



# MATCH NOTES

COURMAYEUR LADIES OPEN 2021 -  
COURMAYEUR, ITALY

2021-10-25 - 2021-10-31 | \$ 235,238



FIRST  
MEETING

**97** **DONNA**  
**VEKIC**  
CROATIA

**(5)** **CLARA** **49**  
**TAUSON**  
DENMARK

1996-06-28	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2002-12-21
Monte Carlo, Monaco	<b>Residence</b>	Kongens Lyngby, Denmark
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)	<b>Height</b>	6' (1.82 m)
19	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	48
\$5,040,262	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$599,348
\$541,982	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$417,010
1 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	2 / 2
30-32 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-4 (Round of 64: 2021 US OPEN, ROLAND-GARROS; 2020 ROLAND GARROS)
4-0 / 4-0	<b>YTD / Career COURMAYEUR W-L (best)</b>	4-0 / 4-0
15-15 / 155-156	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	19-9 / 25-15
6-6 / 46-54	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	6-3 / 10-6
3-7 / 32-44	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	3-3 / 6-6
Quarter-Finalist: BIRMINGHAM	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: LUXEMBOURG, CHICAGO 125, LYON



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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
19	32	<b>2020</b>	151	152
19	19	<b>2019</b>	267	267
34	34	<b>2018</b>	715	863
45	56	<b>2017</b>	938	938
90	101	<b>2016</b>	-	-
81	105	<b>2015</b>	-	-
63	84	<b>2014</b>	-	-
62	86	<b>2013</b>	-	-
108	118	<b>2012</b>	-	-
392	392	<b>2011</b>	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. J. PAOLINI (#56) 6-2 6-0 (1h 3m)  
QF: d. X. WANG (#110) 6-4 6-4 (1h 27m)  
2r: d. S. ZHENG (#77) 6-3 6-4 (1h 30m)  
1r: d. Q. ZHENG (#151) 7-6 6-2 1-0 (1h 37m)

*Total time on court: 5h 37m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Appearing in inaugural edition of the tournament
- Defeated three straight Chinese opponents in Qinwen Zheng, Saisai Zheng and Xinyu Wang to reach SF
- Took out Italian favorite, No.56 Jasmine Paolini in SF to book first final since 2019 Nottingham (L. Garcia in F)
- Faces No.49 Clara Tauson in final today looking for third career title and first since 2017 Nottingham (d. Konta in F)
- Owns 0-2 career record against players from Denmark
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 2-6
- Has reached now six finals and owns one title on hardcourts at 2014 Kuala Lumpur
- Is currently ranked No.97; this time last year was ranked No.32

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. L. SAMSONOVA (#42) 4-6 7-6 6-4 (2h 27m)  
QF: d. A. LI (#48) 3-6 6-4 6-2 (1h 51m)  
2r: d. G. GATTO-MONTICONE (#193) 6-4 6-1 (1h 7m)  
1r: d. S. VOEGELE (#116) 6-2 6-2 (1h 0m)

*Total time on court: 6h 25m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Appearing in first edition of the tournament
- Defeated Stefanie Voegele, Giulia Gatto-Monticone in first two rounds
- Came back from a set down against Ann Li in QF who was coming off a title run at Tenerife
- Saved five match points against No.42 Liudmila Samsonova in SF coming back from 2-6 down in the second set tiebreak to reach third final of the year
- Faces No.97 Donna Vekic in final today looking for third career title and third of the year
- Would become just the fourth player this year to win at least three titles: Barty (5), Kontaveit (3) and Krejckova (3)
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 2-0 winning titles this year at Lyon (as qualifier, d. Golubic in F) and Luxembourg (d. Ostapenko in F)
- Both of those title runs came on indoor hardcourts
- Playing first match against Croatian opposition
- Is currently ranked No.49; this time last year was ranked No.157; broke into Top 50 on Oct. 4 of this year



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Coming off 2r showing at Tenerife (as qualifier, l.Begu)
- Defeated in 1r of Chicago 500 (l. Li) and Indian Wells (l. Sharma)
- Made 1r exits at US Open (l. Muguruza) and on return to Europe at Portoroz (l. Konjuh)
- Fell 1r at San Jose (l. Putintseva), 2r at Montreal (l. Ka.Pliskova) and contested qualifying at Cincinnati
- Reached 3r at Olympics (l. Rybakina) and fell 1r at San Jose (l. Putintseva)
- Opened grass court season with 3r showing at Nottingham (l. Stojanovic) before QF run at Birmingham (l. Watson) and 2r showing at Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On return to Tour, fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Missed Miami and Madrid after undergoing surgery on her right knee in February
- Advanced to R16 at Australian Open (l. Brady)
- Made 2r exit at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, l. Pironkova)
- Fell 1r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. Pera)

