



2024 ROLAND GARROS JUNIOR SINGLES FINAL NOTES Saturday 8 June

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On court today...

- In the girls' singles final today, Laura Samson and Tereza Valentova make history as they contest the first all-Czech junior Grand Slam final ever. Both players are bidding to become the 3rd Czech Roland Garros girls' singles champion in the last 4 years, after Linda Noskova and Lucie Havlickova won in 2021 and 2022 respectively. Valentova has the slight edge in terms of experience, having reached a Grand Slam singles final before, finishing runner-up at the 2023 US Open, while Samson has previously only been as far as the semifinals. Valentova has also made lighter work of her opponents to get to the final, having not dropped a set en route to this match. Samson meanwhile has won her last three matches in a deciding set, and has spent an accumulated three hours longer on court than Valentova.
- Kaylan Bigun and Tomasz Berkietta will contest the boys' singles final today, which follows the girls' final on Court Simonne-Mathieu. Bigun comes into the final on an 11-match win streak on the junior clay tour, having won the title at J500 Milan in Italy immediately before making his way to Roland Garros. Berkietta is looking to make history for Poland as the first player from his nation to win a junior Roland Garro singles title, having already emulated 2008 boys' singles runner-up Jerzy Janowicz to become the 2nd Polish player to reach a junior singles final in Paris.

NO. 3 LAURA SAMSON (CZE) v NO. 12 TEREZA VALENTOVA (CZE)

Head-to-head: Valentova leads 1-0

2023 J300 Prague (CZE) Clay (O) FR Valentova 60 57 64

A 2nd meeting for Samson and Valentova, and their 2nd on clay. Valentova won their only previous match, the final at J300 Prague (CZE) in August last year.

This is the first all-Czech junior Grand Slam final in history.

Road to the final

SAMSON	Time		Time	VALENTOVA
d. (WC) Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva 61 61	0:54	1st round	1:16	d. Noemi Basiletti 64 62
d. Elizara Yaneva 64 75	1:14	2nd round	0:52	d. Laima Vladson 61 62
d. No. 14 Kaitlin Quevedo 76(4) 57 62	2:33	3rd round	1:13	d. No. 6 Wakana Sonobe 64 61
d. No. 10 Iva Jovic 67(4) 64 75	2:48	Quarterfinals	1:20	d. No. 1 Renata Jamrichova 63 62
d. Kristina Penickova 63 57 64	2:04	Semifinals	1:30	d. No. 4 Tyra Caterina Grant 63 76(1)
total time on court	9:33	(Infosys time)	6:11	total time on court

SAMSON	v	VALENTOVA
16	Age	17
3	ITF Junior Ranking	15
719	WTA Ranking	337
10-3	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	16-5
5-1	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	5-1
102-34	Career Record (Junior)	109-26
10-1	2024 Record (Junior)	5-1

- **SAMSON** is bidding to become the 6th Czech player to win the Roland Garros girls' singles title – after Renata Tomanova (1972), Regina Marsikova (1975), Hana Mandlikova (1978), Linda Noskova (2021), and Lucie Havlickova (2022).
- Samson is also bidding to become the **14th Czech player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title** – and the 7th since 2000, after Barbora Strycova (2002, 2003 Australian Open), Karolina Pliskova (2010 Australian Open), Kristyna Pliskova (2010 Wimbledon), Marie Bouzkova (2014 US Open), Noskova (2021 Roland Garros), and Havlickova (2022 Roland Garros).
- By reaching the final here, Samson has become the **10th Czech player to reach the Roland Garros girls' singles final** (NB Valentova became the 11th after winning her singles semifinal later on Friday)
- By reaching the final here, Samson has become **2nd Czech player to reach a junior Grand Slam singles final in 2024** – after Jan Kumstat, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the Australian Open (NB Valentova became the 3rd after winning her singles semifinal later on Friday)
- By reaching the final here, Samson has recorded her **best Grand Slam performance**. Her previous best result was reaching the semifinals at the 2023 US Open (l. Katherine Hui).
- Samson is making her **4th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to her semifinal finish at the US Open last year, she reached the 2nd round at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Sayaka Ishii). She fell in the 1st round at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Ena Koike).
- Samson is contesting her **2nd junior event of 2024**. She finished runner-up at J500 Cairo (EGY) in February (l. Rositsa Dencheva) in the only other junior event she has contested this year.
- Samson **made her professional debut in August 2023** and has contested 9 events as a professional. She has won 3 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour in 2024, at W15 Monasitr (TUN) (d. Selina Dal), at W15 Kranjska Gora (SLO) (d. Oana Gavrilă), and at W15 Bol (CRO) (d. Sara Svetac). She also reached the final at W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (l. Sandra Samir).

