



2025 WIMBLEDON GIRLS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL MATCH NOTES Friday 11 July

No. 6 Julieta Pareja (USA) v Mimi Xu (GBR)
Mia Pohankova (SVK) v Vendula Valdmanova (CZE)

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On court today...

- The final British player remaining in the junior singles is Mimi Xu, who takes on 6th-seeded American Julieta Pareja on Court 12 today. Xu has already had a Wimbledon to remember – as a wild card in the women's singles main draw, she was competitive in defeat against Emma Raducanu on No. 1 Court last Monday. Having matched her best junior Grand Slam result here this week – she was also a girls' singles semifinalist at the US Open last year – Xu will be determined to reach finals weekend today. Should she do so, she will become just the 3rd British player to reach the girls' singles final at Wimbledon in the last 50 years, after Annabel Croft in 1984 and Laura Robson in 2008. Pareja, however, will be a tough opponent – the American is in great grass-court form, having won the title at J300 Roehampton last week. Victory for Pareja today will see her become the 24th American player to reach the girls' singles final here, and the 6th in the last decade.
- A Wimbledon girls' singles semifinal is familiar territory for Vendula Valdmanova, who lost out to eventual champion Renata Jamrichova at this stage last year. Her prize for reaching a 2nd semifinal here is another match-up with a Slovakian player, Mia Pohankova, who is also through to a 2nd Grand Slam semifinal. If Valdmanova wins today she will become the 10th Czech player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – but just the 3rd in the last 30 years, after 2010 champion Kristyna Pliskova and 2023 runner-up Nikola Bartunkova. Meanwhile, Pohankova, who reached the last 4 at the Australian Open this year, will be keen to emulate compatriot Jamrichova, who became the first Slovakian player to win a Wimbledon junior singles title last year. If she wins today, Pohankova will become the 4th Slovakian player to reach a Wimbledon junior singles final, after Magdalena Rybarikova (2006 girls' singles runner-up), Kristina Schmiedlova (2014 girls' singles runner-up) and Jamrichova.

NO. 6 JULIETA PAREJA (USA) v MIMI XU (GBR)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Potential final head-to-heads

	Pohankova	Valdmanova
Pareja	0-0	0-0
Xu	0-0	2-0

Road to the semifinals

PAREJA	Time		Time	XU
d. (Q) Maia Ilinca Burcescu 62 63	1:06	1st round	2:28	d. Thea Frodin 26 64 75
d. (WC) Flora Johnson 62 62	1:00	2nd round	0:53	d. No. 12 Alena Kovackova 61 62
d. Elizara Yaneva 62 62	1:08	3rd round	1:03	d. Tahlia Kokkinis 63 63
d. No. 2 Hannah Klugman 64 62	1:29	Quarterfinals	1:28	d. No. 3 Lilli Tagger 76(4) 61
total time on court	4:43	IBM time	5:52	total time on court

PAREJA

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XU

16	Age	17
7	ITF Junior Ranking	46
340	WTA Ranking	318
7-2	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	17-9
4-0	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	9-4
89-28	Career Record (Junior)	108-48
34-4	2025 Record (Junior)	6-1

