

**PREVIEW NOTES: TEB BNP PARIBAS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL**

ISTANBUL, TURKEY | APRIL 19-25, 2021 | \$235,238 WTA 250

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**Main Draw Dates:** April 19-25, 2021  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, April 25, 5pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, April 25, 2:30pm  
**Venue:** Turkish Tennis Federation Tennis Center  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** Tournament's second year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Red clay / Outdoors  
**Total Prize Money:** \$235,238  
**Tennis Ball:** Head Tour Regular Duty  
**2020 Singles Final:** Patricia Maria Tig (ROU #88) d. [Q] Eugenie Bouchard (CAN #272) 2-6 6-1 7-6(4)  
**2020 Doubles Final:** [1] A. Guarachi/D. Krawczyk (CHI/USA) d. [2] E. Perez/S. Sanders (AUS/AUS) 6-1 6-3

SINGLES	US\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	29,200	280
Runner-Up	16,398	180
Semifinalist	10,100	110
Quarterfinalist	5,800	60
Round of 16	3,675	30
Round of 32	2,675	1

DOUBLES	US\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	10,300	280
Runner-Up	6,000	180
Semifinalist	3,800	110
Quarterfinalist	2,300	60
Round of 16	1,750	1

**MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS****Seeds:** Elise Mertens, Petra Martic, Veronika Kudermetova, Daria Kasatkina, Barbora Krejčíková, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Zheng Saisai, Wang Qiang**Wildcards:** Cagla Buyukakcay, Ana Konjuh, Elise Mertens, Vera Zvonareva**Qualifiers:** Lara Arruabarrena, Cristina Bucsa, Anastasia Gasanova, Tereza Mrdeza, Nuria Párrizas Díaz, Kamilla Rakhimova**Most career WTA singles titles:** Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Vera Zvonareva (both 12)**Prize money leader:** Vera Zvonareva (\$14,778,340)**Youngest singles player:** Marta Kostyuk, 18 years old (June 28, 2002)**Oldest singles player:** Vera Zvonareva, 36 years old (September 7, 1984)

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Preparation for Roland Garros continues this week on the Bosphorus, with eight of the Top 50 in the field for the second edition of the TEB BNP Paribas Tennis Championship Istanbul
- Istanbul has been a regular stop-off on both WTA and ATP calendars for many years, with a stellar cast visiting the city. Indeed, the WTA event held at the Garanti Koza WOS between 2005 and 2019 had an honor roll that included **Venus Williams, Elena Dementieva, Agnieszka Radwanska, Caroline Wozniacki, Elina Svitolina** and **Petra Martić**
- Last year, this tournament – held in early September – saw a move to the Turkish Tennis Federation’s centre, where Patricia Maria Tig lifted her maiden WTA title
- Top seed this time is **Elise Mertens**, who has reached four clay court finals in her career, including in Istanbul back in 2017, when she lost out to Elina Svitolina. The Belgian has been drawn to face qualifier **Lara Arruabarrena** in the first round
- Also in the top half of the draw is the in-form **Veronika Kudermetova**, who lifted her maiden WTA title on the green clay of Charleston two weeks ago. Her challenge gets underway against **Bernarda Pera**
- Meanwhile, in the bottom half No.2 seed **Martić** leads the way, opening up with a tricky encounter against **Fiona Ferro** on Monday evening
- The standout first-round match-up this year is arguably between former teenage star **Ana Konjuh** and **Sara Errani**, the 2012 losing finalist at Roland Garros
- In addition to this run in Paris, Errani’s clay court resumé includes seven titles. In total, the Italian has won 183 career main draw matches at clay-court tournaments, the most of any active player:

PLAYER	CLAY COURT WINS
<b>Sara Errani (ITA)</b>	<b>183</b>
Serena Williams (USA)	174
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	168
Venus Williams (USA)	167
Samantha Stosur (AUS)	148

- Eleven players in this week’s draw – **Ana Bogdan, Cristina Bucsa, Anastasia Gasanova, Marta Kostyuk, Kateryna Kozlova, Barbora Krejčíková, Tereza Mrdeza, Nuria Párrizas Díaz, Bernarda Pera, Anastasia Potapova** and **Kamilla Rakhimova** – are seeking their first career titles
- *One to Watch* – **Anastasia Gasanova**. In the opening week of the season, 21-year-old Gasanova announced herself to the tennis world by upsetting Karolina Pliskova as a qualifier at Abu Dhabi. She proved this was no flash in the pan a few months later, when she battled through qualifying once more, this time on home soil in St. Petersburg, before winning a couple a marathon main draw matches en route to a maiden WTA quarterfinal. This weekend in qualifying here, she beat Irina Fetecau and then survived a two-hour, 42-minute tussle with Nikola Bartukova to secure a first-round date with No.8 seed Wang Qiang

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 17 countries are represented in the main draw, led by Russia with seven players:

<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Elise Mertens
<b>China (2)</b>	Wang Qiang, Zheng Saisai
<b>Croatia (3)</b>	Ana Konjuh, Petra Martic, Tereza Mrdeza
<b>Czech Republic (2)</b>	Barbora Krejčíková, Katerina Siniakova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Kaia Kanepi
<b>France (2)</b>	Fiona Ferro, Kristina Mladenovic
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Sara Errani
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Nao Hibino
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Zarina Diyas
<b>Romania (2)</b>	Ana Bogdan, Sorana Cîrstea
<b>Russia (7)</b>	Anastasia Gasanova, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Anastasia Potapova, Kamilla Rakhimova, Vera Zvonareva
<b>Slovenia (1)</b>	Polona Hercog
<b>Spain (3)</b>	Lara Arruabarrena, Cristina Bucsa, Nuria Párrizas Díaz
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Viktorija Golubic
<b>Turkey (1)</b>	Cagla Buyukakcay
<b>Ukraine (2)</b>	Marta Kostyuk, Kateryna Kozlova
<b>United States (1)</b>	Bernarda Pera

## THIS SEASON'S WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
<b>January 6</b>	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
<b>January 31</b>	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic, AUS	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova
	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy, AUS	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	Krejčíková/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy, AUS	[6] Kontaveit/Li (final not played due to scheduling)	
<b>February 8</b>	GS	Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejčíková/Siniakova
<b>February 13</b>	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy, AUS	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova
<b>February 22</b>	WTA 500	Adelaide, AUS	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani
<b>March 1</b>	WTA 500	Doha, QAT	[4] Kvitova d. Muguruza 62 61	Melichar/Schuurs d. Niculescu/Ostapenko
	WTA 250	Lyon, FRA	[Q] Tauson d. [Q] Golubic 64 61	Kuzmova/Rus d. Bouchard/Danilovic
<b>March 8</b>	WTA 1000	Dubai, UAE	[9] Muguruza d. Krejčíková 76(6) 63	Guarachi/Jurak d. Xu/Yang
	WTA 250	Guadalajara, MEX	[4] Sorribes Tormo d. [WC] Bouchard 62 75	Perez/Sharma d. Krawczyk/Olmos
<b>March 15</b>	WTA 500	St. Petersburg, RUS	[8] Kasatkina d. [WC] Gasparyan 6-3 2-1 (RET)	Kichenok/Olaru d. Christian/Santamaria
	WTA 250	Monterrey, MEX	Fernandez d. [Q] Golubic 61 64	Dolehide/Muhammad d. Watson/Zheng
<b>March 22</b>	WTA 1000	Miami, FL, USA	[1] Barty d. [8] Andreescu 63 40 ret.	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
<b>April 5</b>	WTA 500	Charleston, SC, USA	[15] Kudermetova d. Kovinic 64 62	Melichar/Schuurs d. Bouzkova/Hradecka
	WTA 250	Bogotá, COL	[WC] Osorio Serrano d. [5] Zidansek 57 63 64	Lechemia/Neel d. Buzarnescu/Friedsam

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Swiatek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** María Camila Osorio Serrano (No.180, Bogotá)
- **Youngest title winner:** Clara Tauson, Lyon (18y 76d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Petra Kvitova, Doha (30y 363d)
- **Aces leaders:** Veronika Kudermetova – 130, Ashleigh Barty – 127, Ons Jabeur – 115
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Garbiñe Muguruza – 21, Ons Jabeur – 18, Veronika Kudermetova – 17
- **Most singles titles (2):** Daria Kasatkina (Phillip Island Trophy, St. Petersburg), Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)
- **Most Top 10 wins (4):** Jessica Pegula (No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open, No.6 Ka.Pliskova at Doha, Dubai and Miami)
- **Longest Match:** 3h 33m – Irina-Camelia Begu d. Johanna Konta 4-6, 7-6(10), 7-6(4) (Gippsland Trophy 3r)

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# ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

## MAIN DRAW SINGLES

### 2021 TEB BNP Paribas Tennis Championship Istanbul - Istar

PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN			YEAR-TO-DATE			CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	4/12/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
Q ARRUABARRENA, LARA	180	ESP	29		0	0	41,701	5	4	3,190,028	354 / 278	52	7/3/2017	0	2
BOGDAN, ANA	102	ROU	28		0	0	102,385	4	5	1,565,463	332 / 206	59	6/11/2018	0	0
Q BUCSA, CRISTINA	167	ESP	23		0	0	28,274	7	7	208,413	199 / 117	154	9/14/2020	0	0
W BUYUKAKCAY, CAGLA	176	TUR	31	2,600	0	1	49,241	4	7	1,161,610	434 / 360	60	9/12/2016	0	1
CIRSTEA, SORANA	67	ROU	31		0	0	188,132	6	5	6,019,231	459 / 345	21	8/12/2013	0	1
DIYAS, ZARINA	90	KAZ	27	2,600	0	1	182,970	6	5	3,240,141	322 / 225	31	1/12/2015	0	1
ERRANI, SARA	112	ITA	33		0	0	163,227	7	7	13,532,815	580 / 411	5	5/20/2013	0	9
FERRO, FIONA	57	FRA	24		0	0	190,305	5	5	1,442,732	216 / 175	39	3/8/2021	0	2
Q GASANOVA, ANASTASIA	181	RUS	21		0	0	24,216	11	7	113,599	172 / 96	178	4/5/2021	0	0
GOLUBIC, VIKTORIJA	85	SUI	28		0	0	65,072	25	5	1,815,523	348 / 227	51	4/3/2017	0	1
HERCOG, POLONA	76	SLO	30	5,006	2	1	86,052	1	4	3,903,422	421 / 287	35	9/12/2011	0	3
HIBINO, NAO	88	JPN	26		0	0	135,816	1	6	1,883,860	268 / 201	56	1/18/2016	0	2
KANEPI, KAIA	64	EST	35		0	0	207,657	9	4	6,662,261	529 / 301	15	8/20/2012	0	4
KASATKINA, DARIA	37	4 RUS	23		0	0	234,246	15	4	6,623,697	241 / 132	10	10/22/2018	2	4
W KONJUH, ANA	242	CRO	23		0	0	91,837	8	5	2,157,648	162 / 106	20	7/31/2017	0	1
KOSTYUK, MARTA	84	UKR	18		0	0	123,425	5	4	763,927	108 / 53	78	1/18/2021	0	0
KOZLOVA, KATERYNA	129	UKR	27		0	0		0	0	1,818,835	313 / 215	62	2/19/2018		0
KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA	38	5 CZE	25		0	0	499,501	11	6	3,469,750	281 / 161	38	3/15/2021	0	0
KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA	29	3 RUS	23		0	0	381,800	17	8	2,058,337	255 / 168	29	4/12/2021	1	1
MARTIC, PETRA	21	2 CRO	30		0	0	124,002	4	6	5,679,964	358 / 250	14	1/13/2020	0	1
W MERTENS, ELISE	17	1 BEL	25		0	0	617,809	13	4	7,700,512	337 / 176	12	11/26/2018	1	6
MLADENOVIC, KRISTINA	55	FRA	27		0	0	198,617	5	9	11,989,532	344 / 304	10	10/23/2017	0	1
Q MRDEZA, TEREZA	243	CRO	30		0	0	20,149	7	7	471,864	387 / 270	150	10/12/2015	0	0
Q PARRIZAS DIAZ, NURIA	159	ESP	29		0	0	35,661	20	3	211,769	385 / 238	159	4/12/2021	0	0
PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTASIA	40	6 RUS	29		0	0	121,685	5	7	10,472,218	435 / 300	13	7/4/2011	0	12
PERA, BERNARDA	70	USA	26		0	0	161,113	3	7	1,704,816	296 / 176	59	3/2/2020	0	0
POTAPOVA, ANASTASIA	75	RUS	20		0	0	224,977	7	8	1,067,847	111 / 73	64	7/22/2019	0	0
Q RAKHIMOVA, KAMILLA	143	RUS	19		0	0	62,590	8	6	227,474	98 / 47	142	3/22/2021	0	0
SINIAKOVA, KATERINA	69	CZE	24		0	0	250,736	2	6	6,477,068	258 / 186	31	10/22/2018	0	2
WANG, QIANG	50	8 CHN	29		0	0	120,612	3	8	4,728,815	400 / 263	12	9/9/2019	0	2
ZHENG, SAISAI	49	7 CHN	27		0	0	154,560	4	9	3,942,243	320 / 226	34	3/2/2020	0	1
W ZVONAREVA, VERA	115	RUS	36		0	0	156,675	7	5	14,778,340	558 / 286	2	10/25/2010	0	12

