

2023 WIMBLEDON GIRLS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Saturday 15 July

No. 1 Alina Korneeva v Nikola Bartunkova (CZE)

No. 2 Clervie Ngounoue (USA) v No. 5 Renata Jamrichova (SVK)

On court today...

- Alina Korneeva has enjoyed a stellar year at the Grand Slams so far, with the 16-year-old winning the titles at both the Australian Open and Roland Garros and she will face Nikola Bartunkova in the Wimbledon girls' singles semifinals today. Two more victories at SW19 would see Korneeva become the first player in history to win the girls' singles titles at the opening 3 Grand Slam tournaments of the season. But Bartunkova, who has been focusing mainly on her professional career this season, will be a tough opponent. Like Korneeva, she is also ranked inside the WTA Top 350, and both girls have dropped just one set en route to the last 4 this week.
- No. 2 seed Clervie Ngounoue has enjoyed 4 straight-sets victories at Wimbledon this week but she may find that facing Slovakia's Renata Jamrichova is her most difficult assignment yet. Jamrichova has proved that grass court tennis suits her game after winning the title at J300 Roehampton last week, and she will bid for another victory today that would see her become just the 3rd Slovakian player to reach a Wimbledon girls' singles final. Victory for Ngounoue, meanwhile, would see her become the 23rd American player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final, and the 2nd in back-to-back years after Liv Hovde won the girls' event here in 2022.

NO. 1 ALINA KORNEEVA v NIKOLA BARTUNKOVA (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Road to the Semifinals

KORNEEVA	Time		Time	BARTUNKOVA
d. Aya El Aouni 60 62	0:55	1st round	0:55	d. Luciana Moyano 62 60
d. (Q) Vendula Valdmannova 57 63 75	2:23	2nd round	1:08	d. (WC) Hephzibah Oluwadare 62 63
d. (Q) Greta Greco Lucchina 63 62	1:03	3rd round	1:13	d. Mingge Xu 63 62
d. No. 8 Ena Koike 75 76(4)	1:32	Quarterfinals	1:51	d. Ranah Akua Stoiber 16 61 62
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total time on court	5:53	IBM time	5:07	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Ngounoue	Jamrichova
Korneeva	0-0	0-0
Bartunkova	1-0	0-0

KORNEEVA	v	BARTUNKOVA
16	Age	17
1	ITF Junior Ranking	131
324	WTA Ranking	348
16-0	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	11-3
4-0	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	7-2
97-12	Career Record (Junior)	102-26
20-1	2023 Record (Junior)	14-0

- **KORNEEVA** is bidding to reach her 3rd Grand Slam final. She won the girls' singles titles at both the Australian Open (d. Mirra Andreeva) and Roland Garros (d. Lucciana Perez Alarcon) this year.
- Korneeva is bidding to become the **first player in history to win the girls' singles titles at the opening 3 Grand Slam tournaments of the season**. She is also bidding to become the 3rd player to win 3 girls' singles titles at the Grand Slams in one season after Natasha Zvereva (who won the titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open in 1987) and Magdalena Maleeva (who won the titles at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and the US Open in 1990).
- Korneeva is also bidding to become the **3rd junior player to win the opening 3 Grand Slam titles of the season** after Stefan Edberg, who went on to win the Grand Slam in boys' singles in 1983, and Gael Monfils, who won the boys' singles title at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2004.
- Korneeva is also bidding to become the 10th player in history to win 3 Grand Slam girls' singles titles –
 and the first since Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who the girls' singles titles at the Australian Open in both 2006
 and 2007 and the girls' title at the 2006 US Open.
- Korneeva is making her **3rd junior Grand Slam appearance here**. She is bidding to extend her perfect record in junior Grand Slam matches, having made her first 2 junior Grand Slam appearances at the Australian Open and Roland Garros this year.
- Korneeva is contesting her **4th junior event of 2023**. In addition to her appearances at the Grand Slams, she also reached the semifinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (I. Melisa Ercan).
- Korneeva won her biggest event on the ITF World Tennis Tour in March this year, defeating Timea Babos to win the title as a qualifier at W60 Pretoria (RSA). She has won one other professional title, at 2022 W15 Casablanca (MAR) (d. Laura Hietaranta).
- Korneeva's other highlights at professional-level in 2023 are reaching the quarterfinals at W60 Grado (ITA) (I. Irene Burillo Escorihuela) and W25 Pretoria (RSA) (I. Lulu Sun).
- Korneeva reached the **junior No. 1 ranking** in May this year and plays here at the same ranking. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 321 last month and is currently ranked at No. 324.

