



## 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN GIRLS' SINGLES SEMIFINAL NOTES Friday 27 January

No. 7 Mirra Andreeva v No. 13 Ranah Akua Stoiber (GBR)  
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### On court today...

- The girls' singles semifinals see a pair of 15-year-olds, Mirra Andreeva and Alina Korneeva, up against a pair of 17-year-olds, Ranah Akua Stoiber and Sayaka Ishii. For Andreeva, her semifinal match against Stoiber today represents a chance to reach a first Grand Slam final and equal the achievement of her older sister, Erika, who finished runner-up in the girls' singles at 2021 Roland Garros. Andreeva is already within the Top 300 on the WTA rankings, having won a W60 title on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2022. Stoiber, meanwhile, is bidding to become the 6th British player to reach the Australian Open girls' singles final, and the first since Katie Swan in 2015. The pair have met once before, at Grade 2-level in 2021, when Andreeva recorded a 3-set victory.
- Korneeva is the only one of the 4 girls' singles semifinalists to be making her Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open this year, having enjoyed a rapid rise up the rankings in 2022 after winning 2 tournaments at Grade 1-level. Like Andreeva, she has also been making progress in the professional game, and won her first professional title at W15 Casablanca last September. For Ishii, who reached her first final as a professional at W15 Monastir last year, victory today would see her become the first Japanese player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final.

# NO. 7 MIRRA ANDREEVA v NO. 13 RANAH AKUA STOIBER (GBR)

## Head-to-head: Andreeva leads 1-0

2021 J2 Vigo (ESP) Hard (O) SF Andreeva 63 36 64

### Road to the semifinals

ANDREEVA	Time		Time	STOIBER
d. Malak El Allami 62 61	0:52	1st round	1:30	d. Yoana Konstantinova 76(5) 60
d. Wakuna Sonobe 62 62	1:01	2nd round	0:58	d. (WC) Lily Fairclough 61 60
d. Rositsa Dencheva 75 75	1:32	3rd round	1:48	d. Ella Seidel 62 36 64
d. No. 15 Renata Jamrichova 64 64	1:19	Quarterfinals	1:16	d. Weronika Ewald 63 63
total time on court	4:44	(Infosys time)	5:32	total time on court

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Korneeva	Ishii
Andreeva	0-1	0-0
Stoiber	0-0	0-0

ANDREEVA	v	STOIBER
15	<b>Age</b>	17
14	<b>ITF Junior Ranking</b>	24
292	<b>WTA Ranking</b>	846
10-2	<b>Grand Slam Record (Junior)</b>	11-4
4-0	<b>Australian Open Record (Junior)</b>	5-1
57-14	<b>Career Record (Junior)</b>	47-27
9-1	<b>2023 Record (Junior)</b>	7-0

- **ANDREEVA** is bidding to reach her first Grand Slam final and match the achievement of her older sister Erika, who finished as girls' singles runner-up at 2021 Roland Garros, falling to Linda Noskova.
- By reaching the semifinals here, Andreeva has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. She reached the quarterfinals on both of her previous appearances at a Grand Slam girls' singles event – at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Sara Bejlek) and at the 2022 US Open (l. Alexandra Eala).
- Andreeva's **best junior results in 2022** were reaching the semifinals at J1 College Park (USA) (l. Sara Saito). She also reached the quarterfinals at 4 events – in addition to her quarterfinal finishes at Roland Garros and the US Open, she also reached the quarterfinals at JA Offenbach (GER) (l. Sofia Costoulas) and JA Milan (ITA) (l. Lucie Havlickova).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Andreeva finished runner-up at J300 Traralgon (AUS), falling to Melisa Ercan in the final.
- Andreeva **won her first 4 professional titles in 2022** – including at W60 Meitar (ISR) (d. Rebecca Peterson). She also won the title as a qualifier at W25 El Espinar/Segovia (ESP) (d. Eva Guerrero Alvarez) and 2 further titles at W15 events in Antalya.
- Andreeva **made her Tour-level debut in October 2022**. She competed as a wild card at Monastir, falling to Anastasia Potapova in the 1st round.
- Andreeva reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 12 earlier this month. She plays here 2 places lower at No. 14. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 287 earlier this month and is currently ranked at No. 292.
- Andreeva entered the **girls' doubles here** with Alina Korneeva. The pair play Hayu Kinoshita/Sara Saito in the semifinals on Thursday evening. (NB written prior to their semifinal match)
- Andreeva is coached by Jean Christophe Faurel.

- **STOIBER** is bidding to become the 6th British player to reach the Australian Open girls' singles final – after Sue Barker (1975 champion), Amanda Brown (1982-83 champion), Annabel Croft (1984 champion), Laura Robson (2009-10 runner-up) and Katie Swan (2015 runner-up).
- Stoiber is also bidding to become the **4th British player to reach a Grand Slam girls' singles final in the last 30 years** – after Robson (who also won the title at 2008 Wimbledon in addition to her 2 runner-up finishes here), Swan and Heather Watson (2009 US Open girls' singles champion).
- By reaching the semifinals here, Stoiber has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. Her previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the quarterfinals at the US Open last year (l. Diana Shnaider).
- **Last year here**, on her Australian Open debut, Stoiber reached the 2nd round (d. Aya El Aouni, l. Michaela Laki).
- Stoiber is making her **5th junior Grand Slam appearance**. She made her Grand Slam debut at 2021 Wimbledon, when she reached the 3rd round (l. Kristina Dmitruk). In addition to her quarterfinal finish at the US Open last year and her 2nd round finish at the Australian Open last year, she also reached the 2nd round at 2022 Roland Garros (d. Aysegul Mert, l. Victoria Mboko). She missed Wimbledon due to injury.
- Stoiber's **best junior result in 2022** is reaching the final at J1 Casablanca (MAR) (l. Tereza Valentova). She also reached the quarterfinals at J1 Roehampton (l. Johanne Christine Svendsen) and the US Open.
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Stoiber reached the quarterfinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS), where she gave a walkover to Melisa Ercan due to injury.
- Stoiber **made her professional debut in June 2021** and has contested a total of 10 events as a professional. Her best results as a professional are reaching the 2nd round as a qualifier at 2022 W100 Ilkley (GBR) (l. Daria Snigur) and reaching the quarterfinals at W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (l. Vivian Yang).
- Stoiber reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 24 last week and plays here at the same ranking. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 841 last month and is currently ranked at No. 846.
- Stoiber entered the **girls' doubles here** with Nikola Daubnerova. The pair fell to Rebecca Munk Mortensen/Kristiana Sidorova in the 2nd round.
- Stoiber is coached by Nicholas Cavaday.