- **PAREJA** is bidding to become the 24th American player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – and the 6th in the last decade after Claire Liu and Ann Li (both 2017), Alexa Noel (2019), Liv Hovde (2022) and Clervie Ngounoue (2023).
- Pareja is bidding to become the **16th American player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – but just the 5th in the last 40 years. Since Zina Garrison won the girls' singles title here in 1981, the only American players to win the girls' singles title here are Chanda Rubin (1992), Claire Liu (2017), Hovde (2022) and Ngounoue (2023).
- Pareja is bidding to become the **5th American player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title in the last 5 years**. In addition to the Wimbledon title-victories for Hovde and Ngounoue in the last 3 years, Robin Montgomery won the girls' singles title at the 2021 US Open and Katherine Hui won the girls' singles title at the 2023 US Open.
- If Pareja and Ronit Karki, who has reached the boys' singles semifinals here, both reach the finals here, it will be the **first time that USA has representatives in both junior singles finals at Wimbledon since 2022**, when Hovde won the girls' singles title and Michael Zheng finished as boys' singles runner-up. If Pareja and Karki win the titles here, it will be the first time that American players have won both junior singles titles at Wimbledon since 1981, when Zina Garrison won the girls' singles title and Matt Anger won the boys' singles title.
- Pareja is bidding to become the **9th player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles and girls' doubles title in the same year** – and first since Eugenie Bouchard in 2012. She entered the girls' doubles here as No. 5 seed alongside Thea Frodin and the pair will play Julie Pastikova/Julia Stusek in the girls' doubles semifinals later on Friday.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Pareja has recorded her **best Grand Slam result**. Her previous best result at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at Roland Garros this year (l. Emerson Jones).
- Pareja is making her **junior Wimbledon debut here**. She is contesting her 3rd junior Grand Slam event overall – in addition to her quarterfinal finish at Roland Garros this year, she fell in the 1st round as a wild card on her junior Grand Slam debut at the US Open last year (l. Teodora Kostovic).
- **Prior to Wimbledon this year**, Pareja won the title at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Elizara Yaneva). She is bidding to extend a 10-match winning streak, having not lost a match since falling to Jones in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros.

- Pareja's **other highlights in 2025** are winning the titles at J300 Barranquilla (COL) (d. Ishika Ashar) and J300 Indian Wells (USA) (d. Alexis Nguyen) and finishing runner-up at J300 Lima (PER) (l. Giulia Safina Popa) and J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Luna Vujovic).
- Pareja **reached the semifinals at Bogota on her WTA Tour debut** this year. She defeated Carol Zhao and Eva Vedder to qualify for the main draw, before defeating Maria Jose Sanchez Uribe, Patricia Maria Tig and Leolia Jeanjean before falling to Katarzyna Kawa in the semifinals. She also competed as a wild card in qualifying at Indian Wells-1000 this year but fell to Ajla Tomljanovic in the 1st round of qualifying.
- Pareja **contested women's singles qualifying at the 2024 US Open**. As a wild card, she reached the final round of qualifying, defeating Kayla Day and Lucrezia Stefanini before falling to Kimberly Birrell.
- Pareja reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 7 last month and plays here at the same ranking. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 317 in May this year and is currently ranked at No. 340.
- Pareja is coached by Adam Peterson and Agustin Velotti.
- **XU** is bidding to become the 11th British player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – and just the 3rd in the last 50 years, after Annabel Croft (1984) and Laura Robson (2008).
- Xu is bidding to become the **6th British player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final since 2000** – after Robson (2008 Wimbledon champion, 2009-10 Australian Open runner-up), Heather Watson (2009 US Open champion), Katie Swan (2015 Australian Open runner-up), Mika Stojsavljevic (2024 US Open champion) and Hannah Klugman (2025 Roland Garros runner-up).
- Xu is bidding to become the **7th British player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – after Lorna Cornell (1950 and 1951), Valerie Pitt (1954), Sheila Armstrong (1955), Ann Haydon (1956), Croft (1984) and Robson (2008).
- Xu is also bidding to become the **7th British player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title since 2000** – after Andy Murray (2004 US Open boys' singles champion, Robson (2008 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Watson (2009 US Open girls' singles champion), Oliver Golding (2011 US Open boys' singles champion), Henry Searle (2023 Wimbledon boys' singles champion) and Stojsavljevic (2024 US Open girls' singles champion).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Xu has become the **first British player to reach the girls' singles semifinals at Wimbledon since 2010**, when Robson reached the semifinals here.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Xu has equalled her **best Grand Slam result**. She also reached the semifinals at the 2024 US Open (l. Wakana Sonobe).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Xu has recorded her **best Wimbledon result**. Her previous best result here was reaching the 3rd round as a wild card in 2022 (l. Isabella Kruger) and as a direct acceptance in 2023 (l. Nikola Bartunkova).
- Xu is making her **5th junior Wimbledon appearance**. In addition to her 3rd round finishes in 2022 and 2023, she also fell in the 1st round as a wild card in 2021 (l. Polina Kudermetova) and reached the 2nd round as No. 8 seed here last year (d. Joy de Zeeuw, l. Rositsa Dencheva).
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Xu reached the 3rd round at the Australian Open (l. Lilli Tagger). It is the only junior event she has played prior to Wimbledon this season. She is making her 11th junior Grand Slam appearance overall.
- Xu made her **Grand Slam women's singles debut at Wimbledon this year** after receiving a main draw wild card. She fell to Emma Raducanu in the 1st round.
- Xu made her **WTA Tour debut during the grass court season this year**. She reached the 2nd round as a wild card at Nottingham (d. Katie Volynets, l. Magda Linette) but fell in the 1st round at Eastbourne (l. Peyton Stearns). She contested 2 events at WTA 125-level, reaching the quarterfinals at Birmingham, where she defeated Alycia Parks and Katarzyna Kawa before falling to Jessika Ponchet, and reaching the 2nd round at Ilkley (d. Ana Konjuh, l. Amarni Banks).