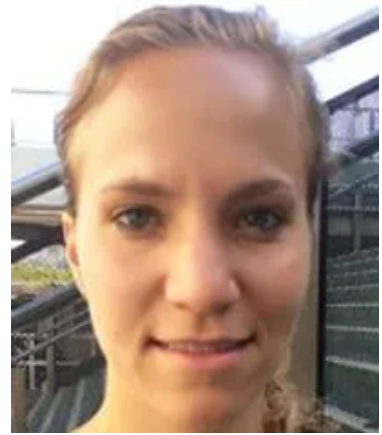


# MATCH NOTES

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FIRST  
MEETING



**17** **ELISE  
MERTENS (1)**  
BELGIUM

**VIKTORIJA  
GOLUBIC** **86**  
SWITZERLAND

1995-11-17	Date of Birth	1992-10-16
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	Zürich, Switzerland
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (one-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.69 m)
12	Career-High Ranking	51
\$ 7,700,512	Career Prize Money	\$ 1,815,523
\$ 617,809	Season Prize Money	\$ 65,072
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
38 - 16 ( SF: 2018 Australian Open )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4 - 16 ( Third round: 2019 Wimbledon )
1 - 0 / 1 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
18 - 4 / 171 - 88	YTD / Career W-L	9 - 2 / 68 - 63
2 - 1 / 41 - 19	YTD / Career Clay W-L	1 - 0 / 14 - 16
4 - 0 / 43 - 31	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	3 - 0 / 30 - 30
2 - 2 / 26 - 32	YTD / Career TB W-L	1 - 0 / 17 - 25
3 - 2 / 15 - 41	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	0 - 0 / 3 - 10
Champion: MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: MONTERREY, LYON



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
First career meeting						

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	-	2021	81	-
17	20	2020	76	137
12	17	2019	65	81
13	13	2018	89	92
35	35	2017	51	128
120	120	2016	53	57
157	157	2015	178	178
249	264	2014	156	227
577	577	2013	192	193
-	-	2012	497	609



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. ARRUBARRENA (#181) 6-2 6-0 (1h 29m)

*Total time on court: 1h 29m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from Switzerland in main draw matches, with record in 2021 standing at 1-0 (d. Bencic at Australian Open)
- Has won two clay court titles: 2018 Rabat and 2018 Lugano
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at four tournaments in her career
- Only player from Belgium in the draw
- Last year, best result by a Belgian was Alison Van Uytvanck's 2r showing
- During last year's European clay swing, made 3r at Roland Garros, reached QF at Rome, R-UP at Prague, fell 1r at Palermo
- Has won 11 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.8 on tour for match wins

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT


1r: d. N. PARRIZAS DIAZ (#161) 6-4 2-6 6-3 (2h 1m)

*Total time on court: 2h 1m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Faces No.17 Elise Mertens in 2r today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.18 Qiang Wang at Indian Wells 125K in 2019
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from Belgium in main draw matches, with record in 2021 standing at 1-0 (d. Minnen at Lyon)
- Owns one career clay court title at 2016 Gstaad
- Only player from Switzerland in the draw





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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, I. Cornet) and reached R16 at Miami (I. Osaka)
  - Advanced to SF at Dubai (I. eventual champion Muguruza)
  - Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (I. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/Sabalenka, d. Krejciakova/Siniakova in F)
  - Enjoyed championship run at Gippsland Trophy winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)
  - Originally planned to start season at Abu Dhabi earlier in January before late withdrawal w/right shoulder injury
- Also finished R-Up at Monterrey (as qualifier, I. Fernandez) on her most recent Tour outing
  - Produced R-Up finish, as a qualifier, at Lyon in first WTA main draw of the year defeating the No.2 and No.3 seeds, Ferro and Garcia, en route (I. fellow qualifier Tauson)
  - Continued to play on ITF Circuit in February, highlighted by her 10th career title at this level, at \$25k Grenoble-FRA
  - Opened season with R-Up finish at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (I. Tauson), then fell in qualifying for Australian Open

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
66	14	Aces	4	158
59%	149	First serve %	75%	5
68%	24	First Serve points won %	60%	131
42%	129	Second serve points won %	43%	119
57%	50	Overall service points won %	56%	76
56%	137	Service games won %	64%	67
43%	171	Break points saved %	46%	139
41%	21	First serve return points won %	43%	8
61%	16	Second serve return points won %	58%	37
61%	11	Break points converted %	53%	34
48%	7	Return games won %	48%	8
49%	10	Return points won %	49%	9



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

- SINGLES FINALS**

Champion (6)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY

2019 - DOHA

2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART

2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (3)

2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE

2017 - ISTANBUL
- DOUBLES FINALS**

Champion (12)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)

2020 - Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)

2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)

2016 - LIMOGES (w/Minella), AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (6)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)

2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar)

2015 - TAIPEI (w/Melnikova)

- SINGLES FINALS**

Champion (2)

2019 - INDIAN WELLS 125K

2016 - GSTAAD

Runner-Up (3)

2021 - MONTERREY, LYON

2016 - LINZ
- DOUBLES FINALS**

Runner-Up (1)

2017 - GSTAAD (w/Stojanovic)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2021				
4r	3r		QF	2020	1r			1r
3r	3r	4r	QF	2019	1r	1r	3r	1r
SF	4r	3r	4r	2018	1r	1r	1r	
	3r	1r	1r	2017	1r	1r	2r	1r
			1r	2016	1r	2r		1r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year – also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 – after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon – the deepest run of her career at a major Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016) Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions Also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA 2017 saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017 Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015) Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulková in F) Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying Other 2016 highlights included QFs at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki) Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka. Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic Entering 2016, had posted just two tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016 Prior to 2016 had contested two tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck) Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein Made debut on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann
  - Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
  - Favorite surface is grass, favorite shot is the serve
  - Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM. First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
  - Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
  - Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)
- Coached by Dominik Utzinger
  - Mother, Vucica Golubic was born in Serbia and father, Ignacije Golubic was born in Croatia; both are now Swiss nationals
  - Has a sister, Natalija and two brothers, Kristijan and David
  - Began playing tennis at age 5; sister played tennis and family was fan of sport
  - Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is backhand
  - Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles (played with two hands both sides until age 11)
  - Speaks German, English, Serbian and Croatian
  - Practiced Kung Fu for a while; also enjoys Harry Potter books (has read each one multiple times).



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MATCHES  
PLAYED

2  
WIN



**29** **VERONIKA**  
**KUDERMETOVA (1)**  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**KAIA**  
**KANEPI** **65**  
ESTONIA

1997-04-24	Date of Birth	1985-06-10
Moscow, Russia	Residence	Tallinn, Estonia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5'8" (1.75 m)	Height	5' 11" (1.81 m)
29	Career-High Ranking	15
\$ 2,058,336	Career Prize Money	\$ 6,662,261
\$ 381,800	Season Prize Money	\$ 207,657
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
6 - 8 ( Third round: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2019 ROLAND GARROS )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	61 - 49 ( QF: 2017 US OPEN; 2013 WIMBLEDON; 2012 FRENCH OPEN; 2010 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2008 FRENCH OPEN )
1 - 0 / 1 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
20 - 8 / 75 - 52	YTD / Career W-L	8 - 5 / 244 - 201
7 - 0 / 20 - 11	YTD / Career Clay W-L	1 - 0 / 81 - 64
5 - 2 / 29 - 16	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2 - 1 / 71 - 72
6 - 3 / 22 - 14	YTD / Career TB W-L	1 - 2 / 54 - 45
Champion: CHARLESTON	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY



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KANEPI**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	3r	Kaia Kanepi	4-6 6-3 6-0	1h 51m
2019	CHARLESTON	CLAY	1r	Kaia Kanepi	7-6(4) 6-3	1h 45m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
29	-	<b>2021</b>	62	-
38	46	<b>2020</b>	95	101
41	41	<b>2019</b>	61	101
112	115	<b>2018</b>	43	58
174	257	<b>2017</b>	105	107
208	210	<b>2016</b>	121	302
282	400	<b>2015</b>	46	126
340	343	<b>2014</b>	23	52
648	671	<b>2013</b>	19	30
707	715	<b>2012</b>	15	19



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. B. PERA (#70) 6-4 3-6 7-6 (3h 0m)

*Total time on court: 3h 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Owns 2-2 career record against players from Estonia, with record in 2021 standing at 1-0 (d. Kontaveit at Abu Dhabi)
- Sole career title came on clay, a few weeks ago in Charleston
- One of 4 players from Russia to reach 2r
- First time 4 players from Russian Federation reached 2r at ISTANBUL
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.29
- Is currently on a 7-match winning streak - the longest streak of her career
- Has won 20 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.2 on tour for match wins, behind Garbiñe Muguruza
- Has been involved in 5 three-set matches in 2021

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Z. DIYAS (#90) 4-6 4-6 (1h 19m)

*Total time on court: 1h 19m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Faces No.29 Veronika Kudermetova in 2r today; owns 87 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.4 Sofia Kenin at AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021
- Owns 21-28 career record against players from Russian Federation, with record in 2021 standing at 2-0 (d. Alexandrova and Kasatkina at Gippsland Trophy)
- Owns 42-83 career record against SEEDS, with a record in 2021 standing at 3-2
- Has won three WTA titles on clay: BRUSSELS in 2013; ESTORIL in 2012; PALERMO in 2010
- Has been involved in 3 three-set matches in 2021