# NO. 9 ALINA KORNEEVA v NO. 12 SAYAKA ISHII (JPN)

## Head-to-head: first meeting

### Road to the semifinals

KORNEEVA	Time		Time	ISHII
d. (WC) Anja Nayar 60 60	0:50	1st round	1:28	d. Ahmani Guichard 63 63
d. Carolina Kuhl 61 63	0:50	2nd round	0:59	d. (Q) Onyu Choi 60 61
d. (Q) Rebecca Munk Mortensen 63 76(4)	1:37	3rd round	1:24	d. No. 8 Nina Vargova 63 61
d. No. 2 Tereza Valentova 75 36 60	2:00	Quarterfinals	1:52	d. Alevtina Ibragimova 76(5) 64
total time on court	5:17	(Infosys time)	5:43	total time on court

### Possible final head-to-heads

	Andreeva	Stoiber
Korneeva	1-0	0-0
Ishii	0-0	0-0

KORNEEVA	v	ISHII
15	Age	17
15	ITF Junior Ranking	21
553	WTA Ranking	739
4-0	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	5-3
4-0	Australian Open Record (Junior)	4-0
58-8	Career Record (Junior)	97-43
8-1	2023 Record (Junior)	7-1

- **KORNEEVA** is bidding to reach her first Grand Slam final.
- Korneeva is **making her Grand Slam girls' singles debut** at the Australian Open this year.
- Korneeva's **best junior results in 2022** were winning the titles at J1 Charleroi-Marcinelle (BEL) (d. Rose Marie Nijkamp) and J1 Bamberg (GER) (d. Nina Vargova). She also won the title at J2 Istanbul (TUR) (d. Hannah Klugman), and reached the final at both J2 Prato (ITA) (l. Sara Saito) and J2 Novi Sad (SRB) (l. Mia Ristic).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Korneeva reached the semifinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (l. Melisa Ercan).
- Korneeva **made her professional debut in October 2021** and has contested a total of 7 events as a professional. She won her first professional title at W15 Casablanca (MAR) in September last year (d. Laura Hietaranta) and reached the semifinals at back-to-back W25 events in Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) in November, falling to Yuliya Hatouka and Nina Stojanovic.
- Korneeva reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 15 earlier this month and plays here at the same ranking. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 549 last month and is currently ranked at No. 553.
- Korneeva entered the **girls' doubles here** with Mirra Andreeva. The pair play Hayu Kinoshita/Sara Saito in the semifinals on Thursday evening. (NB written prior to their semifinal match)
- Korneeva is currently without a permanent coach.
- **ISHII** is bidding to become the first Japanese player to reach an Australian Open junior singles final.
- Ishii is bidding to become the 5th Japanese player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final – after Kazuko Sawamatsu (1969 Roland Garros girls' singles champion and 1969 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Yuka Yoshida (1993 US Open girls' singles runner-up), Sachie Ishizu (2010 Wimbledon girls' singles runner-up) and Shintaro Mochizuki (2019 Wimbledon boys' singles champion).

- By reaching the semifinals here, Ishii has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. Her previous best performance at the Grand Slams was reaching the 2nd round at Wimbledon last year (d. Tereza Valentova, I. Ella Seidel)
- Ishii is making her **4th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to her 2nd round finish at Wimbledon, she fell in the 1st round at both Roland Garros (I. Nikola Daubnerova) and the US Open (I. Iva Jovic) last year.
- Ishii's **best junior result in 2022** was winning the title at J1 Barranquilla (COL) (d. Olivia Lincer). She also reached the final at JA Osaka (JPN) (I. Sara Saito) and reached the semifinals at J1 San Jose (USA) (I. Sonya Macavei), J1 Lima (PER) (I. Daubnerova) and J1 Roehampton (GBR) (I. Johanne Christine Svendsen).
- **Prior to the Australian Open**, Ishii reached the quarterfinals at J300 Traralgon (AUS) (I. Renata Jamrichova).
- Ishii **made her professional debut in May 2022** and has contested a total of 8 events as a professional. She reached her first professional final at 2022 W15 Monastir (TUN) (I. Francesca Curmi).
- Ishii reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 12 earlier this month. She plays here at No. 21. She also reached a career-high WTA ranking of No. 731 in November last year and is currently ranked at No. 739.
- Ishii entered the **girls' doubles here** with Ena Koike. The pair play Renata Jamrichova/Federica Urgesi in the semifinals on Thursday evening. (NB written prior to their semifinal match)
- Ishii is coached by Filip Kraljevic.