- Xu's **other highlights at professional level this year** are reaching 2 quarterfinals on the ITF World Tennis Tour – at W50 Kyoto (JPN) (l. Ayano Shimizu) and W35 Nottingham (GBR) (l. Amelia Ajecki).
- Xu won her **first professional title** last year on the ITF World Tennis Tour as a wild card at W35 Aldershot (GBR) (d. Haley Giavara)
- Xu reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 8 in June 2024. She plays here at No. 46. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 318 the week prior to Wimbledon this year and has remained at No. 318 since then.
- Xu is coached by Katie O'Brien and Nigel Sears.

MIA POHANKOVA (SVK) v VENDULA VALDMANNOVA (CZE)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Potential final head-to-heads

	Pareja	Xu
Pohankova	0-0	0-0
Valdmannova	0-0	0-2

Road to the semifinals

POHANKOVA	Time		Time	VALDMANNOVA
d. No. 7 Mika Stojasavljevic 76(4) 61	1:25	1st round	1:17	d. (WC) Daniela Piani 75 64
d. Ksenia Efremova 63 76(5)	1:37	2nd round	1:15	d. No. 14 Luna Maria Cinalli 63 62
d. Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva 63 57 63	1:56	3rd round	0:52	d. Laima Vladson 60 62
d. No. 1 Emerson Jones 62 62	1:06	Quarterfinals	2:14	d. No. 5 Teodora Kostovic 62 46 75
total time on court	6:04	IBM time	5:38	total time on court

POHANKOVA

v

VALDMANNOVA

16	Age	17
30	ITF Junior Ranking	29
465	WTA Ranking	663
14-5	Career Grand Slam Record (Junior)	14-6
5-1	Wimbledon Record (Junior)	9-2
82-36	Career Record (Junior)	107-55
17-6	2025 Record (Junior)	8-5

- **POHANKOVA** is bidding to become the 4th Slovakian player to reach a Wimbledon junior singles final – after Magdalena Rybarikova (2006 girls' singles runner-up), Kristina Schmiedlova (2014 girls' singles runner-up) and Renata Jamrichova (2024 girls' singles champion).
- Pohankova is bidding to become the **11th Slovakian player to reach a junior Grand Slam singles final** – and the 2nd to do so in consecutive years, after Jamrichova won the girls' singles titles at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2024.
- Pohankova is bidding to become the **5th Slovakian player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title** – after Martin Klizan (2006 Roland Garros boys' singles champion), Kristina Kucova (2007 US Open girls' singles champion), Tereza Mihalikova (2015 Australian Open girls' singles champion) and Jamrichova (2024 Australian Open and Wimbledon girls' singles champion).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Pohankova has equalled her **best Grand Slam result**. She also reached the semifinals at the Australian Open this year (l. Kristina Penickova).
- **Elsewhere in Grand Slam play this year**, Pohankova reached the 3rd round at Roland Garros (l. Sarah Melany Fajmonova).
- **Last year here**, Pohankova reached the 2nd round (d. Vittoria Paganetti, l. Teodora Kostovic). She is making her 2nd junior appearance at Wimbledon this year and is contesting her 6th Grand Slam junior event overall.
- **Prior to Wimbledon this year**, Pohankova fell in the 1st round at J300 Roehampton (GBR) (l. Kristina Penickova).
- Pohankova is contesting her **7th junior event of 2025**. On her other junior appearances this year, she reached the quarterfinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Hannah Klugman) and the 3rd round at both J500 Offenbach (GER) (l. Charo Esquivia Banuls) and J500 Milan (ITA) (l. Klugman).
- Pohankova won her **first professional title in 2024** – as a wild card at W75 Bratislava (SVK) (d. Jamrichova).

