



MATCH NOTES

WINNERS OPEN 2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA
2021-08-02 - 2021-08-08 | \$ 235,238



FIRST
MEETING



119 **MAYAR
SHERIF**
EGYPT

(2) **ANDREA
PETKOVIC** **91**
GERMANY

1996-05-05	Date of Birth	1987-09-09
Elche, Spain	Residence	Darmstadt, Germany
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80 m)
114	Career-High Ranking	9
\$393,170	Career Prize Money	\$8,162,002
\$184,178	Season Prize Money	\$321,627
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 6
1-2 (Round of 64: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	50-44 (Semi-Finalist: 2014 ROLAND GARROS)
4-0 / 4-0	YTD / Career CLUJ-NAPOCA W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0
5-6 / 5-8	YTD / Career W-L	12-11 / 278-218
4-1 / 4-3	YTD / Career Clay W-L	8-4 / 75-52
0-2 / 0-4	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	4-4 / 91-76
1-1 / 2-1	YTD / Career TB W-L	2-4 / 50-53
Finalist: CLUJ-NAPOCA	YTD Best Result	Finalist: HAMBURG, CLUJ-NAPOCA



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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
114	-	2021	91	-
132	132	2020	75	102
212	212	2019	61	79
779	-	2018	64	64
767	780	2017	51	97
-	-	2016	21	56
983	-	2015	9	24
575	865	2014	14	14
623	641	2013	39	39
-	-	2012	10	143



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. M. BUZARNESCU (#170) 7-6 6-4 (1h 56m)
QF: d. K. KUČOVA (#118) 6-3 6-1 (1h 7m)
2r: d. A. EALA (#639) 6-2 6-2 (1h 10m)
1r: d. A. CORNET (#59) 6-2 6-4 (1h 25m)

Total time on court: 5h 38m

PLAYER NOTES

- Appearing in inaugural edition of the tournament
- Has scored straight-set wins over Alizé Cornet, Alexandra Eala, Kristina Kučova and Mihaela Buzarnescu so far this week to reach her maiden WTA final
- Win over No.59 Cornet was the first in her career over an opponent ranked inside Top 100 (in a completed match)
- Prior to this week only man draw win at a Tour-level event had come over Paquet during 2r showing at 2021 Australian Open
- Faces No.91 Andrea Petkovic in today's final; is the first Egyptian woman to contest a WTA final
- Only player from Egypt in the draw. Next highest Egyptian player in the rankings is No.392 Sandra Samir
- Overall, owns six clay-court titles on ITF Circuit, most recently at \$100k Charleston-SC, USA last November
- Also reached her maiden WTA doubles final this week w/Piter (L. Džalamiđze/Juvan on Saturday)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. A. KRUNIC (#268) 6-4 6-2 (1h 17m)
QF: d. S. MENDEZ (#269) 6-7 6-4 6-1 (2h 24m)
2r: d. J. CRISTIAN (#149) 6-4 6-3 (1h 37m)
1r: d. A. DULGHERU (#381) 6-3 4-1 ret. (left knee)(1h 22m)

Total time on court: 6h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Appearing in inaugural edition of the tournament
- Has beaten Alexandra Dulgheru, Jaqueline Cristian, Seone Mendez and Aleksandra Krunic so far to reach her second final of the season (also R-Up at Hamburg)
- Trailed Mendez 7-6 3-0 before recovering to win their delayed QF on Saturday then returned a few hours later to beat Krunic
- Has now won 11 of her past 13 matches
- Faces No.119 Mayar Sherif in today's final; owns 6-6 record in WTA finals (4-2 on clay)
- Owns four WTA clay-court titles, at Bad Gastein (2009, 2014), Charleston (2014) and Strasbourg (2011). Also reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros
- Facing an Egyptian opponent for the first time in her career in singles (at all levels)
- Is currently ranked No.91; returned to Top 100 following recent Hamburg R-Up finish



