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WTA FINALS PREDICTIONS 2026

INDIAN WELLS | NOVEMBER 8–15

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HOW TO READ THIS PREVIEW

Facts are checked to October 30. Forecasts and tactical assessments are editorial judgments. The group draw and final doubles berth were pending in the official material checked. Numbered source links and this contents page are clickable.



THE FINALS AT A GLANCE

Indian Wells, USA • November 8–15, 2026

The season finale brings eight singles players and eight doubles teams to the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. The official dates are November 8–15, 2026. This guide uses information checked on October 30, before the group draw was available.

THE CONFIRMED SINGLES FIELD

Elena Rybakina, Aryna Sabalenka, Mirra Andreeva, Jessica Pegula, Coco Gauff, Elina Svitolina, Karolina Muchova and Linda Noskova have qualified. Their order here follows the official field list; it is not a published group draw.

THREE STORIES THAT SHAPE THE FORECAST

Rybakina has secured year-end No. 1 but withdrew from Tokyo on October 30 with a neck problem. Sabalenka brings the credentials of the 2026 Indian Wells and Miami champion. Noskova won Wimbledon but subsequently withdrew from Wuhan with a left calf injury. Neither medical update proves her condition for November 8.

DOUBLES: ONE CONFIRMATION STILL TO CHECK

Seven teams are explicitly marked qualified in the official material checked. Krunic / Danilina have withdrawn. This guide leaves the remaining place pending rather than replacing them with an unconfirmed team.

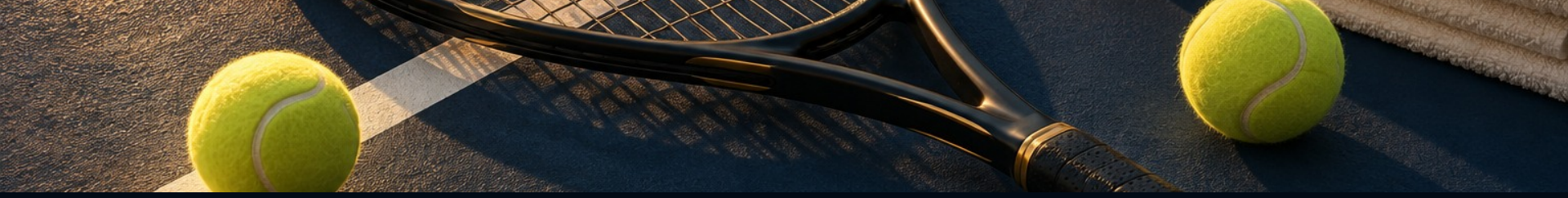
OUR STARTING POSITION

Singles title lean: Aryna Sabalenka. Doubles title lean: Gabriela Dabrowski / Luisa Stefani. Both are editorial opinions that must be revisited after the draw and opening matches.

Read the facts as a dated snapshot and the predictions as conditional analysis.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [5] [15] [16] [23]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



FORMAT & QUALIFICATION

Two groups, then a semifinal and a final

Singles and doubles use separate competitions. Each begins with two groups of four. Everyone plays the other three entries in her group; the top two advance. A group winner meets the runner-up from the opposite group in the semifinals.

WHAT A MATCH LOOKS LIKE

Singles is best of three tie-break sets. Doubles uses No-Ad scoring in the first two sets and a 10-point match tie-break instead of a full third set. This makes the doubles deciding point and the start of the match tie-break especially valuable.

WHEN GROUP RECORDS ARE LEVEL

The rulebook first compares match wins, then matches played. A tie between two entries is settled by their head-to-head result. A three-way tie begins with set percentage; further steps include completion of all three matches, game percentage and, if still needed, Race order. Head-to-head applies when a step leaves two tied.

THE SCALE OF THE WEEK

Each discipline schedules 12 group matches, two semifinals and one final: 15 matches. Together that makes 30, assuming the full programme is played. Retirement, replacement and withdrawal cases have specific rules; use the official standings rather than a homemade shortcut.