- Korneeva entered the **girls' doubles here** with Taylah Preston. The pair fell No. 6 seeds Wakana Sonobe/Tereza Valentova in the 1st round.
- Korneeva is coached by Julia Bekechenko.
- **BARTUNKOVA** is bidding to become the 10th Czech player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final but just the 2nd in the last 30 years, after 2010 champion Kristyna Pliskova. She is also bidding to become the 12th Czech player, boy or girl, to reach a junior singles final Wimbledon.
- Bartunkova is also bidding to become the first Czech player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final in 2023. Lucie Havlickova is the most-recent Czech player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final, having won the title at 2022 Roland Garros and finished-runner-up at the 2022 US Open.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Bartunkova has equalled her **best Grand Slam performance**. She also reached the semifinals at 2022 Roland Garros (I. Solana Sierra)
- Bartunkova is making her **3rd Wimbledon appearance and her 4th Grand Slam appearance overall**. In addition to her semifinal finish at 2022 Roland Garros, she also competed at Wimbledon in both 2021 and 2022 she fell in the 1st round as a qualifier here in 2021 (I. Eva Shaw) but reached the quarterfinals in 2022 (I. Luca Udvardy).
- Bartunkova is contesting her 3rd junior event of 2023. In addition to her appearance here, she also won the
 titles at both J200 Bratislava (SVK) (d. Kristyna Tomajkova) and J200 Oberhaching (d. Vlada Mincheva). She
 is unbeaten at junior-level in 2023 so far.
- Bartunkova won her first professional title on the ITF World Tennis Tour in April this year at W25 Santa Margherita di Pula (ITA) (d. Ylena In-Albon). She also reached her 2nd semifinal at W60-level at W60 Prague (CZE) (I. Jessica Bouzas Maneiro).
- Bartunkova reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 8 in July last year but plays here at No. 131. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 267 in November last year and is currently ranked at No. 348.
- Bartunkova was a member of the Czechia team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2021, defeating Japan in the final.
- Bartunkova entered the **girls' doubles here** as No. 7 seed alongside Nina Vargova. The pair fell to Hannah Klugman/Isabelle Lacy in the 2nd round.
- Bartunkova is coached by Pavel Bartunkova.

NO. 2 CLERVIE NGOUNOUE (USA) v NO. 5 RENATA JAMRICHOVA (SVK)

Head-to-head: Jamrichova leads 1-0

2023 J500 Milan (ITA) Clay (O) SF Jamrichova 61 26 61

A 2nd meeting for Ngounoue and Jamrichova. Their previous meeting also came at the semifinal stage of a tournament, with Jamrichova winning in 3 sets when they met at J500 Milan earlier this year.

Road to the Semifinals

NGOUNOUE	Time		Time	JAMRICHOVA
d. Hayu Kinoshita 64 64	1:13	1st round	0:49	d. Mara Gae 60 64
d. (WC) Isabelle Lacy 61 61	0:58	2nd round	2:37	d. Ariana Anazagasty-Pursoo 67(6) 61 76(8)
d. Rositsa Dencheva 63 61	0:55	3rd round	1:03	d. Rebecca Munk Mortensen 63 63
d. No. 7 Sayaka Ishii 64 75	1:27	Quarterfinals	1:56	d. (WC) Mika Stojsavljevic 62 67(6) 61
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total time on court	4:33	IBM time	6:25	total time on court