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY


- Coming o lifting maiden career title, at Charleston (d. Kovinic in F); result took career earnings past \$2 million
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
- Advanced to QF at St. Petersburg (l. Kasatkina) where she was one of seven Russians to reach the last eight
- Made 2rexit at Dubai (l. Bencic) and 1r exit at Doha (l. Muguruza)
- Suffered 1r exit at Adelaide (l. Rogers) after a career-best 3r run at Australian Open(l. Halep)
- Also this season, made 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Li) after opening her campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Abu Dhabi (l. Sabalenka); upset No.5 Svitolina in QF to register third Top 5 victory of her career

- Made 2r at Miami (l. Rybakina) and fell 1r at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Rogers)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Vekic)
- Opened season by reaching first final in nearly eight years, at Gippsland Trophy (l. Mertens)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
134	1	Aces	52	24
52%	206	First serve %	52%	202
70%	9	First Serve points won %	66%	43
46%	65	Second serve points won %	50%	29
59%	28	Overall service points won %	58%	40
67%	46	Service games won %	70%	30
49%	114	Break points saved %	56%	42
35%	120	First serve return points won %	37%	75
54%	108	Second serve return points won %	54%	102
44%	112	Break points converted %	58%	15
35%	90	Return games won %	37%	73
42%	106	Return points won %	44%	82



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MATCH NOTES

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KAIA KANEPI

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2021 - CHARLESTON  
2019 - GUADALAJARA  
Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)  
2018 - LIMOGES (w/Voskoboeva), MUMBAI (w/Dzalamidze)  
2017 - TAIPEI (w/Sabalenka)  
2016 - TAIPEI 125K (w/Dzalamidze)  
  
Runner-Up (2)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON (w/Khromacheva)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)  
2013 - BRUSSELS  
2012 - ESTORIL, BRISBANE  
2010 - PALERMO  
  
Runner-Up (5)  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2012 - SEOUL  
2011 - MOSCOW  
2008 - TOKYO - JAPAN OPEN  
2006 - HASSELT  
  
DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2012 - COPENHAGEN (w/Arvidsson)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				2021	3r			
1r	2r		1r	2020	1r	2r		2r
1r	3r	2r	1r	2019	1r	4r	2r	2r
				2018	3r	1r	1r	4r
				2017				QF
				2016				
				2015	1r	1r	1r	2r
				2014	1r	1r	2r	4r
				2013		2r	QF	3r
				2012	2r	QF		
				2011	2r	3r	1r	2r
				2010	2r	2r	QF	QF
				2009	3r	1r	1r	1r
				2008	1r	QF	1r	2r
				2007	2r	1r	2r	1r
				2006		2r	1r	3r



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KANEPI**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career – to rise over sixty places in the WTA rankings, making Top 100 debut on February 4 and Top 50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching maiden WTA SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), 3r at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Wozniacki in 1r – her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and also first over a Top 20 opponent – l. Kanepi) and winning WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2014 Moscow
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur – her first Tour-level match)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles – most recently at 2018 \$25K Keito-JPN – and 16 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$50K ITF/Kazan-RUS in 2014
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (l. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (l. Mertens)
- Best results of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (l. Martic) and Charleston (l. Collins)
- Highlights of 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, l. S.Williams) and equaling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA
- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) – first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Owns 11 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007
- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (l. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF

- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (L. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, L. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, L. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

## OTHER INFORMATION

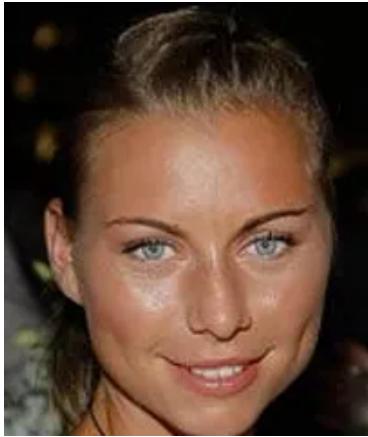
- Coached by husband Sergei Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
- She started playing tennis at the age of eight
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

- Currently without a full-time coach; fitness coach is Indrek Tustit
- Father, Jaak, works in real estate; mother, Anne, is a homemaker; has two older sisters, Karin and Kadri; started playing tennis at age 8 with parents and sisters
- Favorite surface is clay and favorite event outside the Grand Slams is Acapulco
- Tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Enjoys books, movies (favorite movie character is Captain Jack Sparrow), music (likes all kinds of music from Tiesto to Ludovico Einaudi), driving fast cars and taking care of her dog (has a Manchester Terrier called Bossu)
- In 2008 became godmother of a vessel named Superstar and was flown to Italy to bless it



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**1**  
WIN

**1**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

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WIN



**115** **VERA  
ZVONAREVA**  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**57** **FIONA  
FERRO**  
FRANCE

1984-09-07	Date of Birth	1997-03-12
Moscow, Russia	Residence	Valbonne, France
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7 3/4" (1.72 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70 m)
2	Career-High Ranking	39
\$ 14,778,339	Career Prize Money	\$ 1,442,731
\$ 152,562	Season Prize Money	\$ 190,305
0 / 12	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
90 - 45 ( R-Up: 2010 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	9 - 11 ( R16: 2020 ROLAND GARROS )
1 - 0 / 1 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
7 - 4 / 529 - 252	YTD / Career W-L	7 - 5 / 44 - 45
1 - 0 / 113 - 50	YTD / Career Clay W-L	1 - 0 / 24 - 15
2 - 2 / 119 - 85	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	3 - 3 / 17 - 15
2 - 4 / 75 - 74	YTD / Career TB W-L	1 - 3 / 10 - 9
SF: ST. PETERSBURG	YTD Best Result	SF: LYON



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD	2r	Vera Zvonareva	6-7(6) 7-5 7-6(2)	3h 10m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
114	-	2021	39	-
157	163	2020	42	42
76	141	2019	61	63
123	123	2018	100	102
198	204	2017	197	325
183	-	2016	234	235
134	182	2015	261	261
249	251	2014	323	367
95	-	2013	557	557
7	98	2012	-	-



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**VERA  
ZVONAREVA**

**FIONA  
FERRO**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. HERCOG (#73) 6-3 6-3 (1h 17m)

*Total time on court: 1h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Faces No.57 Fiona Ferro in 2r today
- Owns 40-17 career record against players from France, with record in 2021 standing at 2-0 (d. Hesse at Abu Dhabi and Ferro at St. Petersburg)
- Owns two WTA titles on clay: PRAGUE in 2008 and BOL in 2003
- One of 4 players from Russia to reach 2r
- First time 4 players from Russian Federation reached 2r at ISTANBUL
- During last year's European clay swing reached 1r at Rome and fell in qualifying at Roland Garros
- Has been involved in 4 three-set matches in 2021


### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. MARTIC (#21) 7-5 6-2 (1h 45m)

*Total time on court: 1h 45m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Has beaten Petra Martic so far this week, her first win since SF run at Lyon in March
- Faces No.115 Vera Zvonareva in 2r today
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from Russia, with record in 2021 standing at 0-1 (l. Zvonareva at St. Petersburg)
- Owns 8-2 career record against WILDCARDS, with a record in 2021 standing at 1-1
- Owns two WTA titles on clay: PALERMO in 2020; LAUSANNE in 2019
- One of 2 players from France to reach 2r (also Mladenovic)



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**VERA ZVONAREVA**

**FIONA FERRO**

SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Reached SF at St. Petersburg (as WC, l. Gasparyan)
  - Contested qualifying at Dubai
  - Reached 3r at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Vondrousova) and then fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Rybakina)
  - Made 2r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. Svitolina); also reached SF in doubles (w/Siegemund)
- Fell 2r at St. Petersburg (after 1r bye, l. Zvonareva) and then in 1r at Miami (l. Zheng)
  - Advanced to SF at Lyon (l. Golubic)
  - Opened season with 1r exit at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Rogers) and then reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
21	73	Aces	10	117
67%	54	First serve %	60%	143
65%	54	First Serve points won %	61%	103
49%	31	Second serve points won %	45%	87
60%	15	Overall service points won %	55%	105
68%	37	Service games won %	62%	87
45%	149	Break points saved %	50%	93
36%	93	First serve return points won %	39%	35
55%	78	Second serve return points won %	56%	58
50%	47	Break points converted %	48%	70
37%	69	Return games won %	41%	39
44%	72	Return points won %	45%	51



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**VERA  
ZVONAREVA**

**FIONA  
FERRO**

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2011 - BAKU, DOHA  
 2010 - PATTAYA CITY  
 2009 - INDIAN WELLS, PATTAYA CITY  
 2008 - GUANGZHOU, PRAGUE  
 2006 - CINCINNATI, BIRMINGHAM  
 2005 - MEMPHIS  
 2004 - MEMPHIS  
 2003 - BOL

Runner-Up (19)

2017 - DALIAN  
 2011 - TOKYO - PAN PACIFIC, CARLSBAD  
 2010 - BEIJING, US OPEN, MONTREAL,  
 WIMBLEDON, CHARLESTON  
 2008 - TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, LINZ, MOSCOW,  
 CHARLESTON, DOHA, HOBART  
 2007 - AUCKLAND  
 2006 - AUCKLAND  
 2004 - PHILADELPHIA, CINCINNATI  
 2002 - PALERMO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2020 - US OPEN (w/Siegemund)  
 2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Alexandrova)  
 2018 - MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL (w/Potapova), ST.  
 PETERSBURG (w/Bacsinszky)  
 2012 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Kuznetsova)  
 2009 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Azarenka)  
 2006 - US OPEN (w/Dechy), AUCKLAND  
 (w/Likhovtseva)  
 2005 - BERLIN (w/Likhovtseva)  
 2004 - MOSCOW (w/Myskina)

Runner-Up (7)

2018 - LIMOGES (w/Bacsinszky)  
 2010 - WIMBLEDON (w/Vesnina)  
 2008 - STANFORD (w/Vesnina)  
 2005 - STANFORD (w/Likhovtseva), EASTBOURNE  
 (w/Likhovtseva)  
 2004 - MEMPHIS (w/Sharapova)  
 2003 - MOSCOW (w/Myskina)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2020 - PALERMO  
 2019 - LAUSANNE





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**102** **ANA BOGDAN**  
ROMANIA

**(5) BARBORA KREJČIKOVÁ** **42**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

1992-11-25	Date of Birth	1995-12-18
Sinaia, Romania	Residence	Ivancice, Czech Republic
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.71 m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78 m)
59	Career-High Ranking	38
\$ 1,565,463	Career Prize Money	\$ 3,469,750
\$ 102,385	Season Prize Money	\$ 448,087
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
9 - 14 ( Third round: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	5 - 4 ( R16: 2020 ROLAND GARROS )
1 - 0 / 1 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
3 - 5 / 51 - 67	YTD / Career W-L	11 - 5 / 32 - 27
1 - 0 / 18 - 21	YTD / Career Clay W-L	1 - 0 / 14 - 11
1 - 2 / 13 - 23	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	5 - 0 / 14 - 12
0 - 0 / 7 - 19	YTD / Career TB W-L	1 - 4 / 4 - 6
Second round: PHILLIP ISLAND, YARRA VALLEY	YTD Best Result	R-Up: DUBAI



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**BARBORA  
KREJCIKOVA**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	DUBAI	HARD	Qual.	Ana Bogdan	6-4 6-4	1h 46m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
92	-	2021	38	-
87	92	2020	65	65
75	129	2019	115	135
59	71	2018	125	203
104	115	2017	121	126
107	118	2016	179	251
146	161	2015	140	187
233	241	2014	180	187
314	314	2013	368	376
498	538	2012	605	608



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. N. HIBINO (#82) 6-3 6-3 (1h 13m)