WHY AN OPENING LOSS IS NOT THE END

A player can lose her first match and still qualify. A 2–1 record can also leave qualification dependent on the other results and tiebreakers. Protecting a set may matter even when a match is slipping away.

Format summary: 8 entries → 2 groups of 4 → 4 semifinalists → 1 champion.

Sources: [1] [4]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



ELENA RYBAKINA

A champion’s ceiling, with a live fitness question

Rybakina’s 2026 title list includes the Australian Open, Stuttgart, the US Open and Ningbo. She secured year-end No. 1 in Tokyo. Those achievements establish her title credentials; the October 30 neck-related withdrawal changes how confidently they can be projected into this event.

THE TENNIS CASE

Our tactical expectation is that her best route starts with a reliable first serve and a firm first groundstroke into an open court. When those two shots hold up, opponents have less time to establish long defensive exchanges. The useful question is not simply how many aces she hits, but whether ordinary service points stay short and controlled.

WHAT COULD BREAK THE PATTERN

A neck problem makes assumptions about serving comfort particularly risky. This guide does not diagnose its severity or predict a recovery date. Watch the official participation update first, then her ability to repeat the same service motion and recover between matches. A strong set alone cannot establish that the issue has resolved.

THE FIRST-MATCH CHECK

Compare her early and late service games: does she maintain depth on the next shot, move freely into returns and avoid repeatedly surrendering the baseline? Those observations would strengthen the tennis argument without turning them into a medical assessment.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Conditional title contender. If officially available and able to sustain her normal patterns, she belongs beside the leading favourite. Until then, we place Sabalenka ahead in the title forecast.

Rybakina’s season is proven; her readiness for this particular week remains a question.

Sources: [6] [14] [15]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



ARYNA SABALENKA

The opening singles title selection

Sabalenka won Brisbane, Indian Wells and Miami in 2026. The Indian Wells title offers relevant experience at the same venue, although November conditions and an eight-player field will create a different tournament. She is our initial singles title pick.

WHY WE LEAN HER WAY

The tactical case is direct: serve assertively, take time away on the return and seek a strong first attacking ball. Our forecast values the ability to create those opportunities across several different opponents. She does not need every exchange to become an extended baseline contest to control a match.

THE MATCH THAT COULD TROUBLE HER

An opponent who repeatedly makes one more balanced defensive shot can force a second attack instead of surrendering the point. If Sabalenka starts aiming too close to the lines from neutral positions, her own aggression could become the main source of pressure. Shot selection after a missed opportunity is a useful live signal.

WHAT WE WANT TO SEE EARLY

Watch second-serve points on both sides of the net. A strong first-serve spell can hide a difficult return day. A more convincing start would include controlled second-serve returns, sensible recovery positions and enough margin when changing direction off a deep ball.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Title pick, with moderate conviction before the draw. The selection weakens if her opening match shows persistent loss of control in neutral rallies, or if a fully ready Rybakina arrives with sustained serving form.

A familiar venue supports the case; the opening return patterns must confirm it.

Sources: [7] [5]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



MIRRA ANDREEVA

A major champion with several ways to compete

Andreeva’s 2026 singles titles came at Adelaide, Linz and Roland Garros. She also reached the Madrid and Beijing finals. This is her first singles qualification for the WTA Finals, following a doubles appearance in 2025.

THE ROUTE TO A DEEP RUN

Our analysis favours a disciplined start to rallies: return with enough depth to stop the first attack, recover her position and choose the right moment to change direction. The field contains several players who want an immediate advantage. Making them construct another shot could make her a difficult group opponent.

THE CENTRAL RISK

Absorbing pace becomes less useful if every reply lands short. Against an aggressive server, a sequence of merely safe returns can leave her chasing the same pattern all afternoon. She needs a way to move from defence into a neutral exchange, then take the initiative when the incoming ball allows it.

A BETTER SIGNAL THAN ONE BIG WIN

Look for repeated depth on the return and measured attacks against short second serves. A dramatic winner is memorable; a pattern that gives her the same playable ball five or six times in a set is more valuable for projecting the next match.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

A serious semifinal candidate and a credible title challenger if the draw is manageable. We keep her below the principal title selection before seeing how effectively her return game holds up against this particular field.