- Samson reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 2 in March this year, but plays here one place lower at No. 3. She is also currently ranked at a career-high WTA ranking of No. 719.
- **VALENTOVA** is bidding to become the 6th Czech player to win the Roland Garros girls' singles title – after Renata Tomanova (1972), Regina Marsikova (1975), Hana Mandlikova (1978), Linda Noskova (2021), and Lucie Havlickova (2022).
- Valentova is also bidding to become the **14th Czech player to win a Grand Slam girls' singles title** – and the 7th since 2000, after Barbora Strycova (2002, 2003 Australian Open), Karolina Pliskova (2010 Australian Open), Kristyna Pliskova (2010 Wimbledon), Marie Bouzkova (2014 US Open), Noskova (2021 Roland Garros), and Havlickova (2022 Roland Garros).
- Valentova is bidding to become the **5th player to win the Roland Garros girls' singles and girls' doubles titles in the same year** – after Natalia Zvereva (1987), Martina Hingis (1994), Agnes Szavay (2005), and Havlickova (2022). She and Renata Jamrichova play Tyra Caterina Grant/Iva Jovic in the girls' doubles final later today.
- By reaching the final here, Valentova has become the **11th Czech player to reach the Roland Garros girls' singles final** (NB Samson became the 10th after playing her singles semifinal later on Friday)
- By reaching the final here, Valentova has become **3rd Czech player to reach a junior Grand Slam singles final in 2024** – after Jan Kumstat, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles at the Australian Open, and Samson.
- By reaching the final here, Valentova has **equalled her best Grand Slams performance**. She also reached the final at the 2023 US Open (l. Katherine Hui).
- Valentova is making her **5th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to her runner-up finish at the US Open last year, she reached the 3rd round at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Mayu Crossley) and the 2nd round at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Taylah Preston). She fell in the 1st round at the 2024 Australian Open (l. Ksenia Efremova).
- Valentova is contesting her **2nd junior event of 2024**, after the Australian Open.
- Valentova **made her professional debut in May 2021** and has contested 15 events as a professional. She has won 4 titles on the ITF World Tennis Tour at W75 Ricany (CZE) (d. Daria Snigur) as a wild card, at W35 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (d. Linda Klimovicova), and 2 W15 Monastir events (d. Ren Yufei and Audrey Albie)
- Valentova reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 15 in October last year, but plays here 10 places lower at No. 15. She achieved a career-high WTA ranking of No. 334 last month and is currently ranked at at No. 337.

NO. 5 KAYLAN BIGUN (USA) v TOMASZ BERKIETA (POL)

Head-to-head: first meeting

Road to the final

BIGUN	Time		Time	BERKIETA
d. Viktor Frydrych 61 63	0:58	1st round	1:06	d. Izan Almazan Valiente 63 62
d. (WC) Timeo Trufelli 61 62	1:03	2nd round	1:12	d. No. 6 Hayden Jones 64 64
d. No. 12 Miguel Tobon 64 61	1:00	3rd round	1:49	d. (Q) Charlie Robertson 63 36 64
d. (Q) Henry Bernet 62 57 64	1:48	Quarterfinals	1:06	d. (WC) Moise Kouame 63 62
d. No. 2 Joel Schwaerzler 26 63 64	1:43	Semifinals	2:47	d. Lorenzo Carboni 76(3) 46 76(4)
total time on court	9:26	(Infosys time)	8:00	total time on court

BIGUN

v

BERKIETA

18	Age	17
6	ITF Junior Ranking	34
972	ATP Ranking	1191
11-5	Grand Slam Record (Junior)	14-5
5-1	Roland Garros Record (Junior)	5-1
110-65	Career Record (Junior)	85-41
17-3	2024 Record (Junior)	7-2

