felix Auger-Aliassime	2026 United Cup

Jakub Mensik | Age: 20 | ATP World No. 18 | Career-High No. 16 | 2025: 33-20 (Miami Title) | Career: 62-42 (1 Title)

- > Former World No. 2 junior broke into Top 100 in February 2025 and earned career-high No. 16 in August 2025 soon after becoming fourth man in series history to win 1st ATP Tour title at Masters 1000 event in Miami.
- > Also in Miami, defeated No. 4 Fritz and 6-time champion No. 5 Djokovic to join Alcaraz as only teenagers to earn multiple Top 5 wins in one event this century and became 1st Czech ATP Masters 1000 champion since 2005.



- > Reached 1st ATP Tour QF, SF and final at 2024 Doha by defeating former champions Murray, No. 5 Rublev and Monfils, becoming 1st man born in 2005 or later to play in an ATP Tour final.
- > In tour-level debut, reached 3R at 2023 US Open as Q, becoming youngest man to reach Grand Slam 3R since Nadal at 2004 Aus. Open and youngest at US Open since Santoro in 1990, losing to Fritz on 18th birthday.
- > Also advanced to Grand Slam 3R at 2024 US Open, losing to Borges after holding 3 MPs, 2025 Australian Open, losing to Davidovich Fokina after squandering 2 MPs and 2025 Wimbledon.
- > Posted 85-28 record on ITF Juniors circuit, highlighted by reaching 2022 Australian Open boys' singles final.

NOTE: Mensik went 1-1 in group stage of his United Cup debut, defeating No. 12 Ruud before losing to No. 6 de Minaur. Youngest man inside Top 20 of PIF ATP Rankings earned 23 of his 33 wins last season on hard courts, highlighted by defeating his idol, Djokovic, in ATP Masters 1000 Miami final for his 1st tour-level title.

MIXED DOUBLES:

Elise Mertens / Zizou Bergs (BEL) vs Barbora Krejcikova / Jakub Mensik (CZE)



2026 UNITED CUP – STANDINGS

PERTH – RAC ARENA

Standings

Group A	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[1] United States	2-0	4-2	10-5	77-66	Fritz, Gauff
*[14] Argentina	1-1	4-2	8-6	66-66	Baez, Sierra
[10] Spain	0-2	1-5	4-11	69-80	Munar, Bouzas Maneiro
Group C	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[16] Switzerland	2-0	5-1	11-5	84-71	Wawrinka, Bencic
[3] Italy	1-1	3-3	8-7	81-78	Cobolli, Paolini
[8] France	0-2	1-5	4-11	71-87	Rinderknech, Jeanjean
Group E	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[12] Greece	2-0	5-1	11-4	76-51	S. Tsitsipas, Sakkari
[5] Great Britain	1-1	3-3	8-8	65-73	B. Harris, Raducanu
[13] Japan	0-2	1-5	3-10	51-68	Mochizuki, Osaka

SYDNEY – KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

Standings

Group B	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[7] Belgium	1-1	4-2	10-6	80-64	Bergs, Mertens
[2] Canada	1-1	3-3	8-7	65-57	Auger-Aliassime, Mboko
[18] China	1-1	2-4	5-10	57-81	Zhang, Zhu
Group D	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[4] Australia	2-0	4-2	8-5	59-49	de Minaur, Joint
*[11] Czechia	1-1	4-2	8-4	61-54	Mensik, Krejckova
[17] Norway	0-2	1-5	3-10	52-69	Ruud, Helgo
Group F	Ties	Matches	Sets	Games	No. 1 Players
[9] Poland	2-0	6-0	12-2	75-52	Hurkacz, Swiatek
[6] Germany	1-1	3-3	7-6	66-54	Zverev, Lys
[15] Netherlands	0-2	0-6	1-12	37-72	Griekspoor, Lamens

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

Qualified for the quarter-finals **Eliminated from the competition**

* Best second-placed team from each city also advances to the quarter-finals.