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Budapest (l. Udvardy) and Olympics (l. Peterson)
- Finished R-Up at \$60k ITF/Montpellier-FRA and reached QF at WTA 125K Series event at Bastad
- Contested qualifying at Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Also made 1r exit at Miami (as WC, l. Podoroska). Remained in the US afterwards, reaching 2r at ITF Circuit events in Charlottesville, Charleston and Bonita Springs
- Defeated in 1r at Monterrey (as qualifier, l. Davis) and in qualifying at Guadalajara
- Fell 1r at Doha (as WC, l. Sakkari)
- Suffered 1r exit at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Stojanovic) then reached 2r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Juvan)
- Beat Krunic in final round of Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai
- Reached SF at WTA 125K Series event at Belgrade
- At Hamburg, ended six-year wait to reach a WTA singles final (l. Ruse)
- Defeated in 1r at Berlin (l. Azarenka) and made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Krejckova)
- Suffered 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Muchova)
- Contested qualifying at Madrid and Rome, then fell 1r at Belgrade (l. eventual champion Badosa) and in qualifying at Strasbourg
- Reached 2r at Miami (l. Kenin) before falling at Stuttgart (l. Sakkari)
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Jabeur) and Phillip Island Trophy (l. Blinkova)
- Opened 2021 season with 2r at Gippsland Trophy (l. No.5 Svitolina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
30	104	Aces	68	43
70%	31	First serve %	64%	119
66%	58	First Serve points won %	60%	176
47%	75	Second serve points won %	46%	84
60%	16	Overall service points won %	55%	117
72%	21	Service games won %	64%	102
51%	174	Break points saved %	52%	146
32%	240	First serve return points won %	38%	108
51%	230	Second serve return points won %	56%	108
48%	93	Break points converted %	48%	102
28%	203	Return games won %	35%	119
40%	224	Return points won %	44%	94

- Best win by ranking: No.59 vs Cornet in CLUJ-NAPOCA 1r
- Shortest match: 1h 1m vs Sakkari in DOHA 1r
- Most aces in a match: 8 vs Davis in MONTERREY 1r
- Best win by ranking: No.45 vs Cirstea in BAD HOMBURG 1r
- Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Anisimova in BAD HOMBURG 2r
- Most aces in a match: 7 vs Kenin in MIAMI 2r
7 vs Blinkova in MELBOURNE 250 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2015 - ANTWERP
2014 - SOFIA, BAD GASTEIN, CHARLESTON
2011 - STRASBOURG
2009 - BAD GASTEIN

Runner-Up (6)