Her ceiling is high; repeatable rally position is the key to reaching it.

Sources: [8] [17]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



JESSICA PEGULA

A measured contender for the last four

Pegula won Dubai and Charleston in 2026 and reached finals in Berlin, Washington DC and Cincinnati. That is evidence of results across different settings. It does not guarantee an easy group, especially when the draw has not yet been published.

THE TENNIS WE EXPECT TO MATTER

Our tactical lens is her ability to take the ball early enough to keep an opponent from settling into an obvious attacking rhythm. A compact reply through the middle can be useful when a wide angle would expose the court. The aim is to hold position first, then exploit a shorter ball.

WHERE THE PRESSURE MAY COME

Against a serving performance that gives away very little, a player needs to protect her own service games without pressing for a spectacular return. If Pegula is repeatedly pushed behind the baseline, the exchanges could become less economical and her attacking chances harder to create.

OPENING-MATCH CHECKLIST

Watch whether her return lands deep enough to keep the next ball playable, and whether a second serve produces a controlled rally rather than an immediate defensive scramble. The score can move quickly in a small field; the quality of these ordinary points offers a better guide to the next match.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Semifinal contender and a plausible alternative if one of the leading power players falters. We would upgrade her after an opening performance that combines protected service games with regular pressure on the opponent’s second serve.

The forecast improves when clean contact translates into sustained court position.

Sources: [9]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



COCO GAUFF

A past Finals winner with a strong defensive route

Gauff’s 2026 singles record includes the Cincinnati title and finals at Miami and Rome. She also won the WTA Finals in 2024. Those results support a serious challenge, while the current group draw and November form will determine her immediate route.

THE MATCH PATTERN WE LIKE

Our analysis starts with the possibility of extending an opponent’s attacking sequence. A difficult first defensive shot can make the attacker move again, strike from a less comfortable position and reconsider a tight target. Gauff’s route is stronger when that defence is followed by a deeper neutral ball rather than another desperate chase.

THE SERVING TEST

The service game must give her enough room to compete on return. Watch the relationship between double faults, first-serve placement and the first groundstroke. A single loose game is not a trend, but repeated immediate pressure on second serve would make a title run more demanding.

HOW THE GROUP CAN HELP

Different opponents can demand different solutions. Against a player who rushes exchanges, prolonging the rally may be useful. Against someone comfortable in long points, she may need to accept the earlier attacking chance. We want to see adaptation rather than one fixed rally length.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Title-capable, with the service pattern as the main confirmation point. She is a strong alternative to the top selection if her opening match shows stable service games and enough depth to turn defence into attack.

Defensive reach creates chances; service stability makes those chances count.

Sources: [10]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



ELINA SVITOLINA

A credible outsider with a familiar Finals history

Svitolina won Auckland and Rome in 2026. Her career title list also includes the 2018 WTA Finals. The current qualification puts her back among the season’s leading eight, but the tactical demands of this field must be judged on their own.

THE ROUTE TO AN UPSET

Our preferred scenario for her is a match in which depth and patience make an aggressive opponent hit another ball from an uncomfortable position. A controlled return through the centre may help prevent the immediate angle. From there, the aim is to recover the baseline and choose the counterattack carefully.

THE CEILING QUESTION

Defending effectively is only part of winning several matches in this company. If the reply stays short, the opponent can attack repeatedly without giving up court position. Svitolina needs enough force and depth on routine exchanges to stop the contest becoming a succession of recovery runs.

WHAT CHANGES OUR MIND

Watch the quality of the ball after the first stretched defensive shot. Does she merely survive, or does the next reply restore an even exchange? Also check whether her own second serve lets her begin the point in balance. Those two details would justify a more ambitious forecast.

