



MATCH NOTES

INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG -
STRASBOURG, FRANCE

2021-05-23 - 2021-05-29 | \$ 235,238



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61 **SORANA**
CIRSTEA
ROMANIA

BARBORA **38**
(5) KREJČIKOVA
CZECH REPUBLIC

1990-04-07	Date of Birth	1995-12-18
Targoviste, Romania	Residence	Ivancice, Czech Republic
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76 m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78 m)
21	Career-High Ranking	38
\$6,064,123	Career Prize Money	\$3,555,929
\$233,024	Season Prize Money	\$534,266
2 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
47-48 (Quarter-Finalist: 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	5-4 (Round of 16: 2020 ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 3-1 (Round of 32: 2010)	YTD / Career STRASBOURG W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0
14-6 / 244-252	YTD / Career W-L	17-8 / 37-30
8-1 / 85-77	YTD / Career Clay W-L	7-3 / 19-14
3-1 / 91-75	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	7-1 / 16-13
3-1 / 56-46	YTD / Career TB W-L	2-5 / 5-7
Champion: ISTANBUL	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: DUBAI



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	ITF/DUBAI	HARD	QF	Sorana Cirstea	7-6(5) 1-6 6-3	-
2017	NÜRNBERG	CLAY	SF	Barbora Krejckikova	6-4 4-6 6-0	2h 0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
58	-	2021	38	-
69	86	2020	65	65
72	72	2019	115	135
33	86	2018	125	203
37	37	2017	121	126
81	81	2016	179	251
90	244	2015	140	187
21	93	2014	180	187
21	22	2013	368	376
26	27	2012	605	608



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. WILLIAMS (#104) 6-1 2-6 6-1 (1h 45m)
2r: d. S. ZHANG (#45) 6-2 6-1 (1h 0m)
QF: d. B. ANDREESCU (#7) W/O
SF: d. M. LINETTE (#48) 3-6 6-4 6-2 (2h 8m)

Total time on court: 4h 53m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Strasbourg, where she fell 1r on her previous visit in 2010
- Has beaten Venus Williams, Shuai Zhang and Magda Linette so far this week to reach her second final of the season; also received QF walkover from top seed Andreescu who withdrew w/abdominal injury
- Faces No.38 Barbora Krejckikova in today's final; owns five Top 50 wins this season
- Beat Krejckikova en route to title at \$100k ITF/Dubai-UAE in final tournament of 2020
- Owns 14-19 career record against players from Czech Republic at Tour level, with record in 2021 standing at 1-1 (d. Kvitova and I. Vondrousova at Australian Open)
- Record in WTA finals stands at 2-3
- Best career results on clay include title run at Istanbul this season, R-Up finish at 2007 Budapest and QF at 2009 Roland Garros
- Only player from Romania in the main draw this week
- Is the second Romanian to reach Strasbourg final, following in the footsteps of 1998 champion Spirlea
- Last year on clay, fell 1r at both Palermo and Roland Garros
- Has won 14 matches so far in 2021; last year, posted 4-8 record across the whole season
- Is currently ranked No.61; can break back into Top 50 by lifting the title

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. O. DODIN (#115) 6-3 3-0 (55m)
2r: d. C. GARCIA (#57) 3-6 6-2 6-1 (1h 49m)
QF: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#33) 7-6 6-1 (1h 37m)
SF: d. J. NIEMEIER (#216) 5-7 6-3 6-4 (2h 14m)

Total time on court: 6h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Strasbourg debut; one of 11 women playing this tournament for the first time in 2021
- Has beaten Oceane Dodin, Caroline Garcia, Ekaterina Alexandrova and Jule Niemeier so far this week to reach her third career final and second of 2021
- Win over No.33 Alexandrova was 10th Top 50 win of her career, with six of these coming this season
- Faces No.61 Sorana Cirstea in today's final; lost both previous career finals in straight sets, against Muguruza at 2021 Dubai and Bertens at 2017 Nurnberg
- Owns 4-4 career record against players from Romania at Tour level, 0-1 in 2021 (I. Bogdan at Istanbul)
- Best career result on clay is R-Up finish at 2017 Nurnberg. Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros and won two WTA doubles titles on the surface (most recently at 2021 Madrid w/Siniakova)
- Last remaining of two Czechs in the draw (also Kr.Pliskova I. Cornet in 1r)
- Fourth Czech woman to reach final in Strasbourg, following on from Novotna (1989 - WON), Vaidisova (2006 - WON) and Hradecka (2009 - R-Up; 2013 - R-Up); Slovak Zrubakova also won the title in 1991, whilst representing Czechoslovakia
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.38 (first achieved March 15, 2021)
- Best result on clay last year was R16 run at Roland Garros



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2010	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
1r	L	E. BALTACHA (#63) 6-3 7-5	

- Making her tournament debut



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Madrid (l. Pegula)
- At Istanbul, ended a 12-and-a-half year wait for a WTA title, winning all five matches without dropping a set (d. No.17 Mertens in F)
- Made 2r at both Dubai and Miami (l. Kontaveit at both tournaments)
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- 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)

- Began the clay court season with 2r showing at Istanbul (l. Bogdan) and then 1r exit at Madrid (l. Badosa); also lifted doubles title in Madrid w/Siniakova
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Swiatek)
At Dubai, reached second career final (l. Muguruza); broke into Top 50 following the tournament at No.38 (March 15)
- Has enjoyed a successful season in doubles, lifting title at Gippsland Trophy and finishing R-Up at Australian Open (both w/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
46	35	Aces	78	18
62%	121	First serve %	59%	160
62%	80	First Serve points won %	68%	17
49%	28	Second serve points won %	49%	30
57%	45	Overall service points won %	60%	14
64%	64	Service games won %	66%	47
46%	157	Break points saved %	48%	141
39%	49	First serve return points won %	37%	86
56%	57	Second serve return points won %	51%	160
50%	49	Break points converted %	44%	111
41%	41	Return games won %	35%	92
46%	33	Return points won %	42%	116

- Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Kvitova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
- Longest match: 2h 8m vs Linette in STRASBOURG SF
- Shortest match: 48m vs Kalashnikova in MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY 1r
- Most aces in a match: 9 vs Kalashnikova in MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY 1r

- Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Kenin in ROME 2r
- Longest match: 2h 50m vs Swiatek in ROME 3r
- Shortest match: 55m vs Dodin in STRASBOURG 1r
- Most aces in a match: 8 vs Brady in MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY QF



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2021 - ISTANBUL
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)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2021 - DUBAI
2017 - NÜRNBERG

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2021 - MADRID (w/Siniakova), 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 - 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
3r				2021	2r			
2r	1r		3r	2020	2r	4r		
1r	2r	1r	3r	2019				
2r	1r	2r	2r	2018		1r		
4r	2r	3r	2r	2017				
	1r	1r	1r	2016				
1r				2015				
1r	3r	1r	2r	2014				
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. Krejciakova) 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 Kvitova 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)
- 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

- 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 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.