

Roland Garros 2026 Womenâ??s Final: Andreeva Faces Fairytale Qualifier Chwalinska In Paris Showdown

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Paris has fallen in love with an unlikely heroine. When the **Roland Garros 2026 womenâ??s final** gets under way on Court Philippe-Chatrier at 3pm local time today (9pm Singapore time), world No.8 Mirra Andreeva will face a player who arrived at Roland-Garros without even a main-draw seeding â?? qualifier Maja Chwalinska, ranked 114 in the world. It is the most unlikely womenâ??s Grand Slam final in decades, and it promises to be utterly captivating.

The Cinderella Story: Maja Chwalinskaâ??s Remarkable Run

Chwalinska did not just sneak into the draw â?? she tore through it. The 23-year-old Pole, who needed three qualifying wins just to reach the main draw, became only the third qualifier in the Open Era to reach the Roland-Garros womenâ??s final, joining Evonne Goolagong (1971) and Chris Evert (1973). She arrived ranked 60 spots lower than the next-lowest-ranked Roland-Garros finalist on record. That the company she keeps is Goolagong and Evert tells you everything.



Mirra Andreeva vs Marta Kostyuk in the Roland-Garros 2026 womenâ??s semifinal. Source: Roland-Garros official website (rolandgarros.com) â?? Â©Julien Crosnier / FFT

Chwalinska beat No.25 seed Diana Shnaider in a breathless semifinal, showing that her clay-court game â?? heavy topspin, relentless baseline grinding, and an almost eerie calmness under pressure

â?? is no fluke. â??I just said to myself to fight,â?• Chwalinska said after her quarterfinal win over Felix Auger-Aliassimeâ??s conqueror. â??I felt like this is the chance of my life.â?•

Andreeva: The Composed Favourite

Standing in Chwalinskaâ??s way is Mirra Andreeva, whose Roland Garros 2026 campaign has been a study in relentless efficiency. The 19-year-old Russian demolished Marta Kostyuk 6-1, 6-3 in just 75 minutes in her semifinal â?? a scoreline that barely captures how thoroughly she dominated. With a 21-3 clay-court record in 2026 and four finals to her name already this season, Andreeva enters as the clear favourite.

Yet Andreeva carries her own emotional weight into this final. At 19, she is the youngest Grand Slam womenâ??s finalist since Coco Gauff reached this same court in 2022. A Roland-Garros title would be her first major â?? and would cement her status as one of the defining players of her generation. â??I am focused on the final push,â?• she said after her semifinal. â??Nothing else matters right now.â?•

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How They Match Up

Both finalists are baseliners who love clay, both use two-handed backhands and heavy topspin, and both thrive in long rallies. The difference lies in pedigree and serve. Andreeva has a powerful delivery that allows her to dictate from the first ball; Chwalinska must construct her points patiently, drawing opponents into her rhythm before uncorking her groundstrokes. On clay, that approach can absolutely work against even the very best.

Chwalinska has already beaten Shnaider (No.25) and shown she can handle big-stage occasions with poise. But Andreevaâ??s level against Kostyuk â?? arguably the form player of the womenâ??s draw before the semifinals â?? suggests she is operating at a different stratosphere right now. This final will turn on whether Chwalinska can slow Andreeva down long enough to disrupt her rhythm.

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The Roland Garros 2026 womenâ??s final begins at 3pm Paris time â?? which is **9pm Singapore time** on Saturday 6 June. Catch all the Grand Slam action and follow our coverage of the Roland Garros semifinals and the tournamentâ??s stunning shock departures that shaped this extraordinary draw. Stay tuned to Little Big Red Dot Sports for all the latest from Paris.

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