*Total time on court: 1h 13m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Win over Nao Hibino in 1r was first in main draw since reaching 2r at Phillip Island Trophy in February
- Faces No.42 Barbora Krejckova in 2r today; most recent main draw win came over No.30 Zhang Shuai in 2020 Dubai qualifying
- Owns 2-6 career record against players from Czech Republic in main draw matches, with record in 2021 standing at 0-1 (I. Martincova at Lyon)
- Owns 12-24 career record against SEEDS, with a record in 2021 standing at 1-2
- Has reached two WTA SFs on clay: BOGOTA in 2018; BUCHAREST in 2017
- One of 2 players from Romania to reach 2r (also Cirstea)
- Best result by Romania at ISTANBUL was title run by Patricia Maria Tig in 2020
- Best result on clay last year was QF run at PRAGUE

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BUYUKAKCAY (#177) 6-7 6-2 6-0 (2h 34m)

*Total time on court: 2h 34m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at ISTANBUL
- Faces No.102 Ana Bogdan in 2r today
- Owns 4-3 career record against players from Romania in main draw matches
- Best career result on CLAY was Runner-Up finish at 2017 NÜRNBERG
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 2r (also Siniakova)
- Last year Czech Republic's Tereza Martincova made SF here in Istanbul
- Best result on clay last year was R16 run at Roland Garros
- Has been involved in 5 three-set matches in 2021, winning all of them



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KREJCIKOVA

## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at both Dubai (as qualifier, l. Vondrousova) and then St. Petersburg (l. Sasnovich)
  - Suffered 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Collins) before making 2r at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Diyas)
  - Opened 2021 season by reaching 2r at Yarra Valley Classic (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Swiatek)
  - At Dubai, reached second career final (l. Muguruza); broke into Top 50 following the tournament
  - Has enjoyed a successful season in doubles, lifting title at Gippsland Trophy and finishing R-Up at Australian Open (bothw/Siniakova). Also defended mixed doubles title at Melbourne Park (w/Ram)
  - Opened season with 2r showing at Abu Dhabi (l. Putintseva), before advancing to QF at Grampians Trophy (l. Brady) and then 2r at Australian Open (l. Alexandrova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
19	82	Aces	49	28
62%	110	First serve %	59%	154
61%	105	First Serve points won %	68%	19
45%	84	Second serve points won %	49%	37
55%	93	Overall service points won %	60%	13
67%	48	Service games won %	60%	103
51%	83	Break points saved %	42%	178
36%	109	First serve return points won %	37%	78
53%	115	Second serve return points won %	52%	143
41%	139	Break points converted %	41%	135
32%	115	Return games won %	34%	95
42%	111	Return points won %	43%	104

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KREJCIKOVA

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2021 - DUBAI  
2017 - NÜRNBERG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY (w/Siniakova)  
2020 - SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)  
2019 - LINZ (w/Siniakova), TORONTO (w/Siniakova)  
2018 - WIMBLEDON (w/Siniakova), ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)  
2015 - LIMOGES (w/Minella), QUEBEC CITY (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (9)  
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)  
2020 - DUBAI (w/Zheng)  
2019 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova)  
2018 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), MIAMI (w/Siniakova), SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)  
2017 - BASTAD (w/Irigoyen)  
2016 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Dushevina)  
2014 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Hradecka)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2021	2r			
	2r			2020	2r	4r		
1r		1r	2r	2019				
3r	2r	1r	2r	2018		1r		
1r	1r	2r	2r	2017				
			2r	2016				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results in 2020 were QF run at Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova via ret.) and 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kenin in 3s)
  - Ended 2019 by lifting 13th career singles titles on the ITF Circuit at \$100k ITF/Dubai-UAE
  - Finished 2018 ranked No.71 to record first Top 100 finish of career; season highlights included 3r run at Australian Open (l. Keys) and SF runs at Monterrey (l. Muguruza) and Bogota (l. Schmeidlova)
  - In 2017, reached SF at Bucharest and made 2r three times, including at Wimbledon, US Open
  - Made first WTA SF at 2016 Florianopolis (upset former No.1 Jankovic in 2r, l. Babos)
  - Also made Grand Slam debut in 2016 at US Open, reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Niculescu)
  - Owns three Top 20 wins in career, defeating No.17 Sevastova (2017 Bucharest), No.18 Vesnina (2017 New Haven) and No.11 Mladenovic (2018 Australian Open)
- Transition from juniors to pro circuit was initially hampered by a series of injuries, notably quadriceps muscle rupture and a ski accident; more recently, problems with left Achilles tendon began in December 2015
- Winner of 13 singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
  - Played first senior tournament at \$25k/ITF Bucharest in 2007 and first WTA main draw at 2014 Bad Gastein (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)

- Enjoyed breakout year in singles in 2020, posting career-high ranking of No.65 (November 16) and making R16 at Roland Garros and reaching second WTA SF at Linz
- Also reached two doubles finals last year, finishing R-Up at Dubai (w/Zheng) and winning Shenzhen (w/Siniakova)
- In Mixed Doubles, defended Australian Open title (w/Pavic), having triumphed in Melbourne a year earlier with w/Ram
- In 2019, advanced to QF at Bucharest in addition to winning four ITF Circuit singles titles on clay in North America and Europe, winning 20 of her 21 matches during this stretch
- Also in 2019, posted second Top 20 doubles season highlighted by titles at Toronto and Linz, and R-Up finish at Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova). Won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Ram
- In 2018, won first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Siniakova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003; also became the first team ever to win the girls' (2013) and ladies' doubles title at SW19
- Rose to WTA doubles World No.1 on October 22, 2018
- Highlight of 2017 was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (l. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (l. Garcia). Only other tour-level appearances were 1r exits at Bucharest and Québec City
- Contested five WTA main draws in 2016, progressing to 2r at two events: Kuala Lumpur and Prague
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Québec City (w/Mestach)
- Advanced to first WTA doubles final at 2014 Luxembourg (w/Hradecka, l. Bacszinszky/Barrois)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (l. Hradecka)
- On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010

## OTHER INFORMATION


- Father is Ion; mother is Monica
- Began playing at age 4; favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is crosscourt backhand; favorite tournaments are Rio Open, Bad Gastein, all the Grand Slams
- Enjoys skiing and snowboarding, horse riding, swimming, travelling
- Would like to get into interior design after tennis

- Coached by Petr Kovacka
- Started playing tennis aged 6 and was later coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna
- Highly ranked junior, won the Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open girls' doubles titles with Katerina Siniakova.



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241

ANA KONJUH

CROATIA

MARTA KOSTYUK

85

UKRAINE

1997-12-27	Date of Birth	2002-06-28
Dubai, UAE	Residence	Chaiky, Ukraine
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.74 m)	Height	5' 9"
20	Career-High Ranking	78
\$ 2,157,648	Career Prize Money	\$ 763,927
\$ 92,066	Season Prize Money	\$ 123,425
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
16 - 16 ( QF: 2016 US OPEN )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4 - 4 ( Third round: 2020 US OPEN; 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN )
1 - 1 / 1 - 1	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
5 - 2 / 72 - 56	YTD / Career W-L	7 - 4 / 14 - 18
2 - 0 / 13 - 11	YTD / Career Clay W-L	2 - 0 / 5 - 7
1 - 0 / 27 - 15	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2 - 1 / 2 - 8
1 - 0 / 15 - 9	YTD / Career TB W-L	0 - 4 / 2 - 5
R16: MIAMI	YTD Best Result	SF: ABU DHABI





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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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First career meeting

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
240	-	2021	78	-
538	538	2020	97	98
385	1270	2019	116	155
44	418	2018	118	118
20	44	2017	491	518
48	48	2016	-	-
55	80	2015	-	-
90	90	2014	-	-
270	274	2013	-	-



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KONJUH**

**MARTA  
KOSTYUK**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Q. WANG (#50) 1-6 4-6 (1h 20m)  
1r: d. S. ERRANI (#112) 7-5 6-2 (1h 37m)

*Total time on court: 2h 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Sara Errani and Qiang Wang so far this week to reach her first QF since 2017 Stanford
- Faces Kostyuk today, owns 1-2 career record in main draw matches against players from Ukraine
- Only player from Croatia to reach QF
- Is currently ranked No.241
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.60 on tour for match wins, behind Laura Siegemund, Misaki Doi, Clara Tauson
- Has been involved in 1 three-set matches in 2021


### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. KASATKINA (#37) 6-3 7-5 (1h 34m)  
1r: d. K. RAKHIMOVA (#143) 6-4 6-3 (1h 9m)

*Total time on court: 2h 43m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Kamilla Rakhimova and Daria Kasatkina so far this week to reach her first QF since SF run at Abu Dhabi in January
- Faces No.241 Ana Konjuh in QF today
- First main draw match against a Croatian player
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 1-1
- Best career result on clay is QF which she achieved at Strasbourg in 2019
- Only player from Ukraine to reach QF
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.36 on tour for match wins, behind Caroline Garcia, Ajla Tomljanovic, Vera Zvonareva
- Has been involved in 3 three-set matches in 2021



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MARTA KOSTYUK

SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- After receiving a wildcard, advanced to R16 atMiami (d. Keys and Swiatek, l. Sevastova); firstWTA main draw wins sincemaking 2r at 2018Brisbane (d. Bertens, l. Svitolina)
  - Made qualifying exit at St. Petersburg
  - Advanced through qualifying at Dubai to reach first WTA main draw since 2019 Hungary; made 1r exit (l. Anisimova)
  - Opened 2021 season by contesting qualifying at Australian Open
- Suffered 1r exit at Miami (l. Pironkova)
  - Reached 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Brady) then fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Kudermetova)
  - Opened 2021 by reaching first career WTA SF, at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
31	46	Aces	31	44
61%	131	First serve %	65%	74
64%	68	First Serve points won %	60%	122
45%	88	Second serve points won %	43%	126
57%	67	Overall service points won %	54%	117
64%	60	Service games won %	70%	30
54%	62	Break points saved %	54%	61
37%	84	First serve return points won %	41%	16
60%	25	Second serve return points won %	61%	17
40%	147	Break points converted %	55%	24
40%	43	Return games won %	49%	6
45%	46	Return points won %	48%	11



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MARTA KOSTYUK

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2015 - NOTTINGHAM  
Runner-Up (1)  
2017 - AUCKLAND



AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
				2021	1r			
				2020		1r		3r
				2019				
	1r	1r		2018	3r			
2r	2r	4r	1r	2017				
2r	2r	2r	QF	2016				
1r	2r	1r	2r	2015				
1r		3r		2014				