- Coming off 2r showing at Tenerife (l. Zheng)
- At Luxembourg, lifted second WTA title of her career (d. Ostapenko in F)
- Made 2r at US Open (l. Barty), following title run at WTA 125K Series event in Chicago (d. Raducanu in F)
- Opened grass court season with 1r exit at Bad Homburg (l. Blinkova). Fell 1r at Wimbledon onevent debut (l. Azarenka)
- For second year in a row, made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Azarenka)
- Reached QF at Charleston [250] (l. Osorio Serrano via ret. w/left knee injury), then suffered 1r exits at WTA 125K Series event at Saint-Malo and then Parma (l. Siniakova)
- Defeated in 1r at Bogotá (l. Seguel) and St. Petersburg (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March; in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic – last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato
- Lifted ninth career ITF Circuit title on indoor hard at Altenkirchen-GER (d. Walert in F)
- Fell at first hurdle at Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai after opening 2021 season by lifting title at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (d. Golubic in F)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
114	33	<b>Aces</b>	141	25
57%	265	<b>First serve %</b>	56%	279
69%	29	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	67%	43
45%	128	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	48%	42
59%	45	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	59%	30
72%	28	<b>Service games won %</b>	69%	45
56%	67	<b>Break points saved %</b>	54%	137
31%	265	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37%	132
55%	122	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57%	57
42%	217	<b>Break points converted %</b>	45%	161
30%	204	<b>Return games won %</b>	38%	84
41%	202	<b>Return points won %</b>	45%	76

Best win by ranking: No.65 vs Kanepi in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF  
 Longest match: 3h 4m vs Pera in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Shortest match: 1h 0m vs Podoroska in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Most Aces: 13 vs Giorgi in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r



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Best win by ranking: No.33 vs Alexandrova in LYON 1r  
 Longest match: 2h 10m vs Zheng in TENERIFE 2r  
 Shortest match: 1h 0m vs Serrano in CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA 1r  
 Most Aces: 13 vs Samsonova in CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA 1r



## DONNA VEKIC

## CLARA TAUSON

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
 2017 - NOTTINGHAM  
 2014 - KUALA LUMPUR  
 Runner-Up (6)  
 2019 - NOTTINGHAM, ST. PETERSBURG  
 2018 - WASHINGTON DC  
 2015 - TASHKENT  
 2013 - BIRMINGHAM  
 2012 - TASHKENT

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
 2021 - LUXEMBOURG, CHICAGO 125K, LYON

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	Year	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2021</b>		2r	1r	2r
3r	1r		3r	<b>2020</b>		2r		
2r	4r	1r	QF	<b>2019</b>				
2r	2r	4r	1r	<b>2018</b>				
2r	1r	2r	3r	<b>2017</b>				
1r	1r	1r		<b>2016</b>				
1r	3r			<b>2015</b>				
1r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2014</b>				
2r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2013</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Contested the first match of the WTA Tour's resumption following the hiatus, defeating Rus in the 1r at 2020 Palermo
- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018), having cracked the Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); en route to final, posted best win of career by ranking – and third over a Top 5 opponent – with defeat of No.2 Kvitova in QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Also made final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in third set tie-break) and ended 2019 by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (fell RR)
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins. Campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham – and made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO], and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, breaking the Top 50 on July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54. Grass court season saw her lift a second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham (d. No.8 Konta in final) – prior to this run had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (R-Up at Tashkent)
- Posted just four tour-level wins across 2016, but closed the campaign by reaching two ITF finals, winning her fifth and most recent title at this level at \$100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Highlights in 2015 included reaching final at Tashkent (l. Hibino) and QF at Baku
- Ranked No.95, lifted maiden WTA singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur (d. No.10 Cibulkova in final); aged 17 y 10 m, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent (l. Begu) on her WTA main draw debut, and in doing so became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005. Also finished runner-up on grass at 2013 Birmingham (l. Hantuchova) and 2015 Tashkent (l. Hibino)
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d.No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina)
- Lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Sam Sumyk
- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive

- Coached by Olivier Jeunehomme
- Started playing tennis aged six
- Australian Open girls' singles champion in 2019