2021 - HAMBURG
2013 - WASHINGTON, DC, NÜRNBERG
2011 - BEIJING, BRISBANE
2010 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2016 - BRISBANE (w/Kerber)
2009 - BAD GASTEIN (w/Maria)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Posted career-high ranking of No.128 on November 30, 2020 – highest-ranked Egyptian woman ever
- Enjoyed best season of career in 2020, having made WTA main draw debut at 2020 Prague and Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros, falling 1r as qualifier on both occasions; is the first woman representing Egypt to contest the main draw of a major
- Also contested WTA 125K Series event in Prague in August, reaching 3r; best results on ITF Circuit were picking up eighth and ninth title at this level, at \$25k ITF/Antalya-TUR in March and \$100k ITF/Charleston-SC, USA in November
- Fell in qualifying at 2020 Australian Open (l. Li in 1r), her first time contesting qualifying at Tour level
- During 2019 season, broke into Top 200 for the first time (at No.189 on November 11, 2019), having only appeared on the rankings on July 1 (at No.500)
- Returned to ITF Circuit in 2019 unranked, ended the year at No.212 after winning six titles, including a 26-match winning streak and ending the year with a win-loss record of 68-17
- Won the 2019 African Games and will therefore feature in the (now postponed) Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- Owns nine singles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Fed Cup debut in 2011, has also played in 2014, 2019-20
- Won first ITF Circuit title in 2013 at \$10k Sharm El-Sheik
- Made ITF Circuit debut in 2010, at a \$10k event in Ain Alsoukhna-Suiz in Egypt
- Only match on Tour in 2020 ended in 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Pironkova)
Best results of 2019 were SF run at Linz (l. eventual champion Gauff) and 3r showings at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and US Open (d. No.6 Kvitova in 2r, l. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2018 season were SF finishes at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova), Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Q.Wang) and Linz (l. Alexandrova)
- Also in 2018, achieved best Slam result since 2015 by reaching 3r of 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Scored best result of 2016 with SF run at Doha (ret. vs. Ostapenko); advanced to SF by defeating No.5 Muguruza; first win over a Top 5 opponent since d. No.2 Azarenka at 2013 Beijing. Also in 2016, posted three QF runs (Luxembourg, Dubai and Brisbane)
- Contested 2016 Rio Olympics, falling 1r of singles (l. Svitolina) and 1r of doubles (w/Kerber, l. Errani/Vinci)
- Owns 14 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.6 Kvitova (2019 US Open)
- Advanced to SF at Miami and then Charleston in spring 2015, paving the way for a return to Top 10 on May 4; matched career-high ranking of No.9 on May 11, 2015 (initially set on October 10, 2011)
- Won sixth WTA singles title at 2015 Antwerp (d. Suárez Navarro in F via w/o – neck injury); owns a 6-11 record in finals, with four of six titles coming on clay – the biggest being at Charleston (d. Cepelova in F). Also won the Tournament of Champions-Sofia in 2014 (d. Muguruza in SF and Pennetta in F)
- Best major result came at 2014 Roland Garros, where she advanced to SF (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- Suffered right knee injury at Hopman Cup at end of December 2012, which forced her to miss 2013 Australian and Middle East swings; returned to tour at Indian Wells. Ranking dropped as low as No.177 in March 2013
- Enjoyed breakthrough year on Tour in 2011, winning Strasbourg title (d. Bartoli in F), finishing R-Up at Brisbane (l. Kvitova) and Beijing (l. A.Radwanska), advancing to QF at Australian Open (l. Li), Roland Garros (l. Sharapova) and US Open (l. Wozniacki); broke into Top 10 on August 8, 2011 and ended season with 54-17 win-loss record
- Lifted maiden WTA singles title at 2009 Bad Gastein (d. Olaru in F) - had never previously

- been beyond 2r at a Tour-level event
- Is a two-time doubles runner-up, at 2009 Bad Gastein (w/Maria) and 2016 Brisbane (w/Kerber). Also made SF at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Rybarikova, L. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut, at 2007 Roland Garros (d. Gajdosova, L. Bartoli)
- Member of German Fed Cup Team, 2007, 2010-12, 2014-19
- Made first WTA appearances as a WC in qualifying at 2002 Hamburg and Leipzig

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coach since she was 16 is Justo Gonzalez Martinez; trains in Elche, southeast Spain
 - Mother is Amal, father is Sherif and has three sisters, Rawan, Dalya, Rana (also a player on tour); introduced to tennis by her sister and parents at the age of four
 - Studied at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, graduating in 2018 with a bachelor degree of science in Sports Medicine
 - Has a sponsorship deal with a bank in Egypt
 - Love listening to drums and would like to play one day
 - Speaks English, Arabic, French and Spanish
- Formerly coached by father, Zoran; mother, Amira, is a dentist's assistant; younger sister is Anja. Began playing at age 6 when father introduced her to the sport
 - Speaks French, German, English, Serbian
 - Favorite movie is Biutiful; favorite actors are Edward Norton and Javier Bardem; favorite types of music are rock, funk; favorite group is Bloc Party
 - Enjoys reading, writing; favorite authors are Goethe, Wilde, Flaubert; people most admired are Goethe (genius in writing) and Che Guevara (genius in fighting)
 - Other favorites include going to museums and watching basketball when in America
 - Most memorable experience was playing first Grand Slam at 2007 Roland Garros. Favorite city is Barcelona; favorite tournament is Stuttgart
 - Self-described as thoughtful, outgoing and happy