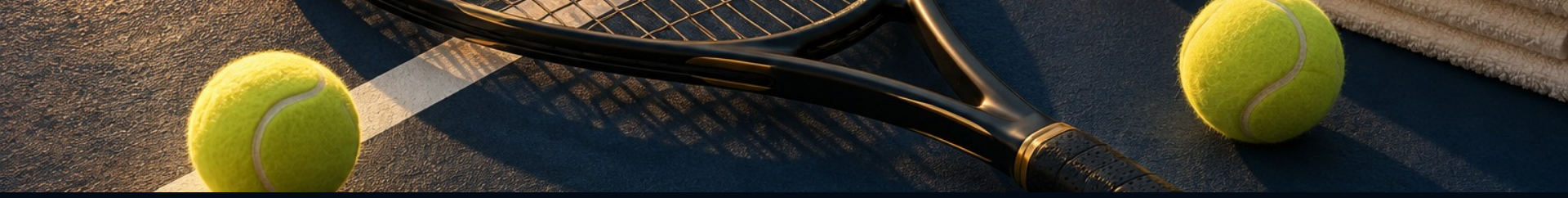
EDITORIAL VERDICT

An outsider who can disrupt a group and challenge for a semifinal place. A title prediction would require stronger evidence of attacking opportunities against the leading contenders than we have before the draw.

Make the opponent play again, then make the next exchange more even.

Sources: [11]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



KAROLINA MUCHOVA

The variety-based dark horse

Muchova secured the final singles qualification place. Her 2026 titles came at Doha and Bad Homburg, with further finals at Stuttgart and Wimbledon. She qualified in 2023 but withdrew, so qualification history should not be confused with a previous appearance on court.

THE TACTICAL APPEAL

Our dark-horse case rests on changing the problem an opponent has to solve. A lower slice, a different return position or a well-timed move forward can interrupt an otherwise comfortable baseline pattern. The useful variety is purposeful: it should produce a weaker next ball or take away an established attacking angle.

THE COST OF TOO MANY CHOICES

A player can make a difficult match even harder by attempting a delicate finish before she has created the opening. Against this field, poor approach selection could turn a promising point into a passing-shot opportunity. We would rather see her build the move forward from a sound neutral rally.

WHAT TO WATCH FIRST

Assess the approach shot and first volley together. Reaching the net is not automatically an advantage if the incoming pass is easy to strike. Also look at whether the change of pace actually moves the opponent out of position, instead of simply making the rally look different.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Our singles dark horse. Her variety gives the forecast upside, but we would wait for the draw and sustained match execution before moving her above the leading title candidates.

Variety earns its place when the next shot becomes easier, not just different.

Sources: [12] [5]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



LINDA NOSKOVA

A first Finals with power and a readiness check

Noskova won Berlin and Wimbledon in 2026 and has qualified for her first WTA Finals. Her subsequent Wuhan withdrawal was attributed to a left calf injury. That is a documented update, not confirmation that she will withdraw from Indian Wells or be fully recovered.

THE UPSET SCENARIO

Our tactical projection begins with a firm serve and an assertive first groundstroke. If those shots keep the opponent defending, she can reduce the number of neutral exchanges she needs to win. A small field leaves little room for a gentle opening assignment, so an organised start would be valuable.

THE MOVEMENT QUESTION

A calf issue makes it unwise to assume that attacking results alone establish readiness. Wait for official participation news, then observe whether repeated wide returns and recovery steps remain effective throughout a match. This is a performance check, not a diagnosis or a prediction about her treatment.

THE DECISION THAT MATTERS

Power must come with a sensible target. Trying to finish every return can produce a short burst of winners while giving away too many neutral points. We would prefer aggressive positioning combined with enough margin to keep pressure on the same opponent for several games.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

An upset candidate whose forecast remains especially sensitive to readiness. We would upgrade her only after official availability and a sustained opening performance, rather than treating the Wimbledon title as a complete answer for November.

The upside is evident; availability and repeatable movement still need confirmation.

Sources: [13] [16] [17]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



DOUBLES: THE LEADING PAIRS

Two strong starting points for the title discussion

Dabrowski / Stefani and Townsend / Siniakova are confirmed qualifiers. They offer different reasons for a title selection: a recent run of trophies on one side and a successful season that already includes Indian Wells on the other.

