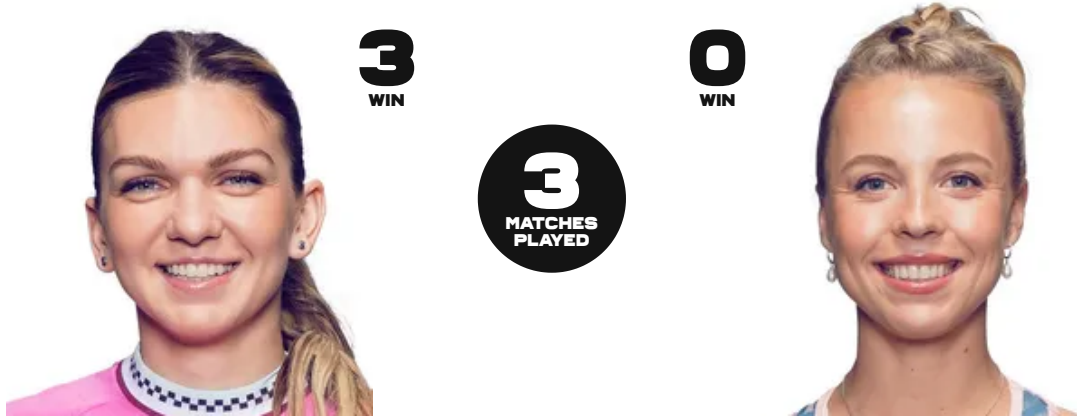




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ESTONIA

1991-09-27	Date of Birth	1995-12-24
Constanta, Romania	Residence	Tallinn, Estonia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.74 m)
1	Career-High Ranking	14
\$37,925,892	Career Prize Money	\$6,006,270
\$879,982	Season Prize Money	\$1,129,557
1 / 23	Singles Titles YTD / Career	3 / 4
103-40 (Champion: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2018 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	32-25 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0	YTD / Career CLUJ-NAPOCA W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0
22-9 / 415-180	YTD / Career W-L	44-15 / 168-114
5-2 / 116-58	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	9-7 / 52-41
4-0 / 55-53	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-3 / 37-31
3-5 / 107-82	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	7-10 / 25-43
Semi-Finalist: STUTT GART	YTD Best Result	Champion: MOSCOW, OSTRAVA, CLEVELAND



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	QF	Simona Halep	6-1 6-1	53m
2017	ROME	CLAY	QF	Simona Halep	6-2 6-4	1h 21m
2017	MIAMI	HARD	3r	Simona Halep	6-3 6-0	56m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	2	2020	20	23
1	4	2019	14	26
1	1	2018	20	21
1	1	2017	27	34
2	4	2016	73	110
2	2	2015	88	91
2	3	2014	139	166
11	11	2013	228	228
37	47	2012	400	436
40	53	2011	573	573



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. M. KOSTYUK (#55) 6-0 6-1 (1h 2m)
QF: d. J. CRISTIAN (#105) 6-1 6-1 (1h 7m)
2r: d. V. GRACHEVA (#81) 6-4 6-2 (1h 14m)
1r: d. E. RUSE (#85) 6-1 6-2 (1h 13m)

Total time on court: 4h 36m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Cluj-Napoca
- Defeated Elena-Gabriela Ruse and Varvara Gracheva in first two rounds before taking out compatriot Jaqueline Cristian in QF
- Took out teenager, Marta Kostyuk in SF to reach first final of the season and first since 2020 Rome (d. Ka.Pliskova in F)
- Faces No.14 Anett Kontaveit in final today in search of 23rd career title
- Win today would be best by-ranking of the year; has earned three wins over Top 20 opponents this year defeating No.17 Swiatek at Australian Open, No.20 Vondrousova at Stuttgart and No.20 Rybakina at US Open
- Owns 5-1 career record against players from Estonia
- Has won 11 hardcourt titles in her career most recently at 2020 Dubai
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 38 tournaments in her career
- This is just the second time this year the top two seeds of a tournament have met in the final (No.2 Van Uytvanck defeated No.1 Putintseva at Nur-Sultan)
- Only player from Romania to reach SF out of eight who started the draw; defeated two of her compatriots en route to SF and now owns a 15-0 record against her fellow Romanians
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.2