- Lefthander **BIGUN** is bidding to become the 3rd American player to win a Roland Garros boys' singles title – after Bjorn Fratangelo in 2011 and Tommy Paul in 2015.
- By reaching the final here, Bigun has become the **10th American player to reach the boys' singles final at Roland Garros** – and the first since Toby Kodat finished runner-up in 2019.
- By reaching the final here, Bigun has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance was reaching the boys' singles quarterfinals at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Darwin Blanch) and the 2024 Australian Open (l. Nicolai Budkov Kjaer).
- Bigun is making his **6th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to his quarterfinal finishes at 2023 Wimbledon and the 2024 Australian Open, he lost in the 1st round at the 2023 Australian Open (l. Adriano Panatta), 2023 Roland Garros (l. Juan Carlos Prado Angelo), and the 2023 US Open (l. Arthur Gea).
- Bigun's **best result at junior-level in 2024** is winning the title at J500 Milan (ITA) (d. Kim Jangjun) at the end of May. He also reached the semifinals at J300 Indian Wells (USA) (l. Rudy Quan).
- Blanch has **contested 7 events as a professional**. His best result as a professional on the ATP Challenger Tour is reaching the 2nd round at the 2024 Sarasota Challenger (USA) as a qualifier (l. Zizou Bergs). He has also reached the 2nd round at 3 ITF World Tennis Tour events – M15 Palm Coast, FL (USA) (l. Roberto Cid Subervi), M15 Vero Beach, FL (USA) (l. Dian Nedev) and M25 Reggio Emilia (ITA) (l. Enrico Dalla Valle).
- Bigun reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 6 in May this year. He plays here at the same ranking. He is currently at a career-high ATP ranking of No. 972.
- Bigun entered the **boys' doubles here** alongside Jagger Leach as No. 4 seeds. The pair fell to Alexander Razeghi/Max Schoenhaus in the quarterfinals.
- Bigun is coached by Mario Rincon.
- **BERKIETA** is bidding to become the first Polish player to win a Roland Garros junior singles title.
- Berkietta is also bidding to become the **5th Polish player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title** – after Aleksandra Olsza (1995 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Agnieszka Radwanska (2005 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Urszula Radwanska (2007 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), and Iga Swiatek (2018 Wimbledon girls' singles champion).

- By reaching the final, Berkieta has become the 2nd Polish player to reach the Roland Garros boys' singles final – after Jerzy Janowicz, who finished runner-up in the boys' singles here in 2008.
- By reaching the final, Berkieta has also become the **7th Polish player to reach a Grand Slam junior singles final** – after Olsza (1995 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Agnieszka Radwanska (2005 Wimbledon girls' singles champion), Gawron (2006 Wimbledon boys' singles runner-up), Urszula Radwanska (2007 Wimbledon girls' singles champion and 2007 US Open girls' singles runner-up), Janowicz (2007 US Open boys' singles runner-up and 2008 Roland Garros boys' singles runner-up) and Swiatek (2018 Wimbledon girls' singles champion).
- By reaching the final here, Berkieta has recorded his **best Grand Slam performance**. His previous best performance was reaching the boys' singles semifinals at the 2023 Australian Open (l. Learner Tien).
- Berkieta is making his **6th junior Grand Slam appearance**. In addition to his semifinal finish at the 2023 Australian Open, he reached the quarterfinals at 2023 Wimbledon (l. Yaroslav Demin) and the 3rd round at the 2024 Australian Open (l. Hayden Jones). He has lost in the 1st round on his 2 other junior Grand Slam appearances - at 2023 Roland Garros (l. Andrea M'chich) and the 2023 US Open (l. Nicolai Budkov Kjaer).
- Berkieta is contesting his **3rd junior event of 2024**. In addition to his 3rd round finish at the Australian Open, he lost in the 1st round at J300 Traralgon (AUS) in January (l. William Rejchtman Vinciguerra).
- Berkieta's **best result at junior-level** is winning the title at 2023 J200 Vigo (ESP) (d. Jakub Filip).
- Berkieta made his **professional debut in May 2022** and has contested 17 events as a professional. His best professional result is reaching the semifinals at M15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) in February this year (l. Philip Henning).
- Berkieta is yet to make **his Tour-level debut**.
- Berkieta reached a **career-high junior ranking** of No. 7 in January this year but plays here at No. 34. He achieved a career-high ATP ranking of No. 1083 in March and is currently ranked at No. 1191.
- Berkieta entered the **boys' doubles here** alongside Charlie Robertson. The pair gave a walkover to No. 3 seeds Thomas Faurel/Luca Preda in the 2nd round.
- Berkieta made his **Davis Cup debut for Poland in September 2023**, in their World Group II tie against Barbados. He defeated Xavier Lawrence in the only match he contested.