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KONJUH**

**MARTA  
KOSTYUK**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of 2020 was winning her third title on the ITF circuit at \$25K Zagreb-CRO (d. Mrdeza in F)  
In 2019, played just three events before ending season early due to right elbow injury  
Contested four tournaments in 2018 before ending season early due to right elbow injury  
Underwent surgery on right elbow after 2017 US Open, ending season early Notched second-consecutive Top 50 finish in 2017, finishing the year at No.44  
Posted career-high ranking of World No.20 on July 31, 2017  
Highlight of 2017 was making second career singles final at Auckland (l. Davis). Rose to new career-high ranking of No.36 following result (January 9, 2017) Ended 2016 at No.48 for career-best year-end finish  
Season highlight was posting best result at a Grand Slam with QF run at 2016 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Ka.Pliskova). Became first Croatian woman to reach the QF at Flushing Meadows, and first at any Grand Slam since Karolina Sprem at 2004 Wimbledon (l. QF). Unranked players aside, at No.92 Konjuh was the equal second-lowest ranked player through to quarterfinals at the US Open since rankings began in November 1975 (Kerber was also ranked No.92 in 2011)  
Opened 2017 season by reaching second career singles final at Auckland (l. Davis). Rose to new career-high ranking of No.36 following result (January 9, 2017) Ended 2016 at No.48 for career-best year-end finish  
Season highlights – US Open aside – were SF at Guangzhou (l. Jankovic) and QF at Moscow (as LL, l. Svitolina) Represented Croatia at Rio Olympics, falling 2r in singles (l. Suarez Navarro) Forced to withdraw from Nottingham – as defending champion – with w/lower back injury  
Won first WTA singles title at 2015 Nottingham (d. Niculescu in F)  
Made WTA main draw debut as wildcard at 2014 Auckland (d. top seed Vinci in 1r, l. Davis in 3s)  
Played first pro events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia and Turkey in 2012  
On ITF Circuit won one singles title at \$10k ITF/Montpellier-FRA (d. Khromacheva in F)  
Claimed junior girls No.1 ranking after winning the Australian Open singles and doubles titles in 2013; also won 2013 US Open girls singles title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.97 on November 2, 2020, after reaching back-to-back finals on ITF Circuit in US
- Made 3r at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- In February 2020, picked up third ITF singles title of career, at a \$60k event in Cairo
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching first WTA QF, at Strasbourg (l. Garcia)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open and reached 3r, having received a WC into the qualifying event by virtue of winning the junior title there in 2017 (d. Masarova in F). Was first player born in 2002 to play in a Grand Slam main draw. Was also youngest player to reach the 3r at a major since 1997 US Open when Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (15 years, 182 days) reached this stage
- Scored two Top 50 wins in 2018, over No.27 Peng (Australian Open), No.26 Gavrilova (Fed Cup) Won first ITF Circuit title of career at \$25k ITF/Dunakeszi-HUN in 2017 (d. Pera in F)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2017 Mallorca (l. Kalinskaya in 1r)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team 2018-20
- Won 2017 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Masarova in F) and ITF Junior Masters event in Chengdu, China in October 2017; rose as high as No.3 in junior rankings in June 2017
- Played first professional event at \$10k ITF/Kharkhiv-UKR in August 2016 (fell in 1r)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coach is Antonio Veic; fitness coach is Slaven Hrvoj; moved to Zagreb at age 11
  - Parents are Mario (businessman) and Iris (housewife); has three sisters - Andrea, Antonia and Antea
  - After winning Australian Open junior title in 2013 got permission from parents to get tattoo on left wrist ("Faith")
  - Had right elbow surgery after Australian Open in 2014 (subsequently missed almost four months).
- Currently coached by Talyna Beiko, formerly with Glenn Schaap and Luka Kutanjac. Consistently works with her mother Talina (a former professional)
  - Currently trains in both Monaco and Kiev
  - Father is Oleg; has two sisters, Zoryana and Mariya. Began playing tennis at age five
  - One of first coaches was her uncle Taras Beyko, a respected player for the USSR and Ukraine in the late 1980s and early 1990s
  - Currently managed by former ATP player Ivan Ljubicic
  - Favorite shot is her serve



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WIN

**1**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**0**  
WIN



**67** **SORANA  
CIRSTEA**  
ROMANIA

**FIONA  
FERRO** **57**  
FRANCE

1990-04-07	Date of Birth		1997-03-12
Targoviste, Romania	Residence		Valbonne, France
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 9" (1.76 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70 m)	
21	Career-High Ranking	39	
\$ 6,019,231	Career Prize Money	\$ 1,442,731	
\$ 188,132	Season Prize Money	\$ 190,305	
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2	
47 - 48 ( QF: 2009 Roland Garros )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	9 - 11 ( R16: 2020 Roland Garros )	
2 - 0 / 2 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0	
8 - 5 / 248 - 251	YTD / Career W-L	8 - 5 / 45 - 45	
2 - 0 / 81 - 76	YTD / Career Clay W-L	2 - 0 / 25 - 15	
1 - 1 / 89 - 75	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	4 - 3 / 18 - 15	
2 - 0 / 55 - 45	YTD / Career TB W-L	1 - 3 / 10 - 9	
QF: Grampians Trophy	YTD Best Result	SF: Lyon	



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**SORANA  
CIRSTEA**

**FIONA  
FERRO**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2017	ISTANBUL	CLAY	1r	Sorana Cirstea	6-3 6-1	1h 7m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
65	-	2021	39	-
69	86	2020	42	42
72	72	2019	61	63
33	86	2018	100	102
37	37	2017	197	325
81	81	2016	234	235
90	244	2015	261	261
21	93	2014	323	367
21	22	2013	557	557
26	27	2012	-	-





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CIRSTEA**

**FIONA  
FERRO**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. KOZLOVA (#130) 6-4 7-6 (1h 58m)  
2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#76) 7-6 6-4 (1h 45m)

*Total time on court: 3h 43m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Kateryna Kozlova and Anastasia Potapova so far this week to reach her first QF since Grampains Trophy in February
- Faces No.57 Fiona Ferro in QF today
- Owns 10-14 career record in main draw matches against players from France
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 18-29
- Best career result on clay is R-Up which she achieved at Budapest in 2007
- One of 2 players from Romania to reach QF (also Bogdan)
- Last year, Romania's Patricia Maria Tig won the title here
- Has won 8 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.27 on tour for match wins, behind Yulia Putintseva, Petra Kvitova, Iga Swiatek


### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. MARTIC (#21) 7-5 6-2 (1h 45m)  
2r: d. V. ZVONAREVA (#115) 6-3 6-3 0-1 (1h 29m)

*Total time on court: 3h 14m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Petra Martic and Vera Zvonareva so far this week to reach her first QF since SF run at Lyon in March
- Faces No.67 Sorana Cirstea in QF today
- Owns 3-1 career record in main draw matches against players from Romania
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 5-4
- Has won two WTA titles on clay: Palermo in 2020 and Lausanne in 2019
- Only player from France to reach QF
- In addition to title in Palermo, on clay last year also made R16 at Roland Garros



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Made 2r at both Dubai and Miami (l. Kontaveit at both tournaments)
  - Fell 1r at Lyon (l. Stojanovic)
  - Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (d. No.9 Kvitova in 2r, l. Vondrousova)
  - Opened season by reaching first QF in 17 months at Grampians Trophy (l. Li)
- Fell 2r at St. Petersburg (after 1r bye, l.Zvonareva) and then in 1r at Miami (l. Zheng)
  - Advanced to SF at Lyon (l. Golubic)
  - Opened season with 1r exit at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Rogers) and then reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
35	40	Aces	10	118
63%	92	First serve %	60%	140
61%	109	First Serve points won %	61%	105
47%	52	Second serve points won %	45%	85
56%	76	Overall service points won %	55%	102
59%	110	Service games won %	62%	84
49%	123	Break points saved %	50%	96
36%	109	First serve return points won %	39%	35
58%	39	Second serve return points won %	58%	38
49%	64	Break points converted %	50%	49
39%	48	Return games won %	42%	31
45%	58	Return points won %	46%	39



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1)	Champion (2)
2008 - TASHKENT	2020 - PALERMO
Runner-Up (3)	2019 - LAUSANNE
2019 - TASHKENT	
2013 - TORONTO	
2007 - BUDAPEST	
DOUBLES FINALS	
Champion (5)	
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)	
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)	
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)	
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES (w/Pavlyuchenkova)	
Runner-Up (5)	
2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)	
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)	
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)	
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)	

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				2021	3r			
2r	1r		3r	2020	2r	4r		
1r	2r	1r	3r	2019	1r	1r	1r	3r
2r	1r	2r	2r	2018		2r		
4r	2r	3r	2r	2017		1r		
	1r	1r	1r	2016				
1r				2015		1r		
1r	3r	1r	2r	2014		1r		
3r	3r	2r	2r	2013				
3r	1r	3r	2r	2012				
2r	3r	1r	1r	2011				
2r	1r	1r	1r	2010				
1r	QF	3r	3r	2009				
1r	2r	2r	2r	2008				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F)
- Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open (l. Muchova) and advanced to 2r at Australian Open in January (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (l. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Highlights of 2017 season were SF showing at Nürnberg (l. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitová and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Following Tororo run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with R16 showing at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Kenin)
- Finished 2020 season at No.42 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 50. Broke into Top 50 at No.44 after winning second career title at 2020 Palermo (d. Kontaveit in F)
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2019, lifting maiden WTA title in her career first tour-level final at Lausanne (d. Cornet in F); posted first Top 100 year-end finish (No.63)
- Reached one additional SF in 2019 at Lugano and the QF on two other occasions at Strasbourg and Palermo
- Contested the main draw at all four Grand Slams for the first time in 2019, achieving her best result at the majors by reaching the 3r at the US Open (l. No.18 seed Q.Wang)
- Member of the French Fed Cup squad that were crowned 2019 Fed Cup champions, beating Australia away from home in November
- Finished 2018 ranked No.102 highlighted by maiden WTA QF at Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Q.Wang). Also made 2r at Roland Garros, Tashkent and Luxembourg and won first four titles on ITF Circuit
- Prior to 2018 Roland Garros had lost 1r on eight previous tour-level main draw appearances
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Strasbourg
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (L. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Carl Maes and Adrian Cruciat; trains at Kim Clijsters Academy
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy

- Coached by Emmanuel Planque
- Picked up her first tennis racquet at age 7 after seeing her two older brothers playing
- Describes herself as a complete, fast and creative player, determined to fight for each point until the end. Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite tournament is Roland Garros, although enjoys playing on every surface
- Best tennis memory so far is winning the 2019 Fed Cup with France
- Does not have specific tennis idols, but has found players to be inspiring in different ways
- Long-term career goals are winning big titles and Grand Slams
- Nickname is Fio
- Favorite musician is French rapper Oreslan
- Enjoys cooking and reading
- In one word, would describe herself as determined



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WIN



**17** **ELISE  
MERTENS (1)**  
BELGIUM

**KATERINA  
SINIAKOVA** **69**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

1995-11-17	Date of Birth	1996-05-10
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.74 m)
12	Career-High Ranking	31
\$ 7,700,512	Career Prize Money	\$ 6,477,067
\$ 617,809	Season Prize Money	\$ 250,736
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
38 - 16 ( SF: 2018 Australian Open )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	17 - 25 ( R16: 2019 Roland Garros )
2 - 0 / 2 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
19 - 4 / 172 - 88	YTD / Career W-L	3 - 5 / 116 - 140
3 - 1 / 42 - 19	YTD / Career Clay W-L	2 - 0 / 43 - 34
5 - 0 / 44 - 31	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2 - 2 / 49 - 53
2 - 2 / 26 - 32	YTD / Career TB W-L	2 - 1 / 33 - 26
3 - 2 / 15 - 41	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	0 - 0 / 13 - 35
Champion: Gippsland Trophy	YTD Best Result	QF: Istanbul



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	WUHAN	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	6-4 6-0	1h 26m
2019	DOHA	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	6-4 6-2	1h 20m
2019	SYDNEY	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	7-6(4) 2-6 6-2	2h 42m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	-	2021	59	-
17	20	2020	53	64
12	17	2019	31	58
13	13	2018	31	31
35	35	2017	36	49
120	120	2016	49	49
157	157	2015	65	108
249	264	2014	74	74
577	577	2013	211	211
-	-	2012	1061	1068