GABRIELA DABROWSKI / LUISA STEFANI

Their October Wuhan title was their third in a row and sixth of the season. Our tactical focus is the first two contacts as a pair: a serve or return that keeps the ball low enough to let the partner take an effective position. We want to see coordinated movement after that first exchange, not two independent attempts to win the same point.

TAYLOR TOWNSEND / KATERINA SINIAKOVA

Their 2026 titles include Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid and Roland Garros. Our analysis centres on their ability to turn an adequate first ball into an attacking position at the net. Opponents should try to make the first volley difficult and avoid offering a comfortable ball at shoulder height.

THE COMMON TRAP

No-Ad games can compress several good points into one decisive return. A pair can appear comfortable and still lose a service game on the deciding point. Judge the quality of the first return and the partner’s positioning before treating a narrow score as a complete measure of performance.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Dabrowski / Stefani are our initial doubles title pick, with Townsend / Siniakova the leading alternative. This is not a predicted final pairing: the group draw and semifinal route remain unpublished in this snapshot.

Recent titles support the forecast; coordination on deciding points must sustain it.

Sources: [18] [19]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



DOUBLES: EXPERIENCE & OPPORTUNITY

Guo / Mladenovic and Bucsa / Melichar-Martinez

Both partnerships have officially qualified. Guo Hanyu / Kristina Mladenovic and Cristina Bucsa / Nicole Melichar-Martinez should be analysed as current teams, rather than assigned a result from one partner’s past Finals record.

GUO HANYU / KRISTINA MLADENOVIC

Mladenovic won this event in 2018 and 2019 with Timea Babos. That history belongs to a different partnership. Our tactical expectation for Guo / Mladenovic is to establish clear responsibility for the middle ball, then use the next volley to keep the opponents from resetting. Communication matters most when the return comes hard through the centre.

CRISTINA BUCSA / NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ

Bucsa is a first-time qualifier; Melichar-Martinez has qualified for a fifth Finals and reached the 2023 final. Our watch point is the transition from the return into the next position. A deep return only helps if the pair moves together and protects the space created by that shot.

HOW EITHER TEAM CAN MOVE UP

Our upgrade signal would be repeatable pressure against second serves without leaving an easy gap for the server’s partner. A bold return is useful when the partner knows which reply to cover. Winning a match tie-break alone tells us less than producing that same organised pattern across both sets.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Both belong in the group-stage upset discussion. We keep the established title selection ahead until the draw and opening matches show which partnership can consistently create the more manageable first volley.

Experience is relevant; the current partnership still has to solve the current point.

Sources: [20]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



DOUBLES: TWO MORE CHALLENGERS

Hsieh / Ostapenko and Perez / Schuurs

Hsieh Su-Wei / Jelena Ostapenko and Ellen Perez / Demi Schuurs are confirmed qualifiers. Hsieh / Ostapenko reached the 2025 Finals semifinals; Perez / Schuurs have qualified together for the first time.

HSIEH SU-WEI / JELENA OSTAPENKO

Their 2026 season includes the Brisbane title and a Doha final. Our tactical lens is the value of a change in height or pace before the attacking ball. If an opponent is forced to contact the ball below the net, the next volley can become more manageable. The risk is offering a short reply that lets the other pair attack first.

ELLEN PEREZ / DEMI SCHUURS

Their campaign includes a Bad Homburg final and semifinals at Adelaide and Stuttgart. Our focus is their response to pressure on the second serve. A controlled first return through the middle can give both partners a clearer next move than a low-percentage attempt to find the sideline.

A PRACTICAL LIVE CHECK

Watch who takes responsibility for a ball between the two partners. A clean decision, even on a lost point, is more encouraging than repeated hesitation. Also note whether the pair changes return position or serving pattern after the same tactic has failed twice.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Both can complicate a group. Hsieh / Ostapenko are a particularly interesting stylistic challenger; Perez / Schuurs need their opening match to show that pressure points are producing clear, coordinated choices.

The first contact matters; the shared decision immediately after it matters just as much.