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. R. PETERSON (#99) 6-3 6-2 (1h 2m)
QF: d. A. KALININA (#59) 6-3 6-1 (1h 2m)
2r: d. A. VAN UYTVANCK (#61) 6-3 6-4 (1h 10m)
1r: d. A. KRUNIC (#140) 6-3 7-5 (1h 10m)

Total time on court: 4h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at Cluj-Napoca
- Has beaten Aleksandra Krunic, Alison Van Uytvanck, Anhelina Kalinina in first three rounds
- Defeated No.99 Rebecca Peterson in SF to reach her sixth final of the season tying World No.1 Barty for most WTA finals reached in 2021
- Has not dropped a set all week
- Faces No.18 Simona Halep in the final today looking for fifth career title and fourth this year
- By winning the title here, would overcome Ons Jabeur and qualify for the No.8 spot at the AKRON WTA Finals in Guadalajara
- Would be the third player of the year to win titles in back-to-back weeks: Barbora Krejckova (Strasbourg, Roland Garros) and Danielle Collins (Palermo, San Jose)
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 4-6
- Owns 8-4 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2021 standing at 4-0
- Is on a nine match win streak and has now won 25 out of her last 27 matches
- Has won three career WTA titles on hardcourts, all coming this year at Cleveland, Ostrava and Moscow just last week
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.23



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Coming off QF run as Moscow (l. Sakkari)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. Sasnovich)
- North American summer results included 2r exit at Montreal (after 1r bye, l. Collins), handed walkover to Pegula in 2r at Cincinnati (thigh injury) and reached R16 at US Open (l. Svitolina)
- Withdrew from Roland Garros, Bad Homburg, Wimbledon and Olympics w/left calf injury
- Upset in 3r at Madrid (l. Mertens) then fell 2r at Rome (l. Kerber via ret. w/left calf injury)
- Kicked off clay court campaign with SF run at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka)
- Withdrew w/right shoulder injury prior to 3r match against Sevastova at Miami
- Pulled out of Doha and Dubai w/back injury
- At Australan Open, reached 15th Grand Slam QF (l. S.Williams)
- Opened 2021 season with a QF showing at the Gippsland Trophy (l. Alexandrova)

- Coming off third title of 2021 at Moscow (d. Alexandrova), keeping her WTA Finals qualification hopes alive
- Made QF run at Indian Wells where she defeated the defending champion Andreescu in 2r (l.Jabeur)
- Won title at Ostrava (d. Sakkari in F) and then made 2r at Chicago 500 (withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to 2r vs. Hotama)
- Returned to form at Cleveland, lifting second career WTA title (d. Begu in F), followed by 3r run at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Fell 1r at Olympics (l. Sakkari)
- Enjoyed R-Up finish at Eastbourne (d. No.7 Andreescu in 2r, l. Ostapenko) before 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Vondrousova)
- Advanced to QF at Stuttgart (d. No.4 Kenin in 2r, l. Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Madrid (l. Sakkari) and 3r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka) and Miami (l. Mertens)
- Produced QF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova in 3s)
- Posted 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
73	68	Aces	203	11
65%	103	First serve %	61%	190
65%	72	First Serve points won %	68%	36
47%	73	Second serve points won %	48%	46
59%	38	Overall service points won %	60%	15
69%	49	Service games won %	72%	28
60%	31	Break points saved %	57%	59
41%	29	First serve return points won %	38%	74
57%	58	Second serve return points won %	56%	107
48%	106	Break points converted %	50%	58
45%	21	Return games won %	40%	55
47%	24	Return points won %	45%	55