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. GOLUBIC (#86) 6-4 4-6 6-1 (2h 16m)  
1r: d. L. ARRUABARRENA (#181) 6-2 6-0 (1h 29m)

*Total time on court: 3h 45m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Lara Arruabarrena and Viktorija Golubic so far this week to reach her third QF of the season
- Faces No.69 Katerina Siniakova in QF today
- Owns 10-6 main draw career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2021 standing at 0-1 (L. Muchova at Australian Open)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 16-13
- Has won two WTA titles on clay, in 2018 at Rabat and Lugano
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at four tournaments in her career
- Only player from Belgium to reach QF
- First time a player from Belgium reached QF at ISTANBUL
- Best result on clay last year was R-Up at Prague

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT


1r: d. C. BUCSA (#169) 7-6 3-6 6-3 (2h 14m)  
2r: d. K. MLADENOVIC (#55) 6-4 3-6 6-4 (2h 28m)

*Total time on court: 4h 42m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Cristina Bucsa and Kristina Mladenovic so far this week to reach her first QF since Strasbourg in 2020
- Faces No.17 Elise Mertens in QF today; owns 13 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.1 Naomi Osaka at Roland Garros in 2019
- Owns 2-8 main draw career record against players from Belgium, with record in 2021 standing at 1-0 (d. Flipkens at St. Petersburg)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 11-9
- Owns one WTA title on clay, at Bastad in 2017
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach QF
- Best result by Czech Republic at Istanbul was SF run by Tereza Martincova in 2020
- Best result on clay last year was 3r run at Roland Garros





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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, I. Cornet) and reached R16 at Miami (I. Osaka)
  - Advanced to SF at Dubai (I. eventual champion Muguruza)
  - Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (I. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/ Sabalenka, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
  - Enjoyed championship run at Gippsland Trophy winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)
  - Originally planned to start season at Abu Dhabi in January before late withdrawal w/ right shoulder injury
- Reached 2r at St. Petersburg (I. Gasparyan) before suffering 1r exit at Miami (I. Konjuh)
  - Fell 1r at Dubai (I. Jabeur) and in qualifying at Doha
  - Bounced back to reach doubles final at Australian Open w/ Krejčíková (I. Mertens/Sabalenka)
  - Opened singles campaign in 2021 with 1r exits at Grampians Trophy (I. Kerber) and Australian Open (I. Ferro)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
75	12	Aces	15	98
60%	147	First serve %	66%	55
68%	22	First Serve points won %	63%	79
42%	127	Second serve points won %	39%	173
58%	48	Overall service points won %	55%	106
56%	136	Service games won %	52%	163
43%	171	Break points saved %	48%	130
41%	14	First serve return points won %	35%	123
61%	18	Second serve return points won %	53%	118
60%	12	Break points converted %	54%	30
48%	7	Return games won %	32%	110
49%	9	Return points won %	41%	128



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY

2019 - DOHA

2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART

2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (3)

2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE

2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)

2020 - Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)

2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)

2016 - LIMOGES (w/Minella), AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (6)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)

2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar)

2015 - TAIPEI (w/Melnikova)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2017 - BASTAD, SHENZHEN

Runner-Up (3)

2018 - SHENZHEN

2016 - TOKYO INTERNATIONAL, BASTAD

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY (w/Krejčíková)

2020 - SHENZHEN (w/Krejčíková)

2019 - LINZ (w/Krejčíková), TORONTO (w/Krejčíková), SYDNEY (w/Krunic)

2018 - WIMBLEDON (w/Krejčíková), ROLAND GARROS (w/Krejčíková)

2015 - PRAGUE (w/Bencic)

2014 - LIMOGES (w/Voráčová), TASHKENT (w/Krunic)

Runner-Up (13)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Krejčíková)

2020 - LINZ (w/Hradecká)

2019 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Krejčíková)

2018 - WTA FINALS (w/Krejčíková), MIAMI (w/Krejčíková), SHENZHEN (w/Krejčíková)

2017 - US OPEN (w/Hradecká), PRAGUE (w/Hradecká), CHARLESTON (w/Hradecká), INDIAN WELLS (w/Hradecká), TAIPEI CITY (w/Hradecká)

2015 - TASHKENT (w/Dushevina)

2014 - STANFORD (w/Kania-chodun)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2021	1r			
4r	3r		QF	2020	1r	3r		1r
3r	3r	4r	QF	2019	1r	4r	2r	1r
SF	4r	3r	4r	2018	2r	3r	3r	3r
	3r	1r	1r	2017	1r	1r	1r	1r
			1r	2016	1r	1r	3r	2r
				2015	2r	1r	1r	1r
				2014	1r			



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejckikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year – also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Reached two doubles finals in 2020, winning her first event of the season (Shenzhen w/Krejckikova) and finishing R-Up in the last (Linz w/Hradecka); also reached SF at Australian Open and Roland Garros (both w/Krejckikova)
- In singles last year, best results were QF at Strasbourg (l Sabalenka) and 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Bertens)
- Produced career-best Slam singles result with R16 run at 2019 Roland Garros (d. No.1 Osaka in 3r, l. Keys)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.1 in doubles after winning first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejckikova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003; also became the first team ever to win the girls’ (2013) and ladies’ doubles title at SW19
- Also R-Up w/Krejckikova at 2018 WTA Finals Singapore (l. Babos/ Mladenovic)
- Has three Top 5 career wins in singles – against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen, No.4 Garcia at Wuhan, and No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros
- Won both singles rubbers during Czech Republic’s 3-0 victory over USA in final of 2018 Billie Jean King Cup
- Won two career singles titles in 2017, first at Shenzhen (d. No.4 Halep in 2r, No.10 Konta in SF – the first Top 10 wins of her career – and Riske in F) and then Bastad (d. No.17 Sevastova in QF, No.20 Garcia in SF and No.6 Wozniacki in F)
- Reached doubles final at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, l. Chan/Hingis)
- Made Top 50 debut on October 24, 2016
- In 2016, advanced to first two WTA finals of career, at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)
- Won back-to-back Grand Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2016 Wimbledon (l. A.Radwanska)
- Notched the first Top 20 win of her career by upsetting No.14 Petkovic during QF run at 2015 Birmingham
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on October 20, 2014 following breakthrough SF run at Moscow (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2014 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Diyas)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)

- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012
- Ranked world No.2 in ITF junior rankings in December 2012; won the girls' doubles titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Favorite surface is grass, favorite shot is the serve
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM. First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)
- Coached by father, Dmitri Siniakov (also a businessman)
- Mother's name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel
- Mentored by WTA legend Helena Sukova, who is now a sports psychologist
- Started playing tennis at age 5. Favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open
- Favorite city is Paris
- Tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova
- Enjoys listening to music and reading, especially detective books and sci-fi. Would like to meet the singer Taylor Swift



# MATCH NOTES

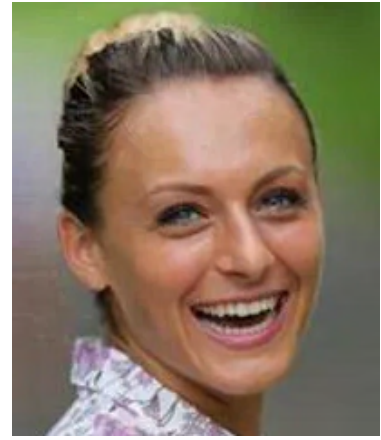
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WIN



**29** **VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (1)**  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**ANA BOGDAN** **102**  
ROMANIA

1997-04-24	Date of Birth	1992-11-25
Moscow, Russia	Residence	Sinaia, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5'8" (1.75 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.71 m)
29	Career-High Ranking	59
\$ 2,058,336	Career Prize Money	\$ 1,565,463
\$ 381,800	Season Prize Money	\$ 102,385
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
6 - 8 ( Third round: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2019 ROLAND GARROS )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	9 - 14 ( Third round: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN )
2 - 0 / 2 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
21 - 8 / 76 - 52	YTD / Career W-L	4 - 5 / 52 - 67
8 - 0 / 21 - 11	YTD / Career Clay W-L	2 - 0 / 19 - 21
5 - 2 / 29 - 16	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1 - 2 / 13 - 23
6 - 3 / 22 - 14	YTD / Career TB W-L	0 - 0 / 7 - 19
Champion: Charleston	YTD Best Result	Second round: Yarra Valley, Phillip Island



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	FED CUP QUALIFIERS	HARD	QF	Ana Bogdan	6-3 6-7(5) 6-1	0m
2017	HUA HIN	HARD	2r	Ana Bogdan	6-3 6-1	1h 18m
2014	NAMANGAN	HARD	2r	Ana Bogdan	6-3 3-6 6-2	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
29	-	2021	92	-
38	46	2020	87	92
41	41	2019	75	129
112	115	2018	59	71
174	257	2017	104	115
208	210	2016	107	118
282	400	2015	146	161
340	343	2014	233	241
648	671	2013	314	314
707	715	2012	498	538



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. KANEPI (#65) 6-4 6-3 (1h 28m)  
1r: d. B. PERA (#70) 6-4 3-6 7-6 (3h 0m)

Total time on court: 4h 28m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Bernarda Pera and Kaia Kanepi so far this week to reach her fourth QF of the season
- Faces No.102 Ana Bogdan in QF today
- Owns 1-2 main draw career record against players from Romania, with record in 2021 standing at 0-1 (I. Halep at Australian Open)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 7-11
- Sole career title came on clay at 2021 Charleston
- Only player from Russia to reach QF
- Best result on clay last year was 2r showing at Roland Garros
- Is currently on a career-best 8-match winning streak
- Has won 21 matches so far in 2021 - joint most on Tour (also Garbiñe Muguruza)
- Has been involved in 7 three-set matches in 2021


### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. N. HIBINO (#82) 6-3 6-3 (1h 13m)  
2r: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#42) 6-3 6-3 (1h 21m)

Total time on court: 2h 34m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Nao Hibino and Barbora Krejckova so far this week to reach her first QF since Prague last year
- Faces No.29 Veronika Kudermetova in QF today; owns 6 wins in career over Top 50 players, including No.42 Krejckova in previous round
- Owns 5-7 career record in main draw matches against players from Russia, with record in 2021 standing at 1-0 (d. Rakhimova at Yarra Valley Classic)
- Owns 12-24 career record against SEEDS, with a record in 2021 standing at 1-2
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 6-3
- Has reached two SF on clay, at Bogota in 2018 and Bucharest in 2017
- One of 2 players from Romania to reach QF (also Cirstea)
- Last year, Romania's Patricia Maria Tig won title here (did not defend title due to right wrist injury)



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Coming off lifting maiden career title, at Charleston (d. Kovinic in F); result took career earnings past \$2 million
  - Reached 3r at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
  - Advanced to QF at St. Petersburg (l. Kasatkina) where she was one of seven Russians to reach the last eight
  - Made exits in 2r at Dubai (l. Bencic) and 1r at Doha (l. Muguruza)
  - Suffered 1r defeat at Adelaide (l. Rogers) after a career-best 3r run at Australian Open (l. Halep)
  - Also this season, made 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Li) after opening her campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Abu Dhabi (l. Sabalenka); upset No.5 Svitolina in QF to register third Top 5 victory of her career
- Fell 1r at both Dubai (as qualifier, l. Vondrousova) and then St. Petersburg (l. Sasnovich)
  - Suffered 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Collins) before making 2r at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Diyas)
  - Opened 2021 season by reaching 2r at Yarra Valley Classic (l. eventual champion Barty)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
135	1	Aces	19	82
52%	204	First serve %	62%	112
70%	10	First Serve points won %	62%	99
47%	55	Second serve points won %	47%	53
59%	26	Overall service points won %	56%	72
68%	39	Service games won %	68%	41
49%	119	Break points saved %	53%	67
36%	116	First serve return points won %	37%	71
54%	112	Second serve return points won %	54%	103
45%	107	Break points converted %	42%	131
35%	90	Return games won %	34%	95
43%	103	Return points won %	43%	89