Sources: [5]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



DOUBLES: THE FINAL PLACE

Mertens / Zhang confirmed; remaining berth pending

Elise Mertens / Zhang Shuai are confirmed qualifiers. The official material checked for this October 30 guide explicitly confirms seven available teams. One remaining place is left pending here until a further official announcement identifies it.

ELISE MERTENS / ZHANG SHUAI

The pair won the 2026 Australian Open. Mertens also won the 2022 and 2025 Finals with Veronika Kudermetova. Our tactical question for the present partnership is whether controlled returns can establish a favourable first volley without requiring a risky winner from the baseline.

THEIR ROUTE INTO THE TITLE DISCUSSION

We would upgrade them if they repeatedly keep the first return low, move as a unit and protect the centre on the following shot. The short doubles scoring format rewards those repeatable patterns, even when the match score is decided by a handful of points.

WHY THE RACE LIST NEEDS CARE

Aleksandra Krunic / Anna Danilina remain visible near the top of the Race, but Krunic’s knee injury has ruled their team out. A ranking position is not proof of participation. Do not insert that pair into a forecast or automatically promote another team without official confirmation.

EDITORIAL VERDICT

Mertens / Zhang are credible title challengers. The unknown final entry prevents a complete group-by-group doubles prediction, so the main pick stays provisional and the final berth stays clearly marked as pending.

Qualified, withdrawn and pending are different statuses; keep them separate in the forecast.

Sources: [20] [21] [23]

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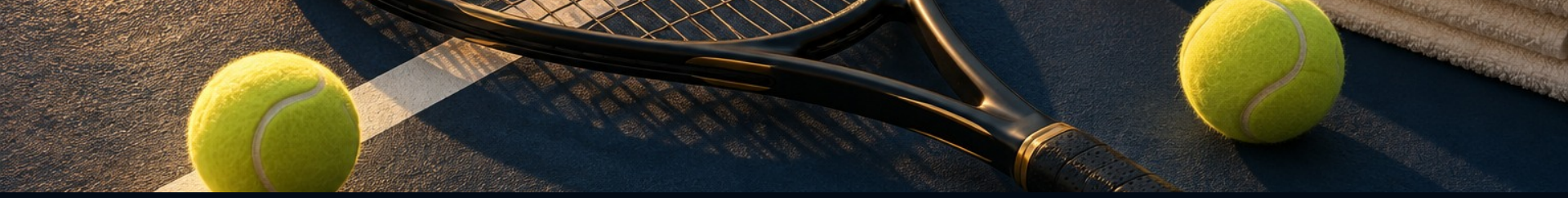

MATCHUPS WORTH WATCHING

Tactical possibilities, not an announced fixture list

The draw was unavailable at the research cutoff. The comparisons below are hypothetical styles to watch if the relevant players meet during the week. They are not confirmed group matches, semifinals or a final.

SABALENKA / GAUFF: ATTACK AGAINST RECOVERY

Our question would be whether the first attack leaves an easier finish or simply another difficult ball. Watch the depth of the recovery shot and Sabalenka’s willingness to build a second attack. For Gauff, protected service games would be as important as the spectacular defensive points.

RYBAKINA / PEGULA: THE FIRST NEUTRAL BALL

If Rybakina is available and ready, the early contest could centre on how often Pegula turns the return into an even exchange. A short reply would invite the first attack; a deep central ball could reduce the angle. Rybakina’s readiness remains a separate, unresolved condition.

ANDREEVA / MUCHOVA: WHO CHANGES THE QUESTION?

This would offer a useful test of patient depth against purposeful variety. Watch whether a slice or move forward genuinely improves the next shot. The player who repeatedly restores balance after being moved out of position would give us the stronger live signal.

DOUBLES: LOW RETURN, DIFFICULT VOLLEY

Across any pairing, follow the first return and the first volley as one sequence. A low return can remove an easy poach; a floating return can erase a good serving game in a single No-Ad point.

Use these lenses when a match is confirmed; do not publish them as a schedule.

Sources: [3]

Research snapshot: October 30, 2026



THE TITLE FORECAST

Editorial selections before the draw

The selections below are qualitative editorial judgments. They are not market odds, model probabilities or promises of a result. Group composition, official availability and the opening round can materially change them.