Possible final head-to-heads

	Korneeva	Bartunkova
Ngounoue	0-0	0-1
Jamrichova	0-0	0-0

NGOUNOUE	V	JAMRICHOVA
16	Age	16
2	ITF Junior Ranking	5
537	WTA Ranking	635
14-6	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	9-4
5-1	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	4-1
106-34	Career Record (Junior)	96-34
25-3	2023 Record (Junior)	26-6

- NGOUNOUE is bidding to become the 23rd American player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final and
 the 6th in the last decade after Taylor Townsend (2013), Claire Liu and Ann Li (both 2017), Alexa Noel (2019)
 and Liv Hovde (2022).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Ngounoue has recorded her best Grand Slam performance. Her previous best results at the Grand Slams is reaching the quarterfinals at both the 2022 US Open (I. Lucie Havlickova) and 2023 Roland Garros (I. Alisa Oktiabreva).
- Ngounoue is making her 2nd Wimbledon appearance and her 7th Grand Slam appearance overall. On her only previous appearance here, in 2021, she reached the 2nd round (d. Sofia Johnson, I. Mei Hasegawa).
- Ngounoue's best results at junior-level in 2023 are winning the titles at J300 Indian Wells (USA) (d. Theadora Rabman) and J300 San Diego (USA) (d. Iva Jovic). She also reached the semifinals at J500 Milan (ITA) (I. Jamrichova) and the quarterfinals on grass at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (I. Sayaka Ishii).
- Ngounoue has contested 4 professional events on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2023. Her best results
 are reaching the semifinals at W25 Orlando, FL (USA) (I. Dalayna Hewitt) and the quarterfinals at W25 Spring,
 TX (USA) (I. Yuliia Starodubtseva).
- Ngounoue became **junior world No. 1** last month and plays here one place lower at No. 2. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 530 last month and is currently ranked a No. 537.
- Ngounoue was a member of USA team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2022, defeating
 Czechia in the final.
- Ngounoue entered the girls' doubles here alongside Tyra Caterina Grant but the pair withdrew prior to the 1st round due to Grant's right knee injury.
- Ngounoue is coached by Jermaine Jenkins.

- Lefthander **JAMRICHOVA** is bidding to become the 3rd Slovak player to reach a Wimbledon junior singles final after Magdalena Rybarikova (who finished as girls' singles runner-up here in 2006) and Kristina Schmiedlova (who finished as girls' singles runner-up here in 2014).
- Jamrichova is also bidding to become the 9th Slovak player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final –
 and the first since Viktoria Hruncakova (nee Viktoria Kuzmova) finished runner-up in the girls' singles at the
 2016 US Open.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Jamrichova has recorded her best Grand Slam performance. Her previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the Australian Open this year (I. Mirra Andreeva).
- Jamrichova is making her **2nd Wimbledon appearance and her 5th Grand Slam appearance overall**. Last year here, on her Grand Slam debut, she fell to Jasmine Conway in the 1st round. She also fell in the 1st round as a qualifier at the 2022 US Open (I. Raquel Gonzalez Vilar) but reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros this year (I. Anastasiia Gureva).
- Jamrichova's best result at junior-level in 2022 is winning the title at J300 Roehampton (GBR), where she
 received a walkover from Tereza Valentova in the final. She also finished runner-up at J300 Santa Croce
 Sull'Arno (ITA) (I. Tyra Caterina Grant) and J500 Milan (ITA) (I. Kaitlin Quevedo) and reached the semifinals
 at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (I. Andreeva).
- Jamrichova has contested 4 professional events on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2023. Her best result is reaching the quarterfinals at W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (I. Sara Milanese).
- Jamrichova reached a career-high junior ranking of No. 5 this week after winning the title at J300 Roehampton (GBR). She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 604 in April this year and is currently ranked at No. 635.
- Jamrichova entered the **girls' doubles here** as No. 2 seed alongside Federica Urgesi. The pair face Alena Kovackova/Laura Samsonova in the semifinals later today.
- Jamrichova is coached by Jan Matus.