Best win by ranking: No.17 vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
 Longest match: 2h 55m vs Collins in MONTREAL 2r
 Shortest match: 56m vs Vondrousova in STUTTGART 2r
 Most aces in a match: 11 vs Linette in CINCINNATI 1r

Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Muguruza in MOSCOW QF
 Longest match: 2h 39m vs Siniakova in CLEVELAND QF
 Shortest match: 46m vs Giorgi in EASTBOURNE SF
 Match points saved: 1 vs Jabeur in INDIAN WELLS QF
 Most aces in a match: 11 vs Sabalenka in CINCINNATI 1r
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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (22)
 2020 - ROME, PRAGUE, DUBAI
 2019 - WIMBLEDON
 2018 - MONTREAL, ROLAND GARROS, SHENZHEN
 2017 - MADRID
 2016 - MONTREAL, BUCHAREST, MADRID
 2015 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI, SHENZHEN
 2014 - BUCHAREST, DOHA
 2013 - SOFIA, MOSCOW, NEW HAVEN, BUDAPEST, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, NÜRNBERG
Runner-Up (17)
 2019 - MADRID, DOHA
 2018 - CINCINNATI, ROME, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
 2017 - BEIJING, CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS, ROME
 2015 - CINCINNATI, TORONTO
 2014 - WTA FINALS, FRENCH OPEN, MADRID
 2012 - BRUSSELS
 2011 - FES
 2010 - FES

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
 2018 - SHENZHEN (w/Begu)

Runner-Up (1)
 2016 - MONTREAL (w/Niculescu)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)
 2021 - MOSCOW, OSTRAVA, CLEVELAND
 2017 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

Runner-Up (7)
 2021 - EASTBOURNE, MELBOURNE 500
 GRAMPIANS TROPHY
 2020 - PALERMO
 2019 - STUTTGART
 2018 - WUHAN
 2017 - GSTAAD, BIEL

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Posted a 17-match winning streak in 2020, featuring titles at Dubai, Prague and Rome - the longest streak (at any level) of her career
- Victory at 2020 Dubai saw her become the sixth active player to reach 20 career titles
- Lifted second Grand Slam title of her career at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden major title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) – was the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title, following in the footsteps of 1978 Roland Garros champion Virginia Ruzici
- Opened 2018 season by sweeping singles and doubles titles at Shenzhen – doubles titles w/Begu was the first of her career
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Has spent 64 weeks as World No.1
- Made Top 10 debut on January 27, 2014 and has remained there ever since
- Breakthrough at Slam level came in 2014, when she made QF at Australian Open (l. Cibulkova), SF at Wimbledon (l. Bouchard) and finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1: vs. S.Williams in RR at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore
- She won her first six WTA titles in the same calendar year in 2013, and was the first to do so since Stefanie Graf in 1986. This led to her being named the WTA Most Improved Player at the end of the year
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles
- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.6 Li Na in 1r at 2011 US Open
- Broke into Top 100 on October 4, 2010, Top 50 on September 12, 2011 and Top 20 on August 26, 2013
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-19; Romanian Olympic Team, 2012
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Romania in 2006
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (l. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Adrian Marcu, recently split with longtime coach Darren Cahill
- Enjoys music, movies and football
- Favorite food is pasta; favorite drink is orange juice; favorite city is Paris; favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Tennis idols are Justine Henin and Roger Federer
- Set up a charitable foundation focusing on sport, health and education

- Coached by Dmitry Tursenov
- Mother is Ulle (tennis coach); father is Andrus (manager at Port of Tallinn); has a half-sister (works at H&M); introduced to tennis at age 6 by mother (was her coach until age 11, then worked with Estonian coaches)
- Aggressive player; favorite shot is forehand. Favorite surface is hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Enjoys shopping, going to movies and seeing friends
- Tennis idols are Maria Sharapova, Roger Federer and Victoria Azarenka. Goal is to reach Top 10