OUR INITIAL SELECTIONS

Role	Singles	Doubles
Title pick	Aryna Sabalenka	Dabrowski / Stefani
Leading alternative	Elena Rybakina, conditional on readiness	Townsend / Siniakova
Other title challengers	Coco Gauff; Mirra Andreeva	Mertens / Zhang
Dark horse / upset interest	Karolina Muchova	Hsieh / Ostapenko

WHY THESE LEANS

Sabalenka’s 2026 hard-court titles offer a clear starting case while Rybakina’s current neck issue adds uncertainty to her challenge. For doubles, Dabrowski / Stefani’s recent sequence of titles narrowly leads our thinking over Townsend / Siniakova’s season credentials. This is a judgment about the coming week, not a ranking of careers.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE THE CARD

Revise after the official draw, new medical or participation updates and each contender’s first match. Upgrade repeatable serving and return patterns; downgrade persistent problems that opponents can target. Noskova’s calf-related update deserves a specific availability check as well.

NO PRETEND BRACKET

We do not assign semifinalists to nonexistent groups or publish an invented final score. A genuine bracket forecast needs the official group draw and a route through the opposite group.

Initial picks: Sabalenka in singles; Dabrowski / Stefani in doubles.

Sources: [3] [15] [16] [18] [19]

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THE WEEK & YOUR VIEWING PLAN

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Use the official daily schedule and the order of play for match assignments. This guide gives the planned stages and a practical time conversion; individual player walk-on times are not assigned before the draw.

EIGHT-DAY EVENT PLAN

Date	Stage	Scheduled match count
Sun, Nov 8	Round robin: day 1	2 singles + 2 doubles
Mon, Nov 9	Round robin: day 2	2 singles + 2 doubles
Tue, Nov 10	Round robin: day 3	2 singles + 2 doubles
Wed, Nov 11	Round robin: day 4	2 singles + 2 doubles
Thu, Nov 12	Round robin: day 5	2 singles + 2 doubles
Fri, Nov 13	Round robin: day 6	2 singles + 2 doubles
Sat, Nov 14	Semifinals	2 singles + 2 doubles
Sun, Nov 15	Finals	1 singles + 1 doubles

TIME CONVERSION FOR THIS WEEK

Indian Wells uses Pacific Standard Time. A 12:00 PST start corresponds to 15:00 EST in New York, 20:00 GMT in London and 21:00 CET in Paris, Berlin, Rome and Madrid. Treat this as a conversion reference; confirm the actual session start on the official schedule.

BEFORE YOU WATCH

The WTA FAQ says the order of play is normally available the evening before each day. Check it for named matches, follow-on timing and any revisions. A later match follows the earlier one, so its exact start can change with the length of play.

30 matches are scheduled across singles and doubles; check the daily order of play.

Sources: [2] [22]

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SOURCES & DISCLAIMER

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[1] Official tournament overview

[2] Official event FAQ

[3] Official draws: pending at cutoff

[4] 2026 WTA Rulebook, Section VI

[5] Final singles field / two doubles qualifiers

[6] Elena Rybakina: official player profile

[7] Aryna Sabalenka: official player profile

[8] Mirra Andreeva: official player profile

[9] Jessica Pegula: official player profile

[10] Coco Gauff: official player profile

[11] Elina Svitolina: official player profile

[12] Karolina Muchova: official player profile

[13] Linda Noskova: official player profile

[14] Rybakina secures year-end No. 1

[15] Rybakina: Tokyo neck-injury withdrawal

[16] Noskova: Wuhan calf-injury withdrawal

[17] Andreeva and Noskova qualification

[18] Dabrowski / Stefani: Wuhan title

[19] Townsend / Siniakova qualification

[20] Three doubles teams qualify

[21] Krunic / Danilina: official withdrawal

[22] Official daily match schedule

[23] Official doubles Race / qualifier flags

Click a source title to open it. Rulebook reference: Section VI, printed pages 101–105. Source numbers in page footers return here.

METHOD & EDITORIAL DISCLAIMER

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