- Match points saved: 1 vs Sabalenka in ABU DHABI F
- Most aces in a match: 11 vs Svitolina in ABU DHABI QF



- Most aces in a match: 6 vs Diyas in MELBOURNE 250 2r

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2021 - CHARLESTON  
2019 - GUADALAJARA  
Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - ABU DHABI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)  
2018 - LIMOGES (w/Voskoboeva), MUMBAI (w/Dzalamidze)  
2017 - TAIPEI (w/Sabalenka)  
2016 - TAIPEI 125K (w/Dzalamidze)

Runner-Up (2)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON (w/Khromacheva)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				2021	1r			
1r	2r		1r	2020		2r		
1r	3r	2r	1r	2019	1r		1r	2r
				2018	3r	2r	1r	2r
				2017	1r	1r	2r	2r
				2016				2r



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BOGDAN**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career – to rise over sixty places in the WTA rankings, making Top 100 debut on February 4 and Top 50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching maiden WTA SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), 3r at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Wozniacki in 1r – her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and also first over a Top 20 opponent – l. Kanepi) and winning WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2014 Moscow
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur – her first Tour-level match)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles – most recently at 2018 \$25K Keito-JPN – and 16 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$50K ITF/Kazan-RUS in 2014

- Best results in 2020 were QF run at Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova via ret.) and 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kenin in 3s)
  - Ended 2019 by lifting 13th career singles titles on the ITF Circuit at \$100k ITF/Dubai-UAE
  - Finished 2018 ranked No.71 to record first Top 100 finish of career; season highlights included 3r run at Australian Open (l. Keys) and SF runs at Monterrey (l. Muguruza) and Bogota (l. Schmeidlova)
  - In 2017, reached SF at Bucharest and made 2r three times, including at Wimbledon, US Open
  - Made first WTA SF at 2016 Florianopolis (upset former No.1 Jankovic in 2r, l. Babos)
  - Also made Grand Slam debut in 2016 at US Open, reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Niculescu)
  - Owns three Top 20 wins in career, defeating No.17 Sevastova (2017 Bucharest), No.18 Vesnina (2017 New Haven) and No.11 Mladenovic (2018 Australian Open)
- Transition from juniors to pro circuit was initially hampered by a series of injuries, notably quadriceps muscle rupture and a ski accident; more recently, problems with left Achilles tendon began in December 2015
- Winner of 13 singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
  - Played first senior tournament at \$25k/ITF Bucharest in 2007 and first WTA main draw at 2014 Bad Gastein (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by husband Sergei Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club

- Father is Ion; mother is Monica
- Began playing at age 4; favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is crosscourt backhand; favorite

- Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
  - She started playing tennis at the age of eight
  - Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic
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- tournaments are Rio Open, Bad Gastein, all the Grand Slams

  - Enjoys skiing and snowboarding, horse riding, swimming, travelling
  - Would like to get into interior design after tennis



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WIN

**3**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**0**  
WIN



**17** **ELISE MERTENS (1)**  
BELGIUM

**VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (3)** **29**  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

1995-11-17	Date of Birth	1997-04-24
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	Moscow, Russia
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5'8" (1.75 m)
12	Career-High Ranking	29
\$ 7,700,512	Career Prize Money	\$ 2,058,336
\$ 617,809	Season Prize Money	\$ 381,800
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 1
38 - 16 ( SF: 2018 Australian Open )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	6 - 8 ( Third round: 2021 Australian Open; 2019 Roland Garros )
3 - 0 / 3 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
20 - 4 / 173 - 88	YTD / Career W-L	22 - 8 / 77 - 52
4 - 1 / 43 - 19	YTD / Career Clay W-L	9 - 0 / 22 - 11
5 - 0 / 44 - 31	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	6 - 2 / 30 - 16
2 - 2 / 26 - 32	YTD / Career TB W-L	6 - 3 / 22 - 14
3 - 2 / 15 - 41	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	1 - 5 / 6 - 12
Champion: Gippsland Trophy	YTD Best Result	Champion: Charleston



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	LINZ	HARD	QF	Elise Mertens	6-4 6-1	1h 30m
2020	CINCINNATI (NYC)	HARD	3r	Elise Mertens	6-2 6-3	1h 27m
2016	MOSCOW	HARD	2r	Elise Mertens	6-7(3) 6-4 6-2	-

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	-	2021	29	-
17	20	2020	38	46
12	17	2019	41	41
13	13	2018	112	115
35	35	2017	174	257
120	120	2016	208	210
157	157	2015	282	400
249	264	2014	340	343
577	577	2013	648	671
-	-	2012	707	715



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. GOLUBIC (#86) 6-4 4-6 6-1 (2h 16m)  
1r: d. L. ARRUABARRENA (#181) 6-2 6-0 (1h 29m)  
QF: d. K. SINIAKOVA (#69) 6-4 6-4 (1h 35m)

*Total time on court: 5h 20m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Lara Arruabarrena, Viktorija Golubic and Katerina Siniakova so far this week to reach her first SF since SF at Dubai in March
- Faces No.29 Veronika Kudermetova in SF today; owns 59 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.24 Anett Kontaveit this year at Miami
- Owns 9-4 career record against players from Russia in main draw matches
- Owns 22-40 career record against seeds, with a record in 2021 standing at 4-2
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 9-7
- Owns two WTA titles on clay, at Rabat and Lugano in 2018
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 4 tournaments in her career
- Only player from Belgium in the draw this week
- Best results on clay last season were R-Up at Prague and QF at Rome

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. KANEPI (#65) 6-4 6-3 (1h 28m)  
1r: d. B. PERA (#70) 6-4 3-6 7-6 (3h 0m)  
QF: d. A. BOGDAN (#102) 2-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 6m)

*Total time on court: 6h 34m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Bernarda Pera, Kaia Kanepi and Ana Bogdan so far this week to reach her third SF of the season
- Faces No.17 Elise Mertens in SF today; owns 6 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.5 Elina Svitolina at Abu Dhabi in January
- Owns 2-2 career record against players from Belgium in main draw matches
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 3-4
- Lifted sole career title on clay, a few weeks ago in Charleston
- Last remaining of seven Russians in the starting field here in Istanbul
- During last year's European clay season, fell 1r at Rome and then made 2r at Roland Garros
- Is currently on a 9-match winning streak - the longest run of her career
- Has won 22 matches so far in 2021 - the most on Tour, ahead of Garbiñe Muguruza
- Has been involved in 8 three-set matches in 2021, winning six of them



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, L. Cornet) and reached R16 at Miami (L. Osaka)  
Advanced to SF at Dubai (L. eventual champion Muguruza)  
Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (L. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/ Sabalenka, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)  
Enjoyed championship run at Gippsland Trophy, winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)  
Originally planned to start season at Abu Dhabi in January before late withdrawal w/ right shoulder injury
- At Charleston, lifted maiden career title (d. Kovinic in F); result took career earnings past \$2 million  
Reached 3r at Miami (L. Sabalenka)  
Advanced to QF at St. Petersburg (L. Kasatkina) where she was one of seven Russians to reach the last eight  
Made 2r at Dubai (L. Bencic) and 1r exit at Doha (L. Muguruza)  
Suffered 1r defeat at Adelaide (L. Rogers) after a career-best 3r run at Australian Open (L. Halep)  
Also this season, made 2r at Grampians Trophy (L. Li) after opening campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Abu Dhabi (L. Sabalenka); upset No.5 Svitolina in QF to register third Top 5 victory of her career

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
75	12	Aces	140	1
60%	139	First serve %	52%	203
68%	22	First Serve points won %	69%	11
42%	128	Second serve points won %	47%	56
58%	47	Overall service points won %	58%	38
57%	132	Service games won %	67%	45
42%	178	Break points saved %	48%	123
42%	13	First serve return points won %	36%	99
61%	17	Second serve return points won %	54%	103
61%	12	Break points converted %	45%	93
48%	7	Return games won %	36%	79
49%	9	Return points won %	43%	95

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- Most aces in a match: 9 vs Golubic in ISTANBUL 2r



- Match points saved: 1 vs Sabalenka in ABU DHABI F
- Most aces in a match: 11 vs Svitolina in ABU

MATCH NOTES

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART  
Runner-Up (3)  
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)  
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - LIMOGES (w/Minella), AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)  
  
Runner-Up (6)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)  
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar)  
2015 - TAIPEI (w/Melnikova)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2021 - CHARLESTON  
2019 - GUADALAJARA  
  
Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)  
2018 - LIMOGES (w/Voskoboeva), MUMBAI (w/Dzalamidze)  
2017 - TAIPEI (w/Sabalenka)  
2016 - TAIPEI 125K (w/Dzalamidze)  
  
Runner-Up (2)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON (w/Khromacheva)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2021	3r			
4r	3r		QF	2020	1r	2r		1r
3r	3r	4r	QF	2019	1r	3r	2r	1r
SF	4r	3r	4r	2018				
	3r	1r	1r	2017				
			1r	2016				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year – also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career – to rise over sixty places in the WTA rankings, making Top 100 debut on February 4 and Top 50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching maiden WTA SF at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), 3r at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Wozniacki in 1r – her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and also first over a Top 20 opponent – l. Kanepi) and winning WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2014 Moscow
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur – her first Tour-level match)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles – most recently at 2018 \$25K Keito-JPN – and 16 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$50K ITF/Kazan-RUS in 2014



## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann
  - Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
  - Favorite surface is grass, favorite shot is the serve
  - Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM. First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
  - Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
  - Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)
- Coached by husband Sergei Demekhhine
  - Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
  - Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
  - She started playing tennis at the age of eight
  - Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic



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**85** **MARTA KOSTYUK**  
UKRAINE

**SORANA CIRSTEA** **67**  
ROMANIA

2002-06-28	Date of Birth	1990-04-07
Chaiky, Ukraine	Residence	Targoviste, Romania
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9"	Height	5' 9" (1.76 m)
78	Career-High Ranking	21
\$ 763,927	Career Prize Money	\$ 6,019,231
\$ 123,425	Season Prize Money	\$ 188,132
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
4 - 4 ( Third round: 2020 US OPEN; 2018 Australian Open )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	47 - 48 ( QF: 2009 Roland Garros )
2 - 1 / 2 - 1	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
7 - 5 / 14 - 19	YTD / Career W-L	9 - 5 / 249 - 251
3 - 0 / 6 - 7	YTD / Career Clay W-L	3 - 0 / 82 - 76
2 - 2 / 2 - 9	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1 - 1 / 89 - 75
0 - 4 / 2 - 5	YTD / Career TB W-L	2 - 0 / 55 - 45
SF: Abu Dhabi, Istanbul	YTD Best Result	SF: Istanbul



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
78	-	2021	65	-
97	98	2020	69	86
116	155	2019	72	72
118	118	2018	33	86
491	518	2017	37	37
-	-	2016	81	81
-	-	2015	90	244
-	-	2014	21	93
-	-	2013	21	22
-	-	2012	26	27