- Pohankova has **contested 3 professional events in 2025**. Her best result is reaching the quarterfinals as a qualifier at W50 Nantes (FRA) (l. Talia Gibson). She fell in the 1st round of qualifying at both W75 Trnava (SVK) (l. Alevtina Ibragimova) and as a wild card at the WTA Tour event in Berlin (l. Katerina Siniakova).
- Pohankova reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 21 in January this year and plays here at No. 30. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 463 last month and is currently ranked at No. 465.
- Pohankova entered the **girls' doubles here** alongside Luna Vujovic. As No. 7 seeds, the pair fell to Julie Pastikova/Julia Stusek in the 2nd round.
- Pohankova is coached by Robert Gasparez.
- **VALDMANNOVA** is bidding to become the 10th Czech player to reach the Wimbledon girls' singles final – but just the 3rd in the last 30 years, after 2010 champion Kristyna Pliskova and 2023 runner-up Nikola Bartunkova. She is also bidding to become the 12th Czech player, boy or girl, to reach a junior singles final Wimbledon.
- Valdmannova is bidding to become the **5th Czech player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles title** – after Olga Miskova (1948), Andrea Holikova (1985), Andrea Strnadova (1989 and 1990) and Kristyna Pliskova (2010).
- Valdmannova is bidding to become the **4th Czech player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title in the last 5 years** – after Linda Noskova (2021 Roland Garros), Lucie Havlickova (2022 Roland Garros) and Tereza Valentova (2024 Roland Garros).
- Valdmannova is bidding to become the **9th player to win the Wimbledon girls' singles and girls' doubles title in the same year** – and first since Eugenie Bouchard in 2012. She entered the girls' doubles here as No. 8 seed alongside Kristina Penickova and the pair will play No. 3 seeds Alena Kovackova/Jana Kovackova in the girls' doubles semifinals later on Friday.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Valdmannova has equalled her **best Grand Slam result**. She also reached the semifinals here last year (l. Renata Jamrichova).
- Valdmannova is making her **3rd junior Wimbledon appearance**. In addition to her semifinal finish last year, she reached the 2nd round as a qualifier on her junior Grand Slam debut here in 2023 (d. Iva Ivanova, l. Alina Korneeva).
- **At the Grand Slams this year**, Valdmannova reached the 2nd round at Roland Garros (d. Nadia Lagaev, l. Emerson Jones) but fell in the 1st round at the Australian Open (l. Lea Nilsson). She is making her 8th junior Grand Slam appearance overall.
- **Prior to Wimbledon this year**, Valdmannova reached the 3rd round at J300 Roehampton (GBR). She defeated Shao Yushan and Jeline Vandromme before falling to Rositsa Dencheva.
- Valdmannova is contesting her **6th junior event of 2025**. On her other junior appearances this year, she reached the 2nd round at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (d. Wei Zhang-Qian, l. Ksenia Efremova) but fell in the 1st round at J300 Charleroi-Marcinelle (BEL) (l. Ida Wobker).
- Valdmannova has contested **5 professional events in 2025**. Her best results are reaching the semifinals at 2 W35 Solarino (ITA) events in March – falling to Weronika Falkowska in the semifinals at one event and to Hiromi Abe in the semifinals at the other.
- Valdmannova reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 15 in September last year and plays here at No. 29. She reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 632 in May this year and is currently ranked at No. 663.
- Valdmannova is coached by Victor Sklenka.