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. KASATKINA (#37) 6-3 7-5 (1h 34m)  
QF: d. A. KONJUH (#241) 5-7 6-4 3-6 (2h 25m)  
1r: d. K. RAKHIMOVA (#143) 6-4 6-3 (1h 9m)

Total time on court: 5h 8m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Kamilla Rakhimova, Daria Kasatkina and Ana Konjuh so far this week to reach her second career SF (also fell this stage at 2021 Abu Dhabi)
- Faces No.67 Sorana Cirstea in SF today
- Playing first Tour-level match against Romanian opposition
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 0-1
- Best previous result on clay was is QF run at 2019 Strasbourg
- Last remaining of two Ukrainian women in the draw (also Kozlova, I. Cirstea in 1r)
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2021; she is ranked No.41 on tour for match wins, behind Fiona Ferro, Ajla Tomljanovic, Vera Zvonareva

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

QF: d. F. FERRO (#57) 6-4 (1h 2m)  
1r: d. K. KOZLOVA (#130) 6-4 7-6 (1h 58m)  
2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#76) 7-6 6-4 (1h 45m)

Total time on court: 4h 45m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Istanbul
- Has beaten Kateryna Kozlova, Anastasia Potapova and Fiona Ferro so far this week to reach her first SF since run to final at 2019 Tashkent
- Faces No.85 Marta Kostyuk in SF today
- Owns 8-4 career record against players from Ukraine, with record in 2021 standing at 2-0 (d. Tsurenko at Dubai and Kozlova in Istanbul)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 4-14
- Best career result on clay is R-Up finish at 2007 Budapest
- Last remaining of two Romanians in the draw (also Bogdan, I. Kudermetova in QF)
- Last year, Romania's Patricia Maria Tig lifted the title
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros and Palermo in only appearances on clay last year



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Suffered 1r exit at Miami (l. Pironkova)
- Reached 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Brady) then fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Kudermetova)
- Opened 2021 by reaching first career WTA SF, at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)

- Made 2r at both Dubai and Miami (l. Kontaveit at both tournaments)
- Fell 1r at Lyon (l. Stojanovic)
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (d. No.9 Kvitova in 2r, l. Vondrousova)
- Opened season by reaching first QF in 17 months at Grampians Trophy (l. Li)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
33	44	Aces	35	40
64%	81	First serve %	64%	89
61%	114	First Serve points won %	61%	110
42%	127	Second serve points won %	47%	58
54%	115	Overall service points won %	56%	78
70%	30	Service games won %	59%	110
55%	47	Break points saved %	48%	127
41%	24	First serve return points won %	36%	94
60%	24	Second serve return points won %	58%	39
55%	24	Break points converted %	49%	63
49%	6	Return games won %	39%	47
48%	14	Return points won %	45%	48





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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (3)  
2019 - TASHKENT  
2013 - TORONTO  
2007 - BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)  
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)  
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES  
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)  
2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)  
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)  
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2021	3r			
	1r		3r	2020	2r	1r		3r
				2019	1r	2r	1r	3r
3r				2018	2r	1r	2r	2r
				2017	4r	2r	3r	2r
				2016		1r	1r	1r
				2015	1r			
				2014	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2013	3r	3r	2r	2r
				2012	3r	1r	3r	2r
				2011	2r	3r	1r	1r
				2010	2r	1r	1r	1r
				2009	1r	QF	3r	3r
				2008	1r	2r	2r	2r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Broke into Top 100 at No.97 on November 2, 2020, after reaching back-to-back finals on ITF Circuit in US
- Made 3r at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- In February 2020, picked up third ITF singles title of career, at a \$60k event in Cairo
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching first WTA QF, at Strasbourg (l. Garcia)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open and reached 3r, having received a WC into the qualifying event by virtue of winning the junior title there in 2017 (d. Masarova in F). Was first player born in 2002 to play in a Grand Slam main draw. Was also youngest player to reach the 3r at a major since 1997 US Open when Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (15 years, 182 days) reached this stage
- Scored two Top 50 wins in 2018, over No.27 Peng (Australian Open), No.26 Gavrilova (Fed Cup)

Won first ITF Circuit title of career at \$25k ITF/Dunakeszi-HUN in 2017 (d. Pera in F)

- Played first WTA qualifying at 2017 Mallorca (l. Kalinskaya in 1r)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team 2018-20
- Won 2017 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Masarova in F) and ITF Junior Masters event in Chengdu, China in October 2017; rose as high as No.3 in junior rankings in June 2017
- Played first professional event at \$10k ITF/Kharkhiv-UKR in August 2016 (fell in 1r)

- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F)
- Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open (l. Muchova) and advanced to 2r at Australian Open in January (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (l. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Highlights of 2017 season were SF showing at Nürnberg (l. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitová and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Following Tororo run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)

- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (L. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Talyna Beiko, formerly with Glenn Schaap and Luka Kutanjac. Consistently works with her mother Talina (a former professional)
- Currently trains in both Monaco and Kiev
- Father is Oleg; has two sisters, Zoryana and Mariya. Began playing tennis at age five
- One of first coaches was her uncle Taras Beyko, a respected player for the USSR and Ukraine in the late 1980s and early 1990s
- Currently managed by former ATP player Ivan Ljubicic
- Favorite shot is her serve
- Coached by Carl Maes and Adrian Cruciat; trains at Kim Clijsters Academy
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy



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**17** **ELISE MERTENS (1)**  
BELGIUM

**SORANA CIRSTEA** **67**  
ROMANIA

1995-11-17	Date of Birth	1990-04-07
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	Targoviste, Romania
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76 m)
12	Career-High Ranking	21
\$ 7,700,512	Career Prize Money	\$ 6,019,231
\$ 617,809	Season Prize Money	\$ 188,132
2 / 7	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
38 - 16 ( SF: 2018 Australian Open )	Grand Slam W-L (best)	47 - 48 ( QF: 2009 Roland Garros )
4 - 0 / 4 - 0	YTD / Career ISTANBUL W-L (best)	0 - 0 / 0 - 0
21 - 4 / 174 - 88	YTD / Career W-L	10 - 5 / 250 - 251
5 - 1 / 44 - 19	YTD / Career Clay W-L	4 - 0 / 83 - 76
5 - 0 / 44 - 31	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1 - 1 / 89 - 75
2 - 2 / 26 - 32	YTD / Career TB W-L	2 - 0 / 55 - 45
3 - 2 / 15 - 41	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	2 - 1 / 34 - 74
Champion: Gippsland Trophy	YTD Best Result	Finalist: Istanbul



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2018	DOHA	HARD	2r	Sorana Cirstea	7-5 6-4	1h 41m
2016	FRENCH OPEN	CLAY	Qual.	Sorana Cirstea	6-3 6-0	54m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	-	<b>2021</b>	65	-
17	20	<b>2020</b>	69	86
12	17	<b>2019</b>	72	72
13	13	<b>2018</b>	33	86
35	35	<b>2017</b>	37	37
120	120	<b>2016</b>	81	81
157	157	<b>2015</b>	90	244
249	264	<b>2014</b>	21	93
577	577	<b>2013</b>	21	22
-	-	<b>2012</b>	26	27



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#29) 6-1 6-4 (1h 40m)  
2r: d. V. GOLUBIC (#86) 6-4 4-6 6-1 (2h 16m)  
1r: d. L. ARRUABARRENA (#181) 6-2 6-0 (1h 29m)  
QF: d. K. SINIAKOVA (#69) 6-4 6-4 (1h 35m)

Total time on court: 7h 0m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Has beaten Lara Arruabarrena, Viktorija Golubic, Katerina Siniakova and Veronika Kudermetova so far this week to reach her second final of the season (also Gippsland Trophy - WON)
- Faces No.67 Sorana Cirstea in today's final
- Owns 8-6 career record against players from Romania in main draw matches. This is the fifth time she has faced Romanian opposition in a WTA final, most recently losing to Halep at 2020 Prague
- Record in WTA finals stands at 6-3 (2-2 on clay)
- Two WTA titles on clay both came in 2018 at Rabat and Lugano, while R-Up finishes were at 2017 Istanbul and 2020 Prague
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at four tournaments in her career
- Only player from Belgium in draw this week
- Best results on clay last year were R-Up finish at Prague and QF at Rome


### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

QF: d. F. FERRO (#57) 6-4 (1h 2m)  
1r: d. K. KOZLOVA (#130) 6-4 7-6 (1h 58m)  
2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#76) 7-6 6-4 (1h 45m)  
SF: d. M. KOSTYUK (#85) 6-4 6-4 (1h 24m)

Total time on court: 6h 9m

### PLAYER NOTES

- Has beaten Kateryna Kozlova, Anastasia Potapova, Fiona Ferro and Marta Kostyuk so far this week to reach her first final since R-Up finish at 2019 Tashkent
- Faces No.17 Elise Mertens in F today; owns 34 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.8 Petra Kvitova at this year's Australian Open
- Owns 6-4 career record against players from Belgium in main draw matches
- Record in WTA finals stands at 1-3
- Best career result on clay is R-Up finish at 2007 Budapest; also made QF at Roland Garros in 2009
- Bidding to become the second Istanbul champion from Romania, following in the footsteps of 2020 winner Patricia Maria Tig
- Last year on clay fell 1r at Palermo and Roland Garros



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, L. Cornet) and reached R16 at Miami (L. Osaka)  
Advanced to SF at Dubai (L. eventual champion Muguruza)  
Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (L. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/ Sabalenka, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)  
Enjoyed championship run at Gippsland Trophy, winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)  
Originally planned to start season at Abu Dhabi in January before late withdrawal w/ right shoulder injury
- Made 2r at both Dubai and Miami (L. Kontaveit at both tournaments)
  - Fell 1r at Lyon (L. Stojanovic)
  - Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (d. No.9 Kvitová in 2r, L. Vondroušová)
  - Opened season by reaching first QF in 17 months, at Grampians Trophy (L. Li)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
76	13	Aces	35	40
60%	138	First serve %	63%	98
68%	25	First Serve points won %	61%	106
43%	120	Second serve points won %	47%	56
58%	41	Overall service points won %	56%	75
57%	132	Service games won %	59%	105
41%	181	Break points saved %	49%	117
41%	13	First serve return points won %	37%	80
62%	14	Second serve return points won %	58%	37
59%	13	Break points converted %	50%	49
48%	6	Return games won %	40%	44
49%	8	Return points won %	45%	40

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (3)

2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - LIMOGES (w/Minella), AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (6)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)  
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar)  
2015 - TAIPEI (w/Melnikova)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (3)

2019 - TASHKENT  
2013 - TORONTO  
2007 - BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)  
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)  
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES (w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)

2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)  
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)  
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2021	3r			
4r	3r		QF	2020	2r	1r		3r
3r	3r	4r	QF	2019	1r	2r	1r	3r
SF	4r	3r	4r	2018	2r	1r	2r	2r
	3r	1r	1r	2017	4r	2r	3r	2r
			1r	2016		1r	1r	1r
				2015	1r			
				2014	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2013	3r	3r	2r	2r





# MATCH NOTES

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**ELISE  
MERTENS**

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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year – also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F)
- Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open (l. Muchova) and advanced to 2r at Australian Open in January (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (l. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Highlights of 2017 season were SF showing at Nürnberg (l. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitová and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Following Tororo run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)

- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (L. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann
  - Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
  - Favorite surface is grass, favorite shot is the serve
  - Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM. First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
  - Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
  - Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)
- Coached by Carl Maes and Adrian Cruciat; trains at Kim Clijsters Academy
  - Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
  - Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
  - Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
  - Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
  - Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
  - Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy